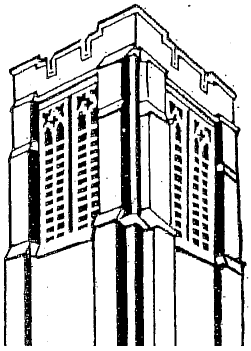

The Bell Tower

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 2018

Worship Schedule

May 6
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m.
Worship & Healing Rite at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.

May 13
Seventh 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.

May 20
Sunday of Pentecost
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.

May 27
Holy Trinity
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.

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Annual Ladies Tea Luncheon

Saturday, May 19th at 12:00 NOON

Entertainment~"Elvis Impersonator"

Join us for our Annual Ladies Tea Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. An $8.00 donation per person is requested (payable at the door) and registration is required to attend. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space and invitations are available if you would like to bring a friend! Any questions, call Cindy Crouthamel: 215-721-1953.

Special Sundays in May

May 6th: Music Sunday: *With our very own Deacon Marlene Natali as our Preacher and Musician*

May 13th: Happy Mother's Day: *Honoring Emmanuel's Mothers, Grandmothers and Great-Grandmothers with long stem Carnations*

May 20th: Feast of Pentecost: *With Bi-Lingual Readings*

May 27th: Baptism of Hudson Lesko and Memorial Day Remembrance

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Pastor's Letter

Moving Towards God's Mission and Vision for Emmanuel

April 25, The Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

Dear Christian Friends,

It is a longstanding American and Lutheran custom to give a gift when visiting someone's new home. Whenever I do a formal blessing of a member's new home, I always take a gift. It might be flowers or wine or a crucifix for the wall, but I always take a house warming gift. So, as we move towards calling of a new pastor, we need to consider what gift we will give them in their new church home.

As a now retired pastor, one thing I would have appreciated upon arriving at my new home church would have been a clear sense of mission and purpose in the congregation. The clear sense of purpose for a congregation is what keeps us healthy and faithful to Jesus. A clear sense of purpose holds us together and acts as a rudder or steering wheel pointing us in the direction of "loving God and our Neighbor." A clear sense of God's Mission grows the church.

Recently, our church council and leaders have been working with Peaceful Living Ministries to see whether we are called to partner in serving the intellectually disabled of our community. Emmanuel has served the intellectually disabled faithfully the last twelve years with the "Rejoicing Spirits Worship Event" monthly. We are now testing to see if we should expand this partnership by having the Peaceful Living "Art Studio Program" in our building three days per week starting in May. This is a second step toward a more full partnership that envisions a Peaceful Living "Community Living Home" in our Parsonage and administrative offices and "Hub" program in our Sunday School Building's second floor.

On Sunday April 29th, the Peaceful Living Art Studio Program held an Open House for Emmanuel members' right after church to explain their work with gifted, intellectually disabled artists. Program Director, Elena Drosdova, presented the program.

So, my question to you the members of Emmanuel is this; "Is a partnership with Peaceful Living God's Mission for Emmanuel?" Is this the "New House Warming Gift" you would like to give to your new pastor? If this is God's Mission for Emmanuel please voice your support clearly. If this is not God's Mission for Emmanuel please voice your opinion clearly and start shopping for another "house warming gift" for your new pastor. But, whatever your view, don't welcome your new pastor without the gift of God's Mission for Emmanuel.

Saint Paul tells us that, "God's gifts were for the equipping of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ".

In Christ's Mission,
Pastor Guiser

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Our Mission Statement…

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

✝ First Year Confirmation Class ✝

Please note the upcoming dates:

May 6th:

11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM: Class #31

May 12th:

8:30 AM: Community Breakfast –
ALL Confirmands Serve

May 13th:
11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM: Class #32

May 20th:
11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00 -1:00 PM: Class #33

May 27th:
11:15 AM: Rehearsal
11:30 AM: Lunch
12:00-1:00 PM: Class #34

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.

***Consent Forms for the Confirmation Class Year End Trip to Dave & Buster's Video Arcade on June 3rd MUST be signed and returned to Pastor Guiser or the church office by May 13th!!!**

From the Director of Music

On **Sunday, May 6** we will be celebrating music and the role it plays in the life of our church. It is a day in which we remember our great musical heritage with hymns, songs, anthems, and special music. Also on this day, we will acknowledge all of the musicians at Emmanuel who have shared their talents with us throughout the past year. Join us on this special day as we praise God with instrument and song!

Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Alleluia!

With summer rapidly approaching, and the choirs taking a well-deserved break during the months of June, July, and August, I am searching for volunteers to provide special music during our summer services. If you're interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

Steve Eisenhart

Spring 2018 Choir Rehearsal Schedule

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

From the Church Office

Reminder:

The deadline for all articles, Worship Assistant Schedules, etc. is Friday, May 11th. Nothing will be accepted after this date. Thank you for your help keeping the congregation informed!

****In observance of Memorial Day ~ The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th.***

Church Picnic

The Christian Education team would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars for **June 3, 2018**. That is the date for our annual Church Picnic, right after church at 11:15 a.m. We will gather under the old oak tree, weather permitting, to share food & fellowship. There will be the customary guessing of the candy jars & Bingo. Our team is very small, so just like previous years, we ask that everyone pitch in to help us make this a success. We will provide the hotdogs & beverages. We ask you to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. If you have any questions feel free to contact Pat Frankenfield: 215-723-1237.

Fundraiser for Keira Drissel

There will be a Beef & Beer Night with Silent Auction as a fundraiser to benefit Our Confirmand, Keira Drissel (and her Family) and to help offset her mounting medical bills. Emmanuel's Congregation is donating a 'Gift Card Tree' to the Silent Auction. Anyone interested in donating a gift card to put on the tree, please sign up on the clip board in the Gathering Space – any amount of money, to any

store/restaurant is much appreciated! **Gift cards must be dropped off at Emmanuel by Sunday, May 27th.** The Beef & Beer will be held on **June 2nd, from 6pm-10pm,** at The Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church (1564 Allentown Rd., Lansdale) Please see the flyer on page 8 on how to purchase tickets and for more details! Hope to see you there!

Pastor Guiser & Emmanuel Lutheran Church Family,

Thank you for hosting my Baptism. Everyone in your church was kind and I am thankful for the warm wishes. Thank you for the beautiful blanket, I will have a memory of my special day!

Love,
Isaac George Lukens

New Eagle Scout ~Ryan Bachman

Ryan Bachman, son of Tina and Andy Bachman, a member of Boy Scout Troop 16, earns the highest rank in Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout.

Ryan completed his Eagle Scout project while a freshman at Souderton Area HS, age 15, passing his board of review in September, 2017. Ryan's Eagle Scout project was constructing baseball dugouts at Romanoski field in Telford, PA, for the American Legion, Post 234 in Souderton, PA. His Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on Sunday, March 11th.

Ryan enjoys the friendships and experiences he has gained through his years in scouting. He will continue his involvement with Troop 16. He is looking forward to completing additional Merit Badges and attending the Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve this summer.

Ryan participates in Cross Country, Ski and Snowboard Club, and Ping Pong Club at the Souderton Area High School, where he is a sophomore.

Congratulations Ryan!!!

Movie Night at Emmanuel

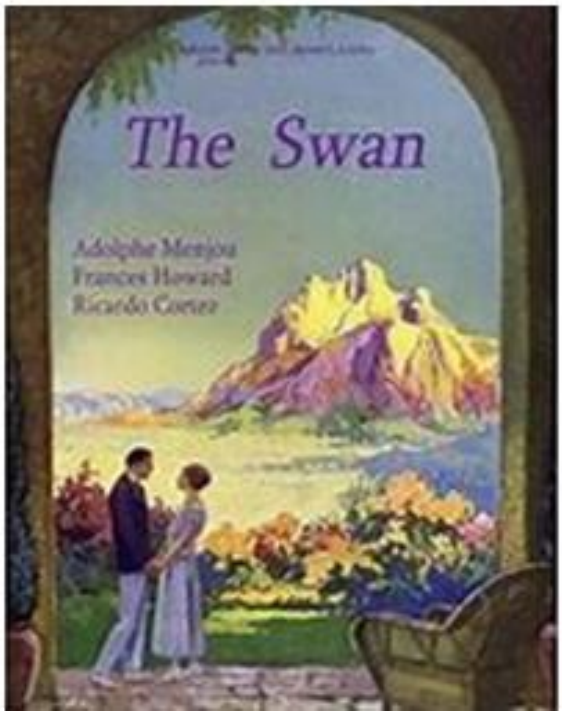
The Swan

Friday, May 18 ~ 8:00 p.m.

