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Wednesdays in Lent: “Love is Greater than...”

God is love, and the God of love is greater than fear and grief and money problems and shame and all the other things that keep us from living as God intended us to live.

On Wednesday evenings during this Lenten season we are inviting you to hear and experience speakers from all walks of life who boldly proclaim that fear and shame and hate and despair and all the rest do not have to threaten and destroy us.

We have selected pieces from the renowned TED talks and the NOOMA series who will challenge us to think in new ways. Pastors Barry and Elizabeth Mitchell will take each of these powerful ideas and engage us to think of them in the context of God's love which is greater than our most dreaded fears.

Wednesday evening services will begin at 7:12 p.m., giving just a bit more time for those who are coming from work.

Those who can arrive early are welcome to join in an evening meal of soup, salad and bread starting at 6:00 pm.



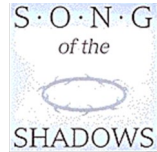
The Lenten season began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and lasts for 40 days. (not including Sundays). Our Wednesday evening Lenten services will continue through March culminating with a Holy Week Cantata on March 28. On Wednesday mornings at 10:30am we offer a spoken service in the upstairs Sanctuary with our message on love. All are welcome to come to worship, learn, pray and sing!

Holy Week and Easter Preview



Holy Week (March 25 - March 31) 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 10:30 a.m. and invite all who are able to gather with us.

Wednesday in Holy Week (March 28) Those who are able will meet at 6:00pm for an evening meal of soup, salad and bread. Our evening worship at 7:00pm will include the presentation of our Holy Week Cantata, "*Song of the Shadows*".



Maundy Thursday (March 29) is the day we remember Jesus' first celebration of communion with his disciples and his act of service in washing their feet. The 7:00pm service concludes with a moving "stripping of the altar".

On **Good Friday** (March 30), there will be a one hour community Good Friday Service from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm here at Emmanuel's.

Emmanuel's offers Tenebrae (a powerful remembrance of Christ's suffering and death) at our evening service at 7:00 p.m..



Prayer Vigil (8pm March 30 to 6am April 1) *Will you not pray with me for one hour?* Please sign up to take part in our annual prayer vigil.

Easter (April 1) dawns with a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. in which we move from Baptismal remembrance outdoors (weather permitting) to the sanctuary to proclaim the joy of the resurrection. Breakfast follows at 7:15am or 8:30am. Easter joy rings out in our 8:00, 9:30 and 10:45 morning services.



Mark your calendars—see you in church!



Prayer Vigil

Will you not pray with me for one hour?

(Mark 14:37)

Our annual Prayer Vigil will start at 8:00pm on Good Friday and will continue until 6:00 on Easter morning. Our goal is to have 2 people praying during each hour. Please sign up for a one-hour time slot. Look for the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area or Fellowship Hall. Books and prayer lists, member directories and special requests will be supplied.

Easter Breakfast



Come join us on Easter Sunday, April 1 in the old Fellowship Hall for our annual Easter Breakfast sponsored by the Youth Group. There will be two seatings - **7:15 am and 8:30 am**. Look for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Hall. Deadline to sign up is Palm Sunday. A free-will offering will be taken and all proceeds will benefit our youth attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston.

Holy Week Cantata... This year at Emmanuel's we are blessed to be performing a powerful Holy Week Cantata (*Song of the Shadows*) accompanied by a full orchestra. In this deeply moving Holy Week cantata we find a powerful invitation to contemplate the love and sacrifice of Christ.

"Come to the shadows, the flickering candle. Silence yourself in the still of this place. Here in this moment as silence surrounds you, Open your heart to the music of grace."

**The performance will be Wednesday, March 28
as part of that evening's Lenten Worship.**

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 17, 2018

6:00 - 8:00pm (serving 6-7pm)

Fellowship Hall

Corned Beef and Cabbage with all the fixings

Plus wonderful desserts

Come and enjoy an evening of Irish Fun and Fellowship.
Free-will offering will be taken and all proceeds will help
our Houston-bound travelers.

