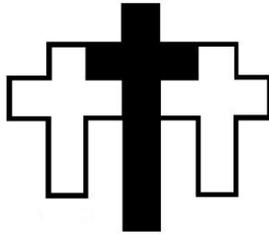


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Working to Care for ALL God's People

Weekly Announcements
August 7, 2022

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS When you, members of your family or friends in the congregation are to be hospitalized or are sick, please call the church office or Pastor J.J. at 412-600-6232.

WELCOME REV. MARTHA CLEMENTSON

"Please extend your sincerest welcome to the Rev Martha Clementson as well as your gratitude to her for leading worship among us this morning. Many of you may remember Pastor Clementson well as she served faithfully for many years as Assistant to the Bishop with Emeritus Bishop McCoid. Pastor Clementson recently retired from Grace Lutheran in Westminster Maryland where she served with her spouse the Rev Kevin Clementson. You may also express your gratitude, or the opposite, of having JJ as pastor to Pastor Clementson because it is primarily her and Kevin who are responsible for encouraging JJ to seek ordained ministry. In other words, Pastor JJ holds Martha in very high regards."

Pastor JJ will be away August 1, 2022 through August 15, 2022, returning on August 16, 2022.

For pastoral care needs, including urgent matters such as hospitalization or unexpected needs Pastor Hough and Pastor Neumann will be available the following dates.

From August 1st to August 7th please contact Pastor Hough at 412-477-9729

From August 8th through August 15th please contact Pastor Neumann at 412-401-5720.

You may also be in contact with Linda in the office and she can be in touch with Pastor Neumann or Pastor Hough. If you do not reach Linda please leave a message and she will of course return your call

Presiding and preaching on August 7, 2022 will be Rev Martha Clementson.

Presiding and preaching on August 14, 2022 will be Rev Richard Neumann.

2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

In preparation for the **2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly**, ELCA members are encouraged to participate in a series of online Bible studies that will explore the assembly theme, "Embody the Word," from Luke 24. The assembly, the highest legislative body of the ELCA, will meet in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 8-12.

The Bible study series will comprise four online sessions to be held Sundays in July from 4 to 4:45pm. Each session will focus on the meaning of "embodiment," open with a video presentation and continue with a moderated discussion.

Members are encouraged to consider the double meaning of the assembly theme, "Embody the Word": "embody" can mean both the incarnation of Jesus Christ and the life of

the church emerging from a pandemic, whereas "word" can mean both Jesus Christ and Scripture.

The Bible study schedule is:

July 10 – Rev. Jay Alanís, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in San Juan, Texas.

July 17 – Sally Azar, currently studying in Germany with plans to serve the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) as its first female pastor.

July 24 – Man-Hei Yip, assistant professor of systematic theology at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

July 31 – Denise Rector, doctoral student in womanist theology and race and history at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

The series will culminate at the assembly on Aug. 10 with a theological presentation hosted by the Rev. Anthony Bateza, associate professor of religion at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.

Register for the live Bible study series at

https://elcafoundation.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZRtO6O1ASTWDHXZNGpTjtw

Find out more about the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, including livestream information at www.elca.org/churchwideassembly.

The sessions will also be available on demand from the ELCA YouTube Channel.

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly (CWA2022) will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 8-12, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. We gather under the theme, **Embody the Word**. There's an importance in the double meaning of the two words:

- Embody, meaning both the incarnation of Jesus Christ and the life of the church emerging from a pandemic.
- Word – both meaning Jesus Christ and scripture

Luke 24:45 states, "Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures." We embody the Word, both Jesus and the scripture, by speaking it and proclaiming it. In 1522: Martin Luther's translation of the New Testament made the Word accessible to the people and revolutionized the Christian movement worldwide. 500 years later, the call to make Jesus accessible to the people still exists today and as we look to the future of this church.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units;
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies;
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws;
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy;
- Worship together;
- Adopt a budget; and
- Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

For more information about CWA2022 and to follow along with the proceedings, visit www.elca.org/churchwideassembly.

Volunteer help with the Etna Borough needed!

Daniele Rothmeyer-McElhaney is leading an effort to staff the Etna Pool Concession stand with volunteers so that it can be open for the season for at least minimum hours. If you are able and willing to lend a hand between 1-5pm, or whenever you can, please talk with Daniele for information. Daniele can be reached after worship in-person, or at 412-418-4169



SERVING TODAY

Presiding and Preaching:	Rev. Martha Clementson
Communion Assistant:	Edna Zimmerman
Live Stream:	Vera Harencame
Ushers/Greeters:	Jim/Kathy Suhadolnik
Lector:	Roland Kania
Counters:	Edna Zimmerman/ Jack Dellert

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Presiding and Preaching:	Rev. Richard Neumann
Communion Assistant:	Rev. Chris Hough
Live Stream:	Carly/Megan Heller
Ushers/Greeters:	John Mertens/Stam Grubisa
Lector:	Edna Zimmerman
Counters:	Stan Grubisa/Tom Hough

Worship Volunteers needed. Now is the time to embrace a new method of serving. If you are interested in serving as a reader, communion assistant, greeter, or livestream operator, please be in touch with Pastor JJ. Current volunteers have done great work and are in

need of more partners in our worship ministry. That means you have a place to serve! Please let Pastor JJ know which (or all) of these positions you want trained up in.

We are **in need of a volunteer to manage the church website**. If you are interested in taking on this service role, or learning how to take on this service role, please talk to Pastor JJ.

