

January-February 2024

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The Emanuel Witness

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Dear Family,

Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to 2024! The Lord has blessed us in 2023 and I am thankful for all His blessings. First, I want to thank you for your constant support of Emanuel and her ministries. Central Lutheran School continues to grow. We've had a number of families from Central have their children baptized, and are now taking classes to become members of Emanuel. We've had people who have had little to no church affiliation join our church. Our church attendance is still increasing. Every Tuesday morning the Fellowship Hall is filled with bright shining faces helping with Food Bank. There are many Bible Classes happening during the week. Our choirs enhance our worship. The Rummage sales continue to be successful. There is new flooring in the basement and the walls are freshly painted. The list could go on and on.

We are looking forward in the coming year to the addition to our parking lot. We also anticipate calling a full time Director of Parish Music. We are planning to do some more upgrades to our building.

I am looking forward to seeing you in church! I am thankful for all those who come to church, I still miss those who do not come. We have observed that those who come to church, come to church. The average church attendance of those who come to church is over 90% of the time. I encourage and challenge those who do not come 50% of the time to come at least 75% of the time.

Chances are that those of you who are reading this are part of the "those who come to church, come to church" crowd. I ask you to pray for those who are not as faithful in their worship attendance to make church attendance a priority. I also ask that when you do come to church to welcome everyone you see.

Psalm 122 says "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the House of the Lord.'" I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in church in 2024.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Zeckzer

*I was glad when they said unto me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1*

Daily Lectionary Readings



January 1
Is. 61:1-11
Luke 1:57-80

January 2
Is. 62:1-12
Luke 2:1-20

January 3
Is. 63:1-14
Luke 2:21-40

January 4
Is. 63:15-65:7
Luke 2:41-52

January 5
Is. 65:8-25
Luke 3:1-20

January 6
Is. 66:1-20
Luke 3:21-38

January 7
Ezek. 1:1-14, 22-28
Rom. 1:1-17

January 8
Ezek. 2:1-3:11
Rom. 1:18-32

January 9
Ezek. 3:12-27
Rom. 2:1-16

January 10
Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32
Rom. 2:17-29

January 11
Ezek. 33:1-20
Rom. 3:1-18

January 12
Ezek. 34:1-24
Rom. 3:19-31

January 13
Ezek. 36:13-28
Rom. 4:1-25

January 14
Ezek. 36:33-37:14
Rom. 5:1-21

January 15
Ezek. 37:15-28
Rom. 6:1-23

January 16
Ezek. 38:1-23
Rom. 7:1-20

January 17
Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29
Rom. 7:21-8:17

