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Members in Service & Your Weekly eNews

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

E-News

Epiphany 4 – February 3, 2019

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Ministry Opportunities for Emmanuel

**We are in need of help serving, if interested, please email the church
(elcna1c@gmail.com)**

Here are our current needs:

**2/3/2019 - 10:15 Service
Altar Guild – Two Volunteers Needed
Nursery – Volunteer Needed**

Thank you for everyone's help serving!!!

**2/10/2019 - 10:15 Service
Altar Guild – Two Volunteers Needed**

We are in need of the help of ALL the people of Emmanuel!

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This Week's Lessons for Worship:



First Lesson: Jer. 1:4-19

Psalm: 71:1-11

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

Link: [Bible Readings](#)

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MEMBERS IN SERVICE

Members in Service	February 3rd	February 10th
Assisting Minister	Ken Burky	Annaliese Piraino
Acolyte	Member of ELC	Member of ELC
Greeters	Jim and Peggy Lewis	Scouts
Ushers	Dan Hunter and John Jacoby	Scout Sunday Alex Foust & Scout
Altar Guild	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Counters	Scott Wilson and Bill Lavallee	Scott Wilson and Bill Lavallee
Nursery	Volunteer Needed	Holly Pelusi
Communion Bread	Jeanne Yargar	Karla Gustafson

Thank you to all who serve!

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Altar Flowers for Sunday, February 3, In loving memory of Fred's mother, Irene Schamber. Sponsored by Fred & Julie Schamber.

- **Thanks to your kindness, all Sundays in February now have Altar Flower sponsors.**

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Care Calendar for MARYLOU ZALIN

MaryLou is very thankful for the rides she has received so far. Please note that transportation assistance is needed for February and beyond.

Please consider helping MaryLou get to church. She does not need any physical assistance, just a ride. Please check out the link below to see if you are able to help.

If you are unable to access the Care Calendars or would like assistance, you are always welcome to call the office to have your information added to a care calendar date. Thank you for helping!

Website: <http://www.carecalendar.org/>

MaryLou Zalin
Rides on Sundays
Calendar ID: 271943
Security code: 1428



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Praying for YOU!

We continue to pray for several Emmanuel members at each worship service. Please keep these members in your prayers throughout the following week. The members being prayed for this week are:

Austin Vance, Christian Bruns, Marlyn Mandalay, Amy Ostrawski, Amanda Wertz



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NEW OFFICE HOURS for Emmanuel

With the change of our staffing, our new office hours are as follows unless posted on the [Google Calendar](#) that can be accessed by the link above:

Normal Hours
Monday – Friday 9 AM -1:00 PM

Please contact us via our email (elcna1c@gmail.com) if you have a message or change in schedule.

Or call us at 724-327-2190.

We will get back to you!

**If it is an emergency, please call OR text
Pastor Darian at 785-821-4727!**

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Attendance:

Date:	1/27/2019
Congregation:	44
Organist & Choir:	6
Pastor, Assisting Minister & Acolyte:	3
Totals:	53
Offering:	\$4,420.00

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Personal Message

Jesus heals us so we can fulfill the Great Commission!

Recommended Reading

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Which is that Word of God? *Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."*



[Last Week's Sermon Link – 1/13/2019](#)

Verse of the Week

Matthew 28:19 *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"*

As I write this, Michele has just returned from her first physical therapy session. I am reminded of God's grace that flows to and for each of us as He offers us forgiveness and healing. We receive this from both Word and Sacrament and this helps all of us to see ourselves as workers in God's vineyard. For the truth is, **"Jesus heals us so we can fulfill the Great Commission!"**

When the Great Commission was given, it was with the intent that the disciples after Jesus ascension would being led by the Holy Spirit would proclaim Christ and Him crucified and risen. So clear was the message and ministry that after the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the church became on fire and spread throughout the world. This occurred because Jesus Words, Witness and Will helped the world to understand His message and truth that **"Jesus heals us so we can fulfill the Great Commission!"**

Jesus inspiration to and for the disciples connects with us today, because we are healed through our baptism and weekly receipt of Holy Communion. Through these means of grace we are offered forgiveness, life and salvation that changes us and helps us to live in community with one another loving each other as Jesus models for us. We

are also enabled to heal our community and insure we put the best construction on all things as Martin Luther calls for us to do in his explanation of the eighth commandment. By our doing this, we emulate the truth that **“Jesus heals us so we can fulfill the Great Commission!”**

Let’s lay claim to this as the people of God as we move forward with and in God’s grace. In doing this we can draw others to worship with us and demonstrate clearly that **“Jesus heals us so we can fulfill the Great Commission!”**

Your fellow disciple,
Pastor Darian Hybl

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The Pastor and "EWE"

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FOUR TIMES A YEAR...

