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As we enter the season of Lent, we are invited into a period of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent, traditionally spanning 40 days (excluding Sundays), is a time when Christians prepare for the celebration of Easter.

But Lent isn't just about giving up chocolate or social media; it's an opportunity to embrace the complexity of our faith, the struggles of our world, and the promise of resurrection.

The origins of Lent can be traced back to the early Christian church. Initially, it was a time of preparation for baptisms, which were often performed on Easter Sunday. Over time, the period expanded into a season of repentance and fasting for all believers, reflecting the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). The number 40 is significant throughout the Bible, appearing in the stories of Noah, Moses, and Elijah, symbolizing a time of trial, purification, and transformation.

Lent wasn't always observed in the same way across all Christian communities. In the 4th century, the church formalized the 40-day observance, and over the centuries, customs surrounding Lent—such as fasting, prayer, and almsgiving—have evolved. While some denominations continue to emphasize the traditional fasting rules (it's where we get the Fish Fry, among other things), others focus more on spiritual disciplines like prayer and reflection.

Lent can sometimes feel like a season of tension. We reflect on our brokenness and our need for repentance, and yet, we do so in the knowledge that Easter—resurrection and hope—lies ahead. This tension between suffering and joy, between sorrow and promise, is the very essence of our faith.

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As we observe Lent, we are reminded that Christianity does not offer easy answers or a simplistic view of life. Instead, it invites us to live in the tension between joy and sorrow, life and death, sin and grace. The cross reminds us that God is present in our darkest moments and that resurrection is possible even in the most unlikely places.

Lent is an opportunity to slow down and make space for God in the midst of our busy lives. Whether through fasting, prayer, or acts of service, we are called to enter this season with an open heart, ready to receive God's love in all its complexity. We can live in the discomfort of repentance, knowing that it leads to renewal and transformation.

As we journey together through this season, let us hold the complexities of our faith with humility, knowing that both our struggles and our joys are embraced by God. Let us prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter, living fully in the reality of Lent.

Blessings to you this Lenten season.
Pastor Rachel



**8:45am Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary**
**10:00am Celebration Worship
in Fellowship Hall**
**Holy Communion is celebrated at
all services.**

Live streamed services are available on Emmanuel's Facebook page - see [emmanuelsofchicago.org](https://www.emmanuelsofchicago.org) or the weekly eNews for the link.

Call 610-477-0100 to listen to our services. (Please call during worship times to access the most recent service.)

Bulletins/announcements for all services can be found on our website: [emmanuelsofchicago.org](https://www.emmanuelsofchicago.org)

**Sundays
at
10:00am**

**Old Fellowship
Hall**

We are excited to offer Sunday School for children ages 3 to 8th grade! It is a time for our children to learn about God's love and many other lessons from his work, our Bible.

There is also an **Adult class** that meets at 10am in the Parlor under the leadership of Kurt Geiger.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**



Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025

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:

10:00am (Spoken Worship in the Sanctuary)

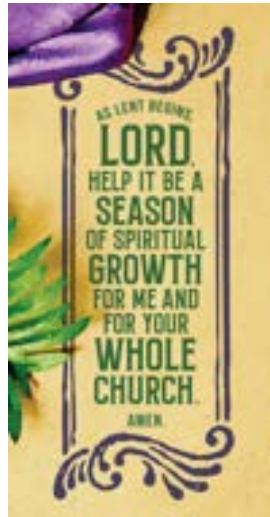
6:30pm (Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary)

7:30pm (Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall)



Midweek Lenten Worship

Please join us each Wednesday in Lent as we gather for worship during this season of preparation for the joy of Easter. There will be a spoken service in the Sanctuary at **10:00am**. Evening worship will begin at **7:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall.



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.





Hershey Park Discount Tickets

This is not a group trip, just an opportunity to get tickets at a discount price. There is ONE PRICE again this year - \$44.95 per ticket regardless of age (regular daily price is \$89.95). Tickets are valid for any one day admission during the 2025 public operating season – April through January 4, 2026. Sign up sheets are out.