January 18
Ezek. 40:1-4, 43:1-12
Rom. 8:18-39

January 19
Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29
Rom. 9:1-18

January 20
Ezek. 47:1-14, 21-23
Rom. 9:19-33

January 21
Joel 1:1-20
Rom. 10:1-21

January 22
Joel 2:1-17
Rom. 11:1-24

January 23
Joel 2:18-32
Rom. 11:25-12:13

January 24
Joel 3:1-21
Rom. 12:14-13:14

January 25
Zech. 1:1-21
Rom. 14:1-23

January 26
Zech. 2:1-3:10
Rom. 15:1-13

January 27
Zech. 4:1-5:11
Rom. 15:14-33

January 28
Zech. 6:1-7:14
Rom. 16:17-27

January 29
Zech. 8:1-23
2 Tim. 1:1-18

January 30
Zech. 9:1-17
2 Tim. 2:1-26

January 31
Zech. 10:1-11:3
2 Tim. 3:1-17

February 1
Zech. 11:4-17
2 Tim. 4:1-18

February 2
Zech. 12:1-13:9
Titus 1:1-2:6

February 3
Zech. 14:1-21
Titus 2:7-3:15

February 4
Job 1:1-22
John 1:1-18

February 5
Job 2:1-3:10
John 1:19-34

February 6
Job 3:11-26
John 1:35-51

February 7
Job 4:1-21
John 2:1-12

February 8
Job 5:1-27
John 2:13-25

February 9
Job 6:1-13
John 3:1-21

February 10
Job 6:14-30
John 3:22-4:6

February 11
Job 7:1-21
John 4:7-26

February 12
Job 8:1-22
John 4:27-45

February 13
Job 9:1-35
John 4:46-54

February 14
Job 10:1-22
John 5:1-18

February 15
Job 11:1-20
John 5:19-29

February 16
Job 12:1-6, 12-25
John 5:30-47

February 17
Job 13:1-12
John 6:1-21

February 18
Gen. 4:1-26
Mark 2:18-28

February 19
Gen. 6:1-7:5
Mark 3:1-19

February 20
Gen. 7:11-8:12
Mark 3:20-35

February 21
Gen. 8:13-9:17
Mark 4:1-20

February 22
Gen. 11:27-12:20
Mark 4:21-41

February 23
Gen. 13:1-18
Mark 5:1-20

February 24
Gen. 15:1-21
Mark 5:21-43

February 25
Gen. 16:1-9, 15-17:22
Mark 6:1-13

February 26
Gen. 18:1-15
Mark 6:14-34

February 27
Gen. 2:1-21
Mark 6:35-56

February 28
Gen. 22:1-19
Mark 7:1-23

February 29
Gen. 24:1-31
Mark 7:24-37



January 7, 2024

Isaiah 60:1-6

Epiphany Light

Rev. William Mueller

The prophecy from the prophet is profound. Light in the darkness. Kings and nobility bear witness to the Light. Rare gifts given from love. This is Epiphany and so much more! Come and worship. Bow down with the Magi and discover, along with a boy named Gunther, Epiphany Light.

January 14, 2024

John 1:51

See Greater Things

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

We SEE GREATER THINGS in daily living and eternity with Jesus in our lives. When Jesus entered a skeptical disciple's life, Nathanael's vision of God greatly increased. He promises and does the same in our lives!

January 21, 2024

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Proper Perspective

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

What a life we have! We experience God's blessings and joys. We also have sorrows. The Apostle Paul reminds us to keep this present life in proper perspective. What exactly is that perspective?

January 28, 2024

Mark 1:22

Teaching with Authority

Rev. Thomas Eggold

The Word of Jesus in synagogue wasn't a new teaching; it was a retelling of a timeless promise from the mouth of God Himself. It is the teaching that man is not capable of keeping God's Law. It is the teaching that Christianity is not about the work of the Christian, but about the work of Christ. My friends, today we have this very same Word of God...and this teaching is astonishing!

February 4, 2024

Mark 1:31

Jesus Lifts You Up

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Think of every healing you experience, whether it be getting over a cold or the flu, or something even greater, as more than dodging the bullet or getting a little favor from God. Think of it as a little resurrection. A little instance of being lifted up by the hand of God. Think of it, not as an end, but as a little sneak preview of a greater coming attraction, the day that Jesus comes to you and extends His hand to you and lifts you up from death to eternal life.

February 11, 2024

Mark 9:2-9

Significant Days Ahead

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Jesus transfigured Himself, revealing His glory to Peter, James, and John. He knew there would be significant days ahead, especially during Holy Week. By revealing His glory Jesus was sharing with His disciples what was in store for them in the glory of heaven. As we have significant days in our lives, we remember the transfiguration of Jesus to encourage us in our life's journey.

February 18, 2024

Genesis 22:1-18

Proper Perspective

Rev. William Mueller

Genesis 22 takes us to one of the more challenging sections of God's Word. Does God condone sacrificing your children? Of course not! But what is God up to in this incident where He tells Abraham to sacrifice Isaac? What good is God up to in our lives when He allows all sorts of pain and problems?

February 25, 2024

Mark 8:29-31

Life's Greatest Question

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Can you answer *Life's Greatest Question*? Your eternal destiny, as well as your approach to everyday life, rests upon your answer. What's the question? How will you answer?



**Please Pray for our
Shut In Members**

Grace Bates

Jane Brown

Geneva Brueck

Mary Ann Bulmahn

Marilyn Dunaway

Wilma Forks

Mary Ann Gallmeyer

Eleanor Gerbers

Janice Gilreath

LaVera Linker

Helen Miller

Tom & Marge Myers

Sally Neilson

Nancy Painter

Sandra Poling

Helen Purvis

Jim Purvis

Ed & Sally Schwehn

Ralph Seddelmeyer

Barb Shriver

Elna Szink

Kenneth Werling

Glen Witte



Consider this....

Are you celebrating a special birthday—either yours or a loved one's? How about a wedding anniversary, a baptism, or other special milestone in your life or the life of friend or family? You can mark this special occasion by placing flowers on the altar. By doing this you not only help to enhance the worship area, but also allow your Emanuel family to share your joy. You may use the florist of your choice, using one single bouquet, or you may use the church's vases for two bouquets. These vases have liners which may be picked up at church and taken to the florist. An altar flower chart is located in the narthex if you choose to reserve a date. Questions? Feel free to call the church office.

