

# Emmanuel's Informer

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## *Pastor's Message*

Back on March 14, as texts were flying back and forth as we discussed whether or not we should gather for worship the next day, I don't think anyone could have imagined that some three months later we'd still not be able to gather safely, but that is the reality in which we find ourselves. I know that many of you long for the day when we can once again come to the church to worship together and share Holy Communion. I have the same longing. Unfortunately, we have not yet reached that day.

I also know that many of you are wondering when we'll be able to gather and what worship will look like when we return. At this point I can't give you a firm date when we will return or a template of the shape worship will take. At our May Council meeting it was decided that, unless there is a dramatic change, we will continue to worship solely online at least through the end of June. We are continually monitoring information provided by the CDC, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the ELCA in order to make informed and prudent decisions. The information provided in the ELCA publication "Considerations for Returning to In-person Worship" was our primary guide. We have posted a link to this publication on our website. It will give you a good understanding of what needs to happen before we return to in-person worship.

During the month of June, we will reevaluate the situation and decide what is in the best interest of our faith community in both the short and longer term. We have begun the process of discussing the steps and safeguards that will need to be taken in order to return to our worship spaces. We will be soliciting the input of many different groups and individuals as we work toward that day. I want you to know that in all we do, the safety and wellbeing of the members of our community will be our top priority.

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Worship Times will remain as follows until further notice:

**8:00am** Online **Traditional** Service from the Sanctuary

**9:30am** Online **Celebration** Service from the Fellowship Hall



## VBS News

JUNE 22-26, 2020



Hello Emmanuel's friends,

Unfortunately, due to the continued stay at home order, in addition to the Governor's recommendation for no large group gatherings in the foreseeable future, we will need to cancel VBS for the 2020 summer. We want to assure the safety of our children and volunteers.

Respectfully,  
Megan & Heather



Tentatively scheduled for  
**June 28**



Watch for further details  
**TENTATIVE Dates**

**June 28**  
Annual Church Picnic

**July 5**  
Independence Weekend  
(Brass Band)

**September 13**

*Pastor's Message continued from page 1.....*

In the meantime, we are looking at ways to get more people involved in the life of the church through the use of technology. There are a number of us who are ready to help those of you who may not consider yourself to be “computer savvy.” I wish that I could give you more specific information, but things are still changing quickly making that impossible. Hopefully you will be receiving more detailed information on where we are and where we are headed in the near future. If there is a time when you feel we may be moving more slowly than you would like I ask you to remember that even though you can do something that doesn't necessarily mean that doing so is in your best interest or the interest of those with whom you will come in contact. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact me or any member of the Church Council.

I sincerely thank you for continued support of Emmanuel's in the midst of the uncertainty we face each day. It is heartening to see the number of people who are watching our services and the positive reactions we receive.

May God continue to bless you as we travel this road. We may be separated, but we are never alone.

Blessings,

Pr. Dan



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**Considerations for Returning to In-person Worship**  
Being Church Together During the COVID-19 Pandemic  
Updated May 12, 2020

The ELCA has issued guidelines /considerations for the reopening of churches. Please read this important document to understand some of the challenges we will be facing in the coming months. The document can be found at:

**<http://nepasynod.org/documents/COVID-19/ELCA-guidelines-returning-worship.pdf>**

or via a link from Emmanuel's website (**[www.emmanuals.org](http://www.emmanuals.org)**).



## June - Bath Food Bank

During the month of June, Emmanuel's Lutheran Church will help the Bath Area Food Bank by collecting **Jelly and Cold Cereals**. **There is also an ongoing need for Ramen Noodles**. The food bank is **no longer**

accepting Jell-o or pudding.

**\*\*\*Until we begin meeting again any donations for the food bank can be dropped off in the vestibule to the downstairs parlor (see below for details).**

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.

