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WE MARCH TOGETHER INTO THE LENTEN SEASON



Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays). The forty days of Lent recall the 40 day fast of Jesus in the wilderness after his baptism. It is a time of renewal and preparation for the joy of the resurrection feast of Easter.

Ash Wednesday Services will be at 10:30am and 7:00pm in the sanctuary and a contemporary service at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come to receive ashes as a sign of repentance.

On all other **Wednesdays in Lent** there will be spoken worship at 10:30am in the sanctuary, a soup supper in the fellowship hall at 6:00pm and evening worship at 7:00pm. This year's theme is "Grace" by Max Lucado. Have you been changed by grace? See page 2 for more information.

Lent is a wonderful time to give up some things that are not good for us and an even better time to prioritize and add some spiritually uplifting things, including the ones below.

Be sure to check Emmanuel's Facebook Page each day in Lent for a thought provoking meme or message.

Pastor Elizabeth is offering a **Ladies Bible Study, "RESTORED"**, on Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. All women are welcome.

Pastor Barry is offering a **Lenten Study Group** using the book "**Meta Moments**". The group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the downstairs meeting room.

See inside for more details on these studies.



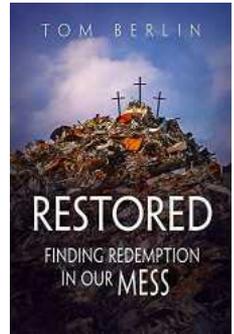
**Lenten Ladies Bible Study with Pastor Elizabeth
Mondays at 10:30am beginning March 11**

“RESTORED..Finding Redemption in our MESS”

Often we make a mess of our lives and wonder if there is any redemption. In this book, pastor and author Tom Berlin helps us see our mess through the eyes of Christ to find redemption and restoration.

Please come and join us as we discuss the “messes” in our lives and try to find “the message in the mess”.

Please sign up if you would like to attend.



**Wednesday Lenten Worship Series 2019
Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

This year's presentation: “Grace” by Max Lucado



Max writes this about Grace:

“We talk as though we understand the term. The bank gives us a grace period. The seedy politician falls from grace. Musicians speak of a grace note. “Do you believe in grace?” Who could say no?”

But do we really understand it? Have we settled for wimpy grace? It politely occupies a phrase in a hymn, fits nicely on a church sign. Never causes trouble or demands a response. When asked, Max Lucado asks a deeper question: “Have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Strengthened by grace? Emboldened by grace? Softened by grace? Snatched by the nape of your neck and shaken to your senses by grace?”

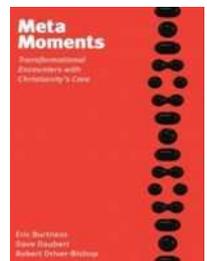
Tuesday Evening Study Group with Pastor Barry
Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Begins March 12
Downstairs meeting room

“Terrible Title, Great Book!” - Pastor Barry

The “Meta Moments” study book is written to encourage people to see the Christian faith as more than a static thing, but as a source of real and important transformation. Chapters explore the themes of:

- Beginnings
- Jesus
- The Reign of God
- Diversity's Challenge
- Meaning and Purpose
- Why Church?

If you've got a desire to dig into your faith in new ways or take a deeper look at your faith and your church this study and this book is a great place to dig a little deeper and understand your faith a little better. Please sign up if you would like to attend.



Why Do We Cover the Painting During Lent?

The painting above the pulpit is a rendering of the Ascension of Jesus, his moment of glory following the resurrection. During Lent we are called to focus on the cross and suffering of Jesus. To help us focus our attention on the cross, the picture is covered with a drape in the purple color of the season with a large cross placed in front of it. On Easter morning, part of the joy of the resurrection celebration will be the uncovered picture of Jesus on the way to the Father's Glory.



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 soon 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 21 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.

OH, THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS ...