**time to
UPDATE**

Update Your Membership Information

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It's time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

Thank you for your help!



CHRISTMAS ADOPTION PROGRAM: The Social Ministry committee wants to THANK the members of Emanuel for participating in the Christmas Adoption Program. Our congregation is so blessed to have these students serve and learn here. Thanks so much to all of you who helped make a joy filled time for our seminary field workers

January Voter's Meeting

The Voters Assembly will meet Sunday, January 28 at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please try to attend this meeting, not only to see what's going on at Emanuel, but also to find out how you can help.



KENYA MISSION TRIP! Here we go Emanuel! It's time to assemble another Mission Team to serve at Point of Grace Academy. If you are interested and would like to sit down with me for more information, let me know! We are going to move a bit faster than usual because this team is going in July of 2024!

In Christ, *Pastor Stecker*

Acts of the Church 2023

CHILDREN BAPTIZED



Nozomi Franke

Callan Wesley Blair

Sawyer Robert Snyder

Nylah Ann Schneider

Casey Ann Cheviron

Alice Kay Nicole Lehman

Kalvyn Josephine Lehman

Meadow Eloise Remenschneider

Franklin Jay Blair

Grayson Brent Bremer

Harper Ann Jackson

Montgomery James Lehman

Bennett Douglass Dickinson

Molly Mae Cobb

Callan Paul Gerken

Aaliyah Rose Hammad

Sophia Marie Hammad

Logan Daniel Koeneman

Aadyn James Wilson

Jessie Mae Rice

Jasper Phillip Walchle

Amanda Kay Scavone

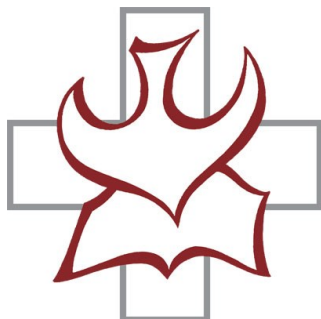
Theodore James Distelrath

ADULTS BAPTIZED

Derek Lee Lehman

Kiana Nicole Lehman

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION



Lucas Michael Carter

Gavin Russell Clark

Tyrus James Gatchell

Annie Belle-Leigh Hellinger

Elinor Anne Hofman

Reece Allen Minden

Mason David Pankop

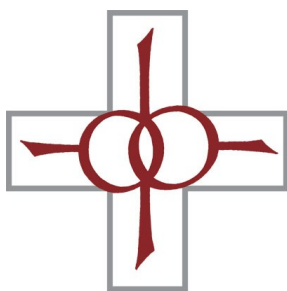
Madeline Claire Reddinger

Landon Robert Schneider

Sophia Isabella Viggiano

Ava Elizabeth Werling

Nolan Alan Winicker



MARRIAGES

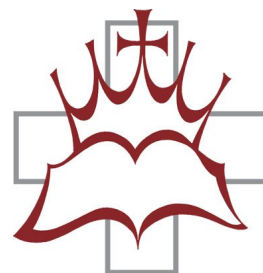
Kathryn Castens and Nathan Pennington

Kiana Lee and Derek Lehman

Bailey Girardot and Mason Childress

Lay Moo and Koko Oo

Ashley Luginbill and Justin Fuelling



DEATHS

Joyce Jones

Bonnie Hellinger

Kenneth Short

Allen Shipp

Donald Scherer

Thomas Deetz

Joan Reichhart

Terry Gerbers

Jack Newhouse

Fred Dahling

Maxine Remenschneider

Roberta Letsch

Larry Hockemeyer

Ronald Knoblauch

LYFE HOSTED A CHILI COOKOFF ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3



People's Choice winner and recipient of \$50 Visa card, Chef Scarlett's Call the Dr Chili (with the secret ingredient of Dr. Pepper!)



Assistant Cillian promotes Chef Russell's Corn Palooza Chili, which must have worked because he won the best overall blue ribbon from our panel of judges!



Best theme winner for the Lucas's Red Hot Chili Preppers!



Most unique chili winner, complete with a prize for who guessed the secret ingredient, Mrs. Herman!



Mrs. Weber's Dragon's Breath Chili - complete with a FIRE BREATHING DRAGON under her table!



Mr. R's MARVELous chili with assistant Brody



The pastors judging panel hard at work.

**Thank
You!**

THANK YOU to all who supported our chili cookoff! It's always a good time! The proceeds were \$785.49 and will go towards our trip to the LCMS Higher Things youth conference in Clarksville, AR in July.

