



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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

September 25, 2024

This is a two-week mailing

There will be no mailing next week. The church office is closed.

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).

Amy Imblum will also be on vacation during this time and the church office will be closed the week of September 29. Please call contact council president Marsha Kennedy for any urgent business at 412-824-4966 **or** Marsha_Kennedy@verizon.net

Pastor Linda and Pastor Dennis will take your greetings to their son Daniel and his new wife Courtney Sieh. The wedding is Sunday, September 29.

This trip for Pastor Linda includes a second week for continuing education. This will be a week to learn Spanish and to learn from Lutherans welcoming asylum seekers in Las Cruces, NM and El Paso, TX. She will be based at Border Servant Corps, a ministry of Peace Lutheran Church in Las Cruces.

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

Tickets are available now!!
Contact Darlene (412-825-0790)

This is 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!

Can you help

- prepare sauce, desserts and more on Saturday, October 5, at 10 am
- welcome, take orders, package meals and clean up on Sunday, October 6, 2-7 pm. Sign-up on the sheet in the narthex, or contact Darlene Neill at 412-825-0790.

We do this jointly with Meals for Friends. All profits will be shared equally. 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

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The poster features a central image of a plate of spaghetti with meat sauce and cheese. The background is orange and black.



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 this Sunday, September 29**. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex, or call the church office to place your order.

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.

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. Enter Meeting ID 923 3815 0341.
At home without technology: Read the bulletin. Read the Scripture. Pray. Meditate.

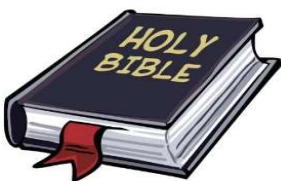
ANTI-SEMITISM TRAINING – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 – 12:30-3:00 pm

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. Email dmaurizi@stjohnsnorthversailles.com or call 412-824-0277 to reserve your spot and so we can plan for lunch.

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)



BIBLE BOOKS OF THE MONTH: Hosea and Micah

The Bible Books of the Month for October are Hosea and Micah. The introduction to Micah is included in this mailing; Hosea will be sent on October 9. 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.



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

What does the ELCA teach about????

This fall, we are studying six of the social statements using a series prepared by United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg and Philadelphia). You can choose to participate on Sunday after worship on selected Sundays. You can also watch the recorded presentation at home on YouTube.

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 27
November 3
November 10

Sundays in October

October 6 – Hymn Sing with Holy Communion – Douglas Krantz is our guest organist.

Harvest Home – October 13 – We give thanks for the harvest. What have you harvested?

Healing Sunday – October 20 – Worship includes prayers for individual healing & litany for those affected by mental illnesses and other brain disorders.

Reformation Sunday – October 27 – Thomas Lalor is our guest organist.

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

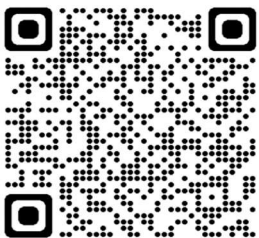
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Greensburg, PA, 15601

SHARING YOUR VISION
Telling Your Story



Find God's vision, create a mission plan, tell your story, and invite investment in your congregation. This event will encourage those who attend to participate in a visioning and storytelling process.

This event is sponsored by the Stewardship and Financial Support Team of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod. You can carpool with Pastor Linda and Helen Williams.



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.

MICAH

*But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,
From you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
Whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Micah 5:2*

When the wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?” King Herod called for the chief priests and scribes. They told him, “Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet.”
Matthew 2:1-7

The prophet was Micah. Ever since then, this prophecy, quoted at the top of the page, has given this book a Christmas identity.

These verses from Micah 5 and the Micah 6:8 verse, which you find at the bottom of this page, are the most quoted statements in the book. However, the familiarity of these verses may not prepare you for Micah as much as you might expect.

Here are three things to keep in mind, which will help you read Micah:

1. Micah is full of short speeches.
2. Micah jumps from present to distant future to past.
3. The more you know the historical situation that Micah lives through, the clearer and more powerful this book becomes.

To grasp Micah’s meaning, think of the book as a collection of short speeches. Instead of reading quickly from start to finish, pause after each short section to see whether you understand what it says. Try to identify who is speaking. Sometimes it is God, sometimes Micah, sometimes the rebellious people.

Micah is not organized chronologically. A short speech about the evil in Micah’s lifetime concludes with the warning that Jerusalem shall be rubble (which happened 120 years later). (3:9-12) The next verse is a prophecy that the same mountain will be lifted up as the “highest of mountains” – something that has yet to be fulfilled.

In general, Micah follows this outline:

CHAPTERS 1-3

Judgment against Israel and Judah

Micah often refers to Israel, the northern kingdom as Samaria or Jacob. Judah, the southern kingdom, is often identified by the capital Jerusalem or Zion.

CHAPTERS 4-5

The wonderful future God is planning

All nations will flock to the mountain of the house of the Lord, God’s ruler will come from Bethlehem and swords will be beat into plows.

CHAPTERS 6-7

The trial, punishment, and hope of guilty nations

God is the accuser, creation is the jury. The hope is God also:

“He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” 7:19

The word of the Lord came to Micah during the reign of Kings Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah of Judah. The prophet Isaiah is bringing God’s word at this time also. Jotham and Hezekiah were kings who did what was right in the sight of the Lord, although they did not remove all of the idol worship. Ahaz was one of the worst, even sacrificing his own son and making offerings to other gods. You can read about these kings in 2 Kings 15:27-20:21 and 2 Chronicles 27-32. During Micah’s lifetime, Assyria conquered Israel and carried many away as captives. Micah states that he is from Moresheth, a town near Jerusalem. Eventually Judah is conquered by Babylon in 586 B.C.

*He has told you O man what is good and what does the Lord require of you,
but to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*