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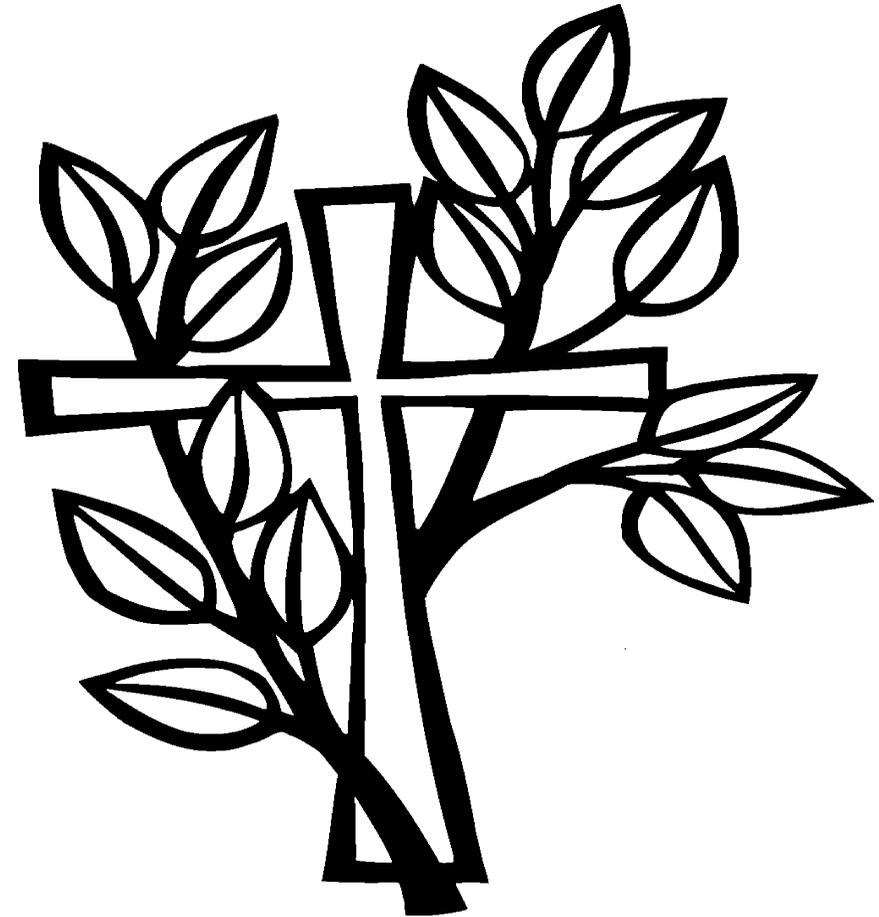
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## Emmanuel Lutheran Church



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March 2019

### From the Pastor's Desk

Some of you reading this are on social media; Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Reddit, and lots of others I haven't even heard of. There are others reading this article who think I've just written childish gibberish. The divide is mostly generational, but there are some (maybe the smart ones?) who, though younger, don't have much time for communicating by tweet, post, or picture.

Among the many benefits of social media communication are some less than helpful consequences. One which many have noticed over the years is the tendency towards harsh judgmentalism and moralistic posturing. I can't tell you the number of times I've opened up my Facebook page to be bombarded by judgmental criticism of the president (true of both Barack Obama and Donald Trump), the latest supreme court nominee, pop music star, news anchor, a neighbor who inconsiderately parked too close to the car in front, someone blaring music too loudly over the fence...you get the idea. Because social media by its very nature is conducted at a distance and not face-to-face, many people feel emboldened to indulge a moralistic self-righteousness in full view of the world. I'm convinced that hardly any of the criticism I read on social media would ever be said out loud if the person was standing in full view.

Social commentator Alan Jacobs observes that social media is addictive to those who revel in moralistic judgmentalism. He first notes that a key problem with society is how we've abandoned a worldview that includes the possibility of forgiveness. When forgiveness is excluded we become moralistic and increasingly vindictive. We want to see evil-doers punished to the full extent of the law, banished forever, locked-up and throw away the key. Social media, with its distant, almost anonymous, qualities, is the perfect vehicle for expressing moral outrage. Jacobs writes, "Social media serves as crack for moralists: there's no high like the high you get from punishing malefactors."

