

# The Bell Tower

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
May 2019

## Worship Schedule

### May 5

*Third Sunday of Easter*  
Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.

### May 11

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.  
Rejoicing Spirits at 4:00 p.m.

### May 19

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.

### May 26

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship at 11:00 a.m.

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## Conversations with Pastor John

Sign up today in the Gathering Space for a sit down conversation with Pastor John! New dates and times have just been added for May!

**Family Visits** – Wednesday Mornings and Thursday Evenings

or

**Small Groups** – Saturday Breakfast at 9 AM and Sunday Brunch at 1 PM

*“Let’s get together and talk about what God is calling us to be at Emmanuel!”*

~Pastor John

## Annual Ladies Tea Luncheon

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 NOON

Guest Speaker~ Julie Henning

Join us for our Annual Ladies Tea Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. We are having Julie Henning as our Guest Speaker, presenting “Rags to Riches” the story of her Amerasian roots, her life with author Pearl S. Buck, and her family of God. 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 or call the Church Office at 215-723-7514. Bring a friend! Any questions, call Cindy Crouthamel: 215-721-1953.



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Dear friends in Christ,

After what always seems like a long winter, it's good to see those first signs of Spring. Part of the experience of Lent, is realizing that even though our surroundings are grey and barren, we know there are beautiful blooms and lush foliage just waiting to burst from their winter slumber.

*<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Col 2:6-7)*

As daylight increases and lengthens our days, and as sunlight warms the ground, what has seemed dead for months begins to move, emerging from the life-giving roots that sustain life even when the soil is frozen. Without roots, the plants would not be able to survive the cold, harsh, dark cruelty of the winter season.

Lent gives us time to remember Jesus is the root of our faith. As we begin to see the first flowers springing up from the ground, we remember that our connection to Jesus is what sustains us through times when we don't feel so alive – when we feel frozen in place – when we are burdened by the sadness that darkens our days.

No plant cut off from its root can live very long, let alone survive a long, cold winter. None of us who have been given the gift of faith can

remain faithful without staying rooted and built up in Jesus Christ. Lent is a call to remember – to return – to remain connected to the source of all that is good in our lives. As you continue to observe this Holy Lent, I invite you to return to the root of your faith through prayer, worship, scripture and fellowship. You will be strengthened by this and your bloom and blossom will be a life lived richly and in full thanksgiving to the one who sustains you. The one died and rose again, because he remained rooted in God during his life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Spring will also bring with it the joy and wonder of Easter. As we move forward to that glorious morning, I want to remind you to take part in the worship and activities here at Emmanuel. On Wednesdays during Lent, we continue to host weekly soup suppers and worship with our friend from Zwingli and Trinity UCC. Please join us at 6PM and stay rooted in Jesus as we move toward Easter.

Holy Week services will be held at Zwingli this year, with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services beginning at 7PM. Walk with your sisters and brothers as we travel the road to the cross.

On another note, I've had the privilege to be your Pastor for less than two months as I write. I have begun the process of making connections with many of you, and I'm grateful for that – and for the patience you've afforded me as I get to know the church and the community it serves. I would like to begin to make this process a bit more formal, and will begin to coordinate a series of individual, family and small group visits over the next three months. Aside from getting to know all of you a little better, these visits will give me a chance to hear from you about our experiences with church life, what your hopes and dreams are for this ministry we share together, and a bit about your concerns and disappointments. Establishing these deeper connections will give us all an opportunity to stay rooted in our life together as brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Stay tuned for information about sign-up sheets and invitations related to the visit program.

May God grant you a Blessed Lent, a Glorious Easter and many chances to remain rooted in faith.

Pastor John

**\*PLEASE SAVE THE DATES: JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> – PASTOR INSTALLATION CEREMONY AT 3:00 PM  
JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> – PENTECOST AND CONFIRMATION AT 10:00 AM**



### **Our Mission Statement...**

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

## † Confirmation Class †

Please note the upcoming dates:

### May 5th:

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

### May 11th:

8:30 AM: Community Breakfast –  
ALL Confirmands Serve

### May 12th:

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

### May 19th:

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

### May 26th:

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) and which family is responsible for pizza for each Sunday*



## From the Church Office

The deadline for all articles, Worship Assistant Schedules, etc. for the COMBINED June/July Bell Tower Newsletter is **Friday, May 10th.**

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 27<sup>th</sup>.*



### Spring 2019 Choir Rehearsal Schedule

#### 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



## Mother's Day Blessings

Just as God gives to each rose  
A gentle touch of dew  
And gives unto each evening sky  
The lovely sunset's hue

So may he give to you  
From his enduring love  
Great happiness  
and hearts' content  
And blessings from above.

