



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Making Christ Known
Through Worship, Nurture, Service, and Outreach



+ Living Free from Fear +

**Welcome to
Emmanuel !
June 20, 2021
Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Today is a Praise Emmanuel Sunday!

“It is wonderful to worship with you today!”

All are welcome here at Emmanuel regardless of your faith affiliation.

All parts of today’s worship service are printed in this bulletin, including words for the songs.

Weather-permitting, today’s service will be held outdoors, under a general relaxation of all Covid-19 restrictions. We ask, however, that you abide by the following guidelines.

Masking is no longer mandatory, but is optional, and is highly recommended if you have not been vaccinated.

Socially distant seating is no longer required, but unvaccinated people should use appropriate caution in choosing where to sit.

Singing is permitted without masking.

Sharing of the Peace will still be done in a “touchless” fashion. Please share the peace with those around you by offering a sign of peace, a wave or a friendly nod.

Offerings will not be collected. If you have brought an offering, please place it in the plate at the entrance to worship.

Holy Communion will be distributed in “one kind” and brought to you where you are seated. More information about the Distribution of Holy Communion may be found on page 9.

“Coffee Hour” has returned, but please use appropriate caution when gathering around and handling food and beverage.

Emmanuel Worship is Online

This worship service will be broadcast and live streamed through our Facebook page, and on our website. Even if you are not able to watch live, the services will be recorded. You can find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelSouderton/>

and on our website at:

<http://www.elcsouderton.org>

You can also check the Facebook page or website for ongoing updates, for daily devotion videos with Pastor John, and for information regarding Emmanuel’s E-Meal program, including what to donate, how to volunteer and the number of meals we are “handing up” each week.

If you need to contact Pastor John, please call or text his mobile phone at 914-275-3106 or email him at jheidgerd@gmail.com.

Introduction to the Day

Unbound! With Jesus present in our midst, we have nothing to fear. Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!

Unbound! Right now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator.

Unbound! We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God’s word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

(Psalm 100: 1-2a)

THE SERVICE

PRELUDES: *(led by Praise Emmanuel)*

Greater (Graul, Millard, Glover, Garcia, et al)

**1 Bring your tired and bring your shame
Bring your guilt and bring your pain
Don't you know that's not your name
You will always be much more to me**

**Every day I wrestle with the voices
That keep telling me I'm not right
But that's alright**

Chorus

**Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed
When others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world
In the world in the world
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world**

**2 Bring your doubts and bring your fears
Bring your hurt and bring your tears
There'll be no condemnation here
You are holy righteous and redeemed**

**Every time I fall
There'll be those who will call me a mistake
Well that's okay**

Chorus

Than he who is living in the world

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Come Holy Spirit (Fletcher)

**Come Holy Spirit. Fall afresh on me
Fill me with Your power. Satisfy my needs
Only You can make me whole
Give me strength to make me grow
Come Holy Spirit. Fall afresh on me**

Repeat

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe

there is enough to share.

We question your ways

**when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and
your ways.**

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

RESPONSE TO ABSOLUTION

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me (860)

1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

4 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over
land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength
pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom
instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Job 38: 1-11

A reading from Job.

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel
by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you,
and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you
when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—
surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come,
and no farther, and here
shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 23-132

(Read Responsively)

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim
that God redeemed them
from the hand of the foe,**

gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.**

They beheld the works of the Lord,
God's wonderful works in the deep.

**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

They mounted up to the heavens
and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.
They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.
Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord,
and you delivered them from their distress.

**You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea.**

Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them
to the harbor they desired.

**Let them give thanks to you, Lord,
for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you
in the assembly of the people;

**in the council of the elders,
let them sing hallelujah!**

SECOND READING:

II Corinthians 6: 1-13

A reading from II Corinthians.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not
to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day
of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's
way, so that no fault may be found with our
ministry, but as servants of God we have
commended ourselves in every way:

through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships,
calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors,
sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge,
patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine
love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the
weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for
the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good
repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are
true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying,
and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not
killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor,
yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet
possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our
heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in
our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak
as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(please sing twice - Por favor canta dos veces)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (172)

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL: Mark 4: 35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side."