### How to Donate During Social Distancing

We are still not gathering for worship or activities but there is a way to get your donations to church. During business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am -3pm) the outside side red door into the downstairs parlor vestibule will be unlocked. There will be bins inside the door for you to drop off any items you wish to donate. Please feel free to drop off items at your convenience. The inside door into the building itself will remain locked.



If you need assistance please call the church office (610-837-9250).

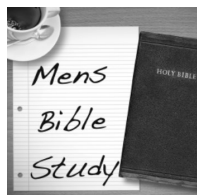


### Blood Drive

Our Spring Blood Drive has been cancelled. Look for the date of our Fall drive to be announced.

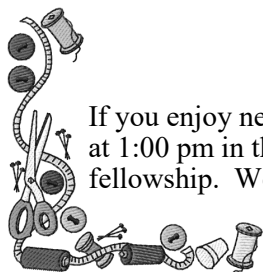
If you would still like to donate you can go directly to the Blood Center. Use sponsor code **0656** and the credit will go to Emmanuel's. They have extended hours at many of their donation sites. Contact them or go to their website for details.

Please help maintain our blood supplies during these uncertain times. Blood donations are safe and vital to our community.



The Men's Bible Study is currently not meeting due to the gathering restrictions of the ongoing pandemic.

Once it is safe to gather again all men are invited to join us for Bible Study on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Upstairs Parlor.



## Needlecrafters Group

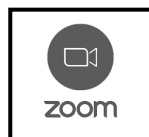
If you enjoy needlecrafts please join us every other Monday at 1:00 pm in the upstairs Gathering Area for stitching and fellowship. We are currently "on hold" - watch for updates!

**All are welcome!**



During this time of social distancing when it is unsafe to gather together, we have a small group of dedicated women who are coming together online for weekly Bible study using

**Zoom.** Gloria Wallery has organized the group and is the host for this platform. The group "meets" on Thursday mornings at 10:30am and is currently studying the book of Matthew. If you are interested in joining them online please contact Gloria at [gjwallery@gmail.com](mailto:gjwallery@gmail.com).



## The Scoop at Emmanuel's

We value your gift of volunteer work  
and we are organizing for 2020!



Volunteers are the unsung heroes carrying our church with NUMEROUS tasks. For the sake of planning, we need to list these tasks so that Council and our Pastor will have one source to go to.

This will be a book called **The Scoop at Emmanuel's** and it will be kept in the church office.

No matter how small a role is, we have seen the value of knowing who does it, what needs to be done, and what materials are needed. It will be invaluable if someone else needs to learn a task.

Please share your role with Jan Bourdelle who is helping Council to get The Scoop organized (610-704-4654, [janbourdelle@aol.com](mailto:janbourdelle@aol.com)).

Finally, if you see a job that needs a volunteer just let us know.

## Save the Date - Friday July 31

### Emmanuel's Night at Coca-Cola Park

Lehigh Valley IronPigs vs Durham Bulls

Game time: 7:05pm

Fireworks after the game!

Tickets are \$11.



**NOTE:** As of the publication date this event is still on the calendar, however, we expect its status will change once new guidelines are issued.

**If you would like to tentatively order tickets for this game please contact the church office (610-837-1741 or [emmanuelchurch@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelchurch@gmail.com)).**

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR TICKETS IS FRIDAY, JUNE 26**



**UPDATE:** Your Redner's Rewards Card **MUST** be used to participate in this 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.**

## 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 2020. 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.

**EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Thursday, April 23, 2020 @ 7:00 PM, Zoom Online Meeting

Marilyn Angst	David Getz	Dianna Schoenen, President
Kristin Butz, Secretary	Paul Honett	Chris Wolf
Pete Coccetti, V. President	Vernell Meyers*	Pr. Dan Clayborne
Justin Fallenstein	Win Miller*	Bob Siegfried, Treasurer
Jane Fried	Karl Monroe	Bob Bennett, Financial Secretary
*denotes not in attendance		

**This meeting as held via ZOOM due to COVID-19 precautions for social distancing.**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Dianna Schoenen.

