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This is a two-week mailing.
Hold onto your bulletin for Sunday, August 25.

Church Picnic this Sunday!!
After worship in the fellowship hall, stay for a meal together.

I am fascinated with the description of Wisdom as a woman who invites everyone to a meal. In Proverbs, Wisdom invites the simple to learn God's ways. Wisdom is old, as old as creation. In Proverbs 8, wisdom is part of the work of creating everything. John 1 echoes Proverbs 8 and Genesis 1. Jesus, the word of God who is God, is at creation. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. All things came into being with him.*

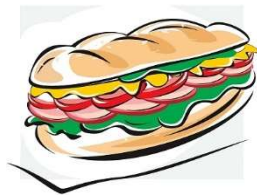
In Greek, wisdom is called Sophia. You may have heard of churches called Holy Wisdom or Hagia Sophia. I can remember seeing this name on a church building while driving on Route 376 through the North Side. The St. Boniface Roman Catholic building had a large sign for their parish name: Holy Wisdom. There is a very impressive building in Constantinople also called Hagia Sophia. It was built as the cathedral. It is now a mosque, but the name has remained Hagia Sophia.

Between the writing of Proverbs and the birth of Jesus, religious writing continued to describe God's Wisdom as a woman. In the Wisdom of Solomon, in the Apocrypha, the writer says:

*There is in Wisdom a spirit that is intelligent, holy,
unique, manifold, subtle,
mobile, clear, unpolluted,
distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen,
irresistible, beneficent, humane,
steadfast, sure, free from anxiety,
all-powerful, overseeing all,
and penetrating through all spirits
that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle.
For Wisdom is a breath of the power of God,
and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty.
She is a reflection of eternal light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God,
and an image of his goodness.
She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,
and she orders all things well.
—Wisdom of Solomon 7:22-26; 8:1*

Pastor Linda

Meals for Friends Hoagie Sale. Delicious Triangle Bar & Grill Italian hoagies with chips (with/without onions) for only \$7.00 each. Order deadline is Mon., Sept. 9; pickup is from noon-2pm on Thurs., Sept. 12, at Emmanuel. Call 412-824-2400 to place your order.



Spaghetti Dinner – October 6, 2024, 3-6 pm

Plans for the annual spaghetti dinner on the first Sunday of October are underway.

We will do this again with Meals for Friends as a takeout meal. All of the profits will be shared equally.

Can you help prepare sauce, desserts and more on Saturday, October 5? Can you help welcome, take orders and package meals on Sunday, October 6?

Invite friends, neighbors and acquaintances for this delicious meal!!

Tuesday, August 20, 12 p.m. Eastern time

Join Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton for a conversation about God's Love Made Real. This movement in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America encourages us to create a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ makes for all people and creation.

[Registration is encouraged](#), but not required.

The Zoom link is <https://elcafoundation.zoom.us/j/88111520417#success>



What can I expect? Bishop Eaton will share why God's Love Made Real is meaningful to her and the future of the church. The **Rev. Kurt F. Kusserow**, bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, will host the conversation, and participants will have a chance to ask questions and share stories.

Is this event for me? This webinar is especially for people who care about the ELCA and live in the Northwestern Pennsylvania; Southwestern Pennsylvania; Allegheny; Lower Susquehanna; Upper Susquehanna; Delaware-Maryland; Metropolitan Washington, D.C.; or West Virginia-Western Maryland synods. If you don't live in one of these synods, stay tuned for an upcoming event in your region.

Can I watch it later? A recording may be available at some point in the future, but we encourage you to stream the event live on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 12 p.m. Eastern time.

What else do I need to know? Learn more about God's Love Made Real at lovemadereal.elca.org.

God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

One month away! On Sunday, Sept. 8, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, ["God's work. Our hands."](#) This day continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

This year we also celebrate [50 years of ELCA World Hunger](#). In commemoration of this milestone, many congregations are choosing projects to assist ministries focused on alleviating hunger and poverty in their plans for "God's work. Our hands."

Emmanuel's project supports Meals for Friends. We will give the Emmanuel kitchen a thorough cleaning on Sunday, September 8.

Worship and pray

in person in the sanctuary OR

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.

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

Invitation from Trinity Lutheran Church in Verona

Members of Emmanuel are enthusiastically invited to the Trinity Lutheran Church (Verona) annual picnic on August 25 at noon at the Rosedale fire hall picnic pavilion.

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.



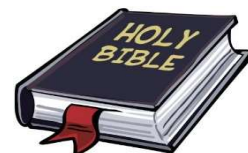
PRAYER REQUESTS: Call Pastor Theophilus for yourself or others to be included in prayer. Contact Marsha Kennedy also; she sends cards to let people know that we are praying for them. You can reach Marsha at 412-824-4966 **or** Marsha_Kennedy@verizon.net **or** 415 Kingston Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.



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.

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Bible Book of the Month for August is Proverbs. The introduction to Proverbs was included in a prior mailing. Proverbs has 31 chapters; read one chapter a day beginning on August 1 and you will end on August 31. Introductions to all the Bible Books of the Month can also be found on the home page of our website, www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org.



What does the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America teach about complex moral and social issues in our world today?

In this crucial election year, the Social Statements of the ELCA are very relevant. United Lutheran Seminary offers a series on zoom for us. You can "attend" these presentations at Emmanuel or by internet in your own home. **We are currently working out the Emmanuel schedule for Sundays after worship in September and October.** The "live" zoom presentations are on Tuesday evenings beginning August 25 (every other week). Please contact me so that you can participate in the way that suits you best.

The topics are

- Introduction to Social Teachings
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Abortion
- Sexism and Justice
- ELCA Earth's Climate Crisis Study Guide
- Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture

The complete list with all the presenters was included in the previous mailing.

WOMEN'S RETREAT IN SEPTEMBER

SAVE THE DATE! 2024 Joint Retreat
Stir Up Friends, Fellowship, and Faith
September 20-22, 2024

Welcome to news of the upcoming NWPA/SWPA Retreat – again at Camp Lutherlyn in Prospect, PA!! This year's retreat is back to 3 days – Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday morning. No participant has to attend all 3 days – prices are reflective of 1 day (Saturday), 2 days (either Saturday + Friday night or Saturday + Saturday night) or all 3 days.

Bishop Kusserow will be joining us on Sunday morning to lead worship. The retreat committee is working hard to provide a time of relaxation and learning as well as enjoying the fellowship with our Sisters in Christ. To learn more, talk with Helen Willams who is on the planning committee.

Registration forms are available at Emmanuel, or you can use this link:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d9505bd02785c6b188bca5f/t/66a936991cbaff3647713667/1722365594062/2024+Retreat+Registration.pdf> **Registration deadline is August 26, 2024.**



Sun., Aug. 18 – Worship in the fellowship hall with a **picnic** to follow

Mon., Aug. 19, 10 am – WIHP Meeting

Sun., Aug. 25 – Trinity picnic at Rosedale fire hall picnic pavilion

Tues., Aug. 27, 1 pm – Church Council Meeting

Sun., Sept. 8 – God's Work our Hands

Sun., Oct. 6 – Spaghetti Dinner

Sun., Oct. 13 – Harvest Home

Fri., Oct. 18, 11:00 am – Parish Life Committee Meeting

Sun., Oct. 20 – Healing Service

