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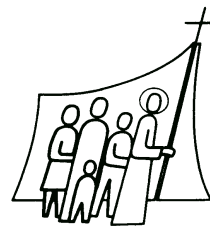
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Join us on Palm Sunday,  
 during Holy Week  
 and on Easter Sunday  
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The Rev. Elizabeth M. Mitchell	610-837-1741
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Jane Walker, Chime & Bell Director	484-664-0353
Kathy Milander, Secretary	610-837-1741
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## **Emmanuel's Informer**

March 2013, Volume 45, Number 3

### **March Brings Easter Joy!**

Easter arrives this year on March 31st and the early days of March are a time of preparation for the joy of Easter. Holy Week (March 24-30) brings us to a deeper place where we grow nearer to the cross of Christ and its meaning for our lives. Each morning in Holy Week we gather for prayer at 10:30am and invite all who are able to gather with us.



Maundy Thursday (March 28) is the day we remember Jesus' first celebration of communion with his disciples. A new communion class is welcomed to its first communion on this holy night. The service concludes with a moving "stripping of the altar".

On Good Friday (March 29), a one hour community Good Friday service will take place at Hope Lutheran, Cherryville from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

In the evening, Emmanuel's offers Tenebrae (a powerful remembrance of Christ's suffering and death) at our evening service at 7:00pm.

Easter arrives with a unique service at 6:00am in which we move from Baptismal remembrance outdoors (weather permitting) to the sanctuary to proclaim the joy of the resurrection. Breakfast follows at 7:00am and Easter joy rings out in our 8:00, 9:30 and 10:45 morning services.

### **Dress for Holy Humor Sunday - April 7**

Returning by popular demand, Emmanuel's will celebrate Holy Humor Sunday on April 7 at all three morning services.

Once again, we are asking all who are willing to "dress up" for the day—maybe there's a funny hat somewhere or unmatched socks or a whole clown suit. So have some fun and dress the part—for this one day, it's more than OK!

## Wednesdays In Lent

**Wednesday Mornings - 10:30am** A service of Lenten meditations and Holy Communion each week throughout Lent.

**Wednesday Evenings - Soup at 6:00pm  
Worship at 7:00pm**



<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Soups</b>
March 6	chicken, potato & zucchini
March 13	hamburger vegetable, vegetarian vegetable & meat chili
March 20	chicken, vegetarian vegetable, & split pea



## First Communion Classes

First communion classes will be held for fifth graders or anyone older who has not received communion.

The two classes will be held in the downstairs parlor on:  
Thursday, March 14 & 21 from 6:30 - 7:30pm

First communion will be received at the Maundy Thursday Service (March 28) during Holy Week at 7:00pm

If there is anyone younger who would like to receive First Communion instruction, please contact the Pastors.



## Will you pray with me for one hour?

Mark 14:37

Due to the large success of the prayer vigil in the previous years, we will be holding one again this year. Please look for a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. Please sign up for a one-hour time slot from 8:00pm Good Friday, March 29 through Easter Sunday, March 31 at 6:00am. Last year we managed to have at least 2 people praying during each hour. Books and prayer lists, member directories and special requests will be supplied.



## Baptisms

**Jaxen Robert Coccetti**, son of Megan Jill (O'Brien) and Peter John Coccetti was baptized at the 10:45 Traditional Service on Sunday, February 3, 2013. Jaxen was born October 10, 2012. His sponsors are Cindy and Gary O'Brien and Nancy and Ron Coccetti.

## Funerals

**Frances Spitko**, 91 passed to her eternal rest on Friday, January 25, 2013. A memorial service was held at Emmanuel's. Her final resting place is Emmanuel's Union Cemetery.

**Ruth D. Heintzelman**, 92 passed to her eternal rest on Thursday, January 31, 2013. A memorial service was held at Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc.. Her final resting place is Indianland Cemetery, Walnutport.

**Robert J. Muffley**, 88 passed to his eternal rest on Friday, February 15, 2013. A memorial service was held at George G. Bensing Funeral Home. His final resting place is Emmanuel's Union Cemetery.

## Thank You Card Received



☒ Dear Pastors and Members of Emmanuel's,

A sincere thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and visits. My special thanks to pastor Elizabeth for her visit and prayer. Everyone's thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

*Theresa Schafer*

☒ Dear Members of Emmanuel's,

Thank you for your prayers and support upon the passing of our mother and grandmother, Winifred Filchner. She always appreciated the visits and kindness shown to her. Many thanks to the Pastors for the beautiful service and to those who helped serve the luncheon.

Sincerely, *Duane, Gail, Brent Filchner and Families*

## March Flowers (\$15.00 per vase)

**March 3** - In honor of parent's anniversary by John and Connie DeNardo.

**Contemporary** - Open

**March 10** - In honor of Girl Scout Sunday by Brownie Troop 8391, who meets at Emmanuel's. In memory of Stephen A. Chroust by Family.