Easter Flower Sponsors

Once again, flowers will be available to purchase as memorial/ or as tribute gifts to beautify the windowsills for Easter. **Prices vary depending on the flower chosen.** A reservation form is found below.



The deadline to place your order is Sunday, March 18

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:

_____ **\$7.00** Daffodils

_____ **\$7.00** Assorted Tulips

_____ **\$11.00** Azaleas (hardy)

_____ **\$9.00** 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 18.**

March - Bath Food Bank



During the month of March, Emmanuel's Lutheran Church will help the Bath Area Food Bank by collecting **Pork and Beans, Baked Beans and canned Kidney (or other) Beans.**

The food bank is **no longer accepting Jell-o or pudding.**

The Food Bank will be accepting donations of new or like-new (VERY gently used) **Winter Coats** of all sizes - for adults and children.

Grocery gift cards (preferably Ahart's) are needed for emergencies. Please drop all gift cards in an envelope marked "Food Bank" on the church secretary's desk or please give it to one of the Pastors.

The Bath Area Food Bank is always in need of monetary donations which stretch farther than any amount of food that we can give. There are currently 256 families registered at the Bath Food Bank.



Emmanuel's Women's Group

We normally meet the 2nd Monday of the month – and all are welcome – even if it's just for a special activity or two. Here's what's up for the coming months:

Monday, March 12 – 7:00 pm – Hooray! It's Game Night – Sue Walker will bring her collection of board games – and engage us all in some friendly competition. Prizes will be awarded for the best players and teams. Bring your friends and come out for an enjoyable evening of fellowship – and games!



Monday, April 9 – 7:00 pm – Blankets and Blabbing! Let's "take a breath" – and work on our project once again. We have 4 more blankets to prepare for Camp Noah – which will be offered in Reading this summer – for children who have sheltered there after the devastation of their homes in Puerto Rico. We'll also test our knowledge with **Bible Trivia Quizzes.** (*Please note the change in activity!*) The tea party has been moved to May – to allow the committee more time to plan.)



Monday, May 14 – 7:00 pm – "Come to the Fair" Tea Party – Fun for the women of the congregation. Sign-up sheets will be available within a few weeks – in the downstairs Fellowship Hall – so you and your friends can reserve your table. Look for more details in the April newsletter.

J-Walkers - Come and Join the FUN!

Join us at J-Walkers. All teens in grades 7-12 are welcome! Meetings are every other week at 6pm and we meet in the Schoolhouse. Any questions call or text Chris (610) 554-0140 or Samantha Wolf (484) 330-9864. Listed are our meeting dates:

March 11: Meeting 6-7pm Bible Minute to Win It

March 25: Meeting 6-7pm

April 8: Informational Koinonia Meeting 6-6:30pm

May 4-6: Koinonia Trip



It's time to start thinking about a great summer of exploring, celebrating and growing in God's incredible creation at Bear Creek Camp.

ReminderDon't forget to register online.

Bear Creek Camp **\$15 Early Bird Discount**, if registered by **March 1st**

Be sure to pick up your \$20 Bear Creek Ambassador Coupon or use code BCADISCOUNT when registering

There are many other types of discounts/financial assistance available - check out bearcreekcamp.org for details.

Emmanuel's will provide \$100 for each child who attends - enter Code **18EMM100** as a Sponsorship Payment when registering to claim this benefit.

If your child wishes to attend camp and you are having financial difficulties, please contact Pastor Elizabeth for some ways we may be able to help.

Emmanuel's Meals from the Heart

Won't you consider becoming a part of this vital ministry? This ministry at Emmanuel's provides meals to anyone from the congregation in times of need. Meals might be needed after the birth of a baby, after surgery or hospitalization, or during a time of crisis. The more help we have, the less frequently our volunteers will need to provide meals. Please contact Michele Geiger by phone ([610-442-7680](tel:610-442-7680)) or via email (mlgeiger520@gmail.com) if you'd like to become a part of this ministry. Please contact the church office, the Pastors or Michele Geiger if you are in need of meals.