Is anything done "four times a year" too many or too few? Likely this answer depends upon what the "anything" is. To most, a relatively easy task is not too taxing to perform four times a year. Yet to a college student receiving a care package four times a year from his or her home congregation is a much-appreciated gift and a gesture long-remembered.



The Christian Education team is currently seeking a second volunteer to help send care packages four times a year to our college students to remind them that we are thinking of and praying for them.

Many of us are busy supporting the ministries of Emmanuel; however, please consider whether you have time in your calendar (and caring in your heart) to help with the college/young adult care package ministry. If you have an interest or if you have any questions, please contact Michele Hiener (412-793-5639) or Diana Hillman (724-733-5750). Thank you for your consideration.

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Attention Thrivent Financial Policy Holders: Please remember that for every policy that you have with Thrivent, you are given an amount to donate to the charity of your choice. March 31 is the deadline for designating your choice dollars for the previous year. If you do not designate by then, Thrivent will choose where your dollars go, so please consider contacting Thrivent very soon at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to request that your choice dollars be donated to Emmanuel. To designate on line, simply log in using your member ID and password (If you haven't registered on Thrivent.com, click on "register" and follow the prompts), and your amount of dollars to be designated will be displayed. Click on "Direct Choice Dollars," and choose "Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Export." These funds are kept in a separate account by our treasurer with the intent of using them for special projects, so can be very helpful for projects here at Emmanuel.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL



We thank all of our very faithful Sunday School Hour teachers as shown:

Danette Hunter and Michele Hybl -- 3 year-old through Kindergarten teachers with Serenity

Sarah Borgia and Diana Hillman, 1st through 5th grade teachers with Sarah, Daniel and Kaleb

and Michele Hiener, Confirmation instructor with Elizabeth.

Pastor Hybl also teaches an adult class at this hour, and they are currently studying the current week's Scripture Readings.

We thank all of these people for their dedication and service to Emmanuel!

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The following thank-you note has been received from “Murrysville Meals on Wheels” regarding the emergency bags we provided with some items for their clients to use on days when the program is unable to function:

Dear Dan & Church Members,

You are an Angel for remembering us with emergency bags again this year. We sincerely wish to extend our appreciation to you for your generous gift.

Our clients will use them when we close because of too much snow.

Our motto is “Kindness and caring make a big difference in making this a better world.” People like you make it a pleasure to volunteer in our community.

May we extend our heartfelt thanks for your support of our service and we wish you Peace and Joy.

Blessings,

Lynn Staab



We thank our youth leader, Dan Plance, and all Emmanuel members who helped pack the emergency bags.

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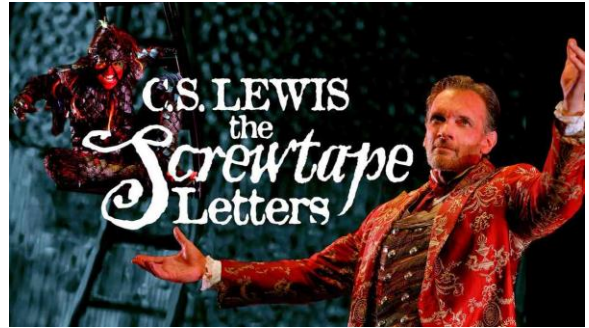


All Emmanuel choirs could use more members. The Handbell Choir practices at 7 PM on Sunday evenings, and the Chancel Choir practices at 9 AM on Sunday mornings. Contact our music director Homer Adams if you would consider participating in either of these. The Contemporary Music Group blesses our worship at the Saturday night services (the 2nd Saturday of the month) and occasional Sunday mornings. They rehearse at 4 PM on selected Wednesdays. Contact leader Debbie Weigold if you are interested in joining this group.

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“The Screwtape Letters” production coming to the Byham Theater in Pittsburgh

The international smash hit stage adaptation of famed Christian writer C. S. Lewis’s satirical novel “The Screwtape Letters” is coming to the **Byham Theater in Pittsburgh on Saturday, February 16, at 4 PM**. The novel takes the form of a series of letters from a senior demon, Screwtape, to his nephew, a junior Tempter, with the nephew’s responsibility being to capture the soul of an unsuspecting human on earth.