You get up on a Sunday morning, look out the window and see nothing but white, or your street is a sheet of ice ... you wonder if Sunday School and/or the Worship Service has been cancelled because of this "inclement weather". To make sure:



1. Go to WFMZ Channel 69 & watch for Emmanuel's Lutheran, Bath on the crawl at the bottom of the screen
2. Check updated message on church answering machine at 610-837-1741
3. Check Emmanuel's website at www.emmanuel.org

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, April 7, 2019

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
_____ **\$12.00** 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

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, April 7.**

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.**

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 264 families registered at the Bath Food Bank.

Emmanuel's Women's Group

Monday, March 11 – 7:00 pm – Back by popular request: **Game Night** – Bring in your favorite board or card game to play. The more people we have, the more choices for games.



Devotions will include a brief discussion from *Grace and Grit: Heroic Women of the Bible.*

Monday, April 8 – 7:00 pm – **Make Your Own Easter Bonnet** –

Everyone will be asked to make an Easter bonnet out of paper plates – but decorated with materials you bring in. (Extra items/materials will be available for those who aren't able to plan ahead.) And as we work - we can learn about where some of our Easter traditions/customs got started, including the one's your family follows. Then, we'll have prizes for the most creative bonnet designs. Something different, something fun.

Monday, May 13th – 7:00 pm – **It's a Tea Party!** – Invite a woman who is important in your life – to share tea and "sistership." Call Paulette (610-383-9713) if you want to help with planning this fun event.



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.



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 upcoming meeting dates:

- March 10: Meeting 6-7pm Let's do Science
- March 24: Meeting 6-7pm Making Decisions
- April 7: Meeting 6-7pm Easter Prep - stuffing eggs
- April 21: Easter - NO meeting
- May 5: Meeting 6-7pm Scavenger Hunt
- May 19: Meeting 6-7pm Outdoor Water Games
- June 1-2: Lockout (camping outdoors at church)
- June 16: Meeting 6-7pm Respect
- July 14: Meeting 6-7pm Truth and Lies
- August 11: Meeting 5-7pm Outdoor Activities
- August 25: Youth/Parent Picnic



Mission Interpreter Event, Saturday, April 6, 2019

Mission Interpreters tell the stories of the ministries of our Synod and the ELCA that are supported by our giving that goes beyond our congregation to our wider church.

If you are interested in learning more about our Mission Interpreter ministry, we invite you to a gathering on Saturday, April 6, at 11:30am to 2pm, at Starlite Diner, at Routes 178 and 100, Allentown. Julia Menzo, Director of Liberty Lutheran Congregational Services, will share about the ministries of her organization, one of many supported by our mission support giving.

Please call Charlotte Gross at 484-695-1641 to register. Seating is limited. Lunch will be provided.



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!



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

Reminder ...Don't forget to register online.

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

Be sure to pick up your \$20 Bear Creek Ambassador Coupon or use code BCC2019! 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 EMM100-19 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.

VBS 2019 is Coming! Mark Your Calendars!



Save the Date - Friday August 9

Emmanuel's Night
at Coca-Cola Park



Lehigh Valley IronPigs
vs Charlotte Knights

Game time: 7:05pm
Fireworks after the game!

Tickets are \$11.
We are in section 103 near the entrance.
Look for sign-up sheets after Easter.

Emmanuel's Meals from the Heart



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) 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.

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Café Esperanza - Domestic Hunger Grant Recipient



Café Esperanza, a pay-what-you-can model community café, is scheduled to open in late Spring 2019. It is our vision that all people, regardless of financial means, deserve an opportunity to eat delicious, nutritious food. The café will serve breakfast and lunch, utilizing local, organic and seasonal foods as much as possible, highlighting the delicious products of local farmers.

Located in a densely populated neighborhood in the Northwest section of Reading, a city with a poverty rate of 43%, Café Esperanza will provide a place for people of all walks



of life to gather and get to know one another. Most of the labor will be provided by volunteers, including those who are offered a chance to exchange an hour of work for a meal, as well as others who simply enjoy serving their neighbors in this way. There will also be a job training aspect of our work. Young people will learn all aspects of food service, including the opportunity to receive barista training.

We are grateful for our recent grant from the ELCA Domestic Hunger program, as well as support from this Synod, the East Berks Mission District, the Reading Lutheran Parish, the Berks County Community Foundation, and many congregations and individual partners. For opportunities to contribute or volunteer, please follow us on Facebook (search for Café Esperanza).