**Contemporary** - Open

**March 17** - Open

**Contemporary** - Open

**March 24** - Open

**Contemporary** - In memory of David Howell by Sandy Howell.

**March 31** - Easter Flowers

**Contemporary** - Easter Flowers

## Indoor/Outdoor Spring Clean-up

Indoor/outdoor clean-up (main building, church grounds and cemetery) is scheduled for **Saturday, March 23rd**. We will begin at 9:00am. Volunteers are needed. Sign up or see Pete Coccetti. Please supply your own cleaning supplies, yard tools and gloves. We ask that all Christmas arrangements be removed from the cemeteries by Friday, March 22nd or arrangements and containers will be thrown in the dumpster.

**Please do not put Easter arrangements on the cemetery before Palm Sunday.**



Deadline for April Informer articles is Monday, March 11th

## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday, March 24

Palms will be distributed to all worshipers as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Holy Communion and the reading of the Passion according to St. Mark will be the worship focus.



### Each Day of Holy Week (Monday, March 25 - Saturday, March 30)

10:30am Daily Prayer in the Sanctuary (except Wednesday, which will have our regular Lenten service). All are welcome to join in this brief time for daily prayer. (Service lasts 15 minutes)

### Holy Wednesday, March 27 - Lenten Service

Worship at 10:30am and 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Worship will include a service of confession and forgiveness.

### Maundy Thursday, March 28



7:00pm First Communion for fifth graders on this night in which Jesus first shared his body and blood with his disciples. All are invited to join in communion on this holy and special night.

### Good Friday - God's Friday, March 29

12-1:00pm Community Service at Hope, Cherryville  
7:00pm Service of Tenebrae (light and shadow) at Emmanuel's.



### Easter Sunday, March 31



6:00am Easter Dawn Service with Holy Communion. Service will move from Baptismal remembrance outdoors (weather permitting) to the sanctuary.

7:00am Easter Breakfast in the fellowship hall (sign-up)



**Look for a sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Area and the table in the Fellowship Hall.**

8:00am Worship with Holy Communion in the sanctuary  
9:30am Sunday School (An Easter Celebration)  
9:30am Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall  
10:45am Worship with Holy Communion in the sanctuary

## Easter Breakfast

Come join us on Easter Sunday, March 31 at 7am in the Fellowship Hall. Deadline to sign-up is Palm Sunday.

Sign-up sheets will be on the table in the Gathering Area and the Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be taken. All proceeds will benefit future youth gatherings. Current menu is: eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit and possibly French toast.



## Sunday School Easter Celebration

### Preschool - Sixth Grade

Sunday, March 31 ... 9:30 - 10:30am

Planned by the 9th grade Catechetical Class: Coy Fogel, Cody Henninger, Benjamin Koehler, Deidre Person, Melissa Reph, Jacob Roberts, Tiffany Wambold & Damian Weber.



*Join us as we share in celebrating the joy of Easter!*



## Holy Humor Sunday - April 7

Returning by popular demand, Emmanuel's will celebrate Holy Humor Sunday on April 7th at all three morning services. Come dressed for the day!

Holy Humor Sunday springs from a vision of the Fellowship of Merry Christians. There's nothing sacrilegious about this group - they just know that sometimes God must laugh too.

As we bask in the glow of Easter and the joy of the resurrection, what better time could there be for a few belly laughs as we poke a little fun at the foibles of the church and ourselves.

More importantly, it's a wonderful reminder of the great news of Easter - that amazing moment when God gets the last laugh as death is defeated and life reigns supreme! Join in on the fun and be prepared for a few chuckles on Holy Humor Sunday.

Volunteers, please check to see if your name is listed below. **If you are unable to be present, please find a substitute and contact Kathy Milander at 610-837-1741 with the changes.** As always, thank you for all your help in serving our Lord.

	March 3	March 10	March	March 24	March 31
Ushers: 8:00am	Bill Ottinger Dean Chenski Sue Derhammer Deena Ruth	Marissa Kvacky Joel Kvacky Terry Koehler Mike Koehler	Doris Hall Sue Theoret Nancy Marsh Theresa Schafer	Susan Chenski Dean Chenski Sandy Frey Chris Baylor	Paulette Fritz Denise Druckenmiller Marissa Kvacky Joel Kvacky
10:45am	Mary Fribance Greg Fribance June Walker Chris Kleintop	Sally Leabold Allison Monroe Sandy Turtzo Jane Fried	Donald Fisher Gary O'Brien Mary Fribance Greg Fribance	Rochelle Rinker Lisa Merker Helen Smith Paul Honett	Art Krieger Damian Weber Barbara Bennett Bob Bennett

## March Bulletins (\$6.00 per sponsor)

**March 3** - Open

**March 10** - Open

**March 17** - In memory of the birthday of Ronald Meckes by loving wife, son and daughter-in-law.

**March 24** - in memory of the wedding anniversary of Sam and Arlene Fehnel by daughter, Linda Floria. In honor of the 11th birthday of Zachery Siekonic by Dad, Mom and Janelle.