From our Sexton



Hello Everyone, my name is Gloria Wallery and I've accepted the part-time sexton position as the cleaning person. I get to mop, shine, dust, sweep, wipe, swish, wash, scrub, trash and vacuum this *big* building.

Mike and I have been members since April, 1980. We have two married children, Annette married to Eric Iasiello and Kevin married to Natalia, four grandchildren, Alexandra, Kiefer, Kendall and Raegan. We also have one furry dog friend named "Maggie" and she rules us. We usually attend the 9:30 service and on occasion the Wednesday evening service.

The TV show "Tiny House" amazes me on how people can organize themselves to live in 300 square feet by making areas with a multipurpose. My dream for Emmanuel's is that we *NEVER* stop doing activities and we always worship here. But with worship and activities we have things and things need a place of honor to stay. Maybe you have a clever idea on how we can get the best storage for our things to share our space with others and repurpose items we already have. Right now we are cleaning out the old to be able to bring in new future ideas with things.

I'll be looking for areas to clean, but I can always use an extra set of eyes to keep me informed of anything that is not welcoming you or others to our church. I have a mailbox labeled "sexton" in the upstairs parlor for you to drop me a note. Inside and outside volunteers: thanks for so much for caring and helping to keep our church shining for the Lord all year long. Everyone's footprint is needed to keep Emmanuel's great. I'll be seeing you at church!



10 Shining Knights and More



I just wanted to give you an update from the Saturday, February 17 attack on 6 areas in the church which we called "War on Clutter". We had a very successful day! We gathered many prisoners of war in the "I don't know" piles and many casualties in the trash and recycle bins. 24 Shining Knights reported for duty that day plus additional workers on previous days. It was a fun day seeing what we can do in 30 minutes and many stayed close to 2 hours. It was amazing to gather together to move, fling and clean things. We sorted, shined and set many items in place. I'm thankful for three leaders in their areas: Heather Bennett-Knerr, Denise Druckenmiller and Debbie Wambold.

Now, I have a different thought. Can we change the committee's name to "Babysit Me"? Will you take a look at your area that you worked on at least 3-4 times throughout the year? If you find it getting bad again, blow the whistle on it and drop me a note in my mailbox.

Thank you for serving on this committee which was sort (short) and sweep (sweet). More areas will need to be addressed, but that will be up to the administration, the staff, Sunday School teachers, and small groups. They will get to decide what is important for our church too.

Attackers, thank you again for making the day a success! Gloria

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Learning Ministries Day

Held on Saturday, January 27, at Christ Hamilton United in Stroudsburg, this year's theme was: "Church as Wonder-Land."

Pr. David Danneberger led the opening worship and welcomed attendees to a day that included a keynote address, workshops, meals, and time to share ideas and excitement.

Keynote speaker Pr. Lori Kochanski (former NEPS Pastor and Assistant to the Bishop) spoke about "Transforming Faith Communities from 'Places to Go for Answers' to 'Places to be with the Big Questions.'"

Afternoon workshops included Special Needs Ministries, Caring for Creation, and Wonder: "Godly Wonder," "Science and Wonder," and "Wonderful Crafts."

An offering raised \$625 for scholarships to Bear Creek Camp.

Learning Ministries Day 2019 will be Saturday, January 26, at Jerusalem, Schuylkill Haven. Save the date!



Inside Outside Gift Giving



Caren (not her real name) told Pastor Sue Ruggles of St. John, Easton that her daughter has trouble with an addiction and is incarcerated. While her daughter is in jail, Caren cares for her children, trying to keep them together in one house. Christmas is especially hard because there is not enough money. This is just one of many stories told in December.

Members of St. John downtown historic Easton, one block from the Northampton County jail, believe the children should not be punished because of their parent's mistakes or addictions. So every year, those inside the jail can request their family members receive gifts. This year, St. John expanded their work and filled the requests from 56 people inside the jail. Over 150 children received gifts that were wrapped and deemed age appropriate.

