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Weekly Announcements

March 26, 2023

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are worshiping with us. If you have no church home in this community, why not make Emmanuel your own? Please sign the guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in becoming a member of the congregation, please talk with Pastor JJ. JJ can be reached by phone at 412-600-6232, or via email at pastor@elcetna.org.

**Lenten Offerings**

**Wednesdays During Lent**

Noon: Service of Word and Prayer from *All Creation Sings*

*What is The Gospel*, Faith formation opportunity, 7:00-7:45pm on Zoom.

What is, *What is the Gospel?* Continuing to develop our faith tools and training and understanding of what the Gospel is and how it works in us to bring us closer to God’s call, we will spend Lent together studying, reading, and reflecting on the work of Bishop Kusserow in his book, *What is the Gospel?*

Copies of the book can be purchased or downloaded at <https://www.swpasynod.org/gospel>

The book is an easy read and not large. You’ll want to read the book along with the class

Zoom Meeting ID 890 4029 1319

Passcode 131528

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89040291319?pwd=ZFp5SkkzeTVpeExBS1JqamUwdUtOdz09

**Altar Flowers**

**March 26**.IMO John Erlen by Judy Erlen

**April 2**  **Available**

**April 9**   IMO Ralph Ingold by Dean, Charalene and family

**April 16**  IMO Frank and Marion Kurtz by Karen Krenn

**April 23**  IMO Al and Babe by Loved Ones

**April 30** IMO Rick Dreves by his wife Beverly

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, event, or time, please communicate with Edna Zimmerman edna228@verizon.net (412-487-3554)

**Opportunities This Week**

Sunday, 3-26 9:15am Worship with Holy

 Communion

 Choir Rehearsal after Worship

Monday, 3-27 7:00pm Dartball

Wednesday, 3-29 Lenten Offerings:

 12:00pm Service of the Word

 and Prayer

 7pm *What is the Gospel* on Zoom

**Outside groups meeting at Emmanuel**

Monday, 6:30pm Brownies

 7:00pm Fire Police Assn.

 (4th Monday)

Tuesday 7:15pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday 3:00pm Etna Community

 Counseling Center (Anchorpoint)

 6:30pm Girl Scouts

**Serving Today March 26, 2023**

Pastor: Pastor J. J. Lynn

Communion Assistant Stan Grubisa

Live Stream: Carly Heller

Greeters: Sue Spelic

 Karen Krenn

Reader John Mertens

Altar Guild Kathy Suhadolnik

Counters: Stan Grubisa

 Kathy Suhadolnik

 Jack Dellert (Monday)

**Serving Next Week April 2, 2023**

Pastor: Pastor J. J. Lynn

Communion Assistant Roland Kania

Live Stream: Megan Heller

Greeters: Jim Suhadolnik

 Kathy Suhadolnik

Reader Mary Richard

Altar Guild Kathy Suhadolnik

Counters: Roland Kania

 John Mertens

**Northside Ministry Pleasant Valley Men’s Shelter**

Gently used men’s clothing is being collected for our ministry with the Pleasant Valley Men’s Shelter. Items can be left in the hallway between the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms.

**Bread of Life Food Pantry**

**Spring Food Drive**

Bread of Life Food Pantry is seeking especially in the month of March the following items

Spaghetti / Rigatoni

Spaghetti Sauce

Tomato Sauce and Paste

Crackers

Soups

Ramen Noodles

Adult and Children Cereal

Rice

Egg Noodles

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Paper Products

Canned Fruit

Packaged Tuna

Soap: Dove or Irish Spring

Dish Detergent

Brownie Mixes

**Drop off non-perishable food items for Bread of Life:**

Monday 2-4 pm

Wednesday 6-8 pm

All Saints School Building - Dewey Street

(monetary donations will also be accepted)

Partners: All Saints Catholic Church, Borough of Etna, Bread of Life Food Pantry, Etna Community Organization, Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Emmanuel's 2023 Congregational Councilpersons**

Tom Hough, Vice President

Edna Zimmerman, Secretary

Roland Kania, Treasurer

Dean Ingold Fred Prefling

Danielle Barr Stan Grubisa

Jack Dellert John Mertens

Jaime Renda Kathy Suhdolnik

Sue Spelic

The Council Packet for March is at the side entrance for your taking. The council packet from the previous month is set out as an effort to offer the congregation a method of keeping up to date with the items on which council is working.

***May He Rest in Peace***

Emmanuel prays at the passing of its member ***Earl J. Zinsser***, age 95, who died March 17, 2023. Husband to Dora; father to Harry (Lori), Craig, Connie (Richard), William (Michelle), Earl “EJ”, Elaine (Thomas); grandfather and great-grandfather. Service was held at Bock Funeral Home on March 19, 2023.