And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

(please sing twice)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (172)

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

(please be seated)

SERMON

The Rev. John Heidgerd

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Be Your Name (M&B Redman)

**1 Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name**

**2 Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name**

Chorus

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**3 Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name**

**4 Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name**

Chorus

**You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name**

Chorus

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the end of each petition, the minister will say

"Come, Holy Spirit."

The congregation responds:

"Come Holy Spirit, Come."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us now share a sign of God's peace with each other.

(please be seated)

OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings will not be collected. Please place your offering in the plate on the table at the entrance to the gathering space. Offerings may be submitted electronically using the link on Emmanuel's website, by US Mail, or by delivery to the office during E-Meal distribution hours

OFFERING SONG

Take My Life, That I May Be (585)

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

Amen.



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he +
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table
with more than enough for all.

Come!

Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All God's people are invited by our Lord,
Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion.*

*We receive these gifts of Christ's body and blood in
faith, trusting that in this meal our Lord comes to us,
forgives our sins, renews us in faith
and leads us into new life.*

*Today, the Lord's Supper will be offered "in one
kind", that is with bread alone. Lutherans have
always held that a communion "in one kind" is the
same as if both bread and wine are offered.*

*You will not be asked to come to the altar to receive
communion. Instead, the Pastor and Assisting
Minister will walk around to each person and offer
the sacrament. The Pastor and Assisting Minister
will be masked for our protection and will remove a
wafer from the chalice using tongs.*

*If you wish to receive communion, please form a cup
with your hands and the wafer will be dropped inside
your hands, after which you may consume the wafer.*

*If you wish to receive gluten-free bread, please
signal to the Pastor as he approaches.*

*If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you
may receive a brief blessing. As the Pastor
approaches, please place your hands across your
chest in the form of the St. Andrew's cross. (X)*

*(when all have been communed,
please rise as you are able)*



SONGS DURING COMMUNION

You Are My All in All (D. Jernigan)

**1 You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all**

Chorus

**Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name**

**2 Taking my sin, my cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all**

Chorus

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Sanctuary (Thompson/Scruggs)

**Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You**

Repeat

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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

Pamala, Tim, Aubrey, Katie, and Paige Seeley

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.



SENDING SONG

Holy is the Lord (Tomlin/Giglio)

**We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He**

And together we sing. Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory**

Repeat

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Holy is the Lord (Reprise)

**It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown**

Chorus

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory**

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Emmanuel Worships

An Update from Pastor John

“Some insights into the Meleny’s House Project”



As we get ready next week for an important vote on redevelopment and repurposing our parsonage, I thought I might answer some of the questions I’ve been getting as I talk to people about one of the most exciting opportunities for ministry that the Holy Spirit has placed in our path.

Q: How did this project come about?

A: It’s amazing how different roads intersect in ministry. When we opened our E-Meal program last year, one of the members of our community, Karen Kelly began serving as a volunteer, then as a day captain. Karen heard about the parsonage and how we would like to use it. She connected me to Dan Emr, the Executive Director of “Worthwhile Wear”, which runs a ministry for formerly trafficked women called The Well. They were looking to expand their program and wanted to redevelop a property like ours. I met Dan and we began discussing the possibilities. That has led us to this point.

Q: Why are we calling it Meleny’s House

A: Meleny Miller was the wife of our Pastor Emeritus Richard Miller. Along with their two children, they lived in the house as a parsonage for 22 years. Most of those years, Meleny lived there as a paralytic, needing constant care. Much of her care was provided by people of Emmanuel. Meleny was beloved by all who met her. Because the home was a place of respite and refreshment, it seemed a natural way to both honor her legacy and dedicate it for a new purpose.

Q: What remodeling is going to be done?

A: Worthwhile Wear plans to convert the house from a single family residence to a multi-family residence with three apartments, each containing two bedrooms. This will allow as many as 6 women to live in the parsonage at one time. Worthwhile Wear will also be updating electrical and HVAC systems, install new lighting, roofing and insulation.

Q: Why such a long lease – 30 years – with no rent?

