

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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March 20, 2024

**As we prepare to enter this holy week,  
I urge you to set aside time for worship and contemplation.**

**If you can come in person, DO!!**

**If you truly cannot come in person, then stop and worship where you are.  
*Worship-at-home bulletins are included in this mailing for  
Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.***

**Easter Sunday is March 31.**

The Great Three Days are just before that.

**Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship at Emmanuel are at 7:00 pm.**

Easter Vigil on Saturday at First Lutheran, Pittsburgh, at 7:00 pm.

Carpool from Emmanuel at 6:15 pm.

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### **Worship and pray in person in the sanctuary OR**

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## **Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30, at 2 pm.**

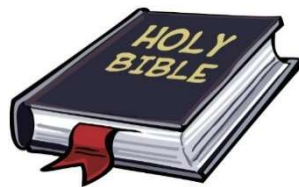
This is one of Emmanuel's most important community events. Please consider volunteering, contributing dyed Easter Eggs, and invite, invite, invite everyone you know with children.

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## Learning in Lent and Beyond

**Bible Book of the Month:** The books for March are the Old Testament stories of Ruth and Esther. You can find a link to the introductions to both books 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 Monday, April 1, at 2:00 p.m. There will be sessions in May and June. There may be a new book and new study in the fall.

### The Historical Jesus:

The Challenge of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant: Jesus' Vindication.

**This Sunday, March 24, after worship**

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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.

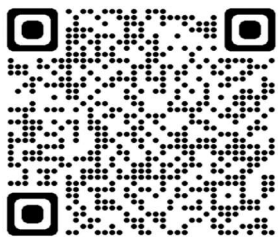


### How to share God's Love

We share God's love with children, future leaders of the church, and people of all ages when we support Outdoor Ministries.



- Pray.
- Give generously.
- Encourage children in your life to attend 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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## Why is Holy Week important?

Holy Week is a pilgrimage in time. We pause each day to remember and worship. If we could go to the Holy Land, we would go to the places where these events took place. St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15: *For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.* **Holy Week is important because Jesus' death is important!!**

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## Maundy Thursday

### 7 pm - Worship with Holy Communion

Jesus gives the great commandment to Love One Another As I Have Loved You. Jesus gave us the sacrament of Holy Communion that night. Then he washed their feet. ***This year our service includes washing of feet.*** You are invited but not required to have your feet washed... We conclude with Psalm 22 as everything is removed from the altar symbolizing how Jesus was arrested, stripped, and led to the cross.

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## Good Friday

### 12 - 3 pm - Prayer and Meditation in the Emmanuel sanctuary

We mark the three hours Jesus hung on the cross. Come for all or a portion of that time.  
Music for devotion will be a setting of the Passion reading composed by Bach.

### 7 pm - The Cross

We continue worship by retelling the crucifixion according to St. John. We adore the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world!!

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## Holy Saturday

### 7 pm Easter Vigil at First Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh

This is the least known but oldest Holy Week worship. We move from death to life, from waiting to the joy of resurrection. The service includes renewal of baptismal vows and concludes with great joy. *We carpool from Emmanuel at 6:15 pm.*

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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.

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**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.

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**Be a friend to an asylum seeker/asylee/refugee.** Invite 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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**Fri., March 22, 10:30 am** - Parish Life Meeting  
**Sun., March 24, 11:15 am** - Lenten Study  
**Thurs., March 28, 7 pm** - Maundy Thursday worship  
**Fri., March 29, 7 pm** - Good Friday worship  
**Sat., March 30, 2 pm** - Easter Egg Hunt  
**Sun., March 31, 10 am** - **The Festival of the Resurrection**

**Mon., April 1, 2:00 pm** - *Giving to God* at Bob Evans Irwin

**Mon., April 8, 10:30 am** - Welcoming Immigrants Housing Project Meeting

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

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

**Sunday, April 7: 4 PM**

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

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.

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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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### **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@einetwork.net](mailto:littlec2@einetwork.net).

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