



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday 9-1, Wednesday 11-3, Thursday 9-1

April 24, 2024

May 5 is Ascension Sunday – we will have a guest organist.

Please submit your Easter or Ascension hymn requests to Pastor Linda by April 28.

Holy Communion Class for Spanish speakers. Pastor Linda is teaching a class about Holy Communion.

Thank you to Susan Smith for interpretation assistance. This class is for children and adults.

Thank you to the parents for their hospitality.

Equal Exchange, Fair Trade and You

Imagine a world where workers are paid enough to eat the food they plant, harvest, or prepare.

*Imagining buying quality food that you can afford and
you know that the farmers are treated well and paid enough for them to live and send their children to school.*

Fair trade is a way of paying the farmer or maker fairly. Equal Exchange is a non-profit that pioneered fair trade in the United States. Coffee, tea, chocolate, and other cooperative farmer organizations sell their products to Equal Exchange. There is no exploitive middleman or multinational corporations determined to buy low and sell high.

Pastor Linda is placing an order with Equal Exchange. You may request your favorite coffee, tea, chocolate, nuts, dates, and olive oil. Deadline to order is May 5. You can learn more at www.equalexchange.org



What is a church member?

Some might say belonging to a congregation.

For some, it may mean having their name in a membership directory until there is a need for a funeral, a baptism, or a wedding.

The Apostle Paul speaks of the church as a functioning body. In the Latin language, corpus means body. The word "corpus" lies at the root of the word "corporation." On the institutional side of the coin, churches are corporations governed by state laws. On fellowship side of the coin, churches are corporations, bodies, of Christian fellowship engaged in mission.

For Paul, the church is a corporation, a body of people joined together by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For Paul, being a member of the church is to be a functioning member of the body of the church, like an arm or a leg is to the human body. When members of a human body do not function, the body is disabled or handicapped. The same is true for the church.

Therefore, exercise your spiritual gifts so that the whole church may benefit. If you don't know what your gifts are, ask someone who is exercising their gifts in the Body of Christ for help. Also, remember that when the whole church benefits, the whole world benefits. Our witness to the gospel may seem insignificant, but it ripples throughout the universe.

Reading the Gospel of Mark Together

Wednesdays at 10 am

May 1 and most Wednesdays in May and June

Together we read and discuss.

“Giving to God” Stewardship Study based on the book by Mark A. Powell. These sessions are held on the first Monday of the month. The next session is scheduled for Monday, May 6. There will be a session in June. There may be a new book and new study in the fall.

Pentecost is Sunday, May 19

Sunday, May 19, is **PENTECOST**. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Red is the color of the day for the power and dynamism of the Holy Spirit which draws us to Jesus and gives spiritual abilities for ministry.

To celebrate God's gift of God's spirit, we will:

Wear RED

Feast on cheesecake and red fruits

Welcome a guest musician, Gladis Henriquez, the flautist who was with us on Easter Sunday.



**Red Geraniums
for Pentecost**

*If you'd like to order geraniums to beautify the church, the signup sheet is on the table in the entry way, or call the church office. The geraniums cost \$5 each; the **last day to order is Sunday, May 12.***

Worship and pray in person in the sanctuary OR

By phone: Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

By computer or smartphone: Go to www.zoom.us. Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

At home without technology: Read the bulletin. Read the Scripture. Pray. Meditate.

Bible Book of the Month: The book for April is the Gospel of John. You can find a link to the introductions to John and all the Bible Books of the month on the home page of our website, www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org.

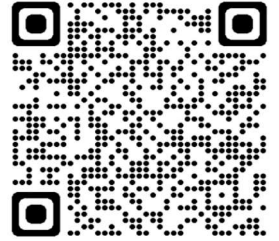


Mon., May 6, 2 pm – *Giving to God* session at Bob Evans
Thurs., May 9 – Lutheran Day at the Capitol
Sun., May 12 – Mother's Day including Bread for the World presentation
Sun., May 12 – Last day to order geraniums for Pentecost
Sun., May 19 – Pentecost

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING.

You may give in person, send a contribution in the mail or donate online.

Go to <https://www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org/> and you'll see the link.
Or use the QR code for easy connection on your smart phone.



To order **altar flowers** for our weekly worship services, contact Judy Mayhood (412-760-0986), call the church office, or sign up on the Flower Chart in the entry way. The cost is \$50, or \$25 per vase. You can pay for flowers online or by check.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Call Pastor Theophilus for yourself or others to be included in prayer. Contact Marsha Kennedy also; she sends cards to let people know that we are praying for them. You can reach Marsha at 412-824-4966 **or** Marsha_Kennedy@verizon.net **or** 415 Kingston Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.



BE A FRIEND TO AN ASYLUM SEEKER/ASYLEE/REFUGEE

Invite newcomers to do things with you.

SPECIAL REQUEST: TAKE REFUGEES TO VISIT THE ZOO.

Contact Pastor Linda to set this up. 412-401-5742 or revtheophilus@live.com



News from our Outdoor Ministries

Every year Agape honors volunteers and donors at the Cornerstone Dinner. Pastor Dennis, Helen Willams, Nancy Sipe and Pastor Linda are representing Emmanuel at the dinner on April 27.



Workday at Camp Agape May 4, 2024

Contact Pastor Dennis at 412-804-1673 for more information.

Lutherlyn invites everyone to experience camp activities and attend the Rededication of the Amphitheater at **Camp Blast on Saturday, May 11.**

Come for a night of music, entertainment, and fellowship at Christ's Lutheran Church, 5330 Old Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville, featuring Ring Pittsburgh, Friday May 3, 2024, at 7:30pm. Ring Pittsburgh is a community handbell choir founded in 2016 by James Rosetti, who serves as Music and Artistic Director. This ensemble of experienced musicians uses their unique musical art form to entertain and educate audiences across the Pittsburgh area. The concert is free; you can register at this link: <https://subsplash.com/christslutheranchurch/lb/ev/+sfzrypx>.



Lutheran Day in the Capitol – May 9, 2024

Join Pastor Linda, Helen Williams, and Nancy Sipe for this outing.

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) offers a day of learning, inspiration, advocacy, and celebration.

It's the 45th anniversary of LAMPa, and is also the 50th anniversary celebrating the ELCA's World Hunger program.

To register and for more information on the day's events, click here:

<https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/about/lutheran-day-2024/>

Carpool with Pastor Linda on Wednesday, May 8. Overnight at a Lutheran retreat center just 20 minutes from the Capital.



Monthly Grief Gatherings at Monroeville Public Library

Every fourth Wednesday from 7-8:30 pm, come to share and explore our experiences with grief. All are welcome. For more information, contact Cory Little at 412-373-0500 ext. 122 or littlec2@einet.net.



Emmanuel's Welcoming Immigrants Housing Project needs these items to help an asylee in their new housing

Single bed, bedding, towels
TV, Computer
Kitchen towels, dishwashing supplies, dish drainer, dish soap
Rice cooker, Microwave
Hot pads, serving and cooking utensils
Cleaning supplies, including broom and dustpan, scrubbies, bleach, vinegar, Murphy's Oil Soap

SWPA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY, JUNE 14: 9:30 AM - SATURDAY, JUNE 15: 12:30 PM

In Person at PennWest California (Formerly Cal-U), 250 University Ave, California, PA 15419

Emmanuel may send two lay Voting members and an unlimited number of non-voting participants to the assembly of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Helen Williams was appointed by council to attend.

We can send one more voting member. Please speak up if you are intrigued.

The synod assembly is the highest legislative authority of our synod; they will be making decisions that impact 143 congregations covering 10 counties in southwest PA.
