

December 25, 2011

News & Notes



Christmas Blessings

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DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
THE GATHERING – Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Central Lutheran School Gymnasium

MISSION STATEMENT

*Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians,
joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.*



Monday Morning Bible Study, led by Pastor Zeckzer, meets in the Fellowship Hall from 6:45 to 7:30 a.m.

✓ **Women's Morning Bible Study**, led by Pastor Zeckzer, meets Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They are

engaged in a study of the Book of Ruth. Babysitting is available.

- ✓ **United and Growing**, a basic study of our Lutheran beliefs, meets every second and fourth Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon.
- ✓ **Life Light** meets Tuesday at noon or Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Stecker will resume classes January 10.
- ✓ **Sunday School and Bible Classes** for all ages meet from 9:15-10:15. Three-year-olds through 2nd grade meet in the lower level of the church. Grades 3 through 5 and Confirmation meet at Central Lutheran School. Grades 6/7 meet in the Youth Room. High School meets in the Youth Room at 7:00 p.m. Adults meet with Pastor Stecker in the Fellowship Hall for a study of "The Seven Images of Evil."

Prayer Chain

Call Pat Patton (749-2295) or Deb Zeckzer (493-2143).

EMANUEL BUDGET SNAPSHOT

OFFERINGS NEEDED WEEKLY	\$ 20,827
OFFERINGS RECEIVED 12-18	\$ 28,410
THRIVENT CHOICE \$'S THROUGH 12-18	\$ 20,488
OFFERINGS NEEDED THROUGH 12-18	\$ 1,062,177
OFFERINGS RECEIVED THROUGH 12-18	\$ 1,034,045
DIFFERENCE	(\$ 28,132)
PRIOR YEAR DEBT	\$ 88,271

DON WHARTON AT THE GATHERING:

Don Wharton will be our guest Praise Leader next week (New Year's Day) at the Gathering. The Gathering meets for contemporary worship at 10:30 a.m. in the Central Lutheran School gym. Come on over for inspiring music and worship.



Response To His Love *(attendance last week)*

Services:

Divine Service	534
The Gathering	58
Communion	479
Children's Service	835
Mid-week Advent 4	140
Visitors	52
Sunday School	81
Bible Study	159

This Week's Calendar

TODAY

No 7:00 p.m. Service or Bible classes

MONDAY

Office Closed

Board of Trustees 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Food Bank..... 9:00-11:45 a.m.
Board of Christian Service/Evangelism 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY ~ No events planned

THURSDAY

Quilters..... 9:00 a.m.
Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
Technology Committee..... 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Newsletter mailing..... 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY ~ New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve Service (Communion) 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY ~ New Year's Day

Worship..... 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Gathering (with Don Wharton) 10:30 a.m.
All Bible Classes will meet.
No 7:00 p.m. Service

NEW YEARS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve (Saturday)

Service with Communion 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Day (Sunday)

Worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.
There will be no evening service.



May the blessings of Christ fill your hearts with His joy and peace.

CLS News & Events

Dates to Note:

- December 22-January 3 – CHRISTMAS BREAK
- January 6 – Spelling Bee at 9:00 a.m.
- January 13 – End of Second Quarter

SCRIP NEWS: Scrip will not be sold on Christmas Day at the churches, nor will it be sold at school during Christmas break. Sales will resume Sunday, January 1, at the churches. So that the Scrip representatives may enjoy Christmas with their families, we respectfully request that you refrain from calling your Scrip representative on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day. Thank you! Merry Christmas!

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT LUTHERHAVEN: Join with other women this year at Camp Lutherhaven for their annual New Year women's retreat. The retreat theme will explore God's sovereignty and what impact it has on our lives. Ladies will be privileged to hear from keynote presenter Donna Reaser, wife of WBCL radio host, Phil Reaser. Come and find new appreciation for our wondrous and sovereign God and his steadfast love for you while surrounded by God's creation at Lutherhaven.

