



*Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
A Growth and Learning Center
New London, WI*

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

*November 29, 30 &
December 1, 2014*

Emanuel Information

Service Times

- Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Monday: 6:30 p.m.
- The radio broadcast airs at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning on WJMQ, 92.3 FM

Each Sunday from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

- Sunday School (school classrooms)
- Bible Studies and Fellowship (narthex & various Emanuel rooms)

Office Hours & Contact Information

- 200 E. Quincy Street, New London, WI 54961
- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday
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Pastoral Visits

If you, a friend, or a family member, are in need of a pastor visit, please call the Emanuel office at 982-5444 or email us at eman@emanuelnl.org and let us know about the situation.

We are not always aware of those that may be in need of a visit, so your help would truly be appreciated. Thank you for helping us help others!

Contact Information for the Executive Director

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, you can put a note in my mailbox in the narthex (located next to the confirmation picture boards), call me at 982-3943, or email RYerkeyRet@Charter.Net

Emergency Pastor for December 1 – December 7

Pastor Schulz – 920-538-3617

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

BELLS & WELCOME

OPENING HYMN..... “Once in Royal David’s City” – CW 50

**Once in royal David’s city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**But our eyes at last shall see him
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child, so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heav’n above,
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor, lowly stable
With the oxen standing by
Shall we see him, but in heaven,
Set at God’s right hand on high.
Then like stars his children crowned,
All in white, his praise will sound.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God's Word speaks of humankind's universal condition:

C: **There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who is good, not even one.**

M: God had every right to disown us and cast us out of his presence forever. Instead, he chose to show mercy. Rather than forsaking us, he became one of us. He carried our sin to the cross, so that we could live with him forever. Let us humble ourselves, therefore, before our God, and confess our sins to him, so that we can be assured of his forgiving love in Christ.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, an eighth note A, and a quarter note B. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The lyrics 'on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN RESPONSE “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus” – CW 6

**Come, O long – expected Jesus,
Born to set your people free;
From our sins and fears release us
By your death on Calvary.
Israel’s Strength and Consolation,
Hope to all the earth impart,
Dear Desire of ev’ry nation,
Joy of ev’ry longing heart.**

**Born your people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now your gracious kingdom bring.
By your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By your all – sufficient merit
Raise us to your glorious throne.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you chose to become one of us. You are not a God who is far from us and unmoved by our daily struggles.

C: **You are intimately involved in every moment of our lives.**

M: You are truly “with us” – not only on our side but also by our side.

C: **This Christmas season help us experience and share the good news that with you as our Savior we are never alone.**

M: Jesus, we pray in your name. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

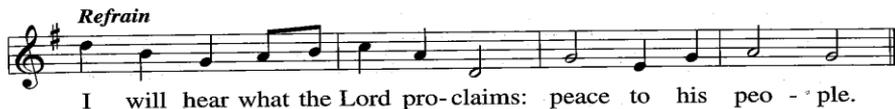
Please be seated

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 7: 1-14 (p. 681)

*The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son,
and he will be called “Immanuel.”*

PSALM Psalm 85 – CW p. 97

Psalm 85



You showed favor to your land, O LORD;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.

Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

Refrain

I will listen to what God the LORD will say;
he promises peace to his people, his saints.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Glory be the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Romans 1: 1-7 (p. 1112)

*Jesus, a descendant of David, was declared with power
by the Holy Spirit to be the Son of God.*

HYMN OF THE DAY “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” – CW 23

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, O Root of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan’s tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save,
And bring them vict’ry o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Please stand

SERMONMatthew 1:18 – 25 (p. 955)

“The Promise of God with Us”

APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven
and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

OFFERING.....The December WELS Connection will be shown
Please sign the Friendship Registers located at the end of the pew.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: **We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: **Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: **Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies,
where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child
but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Special Prayers and Intercessions

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent Prayer

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in
your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN “Where Shepherds Lately Knelt” – CW 54

**Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
But there is room and welcome there for me,
But there is room and welcome there for me.**

**In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
Sweet new-born Babe, how frail! And in a manger
bed,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me.**

**How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.**

**Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned
Its way into my heart un-asked, un-forced, un-earned,
To die, to live, and not a-lone for me,
To die, to live and not a-lone for me?**

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Living Lord, you have given us your Holy Word to help us learn and grow. May we hear it, read it, learn it and take to heart its life-guiding principles, so that we are strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word. May we hold tight to the hope of everlasting life that is ours, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Presiding Minister & Message – Pastor Bill Heiges
Organist – Mr. Klint Kaddatz

My Christmas Playlist



My Christmas Playlist
*Celebrating in song the deep
meaning of Christmas for
our every day lives.*

The gifts that God gives at Christmas are not meant to be a secret (though God's generosity is certainly surprising). In fact, these gifts are so well-known that God's people have been singing about them for ages. Many of these songs have become very dear to us. They warm our hearts because they are so well-known and so closely associated with this happy time of the year.