The goal of the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal is to work toward "a just world where all are fed." Addressing this goal includes not only providing food for hungry people, but perhaps more importantly empowering people to provide a brighter future for themselves through community development, job training, and advocating for a more equitable distribution of the earth's resources.

In addition to supporting projects in more than 60 foreign countries, the World Hunger Appeal also administers a Domestic Hunger Grant program. Last year 77 grants were awarded to ministries and organizations in the United States that both address the root causes of hunger and provide relief services for those in need. Our synod received the two grants featured in this edition of *Synod News*.

Domestic Hunger Grant applications will be accepted again in 2019. Please check the program's web site - elca.org/domestichungergrants - to learn about the process and timeline for submitting an application. The web site can also give you more information about ELCA World Hunger's strategic priorities, at home and around the world.

Synod Assembly 2019



The 2019 Synod Assembly will be held on June 1 at Genetti Inn and Suites in Hazleton.

Online registration will open by the end of March - check your eNews and the website - but NOW'S the time to start GETTING READY!

The good news is: we've met the challenge of fitting all the necessary programming into one action-packed day. This means, you can save time and expense this year, saving up for next year (2020) when we will need three days to elect a new bishop.

More good news: REGISTRATION COST for voting members will be only \$100, while visitors this year will pay \$20 (which covers the cost of the full luncheon). Any and all are encouraged to attend.

To bring it all together in one day, we ask your help to make a couple things happen:

FIRST - we ask all congregations to select their two voting members by the end of March - for many of us, that means at our March Council Meetings.

SECOND - Those voting members should also plan to attend their MISSION DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, which usually happens in April or May. Important information will be shared and actions will take place at these local events, which will help set up and streamline work at the Assembly.

Stayed tuned for more details, as we discover in Christ... "What A Difference A Day Makes!"

Domestic Hunger Grant Recipient Easton Hunger Coalition



Easton, along with the neighboring cities of Bethlehem and Allentown, comprises the area known as the Lehigh Valley, which is the third most populous region in Pennsylvania. While recently Easton has enjoyed an economic rebirth, largely on high-end restaurants, artisan food shops, and a hugely successful farmers' market, too many households rely on emergency food from pantries and free meal centers. Over 50% of the area school children receive the federally funded free/reduced meal, and close to 1/3 of the Easton households self-identified in the most recent census as earning below the poverty level.

In 2014 a group of activists came together to form the Easton Hunger Coalition with the urging of a member of Arndt's Lutheran Church. The church has a long-standing relationship with food and community, although it is located outside of the Easton downtown. Persistent engagement around hunger relief guided the congregation to support multiple programs to help households reduce food insecurity.

The Coalition applied for an ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant to strengthen the organization; increase collaboration; and develop new tools to increase compassionate response to hunger, reduce stigmas associated with poverty, and to support self-advocacy programming and a significant public awareness program. Arndt's Lutheran Church as fiscal agent for the grant will support and guide this important work over the next three years. Their goal is "Hunger-Free in '23" for the Easton area, enabling a healthy community where all have access to nutritious food.



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MARCH 2019

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>24 8:00 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary</p> <p>9:05 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9:30 AM Celebration Service - FH</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary</p> <p>6:00 PM NO J-Walkers tonight</p>	<p>25 10:30 AM Ladies Bible Study w/PE</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Group - UP</p>	<p>26 7:45 PM Emmanuel Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 7:00 PM Worship Rehearsal</p> <p>7:45 PM Sr. Choir</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	
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EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, January 10, 2019 @ 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Marilyn Angst	David Getz	Pastor Barry Mitchell	Dianna Schoenen
Kristin Butz	Paul Honett	Pastor Elizabeth Mitchell	Samantha Wolf
Pete Coccetti*	Vernell Meyers	Karl Monroe*	
Jane Fried	Win Miller	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: Pastor Barry handed out a flyer about "mistakes made by churches during an Interim Ministry".