Deadline to order is Sunday, March 30

Payment is due at time of sign up (checks made payable to Emmanuel's)

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Join the Girl Scouts who meet here at Emmanuel's to celebrate Girl Scout Sunday. The girls will help with worship and tell us what they do...and hopefully bring a few cookies to sell after the services. Don't miss it!



Girl Scout Sunday



Chair Yoga

Classes... Yoga classes are continuing in the Fellowship Hall on Monday evenings at 5:30pm. Cost is \$5 per class (pay as you go). Please bring a yoga mat or towel and wear comfortable clothes. All are welcome!

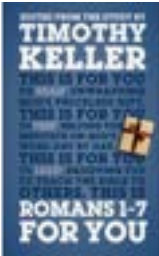


When donating blood at Miller Keystone Blood Bank, please ask them to credit **Emmanuel's Bath**. The code is **0656**. This way we will receive credit for your donation.



Women’s Bible Study
 The Women’s Bible Study meets on **Monday Evenings at 7:00pm** in the old fellowship hall. We’ll be starting with “The Applause of Heaven” by Max Lucado. Please reach out to Drinda Zimmerman with any questions.

The Ladies Morning Bible Study is continuing to meet online via Zoom. Gloria Wallery has organized the group and is the host for this platform. They meet on Thursday mornings at 10:30am.
Everyone is Welcome!
Contact Gloria Wallery at gjwallery@gmail.com if you would like to join.



All adults - all levels of biblical knowledge - are welcome to join us on **Monday Evenings at 7:00 PM** in the newly refurbished parlor. We'll be using Timothy Keller’s study guide, provided to all attendees free of charge.



Bath Area Food Bank

During the month of **March** Emmanuel’s will help the Bath Area Food Bank by collecting:

Canned Beans

There is an ongoing need for **Ramen Noodles** and they have a special request for **canned corn, canned string beans, chicken noodle soup, and peanut butter**. They are no longer accepting Jell-o or pudding.

Donations for the food bank can be dropped off in the bins in the Fellowship Hall or the upstairs Gathering Area.

Grocery gift cards (preferably Ahart’s) are needed for emergencies. Please bring all gift cards in an envelope marked “Food Bank” to the church office.

The Bath Area Food Bank is always in need of monetary donations which stretch farther than any amount of food that we can give.



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Building Connections, Strengthening Mission: The Impact of Staff Development

Since 2021, when I joined the synod staff, I have felt a deep passion and dedication for the work God is calling me to do. Over the past three years, the relationships I have built, both with synod staff and throughout the synod regions and beyond, have been some of the strongest of my career. I have been a Lutheran all my life, raised in a church and family of faith. So, when the job opened at the synod office, applying felt like a natural choice.



My time on synod staff has shaped my spiritual journey, revealing how God's presence is truly in everyone, including me, in both joyful and challenging times. I often find myself asking, "What is God calling us to do?" "What is God calling me to do?" It's funny how sometimes God's answers are loud and clear, while other times, there seems to be silence, much like a parent stepping back to let a child solve a puzzle or get dressed all on their own.

However, God is not silent in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. God is actively working through all of us to move mountains and embody the change Jesus modeled for us. The synod staff have been focusing more intentionally on communication and staff development. Over the past year, the full synod staff, including building staff and the Associates of the Bishop, have gathered for retreats to strengthen our communication. One of these retreats also included the Synod Council, the redesign team, and other key stakeholders around the synod, providing a space for collaboration. Pastor Doug Hill from Abiding Hope in Littleton, Colorado, has helped facilitate some of these retreats, incorporating insights from the Gaining Strength cohorts. Through this work, staff have explored their enneagram numbers, gaining a deeper understanding of how our personalities intertwine and complement one another.

Pastor Rachael Dietz, Associate to the Bishop, comments on the retreat by saying, "*Intentional Investment*

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in staff help us grow into the disciples God would have us be. We're not static blobs; we're human beings with hearts, hands, feet, and brains. When we practice and learn, we become more aligned and attuned to the Spirit's work in us and the synod. Your mission support then gets turned inside out as we support the mission of congregations: to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, to all."