The best way to think of this is to realize that Worthwhile Wear is paying all the rent “up front”, an estimated \$340,000 worth of improvements to convert and upgrade the building. In rough terms, that’s about \$10,000 per year of rent. While the lease is



for 30 years, there will be an ability for both parties to exit the lease early. There would be a prorated buyout of the improvements based on a tiered schedule. For example, if we ended the agreement after 10 years, we would “buy out” the improvements for about \$230,000, using Endowment Funds to do so.

Q: Who is going to pay for ongoing building costs?

Almost 100% of operating costs will be funded by Worthwhile Wear – another reason why the lease calls for no rental payments. All we are being asked to provide is snow removal and ground maintenance, something we already do today.

Q: Why don’t we just sell the property outright?

That is possible, but we look at real estate as an investment in the future of ministry at Emmanuel. Additionally, the property is not currently split into its own parcel. It would take time and cost to do that, and obtain zoning variances because of the building’s proximity to the church.

Q: Will we lose the building’s tax-exempt status?

No, because Worthwhile Wear is a 501(c)(3) charity, there is no risk of losing the property tax exemption.

Q: How can we be sure the construction will be done right, and the property will be maintained?

A: Construction plans will be reviewed collaboratively and will have all appropriate permits and inspections to ensure everything is done according to current codes. Our agreement will specify Emmanuel can conduct at least two inspections per year.

Q: When will construction begin and when will Meleny’s House open?

A: It’s hard to set a firm date – but we’d like construction to commence in August and begin the ministry in January 2022.



Emmanuel Worships



Join me each week, starting June 13 as we take a look at different ways we are bound by doubt and limitations – and what God teaches us and

promises us so that we can be unbound from them and learn how to live free I Christ. Each week, my sermon will include a different theme and this column, and some of my daily GodCasts will drill down even more. I'm looking forward to growing in faith – together.

Weekly Themes

June 20 – Living Free from Fear

June 27 – Living Free to Give

July 4 – Living Free from Weakness

July 11 – Living Free from Death

July 18 – Living Free from Division

July 25 – Living Free from Scarcity



Returning

August 2021

At a Park Near You

Tuesdays at 7 PM

Most Covid-19 Worship Restrictions Removed

By now, most of you know that Gov. Wolf has lifted all capacity and social-distancing mandates, effective May 31. He has held off on ending mask mandates until statewide vaccination rates are at 70%.

Taking that information into account, as well as new local information from the Montgomery County commissioners office, Emmanuel will be rolling back most restrictions on worship, effective with worship on Sunday, May 30th.

Here's what you need to know:

1. Masking is optional for all indoor and outdoor church activities. Those who are not vaccinated are **strongly encouraged** to wear masks for indoor activities.
2. Social distancing during indoor worship will no longer be necessary and therefore the registration system will be retired for now. Unvaccinated people should use good judgment when choosing where to sit.
3. Congregational singing will be permitted, both indoors and outdoors.
4. Coffee hour will return without restriction indoors or outdoors. We ask that you not linger around the food, however, and move about once you've been served.
5. We will continue the process of no longer passing the offering plate. A plate will be available at the back of the worship space to receive your offering envelopes.
6. For now, Holy Communion will be distributed in "one kind" using the process we have been following. This is only for a few more weeks.
7. Sharing of the Peace will continue to be done using a "touchless" process. Please continue to wave, nod, or make a peace sign to those worshipping nearby.
8. Worship services will continue to be live-streamed through Facebook live and on our website. We are in digital ministry now for the long-haul

I don't think I'm alone in saying "Thanks Be to God" that we can gather again without restrictions. It is just so exciting to move forward to worship and work together in-person – and see each other smile again!



Emmanuel Worships

Photos from last week's
Service of Thanksgiving for our
Honduras Hurricane Relief Ministry
Gracias a Deo!





Emmanuel Nurtures !



**Learn how God transforms
the world through kindness.**

An exciting new program
of intergenerational learning and service.

Five Summer Friday Evenings Beginning July 30, 2021

Discussions and plans are underway involving four important local churches toward building a youth and family ministry collaboration. We are planning to launch later this summer AOK Fridays. For five weeks, beginning July 30, we will invite families and children to gather for an evening of intergenerational fellowship, faith formation, fun and service.

