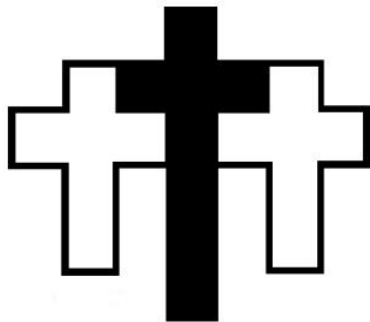


# Emmanuel Lutheran Church



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*Working to Care for ALL God's People*

## **Weekly Announcements January 19, 2025**

### **WELCOME VISITORS!**

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are here to worship with us. If you have no church home in this community, why not make Emmanuel your own? If you are interested in becoming a member of the congregation, please talk with Pastor JJ, who can be reached by phone at 412-600-6232, or via email at [pastor@elcetna.org](mailto:pastor@elcetna.org).

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## **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Emmanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held during worship at 9:15am on Sunday January 26, 2025. If you have items for the Annual Report of the Congregation they need to be emailed to Pastor JJ by January 13, 2025.

## **Faith Formation**

**Note that the date will be changed so please keep an eye out for a new date and plan to join us for a Sunday evening of Faith, Family, & Fun!**

**Where:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall

**What:** Dinner (Come hungry), Faith building through fellowship, Story/ Activity for kids (and grown up kids), Faith building activities

EVERYONE is invited (kids, grown ups, visitors, friends, grown up kids... you get the picture). Come learn about prayer with us.

## **What Does This Mean?**

"What does this mean?" is an opportunity to study in faith together as we continue our study of Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

**1pm-2:30pm in the Sanctuary  
January 22 & 29.**

## **Anniversary Celebration**

Emmanuel's celebration of our 125th Anniversary kicked off on the first Sunday of Advent with the distribution of commemorative ornaments.

Today we continue our celebration of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary with worship and a luncheon to follow.

### **Dartball Returns**

Dartball is resuming Monday February 3 at 7:00 PM. Join us for some fun and fellowship. All are welcome.



### **Our Concern List**

Members, and Family and friends, of congregation in need of prayer: Debbie Genser, John Howard, Lorraine, Mary, Heather, Patty, Sandy, Kenneth Zimmerman, Shirley Simon, Rachel Coates. Linda Farmerie, Dan Lennon, Jerry Lynn, Sylvia Lynn.

Family & Friends serving in the military: Ian Helfrich, Rob Umbaugh.

*[note: We ask the families and friends who have requested prayers to please give us a call when your loved one may be removed from our list.]*

### **Bulletin Prayer Requests**

If you have a prayer request to be added to our concern list, for the prayer chain, or would like to receive prayer requests, please contact Edna Zimmerman (412-855-0423); [edna228@verizon.net](mailto:edna228@verizon.net); or Rachel Coates (412-486-0830). You can also add names to the bulletin prayer list by calling or sending an email to Pastor JJ. Thank you for your prayerful concern and care about our neighbors and friends

### **Pastoral Care Needs**

When you, members of your family, or friends in the congregation, need pastoral care due to illness, hospitalization, life events, or prayerful conversation on the journey of faith, please call Pastor J.J. at 412-600-6232.

### **Outside groups meeting at Emmanuel**

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| Monday    | 6:30pm   | Brownies             |
| Tuesday   | 7:00pm   | Boy Scouts           |
| Wednesday | 6:30pm   | Girl Scouts          |
| Thursday  | Noon-3pm | Passages to Recovery |
| Friday    |          |                      |

### **Northside Common Ministries Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter**

Gently used men's clothing is being collected for our ministry with the Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter. Items can be left in the hallway between the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms. And coffee mugs.

Bring your coffee cup to church



We at Emmanuel are collecting coffee cups to donate to Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter. The shelter is trying to eliminate using styrofoam cups and replace broken cups. You can bring your cups to church and leave them in the hall by the handicap entrance. Thank You for supporting this ministry.

### **Altar Flowers**

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| January 19 | IMO Marvin Parker<br>by Linda and Leo Henne  |
| January 26 | IHO Rachel Coates' birthday<br>by her family |

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, event, or time, please communicate with Edna Zimmerman [edna228@verizon.net](mailto:edna228@verizon.net) (412-855-0423)

### **Drop off non-perishable food items for Bread of Life:**

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| Monday    | 2-4 pm |
| Wednesday | 6-8 pm |

All Saints School Building – Dewey Street  
(monetary donations will also be accepted)

Partners: All Saints Catholic Church, Borough of Etna, Bread of Life Food Pantry, Etna Community Organization, Emmanuel Lutheran Church

## **Lutheran Disaster Response** **California wildfires**

Over the last two weeks, multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California, which placed over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. These fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted. LDR will work with them to address immediate needs amid the destruction and assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) assists with these and other disasters on a continual basis. If you would like to contribute directly to LDR you can do so by marking a donation as LDR, or Lutheran Disaster Response, or through Emmanuel's Tithely link by selecting the drop down "Lutheran Disaster Response"

## **Living Lutheran print is back!**

We heard you — and listened. We have found a way to bring Living Lutheran back to print in a quarterly fashion. Each issue (spring, summer, fall and winter) will feature the stories you know and love, along with updates on the church and your ELCA community.

The cost for one year will be \$19.95 for an individual subscription and \$17 for a congregation group subscription. To start receiving the print magazine, individuals and congregations can sign up at [livinglutheran.org/subscribe](http://livinglutheran.org/subscribe).

If you are interested in organizing a congregational group subscription , please talk to Pastor JJ

## **Southwest PA 2025 Bishop Election**

Our synod will elect a new bishop in June 2025. Discernment and hearing the call of the Holy Spirit is something that happens both as individuals and communally, so let's pray together across our synod:

### **Taize Prayer Service for Bishop Election**

Sunday, February 2: 2PM

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

(4503 Old William Penn Hwy, Monroeville, PA 15146)

The Bishop Election Team is planning a contemplative prayer service to support our synod in discernment. All are invited to attend in person or online. If you are willing to assist in the planning, or to participate as a reader or prayer writer, please reach out to Pastor Allyn Itterly at [prallynitterly@gmail.com](mailto:prallynitterly@gmail.com).

### **Save the Dates: Synod Assembly 2025**

Saturday, May 17, 2025

One Morning on Zoom Only

Ecclesiastical First Ballot

Thursday, June 12 thru

Saturday, June 14, 2025

In-Person Only

More information about the bishop election and FAQ can be found at: **[swpasynod.org/bishop2025](http://swpasynod.org/bishop2025)**

### **Emmanuel's Congregational Councilpersons**

Tom Hough, President

Sue Spelic, Vice-President

Edna Zimmerman, Secretary

Roland Kania, Treasurer

Dean Ingold

Danielle Barr

Jack Dellert

Stan Grubisa

John Mertens

## **Supporting Emmanuel**

You can support Emmanuel in multiple ways. Council is currently working on getting standing committees up and running, you are welcome to volunteer your gift of time for those, you can volunteer through any councilperson.

You can give the gift of service as a worship volunteer, reading, streaming, greeting, communing. Let Pastor JJ or Kathy Suhadolnik know of your interest.

You can give the gift of voice through the choir, let Judy Erlen know of your interest.

You can contribute financially through the offering plates at the entrances to the sanctuary, or online via Tithley as a recurring or one-time donation at

[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1046944](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1046944)

Or scan the QR Code below