Happy  
Mother's  
Day

## Rejoicing Spirits

Please join us on **May 12th 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 5th.**



## Emmanuel's Adult Bible Studies

**Sunday Morning** - in the Church Parlor at 9:00 AM. This class is led by Marlene Natali and class members.



**Wednesday Night** - in the Church Parlor at 7:30 PM through May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This class is led by Pastor John and Fred Crouthamel.

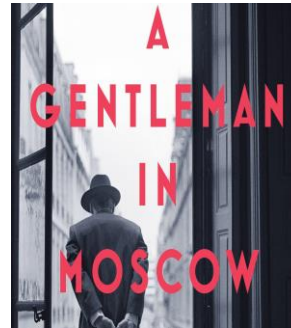
## Men in Mission-Community Breakfast

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 11th.** Everyone is welcome!



## Ladies Book Club

The Ladies Book Club selections are: **May:**



*Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towels. The Ladies Book Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month in the Church Parlor at 7:00 PM. All are welcome! Contact Mary Anne Morral at [morral@verizon.net](mailto:morral@verizon.net) with any questions!

## Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will go to the **Lutheran Home at Telford on Wednesday, May 15th at 12:00 Noon.** We will meet in the lobby of the Pavilion (the building where the healthcare and gym are located). We will be escorted, as a group, to a private room for a full course luncheon. Parking is available in the lot across the street. More information will be given when you are called Care to join us? Call Gloria Heckler: 215-799-2264



This is an invitation to an event for families with small children, for history buffs, for lovers of organ music and/or those with strange senses of humor.

On Sunday, May 5, at 4:00 PM, our interim organist, Ethel Geist will present part of a special organ concert. This concert is based on "The Child's Book of Beasts" with narrated organ music depicting a wide variety of animals. Ethel's animal pieces are The Big Baboon and the Bison.

The site of this unusual concert is Augustus Lutheran Church at 717 West Main Street in Trappe PA 19426. The original building, designed by Heinrich Melchior Muhlenburg and built beginning in 1743 was consecrated in 1745. It is the oldest church building in the U.S. still in use. (They worship in it in the summer and run a long extension cord from the newer building to use an electronic organ.) Augustus Lutheran Church was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1967.

## 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  
Cody Schnable
- 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:

Doris Alderfer, Joan Boyd, Anthony Campolei, Elaine Cash, Bill Darragh, Lorraine & Dominick DeSalvo, Kevin Dietz, Keira Drissel, Rita Fritz, Craig Freed, Louella Gehringer, Cindy Hichens, John Kemmerer, Craig Kulp, Betty Jane Lederach, Jane Niemczyk, Kermit Schnable, Anita & Joe Sykes, Faye Wetzel, 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), Donald Heller (Shirley's brother-in-law), Dixie Kephart (Darlene's Mother), The Pellicciotti Family, Stewart & Steve Schrauger (brothers of Julie Freed), Debbie Schweizerhof (Friend of Bob & June Kulp), Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke), Kathryn Stover (Cindy Crouthamel's Mother), Eric Sykes ( Joe & Anita's Son), Pam Valenti (Lou Gehringer's Sister), Alexander & Sylvia Wagwicz ( Friends of the DeSalvos), Andrea Walther ( Blythe Bealer's Aunt), Suzanne Willauer ( Ed Cash's Sisiter), James (teenage son of Jen Casta's Friend), David Miller ( Pastor Miller's Brother), James Derr (Pastor Miller's Brother-in-Law)

### 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, William and Helen DeTurk, Norma Detweiler, Rita Fritz, Dorothy Kober, Kitty Kramer, Martha Magargal, William and Mary Frank, Dorothy Wohlgemuth, Joseph Sykes



*May 19<sup>th</sup>: The Baptism of Caleb Russell Natali!  
Caleb's proud parents are Josh and Shawn  
Natali. and his big sister is Caitlyn. David and  
Marlene Natali are Caleb's Grandparents!*