OUR 8TH GRADERS ENJOYED CONFIRMATION YOUTH NIGHT ON DECEMBER 9



Our confirmands went to visit our Emanuel members who live at Lutheran Life Villages & sang carols with them. Then they came back to church for Christmas games (including the saran wrap ball with prizes!), enjoyed a brownie bar, & played Confirmation Jeopardy!



LYFE SUPER BOWL SUB SALE

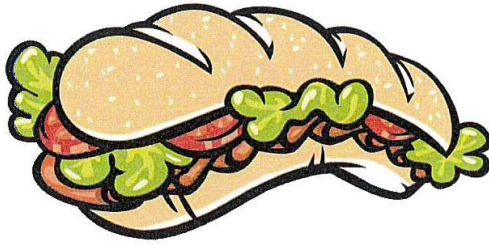
- 7" subs served with lettuce, provolone cheese, your choice of meat and a packet of mayo and mustard.
- Order subs after services beginning Sat. Jan. 27 or through the church office until noon on Tues., Feb. 6. Please pay upon ordering.
- Please pay upon ordering and make checks out to *Emanuel Youth*.
- Pick up subs in Emanuel's Fellowship Hall kitchen after service either on Saturday, February 10 or Sunday, February 11.

**\$8 each
or
2 for \$15**



***Proceeds go towards the
youth attending the
Higher Things Youth
Conference - July 2024***

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Name: _____

Phone: _____ Can you receive texts? _____

Subs	Quantity	Cost
TURKEY		
HAM		
TURKEY & HAM		
ITALIAN - ham and salami		
"THE CALLIE" - turkey and salami		
"THE BENJAMIN" - turkey, ham, & salami		
TOTALS		

☐ Paid ☐ Needs to Pay

***Proceeds go towards the youth attending the
Higher Things Youth Conference - July 2024***

November 18 - EJY games followed by Aladdin at Concordia Lutheran High School

Nine Square In the Air is a favorite game of our youth groups! These pictures show the homemade grid made by some of our volunteers. Through the years of use & enjoyment (and many fixes and repairs), the time has come to purchase a REAL (OFFICIAL) Nine Square In the Air game.



Emanuel's youth would like to THANK the congregation for agreeing to purchase this game with money from the Endowment Fund. It will be treasured and enjoyed for years to come!! We'll take pictures the first time it's used!

CHRISTMAS EVE AT EMANUEL ~ O COME LET US ADORE HIM



... to those who decorated (and to those who got decorations out of the attic)

... to those who sent Christmas cards to our Shut In members

... to those who prepped candles

... to those who sang and played instruments

... to those who served as Elders and Ushers

... to our Sunday School children (and those who dressed them)

... to those who warmly greeted someone they hadn't seen in a while

THANK YOU!



God's blessings on those celebrating January birthdays!

**All who believe
and are baptized
shall see the
Lord's salvation;
Baptized into the
death of Christ,
they are a new
creation.
Through Christ's
redemption they
shall stand
among the
glorious, heav'nly
band of every
tribe and nation.**

**With one accord,
O God, we pray:
grant us Your
Holy Spirit. Help
us in our
infirmity through
Jesus' blood and
merit. Grant us to
grow in grace
each day that by
this sacrament
we may eternal
life inherit.**

*CLS Chapel Hymn of the
Month: LSB 601*

1 Carson Smith
2 Gregory White
Sydney Coomer
3 Melanie Salyer
4 Mary Ann Bulmahn
Grace Bates
Barbara Gongaware
Douglas Bontrager
Michele Wilson
Makayla Fensler
5 Barbara Feasby
Sarah Hellinger
6 Shane Vardaman
Garett Remenschneider
Brandi Price
Eliza Shipp
Molly Cobb
7 Joy Bradtmueller
Benjamin Gatchell
Hayden Dambra
8 James Herman
9 Alan Bender
Beverly Stein
Michelle Meyer
Lydia McEvoy
Lori Minden
Kellie Girardot
Matthew Cheviron
Kayley Compton
10 Randy Sommer
Amy Waidelich
Paige Schorey
11 Gabriel Neilson
Weston Mutzfeld

12 Kathy Essex
Timothy Dunn
Jeffrey Dubbelde
Avery Black
13 Kimberly Wetoskey
Sonja Meeks
Juliet Guenther
Devin Dubbelde
Adam Koenig
Mikayla Haggarty
Todd Paterson
14 David Hirschy
15 Larry Doehrman
Linette Barry
16 Dave Heine
Natalie Dager
17 Beth Koeneman
Deborah Mason
Michelle Same
Emily Castens
18 Mary Bearman
Amanda Parker
Leah Stutzman
19 Michael Osterman
Clara Meyer
20 Cheri Shoemaker
Emily Wilson
21 Betti Bradtmiller
Hudson Rorick
Tenley Rorick
22 Benjamin Oberlin
Wayne Guy
Sydney Girardot

