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This is a two week mailing. Bulletins for September 13 and 20 are included.

Let all the pious and all lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this feast; let the wise servants blissfully enter into the joy of their Lord. Let those who have toiled since the first hour now receive their due reward. Let any who came after the third hour be grateful to join the feast. Those who may have come after the sixth, let them not be afraid of being too late, for the Lord is gracious, and he receives the last even as the first. He has pity on the last, and he serves the first; he rewards the one, and is generous to the other; he repays the deed, and praises the effort. Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry.

—An Easter homily by John Chrysostom

[John Chrysostom, in *A Triduum Sourcebook*, ed. Gabe Huck and Mary Ann Simcoe (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1983), 11-12.]

Guest Pastor on September 13

Rev. Beverly Banyay is coming to Emmanuel on Sunday, September 13 to lead worship. Pastor Linda is going to her congregation, St. Peter's in Evans City, for a presentation and conversation about US immigration laws and practices in the past and now.

We welcome Johann Diaz as our musician on September 20.

This will be our last Sunday with Johann because he and his wife are moving to South America. At the end of worship on September 20, we will pray for their safe travels and new beginnings.

Bad Girls of the Bible.

Rebellious, resilient, responsible, reprehensible

Sunday, September 20

1:00 p.m.

Optional lunch at 12 noon

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



Spaghetti Dinner

October 4, 2026

Proceeds benefit Emmanuel and Meals for Friends.

3 to 6 p.m. Take-out only

\$13 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3 to 10

Tickets available at the door or presale.

Sign up sheet in entryway

Set up and prep on Saturday October 3

Serve, direct traffic and clean up on October 4

Remember to invite friends neighbors and acquaintances

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://www.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.



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.



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.



Hoagie Sale benefits

Meals for Friends

An Italian hoagie and chips From Triangle Bar for \$8.00

Order by Monday, September 14, 2026 call 412-824-2400

Pick up at Emmanuel on Thursday, September 17



Monday, September 14

Sunday, September 20, 1 p.m.

Sunday, September 27

Sunday, October 4

Sunday, October 11

Tuesday, October 20, 1 pm

Sunday, October 25

Deadline to order Hoagies

Bad Girls of the Bible

Harvest Home Sunday

Spaghetti Dinner with Meals for Friends

Healing Sunday

Congregation Council

Reformation Sunday - Congregation Meal after worship

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.



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.

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.

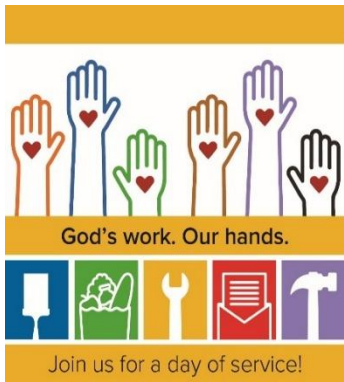


If you are a woman reading this,
This Bible study is for you.

Multi-congregation women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 29 at 1 pm

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



God's Work, Our Hands

Everything went!!!!
Keep sending donations

Our focus this year is collecting hygiene supplies and other necessities for a "Free Store." A social worker friend of Pastor Linda, Kat Carrick, does a monthly pop-up free store in Duquesne Heights. Residents include Afghan refugees, many the families of those who assisted American military. She also reports that there are five Syrian families with children and toddlers who have moved in, so diapers and items for

small children are needed.

Last Sunday we gathered up things in our building and all the donations you provided. We loaded Kat's van until there was no more room. We will continue to support this free store project.

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

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.

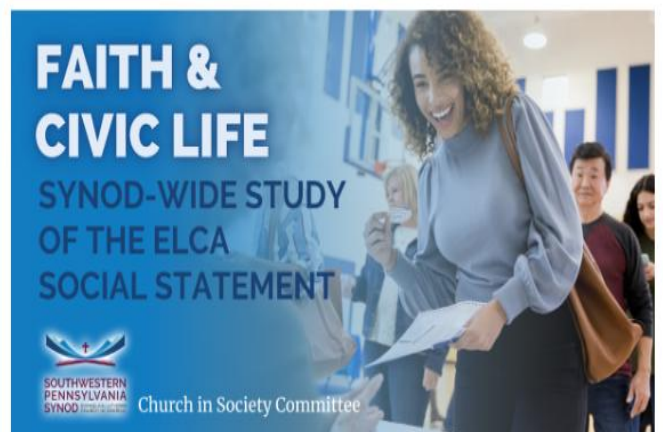
We are also applying for a Thrivent Action Grant which will give us \$250 dollars towards supplies.

Kat invites us to accompany her to run the monthly freestore. The pop up free stores are often held on Saturdays. Pastor Linda will connect you with Kat Carrick.

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 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/civcstudy



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.**

God's Work, Our Voices

This week we mark the 25th anniversary of 9 / 11. As we remember those who died, emergency workers and life affirming people who worked tirelessly, the efforts to find and punish the perpetrators of terrorism, and the efforts to overcome hatred toward other human beings, we need words for prayer, for remembrance, for gratitude and for dedication to keep working for healing and good.

Here are a few prayers from our Evangelical Lutheran book of Worship.

Time of conflict, crisis, disaster God, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common life. In all our conflicts, help us to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, to listen for your voice amid competing claims, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (ELW p. 76)

Time of conflict, crisis, disaster O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (ELW p. 76)

Emergency workers God of earth and air, water and fire, height and depth, we pray for those who work in danger, who rush in to bring hope and help and comfort when others flee to safety, whose mission is to seek and save, serve and protect, and whose presence embodies the protection of the Good Shepherd. Give them caution and concern for one another, so that in safety they may do what must be done, under your watchful eye. Support them in their courage and dedication that they may continue to save lives, ease pain, and mend the torn fabric of lives and social order; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (ELW p. 85)

The unfinished business of 9 / 11 includes the impact on emergency workers in New York City and Washington DC and Pennsylvania. It includes the visible and invisible wounds of our military and the dangers faced by allies in Iraq and Afghanistan. You and I can add much more.

Our voices make a difference.

Silent prayers are important but people need to hear our voices.

Send letters and candy to emergency workers.

Tell your legislators you want care for emergency workers in New York City. It took years to pass the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act in 2010 and to renew it in 2015 and extend it in 2019 but the effort to ensure the proper and continued long-term commitment to the health and well-being of 9/11 responders, survivors, and their families endures.

Write letters and make phone calls on behalf of Afghan allies. Ask our legislators to recommit to the bipartisan leadership that has long supported America's wartime allies and to take action to rescind harmful policies stopping our Afghan allies from reaching safety in the United States. Preprinted letters are available at Emmanuel with text provided by Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.)

The ready to email letter is at www.globalrefuge.quorum.us/campaign/Afghanallies

Another important organization is AfghanEvac, Founded by veterans and frontline civilians who refuse to leave behind those who stood with our mission, we guide them to safety, defend those already here, and hold our government accountable to its word, uniting a coalition across the political spectrum to see it through. **Learn more and join AfghanEvac to learn more about supporting allies of US troops** <https://afghanevac.org/>