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It is going to be a good summer! God is doing new things.

People receiving instruction about Holy Communion.

Visit from Bishop Kusserow on Sunday, July 13.

Prayer and discussions about developing Spanish language worship and outreach. Please pray!!!

Bread for the World Offering of Letters June 1

One way – and only one of the ways – that Emmanuel feeds the hungry is with an offering of letters to advocate to U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Bread for the World, an ecumenical and non-partisan organization, selects a focus for united advocacy. On June 1, we equip everyone for effective letter writing. On June 8 we will dedicate our letters. Any letters brought to Emmanuel will be sent with Joyce Rothermel to Washington, DC. She will present them in person to our senators and representatives. You may also send your letter in the mail. This week's mailing includes a sample letter.



Pentecost – June 8

Red is the color of the day. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit appeared like tongues of fire over the head of the believers. Therefore, **red**.

Thank you to those who ordered **red** geraniums: Marsha Kennedy, Sandy Loughery, Sandi McMaster, Darlene Neill, Pastor Linda Theophilus, and Helen Williams.

WEAR RED!!

We welcome Johann Diaz, violist, who returns as guest musician.

After worship, we will enjoy cheesecake with **red fruit toppings.**

Graduates – We will honor and pray for graduates on June 8. Please help us include your relatives and friends in the prayers that day. Give their names to Pastor Linda.



Meals for Friends Hoagie Sale – Thursday, June 12

Cost is \$7.00 for an Italian Hoagie (with or without onions) and chips.

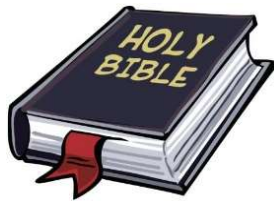
Hoagie pick up is June 12 from noon to 2 pm.

Orders are due Monday, June 9. Call 412-824-2400 or contact Darlene Neill.

Emmanuel has a fair-trade sales table with Coffee, Tea and Chocolate. Pastor Linda and Helen will provide fair-trade for the synod's annual women's convention on May 30–31.



BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH ENDS WITH PSALMS 73-106 IN JUNE



We conclude the Bible Book of the Month this month with Psalms 73-106. Psalm 97, a joyful Psalm of God's reign, is our Psalm on June 1. Psalm 104 is appointed for Pentecost this year. Verse 30 says *"You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth."*

The introduction to Psalms 73-106 will be included with next week's letter.

We began the Bible Book of the Month in January of 2021. Usually, the featured book was included in the Sunday worship for the month. The introductions to all the Bible Books of the Month will continue to be available on the home page of our website, www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org

Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost

Monday, June 9, 10 am – WIHP meeting

June 12-14, 12:30 pm – Synod Assembly at LaRoche University

Sunday, June 15 – Holy Trinity Sunday

Tuesday, June 17 – Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine

Tuesday, June 17, 1 pm – Church council meeting

Sunday, June 22, 10 am & 2 pm – Juneteenth Celebration at Bethel AME

Tuesday, June 24 – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Sunday, July 13, 10 am – Bishop Kusserow visits Emmanuel

July 14-18, 9:30 am-noon – Vacation Bible School



Worship and pray

Come in person at 10 am every Sunday

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.

Sunday evening Lutheran worship in Spanish (The Welcoming Table)

In person only at 6:00 p.m.

Held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 1516 Beechview Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216.



Stewardship Reflection by Dennis Orsen

In a previous stewardship reflection, I quoted a line in one of Dr. Alvin Rogness' sermons that I heard while I was in seminary: "As Christians we are in the business of distribution, not accumulation." In a book he authored, *Capture by Mystery*, Dr. Rogness is a bit more nuanced. He makes the point that in order to manage money, we first must first be able to hang onto it. (Dr. Rogness was president of Luther Seminary, and he authored many bulletin devotions between 1960 and 1990.)