**March 31** - Open

**Reminder ...** Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 9th and change your batteries in your smoke alarm detectors.



Volunteers, please check to see if your name is listed below. **If you are unable to be present, please find a substitute and contact Kathy Milander at 610-837-1741 with the changes.** As always, thank you for all your help in serving our Lord.

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Acolytes: 8:00am	Zachery Siekonic	Joshua Makhoul	Janelle Siekonic	Evan Makhoul	Zachery Siekonic
10:45am	Mercedes Kasper	Lois Krieger	Alfonso Kasper	Sarah Krieger	Daniel Krieger
Altar Care:	Denise Druckenmiller				
For instructions or volunteering contact Denise Druckenmiller 610-837-1369					
Communion Assistants: 8:00am	Theresa Schafer Denise Druckenmiller	Chris Baylor Marsha Kvacky	Dean Chenski Win Miller	Paulette Fritz Sue Getz	Theresa Schafer Marsha Kvacky
10:45am	Cindy Slaton Jim Slaton	Win Miller Jane Fried	Cindy O'Brien Sandy Turtzo	Barbara Bennett Bob Bennett	Brenda Smith Vernell Meyers
Confirmed members interested in serving, call Barbara Bennett for training (610-262-9576)					
Greeters: 8:00am	Denise Druckenmiller	Mike & Terry Koehler	Win Miller	Dean & Susan Chenski	Denise Druckenmiller Susan Walker
10:45am	Louise Diaz	Win Miller	Dee Orris	Rochelle Rinker	Barbara & Bob Bennett
Prayer Reader 8:00am	Paulette Fritz	Nancy Marsh	Susan Walker	Jessie Hnatow	Susan Walker
10:45am	Louise Diaz	Art Krieger	Deb Fisher	Gloria Wallery	Lynne Ambrose
Readers: 8:00am	Paulette Fritz	Nancy Marsh	Susan Walker	Jessie Hnatow	Susan Walker
10:45am	Louise Diaz	Art Krieger	Deb Fisher	Gloria Wallery	Lynne Ambrose

## Easter Flower Sponsors

Once again, flowers will be available to purchase as memorial/ or as tribute gifts to beautify the window sills for Easter.

**Prices vary depending on the flower chosen.** A reservation form is found below.

**The deadline to place your order is Sunday, March 24th.**

Just complete the form and place it in an envelope, and include the correct amount per flower (check made out to Emmanuel's). Place your envelope in the offering plate. (If cash, correct amount please.)



The flowers are given to the Glory of God and to the church. You may pick up your flowers after the 10:45 Easter service.



## Easter Flowers Sponsorship Form

I/We wish to purchase an Easter flower for the church. Prices are:

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$6.00** Daffodils                      \_\_\_\_\_ **\$6.00** Assorted Tulips  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **\$9.00** Azaleas (hardy)                      \_\_\_\_\_ **\$8.00** Lilies

**Please (X) the following:**

( ) In Memory of

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (name of person in memory of)

( ) In Honor of

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (name of person in honor of)

( ) To the Glory of God by:

**Ordered by:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (your name and telephone number)

Quantity ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand the prices are different for each variety of flower.  
 Deadline to order is Sunday, March 24th.**

# BASKETS of PROMISE

This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** appeal. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble 50 LWR Personal Care Kits during Lent.

## HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

*We need these items on the date listed.*

### FEBRUARY 17

Bars of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



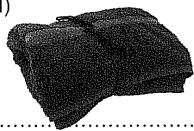
### MARCH 10

Combs



### FEBRUARY 24

Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



### MARCH 17

Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)



### MARCH 24 (PALM SUNDAY)

Bars of Soap  
4 to 5 oz.  
any brand  
in original  
wrapping



### MARCH 3

Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)



For more information contact Pastor Elizabeth

## Miller Memorial Blood Center 610-691-5850

Group's Annual Donation Goal: 16  
Donations year to date: 3

Bethlehem Blood Center is staffed  
6:30AM – 8:00PM – Monday-Thursday  
6:30AM – 5:30PM Friday and 6:30AM—Noon Saturday  
Website [www.mmbc.org/blood](http://www.mmbc.org/blood)

## January Donors:

Herbert Barrall, Marlene Holland and Peggy Hutter

## Monthly Attendance for January, 2013

Sunday School	Week of:	Wed. 7:00pm	8:00 Traditional	9:30 Celebration	10:45 Traditional	Worship Total
66	January 6	17	93	94	45	249
50	January 13	48	66	90	55	259
59	January 20	3	86	173	No Service	262
53	January 27	15	108	77	82	282
Totals: 228		83	353	434	182	1,052

Average worship attendance: 263

## Women's Retreat - save the date

Ladies ... mark your calendars for our annual women's retreat to be held Friday & Saturday, May 17 & 18 at Kirby House. More information and sign-up sheets will be out in late February.



## Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2013

Total General Fund Income ..... \$ 24,708.85  
Total General Fund Expenses ..... \$ 32,605.58  
Income needed to meet Expenses ..... \$ ( 7,896.73)

Donations Account Balances (01/01/2013 - 01/31/2013)

Sunday, February 24, 2013

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Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
<b>Giving Accounts</b>		
100 - Regular Offering	22,336.31	22,336.31
<b>Total Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$22,336.31</b>	<b>\$22,336.31</b>
110 - Plate Offering	517.38	517.38
<b>Total Regular &amp; Plate Offering</b>	<b>\$22,853.69</b>	<b>\$22,853.69</b>
121 - Christmas Offering	76.00	76.00
124 - Initial Offering	445.00	445.00
<b>Total Special</b>	<b>\$521.00</b>	<b>\$521.00</b>
130 - Miscellaneous Income	353.00	353.00
131 - Flowers	111.00	111.00
132 - Bulletins	36.00	36.00
<b>Total Misc. Offerings</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Total Reg. Misc. &amp; Spec</b>	<b>\$23,874.69</b>	<b>\$23,874.69</b>
200 - Building Offering	2,424.50	2,424.50
220 - Improvement Offering	159.00	159.00
<b>Total Build &amp; Imp Offerings</b>	<b>\$2,583.50</b>	<b>\$2,583.50</b>
138 - Use of Church Facilities	100.00	100.00
141 - School House Rent & Electric	621.58	621.58
327 - Memo - Winifred Filchner	175.00	175.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	192.00	192.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	16.00	16.00
413 - Bob Moyer - Missionary	342.00	342.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	189.00	189.00
500 - Christian Education	25.00	25.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	112.58	112.58
571 - Youth Retreat	50.00	50.00
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	225.00	225.00
<b>Total Giving Accounts</b>	<b>\$28,506.35</b>	<b>\$28,506.35</b>

## Bath Area Food Bank

The Bath Area Food Bank continues to grow. There are 198 families registered. Unfortunately, the cupboard is almost bare, and the following items are needed desperately: canned tomato soup, canned chicken noodle soup, canned peas, canned pork and beans, Jell-o and instant pudding. Monetary donations are greatly needed & appreciated.

## 2013 Easter Homebound

Gracedale  
Gracedale Ave  
Nazareth, PA 18064

Timmy Reimer  
Luther Christman

Hampton House  
1802 Lincoln Ave  
Northampton, PA 18067

Edith Grim - Apt 517

Manor Care  
2029 Westgate Dr  
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Ralph Zellers - 231A

Northampton Village  
1001 Washington Ave  
Northampton, PA 18067

Doris Becker - Rm 129  
Dolores Amey - Rm 139A

Strawberry Patch Village  
1000 Fourth St  
Whitehall, PA 18052

Lillian Rupert - Apt 105

Walden 3  
325 N. Broadway  
Wind Gap, PA 18091  
Miriam Flamisch - Rm 135

Helen Becker  
3808 Apple Rd  
Northampton, PA 18067

Betty Fleck  
3054 Pheasant Dr  
Northampton, PA 18067

Bill and Betty Kline  
124 Riverview Dr  
Treichlers, PA 18086

Louise and Jack Miltenberger  
319 West Main St  
Bath, PA 18014

Dorothy Reimer  
248 Rinker Rd  
Northampton, PA 18067

William and Thelma Silvius  
W61 Walnutport MHP  
Walnutport, PA 18088

Joseph Steiner  
3120 Pheasant Dr  
Northampton, PA 18067





MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS



**POPCORN PANEL ON MARCH 18** – Where Moms write the questions AND Moms are the Panelists! It will be a great night of discussing the real issues facing Moms today. Topics will include parenting, marriage, friendships, and spirituality. No preparation is needed. Just come ready to share and receive great mothering tips and advice.



**GREEN PARENTING ON APRIL 15** – Join us in celebrating Earth Day one week early! Carrie Shafer and her husband have invested time and energy researching ways to cut down on waste while saving significant amounts of money in baby supplies. They now consider themselves to be "Crunchy parents." Carrie will share her passion for Green Parenting by teaching us some "green" tips that we all can incorporate into our household routines.



**MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> – SAVE THE DATE: MOMS PAMPERING EVENT!** You won't want to miss it!

All MOPS meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:30pm, and childcare is provided. MOPS is open to all mothers of preschoolers in the community. Help us spread the news of MOPS by inviting a friend or neighbor!

## Better Moms Make A Better World

For More Information about MOPS, join our Facebook Group at "MOPS Emmanuel's" or contact Wendy Whiteash at 484-287-5444 to be added to our email list for meeting reminders and announcements.

## Souper Bowl of Caring – Update

A big thank you to all who donated food and/or gave a monetary donation on Souper Bowl Sunday. Not only did we donate bags of groceries and 558 cans of soup, we also gave \$388.70. All monies and non-perishable items that were collected will benefit the Bath Area Food Bank. Those who need help may not know that you care, but God does. Thank you again for your generosity.



## 2013 LYF Assembly June 21-23, 2013

The theme for the 2013 Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Assembly is *The New Is Now*.

**For:** Youth completing grades 8-12 and their advisors

**Dates:** June 21-23, 2013

**Location:** Muhlenberg College, Allentown

**Cost:** \$130 if participants register by **May 15**; \$150 if participants register after that date. Scholarship money is available.

Participants will get to know other Lutheran youth in the synod, have conversations about issues that concern them, experience worship that is planned by youth, and have a lot of fun!



In an effort to make our events more "youth friendly" and safe, ALL adult participants are required to get a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance and a Pennsylvania Criminal Background Check and submit proof of such clearances. Lutheran Congregational Services will do this for you at a reasonable cost. Read about it at <http://tinyurl.com/arhpw9b> and for answers to questions follow this link: <http://tinyurl.com/abpekix>. More information at [www.godslove.org/youth](http://www.godslove.org/youth).



## NEPA Women of the ELCA Spring Event

**Choose God. Choose Joy.**

**March 16, 2013 (snow date: March 23)**

*For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace (Isaiah 55:12)*

Registration begins at 8:30 AM. The program begins at 9:00 AM.

The registration fee of \$20 includes lunch. **Deadline for registration: March 1.**

For more information and a registration form, click the link for the January 2013 issue of *The Flame* on the synod website ([www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)).

## Farm Family Appreciation Celebration



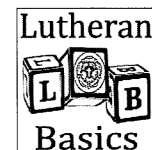
**Saturday, March 16, 2013**

**Hamburg Field House**

Join friends and families from across the synod at the annual farm family appreciation celebration.

A dinner buffet from 7-8 p.m. will be followed by a square dance and classic and modern country music by "The Majestics," with line dance music during intermissions, from 8 to 11 p.m.

Information and a registration form are available at [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org).



## Lutheran Basics

Do you need to brush up on some basic Lutheran concepts? Do you want to explore what Lutherans believe about the

Word, vocation, two kingdoms, and law and gospel? Then plan to explore four key *Lutheran Basics* this summer! Pick the date and place most convenient for you.

**Saturday, June 22**, Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, PA; OR

**Saturday, August 24** (place to be determined)

**Leaders:** Pr. Greg Frey (Vocation/Two Kingdoms)  
AiM Marlane Druckenmiller (Word/Law & Gospel)

For more information and a registration form, click the link at [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org).



## Save the Date: May 18, 2013

The Bike for World Hunger will take place on **Saturday, May 18, 2013**, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the **Bob Rodale Cycling and Fitness Park** in Trexlertown.

Watch for updates in E-News and on the synod website ([www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)). And check us out on Facebook: [NEPS Bike for World Hunger](http://www.godslove.org).



# SYNOD NEWS

The Spirit of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

March 2013

## Be who you are. See what you have. Do What Matters!

These three phrases – especially the third one – have been everywhere across the synod these past two-plus years. They've appeared in synod publications, the website, synod and mission district assemblies, signatures, worship bulletins, sermons, and conversations.

Phrases like "God is on the loose!" "God at work," and "God's people making a difference" often accompany conversations about *doing what matters*. And, to make it clear for whom we are doing what matters, we expand that third phrase to *doing what matters to God*.

But why are we *still* talking about doing what matters to God? Because the conditions are the same as when we started.

Church participation across the synod and across the Church at large – all denominations – has been declining for 10+ years.

We have done *just* well enough, retained *just* enough people, to convince ourselves that we are not in a *crisis*.

The world is changing. For most people, God is no longer a primary actor in the story of their lives.

Has what we have been doing changed the way we do ministry together? Yes. At least, we have started doing things differently.

The synod staff has been in regular Bible study, exploring what God is asking us to do.



♦ Congregations have been observing God at work and naming it when they see it.

♦ We are growing in our practice of telling our own faith stories and connecting them to God's story.

