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**April 29-May 6**

**Sunday**

*Children blanket making*

**Monday  
Noon**

*Brown Bag  
Discussion Group*

**Thursday  
7:30 pm  
ESL**

**Sunday**  
*Middle School  
Ministry*

**Sunday at Emmanuel**

The Chapel is open for prayer and meditation before and after our Sunday service.

9:15-10:15 Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Family Worship with Pastor Gill preaching, "The Great Invitation"

Emmanuel welcomes Austin Gill, Addie Peretti & Tom Hammer as our guest musicians.

Inspirational Quote: "Let him who cannot be alone beware of community. Let him who is not in community beware of being alone."  
from "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Tickets for our **Italian Festival** scheduled for this **Saturday at 5:30 pm are still available.** Please call the Church Office at 201 444 7300 or Wally Krzeminski at 201 825 2305.

Pastor Gill will be out of the office Tuesday through Thursday of this coming week but will conduct the services on Sunday, May 6 with Pastor Lewis preaching.

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Monthly Calendar

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## **Emmanuel Vision Statement**

*Emmanuel is a growing, welcoming, caring community, celebrating the rich diversity of God's Creation, treasuring our common humanity and following the way of Christ's love, justice and mercy in today's world.*

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Middle School Ministry, 1st Sunday.

During Coffee Hour

High School Ministry, 3rd Sunday.

During Coffee Hour

Young Adult Ministry, 4th Sunday.

During Coffee Hour

## **Council Highlights – April 23, 2018 Council Meeting**

**As always, full council minutes are on the bulletin board outside the Pastor's Office.**

- Christian Education Ministry goals were discussed – Church Picnic 6/10 – there will be brief worship services at both Emmanuel (10:30, usual time) and at the picnic (time to be determined), VBS tentatively 7/12, Children's blanket making session 4/29, Camp Lebanon trip in planning stage, Playground ground covering completed. Will acknowledge students in June at the end regular school session and before summer session.
- LRPC – 2018-2019 goals presented, edited and will be presented at May Council meeting for final approval. **Member of congregation invited to May Council Meeting to hear goals, which will then be presented at the mid-year Congregation Meeting in June for congregation approval.**
- Leadership and steering committee of the Peace and Justice Forum discussed.
- Policy and Procedures Handbook discussed. Each ministry/committee is asked to write up five procedures by next Council meeting.

- Trustees: Still waiting for elevator parts
- Deacons: White flowers for Mother's Day
- Missions: Food donations down.
- Communications: Instagram account almost ready
- Men's Fellowship: Italian Festival this coming Saturday
- PRC met two weeks ago
- Women of Emmanuel: Brunch with Mt. Bethel women and made blankets
- Stewardship 2019 theme: Gratitude, Generosity and Abundance.
- The next Council Meeting will be Monday, May 21 at 7:30. The congregation is invited to attend to hear LRPC 2018-2019 Goals.

### **Missions:**

The Missions Committee is looking forward to Blanket Sunday which will be held on May 13th which is Mother's Day. The congregation will be asked to purchase blankets for Church World Service which will use the blankets for refugees and homeless persons. Blankets can be purchased in honor of or in memory of Mothers, Grandmothers, or other loved ones at a cost of \$10 per blanket. Emmanuel children will demonstrate many different ways that blankets can be used for relief. Consider purchasing several blankets.

Food collected for the month of April will be donated to the Ridgewood Board of Social Services. Food collected in May will go to The Center for Food Action. A list of food items most needed is posted by the food box in the hall outside the sanctuary. More food is needed by both agencies.

A trip to visit Camp Lebanon, our NJ Baptist Camp, is now scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 3rd. The purpose of this trip will be introduce children and adults from Emmanuel to our camp. Several children from EBC have had very meaningfully experiences at Lebanon. Also, Emmanuel has made a pledge to donate \$10,000 to a fundraiser for the camp called "Cedars of Lebanon". This pledge will need to be paid by January, 2020. Perhaps visitors can take

a picnic on June 3rd. The camp is about 1 and 1/2 hours away. Let David Davila or Nancy Shaver know if you are interested in going.

**Community Pasta Dinner:** Our next dinner will be **Tuesday May 15th, 6:00 pm.** Please come and bring friends. It is nice to know attendance ahead of time in order to plan accordingly, so please call either the church office, [201-444-7300](tel:201-444-7300), or Marilyn, [201-391-4720](tel:201-391-4720). Peace and Justice Forum to follow dinner.

**Peace and Justice Forum**

Our next Forum is **May 15th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm.** Topic will be; "CAN WE TALK?" Or is our local politics just too polarized?

**DAILY DEVOTION GUIDES: AN INVITATION**  
**We are all invited to develop the practice of "daily devotions." Some good resources used by our congregation are:**

- ***Emmanuel Prayer List*** -revised and published weekly
- ***Living Well***, designed for Lent; found on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary,
- ***Guideposts.org*** (stories of faith and hope),
- ***Secret Place*** or ***Upper Room*** (Bible verse, brief message & prayer in magazine format and on-line),
- ***Sacred Space 2018*** (daily prayer for one year, book & online)

**Pastor Ken and Connie Gill, Pastor Judy and Don and others use Richard Rohr's, *A Spring Within You- Daily Meditations.* You are invited to join us reading in your own home following the schedule below. If you want to try it out, please speak to one of us. Copies are available from Jo Marie in the church office or one of us.**  
***A Spring Within Us* reading schedule - starting on Mondays:**

\*WEEK 25-26, Ap 23-May 6, Spirituality and the AA, 12 Steps, p 190

\*WEEK 27, May 7-13, Compassion! p 205

\*WEEK 28, May 14-20, Image of God, p 213  
\*WEEK 29, MAY 21-27, Jesus, The Christ, p.221  
\*WEEK 30, MAY 28-JUNE 3, Letting Go, p 228  
\*WEEK 31, JUNE 4-10, Paradox, p. 235  
\*WEEK 32, JUNE 11- 17, Open heart, open mind,  
open body, p.243

**Looking for devotional reading that might work for you? Feel free to ask one of the pastors or Don Wheeler.**

**Emmanuel Website:**

Check the Emmanuel Website for updates at [www.emmanuelridgewood.org](http://www.emmanuelridgewood.org). Please let your friends and family know that they can submit Online Prayer Requests through the website. Those friends or family members who want to be added to our email list or want to obtain information about events at the church can fill out the Online Contact Us Request Form.

Follow the Emmanuel Facebook Page:

<https://facebook.com/EmmanuelRidgewood>

Upcoming events are on North Jersey event listing here: <http://www.northjersey.com/events>. If you happen to see any news articles pertaining to Emmanuel, could you please cut out and bring to Jessica's attention in the office for our media archives.

Please encourage your family and friends to follow and friend us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

**Follow us on Facebook at**

<https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelRidgewood/>

**Follow us on Twitter at**

<https://twitter.com/Emmanuel07450>

**Subscribe and watch our Service Live Stream at** [www.TinyURL.com/EmmanuelStream](http://www.TinyURL.com/EmmanuelStream)

**Google Reviews**

Emmanuel needs to increase its visibility on Google. Would congregation members and friends of Emmanuel please write an online review of the church on Google?

**Newsletter Due Dates**

E-Happenings submissions are due to the Church office on Wednesdays by noon. **Expectations submissions are due May 24th.** Please note in the future any submissions for Expectations and E-Happenings which are not received by the deadline will not be included until the following week/month.

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