

The Bell Tower

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 2019

Worship Schedule

January 6:

Epiphany & Three Kings Sunday

Adult forum & Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship and Healing at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.

January 13:

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Adult Forum & Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.

Rejoicing Spirits: 4:00 p.m.

January 20:

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Adult Forum & Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.

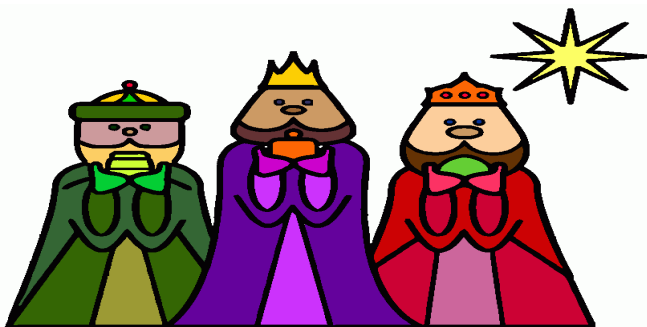
January 27:

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Adult Forum & Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class at 11:15 a.m.



To All Committee Chairpersons

Please have all articles for the *Annual Report* submitted to the church office by **Friday, January 11th**.



Please put your article in the church office mailbox or e-mail it to

Richelle in the church office at: emmanuel@emmanuelchurch.net



**In observance of New Year's Day ~ The Church Office will be closed on January 1, 2019*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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From the Church Office

Reminder:

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



Weather-related Cancellations

Emmanuel has adopted the following policies for the modification and/or cancellation of Sunday morning services and evening events due to inclement weather:



SUNDAY MORNINGS

Please consult one of the following:

- Website: emmanuelchurch.net
- Radio: 88.9 FM – The Word FM
- Radio: 1440 AM – WNPV
- Church Office: 215-723-7514

EVENINGS

If the Souderton Area Schools have dismissed early or are closed for the entire day, all evening events will be cancelled unless you are otherwise notified by the event leader.

Bulletin Sponsors Wanted

The new 2019 signup sheet to sponsor our weekly bulletins is now hanging on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. The cost of sponsorship is \$15.00. Please fill out your name and dedication on the signup sheet to reserve your day. Any questions, please contact Richelle in the church office: Monday – Thursday: 9am – 2pm, Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm. 215-723-7514.



Thank you everyone for the thoughtful and generous Christmas gift! It is very much appreciated!! ~Richelle

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† Second Year Confirmation Class †

Please note the upcoming dates:

January 6th:

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

January 12th:

8:30 AM: Community Breakfast –
ALL Confirmands Serve

January 13th:

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

January 20th:

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

January 27th:

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



**Please check the Worship Assistant Schedule each week to see who is the: Crucifer († after the Confirmands name), Plates (P after each Confirmands name), Candles (C after each Confirmands name), which teaching team is scheduled and which family is responsible for pizza for each Sunday.*

Council News

Emmanuel - God With Us!

As our name states, God is truly with Emmanuel. We have been on a long journey of discovery to see what God has in store for us. Through the resignation of Pastor Cheedie, the Bridge Pastor and Interim Pastor period with Pastor Guiser, and our time now with Pastor Weidner we have been searching for the next full-time Pastor for Emmanuel. Along that path there was input from many of our members as to what direction to head. Through our Ministry Site Profile it was made known to candidates that we are in a period of renewal, looking to maintain and grow traditional Lutheran theology and worship practices along with newer ways of worship that support Lutheran theology. We were also looking to support our members in need, and discern new ministries that will help members of the Souderton community as well as utilize the physical resources we have to offer.

We have asked our faithful members to support this process through prayer. God has answered these prayers and through the process of our Call Committee and Council interviews and discernment, we now have a unanimously voted on candidate to put forth to be Emmanuel's next Pastor. His name is Pastor John T Heidgerd. Watch your mail for a letter announcing a very important congregational meeting following a service led by Pastor Heidgerd to vote on calling him to be our Pastor.

Please keep the dates of January 12 and January 13 open on your calendars for this process. We plan on having a pot luck dinner on Saturday January 12 to introduce Pastor Heidgerd and his wife Anne Marie to the congregation so that we can get to know each other. Then on Sunday January 13, Pastor Heidgerd will lead our worship service and immediately following, there will be a Synod led meeting to vote on his receiving a call.