The four churches participating in this collaboration are Emmanuel, Little Zion, St. Paul's and Zwingli UCC. Each church will sponsor one or more of the events and will feature family-oriented activities designed to connect our faith to community service. As an example, Emmanuel will lead an activity to help families understand hunger and poverty, relating the activity to our biblical call to feed the hungry and our commitment to the E-Meal Ministry.

We are hopeful that these gatherings will form the framework for future gatherings, including an ongoing collaborative commitment to youth and family ministry – connecting us to God, each other, the world around us and building stronger families and communities.

Calendar of A-O-K Fridays Events

Date	Theme	Host	Location
July 30	Food Insecurity	Emmanuel	Garden of Hope - Harleysville
Aug 6	Homelessness	Little Zion	Little Zion Telford
Aug 13	Prison and Earth Care	Zwingli UCC	Zwingli UCC, Souderton
Aug 20	Care for the aging	St. Paul's	St. Paul's Telford
Aug 27	Celebration Picnic	All Churches	Local Park TBD

What you need to know

- Gathering begins at 5:30 PM. (July 27 will ask for volunteers starting at 4:00 PM)
- Intergenerational family and friends are encouraged to come and work together
- Dinner and Discussion starts at 6:00 PM
- Service projects begin at 6:30
- Dessert and Departure at 7:15-7:30
- Bring your own chairs, blankets, etc.
- Events will be held "rain or shine"
- All food will be provided by host churches
- Sign Ups will be posted via Sign-Up-Genius.
- Activities will be "hands on". Fun and appropriate for all ages.
- No need to commit to all 5 weeks. Come once or as often as you like.
- Invite friends and family to come along.
- Learn and do – showing kindness in our communities.



Emmanuel Nurtures !

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 11:30 PM EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – SOUDERTON PA

Dear Voting Member,

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church has scheduled a special meeting of the congregation for the purpose of approving a proposal to renovate the church parsonage, renaming it Meleny’s House, and to engage with a partner, Worthwhile Wear, in providing Meleny’s House as a shelter to women who have been victims of human trafficking.

In addition, we will also propose a change to the church constitution and by-laws, updating quorum requirements of congregational meeting to be set at 10% of eligible voting members. The current quorum requirement of 50 voting members was set when the congregation was much larger, and setting the quorum as a percentage, rather than specific number, allows for the quorum to move with increases in membership.

The meeting will begin promptly at 11:30 AM, and will be held in the worship space, with the presentation of the proposal, some words from Dan Emr, the Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, and a question and answer period to follow. Following the vote on the Meleny’s House proposal, we will proceed to the resolutions pertaining to the quorum.

The exact text of the resolutions being proposed are enclosed, as well as some background on the proposed Meleny’s House project.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 27th

Following Worship –
11:30 AM

In Person and Via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/3679496334>

Dial in (audio only)

+1 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 367 949 6334

No other business will be transacted at this meeting.

Because we need 50 voting members to be present at the meeting, please make every effort to attend. We will allow online attendance via Zoom.

Information on how to access via Zoom is enclosed.

Resolution #1 - To authorize the Congregation Council to act on the Meleny’s House project

Resolved, that Emmanuel Lutheran Church agrees “in principle” to an agreement to remodel the Church Parsonage, operate a mission on the site, and rename the building “Meleny’s House.

The agreement is based on the following minimum basic terms, subject to Church Council finalizing a complete agreement with Worthwhile Wear, by Aug. 31, 2021.