**How will we continue the conversation?** By keeping these three affirmations at the heart of our life together.

♦ The synod staff will continue to use tools that have been developed to lead pastors, leaders and congregations into a renewable way to be the church.

♦ Congregations will continue to work at doing things that change people's lives in a positive way.

♦ At the synod assembly we will gather groups of people to share faith stories around Bible study.

Pr. Niels Nielsen

Associate of the Bishop

Pastor, Holy Trinity, Dingmans Ferry

26th Annual Assembly  
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA  
June 14-15, 2013

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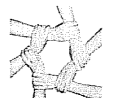
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synod website at  
[www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org).



Emmanuel's Adventurous Christian Youth Initiative!



## Finding Answers to the Tough Questions



The Bible tells us we are to be kind and patient with each other, love our neighbor as ourselves, encourage one another and build each other up, take advice from others, and forgive each other.

But what exactly does all this mean? How can I do this in my daily life?

How do I find answers to my problems? What should I do when I am stressed?

The Adventurous Youth group has spent time on these very questions. We don't have all the answers, but we are having fun trying to figure them out.

As we share things with each other, we are realizing we all have stress in our lives. Sometimes, it is just nice to know we are not alone and other kids have problems too. We are actually seeing that we share some of the same concerns. It's been great to have these open and honest conversations about the things that bother us. Celebrating the good stuff in life has been a lot of fun too.

We are learning that we can trust God and we can pray for His help and guidance. At first, this seemed a bit awkward, but we are growing more comfortable with this prayerful exchange.

If you are looking for a safe place to meet new people and you are in grades 3-8, come check us out. We would love to include you in our fellowship.

Upcoming dates: March 10, 24 April 7, 21 May 5 June 2

## J-Walkers ... Youth Group for Grades 9 -12

Meetings are at 6:00pm in the Downstairs Parlor. Here is a list of upcoming meetings:

March 10 & 24, April 7 & 21, May 5, June 2



# BEAR CREEK CAMP

Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!

## Calendar of Events 2013

Any time	Open House – call for time
April 26-28	Work Weekend
May 24-27	Memorial Day Weekend Camp
June 14	NEPA Synod Assembly - Evening at Bear Creek Camp
June 21	Golf Tournament – Olde Homestead Golf Course
June 23 – Aug 17	Summer Camp
Aug 30- Sept 2	Labor Day Weekend Camp
Sept 6-8	"Old Staff" Alumni Reunion
Oct 4-6	Fall Wild Women

## Calendar of Events 2014

Jan 17-19 Winter Camp

## Celebrating 290 Years

**February ...** final count .... 377 cans of green beans! \$323.32 was raised for Disaster Relief by the 9th Grade Cat Class.

**March ... Koins for Kids ...** To celebrate Emmanuel's 290th Anniversary in March, the 7th and 8th grade Sunday School class is handing out empty bottles to be filled up with money. The project is called "Koins for Kids", in full Northampton spirit. The goal is to hand out 290 empty bottles to the congregation at the beginning of the month and at the end of the month collect bottles full of coins (or paper money) to donate to the Easton Children's Home. Be sure to grab your bottle on March 3, 10, or 17 and hand it in on March 24! The kids at the Easton Children's Home and in the 7/8 grade class will surely appreciate your participation!

"...the Lord Jesus himself said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"  
-- Acts 20:35

President Pete C. invited Tony Rossi from Keystone Property Management (KPM) to do a presentation of his services. Tony presented an extremely thorough overview of services and managed council's Q&A thoroughly. KPM will handle all dealings associated with rental property (repairs, showings, tenant selection, rental payments, maintenance, etc.) for a monthly fee of 10% of the rental cost with a realistic inhabitation date for the beginning of March. Council discussion led to a motion made by Brian B, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris W. to go with KPM for repairs and contract as well as consulting with existing engineer for the inclusion of a driveway. Motion carried.

Ceremonial Ground Breaking is scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> between the late service and brunch. Shovels were ordered. This ceremony will kick off our pledge drive for the new building project. Ground breaking is hopeful for June 2013.

### Committee Reports:

New Building some changes are being made to the plan in regards to the kitchen entrance and design. Plans are expected by the end of January and will be sent for bids then. The installation of the septic system is currently underway.

Memorial Michele G. has researched the purchase of 2 CPR-AED for the church and will present findings at next meeting.

Christian Education Sunday School start (9:30AM) and end time (10:30AM) change went into effect on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

290<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon is set for January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:15. Plans are moving forward with a catered brunch for 75 people.

