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What if Jesus told the story about the wise and the foolish women today? He would have to talk about charging cell phones. As long as I keep my cell phone charged, I have a light, a powerful small flashlight. One of the skills for daily life is keeping your cell phone charged. The women in the story are waiting in the dark, waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. He is late & their lights are going out while they wait to travel with him to the ceremony and the time of celebration.

Over the next three Sundays, we will hear three stories from Matthew 25 about "the day of the Lord". They are stories of waiting and stories of judgement. Did you wait with hope or give up? What did you do while you waited?

Be prepared for the unexpected. !!

Be prepared to wait!

Jesus is coming back. We do not know when!! But we know he is coming!!

I think Jesus told these stories so that we can survive (and even thrive) through difficult times. I often use the words of the Psalms, "How long O Lord?" How long must the suffering of this world continue? How long will human beings be cruel and violent? How Long, O Lord, until you stop this madness? These stories remind me that God has not forgotten us, the suffering will end and in the meantime, there are good works to do.

Surprise! While we wait for the kingdom of God to begin, it has already begun in us.

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. Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341.
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92338150341
At home without technology: Read the bulletin. Read the Scripture. Pray. Meditate.

From ***All About Thankofferings***

Beginning in the late 19th century, Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection, and so the women of the congregation would come together for a Thankoffering service.

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Written by Emily Hansen.



Thankoffering Sunday, , November 15

The Women of the ELCA teach a practice of gratitude. Every time you give thanks, set aside an offering. On Sunday, November 15 we will collect our expressions of gratitude. If you have used a Thankoffering box, now is the time to bring it in. Or use the envelope in this mailing.

My mother had a Thankoffering box on her dresser. Without ever saying a word, she taught me to give thanks and to pass the blessing on.

Helen Williams, who serves on the board for the Women of the ELCA in our synod, will share more about how our Thankofferings are used to benefit women, girls -and men & boys as well- locally and wherever the church of God is active. Pastor Linda will take the same message to Zion Lutheran Church in Greensburg which celebrates Thankoffering on the same Sunday.

Reconciliation Center
Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Pastor Dan Johnson, the director of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center in South Dakota is visiting congregations and Theil College in southwestern PA during the third week of November. Several members of Emmanuel have spent a week of cultural immersion at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation center. Now they are coming to us so we can learn about life and ministry on the Lakota Pine Ridge community and with indigenous Americans in general.

"Need for Reconciliation with Indigenous Americans – Efforts for Reconciliation"

Pastor Dan will be at Emmanuel on two days. Choose what is best for you and bring your friends.

Tuesday November 17, 2:00 PM

Wednesday November 18, 7:00 PM

The Rev. Dan Johnson is the Director of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, an ELCA Lutheran pastor, and an addiction counselor dedicated to strengthening wellness, dignity, and opportunity on the Pine Ridge Reservation. His first experience on the reservation came during a cultural immersion in 2018 — an encounter that profoundly changed his life and set him on the path toward long-term service, relationship-building, and community partnership.

Dan's work brings together cultural respect, trauma-informed care, and practical community support — from recovery programming and youth education to food security and crisis response. He leads teams that create culturally grounded educational materials, support families in transition, and build partnerships across tribal, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations. He is known for his clear communication style, his commitment to relational leadership, and his ability to translate complex challenges into practical, hopeful pathways forward.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING.

You may give in person, send a contribution in the mail or donate online.

Go to https://www.emmanuellutheraneastmont.org/ and you'll see the link.
Or use the QR code for easy connection on your smart phone.

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.

Monday, November 9, 10 am	Parish Life meeting
Sunday, November 15	Thankoffering Sunday
Sunday, November 15, 1 p.m.	Bible Study: Bad Girls of the Bible
Tuesday, November 17, 2 pm	Pine Ridge presentation by Pastor Dan
Wednesday, November 18, 7 pm	Pine Ridge presentation by Pastor Dan
Saturday, November 21	Rise against hunger at St John's
Tuesday, November 24, 7 pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving program
Thursday, November 26,	Thanksgiving Meal
Sunday, November 29	First Sunday of Advent

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God's Work. Our Hands.