**Devotions:** Opening prayer was offered by Kristin Butz.

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** Chris Wolf moved to accept the March minutes as presented, seconded by Pete Coccetti. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor Dan will be attending a continuing education course online the week of May18-22, 2020. He won't be in the office that week but will be performing services on May 17 and May 24.
- Pastor Dan was reviewing our Constitution that was initiated in 2006 and revised in 2008. He has highlighted certain aspects and has put in a Google Document for review.
- Pastor Dan was asked if it would be approved by council for anyone to walk around the church grounds for prayer/reflection during this time. No council members objected to this.
- Pastor Dan was emailed by Pastor Terry from Bath that churches are going to be ringing their bells on May3rd at 7 pm to honor front line personnel. Karl volunteered to perform the bell ringing.
- Pastor Dan has been calling folks on the shut-in list and suggested it would be good for others to phone these members as well. Dianna Schoenen, Karl Monroe, Pete Coccetti, Bob and Barb Bennett, Justin Fallenstein, Jane Fried have volunteered their time to also make these phone calls. It will be opened up to any who would like to make some calls.
- The church's VANCO site is up and running, Bob Bennett, Pastor Dan, Lynne Ambrose, Jane Fried have access to our account and can set it up the way we want and need it to be set up.
- Confirmation is currently scheduled for May 31,2020, Pentecost. Confirmation retreat is scheduled for May 23, 2020 to go over procedures for confirmation, and receive the stoles and decorations for the stoles. There are 12 confirmands, may have them pick up their decorations and stoles and have them decorate at home. Confirmation may be postponed till June, instead of performing ivirtually.
- Synod has sent out a consideration list for reopening of worship and performing communion again following the COVID outbreak.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Submitted by Bob Bennett.

**Treasurer Report:** Submitted by Bob Siegfried. March showed a surplus of \$9K, with a decrease of envelope giving of 6%, but also a decrease of expenses of 20%. Emmanuel's was approved for a guaranteed government loan of \$34,500.00 from New Tripoli Bank, which if used for payroll, mortgage, employee benefits will be forgiven.

## **EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)**

**Suggestion Boxes:** No physical suggestions were available. Facebook postings regarding streamed services have been positive.

### **Old Business:**

- Synod Assembly was moved from June to October this year and will be 4 days from Wed through Sunday. Karl Monroe may volunteer to attend depending on Sue's work schedule. Bishop Zeiser will stay on through December.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Call Committee:

- One person was interested in seeing our church's information. This process will now be slowed down due to COVID restrictions.

#### Cemetery:

- Clean up was preformed on March 21, 2020.

#### Christian Education:

- Nothing being planned at this time. May be revisited toward end of summer. Church picnic that had been planned for following VBS still to be determined.

#### Memorial Donations Messaging:

- Karl Monroe to research standing policy in regard to appending to congregational bylaws.

Property: No report

Stewardship: No report

### **Worship:**

- Services going forward through the month of April will be 8 am traditional and 9:30 contemporary via Livestream on FaceBook. These times began on Easter Sunday.
- Potential Sons of Veteran Memorial Day service on 05/24/20.
- Summer services to begin on 06/07/20, 9 am Contemporary and 10 am Traditional.
- Bob Bennett has sent a number of people watching the livestream to Lynne for an attendance count.
- Thank you to Pastor Dan, Bobby Siegfried and Beth McElroy for performing the livestream services every Sunday.

### Youth Ministry:

- Not meeting currently due to COVID 19 restrictions. Pastor Dan, Dianna Schoenen and Justin Fallenstein met with Sammy Kelly the Synod Youth Ministry Director for virtual ideas and planning ahead.