The Call Committee said it best in its letter of recommendation for Pastor Heidgerd, "based not only on our positive impression of him as a spiritual and engaging leader, and through the enthusiastic recommendations from his references, but also based on his personal ministry statement to be 'called to build a community of faith centered on

God's grace witnessed through Christ'. We believe that Pastor John will continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and will confidently show the congregation of Emmanuel how the Holy Spirit guides us and calls us toward greater service at Emmanuel, in Souderton, and in the global community".

Yes God has truly heard and answered our prayers and it is an exciting time in our journey as God's people here in Souderton, PA.

Dave Blaich
Council President



From the Director of Music

The days beginning with the First Sunday of Advent all the way through to Christmas Eve are such a busy time of the year. Thanks to all who offered their talents to make the time extra special including:

- ♪ The Youth Choir
- ♪ The Chancel Choir
- ♪ The Handbell Choir
- ♪ Special musicians

Each of you helped to make our worship services extra special. Everyone did a fantastic job!

Thank you!

Steve Eisenhart

Winter 2019 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

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

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will go to **Franconia Heritage Restaurant on Wednesday,**



January 16th
at 12:00
Noon.

Hopefully, we won't see snow like last year! Get your

appetite ready and join us for an hour or so of fun, food and fellowship. You will be called to get the count and arrange any needed transportation. Call Gloria Heckler: 215-779-2264 with any questions. New members are always welcome!

Rejoicing Spirits

Please join us on **January 13 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!

Ladies Book Club

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

Sunday Morning Adult Class



Sunday Morning
Adult Study

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 Chris Weidner and class members.

Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl meets on the first Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Church Parlor to knit

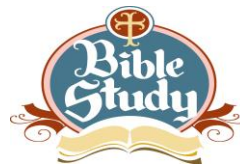


Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

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 **January 6th**.

Mid-Week Bible Study



Wednesday evening bible study will resume the weekly bible study on **Wednesday, January 9th** in the Church Parlor

(weather permitting). Contact Fred Crouthamel with any questions: 215-721-1953.



Our Mission Statement...

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

January Birthdays:

- 1 Stephanie Mac Bain
- 2 Benjamin Natali
- 3 Christie Alexander
Caleb Miller
- 5 Teresa Drissel
Jason Kistler
- 6 Susan Alderfer
- 7 Claire Bucher
Jeremy Bucher
- 8Carolynn Yothers
- 9 June Kulp
Chase Mizic
Jason Stoup
- 10 Kaitlin Mac Bain
- 12 Donald Hartman
Richelle Jones
- 13 Bette Christman
Jenny Koscho
Harry Seeley
- 16 Jennifer Pierce
Dennis Steinly
- 17 Willard Snyder
- 18 Mackenzie Powis
- 20 Carole Darragh
Michael Shoemaker
- 21 Chelsea Alderfer
Will Stover
- 22 Deborah McElwee
- 23 Deborah Seeley
Jackie Vogel
- 25 Jacob Bealer
Toni Lindsay
- 28 Carter Frankenfield
- 29 Betty Jane Lederach
- 30 Ryan Nase
- 31 Kimberly Austin
Brian Pifer



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:

Doris Alderfer, Elaine Cash, Merrill Christman, Bill Darragh, Keira Drissel, Rita Fritz, Craig Freed, Louella Gehringer, John Kemmerer, Craig Kulp, Betty Jane Lederach, Jane Niemczyk, Bob Renner, Kermit Schnable, Anita & Joe Sykes, Faye Wetzel, Dorothy Wohlgemuth, Ruth Yothers, Robert Ziegler

Friends of the Congregation:

Donna Clemens (Friend of Janel and Barry Gibson), Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller), Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller's niece), Suzanne Willauer (Ed Cash's Sister), Donald Heller (Shirley's brother-in-law), Dixie Kephart (Darlene Kephart's Mother), Pam Valenti (Lou Geringer's Sister), Steve & Stewart Schrauger (Julie Freed's brothers), Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke), Ron Nace (Pifer Family Friend), Erik Sykes (Anita & Joe's Son), Katherine Stover (Cindy Crouthamel's Mother), Alexander & Sylvia Wagwicz (Friends of the DeSalvo's), Debbie Schweizerhof (Bob & June Kulp's Friend), Pastor Ken Ensminger (Friend of the Bueshmann's)

