



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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### Living the Easter Life

*Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

The church keeps Easter for eight Sundays. The fifty days culminates at Pentecost.

Early Christians referred to Sunday as the eighth day, as if the normal week of seven is miraculously completed in an extraordinary eighth day. Genesis 1 describes the work of creation in six days. God rests on the seventh day. With the resurrection of Jesus, God is doing a new thing: It is the eighth day. Early Christians began gathering for worship and mutual support on the Day of Resurrection, the "eighth day." Each Sunday, individually and communally, we meet the risen Christ in word and sacrament, and in sharing God's peace with one another.

This past Sunday, the Festival of the Resurrection, was full of life and joy at Emmanuel. We sang with gusto. We rang bells as we rejoiced with Alleluias. We heard the Gospel in English and Spanish. We renewed our faith and Easter life by renewing our Baptism vows. We enjoyed new sound equipment. We moved from the sad days of Jesus' suffering love for us to the happy day of Jesus' resurrection. We rejoiced that in our baptism, resurrection is for us, too.

*3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:3-4 The New Revised Standard Version*



### Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30

Between 25 and 30 children came with parents and friends. The rain stopped in time to hide and hunt eggs. Some of the volunteers and parents were egg hunters as children.

## The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:

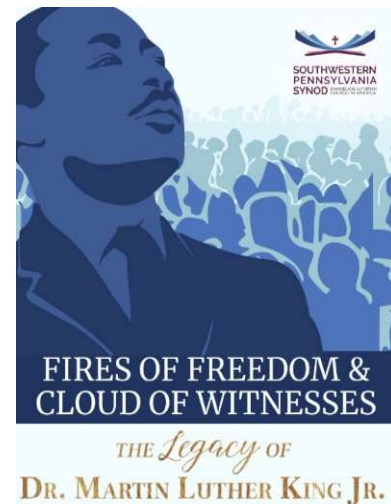
### *Fires of Freedom and Cloud of Witnesses*

This Sunday, April 7: 4 PM

House of Prayer Lutheran Church - 2100 W. Irwin St., Aliquippa

CARPOOL FROM EMMANUEL AT 2:30 p.m.

Our synod's annual commemoration of Dr. King and call for anti-racist action will highlight stories of the people, especially women, who kindled the fires of freedom in the Civil Rights Movement. The day includes a panel discussion, youth activity, dinner, and service of Holy Communion where Rev. CeCee Mills of the North Carolina Synod will preach. This annual event is always held close to May 4, the anniversary of Dr King's death as a martyr seeking justice and peace for all.



## 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](http://www.zoom.us). Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

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

We now have a new sound board and a lavalier microphone. We began using the new equipment during Holy Week. **Please give us feedback as we learn how to use this new equipment.** Thank you very much to the anonymous giver of the funds and to Pastor Bob Schaeffer who selected and set up the new equipment.



## Blessing of the Seeds - April 21

**Prayers for a good harvest and the well-being of all who work in agriculture. Please bring in your seeds and samples of the soil in which you grow plants.**

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](mailto:Marsha_Kennedy@verizon.net) **or** 415 Kingston Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.



On Thursday, April 11, 2024, the Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium is hosting a discussion on the topic of **"Is Religion Relevant?"** Has the importance of religion changed? What should the role of our religious life be in the modern day? Attendees will hear from local leaders across the religious spectrum. Guests will be welcome to share their own questions and experiences. This event will be held at the Monroeville Library from 7-8:30 pm. Or you can participate via Zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84539457268>. For more information, contact Cory Little at

[littlec2@einetwork.net](mailto:littlec2@einetwork.net) or (412) 372-0500 ext. 122.