The play addresses Christian theological issues, primarily those to do with temptation and resistance to it, in a vivid and humorous way. The production is described as provocative and wickedly witty and is directed by Max McClean (Those of you in the Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study will recognize him as the actor in “The Gospel of Mark” production), and it stars acclaimed actor Brent Harris. Tickets are in the \$40-\$50 range.

Anyone interested in attending may contact Fred or Julie Schamber if you would like to work together on plans.

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Mutual Ministry

The Mutual Ministry Committee of Dana Hillman, Ron Smith and Karen Kuczek would like to thank the many members of the congregation who took the time to speak to us about their hopes and concerns. We presented the data first to Pastor then to council. The issues are being addressed. Now it is time for all of us, working together, to make Emmanuel the church we all want.

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We are happy to welcome our new secretary, Gloria Christofano, to our Emmanuel family. Gloria is a resident of Penn Township and a 1985 graduate of Penn-Trafford High School. Before joining us, she had been a secretary/receptionist at Accessible Recovery Services Treatment Centers in Greensburg, an opioid addiction clinic, where her duties were working with patients and doctors in training on the program, scheduling appointments, creating, updating and importing information into patients' electronic medical records, communicating with pharmacists, taking vitals, collecting oral fluid specimens, ordering supplies, collecting copays, answering and fielding hundreds of emails and phone calls per week AND cleaning the restrooms!! She also worked as part of the phone staff for Clear Data International in Plum.



Gloria earned her B.S. in Music Education with a minor in Theology in 1989, and an M.A. in Education and instructional technology through Duquesne University and the American Intercontinental University online in 2007. As a flutist, Gloria has performed extensively with the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony, Westmoreland Symphony, Johnstown Symphony and has subbed with the Pittsburgh Symphony. She was a featured soloist with the Westmoreland Symphony and the former Plum Creek Chamber Orchestra. Gloria taught band, orchestra and chorus for 23 years before retiring from the Upper St. Clair School District in 2010, and has served on the adjunct faculty music personnel of St. Vincent College as flute instructor. As a professional vocalist, she sang many seasons with the Mendelssohn choir of Pittsburgh under Robert Page, was vocalist for the Glass City Swing band, directed the diocesan choir of the Diocese of Greensburg, and the choirs of the partner parishes of St. John's and St. Mary's in Delmont and Export. Currently, she is a contracted vocal soloist and chancel choir member and bell ringer at the First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg, an avid freelance flutist and vocalist, private flute and voice teacher and founding member of the Quinta Voce Wind Quintet of Pittsburgh. Gloria is thrilled and thankful to be at Emmanuel to serve as staff support in a positive and pastoral environment. She wishes to thank everyone for their patience and helpfulness as she 'learns the ropes'.

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dates
to Remember



Don't forget this Sunday is Souper Bowl Sunday! Please bring non-perishable food items to place in the shopping cart of your favorite team! Shopping carts will be located in the Narthex, please remember we are NOT collecting money this year. All food will benefit Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.

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Youth Group/W-DOGS Events

February 17, 5-7 PM	Grock with a Twist
March 17, 5-7 PM	Beach Luau
April 14, 5-7 PM	Easter Theme
May 12, 5-7 PM	TBA

Weekly Text Reminders and Devotions are being sent. If you and your friend(s) would like to attend the events, please let Dan Plance, Youth Group Leader, know at 412.965.8904 or at plance92@gmail.com

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- 1/31/2019 7PM BSA Troop #208
 - 7:30 PM AI-Anon
- 2/1/2019 6:30 PM Girl Scouts -Troop #16326
- 2/2/2019 10:30AM AI-Anon
- 2/3/2019 9 AM Chancel Choir Practice
 - 9 AM Sunday School
 - 10:15 AM Worship Service w/ Communion
 - 5 PM BSA Crew Troop #208
 - 7 PM Bell Choir Practice
- 2/4/2019 6 PM AA
- 2/5/2019 11 AM eNews Deadline
- 2/6/2019 9:30 AM LCW
 - 1 PM Bible Study – Acts
 - 6:30 PM Bible Study
 - 7 PM AA
- 2/7/2019 7 PM BSA Troop #208
 - 7:30 PM AI-Anon Family Group
- 2/8/2019 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #26100
- 2/9/2019 10:30 AM AI-Anon
- 2/10/2019 9 AM Chance Choir Rehearsal
 - 9 AM Sunday School
 - 10:15 AM Worship Service
 - 5 PM BSA Crew #208
 - 5:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop #26185
 - 7 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
 - 7 PM FR Girl Scouts Leader Meeting
- 2/11/2019 6:30 PM AA
- 2/12/2019 11 AM eNews Deadline
 - 2 PM ELCE Christian Education
 - 7 PM Worship and Music Committee
- 2/13/2019 9:30 AM Quilting
 - 11 AM Prayer Group
 - 1:30 PM Stewardship Committee
 - 6 PM Prayer Group
 - 7 PM AA
- 2/14/2019 St. Valentine's Day ♥
 - 7 BSA Troop #208
 - 7:30 PM AI-Anon Family Group

