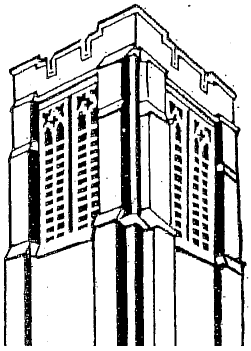

The Bell Tower

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 2018

Worship Schedule

April 1
Easter Sunday
Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m.
Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.

April 8
Second Sunday of Easter
Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m.
Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.
Rejoicing Spirits at 4:00 p.m.

April 15
Third Sunday of Easter
Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m.
Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.

April 22
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m.
Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.

April 29
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m.
Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.

Special Sundays in April

April 1st: Resurrection of Our Lord
With the Blessing of New Fire and Baptismal Water

April 8th: Special Guest: Missionary to Iceland – Pastor Greg Aikins

April 15th: Baptism of Evelyn Coralee Egerton

April 22nd: Pastor Away –
Special Guest Preacher TBA

April 29th: Organ Donor Sunday
With Special Guest: Pastor Richard Miller

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Dear Christian Friends at Emmanuel,

There is a foot of snow on the ground today and winter seems like it is here forever. But, I saw some crocus pushing through the snow as I shoveled my driveway. Spring and new things will come because the sun is rising ever higher on the horizon, the angle of the sun increases daily. New things are coming to Emmanuel as well after a long winter.

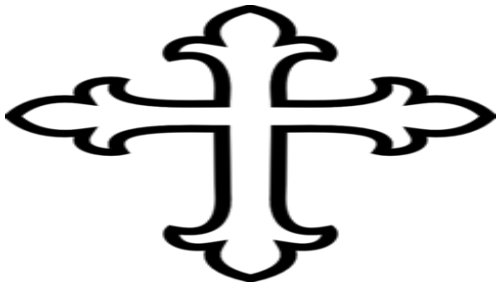
As we celebrate holy week and Easter, the Emmanuel "Call/Search Committee", is interviewing potential pastoral candidates. Second, our Church Council and the Board of Peaceful Living are working on ways to test our planned partnership for future joint ministry. The first step is worshipping together, so you may see the increased presence of the Peaceful Living community at church on Sunday. The second step will be to start a new "Art Program" in a Sunday School classroom three days per week this spring. The final steps will be relocating the administrative offices to the second floor Sunday School building and a Community Living house in our renovated parsonage.

As we move closer to the summer, I will be reducing my presence at Emmanuel, returning to a half time schedule in June. In the summer starting in June, Pastor Greg Aikins will be leading worship and preach twice a month. Pastor Aikins is a Missionary to Iceland where 100% of the population is Lutheran, because the government says you are. So why would they need a missionary? Good Question! Pastor Aikins and his wife, Betsy, will be sharing their experience as Missionaries to Iceland on Sunday, April 8th as our preacher and following the 10 am Eucharist, with a video presentation and talk.

As the summer progresses, we can anticipate the planning of a special congregational meeting to consider a pastoral candidate for Emmanuel. And, if this seems a little too optimistic, consider the crocus pushing through the snow. And, remember what Saint Paul says: "God works for the good of all who love him and are called according to His purposes."

Keep your snow shovel handy and see the Son rising,

Pastor Guiser



† First Year Confirmation Class †

Please note the upcoming dates:

April 1st:

No Confirmation Class

April 8th:

11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM: Class #27

April 14th:

8:30 AM: Community Breakfast –
ALL Confirmands Serve

April 15th:
11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM: Class #28

April 22nd:
11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00 -1:00 PM: Class #29

April 29th:
11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM: Class #30

Please check the Worship Assistant Schedule each week to see who the Crucifer is for each Sunday († after the Confirmands name) and which family is responsible for pizza from Broad Street Pizza for that day's Confirmation Class lunch.

From the Director of Music

Spring 2018 Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Junior Choir

Pre School / Kindergarten thru 5th grade
Rehearsal: Sunday mornings 8:45 to 9:00

Youth Choir

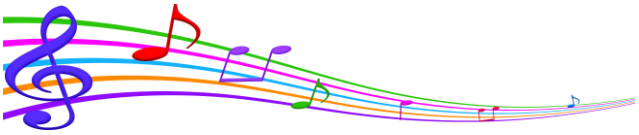
6th thru 12th grade
Rehearsal: Sunday mornings 11:15 to 11:30

Chancel Choir

Post high school age and older
Rehearsal: Sunday mornings 11:30 to 12:30

Handbell Choir

High school age and older
Rehearsal: Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30



Our Mission Statement…

…is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, nurture, service and outreach

From the Church Office

Reminder:

The deadline for all articles, Worship Assistant Schedules, etc. is Friday, April 13th. Nothing will be accepted after this date. Thank you for your help keeping the congregation informed!

