



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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### TWO-WEEK MAILING – BULLETINS FOR May 11 and 18

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#### Pray for Bishop's elections: Our synod, the ELCA and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Rome

Our synod begins the process of electing a bishop on Saturday, May 17. The yearly Synod Assembly will convene that morning for the purpose of nominating candidates. Any ordained minister of word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America may be nominated. There is an opportunity for nominees to withdraw and to respond to questions. When the assembly gathers from June 12-14, the process will continue.

To state the obvious, the Pope is not Lutheran. We are fortunate to live in times when the Roman Catholic Bishop of Rome has been a global leader for ecumenical relationships and for peace and justice in the world. Let us pray for the Roman Catholic cardinals entrusted with selecting the next pope.



Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has served the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as presiding bishop since her election in 2013 in Pittsburgh. She is now retiring. There will be an election for an ELCA bishop at the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, July 28 through August 2, 2025, in Phoenix, Arizona.

*Gracious God, you bless your people with a variety of gifts. Guide with your wisdom those voting members who will elect a bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA. Those voting members who will elect a bishop for the entire Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and those who elect a pope for the Roman Catholic Church. We ask that You raise up faithful servant leaders who will care for your people, equip us for our ministries, speak boldly in the world and guide the church in witness to your love for all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

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#### Happy Mother's Day

#### Blessing of Mothers

Gracious God, in love you have given us the gift of mothers. Grant to each of them your power and grace. Strengthen them in their mothering with tenderness and understanding, with compassion and joy. Endow them with wisdom and knowledge so that they might teach their children how to live and how to love; how to seek and pursue that which is right and true; how to turn away from all that is hurtful and wrong. Deepen their own faith so that they might instill in their children a love for you that will sustain and keep them their whole life long. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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***"Open your mouth for those who cannot speak,  
and for the rights of those who are left without help."***

Proverbs 31:8a NLV

One aspect of loving our neighbors is advocacy: Speaking up on behalf of others. Parents do this for their children. In community settings, advocacy is correcting false statements. Don't just be silent when you hear anti-Semitic or anti-Muslim statements and jokes.

ELCA Advocacy and Lutheran Advocacy in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) help us bring a Christian voice to government, especially the way our government is part of caring for the hungry, the poor, the oppressed, the sick, the persecuted and refugees. You can get sample letters on time-sensitive issues which you may send as-is, or rewrite with your own experience, or use as a basis for a phone call to your representatives and senators.

Advocacy ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is based on ELCA Social Statements and social policy resolutions and the ELCA Constitution. Articles 4.02 and 4.031 state: "This church shall advocate dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among nations, and standing with the poor and powerless and committing itself to their need ... This church shall study social issues and trends, work to discover the causes of oppression and injustice, and develop programs of ministry and advocacy to further human dignity, freedom, justice, and peace in the world."

### **Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania**

In partnership with [ELCA World Hunger](#), and based on the deep experience and commitment of our more than 1,000 congregations across the Commonwealth, LAMPa leads non-partisan advocacy to Pennsylvania public officials on a range of interconnected issues, but particularly in addressing hunger and its root causes, striving to create a just world where all are fed.

Use this computer link. [Get Involved - LAMPa](#)



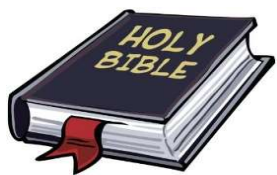
### **ELCA Advocacy**

ELCA advocacy is the voice of the ELCA to the federal government as well as guiding state-level advocacy. It works for change in public policy based on the experience of Lutheran ministries, programs, and projects around the world and in communities across the United States.

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### **BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH: JOB**



The Bible Book of the Month for May is Job. The introduction to Job was included in last week's mailing.

The remaining book in the series is Psalms 73-106. The series ends in June.

We began the Bible Book of the Month in January of 2021. Usually, the featured book has been included in the Sunday morning readings for the month. The introductions to all the Bible Books of the Month are available on the home page of our website, [www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org](http://www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org)

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**Monday, May 12, 10:30 am** – Parish Life Committee Meeting  
**Tuesday, May 13** – Lutheran Day at the Capitol  
**Saturday, May 17, 9:30 am** – Synod Assembly (via Zoom only)  
**Monday, May 19, 10 am** – WIHP meeting  
**Sunday, June 8** – Pentecost  
**Monday, June 9, 10 am** – WIHP meeting  
**Saturday, June 14, 12:30 pm** – Synod Assembly at LaRoche University  
**Tuesday, June 17, 1 pm** – Church council meeting  
**Sunday, July 13, 10 am** – Bishop Kusserow visits Emmanuel



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## **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](http://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.

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## **Fair Trade helps farmers and people who eat.**

Emmanuel has a fair-trade sales table –

Coffee, Tea and Chocolate.



### **CHOCOLATE SALES SPECIAL**

**\$1.00 Lemon Ginger**

**\$2.00 for all other chocolate bars** – milk chocolate, caramel crunch, mint and dark, very dark, and extremely dark chocolate bars

**A wide variety of Teas – All \$3.50**

Several varieties of **Coffee \$9.00 and \$11** depending on size. **Decaf is \$10.**

Chocolate prices have gone up worldwide. But at Emmanuel we have chocolate bars from last season. To make room for new and fresh chocolate bars, there are discount prices right now. Last year's price for fair trade, organic Equal Exchange 2.8 oz. chocolate bars was \$2.75.



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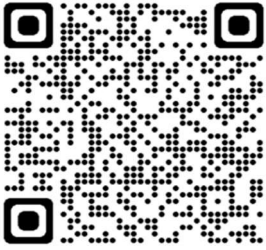
**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Call Pastor Theophilus for yourself or others to be included in prayer. Contact Marsha Kennedy also; she sends cards to let people know that we are praying for them. You can reach Marsha at 412-824-4966 or [Marsha\\_Kennedy@verizon.net](mailto:Marsha_Kennedy@verizon.net) or 415 Kingston Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

**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.

**PENTECOST** is Sunday, June 8. If you'd like to order red geraniums to decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost, call the church office or use the sign-up sheet in the entryway. The cost for each geranium is \$5.00, and the last day to order is Sunday, May 25, 2025.



**Red Geraniums  
for Pentecost**



**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.



**Saturday, May 17 @ 9:30 AM - 1 PM**

Online Only through Zoom. At this meeting we submit nominations for the bishop's election.

AND

**Thursday, June 12 @ 6 PM - Saturday, June 14 @ 12:30 PM**

In-Person Only at La Roche University

**Our synod will elect a new bishop at this year's synod assembly. Bishop Kusserow has served well and faithfully for 18 years as our bishop. He is ready to retire.**

The voting participants from Emmanuel are Helen Williams, Pastor Dennis Orsen, and Pastor Linda Theophilus.

The business of assembly includes elections to synod council, several committees of the synod and agencies of the synod. There is a budget to be approved. There will also be learning forums on a variety of topics. The churchwide representative is Deacon Sue Rothmeyer, the secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The synod assembly chaplain is a son of Emmanuel, the Rev. Blair Morgan, who grew up in Eastmont.

ASSEMBLY CHAPLAIN



**Pastor Blair Morgan**

*Retired Director for Evangelical Mission*