



+ Living Free from Scarcity +

## Welcome to Emmanuel !

**July 25, 2021**

**Ninth Sunday  
After Pentecost**

***"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.

Worship today will be indoors with relaxed Covid-19 protocols in place. 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 you are asked to come forward to receive. 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](mailto:jheidgerd@gmail.com).

## Introduction to the day

Unbound! Jesus is the bread of life for all who hunger. In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish.

Unbound! What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

Unbound! In Jesus, the bread of life, we are freed from a world of scarcity and treated to a world of abundance.

***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

## PRELUDE

TBD

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFSSION 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.

## GATHERING SONG

*O God Beyond All Praising (880)*

1 O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.

2 The flow'r of earthly splendor  
in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you,  
the Lord most high;  
but hidden from all nature  
the eternal seed is sown--  
though small in mortal stature,  
to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven,  
from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given  
the final victory.

3 Then hear, O gracious Savior,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor  
may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty  
and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.

## 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.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Voices Raised to You (845)*

**1 Voices raised to you we offer;  
tune them, God, for songs of praise.  
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute  
for your gifts through all our days.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Triune God, to you we sing!**

**2 All creation joins to praise you;  
earth and sky your works display.  
Art and music, gifts you lend us,  
we return to you today.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**God, creator, source of life!**

**3 Christ, the song of love incarnate,  
touching earth with heaven's grace,  
for your living, suff'ring, dying,  
for your rising, hear our praise!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Christ, redeemer, Lord of life!**

**4 Spirit, flaming through creation,  
kindle faith within each heart.  
Lift our voices high in chorus;  
through our hands your love impart.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Spirit, helper, breath of life!**

**5 How can any praise we offer  
measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices--  
gifts of love we can bestow.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Triune God, to you we sing!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4: 42-44

A reading from 2 Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 145: 10-18 (*Read Responsively*)

All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor <sup>l</sup> of your kingdom.

**. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures through all ages.  
You, Lord, are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

You are near to all who call upon you,  
**to all who call upon you faithfully.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 3: 14-21**

A reading from Ephesians.

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,<sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,<sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(please sing twice)*

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (172)***

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

## **GOSPEL: John 6: 1-15**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

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 T. Heidgerd**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*All Who Hunger Gather Gladly (461)*

1 All who hunger gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.  
Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together,  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*At the end of each petition, the minister will say*

*"Come, Bread of Life."*

*The congregation responds:*

***"Come Feed Us, Lord."***

## 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 (583)*

*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 (473)

*Please sing twice*

Holy, holy, holy,  
my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
You are holy, God.

## 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.*

*Those receiving communion will dismiss themselves  
by rows from front to back, on each side of the  
congregation, approaching the altar from the middle  
aisle.*

*If you wish to receive communion, please form a cup  
with your hands. The Pastor and Assisting Minister  
will remove a wafer from the chalice using tongs  
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.*

*Please return to your seat via the side aisles.*

*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)*

## COMMUNION SONG

*I Am the Bread of Life (482)*

**1 "I am the Bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father beckons."**

*Refrain*

**"And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up  
on the last day."**

**2 "The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever,  
you shall live forever."**

*Refrain*

**3 "Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you."**

*Refrain*

**4 "I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die,  
you shall live forever."**

*Refrain*

**5 Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who have come  
into the world.**

*Refrain*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you his beloved child. When you came to serve at Emmanuel, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation.

You have used your gifts as God has called you. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you especially in the way you helped us sing God's song though the pandemic.

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts in the community you will be ordained to serve and to lead, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Zach, who has enriched Emmanuel Lutheran Church and generously shared his gifts with us.

Now bless and preserve him at this time of transition. Day by day, guide him supply to him whatever is needed, friends to cheer his way, and a clear vision of that to which you now call him.

By your Holy Spirit be present in his pilgrimage, That he may always walk with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Other words and presentations  
may be shared at this time.*

## BLESSING

The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us,  
and journeys with us,  
+ be upon you now and forever.