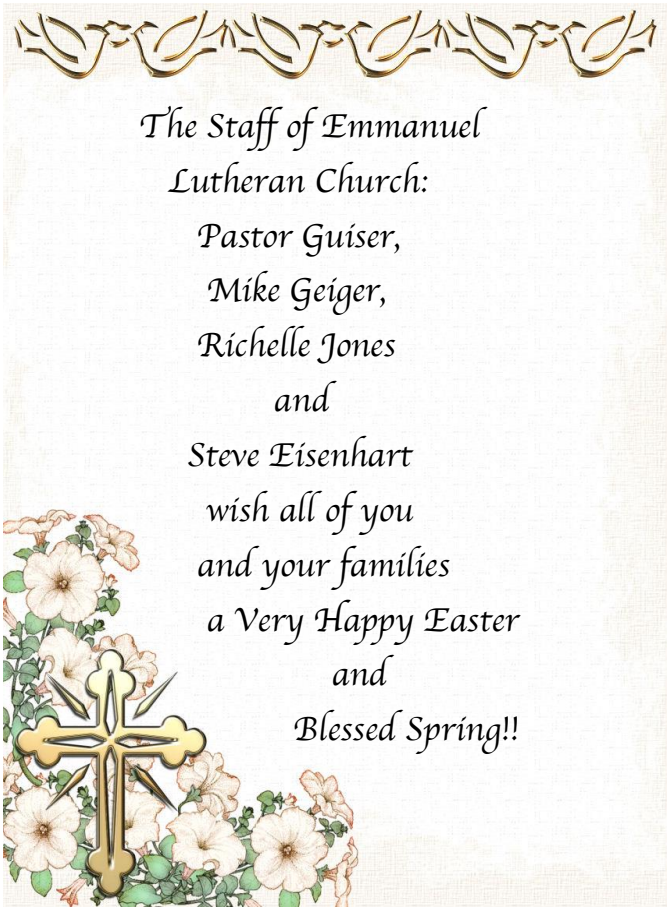
In observance of Easter; the Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 2, 2018.

Flower Sponsors

Please sign the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the Gathering space to reserve your Sunday to sponsor flowers for the altar. There are dedication forms hanging next to the flower chart to fill out and return to the church office. Fredericks Florist will bill you directly. Any question please talk to Pastor Guiser or contact Richelle in the church office: 215-723-7514

Bulletin Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor a Sunday bulletin to celebrate, honor or remember a loved one, **please put your name and dedication on the Bulletin Sponsorship sign-up sheet hanging on the large bulletin board in the Gathering Space**. The cost of sponsorship is $15.00 and can be given to the church office. Proceeds help offset the cost of printing the weekly worship bulletins.



Parish Assistance Needs Your Help

The Parish Assistance Fund is running low and needs your help. This fund is used at the discretion of the Pastor for immediate needs that may arise from our congregation and/or community members. Perhaps a family has a need for groceries or heat for their home. Perhaps a medical problem has arisen that leaves a family or individual in need. When needs arise, the Pastor has resources from this fund to offer assistance. If you would like to help with this fund, please put your contribution in a pew envelope clearly marked "Parish Assistance" or use the February 4th Offering envelope and drop it in the Offering Plate. Remember that Jesus tells us in the parable of the Good Samaritan that we need to "Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Caregivers Ministry Thank You

The Caregivers Ministry would like to say a special Thank You to all of our members. Because of health issues with some of our Eucharistic ministers, they have not been able to visit their fellow members. We are very grateful for their time of giving of themselves over the years ~ *WE THANK YOU!* We are thankful for Pastor Guiser who has very faithfully been visiting members of our congregation and giving communion. We have other church members who also faithfully visit others of Emmanuel Church. By being a good listener and a friend we are **Serving God by Serving Others in the Name of Christ.**

If you would like to learn more about the Caregivers Ministry, please contact Ann Renner: 215-723-3870

