

WEEKLY E-NEWS

April 17th, 2025



EMMANUEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Webster Groves, MO



HELPFUL LINKS

[Prayers of the Parish](#)

[April Birthdays and Anniversaries](#)

[Emmanuel on YouTube at 9:30am](#)

Bulletins with liturgical participants can be found below, in the Calendar section.

If you have a name tag, please wear it!

If you need a name tag, let an usher know!

CALENDAR

April 18th - Good Friday

12:00pm - Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross available on [YouTube](#) (No Livestream)

6:30pm - Good Friday service with Passion Reading and Communion from Reserved Sacrament ([Livestream](#))([Bulletin](#))

April 19th - Holy Saturday

9:30am - Holy Saturday Service (No livestream)

7:30pm - The Great Vigil of Easter & Baptism of Hope Thalmann ([Livestream](#))([Bulletin](#))

8:30pm - Chocolate & Champagne reception

April 20th - Easter

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II ([Livestream](#))([Bulletin](#))

10:45am - Christian Education & Formation - Easter Egg Hunt!

April 21st

Building Closed for Easter Monday

April 22nd

11:30am - WOE lunch at Sunny Street Cafe

April 23rd

4:00pm - International Student's Dinner

6:00pm - Fellowship Dinner - Pam Penrose

Menu: Barbecued Chicken, Homecoming Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Homemade Potato Salad, Fruit Salad, Mac 'n Cheese, Chicken Nuggets

6:30pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal

No Adult Choir Rehearsal

THIS WEEK AT EEC

The Rev. Susanna's Naturalization

Please congratulate Susanna on her naturalization as an American citizen. Her naturalization ceremony will take place this Friday, after which she can officially go by her correct name: Susanna Clive. Due to a clerical error when she first arrived, her name was incorrectly recorded as Sujanna Raj.

As a congregation we will celebrate Susanna's naturalization on Easter Sunday. We are proud of you Susanna!



Spring Cleanup Day Success!

Thank you to everyone that attended the spring cleanup day last Saturday. Volunteers picked up leaves, cleaned out gardens, planted indigenous plants, and much more. In three hours they filled over 60 yard waste bags!

If you have pictures from the event, please [upload them here](#).

Special thanks to Dave Pluhar, John Long, and EarthLove for supporting this event.



Spring Plant Sale Flower Pickup

Plants will be available for pick up at Emmanuel starting on **Sunday, April 27th**.

Please contact [Kathleen Martin](#) if you have questions.



Homemade Communion Bread

Thank you to Katherine Ziegler, Lynne Shields, and Valori+ for baking Emmanuel's first batch of gluten and folic acid free communion bread. This new bread will allow everyone in our congregation to partake in the Eucharist regardless of their dietary restrictions.

We will start using this bread on Easter.



Formation Next Sunday:

EARTH DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

April 27 at 10:45

We'll make recycled creations, have an exchange, paint rocks for our rock river, and plant some new seedlings. Bring toys you no longer use!! Wear clothing you don't mind getting messy!!



COFFEE & BISCUITS WITH HONEY AND JAM PROVIDED!

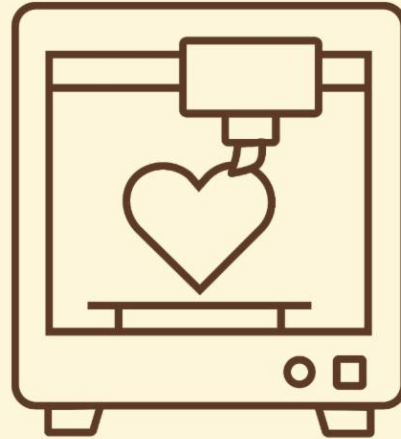
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LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER



Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

- **5:30 pm Potluck Agape dinner-** lamb is provided.
Potluck veggies, salad, bread, & dessert
- **6:30 pm Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar.**
Organ and choir. A prayer vigil will be held after the service until 8 pm.

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

- **12:00 noon Stations of the Cross** in person and available on [YouTube](#), (no livestream)
- **6:30 pm Good Friday service with Passion reading and Communion from Reserved Sacrament.**
Organ and special music.

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

- **9:30 am Waiting in hope.** A short, said BCP service remembering Jesus' time in the tomb.

EASTER 2025

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER & BAPTISM

7:30 p.m.

This service of Holy Eucharist & Baptism begins with the lighting of the new fire and the Paschal candle.

Organ and choir.



After the service, join us for a traditional **Chocolate, Champagne & Sparking Juice Reception**



SUNDAY, APRIL 20 - EASTER DAY

The Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. No music.

9:30 a.m. A Festival Holy Eucharist
with organ, children's choir, adult choir,
and brass ensemble!