I know some people who fast from social media during Lent. If you find yourself among those who are quick to pounce online with those you disagree with you might want to consider spending some time off-line. If you enjoy reading the barbs and reveling in the vindictiveness of others you also might want to fast from your inbox for a season. We are entering the season in which forgiveness is the word we need to hear, not only for ourselves, but for the whole world. A world in which forgiveness is not possible is one which tries to exclude Christ and the cross.

*Pastor Kurt Strause*

March 3

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Spark

Ivan Shrom  
Bill Hannegan  
Gini Horn, JoAnn Alexander  
Mary Kay Mulcahy, Marilyn Soutner  
Andy Geist, Phyllis Strittmater  
Phyllis Strittmater

March 10

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Spark

Ivan Shrom  
Bob Miller  
Bob Miller, Keith Frey  
Gini Horn, Cindy Hughes  
Don and Sharon Styer  
Monette Cameron

March 17

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Spark

Tommy Hockenberry  
Tom Santosusso  
Mary Kay Mulcahy, Suzanne Burkholder  
Bill Hannegan, Don Styer  
Mary Kay Mulcahy, Suzanne Burkholder  
Lisa Nissly

March 24

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Spark

Faith Siegrist  
Diane Ehemann  
Marcus and Margaret Thomsen  
Mary Kay Mulcahy, Suzanne Burkholder  
Betty Ann and Timothy Smith  
Diane Ehemann

March 31

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters  
Spark

Tommy Hockenberry  
Marcus Thomsen  
Diane Ehemann, Monette Cameron  
Marcus Thomsen, JoAnn Alexander  
JoAnne Lefever, Debra Long  
Marilyn Soutner

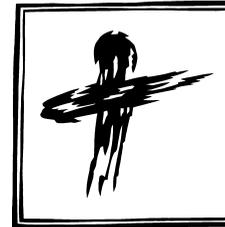
Usher captain - Karl Soutner

## March 2019

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## Lent Begins With Ash Wednesday on March 6

Christians gather on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent's journey with our Lord bearing the cross of sacrifice and discipleship. On this day, Christians kneel in humble repentance confessing their sins before God. We acknowledge our earth-bound existence hearing once again we are created from the dust of the earth and into the earth we shall return. As a sign of this reality worshipers may receive an ashen cross on the forehead, which is itself a gesture rooted in the baptismal signing with oil. We hear the solemn proclamation to keep a fast in preparation for Easter's feast, and contemplate anew the ongoing meaning of baptismal initiation into the Lord's death and resurrection. While marked with the ashes of human mortality, the church hears God's promise of forgiveness and tastes God's mercy in the bread and cup of salvation. From this solemn liturgy, the church goes forth on its journey to Holy Week and the drama of the Great Three Days celebrating our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.



The Ash Wednesday liturgy of  
Holy Communion  
with the Imposition of Ashes  
will be held on  
Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to participate in this liturgy of repentance and renewal as you begin your Lenten pilgrimage of self-sacrifice, prayer, and works of love and mercy.

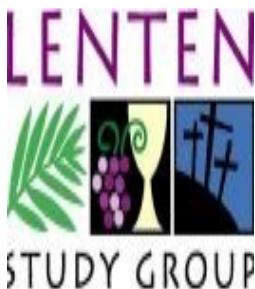


~First Sunday Coffee~  
March 3  
following worship

**Gutenberg Gabs,**  
Emmanuel's book discussion group,  
will provide treats

## Mid Week Soup and Study “Making Sense of the Cross”

Each Wednesday in Lent we gather for a simple fellowship meal of soup and bread. Our study this year will focus on “Making Sense of the Cross” What is the meaning of Jesus on the Cross? The sessions will look at the multiple ways the Bible and Christian thought describes the cross.



March 13 - A Man Hanging on a Tree

March 20 - Ransom and Victory

March 27– Substitution, Satisfaction, and Sacrifice

April 3 - Example and Encouragement

April 10 - Event and Experience

Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. and our study begins at 6:30 p.m.  
At 7:30 we close with the brief prayer service of Compline.



## Adult Sunday School

9:00 – 10:00 ~ Fireside Room

March 3:

... continuation of

a study of **THE TRINITY**

March 10 – April 14:

*Forgiveness*

**Food Donation** From June to December 2018, members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church have donated 159 lbs. of food to the Lancaster County Council of Churches. Please continue to donate food by placing items in the basket provided near the coat rack. What a wonderful way to reach out to those in need!