North Penn and Friends Auxiliary

It is Emmanuel's turn to host North Penn and Friends Auxiliary on **April 3rd at 12 Noon** in the Parlor! They will be collecting baked goods for Silver Springs Martin Luther School's ***"Pie Day".*** If you can help make the children's day by donating a nut free baked item (cake, cookies, brownies and of course, pie) **please have your item to Emmanuel's Gathering Space by 10:30 AM on April 3rd!** Any questions please contact Cindy Crouthamel: 215-721-1953

SILVER SPRINGS
MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL
EDUCATING SINCE 1859 NURTURING
HEALING

Chris Hunsicker Update

We want to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers for our son, Chris, during his double lung transplant. He is now out of intensive care, but he has a long road ahead of him with recovery and rehabilitation. In a few weeks the doctors tell us he will be ready to go to a rehab facility!

~ Fran & Barry Hunsicker

Ladies Book Club

The Ladies Book Club selections are:

April: *Women In The Castle by Jessica Shattuck*

May: *Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult*

The Ladies Book Club meets the 3rd Monday of each month in the Church Parlor at 7:00 PM. All are welcome! Contact Mary Anne Morral at morral@verizon.net with any questions!

Annual Ladies Tea Luncheon

Save the Date

Our Annual Ladies Tea Luncheon will be held on **May 19th!** We are making plans and getting more details so *Stay Tuned*! As the date gets closer and details are finalized, there will be information posted in the weekly Bulletin and the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space!

Rejoicing Spirits

Please join us on **April 8th at 4:00 P.M**. at our joyful, inclusive worship as we lift the name of Jesus together. Rejoicing Spirits serves those with intellectual disabilities. We start at 3:30 p.m. with Sunday School and craft time. Worship starts at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and refreshments are served immediately after the service. If you need transportation, please contact the church office at 215-723-7514. Come Rejoice With Us!

Men in Mission-Community Breakfast

Join us for our "Free Community Breakfast" every second Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM -10:00 AM. This month's Free Breakfast will be held on **April 14th**. Everyone is welcome!

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday evening bible study is taking a break and will resume shortly. Contact Fred Crouthamel with any questions: 215-721-1953.

Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl meets on the first Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Church Parlor to knit Prayer Shawls for those who are sick, depressed or just need to be wrapped in prayers and love. If you don't know how to knit-NO PROBLEM! We are always happy to teach and give help to those who want a few tips! All are welcome! Our next meeting is **April 1st**.

Lunch and Learning with Lord Jesus

Emmanuel's *"ALPHA"* Course, a 5 lesson study about Jesus will be every Thursday in the Church Parlor from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm starting on **April 12th** and will conclude on **May 10th**. Information and questions can be directed to Fred Crouthamel at 215-721-1953.

alpha Bible Study

Sunday Morning Adult Class

Please join us each Sunday Morning in the Church Parlor at 9:00 AM for an Adult Bible Reflection. This class is led by Pastor Guiser and class members. Our current course is "Recipe for a Healthy Spiritual Life", sharing personal recipes.

Lunch Bunch

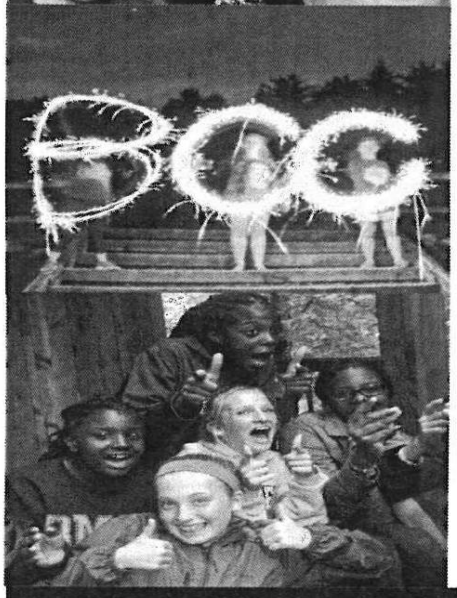
The Lunch Bunch will go to **Laura's II on the Ridge Road on Wednesday, April 18th at 12:00 Noon** to enjoy their delicious Italian food. Join us for a time of Christian fellowship and fun as we share lunch together. You will be called to get the count and any transportation needs. New members always welcome. Questions? Call Gloria Heckler: 215-799-2264

Emmanuel's Lunch Bunch

The Call Committee is looking for your input on interview questions for our pastoral candidates. Please write your question(s) below and deposit them in the marked box in the Gathering Space by 4/15/18. Questions can also be submitted by email to Jennifer Casta at: foilfencer27@msn.com or by filling out the form on the church website. Thank you from the Call Committee: Bill Morral, Jennifer Casta, Evan Freed, Michelle Gilbert and Carole Darragh.

