



April

The Journey 2020

Newsletter for Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Dearest members and friends of Emmanuel,

As Lent is drawing to a close, and we are anticipating the arrival of Holy Week and Easter, I am increasingly amazed by how much the situation in our communities, nation, and world is being reflected by the ancient rhythms of the church year. We are collectively in hiding, in mourning, distanced from one another and from the usual ways in which we express our relationships. I can't hug you. You can't shake my hand. We cannot meet for worship. And it all feels so wrong- and yet, so right- somehow.

You see, that first Easter- though it wasn't yet called that- was a time when the followers of Jesus were grieving, without hope, feeling like their world was ending. The disciples were hidden away out of fear, and only a few or, depending on the Gospel, one brave woman, ventured to the tomb on that first day of the week. They had been walking with Jesus through this last week of his life, had seen his agony on the cross, had seen him taken down and buried. And they could imagine nothing worse, nothing more hopeless and discouraging.

Do those emotions sound familiar, dear ones? As we live, day by day, trying to navigate through the uncharted waters of Covid-19? As we "shelter in place"/ hide from that which threatens us and those we love? As we face the uncertainty about what the future will bring?

Sunday, April 5, is Palm/Passion Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, and we will enter into it together, knowing that we will not be waving palms, processing into the sanctuary. But our service with sermon and music will be posted on-line to support and uplift you. Likewise, there will be a sermon for Maundy Thursday, and, of course, a full service to share on Easter Sunday. We will enter the season of Easter still separated in body but not in spirit, for the presence of the Living Christ will continue to unite us, to bind us together. For, in reality, dear ones, life is always uncertain. We do not know what tomorrow will bring, in the best of circumstances, though we live as if we do. And we take so very much for granted, especially our lives, as if they will last forever. Let us approach this Holy Week and Easter with hearts filled with gratitude, certain that, no matter what happens, God is with us in it all. And for that we can say, THANKS BE TO GOD!

Pastor Linda



Thank God for the blessings and joys of living in community, and pray for grace, patience and mutual understanding when we encounter conflicts that challenge our unity.

Easter Day Christ is risen! We rejoice and ask God's Spirit to live in us and dispel our doubts, hesitations and fears and fill us with faith and amazement over God's miraculous, unconstrained love for us.

Praise God for leading us to be faithful, fearless followers and bearers of the good news in the world and for comforting and restoring us when we stumble, grow weary or feel fragile.

Praise God for the gift of creation in all it's beauty and wonder; thank God for sustaining life through Earth's abundant resources given to us and entrusted to our care, stewardship and sharing justly.

Prayer Shawls are available to congregational members who have family that are sick/grieving. Please call Jennie Hearne or Alice Herrin to arrange for a pick-up. Phone numbers are in our church directory.

March Financials

Offerings	\$ 14,026.87
Expenses	\$ 15,679.44
	-(\$ 1,652.57)

Year-to-Date

Offering	\$ 46,013.94
Expenses	\$ 48,587.11
	-(\$ 2,573.17)



We lift Helen Sloop, Merlyn Schultheis, Ginger Eschenberg, Nancy Woody, Nancy Miller,

Erin Woody, Randy Hayworth, Marilyn Stewart, Gray Bowman's sister, Jamie Green, Diane Arbogast, Bonnie Faust, Stacy Smith, and Susan Smith's sister, Janet to God, praying for peace and comfort.

Sunday Sermons

During this ever evolving time of uncertainty you will continue to receive each Sunday sermon the day before via email. The sermon will also be posted on our church website at www.emmanuellutheranchurch.org. If you do not have an email address, we will mail a hard copy to you each week.

How to Give to Emmanuel On-line

1. Go to Emmanuellutheranchurch.org
2. Click on the Give online button under Links near the top right.
3. A secure window will open. Fill in the blanks. It will give you an option to create an account. If you create an account, you will not need to enter your information each time, but you do not have to create an account to give.
4. Press submit and you're all done.

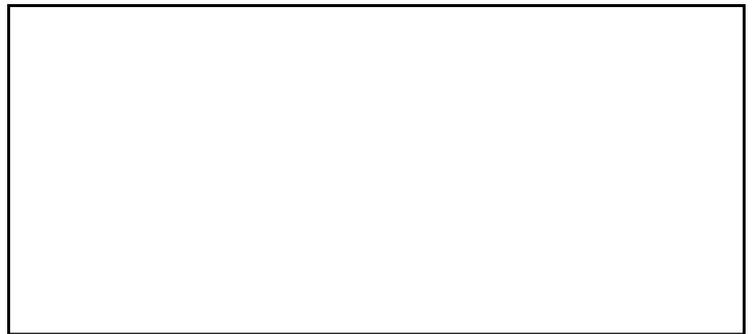
You may also download the Tithe.ly app. Go to: <https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>

When you search for a church, we are listed as Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. After that, just follow the prompts to give.

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
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