Suggested Donation:
$5.00 per person

Don Kinnier, who has been called "the premier silent film accompanist in the Northeastern United States," returns to accompany this 1926 American western silent film on Emmanuel's organ.

A marriage is arranged between Prince Albert and Princess Alexandra, but the prince is not interested in her at all. Alexandra's mother wants her daughter to marry royalty and suggests that she should flirt with Dr. Walter (the royal tutor) to make the prince jealous. When a romantic picnic between the two is discovered by Prince Albert, the two men begin to duel and Walter is injured. Who will marry the princess – royalty or a common man? Join us to find out!



Rejoicing Spirits

Please join us on **May 13th 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!

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 **May 6th**.

Sunday Morning Adult Class

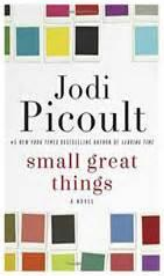
Please join us each Sunday Morning in the Church Parlor at 9:00 AM for an Adult Bible Reflection. This class is led by Pastor Guiser and class members. Our current course is "Recipe for a Healthy Spiritual Life", sharing personal recipes.

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 **May 12th**. Everyone is welcome!

Ladies Book Club

The Ladies Book Club selections are: **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!



Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will go to **The Franconia Heritage on Wednesday, May 16th at 12:00 Noon.** It can't snow again in May, can it? Grab your boots and join us! We'll get there this time. Enjoy a good luncheon and Christian Fellowship for an hour or so with your friends. You will be contacted to get the count. Hope to see everyone this month!!! Call Gloria Heckler: 215-799-2264 with any questions.

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Hospitality……Gerry Blaich & Jane Vogel

Beef & Beer

Benefitting the Drissel Family

Saturday
June 2
6-10PM

Presentation of Our Lord Church
1564 ALLENTOWN RD
LANSDALE, PA 19446

Purchase Tickets Online: KickItKeira.eventbrite.com

$25/person or $40/couple
$200/table for 10
Invite your friends!

DJ, Raffles & Silent Auction

May Birthdays:

1 Andrew Kistler
4 Denise Primavera
Becky Reinhard
5 James Nhial
Carole Ann Vogel
7 Laura Johnson
8 Caroline Deitch
9 Thomas Plinke
Karen Stark
10 Michael Bideau
11 Edward Oliver
12 Richard Morgan
13 Abigail Kaelin
Phyllis Ludwig
Patrick Scheip
15 Timothy Antill
Melanie Bucher
Cynthia Crouthamel
Noah Schnable
16 Ryan Bachman
Tiffany Hanish
Dylan Kulp
Karen Morgan
17 Justin Bennett
Dorothy Chaban
20 M. Scott Clemens
Melissa Staehle
21 Donna Bucher
22 Nicole Rounay
23 Caren Landis
25 Kaia Frankenfield
26 Edward VanLuvanee
27 Kristeen Christman
28 Peter Harubin
29 William Frank
Fran Hunsicker
30 Ashley Christman
31 Mary Anne Morral

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, Keira Drissel, Craig Freed, Louella Gehringer, Joan Hallman, John Kemmerer, Craig Kulp, Richard Landis, Rita Landis, Jane Niemczyk, Nancy Opdyke, Faye Wetzel, 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

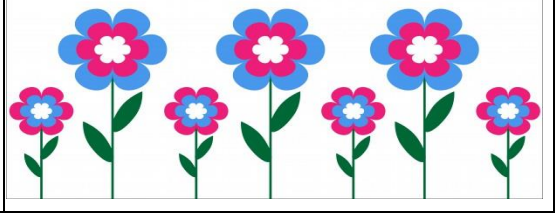
Current addresses for our homebound are posted in the Gathering Space

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

May 27th: The Baptism of Hudson Lesko. Hudson's proud parents are Justin and Alyssa Lesko. Hudson is also the Great-Grandson of Neil and Toni Quinn!