Question(s):

BEAR CREEK CAMP
SUMMER 2018



Bear Creek Camp's residential program, for children who have completed grades 1-12, is a traditional camp program centered on spiritual growth, outdoor living and small group development. Each age group experiences a mix of small-group and all-camp activities throughout the week to meet their group's spiritual, social and developmental needs.

SUMMER 2018

SESSION 1*	June 17 - 23
SESSION 2*	June 24 - 30
SESSION 3	July 1 - 6 (Family Camp!)
SESSION 4	July 8 - 14
SESSION 5	July 15 - 21
SESSION 6	July 22 - 28
SESSION 7	July 29 - August 4
SESSION 8	August 5 - 11

* TRY CAMP AVAILABLE

BEAR CREEK CAMP + SUMMER 2018 — THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

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April Birthdays:

2 Stephanie Moyer
Jeffery Powis
3 Megan Campolei
5 Emma Plinke
7 Samuel Slemmer
8 Dominick DeSalvo
Eric Stover
11 Dylan Drissel
Chryssie Miller
Nancy Wellington
12 Wesley Moyer
14 James Pifer
Joy Trumbore
16 Jaleel Cole
Dorothy Rodemer
Caitlin Steinly
18 Marlene Natali
20 Patricia Harpel
21 Doris Alderfer
Julea Foley
22 Janet Freed
Ashley Lewis
24 Jason Bealer
Robert Rounay
25 Stella Moyer
26 Erin Eisenhart
27 Jen Casta
April Nase
28 John Snyder
29 Madeline Stankus
Abigail Steinly

Emmanuel's Family

† Prayer List †

**In order to keep our Prayer List up to date, please inform the office of any changes*

Health and Healing

Members:

Elaine Cash, Merril Christman, Keira Drissel, William and Mary Frank, Craig Freed, Louella Gehringer, Peter Harubin, John Kemmerer, Craig Kulp, Richard Landis, Rita Landis, Mildred Lukens, Jane Niemczyk, Nancy Opdyke, Gloria Scheip, Joseph Sykes, Carole Thompson, Faye Wetzel, Dorothy Wohlgemuth, Ruth Yothers

Friends of the Congregation:

Heather Belott (friend of Marlene Natali), Donna Clemens (Friend of Janel and Barry Gibson), Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller), Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's niece), Donald Heller (Shirley's brother-in-law), Erik Heckler (Gloria & Gerry's Grandson) Chris Hunsicker (Barry & Fran's Son), Dixie Kephart (Darlene's Mother), Stewart & Steve Schrauger (brothers of Julie Freed), Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke), Levi Nicholson (Bill and Mary Anne Morral's Grandson), Dick Schmoyer (Friend of Werner & Glo Buschmann), Pam Valenti (Lou Gehringer's Sister)

Serving in the Armed Forces

Senior Airman Justin Lesko (Neal and Toni Quinn's grandson)

Homebound Members

Current addresses for our homebound are posted in the Gathering Space

Doris Alderfer, Evelyn Billger, William and Helen DeTurk, Norma Detweiler, Rita Fritz, Dorothy Kober, Kitty Kramer, Martha Magargal, Gismunt Sutkaitis

April 15, 2018 ~ The Baptism of Evelyn Coralee Egerton. Evelyn's proud parents are Robert and Rachelle (Deitch) Egerton. Evelyn is also the Grand-daughter of Carole Darragh!