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

*Rev. Seminarian Zachary Dean*

*Zach Dean joins Pastor and Assisting Minister in the front of the congregation.*

*Zach, as you leave our community to soon be ordained into the office of pastoral ministry, we wish to bid you farewell.*

*A reading from Isaiah:*

Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

*(continued in next column)*

## SENDING SONG

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing (547)*

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.

With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE (*Reprise*)

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing (547)*

With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear

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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

To sign up for Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> event,  
please [click here](#)

or go to our Sign-Up Genius page at

<https://bit.ly/36JKm4L>

More information  
on page 12



# Emmanuel Worships

## An Update from Pastor John

***“For All  
Who Hunger”***



I wonder how many of you know what the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) is. My guess is that some of you don't know that the RCL is what many churches use as a system to select the various bible passages and stories we read in our worship services.

While there are variations out there, the typical RCL usage is based on a three-year cycle of lessons. Each year is marked with a letter (A,B,C), and assigned primarily to one of the first three Gospels (Matthew-A, Mark-B, Luke-C). The Gospel of John is interspersed throughout each of the 3 cycles, and more so during Year B, the year through which we are currently cycling. This week begins a 5-week series focused on chapter 6 in John's Gospel. It is in Chapter 6 where we find Jesus making this bold claim: “I am the Bread of Life”.

We begin our month-long study of John 6 with the stage-setting story of the miraculous feeding of the multitude with just 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. The story of the miraculous feeding is symbolic of the life of abundance God promises to us as followers of Jesus, the Bread of Life. This symbolism allows us to broaden the image of the Bread of Life beyond physical hunger for food.

While preaching for 5 straight weeks from a single chapter of the bible seems limiting, there are ways in which, together, we can explore the many facets of Jesus promise that whoever comes to him will never hunger and whoever believes in him will never thirst.

Each week in the month of August we will explore a different aspect of this promise “For All Who Hunger”. Hunger in our lives comes in different ways for different people and at different times in our lives.

Sometimes we hunger for food, not having enough to eat. There are times we hunger for health and for wholeness. Maybe you remember a time when loneliness made you hungry for community – true authentic relationships. Many of our neighbors suffer oppression and thirst for justice and fairness. Others are grieving loss and hunger for hope.

Let's spend some time together exploring different ways the people of God experience hunger and longing and how we can find hope in the promises of Jesus – The Bread of Life.

### ***“For All Who Hunger...” Weekly Themes***

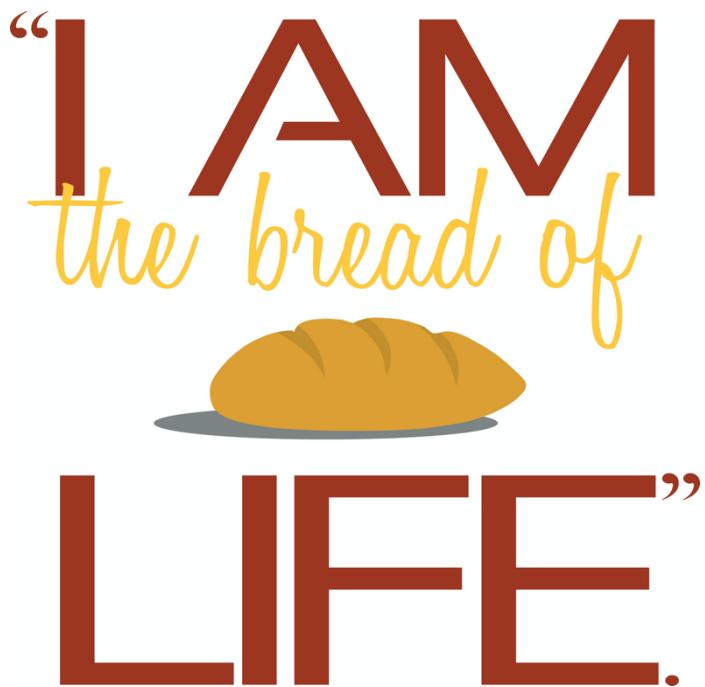
**August 1 – ... For Wholeness**

**August 8 – ... For Food**

**August 15 – ... For Hope**

**August 22 – ... For Community**

**August 29 - ... For Justice**





# Emmanuel Worships

## A farewell message from Zach



People of Emmanuel,

It has been a joy worshiping and making music with you all these past months! Although music ministries have been hampered by the pandemic, we have found a way to find God at work in the words we sing with our mouths and pray with our hearts.