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

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



Emmanuel's Ministries

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2019 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2 5:30p Bushi Karate	3 5:30p Bushi Karate	4	5 Epiphany 9:00a Bushi Karate
6 Epiphany & 3 Kings Sunday 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship & Healing 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class 1:00p Prayer Shawl	7 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Group	8 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	9 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	10 5:30p Bushi Karate	11 <i>Newsletter & Annual Report Articles Deadline</i>	12 8:30a Men in Mission Breakfast- *ALL CONFIRMANDS SERVE POTLUCK DINNER <i>with Rev. John & Ann Marie Heidgerd</i>
13 Second Sunday After Epiphany 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship – Congregational Meeting Immediately Following 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class 4:00p Rejoicing Spirits	14 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Church Council 7:30p AA Group	15 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	16 12:00p Lunch Bunch @ Franconia Heritage 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	17 5:30p Bushi Karate	18	19 9:00a Bushi Karate
20 Third Sunday After Epiphany 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class	21 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Ladies Book Club 7:30p AA Group	22 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	23 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	24 5:30p Bushi Karate	25	26 9:00a Bushi Karate
27 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany 9:00a Adult Forum & Sunday School 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00-1:00p Confirmation Class	28 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:00p Property 7:30p AA Group	29 5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	30 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Bible Study	31 5:30p Bushi Karate		

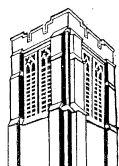
Worship Assistants

January 2019

Date and Time	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Deacon (Assisting Minister)	CD Delivery	Cup Bearer (Communion Assistants)	Communion Set Up	Counting Team	Greeters	Lay Reader	Usher Team
1/6/2018 10:00 a.m.	Dylan Drissel† Jacob Gilbert P Cole Pifer C Teaching Team:1 (Gilbert) Pizza: Bealer	Marlene Natali	Rich Landis	John Wellington Melinda Ferrara	Pat Harpel Toni Quinn Nancy Wellington	Team 1 Jane Vogel & Chris Harubin, Co-Capts.	John & Nancy Wellington	Barry Gibson	Team 3 Bill Morral Capt.
1/13/2018 10:00 a.m.	Krieg Pierce† Hannah Vasey P Macey Coll C Teaching Team:2 (Pierce/Drissel) Pizza:Drissel	Dave Blaich	Brenda Nace	Brian Cassel Cindy Crouthamel	TBD	Team 1 Jane Vogel & Chris Harubin, Co-Capts.	Bruce & Carole Ann Vogel	Brian Pifer	Team 4 David Natali Capt.
1/20/2018 10:00 a.m.	Julia Bealer† Abram Vasey P Jack Pifer C Teaching Team:3 (Coll/Bealer) Pizza:Gilbert	Jen Casta	Pat Frankenfield	N/A	N/A	Team 1 Jane Vogel & Chris Harubin, Co-Capts.	Roy & Kathy Becker	Steven Pierce	Team 5 Cory Gilbert Capt.
1/27/2018 10:00 a.m.	Macey Coll† Lilly Pifer P Dylan Drissel C Teaching Team:4 (Pifer/Vasey) Pizza:Vasey	Julie Freed	Gerald Heckler	Jane Vogel Deb McElwee	TBD	Team 1 Jane Vogel & Chris Harubin, Co-Capts.	Merril & Bette Christman	Brian Cassel	Team 1 Daniel Vogel Capt.

February...

2/3/2018 10:00 a.m.	Keira Drissel† Jacob Gilbert P Julia Bealer C Teaching Team:1 (Gilbert) Pizza:Pifer	Brian Pifer	Rich Landis	Carole & Bill Darragh	TBD	Team 2 Dave Blaich & Liesl Stroup, Co-Capts.	Carole & Bill Darragh	TBD	Team 2 John Wellington Capt.
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Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED



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Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

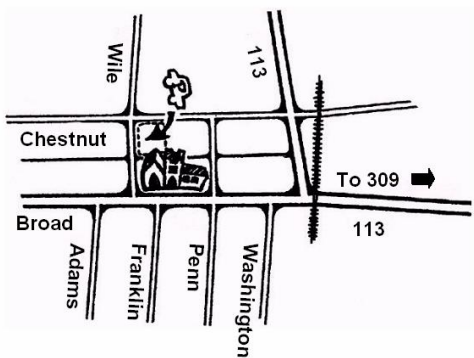
*The Sacrament of Holy Communion
is offered every Sunday.*

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Refreshments served

Wheelchair Accessible

Large Print Bulletins and
Hearing Devices Available



Bridge Pastor

Reverend Christopher L. Weidner

Visitation Pastor

Reverend Kim D. Guiser

Facilities Manager

Michael B. Geiger

Parish Administrative Assistant

Richelle L. Jones

Director of Music

Steven C. Eisenhart

Church Office

Phone: 215-723-7514

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Friday

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