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The cross is laid on every Christian. As we embark upon discipleship we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with his death—we give over our lives to death. Thus it begins: the cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die. But we do not want to die, and therefore Jesus Christ and his call are necessarily our death as well as our life.

As Christ bears our burdens, so ought we to bear the burdens of our fellowman. The law of Christ, which it is our duty to fulfill, is the bearing of the cross. My brother's burden which I must bear is not only his outward life, his natural characteristics and gifts, but quite literally his sin. The call to follow Christ always means a call to share the word of forgiveness—the Christlike suffering which it is the Christian's duty to bear.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

[Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship* (NY: Macmillan, 1963), 99-100.]

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 6

The emphasis is doing and public witness. The sermon is our service.

We hear the Scripture, we pray and praise, we receive Holy Communion and then we go to work in the fellowship hall where we will work and eat pizza together.

Our focus this year is collecting hygiene supplies and other necessities for a "Free Store." If you can, please bring supplies. We will also look for things in the Emmanuel building which can go to the Free Store. A social worker friend of Pastor Linda, Kat Carrick, does a pop-up free store in Duquesne Heights which service Afghan refugees. Many worked with American military. Most of our Backpack school supply collection is going to this free store.

Can you bring any of the following? Some items may be lightly used.

Toiletries for men, women and teens

Including deodorant, (no AXE), shampoo, conditioner, soap, moisturizer

Paper products such as toilet tissue

Hair brushes, barrettes, hair ties

Sanitary pad (not tampons)

Laundry soap, dish soap, cleaning supplies

Kitchen garbage bags, zip lock bags,

Men's small or medium shirts

Basic household & kitchen supplies.



Or give an offering for "God's Work, Our Hands" and someone else will do the shopping.
Or accompany Kat Carrick on a shopping trip to Costco. We are also applying for a Thrivent Action Grant which we give us \$250 dollars towards supplies.

If Pastor Linda's friend cannot use our contributions in her small "free store", we will take the other useful items to the Braddock or Wilksburg free store.



Harvest Home Sunday September 27

On the last Sunday of September, we will give thanks for the harvest and remember all the people involved in food production.

You are invited to bring in samples from your harvest to decorate the sanctuary.

You may also buy MUMS to decorate our sanctuary. The price is **\$5.00** per plant. You may choose yellow, red, orange, white, pink, or purple. The deadline is September 13 but early sign up is preferred so we can reserve the colors we want. Please sign up or call the church office.

Worship and Pray

Come in person or on zoom 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](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92338150341). Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

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At home without technology: Read the bulletin. Read the Scripture. Pray. Meditate.

Earthquake Relief/ Fire and Flood Relief

If you are willing to give a donation that can be given directly to individuals or families in Venezuela whom our families recommend, please include the words **"Venezuela families" with your gift.**

Emmanuel is also sending your contribution for earthquake, flood and fire relief through Lutheran Disaster Response to the Lutherans and their partners doing local disaster Response in the US and around the world. If there is a specific location that you want to help, please write that clearly with your contribution.

Emmanuel is hiring an office & communications manager.

This is a part-time position of eight to ten hours a week.

Wednesday hours in the office are required, some flexibility for additional hours.

Word processing skills required. Will need to master a church management software program and Wordpress for website management. Familiarity with Spanish is a plus!



TO ORDER ALTAR FLOWERS or to MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 412-824-4525
Or Marsha Kennedy at 412-824-4966 (phone or text)
Altar flowers cost \$50.



Prayer Request: The Agape Board of Directors requests our prayers as they figure out next steps and begin the process of selecting a camp director. .

Roof repairs: The retreat and learning center is almost 20 years old. Time for a new roof. Wind & storms have caused damage also. Can you give a gift to help? Insurance is covering some of the expense, but more is needed.

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.



We need additional income for pastor's salary and building expenses!!!!.

PLEASE PRAY. AND IF YOU CAN, PLEASE INCREASE YOUR GIVING.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS RESPONDED TO THIS REQUEST.

Bad Girls of the Bible.

Rebellious, resilient, responsible, reprehensible

The next series of Bible Studies taught by Pastor Ken Ofslager begins on September 20.

The regular time is the third Sunday of the month at 1 p.m.

The class is held in the Fellowship Hall. Optional lunch at 12 noon. **You can participate in person or via zoom.** To join via zoom, use the Emmanuel class link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89760867900> Meeting ID: 897 6086 7900

Sunday, September 6

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday with Pizza

Monday, September 14

Deadline to order Hoagies from Meals for Friends

Sunday, September 20, 1 p.m.

Bad Girls of the Bible

Sunday, September 27

Harvest Home Sunday

Sunday, October 4

Spaghetti Dinner with Meals for Friends

Sunday, October 11

Healing Sunday

Tuesday, October 20, 1 pm

Congregation Council

Sunday, October 18

Congregation Meal