This investment in staff development is not just about strengthening our internal team, it is about equipping us to better serve the entire synod. As we grow in communication, collaboration, and leadership, we become more responsive to the needs of the congregations, more effective in our ministries, and more connected as a community of faith. By modeling teamwork and intentional growth, we hope to inspire congregations and leaders to do the same in their own contexts. Ultimately, this work is about aligning ourselves more fully with God's call, ensuring that together, as one synod, we continue to move mountains and embody the change Christ has set before us.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Trinity Lutheran Church in Lehighton and St. John's Lutheran Church in Allentown for hosting staff retreats. Your hospitality is deeply appreciated and truly a blessing.

Submitted by: Stacey Burke (she/her) Communications & Growing Young Coordinator

DID YOU KNOW that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod like this one and many other important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod's lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit godsllove.org/missionsupport.

Redner's
WAREHOUSE MARKETS
SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Please remember to turn in your Redner's receipts! Emmanuel's receives 1% of your total bill when you use your Redner's Reward Card and bring us your receipt. That really adds up! All receipts are totaled and submitted to Redner's. A check will come to the

church and be used towards our Youth Programs.

If you have any questions, please contact: Amy Hower.



Options for Giving

Thank you for your faithful giving. Our members continue to support our church and other ministries, both monetarily and with other donations. There are many options for giving:

1. **Bring** your offering to church with you on Sunday mornings
2. **Sign up for electronic giving** through Vanco (formerly Simply Giving) - see Bob Bennett for information and/or forms.
3. **Mail** in your weekly/monthly contributions.
4. Use **Text+Give** (text the \$ amount to 610-463-0435)
5. **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App**. Download the App and follow the prompts.
6. **Donate directly from our website** (www.emmanuel.org). Click on the DONATE page and follow the prompts.

If you have any issues or problems with any of these giving choices please contact the church office.

Thank you for your generosity!

Vanco (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 (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.

VANCO
FAITH



Treasurer's Report as of January 2025

Total General Fund Income \$19,420
Total General Fund Expenses \$28,897
Expenses Over Income \$9,477

Puzzle!



Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6

Psalms 78:45

Matthew 23:24

Judges 14:8b

Acts 12:23

Leviticus 11:22

Leviticus 11:22

Deuteronomy 7:20

Exodus 16:20

1 Samuel 24:14

Isaiah 50:9

Isaiah 59:5

Leviticus 11:22

Leviticus 11:22



Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket



March 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 8:45am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 10:00am Celebration Worship - FH 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Community Chorus Rehearsal	24 5:30pm Yoga 7:00pm Bible Study-Parlor 7:00pm Women's Bible Study - OFH	25 6:00pm Boy Scouts	26 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	27 10:30am Ladies Bible Study-Zoom	28	1
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2025 Council Members

Bennett, Bob (Financial Sec.)

DeGroot, Terry (Vice President)

Fallenstein, Justin (President)

Geiger, Alyssa

Henninger, Dan

Himmelwright, Bonnie

Hower, Jim

Kasper, Mercedes

Lebron, Rachel

Merker, Jason

Milander, Kathy

Roberts, Andrea

Siegfried, Bob (Treasurer)

Wolf, Al



To help communication work more effectively, the church would greatly appreciate it if you would notify us of any address, phone number, or email changes. Thank you!



Are You in the Hospital?

When you are admitted to the hospital it is important for you or a family member to call the church office at 610-837-1741 and let us know - so the pastor can make sure to visit you before you are discharged. You can also tell them at the hospital that your “church code” is 222 or that you are a member of Emmanuel’s Lutheran Church in Bath.

