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This is a double mailing. Bulletins for Sunday, October 11 and October 18 are included.

Healing Service Sunday, October 11 at 10 a.m.

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we will come for prayer for ourselves, friends and family. We will also have prayers with candlelighting for all those who are affected by mental illness and brain disorders including family, medical caregivers and researchers.

October 25 is Reformation Sunday.

Wear red. Our celebration includes a meal after worship.

Bad Girls of the Bible.

Rebellious, resilient, responsible, reprehensible

**Sunday, October 18
1:00 p.m.**

Optional lunch at 12 noon

This series of Bible Studies taught by Pastor Ken Ofslager begins on October 20. Throughout the year we will learn 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



Thank you to all the workers and eaters at the Spaghetti Dinner

Last Sunday was characterized by beautiful people, delicious food and delightful weather. Meals for Friends volunteers and Emmanuel members worked side by side very efficiently. Thank you to Darlene Neill who oversaw the whole operation. We received a Thrivent Action Team grant to help with expenses. Over 100 meals were served. Numerous containers of sauce have been sold. Donations are still coming in. Financial profit will be announced after all the sales, donations and expenses are finalized. Meals for Friends delivers locally cooked meals to homebound residents of all ages.

The proceeds will be divided equally between Meals for Friends and Emmanuel. The profits equip Meals for Friends to offer quality meals to low-income seniors. Emmanuel uses its half to pay utility and snowplowing bills associated with hosting this important program.

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.

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.



PLEASE PRAY. AND IF YOU CAN, PLEASE INCREASE YOUR GIVING.
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS RESPONDED TO THIS REQUEST.



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.



Sunday, October 11
Sunday, October 18, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20, 1 pm
Sunday, October 25
Friday, October 30, 8:30 am
Sunday, November 1
Sunday, November 15
Sunday, November 15, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17, 2 pm
Wednesday, November 18, 7 pm
Monday, November 23, 7 pm
Thursday, November 26, 2 pm

Healing Sunday
Bible Study: Bad Girls of the Bible
Congregation Council
Reformation Sunday - Meal after worship
Prayers at ICE office led by Lutherans
All Saints Sunday
Thankoffering Sunday
Bible Study: Bad Girls of the Bible
Pine Ridge presentation by Pastor Dan
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Interfaith Thanksgiving program
Thanksgiving Meal at Emmanuel

Fall Foliage drive through and bake sale October 10, 10 am to 4 pm
Roof repairs are underway!!

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.



**Prayer request
from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holyland**

Please keep Natalie, her family, and the church in your prayers, and please continue to raise your voices to your church networks and elected officials to advocate for Natalie's immediate release. We will share more updates as we have them.



On June 2, 2026, Natalie Abudayyeh, a 21-year-old Lutheran young adult of the Church of the Reformation congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), was abducted from her university housing at gunpoint by Israeli forces alongside three of her classmates. An "Update from Bishop Dr. Imad Haddad on Natlie Abudayyeh: 6 July" can be read from the [ELCJHL Facebook page](#). To date, Abudayyeh has not been charged with any offenses. It is not known why Abudayyeh was abducted or continues to be held in Israeli detention, and no information has been shared with her lawyer, her family or her church. Abudayyeh's family and pastor have all been denied access to see her, and her lawyer has only been able to speak to her through a video chat.

Please use our ELCA Advocacy Action Alert here to advocate for her release.
<https://act.elca.org/page/100411/action/1?chain>

The ELCA has named the priority to "defend the human rights of groups most susceptible to violations, especially all minorities, women, and children" in the social statement [For Peace in God's World](#) (p. 14). In 1 Corinthians 12:26, we are reminded: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." Our voice as Americans and as Christians matters in proclaiming that Abudayyeh, her classmates, and the thousands of other Palestinians being held without charge have human rights and must be treated with the dignity, respect and humanity they deserve.

We continue to collect for the pop-up free stores.

You are also invited to staff a free store, participate in shopping for the free stores, or give a financial contribution.