Yet, because of their familiarity, we can lose sight of the powerful truths the songs contain and the profound application they have to our lives. This Christmas we've put a playlist together of some of the greatest hits of Christmas. As we explore God's Christmas gifts to us in these songs, we pray that Christmas will mean more to us than it ever has before.

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Last Weekend's Attendance: 615

Large Print Hymnals

Large-print copies of the service are available for anyone in need – please ask an usher for a copy.

Wheelchair Area

For your convenience, there are two areas set aside to accommodate members with wheelchairs, walkers, or other special space needs.

Ushers are available to assist you to the following locations:

- Halfway down the middle and side isles on the lectern side of church, there is a pew with wheelchair space on either end.
- In the right half of the front row, also on the lectern side, there is a larger area with wheelchair space.

Attention Hearing Impaired Members

Special receivers are available to help you hear the service. Ask one of our ushers for a receiver and return it to an usher after the service.

Parent Room

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me.” We love children and encourage their worship. Please don’t feel embarrassed if your child is restless during the service. You are among caring people who understand. If you feel that your children are distracting others from worship, you may take them to the entryway or a parent’s room is available. There is a closed-circuit TV in the room to watch & listen to the service. An usher can assist you in locating this room, also called the “Bible Class Room”.

This Week’s Today’s Light Bible Readings

Week 97 (December 1 – December 6)

Monday	Hebrews 2:1 – 18
Tuesday	Hebrews 3:1 – 19
Wednesday	Hebrews 4:1 – 16
Thursday	Hebrews 5:1 – 14
Friday	Hebrews 6:1 – 20
Saturday.....	Hebrews 7:1 – 28

Prayer & Thanks

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast was sponsored in appreciation of radio broadcasts by Sarah Volz

This Week at Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church & School

Saturday –

5:15 p.m. – Worship – Service of the Word

Sunday –

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Worship – Service of the Word

9:15 a.m. – No Sunday School

9:15 a.m. – *“The Bible”* Bible Study – Community Room

5:00 p.m. – Open Gym for Adults – School Gym

6:00 p.m. – Bells Alive Practice – Church Proper

Monday –

9:30 a.m. – St. Joseph Res. Service w/Communion– St. Joe’s Chapel

6:00 p.m. – Ladies’ Evening Circle Meeting – Church Basement

6:30 p.m. – Worship – Service of the Word

Tuesday –

7:00 p.m. – *“Exodus”* Bible Study – Community Room

Wednesday –

12 p.m. – *“Biblical Apologetics for Real Life”* Bible Study – Comm Rm

5:00 p.m. – Trimming the Christmas Tree – Church Proper

5:30 p.m. – Public School Instruction – School Classrooms

6:00 p.m. – Mixed Choir – School Music Room

7:00 p.m. – Advent Worship Service

7:00 p.m. – *“Life With God”* Bible Study – Community Room

7:00 p.m. – Crossroads Youth Group – Youth Room

8:00 p.m. – S.O.A.R. Youth Group – Youth Room

Thursday –

6:30 a.m. – No *“Breakfast Bible Class”* at Marly’s Restaurant

9:15 a.m. – *“Trinity Terrace Bible Study”* – at Trinity Terrace

12:00 p.m. – Ladies’ Aid Christmas Potluck & Mtg – Ch. Basement

6:00 p.m. – Adult Handbell Practice – Church Proper

7:00 p.m. – Emanuel Prayer Evening – Community Room

Friday –

5:00 p.m. – Chili served while supplies last

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Live Nativity Program Presented

7:00 p.m. – “The Branches Band” Christmas Concert – Church Proper

Saturday –

Boys & Girls A Team BB Tournament – FVLHS

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Christmas Wreath Pick-up – Pine Street

