

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2025 Newsletter

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The Rev. Melissa L. Stoller

was elected on June 13 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

She is the first woman to hold the position of Bishop in the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod.

“In these liminal times, it is important that we strengthen our ties,” Rev. Stoller said, “so that we may be Church together, communities of justice of hope, sharing the Good News with our neighbors.”

Rev. Stoller earned her Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Governmental Affairs from Augustana University.

Rev. Stoller begins the work of bishop on September 1, and will be installed on Saturday, October 18, 1 PM at Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church, 517 Sangree Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.



A Prayer for Autumn

Almighty God, Creator of all seasons, We thank You for the beauty of autumn, for the coolness in the air, and for the vibrant colors You have painted across the trees.

As the leaves fall to the earth, may we be reminded to let go of our own burdens, our anxieties, and the things we hold onto too tightly, trusting them to Your loving care.

Thank You for the harvest and the bounty that You provide for all of us. May this season of reaping and gathering remind us of Your faithfulness and Your unending provisions for our needs.

As the days grow shorter, draw us closer to You, O Lord. Grant us rest and renewal, and remind us of the wonder of Your creation and Your constant presence in our lives.

Help us to see Your hand in the cycle of life, growth, and change, and to trust in Your wisdom for the future. May our lives reflect Your glory, just as the trees reflect Your creativity. We pray this through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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Church Picnic



On Thursday August 28, 2025 Emmanuel members and friends enjoyed an outdoor gathering of food and fellowship here at the church

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

a beloved hymn

The hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" uses the melody from the final movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, which is itself based on Friedrich Schiller's 1785 poem, "Ode to Joy". The poem expressed a vision of human unity and brotherhood, a theme that the hymn, written by Henry Van Dyke in 1907, adapted to a Christian context. The combination of Beethoven's powerful melody and Van Dyke's lyrics has made it a popular hymn for worship and a global symbol of peace and solidarity.

Want to see your favorite hymn featured in a newsletter?

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Council Meetings are normally convened on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.



Community Prayer Walks On the second Tuesday of every month members of our local churches gather for a community prayer event. Local churches host the event on a rotating basis. Watch for details in your Sunday bulletin. See Betsy Forrester with questions