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October 31, 2026

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Dear Pastor Theophilus and members of Eastmont Lutheran Church,

We'd like to personally invite you and your congregation to join us for a **Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event** at St. John's on **Saturday, November 21, 2026, which begins promptly at 10 a.m.** (setup begins at 8am).

Rise Against Hunger is a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives, and responding to emergencies. About 673 million people around the world are facing hunger. At Rise Against Hunger, we work with Hunger Champions — just like you — to end hunger in remote, last-mile communities.

Together, we will work side by side to pack **10,000 meals** that will be distributed to communities in need around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to live out our call to serve others, share fellowship across congregations, and make a tangible difference in the lives of those who are hungry.

No special skills are needed - just willing hands and open hearts. Families, youth groups, and **individuals of all ages** are welcome to participate. There are jobs that require only sitting, jobs for folks who like to run around, and jobs for people who like to work in a small group.

We would love if you and your congregation would also **assist with the fundraising** for the event. We need to **raise approximately $4,100** to cover the cost of the food.

If you and your congregation would like to participate in the event, please sign up using the online signup sheet found at the following link or QR code:
https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e836720

Scan me



If you can assist with fundraising and/or you need ideas or have questions, please contact Sherie Cannin (email spainter@pribanic.com or call/text 412-999-6552).

Event Details: ***St. John's Lutheran Church, 715 Lincoln Highway/Route 30, North Versailles***
Saturday, November 21, 2026 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please share this invitation with your congregation and encourage members to join in this meaningful mission project. Together, we can do God's work with our hands. We hope to see you there!

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Kimberly Greway
Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church

Sherie Cannin, Esquire
Chair, Mission and Outreach Committee

If you are a woman reading this, This Bible study is for you.

Multi-congregation women's Bible Study

Women of the ELCA

Tuesday, November 24 at 1:00 p.m.
Location: Zion Lutheran Church
11609 Frankstown Rd, Penn Hills 15235

We usually meet on the last Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Fall 2026: "Bold faith on an unexpected journey," by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney

Faith often leads us down paths we didn't expect—into wilderness places, across unfamiliar lands, and through seasons of grief and hope. This three-session study takes us on a journey with Hagar, Ruth and Mary Magdalene, women whose bold faith transformed their futures.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering

Tuesday, November 24

7 p.m.

Hindu Jain Temple

615 Illini Drive, Monroeville, PA 15235

Pop-up free stores continue.

The 2026 Fall CCAC Social Work students will host a series of one-day Free Store Pop-Up events to serve residents of Pittsburgh and the surrounding communities.

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

Handi wipes, Sanitary pads, Socks, underwear of all sizes, especially for girls & young ladies Diapers for babies and toddlers, Cleaning supplies, toys, cold weather clothing, toiletries and basic household items for kitchen, bedrooms and bathrooms.

Bad Girls of the Bible.

Rebellious, resilient, responsible, reprehensible

Sunday, November 15 at 1:00 p.m.
Optional lunch at 12 noon

Pastor Ken Ofslager presents the stories of familiar and unfamiliar women in the Bible.

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

The class is held in the Fellowship Hall.

You can also participate via zoom. To join via zoom, use the Emmanuel class link: **https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89760867900** Meeting ID: 897 6086 7900

Interfaith Prayer Vigils are held at the Pittsburgh ICE office Every Friday morning from 8:30-9:30am at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement offices on the Southside (3000 Sidney St, Pittsburgh).You may carpool with Pastor Linda.

We are invited by Joyce Rothermel who has visited Emmanuel to talk about Bread for the World. She often takes our letters to Washington, D.C. for the yearly Offering of letters. She is a neighbor in Wilkins township and an active participant at St. James in Wilkinsburg.