Emmanuel's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Thursday, 09 Jan 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees		
Bob Bennett, Financial Secretary	Bonnie Himmelwright*	Kathy Milander*
Terry DeGroot	Jim Hower	Andrea Roberts
Justin Fallenstein, President	Mercedes Kasper	Bob Siegfried, Treasurer
Alyssa Geiger, Secretary	Rachel Lebron	Al Wolf
Dan Henninger	Jason Merker	Pr. Rachel Ziese Hacker
<i>*Not in attendance</i>		

Topic	Responsible Party												
Meeting Opened Welcome new council member Dan Henninger!	Alyssa Geiger												
Devotions & Opening Prayer	Alyssa Geiger												
Election of Officers President: Justin Fallenstein nominated by Terry DeGroot, seconded by Rachel Lebron, motion passed Vice President: Terry DeGroot nominated by Rachel Lebron, seconded by Alyssa Geiger, motion passed Secretary: Alyssa Geiger nominated by Terry DeGroot, seconded by Mercedes Kasper, motion passed Appointing of the Bobs, nominated by Alyssa Geiger, seconded by Jim Hower, motion passed Treasurer: Bob Siegfried Financial Secretary: Bob Bennett	Alyssa Geiger												
Opening Prayers Assignment	Alyssa Geiger												
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Review of December 2024 Minutes Motion to accept minutes by Jim Hower, seconded by Jason Merker, motion passes.	Alyssa Geiger												
Financial Secretary Report Regular/plate offering for Dec '24 was \$28,013.77. Total overall giving for December was \$42,989.48.	Bob Bennett												

Council Minutes, continued

<p>Treasurer's Report December was a very good month for our General Fund. Thanks to Christmas offering and five Sundays, income was more than expenses by \$7,611. Year to date, our total offering is now down only \$1,638 or less than 1% compared to this time last year. Year to date, expenses are now more than income by only \$4,268 with only a few more expenses to be paid. Property expenses this month were invoices from Sullivan for cleaning our two propane burners. Snow removal expenses were for two snow falls of less than two inches. Our building fund also had a very good month, receiving a few large donations. Our mortgage balance is now \$86,601. At the current rate of giving, we should surely pay it off in less than two years. Our improvement fund balance is \$5,821.</p>	<p>Bob Siegfried</p>
<p>Pastor's Report Need to update Wedding/Funeral/Facility fees and guidelines. Reviewed with council. Decision made that wedding receptions are NOT allowed. Licensed caterers are needed. Add a technology fee if help is needed with slideshows, etc. Standardized payment schedule for members and non-members.</p>	<p>Pr. Rachel Hacker</p>
<p>Worship and Music Equipment concerns: Sound panels in the FH are effective. HDMI cable needs to be replaced upstairs to correct projector issue. Spotlights in sanctuary to improve lighting for livestream need to be adjusted and/or bulbs replaced. Bobby scheduling visit by ESG to perform a sound test in FH, he will ask them to evaluate spotlights to see if any adjustments need to be made. MIDI Asst II recorder for organ programming still needs to be installed. Bobby received a quote for organ service contract, he will forward. Janelle will look into purchasing a fourth chalice to be used in the sanctuary for communion when two stations are needed. Epiphany Sunday 5 Jan and Baptism of our Lord 12 Jan. Ash Wednesday is 5 March; will have 3 services (10 am and 6:30 pm in the sanctuary and 7:30 pm FH). Easter 20 April. Wednesday Lenten services 10 am in sanctuary and 7 pm FH. Plan to cut down on number of bulletins being printed. FH to start. Congregation to be made aware. Handbells last refurbished 2017, should consider having them done again this year. Cost \$1150 in 2017. Suggestion made by a congregation member to eliminate flame candles during singing of Silent Night and use battery operated candles instead for safety and clean up purposes. Discussed by committee, NO changes to be made. Will monitor. Future events: 6 July outdoor service, 14 Dec cantata.</p>	<p>Pr. Rachel Hacker</p>
<p>Outreach Received some responses to our outreach letter.</p>	<p>Pr. Rachel Hacker</p>
<p>Property All 4 sound panels now up. Nativity needs to come down. Boy Scouts had offered to take it down. Leak in the water fountain in large Sunday School room. Bob B will call George Milander to see if he can address it.</p>	<p>Terry DeGroot</p>

