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This is a Two-week mailing,
Bulletins for February 16 and 23 are included.

I will be away from February 18 – 25.

As we expected, my mother, Ardys Theophilus, died last week. We will be in Albuquerque for her funeral and to spend time with family. My siblings and our spouses and children thank you for all your prayers and support. My mother always enjoyed visiting Emmanuel. The last time she and my father travelled east was the fall of 2014. She remembered many members very fondly and was always keenly interested in our ministries.

Pastor Linda Theophilus

Georgetta Colton died this past Monday after several years of ill health. There is a funeral for her on Thursday, February 13, at 1 p.m. at Emmanuel.

*God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

Thomas Lalor is returning as guest organist for Sunday, February 16.

Welcome back Tom!



SOUPER BOWL

While many feasted for Super Bowl festivities, Emmanuel took an offering to support local food banks. This offering is designated for the Pantry Network of East Suburbs, which includes the Turtle Creek food bank. We've raised over \$100 so far. You can add your contribution this coming Sunday.

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. Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

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

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

It's hard to believe, but Lent begins on March 5. More details will be provided in our next newsletter, but save these dates on your calendar:

Tues., March 4, 6 pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wed., March 5, noon – Ash Wednesday service
Wednesdays during Lent, noon – Midweek Lenten services with communion in the fellowship hall



Congregation Council Training

Mt Lebanon United Lutheran Church, 975 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234

Saturday, February 22: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

swpasynod.org/calendar/council2025

This gathering for congregation leaders is intended to strengthen your skills and your faith. From stewardship and financial management to constitution and bylaws, there will be training for a variety of council interests and duties. Topics include domestic violence and addressing hunger and poverty. RSVP by Monday, February 17; \$20 includes lunch.

The Welcoming Table

Sunday evening Lutheran worship in Spanish

Worship services are being held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 1516 Beechview Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216. Worship begins at 6 pm. **Volunteers are needed to teach English for adults and Bible for children following the service at 7 p.m.**

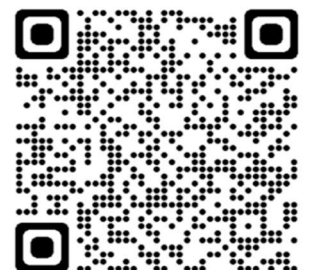


Paul Robeson: Here I Stand

This year we focus on **Paul Robeson's** life's journey during **February on Sundays after worship** - a very interesting journey combining his artistic gifts and his commitment to social justice. He was a singer and a movie star, and his advocacy for coal miners and African Americans will inform and inspire us.

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.

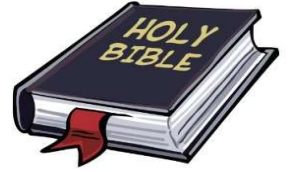




To order altar flowers for our weekly worship services, contact Judy Mayhood (412-760-0986), call the church office, or sign up on the Flower Chart in the entry way. The cost is \$50, or \$25 per vase. You can pay for flowers online or by check.

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH: I Chronicles

We are entering the last phase of the Bible Book of the Month. Usually, the chosen book is one that we read during worship in that month. In the final six months of this project, that will not be the case.



The Bible Book of the Month for February is I Chronicles. The introduction to I Chronicles was included in an earlier mailing. As a reminder, introductions to all the Bible Books of the Month can also be found on the home page of our website, www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org.



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.

Sun., Feb. 16, 11:15 am – Black History Month discussion – Paul Robeson Here I Stand

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Fri., Feb. 28, 1 pm – Church Council Meeting

Tues., Mar. 4, 6 pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wed., Mar. 5, noon – Ash Wednesday Service



Stewardship Reflection by Dennis Orsen

In my reading this past week, this quote by Dorothee Sölle, a German liberation theologian (1929-2003), caught my attention:

“Christ made God manifest by making invisible people visible – the poor, women, all those deprived of their rights.”

It is fitting to reflect on this quote during the Epiphany season since the word “epiphany” means “manifestation.”

Hope in a Divided World - LAMPa/ULS Event

Registration is open for [Hope in a Divided World: A Faithful Response to Christian Nationalism](#)



on **March 7-8** at ULS Gettysburg. Speakers are Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, president of [The International Bonhoeffer Society - English Language Section](#) and Amanda Tyler of [BJC - Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty](#) and Christians Against Christian Nationalism.

Discover how people of faith can authentically and humbly act at the intersection of civic life and faith, in contrast and response to the forces of Christian Nationalism, using the legacy and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer as a guide.

For more information and to register, visit www.lutheranadvocacy.org/event/bonhoefferlecture.

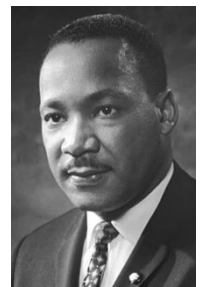
Monthly Grief Gatherings at Monroeville Public Library



Every fourth Wednesday from 7-8:30 pm, come to share and explore our experiences with grief. All are welcome. For more information, contact Cory Little at 412-373-0500 ext. 122 or littlec2@einetwork.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

The fourth annual "Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." event will be held in the afternoon/evening of Sunday, April 6, 2025, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Shadyside. The Rev. Dale B. Snyder of Bethel AME will be the guest preacher.



GOOD NEWS!



Remember the kittens who showed up at Emmanuel's doorstep back in December? We're happy to report that all three have been adopted together and are doing very well with their new family. This is what they look like today.