As I have said to previous congregations, I say to you: whether you have sung loudly or quietly, or even if you have not uttered a peep in song but simply listened to the music during my time with you, you are part of the music ministry at Emmanuel. This thing called “Church” is something that we do together, no matter what our part in it is! Even though I am being called back to New York, we will continue to be church together, and for that I give thanks to God.

I will miss you all but will certainly carry Emmanuel with me throughout my future ministry!

God’s peace be with you,

Zach Dean



Returns  
August  
2021  
  
Souderton  
Borough  
Park  
  
Tuesdays at  
7 PM



## BE A HOST FAMILY

*Starting Fall 2021*

Host Families or Teams will be formed to bring a new level of hospitality to our worship services. As hosts, these families or teams will be responsible for fostering a warm and welcoming environment for those in attendance at worship services. Duties of these host families or teams include setting up and cleanup of coffee hour, greeting and ushering, and assisting with questions or directions. Look for more information, including a sign-up process, later this summer.

### New Members Group Being Formed

For Fall 2021  
Please see Pastor John  
if you are interested  
in Church Membership

Our new members group is not a class but a way for people new to Emmanuel to hear about Emmanuel’s mission, get to know each other a little better, and ask questions about what it means to be Lutheran, and how to grow as a child of God.



# 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 five 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 five churches participating in this collaboration are Emmanuel, Grace UMC, 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	Emmanuel - Souderton
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 30 will begin 30 minutes earlier at 5:00 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 !



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!

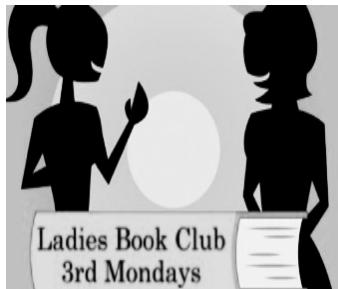
Remember – God Loves You – and so do we!

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

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## Upcoming Group Activities at Emmanuel



### Next Meeting

Monday, August 16  
@ 7PM

*The Paris Library*  
by Janet Charles

*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](mailto:morral@verizon.net)

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### Knitters and Crocheters !

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



### Next Meeting:

August 2nd – 1PM

And every first Sunday  
of the month.

**In Emmanuel's Parlor**

*Instruction available for all who are interested.*

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### Welcome Pastors of the Upper Bucks Conference

Starting July 6th –  
The Pastors of the Upper Bucks Conference  
will meet at Emmanuel  
for their weekly meet up and bible study.

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10 AM

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# Emmanuel Nurtures !



In Our  
Prayers...

## 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 a spirit of understanding and civility to come to bear with the issues facing the Souderton Area School district.
- + 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 the victims of the housing collapse in South Florida and for their grieving families.
- + For Zach Dean as he continues along his path to ordination and preaches his trial sermon today in New York.
- + 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.
- + In thanksgiving for the approval of the renovation of our parsonage and renaming it "Meleny's House" that it may be a place of refuge and renewal for many years to come.

## 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	Richard and Faye Landis
Elaine Cash	Harry Thompson
Marilyn Detwiler	Floyd and Ruth Yothers

## For Those in Military Service

Philip Coll

## For Friends of Emmanuel

Cathy Busser (friend of Pastor John)
Dennis Beer (friend of the Kulps)
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)
Katie Gerlach (Friend of the McElwees)
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)
Tom Swanson (friend of the Mc Elwees)
Eric Sykes (Anita's Son)
Pam Valenti (Lou Gehringer's Sister)
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 !



