



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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*Blessed are the hands that do the work of God.*

### Blessing of the seeds – Sunday, April 27

We pray for all gardeners and farmers, for a productive growing season and plentiful harvest, for the care of creation and that all may be fed. Bring your seeds, seedlings or implements for blessing.



**Welcome Guest musician Johann Diaz** for Sunday morning worship at Emmanuel on April 27. He plays viola and violin. He is a recent graduate of Duquesne University where he studied with Marylene Gingras Roy who is one of Daniel Orsen's teachers.

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### News about our members

**Marge Graham** died on March 27 in Florida and was buried at Homewood Cemetery on April 11. Condolences can be sent to her daughter Lynn Dorenkamp at 3720 Betty Ann Court, West Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33403.

**Peggy Ebert** has moved from her sister's home to Kane Community Living Center McKeesport, 100 9th Street, McKeesport, PA 15132.

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## What the Nicene Creed means to Christians and How to explain Judaism while standing on one foot

**Jewish Christian dialog for clergy and lay people on  
Thursday, May 1 at twelve noon on Zoom only.**

The presenters are

Fr. Radu Bordeianu, professor of theology at Duquesne University, Romanian Orthodox priest  
and Noah Schoen, Manager of Community Engagement, Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh

**Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/551510627>**

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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.**

We have a fair-trade sales table - Coffee, Tea and Chocolate.

- Fair trade means that the growers and producers sell their products to a distributor who wants to help the growers instead of exploiting them.
- Fair trade often means that farmers can afford both food and school for their children.
- Fair trade means the farmers can decide how to care for the land they know and love instead of complying with dictates from multinational corporations.
- Fair trade means that you can buy high quality food at attainable prices. Especially when you get coffee, tea or chocolate through your congregation.

Equal Exchange started with an idea: What if food could be traded in a way that is honest and fair, a way that empowers both farmers and consumers? Our founders - Rink Dickinson, Jonathan Rosenthal and Michael Rozyne - asked this question as they envisioned a trade model that values each part of the supply chain. They decided to take a big risk and started importing fairly traded coffee from Nicaragua in 1986, despite a US embargo against the Sandinista government. A new business was born from this bold act of solidarity with Latin American farmers and Equal Exchange grew from there.

### **Chocolate sales special**

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.

**\$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

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## **LENTEN OFFERING FOR BETHEL AME**

Emmanuel members have contributed over \$400 as of Easter Sunday, April 20. The Emmanuel council designated contributions from the Crown (cell tower) benevolence money: \$200 in 2024 and \$250 in 2025. The total synod goal is \$25,000. The synod has received \$18,932 so far.

You can give an additional gift (or the gift you intended...). Your gift for Bethel AME may be placed in the Lenten envelope or your regular offering envelope. Please designate clearly on your envelope or check!!! Any undesignated envelopes or checks will go in the general fund.

You can read more on the synod website <https://www.swpasynod.org/bethel> (or ask Pastor Linda).

*Eternal God our beginning and our end, your abundance fills all creation and sustains our very lives. We praise you for your grace and beauty that fills all that you have made, and we bless you for the gift of human community by which you sustain individuals, families and neighborhoods. At the same time, we confess how often we have taken your good gifts to be our private treasures and have divided ourselves against each other. We hold close in prayer today the people of Bethel AME and grieve with them the loss of their church and their neighborhoods years ago. Make good neighbors of us, that, bound together in the love of Christ, we may work together to restore your gifts of abundance as blessings for all people, and teach us to reflect your grace in our own generosity. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



# CHANGING & UNCHANGING

GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS

## 2025 SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

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

Online Only through Zoom

-AND-

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

In-Person Only at

La Roche University: 9000 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

**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.**



### ASSEMBLY CHAPLAIN



**Pastor Blair Morgan**

*Retired Director for Evangelical Mission*

Yet the bishop election is not the only business happening at our assembly, nor the only election that will shape our future together.

As our theme suggests—"Changing & Unchanging: Great is Your Faithfulness"—there is a constancy to the work of the church that takes place in the midst of change, and God is faithful through it all. The synod council will still direct the vision of our synod, and committees will still work toward their particular charge.

Please consider whether you may be called to **leadership at this time as well.**

This is a time to hear good news from far and near. The secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will report on developments in denomination. Worship will be led by a son of Emmanuel, the Rev Blair Morgan, who grew up in Eastmont.

**Emmanuel can send two lay people.  
Are you one of them?**

### CHURCHWIDE REPRESENTATIVE



**Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer**

*Secretary of the ELCA*

## SPRING UP WITH GOD

### SAVE THE DATE – WELCA CLUSTERS #3 AND #4 SPRING MEETING – MAY 3, 2025

Here's a chance to learn about gardening, have fellowship with your sisters in Christ, share outreach ideas of what your WELCA clusters are planning this year, and enjoy lunch. The meeting will be held at St. Paul's Highfield Lutheran Church in Vandergrift. A representative from the Vandergrift Garden Club is the guest speaker. Doors open at 8:45 am and lunch is at noon; the fee to cover lunch is only \$10. Call Mary Jane Ramer at 724-568-2530 to reserve your spot.

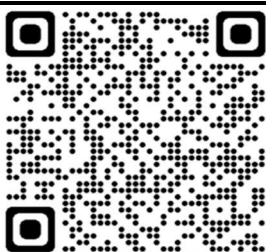


**Sunday, April 27, 10:00 am** – Blessing of the Seeds  
**Saturday, May 3, 8:45 am** – WELCA Spring Meeting  
**Monday, May 5, 10:00 am** – WIHP Meeting  
**Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 p.m.** – Church Council Meeting  
**Monday, May 12, 10:30 am** – Parish Life Committee Meeting  
**Tuesday, May 13** – Lutheran Day at the Capitol

**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.



**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 Believe: Anniversary of the Council Nicaea

~~Sunday, April 27: 2:30 PM~~

**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED; WATCH FOR NEW DATE**  
**Sacred Heart Church: 310 Shady Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 1520**

This year the faithful of different denominations of Christianity unite to celebrate their 2025 shared date of Easter and share the 1,700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. In Southwestern Pennsylvania, there will be an ecumenical celebration on the 1,700th anniversary of the Council Nicaea with a liturgy of the Word and reflections by Bishop Kusserow; Metropolitan Savas, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh; and Bishop David Zubik, Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

