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What does the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America teach about complex moral and social issues in our world today? United Lutheran Seminary offers a series of presentations this fall. See page four of this mailing for topics and presenters.

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. The initial (live) presentations will be on selected Tuesday evenings in August, September or October. The first presentation was in June but the recording is available. I registered our congregation, so you can "attend" at no cost to you. Please contact me so that you can participate in the way that suits you best.

Join us to learn and ponder timely social teachings of the ELCA.

Pastor Linda



HYMN SING at Emmanuel this Sunday, August 11

Prepare to sing your hearts out and to welcome guest organist, Elizabeth LaRue. And plan ahead for the congregational picnic on Sunday, August 18 after worship.

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.



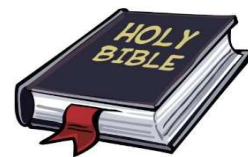
PRAYER REQUESTS: Call Pastor Theophilus for yourself or others to be included in prayer. Contact Marsha Kennedy also; she sends cards to let people know that we are praying for them. You can reach Marsha at 412-824-4966 **or** Marsha_Kennedy@verizon.net **or** 415 Kingston Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.



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 last week's 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 is WIHP? by Pastor Linda

There are over 40 million refugees in the world. Some come to Pittsburgh.

Emmanuel has a unique ministry which I named the Welcoming Immigrants Housing Project. I began this in 2016. The congregation council supported our application for funding from our synod's Ethel Verney Fund for ministries addressing hunger and poverty in southwestern Pennsylvania. Ethel Verney grants have provided the means so that we have been able to meet a variety of needs for asylum seekers. (Asylum seekers are refugees who apply for refugee status after entering the United States.) Yearly Ethel Verney grants plus individual and congregational gifts fund this work. It is not funded by general offerings to Emmanuel. There is a separate account for the Welcoming Immigrants Housing Project.

In the past eight years, we have sponsored five families with children and two single individuals plus met one-time needs for more people than I can count. Medical and housing needs are the most frequent requests. It is important work but very few congregations or organizations do this. Jewish Family and Community Services and Casa San Jose do a lot of work to guide immigrants and to connect them to necessary services including medical, language, and financial assistance. We frequently collaborate with them.

Within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we have a program called AMMPARO which connects congregations and programs in the United States and our ministry partners in other countries which meet needs of migrants in transition, especially refugees. Through these contacts, we relate to congregations with shelter ministries on the southern border.



Stewardship Reflection by Pastor Dennis

I venture to say that most people who financially contribute to the church give out of the resources of their income. Stewardship campaigns in a congregation challenge the members to give a percentage of their income.

There is another resource available to most, i.e., accumulated wealth such as savings, investments, real estate, etc. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) offers a local resource to help us be good stewards of our accumulated wealth. Ryan Ebner, a staff member of the ELCA Foundation, is available to help us to set up a plan for final distribution of the wealth we have. That includes a gift to a ministry or ministries in the ELCA.

Contact information for Ryan is 814-823-3285, or ryanebner@elca.org. Conversations are confidential.

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.

There are 3 workshops offered on Saturday (each being held twice). Other favorites are back – Prayer Room stations, Fair Trade market, Corn Hole and Bingo – as well as a campfire on Friday night and Saturday night. A new feature is a Basket of Bounty raffle. Every attendee will receive 5 complimentary raffle tickets at check-in. Throughout the day on Saturday, there will be more ways to "earn" raffle tickets by participating in workshops, events and game winners! The baskets will be given out on Saturday before dinner.

To round out our weekend, 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 Williams. She is on the retreat 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. 11 – Hymn Sing

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

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



**United
Lutheran
Seminary**

Kindling Faith
Learning Never Ends

June – October
2024, dates listed
with topics, 7 –
8:30 pm

Online via zoom
(and recorded for
later viewing)

Cost \$20 per
individual or \$80
per congregation
(no limit to number
in attendance).
Check with synod
office for possible
funding.

To register, please
click [here](#) or use
QR code provided
below:



What does it mean to be Lutheran in a crucial election year?

As our faith informs our day-to-day lives, Lutherans recognize that “faith is active in love [and] love calls for justice in relationships and structures of society” (ELCA, Social Statement on Church in Society, 1991). We also know the church is called to be a community that prays, deliberates, and acts together when it comes to complex social issues. In this election year, how might our Lutheran faith shape our thinking, acting, and voting on major issues? Join us to learn and ponder timely social teachings of the ELCA and to learn tips for leading discussions in your own community.

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| June 25: | <i>Introduction to Social Teachings</i> Dr. Roger Willer, Director of Theological Ethics for the ELCA |
| August 27: | <i>Corporate Social Responsibility</i> Rev. Kaari Reiersen, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility for the ELCA |
| September 10: | <i>Abortion</i> Dr. Caryn Riswold, Professor of Religion/McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission at Wartburg College |
| September 24: | <i>Faith, Sexism and Justice</i> Dr. Mary Streufert, Director, Gender Justice and Women's Empowerment, and Heather Dean, Program Coordinator, Theological Discernment, ELCA |
| October 8: | <i>Earth's Climate Crisis Study Guide</i> Dr. Ryan Cumming, Program Director, Theological Ethics, Education, and Community Engagement |
| October 22: | <i>Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture</i> Dr. Richard Perry, emeritus faculty, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago |



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