129,000  
meals  
handed "up"

Thanks Be  
To God!

St. Paul's  
Telford  
Youth  
Show  
Creativity  
at E-Meal



On July 20, Marian Henry brought youth from St. Paul's, Telford to volunteer at E-Meal, the second year in a row that Marian has made this a part of her youth summer camp program. This is from Marian's thank you note:

*We had a good time. Youth really enjoyed handing out the lunches. Were very busy at the end when Garden of Health delivered vegetables and someone dropped off a lot of eggs.*

*Pat Frankenfield and the other women who helped her that day worked so well with the youth. They encouraged them and showed them how to do the job. They really let the kids participate.*

*When it was a little slow in the beginning, pulled out Christmas/winter stickers and decorated about 50 bags for "Christmas in July".*



Thank you Marian and thank you to the youth of St. Paul's for such joyful and creative work!

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# Perseverance Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary

## SHOE DRIVE

If you have shoes that are new, used and gently worn PLEASE consider donating them



Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a Drop Off Site for the Shoe Drive.

Please drop your shoes in the bin Monday – Saturday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

The bins will be at the E-MEAL distribution entrance.

**Soudertonshoedrive@gmail.com**



## E-Meal 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](#)  
(bit.ly/3iRyXn)



# Emmanuel Reaches Out !

**Beer Tasting Fundraiser for Sanctuary Village**

**Saturday July 31, 2-4 PM**

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
40 North Main Street, Hatfield, PA



## What is Sanctuary Village?



We are going to save lives.

Sanctuary Village is a 501c3 that was created to offer an efficient and effective way to address chronic street homelessness in the city of Philadelphia by creating a village of tiny houses.

This model is effective. Being without a safe place to live is chaotic. Safety and survival are the primary needs of people without housing. Nothing takes priority over getting these needs met each day. Unlike a shelter, a tiny house is a home. Having a locking door, an address, and access to meeting physical and hygienic needs is the basic foundation upon which a person can rebuild their life. Tiny houses provide a great launching pad – and while not desirable as a permanent housing solution, they are a secure step to something better. While this is the first project of its kind in Philadelphia – there is a long track record of this model being successful in Seattle, Washington; Austin, Texas; Los Angeles, California and many other communities.

Office of Homeless Services we can offer Individualized wrap around services to equip people to overcome the obstacles that stand in the way of getting back into stable

## Support Sanctuary Village A New Homeless Outreach in Philadelphia

### Tickets \$50 DONATION

Purchase in advance by contacting Cathy Farrell at [cifarrell@comcast.net](mailto:cifarrell@comcast.net) or by going to [tinyhousecommunity.org](http://tinyhousecommunity.org)

Included in ticket price:

- Beer Tasting led by brewer Lou Farrell
- Appetizers and snacks
- \$10 gift certificate to Beer Etc.

Must be 21 or over to attend



housing – nutritional support; medical care; addictions counseling; transportation; life skills and job training.

When facing significant challenges social support often makes the difference between success and failure. Living in a community of peers, who know the depth of the challenges and the importance of the seemingly small victories, provides dignity and companionship that no agency can offer.

This model is efficient. Tiny houses are less expensive to build and to maintain than traditional housing. We only need \$500,000 to create a dozen homes.

Homelessness has been on the rise each year since 2016. People without housing are vulnerable to chronic medical conditions and lack the stability to maintain treatment. Emergency medical care is expensive and necessary when people are unhoused. A 2017 analysis showed that for each person moved from chronic homelessness into permanent housing the taxpayers will save an average of \$35,578 per year.

People without homes are vulnerable to crime and addictions. Without adequate access to showers and restrooms, individuals are likely be seen as impinging on the quality of life in the communities where they are trying to live. The costs to the community and to the unhoused individuals are difficult to calculate – but there is no doubt that they are significant.

