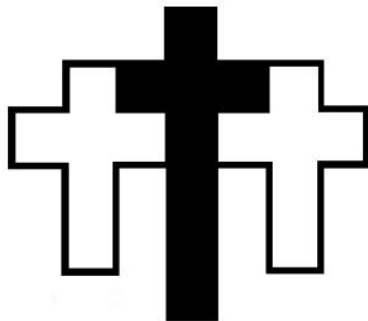


Emmanuel Lutheran Church



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Working to Care for ALL God's People

Weekly Announcements February 23, 2025

WELCOME VISITORS!

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are here to worship with us. If you have no church home in this community, why not make Emmanuel your own? If you are interested in becoming a member of the congregation, please talk with Pastor JJ, who can be reached by phone at 412-600-6232, or via email at pastor@elcetna.org.

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Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday worship opportunities will be at Noon and 7pm in the sanctuary. Both will include communion and the imposition of ashes.

Communion Class

Join us at 5pm on Maundy Thursday in learning more about God's love poured out and broken for us in the sacrament of communion. Pastor Chris will lead us in an interactive and hands on experience of communion: who, what, why, and how? Our time will include baking and breaking bread together as we share a meal and learn together. Then after we will join together to celebrate God's love in worship. This is for all ages and experiences!

Anniversary Celebration

Emmanuel's Pictorial History — Every 4-6 weeks throughout 2025 the bulletin board at the side entrance will feature different aspects of Emmanuel's history. The current display focuses on our structures beginning with the West Etna Union Mission Sabbath School, the first church building in 1900, and the current church built in 1960, as well as the parking lot. The display tells the story of how our structures grew to accommodate the changes in our development. Take a moment on a Sunday morning to peruse the pictures that capture our history.

Faith Formation

May 4th, join us for a Sunday evening of Faith, Family, & Fun!

Where: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall

What: Dinner (Come hungry), Faith building through fellowship, Story/ Activity for kids (and grown up kids), Faith building activities

EVERYONE is invited (kids, grown ups, visitors, friends, grown up kids... you get the picture). Come learn about prayer with us.

Dartball

Mondays at 7:00 PM. Join us for some fun and fellowship. All are welcome.



What Does This Mean?

"What does this mean?" is an opportunity to study in faith together as we continue our study of Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

1pm-2:30pm in the Sanctuary

February 26

March 5, 19, 26

On March 5th we will begin as soon as worship ends.

Our Concern List

Members, and Family and friends, of congregation in need of prayer: Carrie Fischer, Cindy Umbaugh, Bob Simon, Family and Friends of Linda Farmerie, Diana Lee, Shirley Kobert, Jim and Tammy Wehner, Dianna Lee, Bill Cathers, Lois Cathers, Debbie Genser, John Howard, Lorraine, Mary, Heather, Patty, Sandy, Kenneth Zimmerman, Shirley Simon, Rachel Coates. Linda Farmerie, Dan Lennon, Jerry Lynn, Sylvia Lynn.

Family & Friends serving in the military: Ian Helfrich, Rob Umbaugh.

[note: We ask the families and friends who have requested prayers to please give us a call when your loved one may be removed from our list.]

Bulletin Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request to be added to our concern list, for the prayer chain, or would like to receive prayer requests, please contact Edna Zimmerman (412-855-0423); edna228@verizon.net; or Rachel Coates (412-486-0830). You can also add names to the bulletin prayer list by calling or sending an email to Pastor JJ. Thank you for your prayerful concern and care about our neighbors and friends

Pastoral Care Needs

When you, members of your family, or friends in the congregation, need pastoral care due to illness, hospitalization, life events, or prayerful conversation on the journey of faith, please call Pastor J.J. at 412-600-6232.