Toys for Tots helps with some of the toys; and a Thrivent Action Team Grant helps with the rest, including mailing seven packages for families out of the area. Children received love and prayers for every gift wrapped, and the caregivers who picked presents up were able to share their stories and receive encouragement. "Inside Outside Gift Giving" enables parents inside the jail to show children outside the jail they are loved while someone is trying again.

Talking About Racism

The White Privilege Conference April 4-7, 2018

In 2016 the Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry Team of the Synod received a grant to help young people learn about racism, and how they could help heal the wounds of racism. Several of them attended the "White Privilege Conference" which was held in Philadelphia. The next conference will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 4-7, 2018. Take a team of folks from your congregation. For more information visit: whiteprivilegeconference.com.

ORGANIZATION - Race Forward

Taken from their website:

"Race Forward's mission is to build awareness, solutions, and leadership for racial justice by generating transformative ideas, information, and experiences. We define racial justice as the systematic fair treatment of people of all races, resulting in equitable opportunities and outcomes for all; and we work to advance racial justice through media, research, and leadership development."

Check out their website at raceforward.org for all kinds of resources including links to training. A small group of youth and adults from our synod attended a training event in 2016 and found it helpful.

Evacuees to PA following Maria: LCS Helps Congregations Connect



Like many before who have sought refuge with friends and family following disaster, over 2,500 people have evacuated from the Caribbean to Pennsylvania following Hurricane Maria. As of mid-January, the number of displaced students in the Allentown school district was 367; in Reading, 229; and in Bethlehem, 160. There are also displaced students in Hazleton, Scranton, Wilkes Barre, and other places.

Because of support from strong Hispanic communities here, many families are becoming self-sufficient quickly. There are some circumstances, however, where the most vulnerable have significant needs, especially related to housing. LCS is seeking to be an ally to organizations and churches who are caring for newcomers. Some of the efforts underway include:

- Supporting the Reading Lutheran Parish in hosting Camp Noah this summer. Camp Noah is a disaster camp developed through the Lutheran Disaster Response network to support children recovering from disaster.
- Forming partnerships with Lutheran leaders who are leading outreach efforts to families who are providing temporary housing to friends and family from Puerto Rico.
- Helping congregations connect with the most vulnerable families in their communities in order to help them with rental assistance and other support.
- Working with Pennsylvania Emergency Management, FEMA, and other faith based and disaster organizations to coordinate efforts for helping people make decisions for their families.

Interested in learning more about Camp Noah or other ways to support those affected by Hurricane Maria? Contact Julia Menzo at 267-464-7740 or jmenzo@libertylutheran.org.

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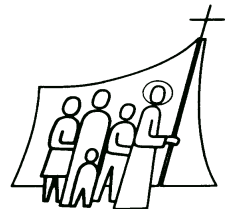
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EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, January 11, 2018 @ 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Marilyn Angst	David Getz	Win Miller	Dianna Schoenen
Kristin Butz	John Hemak	Pastor Barry Mitchell	Samantha Wolf *
Jane Fried	Paul Honett	Pastor Elizabeth Mitchell	
Michele Geiger	Vernell Meyers	Bob Radaker	* denotes not in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Bob R. Prayer was led by Pastor Barry.

Devotions: None.

Pastor's Report: Great December reported. It was a very busy Christmas Eve (6 services). Thanks to all who helped.

Council Election Results:

President - Bob Radaker (nominated by Marilyn A., seconded by Win M.)
Vice President - Michele Geiger (nominated by Win M., seconded by Jane F.)
Secretary - Jane Fried (nominated by Michele G., seconded by Vernell M.)
Treasurer - Bob Siegfried, Brian Baylor (not present)
Financial Secretary - Bob Bennett

Review/Approval of Minutes: Marilyn A. moved to accept the December minutes, seconded by Paul H., motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report: Report submitted by Bob Bennett. A good December was reported with an increase in giving from last year. Pledges for 2018 are ahead of last year. Simply Giving was discussed by Bob B.

Treasurer Report: None

Estate Update: Nothing new from the attorney.

Old Business:

Welcome to new Council members Dianna S., Vernell M., Paul H., and Jane F. As council representatives it was suggested that all are to be active and serve on committees.