New Business: Discussion on changing council meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, starting in March, to aide in financial report compilation. Motioned made to accept by Karl M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michele G. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Pastor Barry moved to adjourn, followed by a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Sandy H., motion carried, and closed in prayer led by Pastor B.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracey A. Holland, Council Secretary

## We Have A New Email Address

Emmanuel's Lutheran Church has a new email address. Our new email address is:

emmanuelchurch@gmail.com



## EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, January 3, 2013 @ 7:00 PM, Social Hall

Brian Baylor	Sandy Howell	Pastor Elizabeth Mitchell	John Hemak
Susan Gerken	Chris Wolf	Pastor Barry Mitchell	Brenda Smith
Jan Bourdelle*	Michele Geiger	Karl Monroe	
Pete Coccetti	Win Miller*	Tracey Holland	* denotes not in attendance.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Pete C. Prayer was led by Pastor E.

**Devotions/Study:** Pastor E. read from Luke the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter; asked to be with the needy and be servants to the world; took time to reflect upon known needs in prayer.

**Pastor's Report:** Report submitted with focus on our 290<sup>th</sup> anniversary and reasons to be thankful. By God's grace, we have changed, adapted and continued to offer help and ministry over the course of 290 years. Recognition was given to our current congregation's generosity. Our current congregation numbers are among the most active and well attended of all the congregations of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. An emphasis was placed on growing our outreach over and above internalizing our efforts solely on the new building plans. Encouraged to reclaim our mission: "God calls us to reach out and grow in Christ's love" as our guide in the next 290 years.

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** Sue G. moved to accept the December minutes, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy H., motion carried.

**Election of New Council Officers:** Pete C. was nominated for President by Michele G., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy H., motion carried. Sue G. was nominated for Vice President by Sandy H. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris W., motion carried. Karl M. was nominated for Secretary by Brian B. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda S. Karl M. stated his desire to serve as a mentor to a new Secretary in 2013 to aide in the transition. Brenda S. nominated Tracey H., Chris W. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote was taken and Tracey H. was appointed and motion carried. Reappointments to Bob S. as Treasurer and Bob B. as Financial Secretary.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Report submitted by Bob B.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report reviewed and accepted from Bob S. Special attention given to the Synod's requiring of an audit of financial records. This is to be done by the end of March. Bob S. suggested an audit committee be formed. John H. and Pete C. will serve as council representatives. Pete C. will be inviting others from outside the council to serve on the committee.

**Old Business:** Pastor Barry gave an update on outreach support needed by Missionary Bob Moyer—included is a clean water supply for kids in school and school projects benefiting children. In honor of the 290<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a \$290 donation will be going to support Bob's missionary work. Pastor Barry will bring a complete list of needs to next meeting.

## Grief Care

A grief care program will be starting on Thursday, April 4th at 7:00pm in the downstairs parlor. We will be viewing a DVD which will lead us into a discussion. Please join us in this informal gathering as we support one another through our grief process. You can call me, Drinda Zimmerman at [610-837-7215](tel:610-837-7215) if you are interested.

## Discount Hershey Park Tickets for all ages



We have the opportunity to order Hershey Park tickets at a discount if we order **20 or more tickets. This is not a group trip.** If you are planning to visit Hershey Park sometime this summer, you can use your ticket. Your ticket is valid on any regular operating day; all season long.

The group rate for ages 9-54 is \$30.65 per ticket

The group rate for ages 3-8 & 55-69 is \$26.40 per ticket

The group rate for ages 70+ is \$20.65 per ticket

*What you need to do:*

1. Decide how many tickets are needed for family and friends.
2. Sign-up sheet is on Youth Bulletin Board in the Gathering Area and also on the side table in the Fellowship Hall
3. Submit a check (**payable to Emmanuel's**) for the correct amount of tickets **no later than Sunday, April 14th**. Return check in an envelope marked Hershey Park with your name, number of tickets and the breakdown of tickets to Bob Bennett. Envelopes can also be placed in the offering basket. **Payment is due at time of sign up.**

Ordering of tickets for Hershey Park will take place on Monday, April 15th in order to receive these prices. **No exceptions! No refunds.**

Please check your math and make sure you are ordering the correct tickets, the correct amount of tickets and that your total agrees. Last year we had quite a few errors. If additional tickets need to be ordered because of an error, you will need to pay the full price.