After the service, join us at the Jones Lawn for our

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Children of all ages welcome! The eggs have play money in them. The kids will donate their "money" to Faith In Action which will translate their money into real dollars to donate.

Snacks and special take-home goodies!



Holy Week and Easter Offerings

During Holy Week and Easter Emmanuel collects for a few different offerings. It can be a bit confusing as to what each offering supports and the meaning behind them. To help provide some clarity, below are explanations for these different offerings and how to give:

Maundy Thursday Offering:

On this night, we remember and relive Jesus instituting the sacrament of Communion – the holy food of his own body and blood that continually nourishes God's holy people for our mission on earth in his name. It is also the night Jesus gave us the command to love one another as he loved us. We share this holy food each and every Sunday, "in remembrance" of him. Our Offertory collection will, therefore, be directed to our Food Center to nourish others as we are



nourished by our Savior. [To give, click here.](#)

Good Friday Offering:

It's an Episcopal tradition for churches to send their Good Friday alms to the church in Jerusalem and the Presiding Bishop reminds us how important that is right now with the continuing violence plaguing them. We will be sending our Good Friday offering to the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and Middle East so that they can serve ALL those who are suffering in that region. Thank you for giving generously. [To give, click here.](#)

[You can read more about the tradition of this offering here.](#)



Easter Offering:

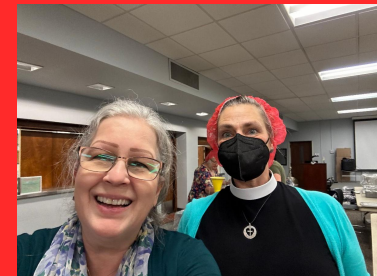
Each year Emmanuel's Faith in Action (FIA) leadership decides where the Easter offering will go. This year FIA has selected the Faith Christian Church of India (FCCI). FIA will also match any Easter offering money and donate it to Welcome Neighbor for immigrant resettlement (match up to \$1,000). [To give, click here.](#)



FCCI was founded in 2017 by Rev. Dr. Clive Samson & Rev. Seelam Susanna Raj, as an inter-denominational Church, to become THE 1st and ONLY Tamil Church in St. Louis, eventually evolving to become THE 1st and ONLY Indian Church in St. Louis, with the largest Indian congregation present. Their mission and vision is to spread the love of our Christ, Jesus, to everyone, everywhere.

You can also find all of these donation links on our [website's giving page](#). Just click on the Easter Offerings link.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER 2025



Volunteer to help feed the hungry!

On May 4th, Emmanuel will host our annual Rise Against Hunger (RAH) meal packaging event after the 9:30am service. RAH will deliver the food supplies in bulk that we will repackage into smaller bags for meals. Our goal is to package 25,000 meals, but we need your help!

This event is open to all ages and abilities; we need everyone! To signup, please click the link below. We need volunteers for:

- May 3rd - Receive the food and help setup for the event (4 signups)
- May 4th - 1st Shift (43 signups)
- May 4th - 2nd Shift (19 signups)

- May 4th - Cleanup (No signups yet!)

[Signup Here!](#) **Signup for whatever shift(s) fits your schedule.**

The link also contains a way to donate to help us fund this event. Please consider making a monetary contribution to help offset the cost to Emmanuel.

Things to know:

- School age kids are welcome
- You or your youth can sign up a friend to come join us!
- There are stand up jobs and sit down jobs
- Wear comfy clothes, even to church. T-shirts, jeans and sneakers are fine.
- We'll have music playing while we work, it will be a party atmosphere!
- If you aren't sure you can make it but discover on Sunday you can, come on in. No one will be turned away!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter morning, after church, we will have our annual Egg Hunt. Most of you remember that last year we tried a different twist on the egg hunt. Instead of filling the eggs with candy/toys, we put play money inside each egg. After the kids find their eggs, they will count their money and go to the parish hall to donate their money to one (or more) of 4 ministries/charitable groups.



Our ministries this year represent each of our 4 Faith In Action pillars:

- UTO (diocesan pillar)
- Second Chance Ranch (EarthLove pillar)
- Rise Against Hunger (feeding/caring pillar)
- Camp Sunsplash (justice/equity pillar)

There will be tables set up in the Parish Hall, one for each ministry. Kids can divide their money however they choose among the 4 ministries. The play money will actually represent real financial contributions by the Faith in Action committee.

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS



An Easter Message from Bishop Deon Johnson

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, offers this message for Easter 2025:

"Even in a world marked by loss, uncertainty, and change, we witness signs of new life all around us. The Spirit is moving, drawing us into a future shaped by love, healing, and hope. This Easter, may your heart be renewed and your spirit lifted by the good news: Christ is risen, indeed!

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter!"

[You can watch Bishop Deon's message here.](#)

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