Creating a community of tiny houses is the right thing to do. Many feel that the greatest loss when people lose housing is the loss of dignity and respect. Sanctuary Village is rooted in the concept that we are entering into community with people who need housing, not giving charity – the hardest part of getting back on your feet belongs to the people who are doing it. We are just providing the platform for them to stand on. Unhoused people are more likely to die. Providing housing is literally a matter of life and death.

You can save lives. The City of Philadelphia has granted Sanctuary Village land, and half a million dollars to provide support services. The City Council and the community civic association are supportive of the project. Now we need a community of support that will let us raise the roof. Won't you join us?



# Emmanuel Reaches Out !

## My take: Tear down magical walls

By Craig L. Nesson (*Living Lutheran* - July 9, 2021)



The doors of your church building have magical properties. You may not have noticed, but these magical effects play out differently for outsiders than for insiders.

When outsiders approach church doors, the magic repels them with thoughts that they aren't good enough, knowledgeable enough, worthy enough or perfect enough to come inside. Many outsiders are rightly critical of the church they hear about in news headlines that symbolizes only judgment and intolerance.

For insiders, however, these magical properties have a different effect. Insiders pass eagerly through the doors of the building to find renewal and hope. But to return outside, these same insiders must fold up their Christian faith into a tiny bundle and hide it in their pocket or purse until they return to the church and take it back out. Insiders hide their faith in a compartment that is accessed only when gathered with other Christians in the church building.

Our dominant approach in responding to the magical doors is to double down on what we do inside our buildings. We search high and low for programs and activities that will attract and encourage outsiders to become insiders.

By doing so, we neglect the most critical factor: our baptismal calling as members of the body of Christ to take faith out of its hidden compartment and share it through our words and actions in our everyday roles and relationships.

At the time of the Reformation, Martin Luther proposed that all church members belong to a universal priesthood. This core teaching never became our normal way of being church, but the ELCA Life of Faith Initiative aims to equip all God's people for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:12) in the arenas of daily life: family, work, school, local community, citizenship and care for creation.

How can we stir up a culture change that focuses the church's mission on the vocation of the baptized in these arenas?

In *The Scattering: Imagining a Church That Connects Faith and Life* (Wipf and Stock, 2015), Dwight L. DuBois says congregations need to close the gap between what they do when gathered behind church doors and how they live when sent beyond those doors in Christ's name. They need to create a universal neighborhood of all believers.

This means taking our baptismal promises seriously again, found in the Affirmation of Baptism:

*Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?*

*To live among God's faithful people?*

*To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper?*

*Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?*

*To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed?*

*To serve all people, following the example of Jesus?*

*To strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

We need to affirm that everything we do as the gathered church forms us for a distinctive way of life. Worship practices are life practices. Confessing our sins trains us for the practice of telling the truth. Singing hymns forms us to thank and praise God. Hearing God's word centers us in the gospel for every life circumstance.

Intercessory prayers both bring our concerns to God and commit us to responsibility in caring about the people and needs for which we pray. Passing the peace prepares us for everyday reconciliation and peacemaking. At the Lord's table, we discover radical mercy and hospitality that become our way of life. When we are sent out into the world, our worship practices will have shaped us for discipleship in daily life.

Congregations are summoned to form members who can connect faith and life. This requires adaptive change to turn congregations inside-out. Educational programs for all ages should begin to explore what faith means for daily life. Members should be invited to testify about how their Christian faith makes a difference in the world.

Pastors should develop dialogue sermons in partnership with members to talk about intersections between faith and life. Small groups should bring people together for prayer and conversation based on affinities they share—their family roles, their jobs, their season of life. All these practices transform congregations into incubators where being church means living out our Christian vocation in everything we say and do.

What does this look like in people's lives? It looks like people speaking authentically about the difference Jesus Christ makes in all life circumstances. It looks like people who claim everything they do as a way of living out their baptismal promises in service to others.