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### MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>24 8:00 AM &amp; 10:45am Trad Worship 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship - FH 9:30 AM Sunday School 6:00 PM J-Walkers - DP 6:15 PM Adventurous Youth 7:00 PM "24/6" with PE - UP</p>	<p>25 10:30 AM "24/6" - Ladies Only - w/PE - FH 7:00 PM Making Sense of the Cross w/PB - UP 8:00 PM Bell Ensemble</p>	<p>26 6:00 PM Brownies - FH 7:00 PM Ladies Needlecrafters 7:45 PM Zumba - FH</p>	<p>27 10:30 AM Lenten Morning Worship - Sanctuary 6:00 PM Lenten Supper - FH 7:00 PM Worship - FH 7:45 PM Sr. Choir</p>	<p>28 7:00 PM Worship Committee</p>	<p>1 Fellowship Hall in use</p>	<p>2 Fellowship Hall in use</p>
<p>3 8:00 AM &amp; 10:45am Trad Worship 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship - FH 9:30 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Bells of Praise 6:30 PM 1st Yr Cat Class - DP 7:00 PM "24/6" with PE - UP</p>	<p>4 7:00 PM Making Sense of the Cross w/PB - UP 8:00 PM Bell Ensemble</p>	<p>5 6:00 PM Brownies - FH 7:00 PM Ladies Needlecrafters 7:45 PM Zumba - FH</p>	<p>6 10:30 AM Lenten Morning Worship - Sanctuary 6:00 PM Lenten Supper - FH 7:00 PM Worship - FH 7:45 PM Sr. Choir</p>	<p>7 7:00 PM Worship Committee</p>	<p>8 Brownie Sleepover</p>	<p>9 Brownie Sleepover</p>
<p>10 8:00 AM &amp; 10:45am Trad Worship 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship - FH 9:30 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Bells of Praise 6:00 PM J-Walkers - DP 6:15 PM Adventurous Youth - FH 7:00 PM "24/6" with PE - UP</p>	<p>11 10:30 AM "24/6" - Ladies Only - w/PE - FH 7:00 PM Making Sense of the Cross w/PB - UP 8:00 PM Bell Ensemble</p>	<p>12 6:00 PM Brownies - FH 7:00 PM Ladies Needlecrafters 7:45 PM Zumba - FH</p>	<p>13 10:30 AM Lenten Morning Worship - Sanctuary 6:00 PM Lenten Supper - FH 7:00 PM Worship - FH 7:45 PM Sr. Choir</p>	<p>14 6:30 PM 1st Communion Class - DP 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>15 2nd Yr Cat Class Retreat</p>	<p>16 2nd Yr Cat Class Retreat</p>
<p>17 8:00 AM &amp; 10:45am Trad Worship 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship - FH 9:30 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Bells of Praise 6:00 PM J-Walkers - DP 6:15 PM Adventurous Youth - FH 7:00 PM "24/6" with PE - UP</p>	<p>18 10:30 AM "24/6" - Ladies Only - w/PE - FH 5:30 PM MOPS - FH 7:00 PM Making Sense of the Cross w/PB - UP 8:00 PM Bell Ensemble</p>	<p>19 6:00 PM Brownies - FH 7:00 PM Ladies Needlecrafters 7:45 PM Zumba - FH</p>	<p>20 10:30 AM Lenten Morning Worship - Sanctuary 6:00 PM Lenten Supper - FH 7:00 PM Worship - FH 7:45 PM Sr. Choir</p>	<p>21 6:30 PM 1st Communion Class - DP</p>	<p>22 6:30 PM Lenten Miller Sing-along at Graceville - Chapel</p>	<p>23 9:00 AM Church Spring Indoor/Outdoor Clean-up</p>
<p>24 8:00 AM &amp; 10:45am Trad Worship 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship - FH 9:30 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Bells of Praise 6:00 PM J-Walkers - DP 6:15 PM Adventurous Youth - FH</p>	<p>25 10:30 AM Prayer Service 7:00 PM Making Sense of the Cross w/PB - UP 8:00 PM Bell Ensemble</p>	<p>26 6:00 PM Prayer Service 7:00 PM Brownies - FH 7:00 PM Ladies Needlecrafters 7:45 PM Zumba - FH</p>	<p>27 10:30 AM Lenten Morning Worship - Sanctuary 6:00 PM Lenten Supper - FH 7:00 PM Worship - FH 7:45 PM Sr. Choir</p>	<p>28 10:30 AM Prayer Service 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday and First Communion Service</p>	<p>29 10:30 AM Prayer Service 12:00 PM Good Friday Community Service - Hope Cherryville 7:00 PM Service of Tenebrae 8:00 PM Prayer Vigil</p>	<p>30 Prayer Vigil 10:30 AM Prayer Service</p>
<p>31 6:00 AM Easter Dawn Service 7:00 AM Easter Breakfast 8:00 AM &amp; 10:45am Trad Worship</p>	<p>1 Offices are closed</p>	<p>2 6:00 PM Brownies - FH 7:00 PM Ladies Needlecrafters 7:45 PM Zumba - FH</p>	<p>3 7:00 PM Worship - FH 7:45 PM Sr. Choir</p>	<p>4 7:00 PM Worship Committee</p>	<p>5 7:00 PM Prayer Vigil</p>	<p>6 7:00 PM Prayer Vigil</p>