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

Great need for Handi wipes, Sanitary pads, Socks, underwear of all sizes, especially for girls & young ladies

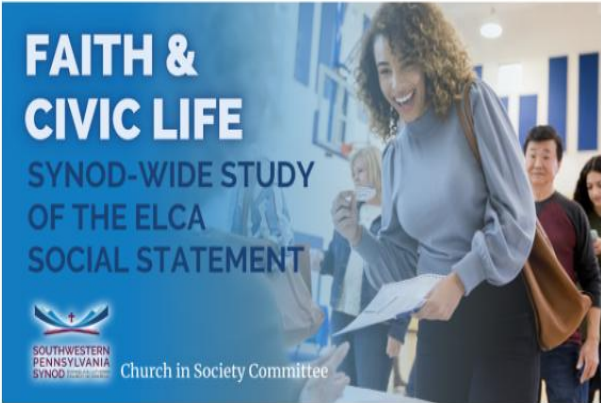
Always need: Diapers for babies and toddlers, Cleaning supplies
Basic household and kitchen supplies, Toiletries

Special need: size 14 wide leg jeans for teenage girls

General need for basic household items for kitchen, bedrooms and bathrooms.

Faith & Civic Life Study Group
Thursdays, September 17-October 22
7 PM on Zoom

Our Church encourages Lutherans to be civically engaged as people of faith. The upcoming midterm elections give us an opportunity to explore what it means to be both a Christian and a citizen through the study of the ELCA social statement [**Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All**](#) with the help of our synod’s Church in Society Committee. Together, we will create a space to think out loud about the intersection of our government and our faith in supportive, challenging, and uniquely Lutheran ways.



To register for the zoom link go to swpasynod.org/calendar/civicastudy

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

Multi-congregation women’s Bible Study



Location: Zion Lutheran Church,
11609 Frankstown Rd, Penn Hills 15235

This is a monthly gathering.

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.

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. **Aid is going to Nepal, Colombia, Venezuela and many places in the United States.**

Interfaith Prayer Vigils at Pittsburgh ICE office

Every Friday morning from 8:30-9:30am there is an interfaith prayer vigil at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement offices on the Southside ([3000 Sidney St, Pittsburgh](#)). Lutherans will be leading the prayer vigil on Friday, October 30.

Something fun and musical

Hunchback of Notre Dame **Silent movie with theatre organ accompaniment**

Saturday, October 24 at 7 p.m.

Keystone Oaks High School Auditorium

Luanne Russell says that the organist for the evening, Clark Wilson, is the one of the best – maybe the best- theatre organist in the nation.

November 1 is All Saints Sunday

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

A Blessing for Poll Workers

May God bless you in your service to the public.

May you be a faithful steward of the trust placed in you, helping to uphold the dignity of every voter and the flourishing of our democratic life.

May your service be marked by a spirit of hospitality and respect toward every person who enters your polling place and ensuring that every process is carried out with integrity.

May God grant you wisdom for every decision, patience for every encounter, and strength for every task.

And may you leave this service with the deep assurance that your efforts have contributed to the common good, strengthening your community through faithful civic engagement. Go in peace, with courage and hope, to serve your neighbors and the nation. Amen.

Stewardship Reflections by Pastor Dennis Orsen

Do you desire further information regarding candidates running for public office before you vote? *The League of Women Voters* (a non-partisan organization) has statements from the candidates on the ballot. Google: *League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh*; Click: *2026 Elections*; Click: *Voters Guide* on the pop-up.

Approximately one month from now, November 3, will be election day in the United States. Now is the time to get informed and advocate for good public education so others can be informed. This means voting and working to protect the right for all citizens to vote.

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) reminds us to

1. Pray for poll workers and county election counters.
2. Volunteer as a poll worker, observer, driver and overall supporter.
3. Get training to be an observer or poll chaplain. Ask Pastor Linda for training opportunities.
4. Inquire with LAMPa about other ways to

support election workers and sites. LAMPa@LutheranAdvocacyPA.org.

Reconciliation Center **Pine Ridge, South Dakota**

Pastor Dan Johnson, the director of the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center in South Dakota is visiting congregations, colleges and community groups in southwestern PA during the third week of November. He will be at Emmanuel on Tuesday, November 17 at 2 pm and Wednesday, November 18 at 7 pm. 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

Information and advocacy letters about families and children in immigration detention at Emmanuel. Contact Helen Williams or Pastor Linda to learn more and to find out what you can do to end the imprisonment of children.