*God bless you!*

# Emmanuel's Ministries

## May 2019

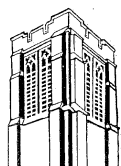
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Bible Study	<b>2</b>  11:30a Alpha Bible Study 5:30p Bushi Karate <b>7:00p Worship &amp; Music</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  9:00a Bushi Karate
<b>5</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>  9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00p Confirmation Class 1:00p Prayer Shawl	<b>6</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate 8:00p AA Group	<b>7</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	<b>8</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Bible Study	<b>9</b>  11:30a Alpha Bible Study 5:30p Bushi Karate	<b>10</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>11</b>  8:30a Men in Mission Breakfast- <i>*ALL CONFIRMANDS SERVE</i>  9:00a Bushi Karate
<b>12</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>  9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00p Confirmation Class 4:00p Rejoicing Spirits  <b>*Happy Mother's Day</b>	<b>13</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate <b>7:00p Church Council</b> 8:00p AA Group	<b>14</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	<b>15</b>  <b>12:00p Lunch Bunch @ LCT</b> 5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Bible Study	<b>16</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  9:00a Bushi Karate  <b>12:00p Annual Ladies Tea Luncheon</b>
<b>19</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>  9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00p Confirmation Class  <b>*Natali Baptism</b>	<b>20</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate <b>7:00p Ladies Book Club</b> 8:00p AA Group	<b>21</b>  <b>Election Day</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	<b>22</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Bible Study	<b>23</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  9:00a Bushi Karate
<b>26</b> <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>  9:00a Adult Forum 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship Hour 12:00p Confirmation Class	<b>27</b>  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>  5:30p Bushi Karate 8:00p AA Group	<b>28</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate 7:30p AA Step Group	<b>29</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate 6:30p Handbells	<b>30</b>  5:30p Bushi Karate	<b>31</b>	

# Worship Assistants

May 2019

Date and Time	Acolyte/ Crucifer	Eucharistic Minister	CD Delivery	Cup Bearer (Communion Assistants)	Communion Set Up	Counting Team	Greeters	Lay Reader	Usher Team
5/5/2018 10:00 a.m.	Krieg Pierce † Abram Vasey C Macey Coll P Pizza: Pifer	Jen Casta	Brenda Nace	Barry Gibson Melinda Ferrara	Kathy Becker Susan Cassel Sharon Cassel	Team 5 Melinda Ferrara Bob Renner Co-Capts.	Sharon Cassel Susan Cassel	Merril Christman	Team 5 Cory Gilbert Capt.
5/12/2018 10:00 a.m.	Jack Pifer † Jacob Gilbert C Julia Bealer P Pizza: Vasey	Dave Blaich	Pat Frankenfield	Brian Cassel Toni Quinn	TBD	Team 5 Melinda Ferrara Bob Renner Co-Capts.	Bill & Carole Darragh	Melinda Ferrara	Team 1 Daniel Vogel Capt.
5/19/2018 10:00 a.m.	Keira Drissel † Lily Pifer C Hannah Vasey P Pizza: Pierce	Julie Freed	Gerald Heckler	Chris Harubin Jane Vogel	TBD	Team 5 Melinda Ferrara Bob Renner Co-Capts.	Cory & Michelle Gilbert	Barry Gibson	Team 2 John Wellington Capt.
5/26/2018 10:00 a.m.	Jacob Gilbert † Dylan Drissel C Cole Pifer P Pizza: Coll	Brian Pifer	Rich Landis	Debbie McElwee Carol Darragh	TBD	Team 5 Melinda Ferrara Bob Renner Co-Capts.	Gerald & Gloria Heckler	Teresa Drissel	Team 3 Bill Morral Capt.





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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED



**May 2019**

**Sunday Schedule:**

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

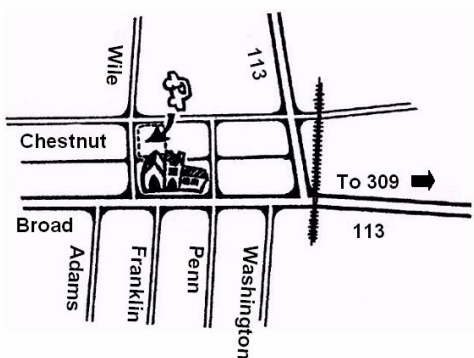
*The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
is offered every Sunday.*

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

*Refreshments served*

Wheelchair Accessible

Large Print Bulletins and



Hearing Devices Available

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**Parish Administrative Assistant**

Richelle L. Jones

**Interim Director of Music**

Ethel Geist

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8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Friday

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