5:15 p.m. – Worship with Communion

6:30 p.m. – Advent by Candlelight for Women – School Commons

Sunday –

Boys & Girls A Team BB Tournament – FVLHS

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Worship with Communion

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School – School Classrooms

9:15 a.m. – “*The Bible*” Bible Study – Community Room

9:15 a.m. – “Women’s Spiritual Gifts” Bible Study – Ch. Basement

10:30 a.m. – Grades 2, 3 & 4 sing during the service

5:00 p.m. – Open Gym for Adults – School Gym

6:00 p.m. – Bells Alive Practice – Church Proper

Monday

9:30 a.m. – St. Joseph Residence Service– St. Joe’s Chapel

6:30 p.m. – Ladies’ Evening Circle Meeting – Church Basement

6:30 p.m. – Worship with Communion

7:00 p.m. – Coordinating Council Meeting – Community Room

Announcements

Hat & Mitten Drive

Brrrrrr, it's getting to be that time of year again. With the warmth from your hearts, please consider donating any new or gently used mittens or hats for people in need. A Christmas tree is in the narthex where you can clip your donation on the tree. The items will then be distributed. Please have your donations on the tree by **December 1**. Thanks in advance for your support.

Trim the Trees

Time to trim the church Christmas trees - Wednesday evening, **December 3 at 5:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome; young & not so young. Make it a family affair and come enjoy fellowship with other members. Refreshments will be served after the work is done so we can sit back and enjoy our labor. We will be finished in time for everyone to attend the Advent service at 7:00.



Ladies' Aid Christmas Potluck

The Ladies' Aid Christmas Potluck and meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4 at 12:00 noon. A program will be held in the School Commons beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a large dish to pass and items for the Good Samaritan Program collection. Items to include are personal care items, paper products, cleaning items and food items.

Emanuel's Live Nativity Family Evening

Mark down **Friday, December 5**, on your calendar! This will be the night of our Live Nativity. We will be having our Live Nativity right here on the church grounds this year. So, come on in for some chili and some Christmas delights and warm yourselves with some wonderful fellowship.



Chili will be served from 5:00 p.m. until supplies run out. Our Live Nativity program will run three times from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. There will be singing, fire pits, sheep, goats, a donkey, and even a camel!

To top it off *The Branches Band* will be performing our first Christmas concert of the season beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Invite everyone you know! Hope to see you there!
Supplies that are still needed: hay or straw bales and some wise men, angels, and shepherds. Contact the church office at 982-5444, if you can help out.

Celebrate God's Gift This Christmas

Pick up a Northwestern Publishing House brochure in the Welcome Center that contains a selection of Christ-centered books for Christmas giving. Free shipping on all orders placed on December 1.

Christmas Wreath Pick-Up

Just a reminder that all wreath orders **must** be picked up on **Saturday, December 6 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Pick-up will be along Pine Street, next to the school. Payment is due at that time. If you are unable to pick your wreath(s) up during those hours, please make arrangements for someone else to pick it up for you. Thank you.



Scrip Update

We are rapidly approaching the Christmas season. Please note that all orders must be placed by Dec. 10th to ensure delivery in time for Christmas. Please look over our list of retailers on our Emanuel site (emanuelnl.org) under Resources or at shopwithscrip.com. There are many gift cards that would make wonderful gifts and would save you lots of shopping time!

Adopt-A-Family

Emanuel's Good Samaritan program has one family that we have adopted this year to help them have a Merry Christmas. It is a mom with two girls, ages 9 and 16. If you would be willing to help provide them with some gift items, check out the star in the narthex for suggestions. Please bring your wrapped gift with the tag attached to the Emanuel Office by Friday, December 19, or place your gift in the box in the narthex. Thank you in advance.

Piggly Wiggly Receipt Program

As of December 31, 2014, Piggly Wiggly will no longer be accepting receipts for the 1% rebate. In order to count and turn in the ones we have before the end of the year, please bring all receipts to the office by December 1. We thank Piggly Wiggly for running this program, which has helped Emanuel with Accelerated Reader and Vacation Bible School over the years.

Let It Snow – Let It Snow!!

Snow shovelers are again needed. We are looking for several people to help, especially to clear things out before services on the weekend. If you are able to help with snow shoveling, please call the Emanuel Office at 982-5444. Thank you!