- Remodel the building into 3 apartments, each containing 2 bedrooms.
- Lease the premises to Worthwhile Wear for no more than 30 years, at the cost of \$1 per year.
- Worthwhile Wear will assume the full cost of improvements, in accordance with all building codes, and obtaining all necessary permits.
- Worthwhile Wear will assume all costs of operating the premises, except for snow removal and grounds maintenance.
- Worthwhile Wear will operate Meleny’s House for the sole purpose of providing housing for victims of human trafficking.
- For the purposes of amortization, the cost of building improvements is set at \$340,000.
- Amortization of cost will be done on “straight-line” method - \$11,333 per year.
- Provision for termination of contract triggers buyout cost based on amortization schedule. For example, if the parties agree to terminate contract after 10 years, Emmanuel would pay Worthwhile Wear a total of \$226,667 (\$340,000 - \$11333 x 10 years)
- Worthwhile Wear must provide evidence of adequate insurance coverage, naming Emmanuel as “Additional Insured”

Resolution #2 - To amend Emmanuel’s Constitution, Section C.10.04 to comply with model ELCA constitution

Resolved, that Section C.10.04 of Emmanuel’s Constitution be revised to comply with the model ELCA constitution which states “_____ percent of voting members constitutes a quorum”. *(Current wording of Section C.10.04 is “50 voting members shall constitute a quorum)*

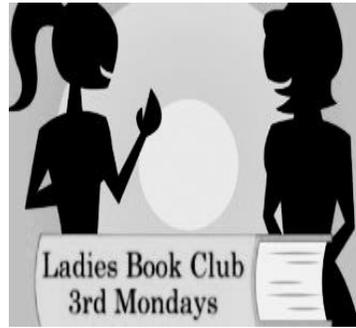
Resolution #3 - To adopt bylaw C.10.04.01 setting the quorum at 10% of voting members.

Resolved, that the congregation adopt bylaw C.10.04.01 which sets the quorum referenced in Section C.10.04 at 10% of voting members. *(Note: 10% of voting members would establish a quorum of 19 at future meetings, based on current voting member total - For reference - 10% of voting members in 2013, the last time the Constitution was updated, would have been 68, according to the annual reports filed with ELCA)*



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Upcoming Group Activities at Emmanuel



Next Meeting
TOMORROW @
7PM
The Rose Code
by Kate Quinn

Hi Friends!

Sunday's KIDS is moving into summer mode this week. We won't have any scheduled in-person sessions until September, but you can always follow us online. We will have a weekly Sunday's KIDS video streamed live at 9:30 AM each Sunday and of course, you can watch it any time as a recording on our Facebook Page.

We hope everyone has a good, safe and fun summer this year. We love to hear stories and see photos of the places you will be going.

Look for some special opportunities this summer for Sunday's KIDS to "pop up". In the next few weeks, we will be announcing something really fun and exciting for later in the summer!

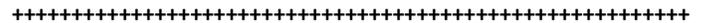
Remember – God Loves You – and so do we!

Ms. Ann Marie, Ms. Debbie, Ms. Taylor

*Join the ladies of Emmanuel
for fun conversation and fellowship –
and always a good read!*

Meet in Emmanuel's Parlor.

For information, e-mail Mary Anne Morral
morral@verizon.net



Knitters and Crocheters !

*"Come and gather to make shawls
for those in need of comfort."*

Next Meeting:
July 11 – 1PM
(2nd Sunday due to
July 4 holiday)

**And every first
Sunday of the
month.**



In Emmanuel's Parlor

Instruction available for all who are interested.



On Facebook
Mon-Sat 8AM
*"Stay
Connected to
God's Word"*





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Special Prayer Concerns

- + For our nation to end being divided against itself and work together for the common good.
- + For our Bishop, Rev. Patricia Davenport and her staff. For Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA Churchwide staff.
- + For all those who have served us as fathering figures in our life – reflecting the love our Father in Heaven has for us.
- + For hurricane victims in Honduras and other Central American countries. For relief supplies to arrive safely and intact.
- + For President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and the new administration.
- + For peace in Western Asia and an end to hostilities between Hamas and Israel in Gaza.
- + For God’s creation and the protection and preservation of our home planet – to support life for many generations to come.
- + In thanksgiving for God’s guiding spirit and providence as we continue the work being done through the E-Meal Ministry.
- + For an end to the abusive enslavement of people who are being trafficked for profit.
- + For wisdom and discernment as we consider the redevelopment of our parsonage as “Meleny’s House”

For our Homebound Members

Doris Alderfer	Betty Frese
Jacqui Bond	Rita Fritz
Dominick De Salvo	Louella Gehringer
Helen De Turk	Kathryn Stover
Norma Detweiler	Faye Wetzel
	Dorothy Wohlgemuth

