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## **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**



**March-April 2020**

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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

**Lent** - will be here before we know it. Lent is that season of the year when we become a bit more serious and somber. It is a time of preparation for Holy Week and then the celebration of the Resurrection.

One way to travel this long road is to join us for a time of food, fellowship and study each Wednesday night after Ash Wednesday. (See accompanying article). Together we will share the discipline of studying our faith as we travel each day on the road that will take us to Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week and beyond.

Traditionally people tend to “give up” something for the season of Lent. That “something” can range from sugary things, to desserts in general, to an obsession with social media. And while I have participated in that tradition, I also believe that while we give up something, we also need to add something. For many folks the added piece is prayer.

So, if we are giving up something, let us note that daily and in its place pray for a predetermined amount of time. We may even get into the habit of praying with more regularity or praying at a different time of day than otherwise.

Peace,  
*Pastor Tanner*

### **Lent Begins With Ash Wednesday on February 26**

The Ash Wednesday liturgy of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes will be held on Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m.

### **Mid-week Lenten Gatherings**

We will be gathering each Wednesday night in Lent, although not Ash Wednesday, for a time of food, fellowship, and learning. As in past years we will gather for a light meal. Following the meal we will spend our time focusing on the *Final Words From the Cross*.



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.

## **ASSISTING ON SUNDAYS IN APRIL**

April 5

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters

Deyanna Cameron  
Mary Kay Mulcahy  
Ed and Lori Hockenberry  
Mary Kay Mulcahy, Andy Nissly  
Jo Kuhn, Bonnie Allman

April 12

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters

Faith Siegrist  
Tom Santosusso  
Diane Ehemann, Gini Horn  
Phyllis Strittmater, Bill Hannegan  
Betsy Weidler, Anne Lefever

April 19

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters

Ivan Shrom  
Diane Ehemann  
Barbara Dirks, Mary Royer  
Mary Kay Mulcahy, Don Styer  
Fay Binkley, Marie Brubaker

April 26

Acolyte  
Lector  
Deacons  
Ushers  
Greeters

Testimony Alagbe  
Marcus Thomsen  
JoAnn Alexander, Monette Cameron  
Bob Miller, Mark Moffett  
Roger and Louise Burkins

Usher captain - Tim Smith

## ASSISTING ON SUNDAYS IN MARCH

March 1

Acolyte	Ivan Shrom
Lector	Marvelous Alagbe
Deacons	Ed and Lori Hockenberry
Ushers	Mary Kay Mulcahy, Suzanne Burkholder
Greeters	Robert Miller, Tom Santosusso

March 8

Acolyte	Faith Siegrist
Lector	Bob Miller
Deacons	Keith Frey, Bob Miller
Ushers	Andy Nissly, Mark Moffett
Greeters	JoAnne Lefever, Debra Long

March 16

Acolyte	Flora Shrom
Lector	Cecilia Shrom
Deacons	Mary Kay Mulcahy, Suzanne Burkholder
Ushers	Tim and BA Smith
Greeters	Frank and Nancy Lynn

March 22

Acolyte	Testimony Alagbe
Lector	Mark Moffett
Deacons	Marcus and Margaret Thomsen
Ushers	JoAnn Alexander, Keith Frey
Greeters	Mary Kay Mulcahy, Suzanne Burkholder

March 29

Acolyte	Praise Alagbe
Lector	Karl Soutner
Deacons	Tim and BA Smith
Ushers	Karl and Marilyn Soutner
Greeters	Tim and BA Smith

Usher captain - Gini Horn

## Holy Week and Easter at Emmanuel

Each year Christians enter into the liturgical commemoration of the final week of our Lord's life leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection. Called "Holy Week," this week centers upon events both joyful and tragic.

**Join the People of God as we celebrate the life-giving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion - April 5, 10:15 a.m.

This service begins Holy Week. The events of Holy Week are recounted as we read the Passion account from Luke's gospel.

Maundy Thursday - April 9, 7:00 p.m.

The night of our Lord's betrayal he gave them a new commandment, "Just as I have loved you, so you ought to love one another." In humble service our Lord kneels before his disciples and washes their feet.

Good Friday - April 10, 7:00 p.m.

Our Lord suffers on the cross for the redemption of all humanity. The service recounts the depths of God's eternal love in the proclamation of the St. John Passion.

~Easter Day~

**Christ is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!**

April 12, 10:15 a.m.

With this bold acclamation Christians greet one another on Easter day and throughout the Easter season. Festival Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated. Our voices of praise will join with angelic throngs as we sing Christ's victory over the bondage of death. Our joy swells in crescendos of happiness since we believe Christ's victory becomes ours as well. No more shall death separate us from the love of God: we belong to him forever.



**Sunday School.** Adult Sunday school will not meet on Easter morning. There will be an Easter egg hunt for all children up through 6<sup>th</sup> grade at 9:AM.

## Baskets of Promise, Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Throughout the season of Lent we will be collecting items to assemble 50 Personal Care Kits for LWR. Each Sunday in Lent we will be collection a specifically designated item.



March 1	Bath –sized bar soap
March 8	Bath-sized towels
March 15	Adult-sized toothbrushes
March 22	Sturdy combs
March 29	Metal nail clippers

Kits assembly and packaging will take place after worship on **Sunday, March 29**. Money donations for shipping is also needed. Please contact Deb Barrett with questions at 717-872-2113.

## Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will begin a DVD series that is on overview of the Old Testament. Our presenter is Amy Jill Levine, a Jewish scholar and New Testament Professor at Vanderbilt University School of Divinity. There will be time for discussion and questions to follow. **Come and join us—there will be coffee and goodies!**



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Coffee**  
**March 1**  
Goodies provided by  
**Learning Ministry**

**Will March come in like a lion or  
a lamb? Either way, it's a good  
time for coffee & conversation!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Food Donation** - During 2019, members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church donated 250 lbs. of food to the Lancaster County Food Hub. 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!

**Souper Bowl of Caring** – We received \$285.46 on Sunday, February 2, through our “Souper Bowl of Caring” which will go to the Lancaster County Food Hub to assist those in need through the Lancaster County Council of Churches. Thank you for your generous support.

**Emmanuel Church Directory Update** - We need your help! It has been several years since our directory has been updated. We have noticed some of our younger members, that are still listed with their parents, have moved and some of our members have switched from land lines to cell numbers. Please update the following information and send to the church office: Last name, names in household (please note spouse or child, and member or non-member), mailing address, email address, phone numbers— house/land line and cell number of adults in household.

**Future Newsletters** The Parish Helper will be printed bimonthly. Due to the increased cost of mailing, the Parish Helper will only be mailed to those requesting. The Parish Helper will continue to be available on the church website approximately a week before the beginning of the new month. If you would like to pick your Parish Helper up in the church narthex or have it mailed please make those desires known to the church office by **June 1, 2020**. The July/August Parish Helper will be the first issue with these new changes.

**Spring Semester Sunday School offering** will go to the Uniform Bank at Reynolds Junior High School to help provide school uniforms for families where there is need.

**Deadline for the May/June Parish Helper is  
Wednesday, April 15.**

## Altar Flower Sponsorship Sign Up for 2020

There are still many dates available to sponsor altar flowers in memory of a loved one, or to give thanksgiving for, or to honor a loved one. The cost for one vase of flowers is \$25.00. Both vases of flowers costs \$45.00. Sign up is in the back of the church. You may also call or email the church office if you wish to sponsor flowers

### Thank You

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

Many thanks for the lovely tray of fruit and jelly! Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. It's a wonderful gift.

In Christian Love,  
Marie Brubaker

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the plate of fruit. It is nice to be remembered by all of you.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Weidler

Thanks for my plate of fruit and thanks to everyone who purchased, prepared and delivered it.

It was much appreciated.

Fay Binkley

Thanks for the absolutely gorgeous flowers brought to me from Emmanuel. I rally appreciate our thoughtfulness.

Janet Strube

Dear Members of Emmanuel,

Thank you for your kindness. The plate of fruit and jelly was a wonderful and appreciated addition over the holidays. Thank you also for lovely gift of money. I wish all of you a healthy 2020.

Blessings,  
Jan Longenecker



## Gutenberg Gabs ~ a book discussion group ~

### The House Girl ~ by Tara Conklin

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 3:00

Hostess: Suzanne Burkholder, 208 Elizabeth Dr., Lancaster

### Tired of the cold?

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** following worship, travel with us to “South of the Border” in Sieger Chapel for some Mexican food and a time of fellowship & fun.



Please bring a favorite Mexican appetizer, main dish or dessert to share (chips and salsa, chili con queso, guacamole, Mex. taco soup, rice & beans, tacos, enchiladas, fajitas, Mexican desserts...) Beverages & place settings will be provided.



**To help us better plan this event, please sign up on the poster at the rear of the church.**

Why have a siesta when you can have a fiesta?

### March

- 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
- 14 Loretta Rebman
- 17 Mark Moffett
- 25 Rick Jordan
- 29 Pat Troyan



### April

- 9 Jessica Suzanne Long
- 15 Samuel Hughes
- 16 Lisa Nissly
- 18 Amber Marie Stewart
- 26 Margaret Thomsen

**First Sunday Coffee  
April 5**

*Following worship  
treats will be provided by the youth and  
by Global Missions Committee,  
so stay for a cup of coffee, a goodie or  
two, and some chatting.*



**Gutenberg Gabs**

~ a book discussion group ~

**Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir  
~ by Ruth Reichl**

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 3:00

Hostess: Nancy Lynn, 160 Lakewood Dr., Pequea

**EASTER LILIES**

**Help beautify the sanctuary during the Easter season by purchasing lilies in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one. The cost is \$8.00 per 5/6 bloom lily. Complete the form, include your payment and send to the church by March 29. Thank You!**

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

Name as is should appear in the bulletin

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Emmanuel to Sponsor\*\*\***

**Lancaster County Food Hub Community Meal**

**East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church  
April 13, 2019 at 5:30 PM**



**Volunteers are needed: Pre-Meal Preparation ~ Set up Serving ~ Clean Up  
Interested in helping? Sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact: Deb  
Barrett, 717-872-2113**

**Support Youth Mission Trip to Charlestown West Virginia  
With Election Day Bake Sale and Sub Orders**

**Tuesday, April 28 2019**

The Bake Sale needs your help by donating items that can be sold at the bake sale and also on election day to work at the bake sale table. Signup in the back of the church.

Order subs made fresh by S. Clyde Weaver for pick up after 7:00 AM on election day, April 28. Fill out the form below and return to the church office. Subs are \$5:00 and may be prepaid or paid for at pickup.

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Sub Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey with onion

# \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey with no onion

# \_\_\_\_\_ Italian with onion

# \_\_\_\_\_ Italian with no onion

# \_\_\_\_\_ American with onion

# \_\_\_\_\_ American with no onion

Check One

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pay when I pick up