Emmanuel's Ministries

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	2 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells	**3** 11:30a Alpha Bible Study 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Worship & Music Pastor Guiser Away 5/3/18-5/6/18	**4**	**5** 9:00a Bushi Karate
6 *Sixth Sunday of Easter* 9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship & Healing 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #31 1:00p Prayer Shawl Pastor Guiser Away	**7** 5:30p Bushi Karate 8:00p AA Group	**8** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	**9** 11:00a Staff Meeting 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells	**10** 11:30a Alpha Bible Study 5:30p Bushi Karate	**11** **Newsletter Deadline**	**12** 8:30a Men in Mission Breakfast- ***ALL CONFIRMANDS SERVE*** 9:00a Bushi Karate
13 *Seventh Sunday of Easter* 9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #32 4:00p Rejoicing Spirits ***Happy Mother's Day**	**14** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Church Council 8:00p AA Group	**15** **Election Day** **Schools Closed** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	**16** 12:00p Lunch Bunch @ The Franconia Heritage 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells	**17** 5:30p Bushi Karate	**18** **8:00p Silent Movie "The Swan"**	**19** **12:00p Annual Ladies Tea** 9:00a Bushi Karate
20 *Sunday of Pentecost* 9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #33	**21** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Ladies Book Club 8:00p AA Group	**22** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	**23** 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells	**24** 5:30p Bushi Karate	**25**	**26** 9:00a Bushi Karate
27 *Holy Trinity* 9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class #34 ***Lesko Baptism***	**28** **MEMORIAL DAY** *OFFICE CLOSED* 5:30p Bushi Karate 8:00p AA Group	**29** 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	**30** 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells	**31** 5:30p Bushi Karate	***HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!*** 	

Worship Assistants *May 2018*

Date and Time	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Eucharistic Minister	CD Delivery	Cup Bearer (Communion Assistants)	Communion Set Up	Counting Team	Greeters	Lay Reader	Usher Team
5/6/2018 10:00 a.m.	Dylan Drissel ✝ Hannah Vasey Jacob Gilbert Pizza:Gilberts	Dave Blaich	Rich Landis	N/A	N/A	Team 5 Melinda Ferrara Bob Renner Co-Capts.	TBD	Merril Christman	Team 3 Bill Morral Capt.
5/13/2018 10:00 a.m.	Cole Pifer ✝ Abram Vasey Julia Bealer Pizza: Pifers	Julie Freed	Gerald Heckler	Bill & Carole Darragh	Pat Harpel Toni Quinn Nancy Wellington	Team 5 Melinda Ferrara Bob Renner Co-Capts.	Sharon Cassel Susan Cassel	Brian Pifer	Team 4 David Natali Capt.
5/20/2018 10:00 a.m.	Krieg Pierce ✝ Lily Pifer Jacob Gilbert Pizza: Vaseys	Marlene Natali	Pat Frankenfield	John Wellington Barry Gibson	Becky Hartman Melinda Ferrara Mary Anne Morral	Team 5 Melinda Ferrara Bob Renner Co-Capts.	Merril & Bette Christman	Steven Pierce	Team 5 Cory Gilbert Capt.
5/27/2018 10:00 a.m.	Macey Coll ✝ Dylan Drissel Jack Pifer Pizza: Drissels	Jen Casta	Brenda Nace	Melinda Ferrara Brian Cassel	Kathy Becker Sharon Cassel Susan Cassel	Team 5 Melinda Ferrara Bob Renner Co-Capts.	Bill & Carole Darragh	Chris Harubin	Team 1 Daniel Vogel Capt.

June…

6/3/2018 10:00 a.m.	Keira Drissel ✝ Jacob Gilbert Hannah Vasey **Church Picnic**	TBD	Rich Landis	Toni Quinn Chris Harubin	TBD	Team 6 Julie & Evan Freed Co-Capts.	Melinda Ferrara Deb McElwee	David Natali	Team 2 John Wellington Capt.

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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED

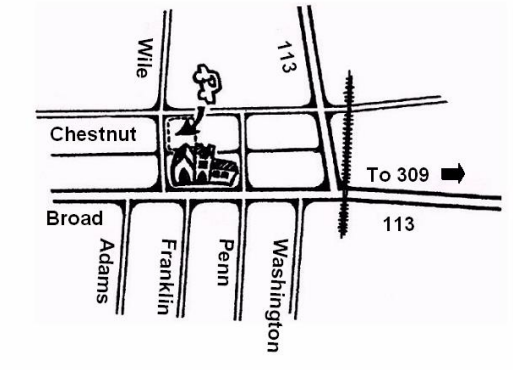
May 2018

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

Large Print Bulletins and



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