

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 4, 2022



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News & Notes

SATURDAY EVENING - 5:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
THE GATHERING – Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Central Lutheran’s Auxilliary Gym.

MISSION STATEMENT

Emanuel Lutheran Church furthers God’s Kingdom by
 connecting people, strengthening families, and proclaiming God’s Word.

BIBLE CLASSES

United & Growing - 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to noon.
Monday Morning Bible Study - Conference Room at 6:45
Women’s Bible Study - Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the FLR
Adult Bible Class - Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Sunday School for 3 years – 7th grade begins in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m., then heads downstairs to classrooms.
Confirmation Class - Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for 8th graders and their parents in the Family Life Room.
High School Bible Class in the youth room at 9:15 a.m.
Life Light Bible Study – will resume in January.

EMANUEL’S BUDGET SNAPSHOT

*Each one must do as he has made up his mind,
 not reluctantly or under compulsion,
 for God loves a cheerful giver ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7*

NEEDED WEEKLY FOR OPERATIONS BUDGET	\$ 20,791
OFFERING RECEIVED 11/23-12/1	\$ 18,832
TO MEET BUDGET THROUGH 11/27	\$ 997,992
BUDGET RECEIPTS THROUGH 12/1	\$ 910,963
DIFFERENCE	\$ (87,029)

EACH MID –WEEK ADVENT SERVICE examines one of the Roles of Christ: Christ as Prophet, Christ as Priest, Christ as King, and Christ as Messiah.



Wednesdays
 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 December 7
 December 14
 December 21

THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER will be mailed out at the end of this month. Please email the Church Office your articles by Monday, December 19 (if possible).

THANK YOU TO THE EMANUEL FAMILY for all the caring and support for us these past weeks following the unexpected death of my son Jeffrey Tonkel. We thank the Ladies Society for the funeral meal; Pastor Zeckzar for his compassion. The cards, phone calls, emails and hugs are truly appreciated. God is taking care of us through His people in such an amazing way. Thank you and we thank God for your part in Jeff's life and ours.

Karen Fuelling and Kristin Newton

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Thanksgiving Worship = 270
 5:00 = 69 8:00 = 124 10:30 = 123 Gathering = 97
 Communion = 321 Visitors = 26

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

TODAY ~ LWML Mites Collected
 Worship.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
 Adult Bible Class, Confirmation.....9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School (opening in Sanctuary).....9:15 a.m.
 The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.
 Private Party in FH.....1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.
 ROMEOs Bible Study.....11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.
 Ladies Society Christmas Party.....6:00 p.m.
 Board of Elders.....7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.
 Ladies Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
 Advent Services.....10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Quilters.....9:00 a.m.
 Endowment.....4:00 p.m.
 Handbells.....6:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir.....7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY ~ No events scheduled.

SATURDAY

United & Growing.....8:00 a.m.
 Worship.....5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY ~ Blood Pressure Checks by Parish Health

Worship.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
 Adult Bible Class, Confirmation.....9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School (opening in Sanctuary).....9:15 a.m.
 The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.
 Private Party in FLR.....Noon-5:00 p.m.
 Private Party in FH.....Noon-2:00 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Bonnie Hellinger (Hospice)
- † Cindy Louis, Joyce Danner (both having surgery this week)
- † Paul Niccum (recovering from surgery)
- † Mary Ann Bulmahn (Grey Stone)
- † Tyler Grossman (health concerns)



EMANUEL'S ENDOWMENT FUND: Since it's inception, the Endowment Fund has provided more than \$1,373,721.00 from its earnings to enhance Emanuel's ministry. Contributions to the Endowment Fund are legacy gifts. Pamphlets explaining this opportunity are available in the narthex hallway. DID YOU KNOW? During 2021, the Endowment Fund provided \$39,450.00 for the refinish and renovation of every church pew.

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR DECEMBER 4:

Our sinfulness once left us lifeless as stones, but God has taken us for His own beloved children (Matthew 3:9) by becoming a little one among us Himself (Isaiah 11:6). Now we get to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us. We proclaim the sanctity of every human life to defend the cause of the poor, and we put it into practice to give deliverance to the children of the needy (Psalm 72:4).



FELLOWSHIP (HALF) HOUR for everyone begins at 8:45 am! Come and enjoy coffee/tea/hot cocoa & donuts from New Haven Bakery before Bible Class & Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Proceeds will go towards our youth mission trip next summer.

THERE IS A MEMBER OF EMANUEL who would like a ride to the 10:30 service on Sundays. This member lives on Main Street in New Haven, so very close to church. Please contact Pastor Stecker if available.