Council Minutes, continued

<p>New Business Council Installation on 19Jan2025 Dispute with Tenant at Church property and Neighbor at 3206 Valley View Drive Jason Corona and Kim Graver, tenants at the church's property, present to provide explanation of their complaint Concerns with neighbor driving through church's property with pets and children outside No trespassing signs were approved to be put up by council president Donald Landis at 3206 Valley View Drive, states he lived there for 50 years without any issues previously In interim until a decision is made by council, both parties have agreed to not trespass on each other's property. Bob S will contact insurance company to review liability Council members will check property damage</p>	<p>Alyssa Geiger Terry DeGroot</p>
<p>Close Meeting Motion made by Mercedes Kasper, seconded by Rachel Lebron, motion passes.</p>	<p>Alyssa Geiger</p>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>All</p>

Next Meeting 13Feb2025



Dearest, loveliest people,

Just a little note to thank everyone for their encouragement & support during a very trying time. 2024 ended badly for me and 2025 had a rough start. But things are improving every day and I am doing much better now. Thank you for your calls, texts, and cards. I appreciate you all. Thanks for not forgetting about me. Hope to see you all soon.

Love, Tabitha Walters

Emmanuel's Meals from the Heart

We are looking for volunteers to make and deliver meals to Emmanuel's members in times of need. The more help we have, the less frequently our volunteers will need to provide meals.



Please contact Michele Geiger if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

Please contact the church office or Michele Geiger if you are in need of meals.

Financial Secretary Report for January 2025

Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
<i>Giving Accounts</i>		
100 - Regular Offering	16,238.21	16,238.21
Total Regular Offering	\$16,238.21	\$16,238.21
110 - Plate Offering	226.00	226.00
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$16,464.21	\$16,464.21
121 - Christmas Offering	51.00	51.00
124 - Initial Offering	350.00	350.00
Total Special	\$401.00	\$401.00
136 - Church house	1,100.00	1,100.00
Total Misc. Offerings	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$17,965.21	\$17,965.21
200 - Building Offering	2,831.76	2,831.76
220 - Improvement Offering	188.00	188.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$3,019.76	\$3,019.76
140 - Snow Removal	78.00	78.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	133.00	133.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	60.00	60.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	131.00	131.00
510 - Sunday School Offering	15.00	15.00
540 - Youth Conference	63.56	63.56
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	500.00	500.00
635 - Memo - Robert Miller	647.75	647.75
Total Giving Accounts	\$22,613.28	\$22,613.28



2025 registration is open! Emmanuel's is once again providing a \$200 sponsorship for each child attending camp. There is also an ambassador discount that will save you \$20 off your registration fee. Please call the church office for the codes before you register. Learn more and register online at **BEARCREEKCAMP.ORG**




Worship Attendance for January 2025						
Sunday School	Date	Traditional 8:45 am		Celebration 10:00 am		Total
20	Jan 5	In-Person	57	In-Person	69	In-Person 126
		Online	19	Online	30	Online 49
18	Jan 12	In-Person	51	In-Person	62	In-Person 113
		Online	30	Online	31	Online 61
	Jan 19	Services Canceled-Snow				
17	Jan 26	In-Person	56	In-Person	67	In-Person 123
		Online	32	Online	26	Online 58
Average Weekly In-Person Attendance: 121						
Average Weekly Online Attendance: 56						

Inclement Weather

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 or visit our Facebook Page.

Mailing Preference Changes

If you contribute to the church through Vanco or our website and are no longer in need of mailed envelopes, please contact the office so we can update your preferences. Also, if you no longer wish to receive a paper informer and would like to read it online through our website or E News, please let the office know.



March Flowers

(\$35.00 per vase)

March 2

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

March 9

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

March 16

Traditional - In honor of the 90th
Birthday of Bobby Miller by Clara
Miller.