**Next Meeting:** Next council meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2020.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Wolf and seconded by Karl Monroe to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Butz, Council Secretary



# EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting, Monday, March 23, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Marilyn Angst*	David Getz*	Dianna Schoenen, President
Kristin Butz, Secretary	Paul Honett*	Chris Wolf
Pete Coccetti, V. President	Vernell Meyers	Pr. Dan Clayborne
Justin Fallenstein	Win Miller	Bob Siegfried, Treasurer
Jane Fried*	Karl Monroe	Bob Bennett, Financial Secretary*

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Guests: Bobby Siegfried, Beth McElroy

- Pastor Dan reported that the palms have arrived at the church.
- Governor Wolf has issued a stay at home order in place till at least April 6, 2020.
- Pastor Dan is recommending online services for Holy Week. It was mentioned by Win Miller that Becky's Drive In has been holding outside services for other churches and could this be possible for our congregation.
- It was decided that virtual services would be utilized for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Palm Sunday. Easter Sunday services at this time will be determined at a later date.

**Next Meeting:** Next council meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2020 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Butz, Council Secretary



During our time of being apart let's not forget our homebound members. Their addresses are listed below - please feel free to send them a card or note letting them know we are still thinking about them.

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# JUNE 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> Pentecost 8:00 AM Online Traditional Service 9:30 AM Online Celebration Service	<b>1</b> ALL Services/Events for the month are <b>TENTATIVE</b> due to Covid-19 restrictions. Please check Emmanuel's website, cNews, or call the office to confirm.	<b>2</b> Election Day - FH in Use	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Worship Comm Mtg	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:00 AM Online Traditional Service 9:30 AM Online Celebration Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Church Council - Zoom	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:00 AM Online Traditional Service 9:30 AM Online Celebration Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Happy Father's Day! 8:00 AM Online Traditional Service 9:30 AM Online Celebration Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Outdoor Worship - <b>TENTATIVE</b> 12:00 PM Summer Family Picnic - <b>TENTATIVE</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Worship Comm Mtg	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

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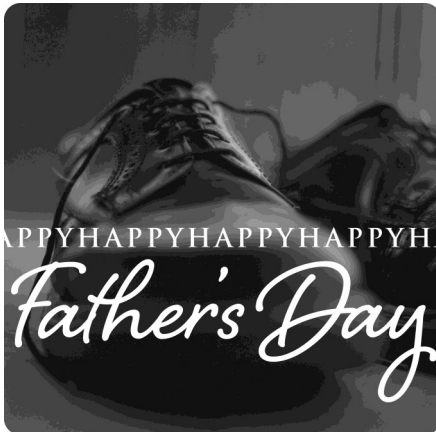
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## June 21, 2020

# SYNOD NEWS

## Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

### More Stories of Being the Church in a Time of Pandemic



#### Masks for Health Care Workers

**Kourtney Keim from New Life, New Tripoli** is a sophomore at Northwestern Lehigh High School. Seeing a need for protective gear for healthcare workers, she organized a community effort to make and distribute masks and headbands.

"It reminds me of the story of the fish and bread where the collections of few created plenty for many. Some members of our group could sew beautifully but had no material. Some had material and no sewing machine. Some had a machine, but not the skills or time

to use it. Some had fabric, others thread, still others (the coveted) elastic. Some had time to cut or money to donate materials. All of these efforts came together to provide more than 7000 masks, and counting."

Masks were donated to Lehigh Valley Health Network, St Lukes Health Network, KidsPeace, visiting nurses, Children and Youth Centers, dialysis centers, rehab clinics, homeless shelters, banks, grocery stores, and others. They have continued to donate to various healthcare workers as well as provide masks available to the general public. Asking for a \$5 donation to a local food pantry in exchange for a mask, they've raised over \$5,000 in just a few weeks - while helping to keep everyone safer.