Pastor's Report: No report

Review/Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Win M. and seconded by Vernell M. to approve the Dec. 13, 2018 minutes without corrections; motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report: Report submitted by Bob Bennett.

Treasurer Report: Report submitted by Bob Siegfried.

Election of Officers: New officers were voted on and approved with Dianna Schoenen and Pete Coccetti as President and Vice President, Secretary - Kristin Butz. Bob Bennett will continue as Financial Secretary and Bob Siegfried will continue to be Treasurer.

Old Business:

Council/Staff Dinner: January 26th; 24 attending reported by Marilyn Angst. Woodstone Club at 4 pm. Event can be rescheduled if weather is inclement.

Website update: Pete Coccetti was talking to Donna Newhard at school for possible class project. Motion made by Bob Radaker to spend \$120 to renew the domain name for 3 years. It was amended to include office supplies. Seconded by Win Miller. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Memorial: No Report

Stewardship: Thurs, Jan. 17, 2019 Win Miller, Dianna Schoenen and Pete Coccetti will meet.

Security: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Property: Will need to write up a report for annual newsletter. Lynne wrote it last year and Paul Honett will write it this year. There is still no quote for the upstairs bathroom, possibly looking into another contractor. Bob Radaker will give a new contractor name to Paul Honett.

Youth: J-Walkers - 30-hour famine will be held on Feb. 8th and 9th at church. The containers for donations will be handed out on Jan. 20. Possible trip to Blue Mt on Jan. 27.

I-Walkers - no report

Worship and Music: Marilyn reported that undecorating the church on Wed. Jan. 9 went very well.
There will be 2 services on Ash Wed.
Sunday March 3 there will be a Fastnacht talent show.
Patriotic service will be held on July 7th.
Bob Radaker made a motion for allocating money, \$599.00, out of the worship budget to purchase updated program for projecting words for service and seconded by Dianna Schoenen. Motion carried.
Wish list - purchase camera to record services on DVD or stream it.

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

Christian Ed: Sunday School going well.

Transition: One meeting has taken place with the Synod and received information from Peggy Wuertele.

HR: Still need a volunteer for chairperson. President and Vice president have been looking into this and looking for a third, will ask Michelle Geiger.

Cemetery: Bob Radaker made a motion to investigate and purchase what we have in the way of fire proof cabinets for storing cemetery records that have been found in cardboard boxes and seconded by Win Miller. The amount of \$1500 from the general fund was approved.

Financial: John Hemak is finishing up the 2017 audit and initiating 2018. Discussed having another church come in and audit our financial status.

Rental House: No report.

New Business: Welcome to Pete Coccetti and Karl Monroe.

Deb Wambold asked to bring up having a dinner for fundraiser or just to socialize, or possibly an oldies dance. Possible fundraiser to complete the new kitchen. Win Miller made a motion for set a plan in motion for dinners for socializing or fellowship and seconded by Dianna Schoenen. Motion carried.

Bear Creek has a connect week, Sam, Alex Schoenen and Evan Dempsey are attending camp.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00pm Fellowship Hall

Win M. moved to adjourn, followed by a 2nd from Bob R. motion carried, and meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Butz, Council Secretary



New Building Campaign begins March 3, 2019

Our new building is over 3 years old and the initial building fund campaign ended last year. It's time to ask the congregation to commit to a new campaign, Our current contributions are no longer covering our mortgage payments and we need to ask for your continued support.

Pledge packets for the new campaign will be available at all services on March 3. We ask that you prayerfully consider committing to a pledge (in addition to your contributions to the general fund) to support this new campaign to cover our mortgage payments and reduce our loan balance.

Thank you for your support.