Altar Flowers

February 23	IMO Bob Simon and Larry Hiles by Shirley Simon
March 2	Available
March 9	IMO Jack and Jane Dellert by Jack Dellert
March 16	IMO Hannah Schmidt by Shirley Simon
March 23	IMO John Erlen
March 30	Available

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, event, or time, please communicate with Edna Zimmerman edna228@verizon.net (412-855-0423)

WELCA

The WELCA group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Cliff Weisel Room at 12:30 pm. We have fellowship from 12:30pm until 1:00 pm followed by devotions, business and project for the month. We will be collecting items for the 2025 Designated Outreach program this year, Robin's Home veteran services. This is a housing program for women veterans and their children. Items requested are coffee creamer, sugar, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cleaning supplies, brooms/dustpans, mops/buckets, towels/washcloths and gift cards to *Walmart*, *Aldi* or *Visa*.. Items can be placed in the red bucket at the side entrance. All women are welcome. For any questions you can contact Edna Zimmerman, Linda Henne or Carol Koedel. Edna's number is 412-855-0423.

Outside groups meeting at Emmanuel

Monday	6:30pm	Brownies
Tuesday	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	6:30pm	Girl Scouts
Thursday	Noon-3pm	Passages to Recovery
Friday		

Drop off non-perishable food items for Bread of Life:

Monday 2-4 pm

Wednesday 6-8 pm

All Saints School Building – Dewey Street
(monetary donations will also be accepted)

Partners: All Saints Catholic Church, Borough of Etna,
Bread of Life Food Pantry, Etna Community Organization,
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Northside Common Ministries Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter

Gently used men's clothing is being collected for our ministry with the Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter. Items can be left in the hallway between the sanctuary and Sunday School rooms.

Bring your coffee cup to church



We at Emmanuel are collecting coffee cups to donate to Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter. The shelter is trying to eliminate using styrofoam cups and replace broken cups. You can bring your cups to church and leave them in the hall by the handicap entrance. Thank You for supporting this ministry.

Lutheran Disaster Response
California wildfires

Over the last several weeks, multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California, which placed over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. These fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted. LDR will work with them to address immediate needs amid the destruction and assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) assists with these and other disasters on a continual basis. If you would like to contribute directly to LDR you can do so by marking a donation as LDR, or Lutheran Disaster Response, or through Emmanuel's Tithely link by selecting the drop down "Lutheran Disaster Response"

Southwest PA 2025 Bishop Election

Our synod will elect a new bishop in June 2025. Discernment and hearing the call of the Holy Spirit is something that happens both as individuals and communally, so let's pray together across our synod:

Prayer for February: Loving God, send your Spirit to unite us into a church committed to our baptismal promises especially your call to service in the world. Enable us to embody your love and forgiveness to all people. Surround Bishop Kusserow and our synod leadership with your strength and guidance in the midst of change. Keep us ever focused on your Word and open to the work of the Spirit around and through us. Amen.

Save the Dates: Synod Assembly 2025

Saturday, May 17, 2025

One Morning on Zoom Only

Ecclesiastical First Ballot

Thursday, June 12 thru

Saturday, June 14, 2025

In-Person Only

More information about the bishop election and FAQ can be found at: **swpasynod.org/bishop2025**

Emmanuel's Congregational Councilpersons

Tom Hough, President

Sue Spelic, Vice-President

Edna Zimmerman, Secretary

Roland Kania, Treasurer

Dean Ingold

Danielle Barr

Jack Dellert

Stan Grubisa

John Mertens

Supporting Emmanuel

You can support Emmanuel in multiple ways.

Council is currently working on getting standing committees up and running, you are welcome to volunteer your gift of time for those, you can volunteer through any councilperson.

You can give the gift of service as a worship volunteer, reading, streaming, greeting, communing. Let Pastor JJ or Kathy Suhadolnik know of your interest.

You can give the gift of voice through the choir, let Judy Erlen know of your interest.

You can contribute financially through the offering plates at the entrances to the sanctuary, or online via Tithley as a recurring or one-time donation at https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1046944

Or scan the QR Code below