#### Muhlenberg Chaplaincy Responds to the Pandemic

The worldwide coronavirus pandemic has shown how very important our grounding in the Lutheran theological tradition lived out in a multi-faith environment has been. At the forefront of decision making, has been the care and support for all people, including students, faculty and staff. While most students left campus by March 16, around 100 students initially remained for various reasons (30 will remain on campus for the summer). In some cases, they are international students unable to travel to their homes, or students with no primary residence outside the college. During the pandemic, the work of the Religious and Spiritual life team of the college has been grounded in a collaborative effort with many different colleagues, to provide care, counseling, support and programming for students online—as well as actively supporting students who have remained on campus.



Here is the story of one student, Kate Ekanem, who remained on campus. "Since the outbreak, I've honestly been in a constant on and off panic mood. I am a first generation student, a single-mother to a six-year-old daughter, and an international student from an economically underserved family in Nigeria. It is the first time in many years that I'll feel like I don't have anything under control because I am afraid of failing in my usual responsibilities to myself, my child and my elderly father back home.

"Since the pandemic, the college has gone beyond what's expected of any institution to express genuine care and love for students like me on campus. I have seen love, felt it deeply, and I cannot begin to explain how my heart bursts in joy to have a school that cares

## The Food Pantry at Friedens, Oley

For almost 30 years, **Friedens, Oley** has been serving the surrounding community by hosting a Food Pantry. Allowing clients to enter the building, grab a grocery cart, and shop through the aisles of food was our mode of operation. All that changed during the pandemic! Like many congregations, we struggled how to allow this vital, life sustaining ministry in the midst of fear, regulations and hope. 75% of our food pantry volunteer force were identified as falling in the "most at risk" category. This included our food pantry directors! We did not want to put anyone in danger!

We decided to invite folks in the "least at risk" category to help us continue this important ministry. Our young people stepped up and volunteered with the understanding that strict safety standards and regulations would need to be followed. There was no hesitation! The volunteer hours were long, noon to 8pm. There was unloading trucks, repackaging food into boxes, delivering food to waiting vehicles and clean up all while maintaining physical distancing and wearing a mask and gloves. No time for rest while we created a new way of serving the community.



I like helping with the food pantry because unfortunately, so many people need it. Ethan Hohl (9th grade)



I like that we are helping with the food pantry during COVID-19 because people need food! Jacob Hohl (6th grade)



The Covid 19 pandemic caused me to come home from college. I was pleased for this opportunity to serve in my community. Jenna Reed (senior in college)



My grandparents and Mom work during the regular food pantry. Since I do not have school or sports, I have time to help! Kristina Kauffman (10th grade)

## Lunch for a Homeless Shelter



**St. John's downtown Easton** was asked by Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter to provide 24 bagged lunches for people who usually come to the shelter to eat at noon but are not residents of the shelter. Because of the virus and fear of spreading, a table is set up at noon at Safe Harbor and the take away bagged lunches are available (and taken) by people who stop by. Some are homeless, some are temporarily sleeping at the homes of friends, some are food insecure. St. John's adjusted how the lunches were made as the rules of social distancing evolved. They began making the meals every Wednesday at the church and then started making the lunches at individual homes. Vicar Matthew picks the lunches up and transports them to the shelter. The program began March 25 and will continue until Safe Harbor no longer requests the help.

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## Financial Secretary Report for April 2020

Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
<b>Giving Accounts</b>		
100 - Regular Offering	20,753.00	95,713.77
<b>Total Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$20,753.00</b>	<b>\$95,713.77</b>
110 - Plate Offering	0.00	1,541.25
<b>Total Regular &amp; Plate Offering</b>	<b>\$20,753.00</b>	<b>\$97,255.02</b>
122 - Easter Offering	2,220.00	2,270.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering	175.00	175.00
124 - Initial Offering	0.00	581.00
125 - Lent Offering	253.00	1,619.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering	604.00	614.00
<b>Total Special</b>	<b>\$3,252.00</b>	<b>\$5,259.00</b>
130 - Miscellaneous Income	0.00	60.00
131 - Flowers	50.00	690.00
132 - Bulletins	6.00	236.00
133 - Easter Flowers	48.00	296.00
136 - Church house	787.50	2,385.00
<b>Total Misc. Offerings</b>	<b>\$891.50</b>	<b>\$3,667.00</b>
<b>Total Reg. Misc. &amp; Spec</b>	<b>\$24,896.50</b>	<b>\$106,181.02</b>
200 - Building Offering	3,301.00	16,432.83
220 - Improvement Offering	118.00	684.00
<b>Total Build &amp; Imp Offerings</b>	<b>\$3,419.00</b>	<b>\$17,116.83</b>
140 - Snow Removal	0.00	183.00
146 - Music Ministry	0.00	625.00
250 - Kitchen Fund	0.00	14,315.92
376 - Memo - Roy Hoch	0.00	50.00
377 - Memo - Rose Wolf	0.00	490.00
378 - Memo - Lucille Shook	0.00	330.00
379 - Memo - Richard McDonell	0.00	25.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	58.00	374.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	140.00	1,104.33
420 - World Hunger Offering	83.00	687.00
460 - ELCA Good Gifts	0.00	500.00
471 - Bishop's Retirement Luncheon	0.00	30.00
500 - Christian Education	15.00	30.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	0.00	75.75
540 - Youth Conference	0.00	461.67
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	0.00	500.00
710 - Hershey Park	0.00	739.00
<b>Total Giving Accounts</b>	<b>\$28,611.50</b>	<b>\$143,818.52</b>

### Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2020

Total General Fund Income    \$ 106,756.  
 Total General Fund Expenses    \$ 94,044.  
 Income over Expenses    \$ 12,712.

A detailed Treasurer's Report with expense listings can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Deadline for July/August Informer articles is: Friday, June 19, 2020

## Options for Giving During this Time of Social Distancing

Canceling any of our services will affect us financially - so we encourage you to continue your giving even while we are apart. Those already enrolled in Simply Giving (now Vanco Electronic Giving) are all set. There are several options for the rest of us:

1. Mail in your weekly/monthly contributions  
(3175 Valley View Dr. Bath PA 18014)
2. Use **Text+Give** (See details below)
3. Vanco **Give+ Mobile App** (see directions below)

### Vanco Electronic Giving (Formerly 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 (from Vanco). 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**

### Another 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** and follow the prompts.



**Always open for giving**  
Download GivePlus Church to give now

### Vanco Give+ Mobile App

1. Download the app from the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android). (Search for Vanco Give+)
2. Search within the App for "Emmanuel's Evan Lutheran" or search by our zip code (18014).
3. Select our church which will become your default church.
4. Follow the directions within the app to set up an account. Or you may give as a guest.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions or need help getting set up.

## Monthly Attendance for April, 2020

Sunday School	Week of	Facebook Livestream Services		
	(Palm Sunday) April 5	(one combined service) 106		
	(Maundy Thursday) April 9	53		
	(Good Friday) April 10	66		
	(Easter Sunday) April 12	(Easter Dawn Music) (8:00am Traditional) (9:30am Celebration)	21	72 100
	April 19	(8:00 am Traditional) (9:30am Celebration)	41	73
	April 26	(8:00 am Traditional) (9:30am Celebration)	38	90

### 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](mailto:mlgeiger520@gmail.com)) if you'd like to become a part of this ministry. Please contact the church office or Michele Geiger if you are in need of meals.

### Face Masks Available



One of our members, Sue Theoret, is offering triple-layer fabric masks to Emmanuel's members. She has Men's, Women's and Child sizes and the masks can be made with elastic that will go around the ears or the full head. The masks are free of charge - she is just requesting that you make a donation to Emmanuel's instead. If you are interested and in need of a mask, please contact Sue directly at [suehgp@yahoo.com](mailto:suehgp@yahoo.com)

### 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.





## Funerals

**Carol M. O'Donnell**, 65, passed to her eternal rest on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. A private graveside service was held on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Grandview Cemetery, Allentown. Pastor Dan Clayborne officiated at the service.