For Health and Healing Members of Emmanuel

Roy Becker	Pat Harpel
Anthony Campolei	Faye Landis
Elaine Cash	Harry Thompson
Marilyn Detwiler	Floyd and RuthYothers

For Those in Military Service Philip Coll

For Friends of Emmanuel

- Karen Bauer (friend of Deb & Pat McElwee)
- Cathy Busser (friend of Pastor John)
- Dennis Beer (friend of the Kulpes)
- Jim Clark (friend of Caren and Doug Landis)
- Luca Condo (friend of Ruth Miller)
- Alicia and Mike Daniels (friends of Julie Freed)
- Donna and Raymond Dietz (friends of Rita Fritz)
- Helen Freed (Evan Freed’s Grandmother)
- Sabrina Haap (Ruth Miller’s Niece)
- Hildegard Lamparter (Wife of former Pastor Robert Lamparter)
- Kalidass Family (friends of Jen and Lou Casta)
- Trina Johnsten (friend of Pastor John and Ann Marie)
- Marvin Krupp (Friend of Roy Becker)
- Ed Natali (David’s Brother)
- Neal Maiers (Friend of Deb & Patrick McElwee)
- Richard Plinke (friend of Gerry and Dave Blaich)
- Alicia Ranberg (Friend of the Crouthamels)
- Ari Richter (Friend of Caren and Doug Landis)
- Stewart Schrauger (Julie Freed’s Brother)
- Michael Smith (friend of Cheryl Starke)
- Eric Sykes (Anita & Joe’s Son)
- Pam Valenti (Lou Gehringer’s Sister)
- The Vaughn Family (Church Neighbors)
- Alexander & Sylvia Wagwicz (Friends of DeSalvos)
- Suzanne Willauer (Ed Cash’s Sister)
- Chase Ziegler (Christman’s Great-Grandson)

In order to keep our Prayer List up to date, names will remain for four weeks unless otherwise notified



Emmanuel Serves !



120,000 meals handed “up”

Thanks Be To God!

Average Daily Meals Served per Month

January	245
February	337
March	316
April	368
May	364
June (thru 15 th)	282

I know that we have to be careful about showing pride – but when our pride is taken in given thanks and glory to God, it is good to show our pride. I am proud that the E-Meal Ministry has

grown to serving 12,000 meals in just 14 months. I’m also proud that we have been serving well over 300 meals per day since December 2020. I’m also proud that we have raised over \$78,000 to help feed and show the love of Christ to our neighbors in need.

But I think the thing I’m most proud of is our volunteers – a dedicated corps of angels who give out of their hearts and are so steadfast in their support of the E-Meal Ministry. I’m proud that over 180 different people have participated as volunteers and have given over 8500 hours. That is the equivalent of 4 full-time staffers! Wow!

Our volunteers are the backbone of the E-Meal ministry. There’s just no way we could be the powerful, efficient, effective program without them and their generous spirits.

And as the need continues, we need to maintain a strong pipeline of volunteers who support the E-Meal Ministry.

I would like to invite you not only to volunteer for the E-Meal ministry, but to be an ambassador for it with your friends, families and civic groups. Invite someone to volunteer with you. Pass the word about how important this ministry has become and how we need more people willing to serve. If you know someone that may like to talk with me about it – let me know!

+ Pastor John +

Volunteers Are Needed!

Especially as Summer arrives and volunteers take vacation time!

Please take time today and sign up to volunteer. Signing up is easy,

Click the following link to sign up.

<https://rb.gy/47vkgh>

And, if you are able to support the E-Meal ministry financially, please click here for a link to do so easily and securely:

[Online Giving to Emmanuel](https://rb.gy/47vkgh)
(bit.ly/3iRyXn)

Yes, We Do Diapers!

We will always be primarily a food ministry, but we also stock some personal care supplies, including a large selection of diapers. Thanks to the Mitzvah Circle Foundation, we receive a large monthly shipment of diapers in all sizes – as well as some wipes and adult incontinent products. If you know a family in need, please send them our way for food – and for diapers. And a big THANK YOU to Merrill and Bette Christman who pick up the diapers each month for us at the Norristown warehouse.