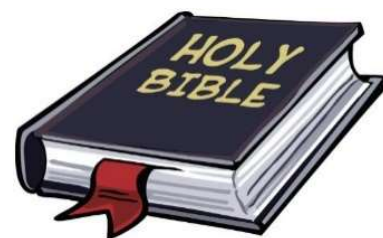


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**Sun., April 21** - Blessing of Seeds, Soil and Water  
**Tues., April 23, 1 pm** - Church Council Meeting  
**Mon., May 6, 2 pm** - *Giving to God* session at Bob Evans  
**Thurs., May 9** - Lutheran Day at the Capitol  
**Sun., May 12** - Mother's Day including Bread for the World presentation  
**Sun., May 19** - Pentecost

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**Bible Book of the Month:** The book for April is the Gospel of John. A guide for getting the most out of your reading will be included in the mailing on April 10. It will be on the Emmanuel website before April 10. You can find a link to the introductions to all the Bible Books of the month on the home page of our website, [www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org](http://www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org).



**“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.

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### Reading the Gospel of Mark together

We are setting up a group to read and discuss the Gospel of Mark during the Easter season. Contact Pastor Linda or Pastor Dennis. Dates and times will be arranged to suit those who are interested. In person and/or zoom participants encouraged.

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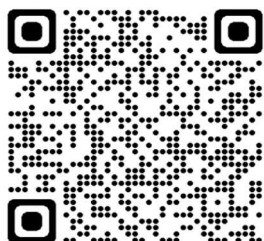


### Outdoor Ministry & God's Love

Summer schedules for both Agape and Lutherlyn now available. There are Grandparent and Family camp weeks in addition to Programs for ages 5-18.



- Encourage children in your life to attend camp. Take them with you to camp.
  - Volunteer as a summer camp grandparent, paint picnic tables, or teach your hobby.
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**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.

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## BE A FRIEND TO AN ASYLUM SEEKER/ASYLEE/REFUGEE

Invite a newcomer to a meal. Play a game of chess or a video game or a board game. Take a refugee to a concert or a basketball game. Give rides to and from a library. Go shopping. Have a conversation: people learning English need people to talk with. Go for a walk. Visit a museum.

Contact Pastor Linda to set this up. 412-401-5742 or [revtheophilus@live.com](mailto:revtheophilus@live.com)

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### Lutheran Day in the Capitol – May 9, 2024

Join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) on Thursday, May 9, for a day of learning, inspiration, advocacy, and celebration. It's the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LAMPa and also the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrating the ELCA's World Hunger program.



Register by April 11 to take advantage of early-bird rates. 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 Wittel Farm, a Lutheran retreat center just 20 minutes from the Capital.

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### LAMPa Launching Service and Justice Networks

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania invites you to lean with us into that work of connecting with the launch of statewide service and justice networks. Join LAMPa and your neighbors around the Commonwealth who are living into their baptismal call to serve in the way of Jesus and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

We're starting with noontime virtual gatherings around four areas in which our ministries have a depth of experience or excitement to grow and where Lutherans are expressing energy for making a difference.

April 10 - [Creation Care](#)

April 17 - [Human and Civil Rights](#)

April 24 - [Housing and Homelessness](#)

*(Follow the links above to register. Or ask Pastor Linda how to register and get set up for these on line meetings.)*

These initial virtual gatherings will start at noon on Wednesdays in April. We will survey to determine best days, times and frequency for meetings moving forward. The networks are not just about meetings. They're about ongoing connection and community, grounded in the hope of Easter.

Our hope is for these networks to be spaces for learning and mutual support, for sharing stories, ideas, inspiration and information about grants and other resources. In a time of division in our public life, they will offer opportunity for building bridges and organizing for faithful action. You can help shape our public witness to better reflect the beauty, diversity and needs of our neighbors and our common home.

Of course, our call to love our neighbor extends beyond neat categories, and so does LAMPa's work. You can sign up for a network or let us know where else God is leading you (*and/or your congregation!*) to act in love [here](#).

Join us and share the news as we strive to be Church together in Pennsylvania for the sake of the world God loves!

***P.S. Have you registered for **Lutheran Day in the Capitol on May 9** yet? [Do it now and get the early bird rate!](#)***

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