Emmanuel's Ministries — April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Easter Sunday* 9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship 1:00p Prayer Shawl ***No Confirmation Class**	2 ***Office Closed*** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Group	3 ***12:00p North Penn Auxiliary ~Silver Springs Pie Day*** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	4 11:00a Staff Meeting 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells	**5** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Worship & Music	**6**	**7** 9:00a Bushi Karate
8 ***Second Sunday of Easter*** 9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #27 4:00p Rejoicing Spirits	**9** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Church Council 7:30p AA Group	**10** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	**11** 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells	**12** 5:30p Bushi Karate	**13** **Newsletter Deadline**	**14** 8:30a Men in Mission Breakfast- ****ALL CONFIRMANDS SERVE*** 9:00a Bushi Karate
15 ***Third Sunday of Easter*** 9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #28 ***Egerton Baptism**	**16** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Ladies Book Club 7:30p AA Group	**17** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	**18** 12:00p Lunch Bunch @ Laura's II 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells	**19** 5:30p Bushi Karate	**20**	**21** 9:00a Bushi Karate
22 ***Fourth Sunday of Easter*** 9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #29 **Pastor Away**	**23** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Property 7:30p AA Group	**24** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	**25** 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells	**26** 5:30p Bushi Karate	**27**	**28** 9:00a Bushi Karate
29 ***Fifth Sunday of Easter*** 9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship & Healing 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #30	**30** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Group	Happy Easter		He Is Risen...		

Pastor Away 4/18 through 4/22

Worship Assistants *April 2018*

Date and Time	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Eucharistic Minister	CD Delivery	Cup Bearer (Communion Assistants)	Communion Set Up	Counting Team	Greeters	Lay Reader	Usher Team
EASTER 4/1/2018 10:00 a.m.	Dylan Drissel† Macey Coll B Jack Pifer T Abram Vasey T	Jen Casta	Gerald Heckler	John Wellington Barry Gibson	Chris Harubin Carole Ann Vogel Mary Anne Morral	. Team 4 Carole Darragh & Michelle Gilbert Co-Capts.	David & Marlene Natali	Tiffany Hanish	Team 3 Bill Morral Capt.
4/8/2018 10:00 a.m.	Hannah Vasey† Julia Bealer Jacob Gilbert Pizza:Bealers	Dave Blaich	Rich Landis	Melinda Ferrara Brian Cassel	Kathy Becker Sharon Cassel Susan Cassel	Team 4 Carole Darragh & Michelle Gilbert Co-Capts.	Bob & Ann Renner	Liesl Stroup	Team 4 David Natali Capt.
4/15/2018 10:00 a.m.	Krieg Pierce† Jack Pifer Sadie Hanish Pizza:Pierces	Marlene Natali	Brenda Nace	Toni Quinn Chris Harubin	Joan Hallman Darlene Kephart Deb McElwee	Team 4 Carole Darragh & Michelle Gilbert Co-Capts.	Bruce & Carole Ann Vogel	Roy Becker	Team 5 Cory Gilbert Capt.
4/22/2018 10:00 a.m.	Keira Drissel† Jack Pifer Abram Vasey Pizza:Colls	Julie Freed	Pat Frankenfield	Jane Vogel Craig Freed	Pat Harpel Toni Quinn Nancy Wellington	Team 4 Carole Darragh & Michelle Gilbert Co-Capts.	John & Nancy Wellington	Cory Gilbert	Team 1 Daniel Vogel Capt.
4/29/18 10:00 a.m.	Macey Coll† Julia Bealer Lily Pifer Pizza:Vaseys	Jen Casta	Gerald Heckler	Harry Seeley Cindy Crouthamel	Fran Hunsicker Gerry Blaich Liesl Stroup Kathleen Coll	Team 4 Carole Darragh & Michelle Gilbert Co-Capts.	Roy & Kathy Becker	Barry Gibson	Team 2 John Wellington Capt.

May…

5/6/2018 10:00 a.m.	Dylan Drissel† Hannah Vasey Jacob Gilbert Pizza:Gilberts	Dave Blaich	Rich Landis	Werner Buschmann Deb McElwee	TBD	Team 5 Steph Steinly & Bob Renner Co-Capts.	Werner Buschmann Shirley Triechler	Merril Christman	Team 3 Bill Morral Capt.

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69 West Broad Street
Souderton, PA 18969

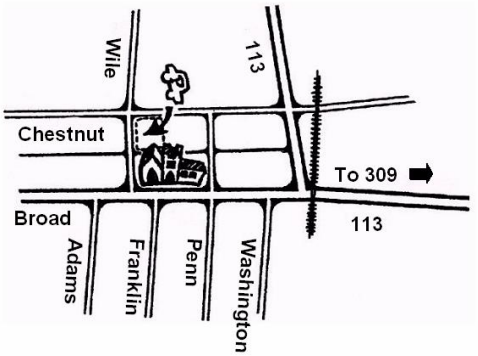
ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED

April 2018

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered every Sunday.
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Refreshments served

Wheelchair Accessible



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