FIELD WORKER CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Social Ministry committee invites Emanuel members to participate in the Field Worker Christmas Adoption Program. The tree is in the narthex for you to select gift ornament tags. We ask members to take a tag (or 2), purchase the gift(s), wrap with the tag affixed to the gift, & return them under the tree. We'd like to have all the gifts NO LATER THAN Wednesday, December 14, in order to deliver them before students travel home for Christmas & New Year! Emanuel is so blessed to have these students serve & learn here. Thanks so much to all of you who will be able to help make a joy filled time for our seminary field workers & their families. If you have any questions please call Gary & Renita Nahrwold at 260-494-6088 or 260-466-4318.

YOUR FOOD BANK NEEDS PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS: New Haven Food Bank has lost its source for used, plastic grocery bags. New Haven's only grocery store is now under contract with a recycling company requiring all sacks recycled at the store to be sent to the recycling company. We need 350+/-sacks each Tuesday to meet clients' needs. Please recycle your plastic sacks by placing them in a NHFB donations barrel located inside doors #1 or #11.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4: "Christmas is also a time to contemplate the gift of mortal LIFE through the miracle of birth. Christmas is the gift of LOVE that moms and dads shower on their children by saying yes to life—sometimes under very difficult circumstances. Regardless of the challenges, God has a perfect plan for each life that He brings into the world, and His will for them is to out-sparkle and out-shine any ornament." *Bradley Mattes, president of Life Issues Institute*

NEXT WEEK AT EMANUEL

December 10:

Elder: John Colter

Ushers: Group S2 (Paul Sims)

December 11:

Elder: Benjamin Castens

Ushers: Group 2 (Bill Kline, Ben Koeneman) (8:00)
Group 1 (Sam Bender, Jeff Turner) (10:30)

Choir: CLS 3rd & 4th Grade Choir (10:30)

Gathering: Dan Krinn



CHRISTMAS AT THE EMBASSY: Concordia Lutheran High School's annual Christmas concert is at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11 at the Historic Embassy Theatre. Kick off the Christmas season with sounds from our bands, choirs and orchestra students. It's a tradition that you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$12 for students/seniors, \$18 for general admission on sale now at the Embassy box office or through Ticketmaster.

YOU'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT about Stephen Ministry this year, so, what is a Stephen Minister? A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation that has been specially trained to provide Christ-centered, emotional and spiritual care to others who are facing some crisis in life, such as an illness, death of a loved one, divorce, relocation, or a financial setback. Emanuel Lutheran Church is blessed to have a team in place that can provide Stephen Ministry as an extension to our pastoral care in a member's time of need.



UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Does Emanuel have *your* family membership record correct? Here's your chance to update *your* record for our

annual Guide Book & Directory. It's time 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 and are they all still attending Emanuel? Please let the church office know of any updates you may have by emailing us at churchoffice@emanuelnh.org.



LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO is now streaming sacred music for the Advent season at

<http://lutheranpublicradio.org>, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the LPR mobile app.

YOUTH GROUP

Call or text 260-222-1434 Youth Director Andrea Hoover with questions. Follow us on Instagram at lyfe_ejy! & Facebook under Emanuel Youth Group
EJY = Emanuel Junior Youth (Grades 6-8)
LYFE = Lutheran Youth Fellowship at Emanuel (High School)
YAFE = Young Adult Fellowship of Emanuel

LYFE



LYFE IS CO-HOSTING A HIGHER THINGS

RETREAT with St. Paul's downtown Friday, Jan. 6 at 6pm – 3pm Saturday, Jan. 7!

Pastor Harrison Goodman (those who attended the HT conference this summer

will remember he led the popular breakaway, *When Doubts Rise*) will be the speaker! \$40 per person (siblings are ½ price) covers all Friday night snacks, Saturday breakfast, lunch & snacks, all presentations & activities, and overnight lodging at St. Paul's. This is open to all youth in grades 9-12! Registration deadline is December 19.

EMANUEL LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Shepherds Kept Watch

The Ladies Society Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 6. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and a delicious dinner will be enjoyed at 6:30 p.m. This is open to all ladies of the congregation, their mothers, daughters and friends.

We will feast on spinach salad, teriyaki grilled chicken, honey-glazed ham, sweet potato bake, fried rice with Asian seasoning & vegetables, green beans with almonds, rolls with butter, dessert, iced tea and lemonade. Entertainment provided – a variety that you're sure to like! Come join us as we celebrate the joy of the Lord and the spirit of Christmas. Tickets are \$13 a person & will be available at all of our weekend services. If you have any questions, call Jane Patton (312-0002).