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March 12, 2025

Welcome Pastor Erin Jones as our guest preacher for Sunday, March 16!

Rev. Jones is one of the most active Lutheran leaders in the partnership with the Bethel AME congregations and district to receive compensation from their losses in the 1950's. The project started with a simple walk around the Highland Park Reservoir. As local Lutheran and African Methodist Episcopal pastors and bishops walked and talked, we heard about a project we could embrace jointly. I was part of that walk. I am very pleased that we are focusing on the Bethel AME story and supporting them in their quest for justice and their work to meet the needs of their community. *Pastor Linda*

Special Lenten offering envelopes for Bethel AME will be included in next week's mailing.

SUPPORT OUR SIBLINGS IN CHRIST AT BETHEL AME CHURCH AS THEY ADDRESS COMMUNITY NEEDS IN THE HILL DISTRICT AND DEVELOP AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Our synod has walked alongside Bethel AME Church in recent years as they fought for restorative justice since being displaced in the 1950's. But the journey is not finished, it is just beginning, and our synod has been asked to help.



"Demolition of Bethel AME Church, Wylie Avenue and Elm Street, Lower Hill District, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1957." (Photo by Charles 'Teenie' Harris/Carnegie Museum of Art/Getty Images)

Worship and pray

Come in person at 10 am every Sunday

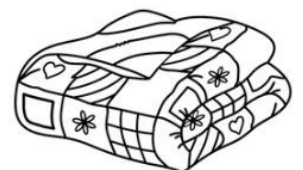
By phone: Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

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.

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY

March 15 is National Quilting Day. For 80 years, Lutheran World Relief (and many quilters) have provided over 28 million quilts for people in need around the world. These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disasters and conflict. Helen Williams is an avid quilter; feel free to reach out to her to learn more about the world of quilting.





IT'S TIME TO ORDER LILIES FOR EASTER

Easter will be here before you know it! If you'd like to order lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning, there's a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, or you can call the office to place your order. Lilies are \$12 each; deadline for orders is Sunday, April 6.

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.

Wednesdays during Lent, noon – Midweek Lenten Service

Tues., Apr. 1, 1 pm – Church Council Meeting

Sun., April 6., 1:00-2:30 pm – Jesus the Suffering Servant

Maundy Thurs., Apr. 17, 7 pm – Holy Communion

Good Friday, Fri., Apr. 18, noon-3pm – Meditation and Music

Good Friday, Fri., Apr. 18, 7 pm – Worship

Sat., Apr. 19, 2-3 pm – Easter Egg Hunt



MEALS FOR FRIENDS EASTER CANDY SALE



Meals for Friends is selling Betsy Ann Chocolates for Easter. Brochures and order forms are available on the table in the narthex; for those of you who receive this newsletter via email, copies are attached to the email. **The deadline for orders is this Monday, March 17**; candy will be available for pickup in the fellowship hall from 8-10 am

on April 2, 4 and 7. Questions should be directed to Glenn Seddon at 412-824-2400.

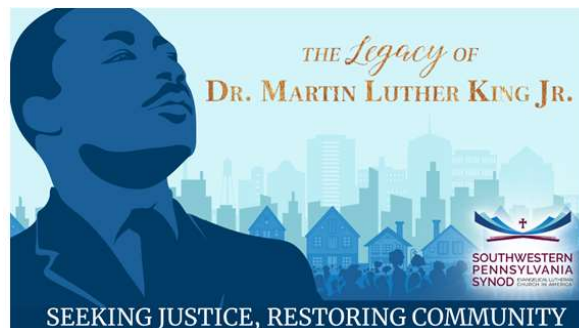
Sunday, April 6: 3 PM

*An Ecumenical Service of Holy Communion
& Call for Anti-racist Action*

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

304 Morewood Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

We gather to further God's vision for a just world where all are able to thrive and honor the legacy of Dr. King's vision for a beloved community. Through learning, worship, and conversation, we will learn the harmful legacy of urban renewal in southwestern Pennsylvania and explore how to dismantle harmful assumptions. Together, we will learn how to engage our communities to be rooted in mutuality, repentance, and repair. The Rev. Dale B. Snyder of Bethel AME will be the guest preacher.



Stewardship Reflection by Dennis Orsen

Building on last week's reflection: In the Affirmation of Baptism rite in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book, those affirming their baptism vow to "strive for justice and peace in all the earth." Justice and peace go together. Peace is more than the absence of war. Peace is more than the absence of conflict.



Bishop Munib Yunan, former bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land and a former president of the Lutheran World Federation, in his work for peace in the Middle East, calls repeatedly for peace with justice, i.e., land, nationhood and a right to self-determination for the Palestinians, and security for Israel. Prime Minister Netanyahu does not want a Palestinian country even though Palestinians have lived on the land for centuries alongside Jews.

Pastor Don Wagner, a Presbyterian Pastor who lives in Chicago, specialized in making the plight of the Palestinian people known, says "This is not a conflict, because a conflict is between two equal parties." Instead, he describes this as a struggle for the Palestinians "because they are oppressed by a much stronger power." This stronger power is supported by the United States.

Locally, Tina Whitehead, who served as a United Methodist missionary among the Palestinian people agrees with Wagner. Once Israel learned that Tina was spending time working with people on the West Bank, Israel will not let her return. Criticism of Israel's government is not being anti-semitic. No government is above criticism.



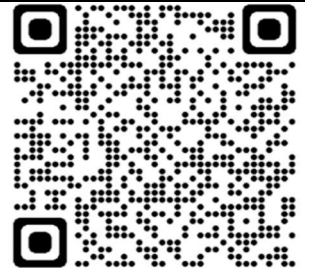
The Welcoming Table

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. We are very grateful that the Mission Endowment Fund of our Synod has approved a \$15,000 Ethel Verney grant to help fund this new outreach to our Spanish-speaking community!

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.



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.

MARCH 29TH | 10AM-2PM

MAPLEFEST

72 Agape Rd, Hickory, PA

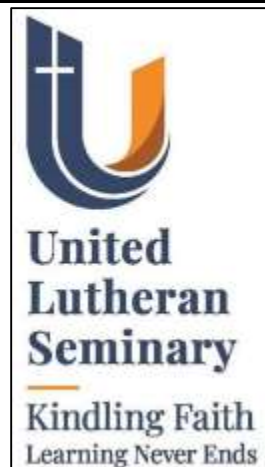
Join us at Camp Agape for a sweet day of fun!
Enjoy a live maple syrup demo and tasty pancakes
with fresh syrup. Bring the whole family for a
delicious mountain tradition!



Sunday, April 6 , 1:00-2:30 pm at Emmanuel – JESUS THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Pastor Ken Ofslager shows us how Isaiah 52-53 came to describe the New Testament Savior.
Optional lunch provided at noon; please RSVP to 412-824-4525 FOR LUNCH.

On Friday, March 21, from 9-10:30 am, the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg is presenting an **online seminar** on ***“Prophetic Witness in the Face of War: Checking in with Pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.”*** The political alliance between the United States and Israel has direct and dire consequences to the Christian community struggling to thrive in the Holy Land. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land is a member church of the Lutheran World Federation with six congregations and a private school system that provides a superlative educational experience for both Christian and Muslim Palestinians. The school curriculum includes teaching non-violent resistance to the military occupation of their homeland and the daily discrimination which challenges their safety and well-being from day to day. The cost of the program is \$20 per person or \$50 for groups. All proceeds will benefit Lutheran ministries in Palestine and Jordan.



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