**Feeding the  
Community**

## Financial Report

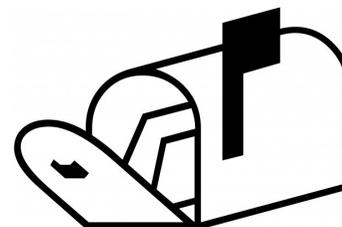


|                      | January  | YTD      |
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| General Fund Income  | \$10,442 | \$10,742 |
| General Fund Expense | \$12,372 | \$12,372 |
| Difference           | -\$1,630 | -\$1,630 |

**Deadline for the April Parish Helper is**

**Wednesday, March 13**

**Please send all information to [office@emmanuelancster.org](mailto:office@emmanuelancster.org)**



**MAILING LIST** If you receive the Parish Helper and your mailing address has or will change, please inform the office so that you can continue to receive the good news from Emmanuel. You may email the office, send a note or phone the office. Thank you.

## EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies beautify the sanctuary during the Easter season and may be purchased in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for someone. The cost of each 5/6 bloom lily is \$8.00. Please complete the form and return it to the church with your payment by March 31.



Please order \_\_\_\_\_ lily(s) to be placed in the church.

Name as is should appear in the bulletin

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In loving memory of/ In honor of/ In thanksgiving for:

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Check one

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plants after the Easter Service on April 21.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send my plant to a shut-in or someone who is sick.

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



## *Gutenberg Gabs*

~ a book discussion group ~

*The Paris Wife*

By Paula McLain

Monday, March 4~1:30 to 3:00

Hostess: Diane Ehemann

## BASKETS of PROMISE

Lent-2019

Through out the season of LENT we will be collecting items to assemble 50 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Each Sunday in LENT we will collect a specifically designated item.

Please see the schedule below:

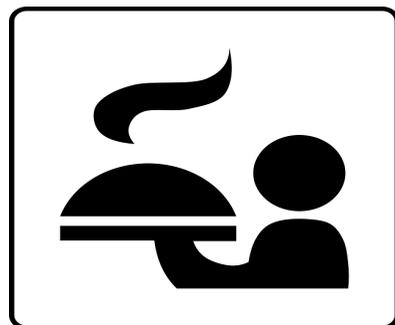
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| March 10 | Bath-size Soap          |
| March 17 | Bath-size Towels        |
| March 24 | Adult-size Toothbrushes |
| March 31 | Sturdy Combs            |
| April 7  | Metal Nail Clippers     |
| April 28 | PC Kit Assembly & PKG   |



Please see Deb Barrett with questions.

\*Money donations are appreciated and needed for shipping.

**Emmanuel to Sponsor Lancaster County of Council of Churches  
Community Meal**  
East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church



**April 8, 2019 at 5:30 PM**

**Volunteers are needed:**  
*Pre-Meal Preparation*  
*Set Up*  
*Serving and Clean Up*

**Interested in helping? Contact: Deb Barrett, 872-2113  
or Sign up in the Narthex**

**March**

**happy birthday!**

- 1 JoAnn Alexander
- 4 Thomas Edward Hockenberry
- 5 Virginia Marshall Mutso
- 6 Nancy Shiffert
- 7 Donald Styer
- 8 Susan Miller
- 10 Carolyn Rutherford
- 12 Albert Dreppard

- 13 Vicki Lynn Rebman
- 13 Cynthia Ulrich
- 14 Loretta Rebman
- 17 Mark Moffett
- 20 Emily Bitner
- 25 Rick Jordan
- 30 Dietrich Strause

Thank You

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

Thank you so much for the lovely tray of fruit and jelly. The calendar, as usual is beautiful. Your thoughtfulness is a gift I shall always treasure.

With Love,  
Marie Brubaker

Many, many thanks— yours for the fruit plate and calendar. I wish you all a healthy and happy new year.

Betsy Weidler

Dear Members,

Want to thank you all for the fruit basket! Have a wonderful Christmas.

Sincere Whishes!  
Norma Oblender

Thank you all for the Christmas gift of your well-wishes and cash. I continue to be amazed at the generosity and supportive nature of the people of Emmanuel. Thank you for making me so welcome in this community.

Valerie Lefever Hughes

Dear members at Emmanuel,

Thank you for your kind and generous well wishes and gift of money during the Christmas season. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Jan Longenecker

Though Christmas seems like a long time ago, I want to thank the congregation for their generous gift presented to me. Your kindness and love is greatly appreciated.

Peace,  
Pastor Kurt Strause

**Summer Camp**

**Registration forms for The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania are available in the narthex. There's something for every interest. Don't miss the opportunity to receive an early registration discount.**