Website Update: Pastor Barry reported that Samantha W. has turned over the updating of our website to Brian Baylor.

Transition Committee: Needs to be formed in advance of the Pastors' retirement. Representatives are needed from both the Traditional and Celebration services.

Security Committee: John H. would like to organize a committee and will talk to local Police, Fire Dept. etc. Vernell M. volunteered to help.

Committee Reports:

Memorial: No report.

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

Property: Bart Palamaro. submitted reports on ongoing items/issues. Discussed hot water issue in downstairs bathroom and LED lights. Paul H. made a motion to purchase LED lights, seconded by Win M. – motion carried.

Youth: Dianna S. and Kristin B. updated Council on activities with the younger group.

Worship and Music: Bobby Siegfried officially starts as the Alternative Music Director on January 22, 2018. His first Sunday will be January 28, 2018. Various events are planned through Easter Sunday. There was discussion about moving the organ. Starting in March we will move to two ushers for the Traditional services. Sound panels for Fellowship Hall were discussed.

Christian Ed: No report. It was noted that Heather Bennett-Knerr. is doing a great job as Sunday School Superintendent.

Outreach: Trunk-or-Treat was very successful and was open to the public. Discussion on the need for more of these types of events to get the community involved.

HR: A chairperson is needed.

Cemetery: A trash container is needed for the Cemetery; Win M. is checking on this.

Financial: Audit update – A form is needed from the Synod to complete the audit. John H. will check their website for the form.

Stewardship: Pastor E. is looking for volunteers to form a committee.

Rental House: 4 Star Property Management (owned by Sue Walker) is willing to handle the property and will match our current pricing. John H. will contact her.

New Business:

Church Directory: It is time for a new Church Directory in 2018 – it has been 5 years since the last one. A committee is needed – Marilyn A. and Jane F. volunteered to help.

Sexton: Jason Corona. submitted his resignation effective 1/31/18. He will start a full-time job with Mack Truck. Council wished him well and thanked him for his service. A motion was made by Dianna S. and seconded by Marilyn A. to open the position to the congregation; motion carried.

Security Position: Motion was made by Dianna S. and seconded by Kristin B. to open the position to the congregation; motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday February 8, 2018 at 7:00pm Fellowship Hall

Michele G. moved to adjourn, followed by a second from John H., motion carried, and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane E. Fried, Council Secretary

Email Addresses and Phone Numbers

To help communication work more effectively, the church would greatly appreciate it if you would notify us of any email address changes or if you move to the use of a cell phone number as your main contact.



Donations Account Balances (01/01/2018 - 01/31/2018)

Thursday, February 01, 2018

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Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
<i>Giving Accounts</i>		
100 - Regular Offering	20,791.00	20,791.00
Total Regular Offering	\$20,791.00	\$20,791.00
110 - Plate Offering	623.75	623.75
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$21,414.75	\$21,414.75
124 - Initial Offering	400.00	400.00
Total Special	\$400.00	\$400.00
131 - Flowers	230.00	230.00
132 - Bulletins	12.00	12.00
Total Misc. Offerings	\$242.00	\$242.00
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$22,056.75	\$22,056.75
200 - Building Offering	2,986.00	2,986.00
220 - Improvement Offering	156.00	156.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$3,142.00	\$3,142.00
140 - Snow Removal	28.00	28.00
364 - Memo - Barbara Fleck	150.00	150.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	163.00	163.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	153.00	153.00
460 - ELCA Good Gifts	272.00	272.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	102.43	102.43
540 - Youth Conference	350.00	350.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$26,417.18	\$26,417.18

Simply Giving

It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Many of you already support the congregation with your time, talents and financial contributions ... but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program (Simply Giving). It's convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for the church. Please contact Bob Bennett or call the church office (610-837-1741) for details.



Cemetery clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday, March 17**. We will begin at 9:00am. Volunteers are needed. Please supply your own yard tools and gloves. We ask that all Christmas arrangements be removed from the cemeteries by Friday, March 16 or arrangements and containers will be thrown in the dumpster.