He writes: "Today a highly organized advertising industry seeks daily to break down our resistance and dislodge any money we may have in our hands. Man, increasingly enslaved to a desire for a thousand things, finishes out every month with empty pockets. Instead of becoming truly free, free to control his money, he becomes restlessly covetous of every sales display. To have freedom to control money, man must have ability to hold it."



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.

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.



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.

Thursday, June 12 – Saturday, June 14
La Roche University

On May 17, the Assembly met to nominate candidates for the Bishop's election. There are ten nominees who have chosen to remain on the ballot. Learn more on the synod website [Bishop Election 2025 – Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod](#)



The assembly offering is designated for Levi Fund, a dedicated synod fund, to underwrite the salaries of critical synod staff positions so that the next bishop is able to have the necessary support to fulfill the duties of the office.



Vacation Bible School July 14-18, 2025

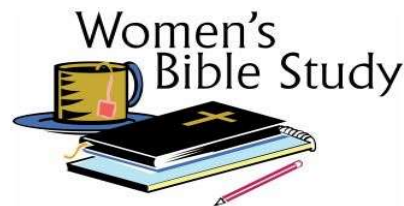
Monday-Friday, July 14-18, from 9:30 am to noon
JESUS: BABY, SAVIOR, GOD

Join us for worship, music, games, crafts and snacks each day, organized around one Bible story that reveals who Jesus is. Ages 3 through completed grade 6 (adult companion needed for 3-year-olds); teen helpers eagerly

welcomed. Call the church office at 412-824-4525 to register; registration deadline is July 6, and the registration fee is only \$5.00 per family.

GATHER BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

This summer, join women from other congregations in our area on the 4th Tuesday of June, July, and August (June 24, July 22, and August 26) for a Bible study prepared by the Rev. Dr. Brooke Petersen offered through GATHER Magazine on the topic *"Where Two or More are Gathered: Flourishing in Relationships."* Your conveners are Helen Williams, Board Member of the Women of the ELCA in the SWPA Synod, and Rev. Linda Theophilus, Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Eastmont. We will meet from 1:00-2:30 pm in an air-conditioned room at a neighboring Lutheran church. To register and if you need more information, please call Pastor Linda at 412-824-4525.



This is a sample letter which you can use to create your own letter to Senators Fetterman and McCormick and to your Representative (probably Summer Lee or Chris Deluzio). On Sunday, June 1, there will be letters ready to sign at Emmanuel. Today we are providing this for your information. If you cannot come in person on June 1, you may use this sample to create your own personal handwritten letter and mail it yourself.

[Date]

Rep.
U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515
Sen.
U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator, / Dear Representative,

I urge you to protect and strengthen nutrition programs that help children reach their full potential.

Specifically, I ask you to:

- Protect, restore, and secure robust funding for global nutrition programs, so that we can reach millions of children with lifesaving assistance.
- Fully fund and strengthen the domestic Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) so that more eligible families in the U.S. are able to enroll and stay enrolled.

For just a small percentage of the federal budget (well under 1 percent), lifesaving aid has an outsized global impact. These strategic investments not only save and improve the lives of tens of millions of children every year, they secure America's standing as a global leader and trusted partner, open new markets to American goods, and reduce national security threats like terrorism and infectious disease.

In 2023 in the U.S. (the last year for which there is data), the WIC program served nearly 7 million participants per month. Participation in WIC is associated with reduced risk of premature birth, low birthweight, and infant mortality.

Genesis 1:27 reminds us that every person is created in God's image, and we honor God when we love our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us. In the Gospels, Jesus opens his arms and welcomes children, saying "the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14).

Again, I urge you to protect, restore, and secure robust funding for global child nutrition programs and to fully fund and strengthen WIC in the U.S.

Whether from a fiscal, moral, or faith-based standpoint, the investment in children is more than worth it.

[Add a sentence or two about why you care.]

Sincerely,

[Your name] [Your address]