



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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

March 13, 2024

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.

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 ⁴ 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!!**

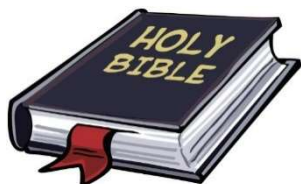


Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30, 2 pm.

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.

Learning in Lent and Beyond

Discussions of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* continue. The next conversation is Thursday, March 14, at 11 am in person and on zoom. The last session will be on Wednesday, March 20, at 11 am. For zoom use the Emmanuel Class meeting ID 897 6086 7900, or use the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89760867900>



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.

"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.

Sunday, March 24 after worship

Camp Agape's 11th Annual
**MAPLE SYRUP
FESTIVAL**

**March 16TH
10am-3pm**

Kick-off Spring with a
great outdoor event!
Bring your family and
friends for free pancakes
and sausage while
sampling our very own
Maple Syrup!



724-356-2308
72 Agape Road, Hickory, PA

 
CAMPAGAPE.ORG

Giving back to God to the best of my abilities makes my soul happy.



Stewardship is our faith in God. It is using our time, talents, and monetary abilities to give back to God.

He has given us so much. He gave us life, gave His Son for our sins, gave us the ability to take care of our environment, our family, ourselves. Thanks be to God for all His blessings.

Helen Williams

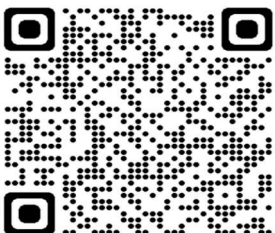


How to share God's Love

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.



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.

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.



Thurs., March 14, 11 am – The Cross and the Lynching Tree

Sat., March 16, 10 am-3 pm – Camp Agape Maple Syrup Festival

Wed., March 20, 11 am – The Cross and the Lynching Tree

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

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.

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.

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!!

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.*

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

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.



INVITATIONS TO VALUABLE EVENTS:

Sisters Celebrating Diversity & Moving in Unity

Our Neighbors at Light of Life – Debunking the Myths of Homelessness in Pittsburgh

Saturday, March 23, 2024, Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at 234 Voeghtly St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212
An interactive program that includes Praise and Worship, a guided tour, and more. Learn about the myths of homelessness. Continental breakfast provided. Volunteer opportunity from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If interested, call Sue Smith at 412-977-4891 or email sisterscelebratingdiversity@gmail.com.

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.

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 45th anniversary of LAMPa and also the 50th 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.lutheranadvocacypa.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.

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.
