



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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This is a Two-week mailing – Bulletins for Christ the King Sunday and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
No office hours during Thanksgiving week

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### And Happy New Year!

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT IS DECEMBER 1. The church year begins with Advent.

**Advent Midweek Worship** with Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.  
December 4, 11 and 18 in the fellowship hall (no stairs!!)

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### Monroeville Area Interfaith Thanksgiving Program, Monday, November 25, 7pm

Parkway Jewish Center is hosting the Interfaith Thanksgiving program on November 25 at 7pm. The program will be held at the REC333 Building on Penn Center Blvd in Penn Center (side of bldg. says "Rec 333"). Directions: On Route 22 light by Sheetz, turn into Penn Center and go straight. Rec33 is a low building on the left after Rite Aid and medical offices. Park beside the building or across the street.

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### Thanksgiving Day Community Dinners: Don't eat alone on Thanksgiving!

**Emmanuel** is hosting a **free** Thanksgiving meal on **Thursday, November 28, at 2pm.** We will provide the turkey, potatoes and beverages; please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert. All are welcome to come, prepare, and feast together. We expect to eat around 3:00 pm.



**Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish** is once again hosting a **free** Thanksgiving meal on **Thursday, November 28, from 12:30-3pm** (or until the food is gone). The dinner will be held in the Lourdes Center at 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville (former St. Bernadette's). Call 412-373-0050 for more information.

**Zion Lutheran in Penn Hills** is hosting their annual Community Thanksgiving Meal in the parish hall on **Friday, November 29, from 1-5pm.** This is a **free** gift to anyone and everyone; dine-in and take-out options are available. Call 412-242-2626 for more information. Zion also needs volunteers to help set up, serve or clean up afterwards. Thanks in advance! Set up: 10:30-Noon; Serving: 1-3pm or 3-5pm; Clean up: 5-6pm. Zion is located at 11609 Frankstown Road.

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## A TASTE OF VENEZUELA

Begin the new church year with a taste of Venezuela, a lunch prepared in Emmanuel's kitchen by our friends from Venezuela. The menu consists of Amarillo Rice, Venezuelan Chicken and a Caribbean fruit salad. You can pick up your meals following worship on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1. Each meal costs \$10. **Prepaid orders need to be received by Emmanuel by November 26.** Send orders, with payment, to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1229 Jefferson Heights Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Checks should be made payable to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Emmanuel provides office space for Casa San José, a social service agency reaching out to the Latine Community. This Thrivent Action Team Fundraiser is to assist Emmanuel by offsetting costs related to this space.

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### **The purpose of Advent is to prepare us for Jesus' coming.**

Have you heard of a **Jesse Tree**? This year at Emmanuel we have Jesse Tree Advent calendars for everyone. Each day, you can learn about one of Jesus ancestors, going back to King David's great-grandfather Jesse who was the son of Ruth and Boaz, and to the very beginning of all life. Each day you can place a sticker with a picture for the Bible reading. You will have a small, beautiful Christmas tree on December 24, ready to celebrate Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.



ADDITIONAL ADVENT DEVOTIONS AND ADVENT ACTIVITIES  
ARE AVAILABLE AT EMMANUEL

### **Advent Special Offering**

We are collecting a special Advent offering for Lutheran Disaster Response. You will receive blue envelopes for this purpose. Every contribution given in these envelopes will be forwarded to the ELCA Domestic Disaster Response for hurricane relief and rebuilding.

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It's time to order **poinsettias for Christmas Eve!** They come in 6-inch pots with 7-9 blooms, cost \$11 each and are available in red, pink, white or marble. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the entry, or you can call the church office to place your order. **The deadline for orders is Sunday, December 1.**

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**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.

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**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.

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### **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](https://www.zoom.us). Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341.

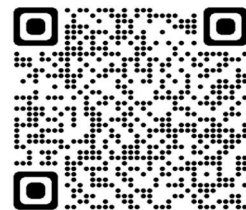
**At home without technology:** Read the bulletin. Read the Scripture. Pray. Meditate.

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**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.



**Fri., Nov. 22, 11 am** – Parish Life Committee Meeting

**Thurs., Nov. 28, 2 pm** – Thanksgiving meal in Fellowship Hall

**Sun., Dec. 1** – Advent begins

**Sun., Dec. 1** – A Taste of Venezuela

**Tues., Dec. 3, 1 pm** – Church Council Meeting

**Wed., Dec. 4, 11, 18 – 12:30–1:15 pm** – Advent Midweek Holy Communion

**Tues., Dec. 24, 3 pm** – Christmas Eve Worship

**Wed, Dec 25, 12 noon** – Christmas Day Worship in Spanish

**Wed., Dec. 25, 2 pm** – Christmas Day dinner in Fellowship Hall

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### **Advent/Christmas gift bags for shut ins and seniors**

Assembled on Friday, November 22, at 11 a.m.

Thank you to everyone for contributions and your time to prepare and deliver.

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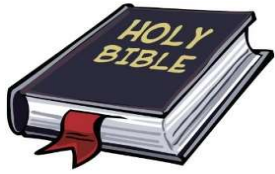
### **MEALS FOR FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE**

Meals for Friends is selling delicious Betsy Ann Chocolates for Christmas. The brochure and order form are attached to the email version of this newsletter, or you can pick up a copy at the church. **Orders are due this Friday,**

**November 22** (checks payable to Glenn Seddon), and the candy will be ready for pickup at Emmanuel on December 9.

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## **BIBLE BOOKS OF THE MONTH:** Zephaniah and Malachi

The Bible Books of the Month for December are Zephaniah and Malachi. During Advent this year, both of these prophets are in the Sunday readings.

The introductions to these books will be included in the next mailing on December 4. 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](http://www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org).

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## **Christmas Worship and celebrations!**

Christmas Eve – 3 pm. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion  
Christmas Day – 12 noon. Worship in Spanish

Don't eat alone on Christmas Day! Following its Spanish/Bilingual service at noon, Emmanuel is hosting Christmas Day dinner. Dinner prep begins at 1 pm, feasting at 2 pm. Emmanuel will provide ham, potatoes and beverages; you're asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert.

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## **Good Gifts**

We believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.

- Give bees, chickens and cows.
- Give Bibles or support a missionary.
- Help a refugee or a family displaced by hurricanes.

You can get a cute or quirky card to send the person whom you are gifting.



How to give a Good Gift?

Get a Catalog at Emmanuel. You can send a check in the mail.

Go to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org). In the upper right corner of the home page, choose the button for good gifts.

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## **Chocolate, Coffee, and Tea available**

Fair Trade means that the workers and growers are paid a living wage. Equal Exchange is a non-profit that works with farmer cooperatives around the world and in the United States. You get the wholesale price for high quality and usually organic chocolate, tea, coffee, and nuts. Pick up your favorites at Emmanuel or contact Pastor Linda to arrange a purchase.