Building Campaign Committee (Win Miller, Dianna Schoenen, Samantha Wolf, Bob Radaker, Pastor Barry and Pastor Elizabeth)

Donations Account Balances (01/01/2019 - 01/31/2019)

Monday, February 18, 2019

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Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
Giving Accounts		
100 - Regular Offering	21,232.00	21,232.00
Total Regular Offering	\$21,232.00	\$21,232.00
110 - Plate Offering	400.00	400.00
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$21,632.00	\$21,632.00
121 - Christmas Offering	60.00	60.00
124 - Initial Offering	502.00	502.00
Total Special	\$562.00	\$562.00
131 - Flowers	275.00	275.00
132 - Bulletins	18.00	18.00
136 - Church house	787.50	787.50
Total Misc. Offerings	\$1,080.50	\$1,080.50
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$23,274.50	\$23,274.50
200 - Building Offering	2,542.00	2,542.00
220 - Improvement Offering	95.00	95.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$2,637.00	\$2,637.00
140 - Snow Removal	80.00	80.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	95.00	95.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	118.00	118.00
460 - ELCA Good Gifts	442.00	442.00
500 - Christian Education	80.00	80.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	33.25	33.25
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	500.00	500.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$27,259.75	\$27,259.75

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.



GIVE+Text



A New Way to Give

Give in Seconds With a
Text Message

Have you tried our text giving option? In a matter of seconds, you can make a weekly offering or respond to a special appeal.

To give, text the dollar amount to 610-463-0435

Treasurer's Report as of January 2019

Total General Fund Income \$ 23,388.

Total General Fund Expenses \$ 28,927

Expenses over Income... \$ 5,540

Monthly Attendance for January, 2019

Sunday School	Week of	Wed 7:00pm	8:00 Traditional	9:30 Celebration	10:45 Traditional	Worship Total
30	January 6	8	37	111	41	197
32	January 13	13	(Light Snow) 21	93	28	155
-----	January 22	10	(Snow and Ice) Services Cancelled			
42	January 27	12	44	119	43	218
	Totals:	43	102	323	112	570

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 190

Miller-Keystone Blood Bank

When donating blood at Miller Keystone Blood Bank please say **Emmanuel's Bath** and the code is **0656**. This way we will receive credit for your donation.



Cemetery/Outdoor clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday, March 30**. 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 29 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: Friday, March 15, 2019.

Discount Tickets



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 from May 3 to September 29.

****Hershey Park has revised their group admission tickets to “All-age Admission (ages 3+)” at a cost of \$35.50 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 28**. 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 29. Tickets will arrive in time for Memorial weekend.

No exceptions No refunds

Souper Bowl of Caring Update

On Sunday February 3 the people of Emmanuel's church donated \$492 to reach out to the Bath Area Food Bank through the one great Souper Bowl of Caring. Across the United States, over 3600 participating groups raised more than \$8 million in cash and food items to support local food banks. In addition, you brought more than 50 cans of soup and other 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 2019 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.

Baptisms

Lorelei Alexandra Warnke and Charlotte Athena Warnke, daughters of **Christopher J. and Monica M. (Young) Warnke** were baptized on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at the 10:45 Traditional Service. Lorelei was born on March 18, 2013 and Charlotte was born on December 8, 2014. Their sponsors were the congregation.

Hailey Noelle Mitchell, daughter of **Eric P. and Stacey L. (James) Mitchell** was baptized on Sunday, February 17 at the 9:30 Celebration Service. Hailey was born on November 1, 2018. Her sponsors were Kurt and Laura Mitchell.

Thank You Notes Received

✉ To my friends and members of Emmanuel's,
*Just want to thank you....and ask the Lord to
shower you with His blessings!*



Thank you so much for the Christmas caroling, many cards, gifts and visits from the congregation. Thank you also to the Pastors for their visit. I appreciate your continuing prayers and hope to be returning to Sacred Heart soon. Hope to see you soon.

Love, blessings and prayers to all.
Gladys Borger

✉ To the guys who did a great job to replace the steps at my home:
Many thanks for God's Work and Your Hands!

Sincerely,
Joyce Kemmerer
God Bless!

Employee Owned
Redner's
WAREHOUSE MARKETS
SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Please remember to turn in your Redner's receipts. All receipts are totaled and submitted to Redner's. A check will come to the church and be deposited into the Youth Group account. If you have any questions, please contact: **Cheryl Reeser at 610-759-6492.**

March Flowers

(\$25.00 per vase)

March 3 - Open

Celebration - Open

March 10 - In memory of Willard Silfies by Pearl Silfies and Karen & Al Miller.