## Thank You Notes Received....



☒ Thank you for offering the online services during this difficult time. We really appreciate it. Hope you are all safe and well! Hope to see everyone soon!

♥ *The Dempsey Family*

☒ To Pastor Dan, Lynne, Bobby, Beth, Bob, Gloria and all other church staff and volunteers,

Thank you so much for keeping the church home fires going while we have to be home! You are appreciated!

Love,

*Deb & Don Fisher*

### Did you know...

.....that Emmanuel's has a *Prayer Garden?*

It is located on the back corner of our building, right beyond the ramp along the east side of the building. While our building is closed (or even if it's open) you are invited to use the garden as a place of quiet to pray or meditate.



**\*\*\*REMINDER:** All dates/events/services are tentative pending updates on COVID-19. Please check Emmanuel's website ([emmanuel.org](http://emmanuel.org)) or contact the church office to confirm.

## June (\$25.00 per vase)



**June 7** - In memory of Mary Honett by Paul Honett.  
**Contemporary** - Open.

**June 14** - Open  
**Contemporary** - Open

**June 21** - In memory of Father, grandfather and great-grandfather Ricky Reph by the Haas Family.

**Contemporary** - In honor of the 1st birthday of Mallory Kratzer by the Kratzer Family.

**June 28** - In memory of Warren Walker, Sr. by Sally Leabold,  
**Contemporary** - In memory of brother-in-law Larry Reimert by Barry and Carol Moyer.

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

If you sponsored altar flowers they will be available for you to pick up on the Monday following your Sunday. The flowers will be in the vestibule to the downstairs parlor (the red metal door off the side parking lot). The door will be unlocked during regular office hours (Monday - Friday, 9am to 3pm)/ If those times do not work for you please call the church office - we will be happy to make other arrangements.



## June Bulletins (\$6.00)

**June 7** - In honor of the birthday of Bob Fehnel by Linda Floria. In honor of our 40th Anniversary by Deb and Don Fisher.

**Contemporary** - In honor of all birthdays in June: "May you be a giver and server in Christ's love" by Gloria and Mike Wallery.

**June 14** - In memory of Gladys Borger by her family.  
**Contemporary** - Open

**June 21** - In honor of all fathers by Linda Floria.  
**Contemporary** - In memory of Jane and Frank Gerken by Susan Gerken.

**June 28** - Open  
**Contemporary** - Open

# June Worship Volunteers

Online worship will be continuing through the end of June so we will not be needing worship volunteers. Check the July/August Informer for any updates to the schedule for the rest of the summer. If you know of dates that you will NOT be available please contact the church office to avoid being scheduled for those dates.

A big THANK YOU to all of our worship volunteers - your dedication and willingness to help is truly appreciated!



## Affirmation of Baptism

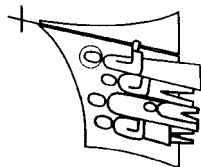
On Pentecost, May 31, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. Pentecost is traditionally the day when our young people celebrate their Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism) but the current pandemic prevents us from coming together for this joyous occasion.

Twelve of our youth have completed their catechetical instruction and are ready for Confirmation. Congratulations to:

Gianna Elyse Coccetti	Emily Elizabeth Hower
Andrea Paige Davidson	Sarah Victoria Krieger
Evan Matthew Dempsey	Gregory Michael Reese
Rilee Marie Ehrlacher	Brandon Allen Rosenberger
Jackson Douglas Fehnel	Alexander Richard Schoenen
Steven Sam Green	Nathaniel Robert Wolfe

Once we are able to safely meet again we, as a congregation, will celebrate their Confirmation with them and welcome them as adult members of our church family.

*O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*



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Sunday Mornings  
 8:00 am Traditional Worship from  
 the Sanctuary  
 9:30 am Celebration Worship from  
 the Fellowship Hall