



## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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

September 18, 2024

### Spaghetti Dinner – October 6, 2024, 3-6 pm

**Tickets are available now!!**

**Contact Darlene (412-825-0790) or the church office (412-824-4525)**

#### Can you help

- prepare sauce, desserts and more on Saturday, October 5?
- welcome, take orders and package meals on Sunday, October 6?

There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Or contact Darlene Neill at 412-825-0790.

We do this jointly with Meals for Friends as a takeout meal. All profits will be shared equally.

This will be take-out only with spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert.

\$12 for adult meals, \$3 for children ages 3-10.

Invite friends, neighbors and acquaintances for this delicious meal!!

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for the Action Grant of \$250 towards expenses for this event.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Meals for Friends  
*Spaghetti Dinner*  
**Sunday, October 6**  
3:00- 6:00  
Adults \$12.00  
Children ages 3-10 \$3.00  
Drive Through Only  
1229 Jefferson Heights  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15235

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**Pastor Linda will be gone September 27 - October 11.** For pastoral care during this time please call Pastor Bob Schaeffer (412-640-8691) or Pastor Martha McCreight (412-242-2626).

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#### What does the ELCA teach about ????????

**The topic for this Sunday is Corporate Social Responsibility.** The Rev. Kaari Reiersen who serves as the Director of Corporate Social Responsibility for the ELCA presents on the social statement which guides her work. **Remain after worship or ask Pastor Linda for the link for the recorded presentation.**

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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.

You can also purchase mums to decorate the church for Harvest Home Sunday on October 13. Cost is \$5 per pot; deadline to order is Sunday, September 29. The signup sheet is on the table in the narthex, or call the church office to place your order.

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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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**Trinity Lutheran Church** in Verona is hosting a free community breakfast **this Saturday**, September 21, from 9-11 a.m. Eggs, sausage, toast, pancakes, cereal, and beverages will be served. All are welcome! No rsvp needed. Trinity is located at 701 Allegheny River Blvd.



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### **Worship and pray in person in the sanctuary OR**

**By phone:** Call 312-626-6799. When prompted, enter the meeting ID 923 3815 0341.  
**By computer or smartphone:** Go to [www.zoom.us](http://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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### **ANTI-SEMITISM TRAINING – ST. JOHN’S NORTH VERSAILLES**

The pastors of the ELCA congregations in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh are planning ways for our congregations to get to know each other and support each other. The first event is an anti-Semitism training through the Holocaust Center in Pittsburgh. We have planned this for Sunday afternoon, October 20, at **St. John’s Lutheran Church** in North Versailles. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 and the program will follow. Stay tuned for information on how to sign up.

**Dismantling Antisemitism 101** – This 1.5-2 hour interactive workshop, taught by Noah Schoen of the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, invites participants into greater understanding of antisemitism and its impact on Jewish people. The content blends teaching of historical and present-day dynamics of antisemitism with conversation and discussion. Participants begin to develop their own stake in dismantling antisemitism and leave with actionable knowledge.

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## WELCA Cluster Meeting October 19 at Zion Greensburg

8:30 am – Registration, doughnuts and coffee  
9:00 am – Program - Westmoreland Waste Management about recycling  
Concludes with lunch (\$10)

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**Sat., Sept. 21, 9-11 am** – Community Breakfast, Trinity Verona  
**Sat., Oct. 5, 10 am** – Setup for Spaghetti Dinner  
**Sun., Oct. 6, 3-6 pm** – Spaghetti Dinner  
**Sun., Oct. 13** – Harvest Home  
**Tues., Oct. 15, 1 pm** – Church Council Meeting  
**Fri., Oct. 18, 11 am** – Parish Life Committee Meeting  
**Sun., Oct. 20** – Healing Service  
**Sun., Oct. 20, 12:30 pm** – Anti-Semitism Training at St. John's



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### What does the ELCA teach about????

In our denomination, there is great care taken to understand the connection to Jesus as Lord and issues we encounter in daily life. There is a process for writing a social statement. If you want to know what the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America teaches about \_\_\_\_\_, you may turn to the social statement on that topic: hunger and economic life, the justice system and imprisonment, racism, sexuality, climate crisis, gender and more. When bishops, pastors and church representatives speak publicly, we are expected to speak based on these statements. The social statements are available at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) (search for social statements) or ask Pastor Linda. We have a collection at Emmanuel.

### **This fall, we are studying six of the social statements using a series prepared by United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg and Philadelphia).**

We begin with Introduction to Social Teachings on Sunday, September 15. This will immediately follow worship. There is a video presentation and discussion among ourselves. The presenter for the first session is the Rev. Dr. Roger Willer, Director of Theological Ethics for the ELCA. **If you would like to watch the recorded presentation at home, please contact Pastor Linda.**

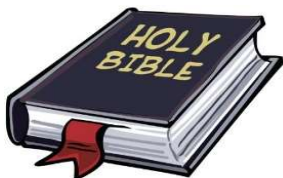
#### **The topics are**

Introduction to Social Teachings -  
Corporate Social Responsibility -  
Abortion -  
Sexism and Justice -  
ELCA Earth's Climate Crisis Study Guide -  
Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture -

#### **The dates at Emmanuel are**

September 15  
September 22  
October 13  
October 20  
October 27  
November 3

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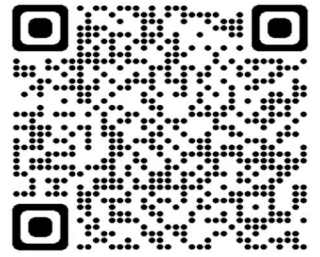


### **BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH: Song of Solomon & Titus**

The Bible Books of the Month for September are Song of Solomon and Titus. The introduction to these books 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](http://www.emmanuelutheraneastmont.org).

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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.



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**Stewardship Reflection  
by Pastor Dennis**

Mark Allan Powell in his book, *Giving to God*, emphasizes that our giving to God is not the same as giving to the church. He makes the point that the gospel calls us to give 100% to God. So, if I have given all have to God, then what portion of my finances am I to give to the church? Let's look at some definitions, which are also principles that have been emphasized over the years in stewardship programs.

**Growth Giving** is a commitment to start some place, e.g. 2%, 3%. etc., and then increasing that percentage each year.

**Proportioned Giving** is a commitment to increase the percentage of our resources as our financial resources increase. Near the end of his life, J.C. Penny was giving ninety percent of his income to charity.

**Again, set free by the gospel, whatever one gives to the church is to be done voluntarily. Likewise, what we give is to be an act of faith and an act of worship. The Apostle Paul said, "Whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." (Romans 14:23b)**



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**WE BOUGHT A FISH FARM – And more!! – VBS offering update**

The Vacation Bible School offering was designated for the Global Barnyard program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This program equips farmers in partner churches and also in the United States with animals: chicks, sheep, goats, cows, farming equipment, and more. Our offering this year was \$300. This was enough for a fish farm, honeybees, and a pig.

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**Pastor Linda on Vacation and Continuing Ed / Church office closed.**

Pastor Linda will be on vacation September 27-October 4 while attending her son Daniel's wedding in Minnesota and visiting family.

Pastor Linda will take October 5-11 for a week of continuing education to learn Spanish and network with Lutherans working on the border in New Mexico and Texas.

Amy Imblum will take a week of vacation from September 26 through October 7.

During the week of September 29, the church office will be closed.