Celebration - In honor of the birthday of Stan Karc by Nancy and Christopher Karc.

March 17 - In honor of Taelynn's 3rd birthday by Mommy & Daddy (Chris & Sam Wolf). In honor of the birthday of husband, Ralph's 92 birthday by Janet Eckhart.

Celebration - In honor of June Myster by the Myster Family and Erin Bause. In honor of the 3rd birthday of our granddaughter Ellie by Gramma and Grampa Mitchell

March 24 - In honor of the birthday of Ron Daubenspeck by his family.

Celebration - In memory of the birthday of dad, Floyd Gilbert by Rose Marie Lindenmuth and Geraldine Gilbert.

March 31 - Open

Celebration - In honor of all the birthdays in March by Mike and Gloria Wallery.



If you would like to sponsor flowers or bulletins for any of the open dates please contact the church office (610-837-1741)

March Bulletins (\$6.00)

March 3 - Open

Celebration - Open

March 10 - Open

Celebration - Open

March 17 - In memory of sister Catherine Eckhart by Janet & Ralph Eckhart.

Celebration - In honor of the 3rd birthday of our daughter Taelynn by Mom and Dad (Chris & Sam Wolf).

March 24 - Open

Celebration - In honor of the 3rd birthday of our granddaughter Ellie by Grampa and Gramma Mitchell.

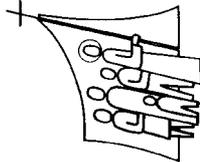
March 31 - Open

Celebration - Open

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 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Acolytes: 8:00am	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:45am	Rachel Butz	Taylor Whiteash	Andrea Davidson	Brody Rosenberger	Rachel Butz
Altar Care: 8:00am	Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller	Denise Druckenmiller
10:45am	Cindy O'Brien	Karl & Sue Monroe	Barbara Bennett	Cindy O'Brien	Bob Splittgerber
For instructions or volunteering contact Denise Druckenmiller 610-837-1369					
Comm. Assts: 8:00am	Brian Baylor Cheryl Haas	Dean Chenski Nancy Marsh	Theresa Schafer Terry DeGroot	Sue Getz Denise Druckenmiller	Sue Theoret Jessie Hnatow
10:45am	Kristin Butz Win Miller	Bob Bennett Barbara Bennett	Brenda Smith Angela Mitchell	June Walker Vernell Meyers	Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien
Confirmed members interested in serving, call Barbara Bennett for training (610-262-9576)					
Greeters: 8:00am	Cheryl Haas	Susan Chenski	Terry DeGroot	David Getz	Jessie Hnatow
10:45am	Win Miller	Carol Farole	Barbara Fehnel	Cindy O'Brien	Gary O'Brien
Reader 8:00am	Kristen Edelman-Weiner	Nancy Marsh	Terry DeGroot	Sue Getz	Cheryl Haas
10:45am	Dave Ambrose	Sandy Turtzo	Doreen Davidson	Bob Splittgerber	Kristin Butz
Ushers: 8:00am	Denise Druckenmiller Theresa Schafer	Susan Chenski Sally Leabold	Sue Derhammer Deena Ruth	David Getz Chris Baylor	Cheryl Haas Nancy Marsh
10:45am	Paul Honett Helen Smith	Sandy Turtzo Clint Easton	Bob Bennett Barbara Bennett	Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien	Barbara Fehnel Sally Leabold
Comm. Attendant 8:00	Chris Baylor Sue Getz				
10:45	Vernell Meyers June Walker				
Media 8:00am	Ron Daubenspeck	Win Miller	Jessie Hnatow	Brian Baylor	Ron Daubenspeck
10:45am	Michele Geiger	Sue Monroe	Lynne Ambrose	Karl Monroe	Michele Geiger
Bread Provider	Linda Steiner				



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Daylight Savings Time
 Begins March 10, 2019
 Don't forget to turn your clocks
 ahead one hour before going to bed
 on Saturday, March 9 and change
 the batteries in your smoke detec-
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