# Emmanuel Reaches Out!

**Do you know anyone who needs help with rent or utility bills?**

## Rent and utility relief available to those facing pandemic-induced financial hardships

With the COVID-19 eviction moratorium set to expire at the end of this month, the Montgomery County Commissioners are urging residents struggling with pandemic-induced financial hardships to look into our rent & utility relief program administered by Your Way Home. This program has provided much-needed support to both renters and landlords alike, keeping families in their homes while ensuring landlords are compensated.

### THE YOUR WAY HOME EMERGENCY RENT & UTILITY COALITION

The objectives of the Your Way Home Emergency Rent and Utility Coalition will be to:

- Raise public and policymaker awareness of the needs of low-income and ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families and individuals in Montgomery County on the brink of homelessness due to poverty caused by a health crisis, job loss, pay inequality, underemployment and/or systemic racism.

(For more information about ALICE, visit <https://www.uwp.org/alice/about-alice/>).

- Advocate for more public and private funding for emergency rent and utility programs for both Your Way Home funded and independently funded service providers.
- Create a forum for emergency rent and utility service providers and funders to share resources, best practices, lessons learned and innovative solutions.

### Am I Eligible For The ERUC Program?

For a household to be eligible for the ERUC program, it must meet the requirements below:

- Household must reside in Montgomery County at the time of application, AND
- One or more individuals in the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic, AND
- The household can demonstrate a risk of homelessness or housing instability, AND
- Household must be at or below 80% of Area Median Income at the time of application.

A. Income eligibility will be based on average gross income over the 30 days preceding the time of assistance.

B. Income includes earned income, child support, welfare benefits, SSI, SSDI, unemployment income, workman's comp, pension/investments/401K.

### 80% Area Median Income is as follows:

FY 2021 Income Limit Area	Income	FY 2021 Income Limit Category	Family Size							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD MSA	\$94,500	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) <a href="#">Explanation</a>	33,100	37,800	42,550	<b>47,250</b>	51,050	54,850	58,600	62,400
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* <a href="#">Explanation</a>	19,850	22,700	25,550	<b>28,350</b>	31,040	35,580	40,120	44,660
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) <a href="#">Explanation</a>	52,950	60,500	68,050	<b>75,600</b>	81,650	87,700	93,750	99,800