Our bishop of the Southwestern PA Synod of the ELCA, Bishop Kurt Kusserow, has gifted to the synod a new book *What is the Gospel*. Bishop Kusserow has written this book to work towards the Synod's first strategic initiative to rekindle a passion for the Gospel among the people who make up the Southwestern PA Synod. This book, as a gift is provided for free to you as a pdf download available at <https://www.swpasynod.org/download-gospel>. You can also find an intro interview with Bishop Kusserow <https://youtu.be/M0AKm9VFkks>

If you are unable to download or print a pdf please let Pastor JJ know and he will help you get a printed copy.

May He Rest in Peace

Richard "Dick" Renner, age 83, passed to his heavenly reward on July 30, 2022. Dick is survived by his wife, Carol, four children; grandchildren, including Matthew (Rebecca) and great-grandchildren, including Bennett.

OUR CONCERN LIST

Family of congregation in need of prayer: Margret Masters, Fred Olson, Pat Powers, Lorraine Lombardi, Todd, nephew of Christine Meyer; Sally Palka, Beverly Dreves, Gary Alberth Jr., Debbie Baumiller; Bob Simon, Cindy Umbaugh, Mary Jo Smith, Ralph Galloway (friend of Sylvia Lynn), Stephen Fleming, Edward Atkinson, Chase, Greg Bauers, Carol Sherman, Donna French, Dave Kobert, Doug

Krachala, Shirley Simon, Bertha Trdina, Joan Fleishner, Susan Huffman, Earl Zinsser, Jerry Lynn, Ed Kestner, Valerie Kestner and Dorothy Fischetti; Pastor James and Nancy Horn; Bill Coates, Jamie Fait, Gary Jurgis, Rachel Coates.

Those serving in the military: Rob Umbaugh, Larry Baumiller, III, Dalton Bailey, Pat Sharkey, Evan Stitch.
[Please 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 for the prayer chain, please contact Edna Zimmerman (412-487-3554); edna228@verizon.net; or Rachel Coates (412-486-0830). You can also add names to the bulletin prayer list with fewer personal details during this time of pandemic by calling the office or sending an email to Pastor JJ. Thank you for your prayerful concern and care about our neighbors and friends!

If you would like to receive prayer requests of the prayer chain please send Edna an email at edna228@verizon.net.

August flowers

- August 7** IMO Jack Fleishner by Joan and family
- August 14** IMO Deena Suhadolnik by Jim and Kathy Suhadolnik
- August 21** IMO Lois Mertens by John Mertens
- August 28** IMO Dave Pilarski by Sue Spelic

Find Emmanuel on the Web at:
elcetna.org

Find Emmanuel on Facebook at:
[Facebook.com/elcetna.org](https://www.facebook.com/elcetna.org)

***Bread of Life Food Pantry Etna Food Drive Donate
for Covid-19 Relief***

Drop off non-perishable food:

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



***Attention Women of Emmanuel
Lutheran Church***

***Please make this year the year you plan to join
Emmanuel's WELCA.*** If you have questions or would like
more information, please contact Edna Zimmerman.

WELCA'S new designated outreach is ***New Start Furniture
Ministry*** of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Glenshaw.

There is a pamphlet on the bulletin board downstairs. There
is also a list of needed items or gift cards from Target or
Walmart can be given. If interested in donating, please
check the bulletin board at side entrance.

**Northside Ministry Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter
Donation**

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.

OPTIONS FOR GIVING

→Offering plates are at the entrance to the sanctuary where the sign-in book is, as well as the exit in the Narthex

→Offering can be given through Tithely at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1046944>

→For additional support of Emmanuel be sure to claim us as your Amazon Smile beneficiary by beginning your Amazon shopping at this unique link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1267230>

Emmanuel Capital Roof Project – 2021-2022

The Church and Sunday school roof project was completed this year and if you would like to help offset the cost of the new roof, please place your contribution in a pew envelope and designate roof fund. Remember to include your name in order to have this entered on your contribution statement. Thank you.

Planned \$80,000

Expenditures \$71,864

Transferred From Reserved Funds \$51,864

Donations/Contributions \$ 10,678 (\$475 in July)

Remaining Balance \$-9,271.55

Emmanuel’s Financial Status through July 2022

<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$101,125</i>
<i>Spending</i>	<i>\$101,086</i>
<i>Offering Collected</i>	<i>\$ 95,909</i>

Emmanuel's Current (2022) Congregational Councilpersons

Tom Hough, Vice President

Edna Zimmerman, Secretary

Terry Tuite, Treasurer

Kevin Smith

Stan Grubisa

Roland Kania

Dean Ingold

Fred Prefling

Jack Dellert

Danielle Barr

The Council Packets for June and July and August are at the side (current main) entrance for your taking. The council packet from the previous month is set out as an effort to offer the congregation a method of keeping up to date with the items on which council is working.



See flyer on bulletin board from Shaler North Hills Library showing upcoming events during the summer months.

See flyer on bulletin board at side entrance for times and details of events for children and adults throughout Etna Borough this summer.

See flyer on bulletin board for Family Food Truck Festival, August 13, 11-3pm, Glade Run Lutheran Services. For more information, contact Glade Run Foundation, 724-452-4453, ext. 1277 or cmartin@gladerun.org.

Etna Blood Drive, Saint Matthew Parish/All Saints Church, Sunday, August 21, 8 am to 1 pm; Activities Building 19 Wilson Street.

For more information or to schedule a donation, call 412-209-7000 or visit us at Vitalant.org.

Appointments recommended.

See flyer on bulletin board for more details.

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WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are worshiping with us. If you have no church home in this community, why not make Emmanuel your own? Please sign the guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in becoming a member of the congregation, please talk with Pastor JJ. JJ can be reached by phone at 412-600-6232, or via email at pastor@elcetna.org.

OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are back on schedule. The office is open Mondays from 9:00am to 3:00pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays no office hours; Wednesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm; Fridays from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Linda, our secretary, is also available by email at secretary.elcetna@gmail.com; or leave a voicemail on the phone.