Emmanuel Reaches Out!

Two important community events this week!

SOUDERTON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

WHOLE BLOOD DONORS
When you give a pint of blood it can be transfused in its original form or separated into its specific components of red cells, plasma and platelets to help multiple patients. Whole blood is frequently given to trauma patients and people undergoing surgery.

DOUBLE RED CELL DONORS
If you are type O+, O-, A-, B-, please consider making double red cell donation. When you donate "doubles" you give two units of red blood cells in one appointment. Your fluids, plasma, and platelets are returned to your body. Note: Additional minimum weight eligibility requirements apply for double red cells donors. For more information call 800-B-A-DONOR.

CONVALESCENT PLASMA DONORS
If you've recovered from COVID-19, your antibody-rich plasma, called Convalescent Plasma, could help someone fighting the disease. If you've been symptom-free for 14 days or more, please go to GIVEaPINT.org/covid-plasma and fill out an application so we can verify your eligibility. If you are a returning Convalescent Plasma donor, please call 1-800-B-A-DONOR to schedule your appointment.

BLOOD DONORS SAVE LIVES

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church
2nd Floor Classroom
69 West Broad Street, Souderton**

Blood Drives for 2021 (4th Tuesday)

February 23rd	March 23rd	April 27th
May 25th	June 22nd	July 27th
August 24th	September 28th	October 26th
November 23rd	December 28th	

Drive Hours 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**Call Carol at 484-256-7117 or visit GIVEaPINT.org and use Sponsor Code 8675 to schedule an appointment.
APPOINTMENT REQUIRED**

Click Here to RSVP – but it's OK just to show up too!
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-rock-n-run-victory-lap-celebration-souderton-tickets-15587225021>



You're Invited!

Our virtual 10th Annual Rock N' Run was a big success, with the community and sponsors coming together to help us exceed our goals and raise funds to provide services to local children in foster care.

Please join us at one of our Victory Lap Celebration events. Stop by any time and enjoy free food, music, activities and more. For those who participated in the virtual Rock N' Run, there will be a pick up table for your shirts and medals.

Celebrate with us and show your support for children in foster care!

Victory Lap Celebrations:

Wednesday June 23, Souderton Community Park 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.



**JESUS
MARTHA 'N MARY**



Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Current Sunday Schedule

Online Sunday's KIDS – 9:30 AM
 Online and In-Person Worship – 10:00 AM
 Outdoor Worship through June 20th
 Sunday's KIDS In Person –
 Returns in September

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Rev. Richard G. Miller, Jr., Pastor Emeritus
 Marlene H. Natali, Parish Deacon
 Michael Shoemaker, Facilities Manager

Save the Date

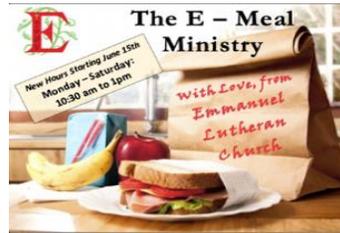
Special Congregational Meeting
 Sunday, June 27th following worship

To approve a proposal for redevelopment of the parsonage, naming it Meleny's House

To update our constitution changing quorum requirement at congregational meeting to 10% of voting membership. (current quorum is 50 voting members)

Additional information on pages 10 and 14.

Bulletin Sponsorship Dates Still Available Throughout 2021



E-Meal Volunteers
 Please sign up online

<https://rb.gy/47vkgh>



What's Happening @ Emmanuel

6/20/2021 – 6/27/2021

Sun 6/20	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Outdoor Worship Sunday's KIDS (Online) Worship Service (In-Person and Online)
Mon 6/21	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate Women's Book Club AA Meeting
Tue 6/22	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate
Wed 6/23	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate
Thu 6/24	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate
Fri 6/25	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution
Sat 6/26	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution
Sun 6/27	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Outdoor Worship Sunday's KIDS (Online) Worship Service (In-Person and Online) Special Congregational Meeting