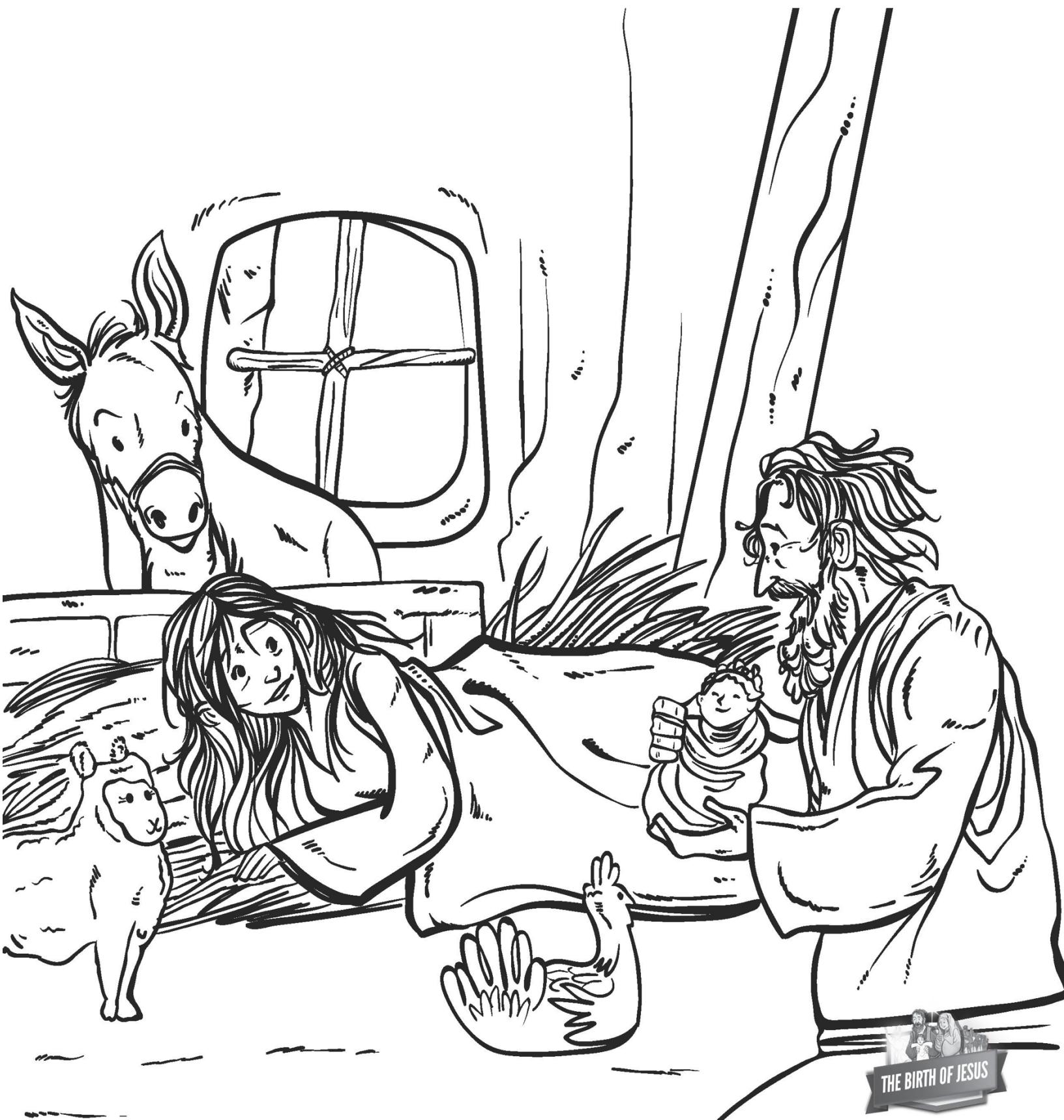
### Who Should I Contact to Apply?

Persons living in Montgomery County who have experienced a COVID hardship and are in need of rent and/or utility assistance should **call 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211**.

# THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Luke 2:11

For unto you is born this day in the city of David  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.





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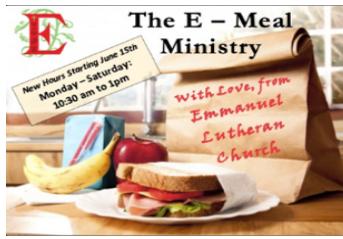
## Current Sunday Schedule

Online Sunday's KIDS – 9:30 AM

Online and In-Person Worship – 10:00 AM  
*\*Indoors Beginning 6/27/2021\**

Sunday's KIDS In Person –  
Returns in September

**Bulletin Sponsorships are Available  
for many remaining Sundays in 2021.**



**E-Meal  
Volunteers  
Please sign up  
online**

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

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Michael Shoemaker, Facilities Manager



**What's Happening  
@ Emmanuel**  
**7/15/2021 – 8/1/2021**

Sun 7/25	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Baptism of Rhys Shemire  Sunday's KIDS (Online) Worship Service (In-Person and Online)
Mon 7/26	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 8:00 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate AA Meeting
Tue 7/27	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast Upper Bucks Conference Pastors Group E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate
Wed 7/28	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast Upper Bucks Conference Pastors Group E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate
Thu 7/29	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Bushi Karate
Fri 7/30	8:00 AM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5 PM – 7:30 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution Acts of Kindness Event at Emmanuel
Sat 7/31	8:00 AM 10:30AM – 1 PM	Morning GodCast E-Meal Distribution
Sun 8/1	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Tenth Sunday After Pentecost  Sunday's KIDS (Online) Worship Service (In-Person and Online) Prayer Shawl Ministry



How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?



- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times

Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)