Celebration - Open

March 23

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

March 30

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

March Bulletins

(\$6.00)

March 2

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

March 9

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

March 16

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

March 23

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open

March 30

Traditional - Open
Celebration - Open



Sponsoring Altar Flowers / Bulletins

Emmanuel's utilizes Sign Up Genius for sponsoring flowers and bulletins. There are two separate sign-ups - one for the 8:45am Traditional Service and one for the 10:00am Celebration Service. The online addresses are long and cumbersome so the best way to access Sign Up Genius is by using the links that are listed in the weekly eNews or on our website (www.emmanuel.org). **If you don't have computer access or are uncomfortable using Sign Up Genius, please do not hesitate to call Janelle in the church office (610-837-1741) with your requests.** She will be more than happy to take your information and enter it into the online system. Altar flowers are \$35 per vase and bulletins are \$6.



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 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Altar Care	8:45 Denise Druckenmiller & Lora Iwaszek 10:00 Amy Hower & Melissa Dempsey	8:45 Denise Druckenmiller & Lora Iwaszek 10:00 Jane Loupos & Kim Kratzer	8:45 Denise Druckenmiller & Lora Iwaszek 10:00 Bonnie Himmelwright & Rachel Lebron	8:45 Denise Druckenmiller & Lora Iwaszek 10:00 Bonnie Himmelwright & Olivia Luybil	8:45 Denise Druckenmiller & Lora Iwaszek 10:00 Heather Bennett-Knerr
Reader	8:45 Sandy Turtzo 10:00 Amy Hower	8:45 Nancy Marsh 10:00 Gloria Wallery	8:45 Terry DeGroot 10:00 Kristin Butz	8:45 Doreen Da- vidson 10:00 Bonnie Himmelwright	8:45 Lois Voorhees 10:00 Wendy Whiteash
Ushers	8:45 Dan & LeRea Henninger	8:45 Cindy & Gary O'Brien	8:45 Linda Steiner & Dean Chenski	8:45 Barbara Ben- nett & Denise Druckenmiller	8:45 Sue & David Getz
Greeter	10:00 Nancy Karc	10:00 Gloria Wallery	10:00 Jan Bourdelle	10:00 Kelly Cascario	10:00 Dianna Schoenen
Comm. Asst	8:45 Denise Drucken- miller 10:00 Melissa, Scott, & Caden Dempsey	8:45 Nancy Marsh 10:00 Dawn Cavanaugh, Jane Loupos, & Kim Kratzer	8:45 Terry DeGroot 10:00 Sue Gerken, Kristin Butz, & Rachel Lebron	8:45 Bob Bennett 10:00 Kelly Cascario, Jennifer Wandler & Mercedes Kasper	8:45 Sandy Turtzo 10:00 Wendy Whiteash, Heather Ben- nett-Knerr, & Dianna Schoenen
Media	8:45 Win Miller	8:45 Karl & Sue Monroe	8:45 Lynne Ambrose	8:45 Jessie Hnatow	8:45 Win Miller





Easter Flower Sponsors

Once again, flowers will be available to purchase as memorial or as tribute gifts to beautify the windowsills and altar areas for Easter. **Prices vary depending on the variety selected.** This year you can select daffodils, tulips, lilies, and Martha Washington geraniums.

The deadline to order is Sunday, [March 16, 2025](#)

Please complete the form and place it, along with payment, in an envelope (checks made out to Emmanuel's). You can place your order in the offering basket/bucket, drop it in the office or mail it to the church.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and to the church. You may take any plants that you sponsored after worship on Easter Sunday, or you can pick them up at the church during the week after Easter (office will be closed on Monday).

Easter Flowers Sponsorship Form

I/We wish to purchase an Easter flower(s) for the church.

_____ \$7 Assorted Tulips _____ \$7 Daffodils _____ \$10 Lilies
_____ \$10 Martha Washington Geraniums

Please (X) the following:

() In Memory of

_____ (name of person in memory of)

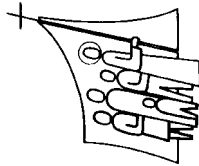
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() To the Glory of God

Ordered by: _____
(your name and telephone number)

Quantity ordered _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____



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**Daylight Savings Time
Begins March 9, 2025**

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 8 and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.