



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Wednesday 10-3, Thursday 9-1

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*Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

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.

JESUS THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Sunday, April 6, 1:00-2:30 pm at Emmanuel

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.

In person at the Emmanuel fellowship hall

Or you may participate by zoom. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89760867900>

Audio only; you may call 312 626 6799 and then enter the Meeting ID: 897 6086 7900



IT'S TIME TO ORDER LILIES FOR EASTER

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 next 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

Easter Sunday Bilingual Festival Worship and Meal – watch for news!!



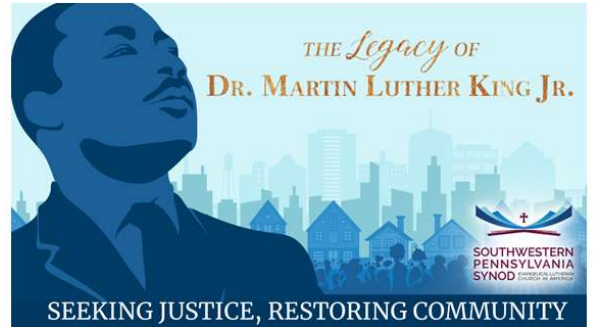
Sunday, April 6: 3 PM

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

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

304 Morewood Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Through learning, worship, and conversation, we will learn the harmful legacy of urban renewal in southwestern Pennsylvania and explore how to dismantle harmful assumptions.



At 3pm, we'll begin with education time focused on the history of urban renewal in Pittsburgh and its impact on Black neighborhoods, using the book *Root Shock*. **Worship will begin at 4:30pm** with light refreshments to follow. [The Rev. Dale B. Snyder](#) of Bethel AME will be the guest preacher, and Bishop Kurt Kusserow will preside.

Stewardship Reflection by Dennis Orsen

Good stewardship requires being grounded in truth. Victoria Barnett is a Bonhoeffer scholar. Following an interview in 1986 with Emmi Bonhoeffer, the widow of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's brother Klaus, Victoria Barnett wrote:

The veneer of ethics and moral behavior in the public square can be surprisingly thin. Human beings are easily swayed and enraptured; peer pressure and crowd behavior are powerful forces. We are used to living by a particular set of rules, values, and expectations of behavior, individually and socially, and it is often easier for institutions like civil service, universities, businesses, and religious bodies to conform than to resist. When the rules change, it can be difficult to find our bearings, let alone chart a new course that can address and if necessary challenge what is happening around us.



The Welcoming Table

Sunday evening Lutheran worship in Spanish

Worship begins at 6 pm.

Pastor Linda leads worship services at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 1516 Beechview Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15216. Emmanuel is the only Lutheran congregation in our synod with Spanish-speaking participants so we started worship in the area where they live.

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.





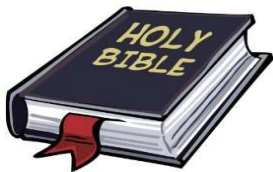
PRAYER REQUESTS: Call Pastor Theophilus for yourself or others to be included in prayer. Contact Marsha Kennedy also; she sends cards to let people know that we are praying for them. You can reach Marsha at 412-824-4966 or Marsha_Kennedy@verizon.net or 415 Kingston Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

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 BOOKS OF THE MONTH: PHILIPPIANS and I AND II PETER

There are 12 chapters in the three short books for April Bible Books of the Month. This week we are including the introduction for Philippians; next week's mailing will include I and II Peter. This year, we hear Philippians chapter 3 on the third and fifth Sundays of Lent.

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 at the Capitol

Join Lutherans from across Pennsylvania on Tuesday, May 13, to learn and to advocate for our neighbors, especially to address hunger and poverty in our state.

Carpool with Pastor Linda, leaving on Monday afternoon, May 12; return on Tuesday evening.



PHILIPPIANS

Joy

This four-chapter letter is filled with love, joy, and peace. The writer is so focused on how wonderful Jesus is. He is full of joy and gratitude about the Philippians to whom he is writing. His circumstances are horrible, yet Paul writes about lasting joy every few paragraphs.

This short book will

- Lighten your heart;
- Turn your attention to “the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ my Lord,” inspire you to be more like Jesus; and
- Guide you into joy and peace.

Author: Paul, the Apostle

Recipients: This is a letter written to the church in Philippi, a city in Macedonia. Paul had met them on his second missionary journey. In Acts 16, Paul has a vision of a man pleading with him to come to Macedonia and help. While there, he meets Lydia who opens her house to him and all the new believers. He cast a demon out of a slave girl and the following ruckus resulted in Paul and his companion Silas getting tossed in jail. An earthquake set them free. The next morning, the prison guard, impressed with their joy and relieved that they did not run away, becomes a believer, too. Paul also visits them on his third journey while returning to Jerusalem. (Acts 20:1-6).

When: Paul is in prison when he writes this letter. He says this at the beginning of the letter. (1:7, 13, 17). The book of Acts describes many occasions of speaking in public or performing miracles in Jesus’ name which caused such a commotion that Paul was arrested. His two longest imprisonments were in Ephesus (54-55 A.D.) or in Rome (54-58 A.D.).

Questions to help you focus and apply this letter:

Chapter one: Why does Paul give thanks for the Philippians?

Chapter two: Why does God exalt Jesus? What is the mind of Christ?

Chapter three: What advantages did Paul Have? What is important to him now?

Peace

Gratitude

Chapter four: What can you apply in your life concerning rejoicing and giving thanks?

Who are the other names?

- Timothy is mentioned many times in the New Testament as Paul’s young associate. Paul also sends Timothy to settle problems in churches and to represent Paul in person. In this letter, Paul writes: “I have no one like him. Like a son with a father he has served me in the work of the gospel.” 2:20, 22.
- Euodia and Syntyche (4:2, 3) are women. Paul calls them “my co-workers,” a term sometimes used for pastors and other colleagues of Paul. Few women are named in the Bible, so take note when they are.
- Epaphroditus is a man from Philippi who is only named in this book. He brings gifts from his church to support Paul.

The hymn in Philippians 2

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.