This getaway is dedicated to spiritual renewal and gives women of all ages the opportunity to grow through scriptural presentations, small group Bible study, personal reflection, dynamic workshops, and times of singing and praise. Don't miss the fellowship and encouragement of other women whose hearts are fueled by the love of Jesus. Prices range from \$63.00 to \$124.00 depending on lodging choice. For more information and a brochure, call or email Lutherhaven at 260.636.7101 or camp@lutherhaven.org, or download a brochure to register at www.lutherhaven.org.



THANKS, DECORATORS: Many hands make light work! Thank you to all of the many who helped decorate our church for celebrating the birth of our Savior. We will be taking the decorations down on

Saturday, January 7, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Come and help. They come down faster than they go up!

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS: The Blood Drive held at Emanuel on December 12 was very successful. We had a goal of 25 units and actually collected 30. The units collected will provide approximately 90 blood products for distribution to hospitals in the region. What a wonderful gift to give at Christmas Time, the "Gift of Life"!

CONCORDIA SCHOLAR APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31: Exemplifying Concordia's best and brightest, the Concordia Scholar receives up to \$2,500 per year as an academic scholarship. Students considered for this scholarship are chosen from the top 20 Excel Scholarship applicants. The application deadline is January 31, so apply today. Call Krista Friend, Enrollment Manager, at (260) 483-1102 for details. And, remember, applications for Fall 2012 are being accepted now.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth are collecting old wine glasses and water goblets for a service project. If you have any you would consider donating please turn them into the church office.



All Aboard the StewardSHIP

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King." These joyful hymn lyrics are on all our lips this morning. The birth of the Christ Child was celebrated with gifts from the three Wise Men. Your Boards of Stewardship and Finance wish to celebrate and give thanks for the gifts all the members of Emanuel shared with their time, talents, and treasures this past year. Blessed Christmas wishes to everyone. Thank you for your support to make Emanuel a united and growing family of Christians, joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.

FOOD BANK UPDATE: November was a busy month—we served 190 families, 685 individuals, 10,335 meals, and added 22 new families.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! A great big Thank You to all of you. The amount of food you donated to the Food Bank during our November collection was amazing. We were low on many items—what a blessing! God Bless You!

And another big thank you to the kids at Central Lutheran School for the sacks that they decorated for the Food Bank. The people who come for a little help enjoyed them so much, and we did too! Good job!

WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS: Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on WPTA-TV 21; Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on FIOS-TV 9, Comcast Satellite 252, and Digital 33.2; and Sundays and Mondays at 4:00 p.m. on Comcast Cable Channel 55 and FIOS Channel 25. This morning Rev. Daniel Brege will preach on John 1:1-14, "The Word Became Flesh." The Word became flesh...the Son of God truly became man and was born as a real baby. He is the Word...the Son of God, one with the Father and the Spirit, creator of the world...who appeared in Old Testament times. Now He does not merely appear, but He becomes a human being. This is the only way He could save us; and He does!

WRESTLERS' REUNION: All current and former Concordia wrestlers are invited to attend a wrestling reunion on January 14 at Goeglein's Barn, 7311 Maysville Road. The event will begin at approximately 5:00 p.m. (right after the 44th Wild Bill Invitationals). Please spread the word to other former wrestlers and join us for reminiscing, light food and soft drinks. There is no charge for this event. Call Kent Adsit at (765) 730-8913 for details.

MUSIC AT THE SEMINARY

January 15: *Epiphany Lessons and Carols* with the *Kantorei* of Concordia Theological Seminary, at 4:00 p.m. in Kramer Chapel. Richard Resch is director of the *Kantorei* and Kevin Hildebrand is the organist.

Rev. Dr. Timothy Quill, Dean of International Studies at CTS, will be the preacher for the service.

January 18: *Symposia Choral Vespers*, 5:00 p.m. in Kramer Chapel

January 19: *Symposia Vespers and Organ Recital*, 4:45 p.m. in Kramer Chapel. Mr. Timothy Spelbring, doctoral candidate in organ performance at the University of Illinois, will be the recitalist.