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Acts Bible Study

We are excited to announce the start of a new mid-week Bible study on the Book of Acts, which will begin on February 6 (eight sessions, twice a month).

The New Testament book of *Acts of the Apostles* (usually referred to simply as 'Acts') is one of the most fascinating books of the Bible. It is our only first-hand account of the first 30 years of the Church – a chronicle that begins with Christ's ascent to heaven, witnessed by a handful of believers on a mountain in Galilee, and ends with the Apostle Paul bringing the Gospel into the very heart of the Roman Empire. It was during these formative years that the Holy Spirit propelled the Church from its origins as a small Jewish sect in Palestine to becoming the blessing for all the nations and peoples of the earth that had been promised to Abraham 2000 years earlier. This period, its places, and its characters also provides the setting against which the New Testament Epistles were written.



However, Acts is far from a dry history of peoples, places, and events, but a gripping story, both miraculous and human, ranging from prison escapes and shipwrecks to people falling asleep during long sermons! And then there are the conflicts and disputes that troubled even these earliest believers, and how God used them for His purposes -- there is much we can learn from these episodes.

As in the past, our study group will meet from 1:00-2:30 pm on the first and third Wednesday of the month. This is planned as an eight-week study, led by Fred Schamber, beginning on February 6 and ending on May 15. Each session will feature an excerpt from a movie dramatization of the chapters to be discussed. A study guide with questions is provided in advance for each session, but there is no requirement for advance preparation. (All materials are provided at no cost.) This is designed as an opportunity to deepen our understanding of what it means to be 'The Christian Church' through discussion of the events which accompanied its birth.

If you think you might be interested in this, you can let Fred/Julie Schamber know, or just show up! The study is open to all and does not require prior Biblical knowledge. Think about inviting a friend!

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ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:



Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Don't delay--remember that because we are celebrating 50 years of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, we are offering 50% off on all registration fees for 2019! Whether your marriage is practically perfect or whether you have some struggles, couples overwhelmingly report that the Weekend is the best thing they have ever done for their relationship!

The 2019 Northeast US spring Weekends are: April 5-7, 2019 at Country Inn & Suites just off of Hwy 99 in State College and April 26-28, 2019 at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA.

We are also taking reservations for our fall Weekends: October 11-13, 2019 at the Hyatt Place Pittsburgh/Cranberry in Cranberry Township, PA, and November 1-3, 2019 at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, MA.

Please go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org to see the cost for the Weekend of your choice. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. Financial assistance is available for those in need. Fill out and submit the form, and complete your registration with a credit card, or you may choose the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE MINISTRY TEAM



Stay tuned for more details on a possible Movie Matinee on February 17th, Shrove Tuesday Pot Luck on March 5th, Lenten Light Meals on March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th, Easter Breakfast on April 21st, Game Day on May 22nd, and Faith Night at the 4PM Pirate Game on June 22nd.

We hope that you will attend but if not, will you please let us know if you are willing to help with any of these upcoming activities.

Thank-you,

Dorothy Datasch, Council Rep
Julie Schamber, Co-Committee Person
Kathy Potter, Co-Committee Person



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You may view the constantly changing ELC calendar by [clicking here](#).

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FISCAL YTD FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF		
31-Dec-18		
Contributions	Budget	Funding Gap
\$ 44,453.00	\$ 35,433.00	\$ 9,020.00
Funding Gap --Contrasts the Congregations giving with annual Pledges and Budget		
Contributions	Expense	Cash Flow
\$ 44,453.00	\$ 34,635.00	\$ 9,818.00
Cash Flow - Contrasts actual spending with General Fund Contributions		

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Contact Information

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