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Lenten Offering to Develop Housing

Special Lenten offering envelopes for Bethel AME are included in this week's mailing.

There are 36 affordable and available rental homes for every 100 extremely low-income renter households in Allegheny County. While Bethel AME and their allies worked to receive land back from the Penguins and the city, the goal was always to restore and renew the local community, especially to build low-income rental housing. Grants and public funding will not cover the cost of building. And it takes money to prepare all the information necessary to apply for loans and grants.

The Emmanuel council has affirmed this as our special Lenten offering. Every year the Emmanuel council designates 10% of the income from the tallest cell tower for benevolent causes which are not in the regular budget. At the last council meeting, \$200 was allocated for our synod's collection for the Bethel AME affordable housing endeavors.

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. Your financial gift will assist Bethel in finding their way forward for the community they love.



"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.

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.



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

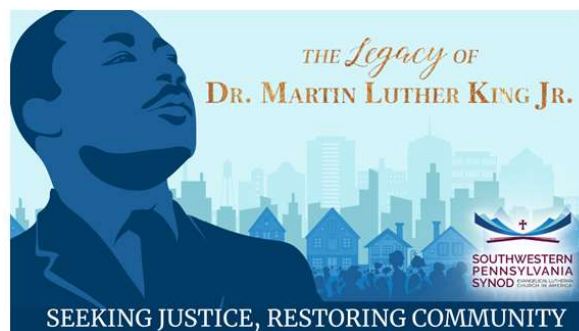


Sunday, April 6: 3 PM

*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

A business in a capitalistic economy has two purposes. One is to produce a product to sell, and the other is to make a profit. A product to sell may be material such as washing machine, or an automobile; or a non-material product such as legal advice from a law firm. If a business falls short of making a profit over a period of time, it is soon out of business.



Governments have some similarities to businesses. Governments take in revenues, mostly from taxes and services, e.g., income tax and stamps to mail a letter. Like businesses, governments have expenses too, e.g., salaries, property maintenance, leases, etc.

The products of good government are the protection of its citizens and residents, peace with justice and the common good. God has assigned this role to government. Among ourselves, we disagree as to how far this protection extends, and which units of government provides what protection. Hence, we have political parties, politicians and civil servants. **With some semblance of a business, our various units of government are not businesses.**

Churches, likewise, have some similarities to businesses. The major source of revenue for churches is from the contributions of its members. Like businesses, churches have expenses too, e.g., salaries, property maintenance, etc., plus missionary work beyond its memberships. The product churches offer is the many manifestations of the gospel of Jesus Christ through their members. Churches are to provide charity and be advocates for justice. **With some semblance of a business, churches are not businesses.**



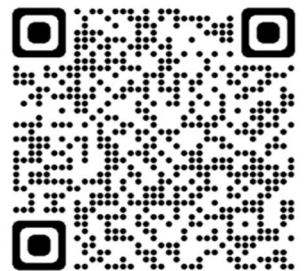
The Welcoming Table

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 participants!

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.

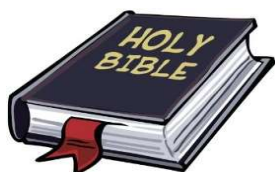
MARCH 29TH | 10AM-2PM

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!



BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH: II Chronicles

The Bible Book of the Month for March is II Chronicles. The introduction to II Chronicles was included in a prior 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

LUTHERAN DAY IN THE CAPITOL, May 13

Join advocates from across Pennsylvania on Tuesday, May 13, for Lutheran Day in the Capitol.

This is a day to visit PA House Representatives and Senators and to learn about the issues that Lutherans promote in Pennsylvania.

In partnership with ELCA World Hunger, and based on the deep experience and commitment of our more than 1,000 congregations across the Commonwealth, LAMPa leads non-partisan advocacy to Pennsylvania public officials on a range of interconnected issues, but particularly in addressing hunger and its root causes, striving to create a just world where all are fed.

