

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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The Historical Jesus: The Challenge of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant



Sundays after worship through March 24

Special Congregational Meeting March 3

There will be a special congregation meeting after service on Sunday, March 3, to approve constitutional changes allowing electronic meetings for council and congregation meetings. This will be a very short meeting, probably five minutes.



Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30, 2 pm.

This is one of Emmanuel's most important community events. Please consider volunteering, contributing dyed Easter Eggs, and invite, invite, invite everyone you know with children.

Lutherlyn is "Building for the Future." We are invited and encouraged to help. During the past several weeks inserts relative to Lutherlyn's capital campaign have been included in the bulletins and mailings.



Today a pledge form is provided for my/your/our response(s). There is the option to make a one-time contribution or a pledge payable over three

years. (Please call Pastor Dennis at 412-824-5945 if you need assistance in filling out the form.) All contributions are to be mailed to: Lutherlyn, P.O. Box 355, Prospect, PA 16052. The Emmanuel Campaign Task Force set a goal of \$2,500; \$400 has already been given through Cellular Tower Benevolence. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to work in our midst to meet our goal before you make your commitment.

Friday, March 1, 11 am - Parish Life Meeting
Sunday, March 3, 11:15 am - Special and very short
Congregational Meeting in sanctuary
Sunday, March 3, 11:30 am - Lenten Study
Tuesday, March 5, 1 pm - Congregation Council Meeting
Saturday, March 16, 10 am-3 pm - Camp Agape Maple
Syrup Festival
Thursday, March 28, 7 pm - Maundy Thursday worship
Friday, March 29, 7 pm - Good Friday worship
Saturday, March 30, 2 pm - Easter Egg Hunt



The Cross and the Lynching Tree

The Thursday discussions of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* continue. The discussions are held on Thursdays at 11 am in person and on zoom. (The last session will be on Wednesday, March 20, at 11 am.) Contact Pastor Dennis to learn more. 412-804-1673. For zoom use the Emmanuel Class meeting ID 897 6086 7900, or use the following link: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89760867900</u>

The theologian James H. Cone explores these emotionally charged symbols. This unique book opens up the legacy of slavery and racism and helps Christians of all colors embrace one another as brothers and sisters in Christ today.



Camp Agape News

Save the date for Camp Agape's 2024 Maple Syrup Festival – Saturday, March 16th from 10 am – 3pm. Details to come! But first, Camp Agape needs volunteers to help with maple sap collection. We are encouraging you and your friends to come and help; you'll get to experience the entire process of maple syrup production. If you're interested in helping with sap collection, notify the camp office. Please provide your email address and telephone number so we can notify you of dates and times of sap collection, evaporation of the sap, etc. The Camp office phone is 724-356-2308; the email is Marketing@campagape.org

You are invited to the Stewardship Study based on the book "*Giving to God*" by Mark A. Powell. These sessions are held on the first Monday of the month. The next session is Monday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m. at Bob Evans in Irwin. Call Pastor Dennis at 412-804-1673 if you're interested in joining.

Order altar flowers for 2024 and Lilies for Easter.

Lilies for Easter are \$11.

The last day to order lilies is THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 3.

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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING.

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

New this year: there is a link on our website to make giving even easier. Go to <u>https://www.emmanuellutheraneastmont.org/</u> and you'll see the link.

Or use the QR code for easy connection on your smart phone.

Thank you for giving your offerings regularly!! Many of you have been very generous and faithful. We are grateful for every contribution that comes in the mail, and through our online and mobile giving app. **Bible Book of the Month:** The books for March are the Old Testament stories of Ruth and Esther. The introduction to Ruth is included in this mailing. Esther will be sent on March 6. You can find a link to the introductions to both books on the home page of our website, <u>www.emmanuellutheraneastmont.org</u>.



Worship and pray every Sunday at 10 a.m.

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.

Hope Lutheran Church

Hope is moving to McMasters United Methodist Church in Turtle Creek. The last Sunday at their building in Forest Hills is Sunday, Feb. 25. They begin worship at Hope and then process to Turtle Creek.

This is the text of the constitutional changes which will be voted on at the special congregational meeting on March 3. All voting members of the congregation may vote in person at the very brief meeting following the worship service. This is the only agenda for this meeting.

- **C10.08.** This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication or its equivalent. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.
- **C12.13.** The Congregation Council and its committees may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication or its equivalent. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.
- **C12.05.** The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation.

The Congregation Council shall ascertain that the financial affairs of this congregation are being conducted efficiently, giving particular attention to the prompt payment of all obligations and to the regular forwarding of mission support monies to the synod treasurer.

Rationale: Because synods have different systems for receipt of mission support monies from congregations, the elimination of the word "treasurer" allows for greater flexibility.