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March 27, 2024

The Festival of the Resurrection is Sunday March 31.

Thank you to Franklin Serrano Tovar (percussionist) and Gladis Henríquez (flautist) for accompanying our singing on Easter Sunday. There will be a festive meal following worship.

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



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.

Maundy Thursday

7 pm - Worship with Holy Communion

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 joy. The service includes renewal of baptismal vows and concludes with great joy. *Carpool from Emmanuel at 6:15 pm.*



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 or 415 Kingston Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.



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

Sun., April 21 - Blessing of Seeds, Soil and Water

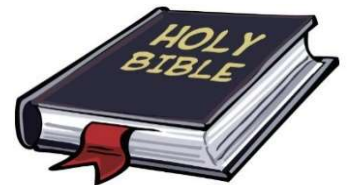
Thurs., May 9 - Lutheran Day at the Capitol

Sun., May 12 - Mother's Day including Bread for the World presentation

Sun., May 19 - Pentecost

Learning in Lent and Beyond

Bible Book of the Month: The book for April is the Gospel of John. The introduction will be included in the April 3 mailing. 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.



"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 session for Monday, April 1 has been cancelled. There will be sessions in May and June. There may be a new book and new study in the fall.

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.

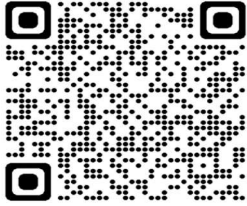


Outdoor Ministry & God's Love

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.



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.

Emmanuel received a gift of \$1000 to improve sound on zoom and in the building. We now have a new sound board and a lavalier microphone. We are debuting them this weekend. We can do so much more. Please give us feedback as we learn how to use this new equipment. Thank you very much to the giver of the funds and to Pastor Bob Schaeffer who selected and set up the new equipment.

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

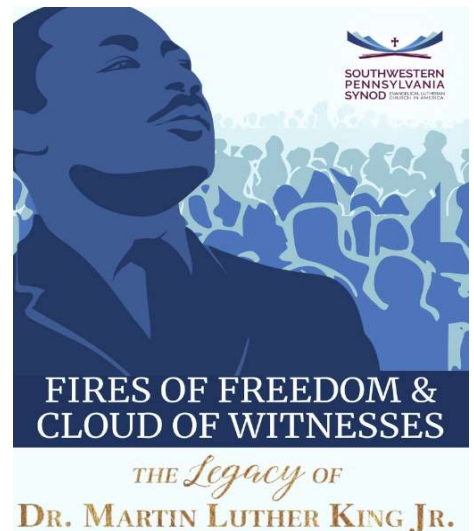
The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:

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.





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? During this event, 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 in the Gallery Space at the Monroeville Library from 7-8:30 pm, and is also available via Zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84539457268>. For more information, contact Cory Little at littlec2@einetwork.net or (412) 372-0500 ext. 122.

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 3 - [Hunger and Poverty](#)

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!](#)*

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.