**OUR CONCERN LIST*,***

Family and friends of congregation in need of prayer: Dora Zinsser and family; Irene's friend Nancy, Karen Zacchero, Glory and Ansel Christian, Nancy, Jerry Lynn, Sylvia Lynn, Gary, Chris and Leslie Miller, Karin Findlay co-worker of Sally Palka, Cindy Umbaugh, Steve Bocka, Donna Fischetti, Chris Miller and Tom Caughler, Carol Whiteside, Joseph Oricko, Carol Sherman, John LaMorte, Ed Kestner, Bob Simon, Gabby and Gino Foster, Joan Fleischner, John Koedel, Carol Koedel, Hannah Sundermann, Dave Kovalchek, Ron Postreich, Linda Farmerie, Emily Palka, Stephen Fleming, Elisabeth Jeffries, Ed Kestner, Valerie Kestner, Dorothy Fischetti, Joseph McManus Sr., Rachel Coates, Doug Krachala, Jean Mahler, Carole Stumpf, Bertha Trdina, Shirley Simon, Gary Jurges, Kathleen McShane, Jamey Fait, Joshua Lineman, Bill Coates.

**Those serving in the military:** Rob Umbaugh, Larry Baumiller, III, Dalton Bailey, Pat Sharkey, Evan Stitch. ***[Please note*:** ***We ask the families and friends who have*** ***requested prayers to please give us a call when your loved one may be removed from our list.]***

**BULLETIN PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you have a prayer request to be added to our concern list, for the prayer chain, or would like to receive prayer requests, please contact Edna Zimmerman (412-487-3554); edna228@verizon.net; or Rachel Coates (412-486-0830). You can also add names to the bulletin prayer list by calling the office or sending an email to Pastor JJ. Thank you for your prayerful concern and care about our neighbors and friends!

**Pastoral Care Needs**

When you, members of your family, or friends in the congregation, are in need of pastoral care due to illness, hospitalization or life events, please call Pastor J.J. at

412-600-6232

**OFFICE HOURS**

The church office hours are currently in flux. Feel free to call or email Pastor JJ in this time of flux.

**Dartball** is back. We play Monday evening at 7:00 P.M. Join us for fun and fellowship. See Jim Suhadolnik for details.

***Attention Women of Emmanuel Lutheran Church***

***Please make this year the year you plan to join Emmanuel’s WELCA.*** If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Edna Zimmerman at 412-487-355 or 412-855-0423; edna228@verizon.net.

Thank you for donating to New Start Furniture this past year.  The new Designated Outreach for 2023-2024 is **Try Life Center** located in Lower Burrell providing support for parents with parenting education and material assistance.  There is a red bucket located at the side entrance of the church.  Each month we will collect different items.

March -- Pedialyte

April -- Diapers

May -- Baby Food

June -- Training pants; i.e. pull ups.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Emmanuel’s Financial Status through**

**January 2022**

Budget: $14,495.37

Spending: $12,557.83

Offering Received: $12,630.08

***OPTIONS FOR GIVING***

**→**Offering plates are at the entrance to the sanctuary, as well as the exit in the Narthex

**→**Offering can be given through Tithely at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1046944>

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

If you have Thrivent Products please consider designating Emmanuel as recipient of your *Thrivent Choice Dollars*. Deadline to designate is March 31, 2023

**EASTER FLOWERS - 2023**

We would like to decorate the church on Easter Sunday with signs of “new life”. If you are interested in purchasing a lily or tulip, please complete the form provided (see insert) and return it to church, along with your donation, **no later than Sunday, March 26th.** Checks should be made out to Emmanuel with “Easter Flowers 2023” in the memo line. For questions, contact Edna Zimmerman at

edna228@verizon.net or telephone her at (412)855-0423.

**Etna and Community Activities**

**Magical Monday Storytime** Mondays 6:30pm March 6th to May 22nd. We're so happy to share that a Storytime is coming to Etna! Our friends at Shaler North Hills Library will be visiting the Etna Pop-Up Library for 12 weeks starting March 6th. This all-ages program will be MAGICAL and spark your imaginations with wonderful stories and fun for the whole family.

**Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday April 1, 2023, Noon-2:p.m.

The Etna Neighborhood Association invites you to Fugh Hall for an egg hunt, games, and crafts.

**Hampton Presbyterian Church**

**Men’s Good Friday Breakfast**

(Your little guys are welcome)

Friday, April 7, 2023

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

Keynote Speaker: Lee Scott

Freewill Offering

RSVP: by Friday, March 27

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**LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITOL**

**On April 27**, join advocates from around Pennsylvania in Harrisburg for inspiration and participation — in worship, service, learning and advocacy. Taking Micah 6:8 as a starting point, we will focus on how we as Lutheran Christians understand our call to live together as God’s faithful people and to strive for justice and peace in the context of today’s debates over the role of faith in public life. We will be prepared to act on that call, with workshops that connect our ministries of service to opportunities to advocate on issues from hunger to housing, creation care and more.

Pastor JJ will be receiving the *Speak Serve Pray* award from LAMPA (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania), at Lutheran Day at the Capitol in recognition of our advocacy work in 2018 and 2019 with the internal family immigration crisis we experienced. You are welcome to attend! For more information see www.lutheranadvocacypa.org or http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ejp0adysca8460bc&llr=lvflt5dab