23 Dan Schroeder
Barbara Aiton
Jan Hockemeyer
DeWayne Stutzman
24 Robin Patton
Becky Lynch
David Bremer
Pearl Mutzfeld
25
26 Diane Hook
27 Kay Meyer
Deborah Swygart
Bradley Osborn
28 Marsha Couture
Pamela Lothamer
Matthew Aiton
Benjamin Loshe
29 Dianne Vogtman
Dean Bender
Jo Dommer
Anne Marie Neumann
Kelly Turner
Elyn Vardaman
Addison Swygart
Lydia Swygart
Taylor Rice
Robert Hunter
30 Ruth Stemmler
Carla Purvis
Rhonda Schlegel
31 Ruth Knoblauch
Allyson Bradtmiller
Logan White



God's blessings on those celebrating February birthdays!

All you works of God,
bless the Lord! All you
angels, now bless the
Lord; come, you heavens
and pow'rs that be,
praise the Lord and His
majesty:

*Refrain: Raise your voices
high, praise and magnify,
all you works of God,
bless the Lord! Raise
your voices high, praise
and magnify, all you
works of God, bless the
Lord!*

Sing, you sun and you
moon above, stars of
heaven, now sing His
love; dew and showers,
you winds that blow,
heat and fire, you ice and
snow: *Refrain*

Frost of winter with song
so cold, dews of summer,
your song unfold; light
and darkness, you day
and night, clouds of
thunder, you lightnings
bright: *Refrain*

Hills and mountains, now
sing His worth, all you
green things that grow
on earth; seas and rivers,
you springs and wells,
beasts and cattle, you
birds and whales: *R*

Come, humanity, sing
along, sing, you people of
God, a song; priests and
servants, your Lord now
bless, join, you spirits
and souls at rest: *R*

Bless the Lord, all you
pure of heart; all you
humble, His praise
impart; God the Father
and Son adore, bless the
Spirit forevermore! *R*

*CLS Chapel Hymn of the Month:
LSB 930*

1
Lucille Meyer
Reannon Grover
Jodi Edmondson
Braxton Dager

2
Ashley Gillingham
Grant Cheviron
Malachi Martin

3
Michael Jones
Katheryn Poling

4
Philip White
George Mason
Brad Schlegel
Joseph Cobb
Julianne Cobb

5
6
Isabella Gillingham
Norah Swygart

7
Geraldine Strasser
Larry Schlegel
Debra Bremer
Joshua Dommer
Afam Nzekwe
Gavin Clark

8
Beth McGraw
Gregory Umphrey
Pat James

9
Thomas Bandt
Hannah Brockmann
Aaron Bremer

10
Karissa Swygart
Chimson Nzekwe
Justice Nahrwold

11
Keith Herman
Kevin Holle
Jordan Sweet
Harper Schaad

12
Matthew Mitchell

13
Barbara Schlegel
Michael Nahrwold
Jenna Robertson
Maci Schaad

14
Carol Holle
Patricia Gabbard
Stanley Scherer
Gina Jones
Vince Warney
Sophia Martin

15
Barbara Krauter
Chloe Bremer
Taylor Schmeling

16
Stanford Sturm
Stephan Hormann
Vickie Koenig

17
Diane Fritcha
Heidi Koeneman
Augie Hoover
Nolan Winicker
Archer Miller
Emiliana Hernandez

18
Hadley Dager

19
Dennis Juergens
Debra Scherer
Hayden Harber
Annie Hellinger

20
Willidean Crisp
Audrey Kuhn

21
Kathleen Meyer
Kenneth Messmann
Kathleen Schaffer
Scott Dubbelde
Heather Walchle

23
Bonnie Rinard
Rebecca Hansen
Alexa Metzger

24
Troy Fritcha
Chad Hoover
Rachel Murbach
Callie Hoover

25
Judith White
Kingston Galentine
Martin Georges

26
Roger Benzinger
Gary Remenschneider
Tina Vardaman

27
Arlene Krueckeberg
Duane Linker
Nancy Loshier

28
Barbara Fry
John Brock
Andrew Ungemach
Bennett Dickinson



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Happy New Year to All!



May you know God's comfort and peace in 2024