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

Treasurer's Report as of January 2018

Total General Fund Income \$ 22,857

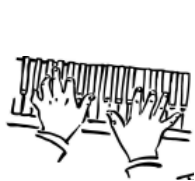
Total General Fund Expenses \$ 30,634

Expenses over Income... \$ 7,777

Monthly Attendance for January, 2018

Sunday School	Week of	Wed 7:00pm	8:00 Traditional	9:30 Celebration	10:45 Traditional	Worship Total
24	January 7	10	22	87	42	161
35	January 14	47	37	116	32	232
34	January 21	3	31	123	36	193
37	January 28	16	22	116	45	199
130	Totals:	76	112	442	155	785

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 196



Sponsor a Musician

Choose a musician card from the poster in the Gathering Area and return it with a \$35 donation (or whatever you wish to donate) to help offset costs for the Cantata Orchestra.

Thank you for supporting the Music Ministry at Emmanuel's.



Deadline for April Informer articles is: Friday, March 16, 2018.

March Flowers (\$25.00 per vase)

March 4 - In memory of family members by Linda Steiner.

Contemporary - To the Glory of God by the Schoenen Family.

March 11 - In celebration of another year of peace by the McCans Family and in memory of the birthday of father, Harold Miller by Win Miller.

Contemporary - In honor of the 18th birthday of Hannah Flaven by Paulette & John Obrecht and in honor of the 19th birthday of Karissa Frey by grandparents Leonard & Sandy Frey.

March 18 - In honor of the 91st birthday of Ralph Eckhart by his wife Janet. In honor of the 18th birthday of Hannah Flaven by Paulette & John Obrecht.

Contemporary - In honor of the 2nd birthday of our granddaughter Ellie by Gramma & Grampa Mitchell. In honor of the anniversary of Al & Rose Wolf by Kimberly Kratzer.

March 25 - In honor of Ron Daubenspeck's birthday by his family.

Contemporary - In memory of the birthday of our dad, Floyd Gilbert by RoseMarie and Geraldine.



March Bulletins (\$6.00)

March 4 - In honor of all the birthdays in March by Gloria & Mike Wallery.

March 11 - To the Glory of God by Bob & Barbara Fehnel.

March 18 - In memory of brother, Glenn Hahn by Vernell Meyers and to the Glory of God by Linda Floria.

March 25 - In memory of Charles & Clara Eisenhower by Susan Walker.

Moms of Faith.... Easter Egg Decorating Sunday, March 25, 4-6pm

We will gather in the old Fellowship Hall to paint Easter eggs. Please bring eggs (ready to decorate) and your favorite paints and brushes to share with other kids and moms. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided.

March Worship Volunteers

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

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25 (Palm Sunday)
Acolytes: 8:00am	Jeremy Walther	---	Cheryl Haas	---
10:45am	Mercedes Kasper	Andrea Davidson	Taylor Whiteash	Brooke Rosenberger
Altar Care: 8:00	Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller
10:45	Cindy O'Brien	Karl & Sue Monroe	Barbara Bennett	Cindy O'Brien
For instructions or volunteering contact Denise Druckenmiller 610-837-1369				
Comm. Assts: 8:00am	Jessie Hnatow Nancy Marsh	Sue Getz Theresa Schafer	Dean Chenski Cheryl Haas	Win Miller Denise Druckenmiller
10:45am	Brenda Smith Vernell Meyers	Bob Bennett Barbara Bennett	Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien	Brenda Smith Vernell Meyers
Confirmed members interested in serving, call Barbara Bennett for training (610-262-9576)				
Greeters: 8:00am	Jessie Hnatow	David Getz	Susan Chenski	Win Miller
10:45am	Carol Farole	Barbara Fehnel	Cindy O'Brien	Carol Farole
Reader 8:00am	Jessie Hnatow	Brian Baylor	Cheryl Haas	Win Miller
10:45am	Alfonso Kasper	David Ambrose	Wendy Whiteash	Lynne Ambrose
Ushers: 8:00am	Sue Derhammer Deena Ruth	Chris Baylor David Getz	Susan Chenski Jessie Hnatow	Sue Derhammer Deena Ruth Chris Baylor Sally Leabold
10:45am	Clint Easton Gary O'Brien	Barbara Fehnel June Walker	Barbara Bennett Bob Bennett	Clint Easton Barbara Fehnel Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien
Comm. Attendant 8:00	Cheryl Haas Denise D.			
10:45	Helen Smith Paul Honett			
Media 8:00am	Brian Baylor	Win Miller	Ron Daubenspeck	Jessie Hnatow
10:45am	Lynne Ambrose	Karl Monroe	Sue Monroe	Michele Geiger
Bread Provider: Dee Orris				

Discount Tickets

HERSHEYPARK

We once again 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 on any regular operating day; all season long.

****Hershey Park has revised their group admission tickets to “All-age Admission (ages 3+)” at a cost of \$34.85 per ticket regardless of your age.** Children 2 and under are free.

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Gathering Area and in Fellowship Hall. **Payment is due at time of sign up**. Submit a check (**payable to Emmanuel’s**) for the correct amount **no later than Sunday, April 29**. Return check in an envelope marked Hershey Park with your name and the number of tickets to Bob Bennett. Envelopes can also be placed in the offering basket.

Ordering of tickets for Hershey Park will take place on Monday, April 30. Tickets will arrive in time for Memorial weekend.

No exceptions

No refunds

Souper Bowl of Caring Update



On Sunday February 4 the people of Emmanuel's church donated \$831 to reach out to the Bath Area Food Bank through the one great Souper Bowl of Caring. Across the United States, over 2400 participating groups raised more than \$7 million in cash and food items to support local food banks.

In addition, you brought more than 100 items of food which will help to stock the shelves of the Bath Area Food Bank. May God continue to bless the world through your generosity!

Communion and Giving Record Reminder

In order to remain an active member on the church's rolls, a person must commune and give a contribution of record at least once in a calendar year.

Please fill out a communion card for 2018. You only need to fill out one per year..

Also when contributing to the church, please use your offering envelopes or write a check or place money in an envelope with your name and/or church envelope number on it. Thank you for making it easier to keep our church records accurate.

Funerals



Luther L. Christman, 84, passed to his eternal rest on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. A funeral service was held at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church. George G. Bensing Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements. Pastor Elizabeth officiated at the service.

Thank You Notes Received

Thank You

✉ A big Thank You to my Pastors and my church family of Emmanuels. Your visits, phone calls and favors are so appreciated. It feels good knowing friends who are thinking about you.

God Bless You!
Rochelle Rinker

✉ Pastors & Friends of Emmanuels,

Your Kindness Has Blessed My Life

I want to thank you for the prayers, cards and calls. Thank you for the Christmas plant, the stocking with gifts and the Women's Group who helped. I want to thank all the carolers for the heart-warming carols. This all was so great. I really enjoyed it. God Bless you all.

Many thanks,
Doris Engle

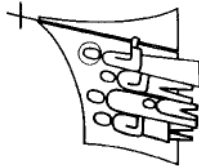
✉ My sincere thanks to our pastors for the visit to Sandra in the hospital and for the meaningful funeral service in her memory. Thanks to the members and friends at church for your kind words and deeds and many sympathy cards. To all those involved in her service and to our secretary for printing the bulletins and every other deed she did, I'm grateful.

Our blessing to all, from
Gladys Borger
Sharon, Eileen, Rose and families

✉ "Guess what my heart's overflowing with?
GRATITUDE, THANKFULNESS, APPRECIATION...and BLESSINGS!
Thanking the Lord for thoughtful you!"

Thank you so much for your generous donation towards Bobby's work in Panama.

Jacquie Moser
Office Assistant
New Life Lutheran Church



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Bobby Siegfried, Alt. Worship Music Coord.

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Daylight Savings Time Begins March 11, 2018

Don't forget to turn your clocks
ahead one hour before going to
bed on Saturday, March 10 and
change the batteries in your
smoke detectors.

Time to
Spring Ahead