Cookie/Candy Sale

The annual Cookie/Candy sale will be held before and after all services in the church basement on the weekend of **December 13-14-15**. Homemade cookies and candy are sold by the pound and you are welcome to pick out exactly what you want. The Ladies' Aid will have canned goods for sale. The Emanuel cookbook will be available for a special price of 2 books for \$20.00 or \$12.00 for one. Proceeds from the sale will be used for a church project. Cookie/Candy items to be sold may be dropped off in the church basement on Friday and Saturday, December 12 & 13 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Meditations Available

The new *Meditations* are available and can be picked up in the narthex at the Welcome Center. The cost per copy is **\$3.50**. Please return your old copies for use by Prison Ministries. We are asking that you return only current issues in good condition, no older than 2 years. Also, please cut your name and address off before you turn them in.

Word Wall Update

We beat last year! This is the first list in a while that was longer than last year - the Jj list. Jj words totaled 48 compared to 38 last year. We also finished the li words. We made a list of 25 li words. That was a tricky one this year! We are very thankful for all the words you give us - especially at this time of Thanksgiving!

Kwik Trip Rebate Change

Starting January 1, 2015, Kwik Trip's standard rebate will be changing to 4%. However, Emanuel will receive an additional 10% rebate on qualifying in-store purchases made with a gift card purchased from Great Lakes Scrip Center!

FVLHS Update

- Thanks to everyone who supported this year’s FVL Fruit Sale. Your fruit will be available for pick up at the FVL loading dock on Thursday, Dec. 11 and Friday, Dec. 12 from 3:00-4:30 pm, and also on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10:00 am to noon.
- The FVL Music Associates are hosting the 25th annual Merry TubaChristmas Fox Cities. The concert will be held Friday, December 5, at 7:00 PM in the FVL Auditorium. The concert will feature approximately 100 tuba, baritone, and euphonium players from across northeast Wisconsin. Fox Valley Lutheran is located at 5300 N Meade Street in Appleton.

Attendance & Offering Information

Attendance Last Week	615
Average attendance since July 1 (21 weeks).....	795
Offerings Last Week	\$ 16,352
Average offerings since July 1 (21 weeks).....	\$ 20,006
Average amount needed weekly for budget	\$ 21,753

Women’s Fall & Winter Bible Classes

Emanuel’s new ministry group, **Women of HIS Word**, would like to invite all women to the following upcoming Bible studies. Each Bible study will be held on Sundays from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in the Church Basement.

“Women’s Spiritual Gifts” – December 7 & 14

This Bible study will examine the role of women in the church and the God-pleasing, Scriptural ways in which women can use their time, talents, treasures, and abilities to serve in the church and further the growth of God’s Kingdom.

“A Personal Relationship with Jesus” January 18 & 25

This Bible study will use various examples from Scripture to help women nurture their personal relationships with Jesus and their daily walk with their Lord.

Bible Classes

Exodus

The book of Exodus is the history of God's love for His wayward people. In the history of the Israelites we can see our own history as God continues to offer His Grace to us even though we often demonstrate our disloyalty to Him.

*Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 9:00 – through December 16, Mr. Krause
In the Community Room*

The Bible

The A&E Network presented a ten episode series called “The Bible.”

*Sunday mornings 9:15 to 10:15 – Mr. Krause
Through December 7 - Old Testament
January 11 to February 8 - New Testament
In the Community Room*

The Advent Gift

What: Advent by Candlelight

Who: All ladies of our congregation,

Our community & their guests

When: Saturday, December 6, 2014

Where: Emanuel Lutheran Commons

Why: Prepare our hearts and minds For
the coming of our Savior,
“The Christmas Gift”

Guests, please sign up by
Dec 1

Sign- up sheets are at the information
Center. Any questions, please call
Barb Yerkey—982-3943



Advent by Candlelight (for women):

Saturday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Advent Services:

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas Service:

Sunday, December 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 22 – No 6:30 p.m. Worship Service

Day-School Christmas Services:

Monday, December 22, at 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

(all students will participate in both services)

Christmas Eve Services:

Wednesday, December 24, at 2:00, 3:30, 5:00 & 6:30 p.m.

(Radio Broadcast-6:30 p.m. on WJMQ 92.3 FM)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service:

Thursday, December 25, at 9:30 a.m. – Communion

(Radio Broadcast-9:30 a.m. on WJMQ 92.3 FM)

New Year's Eve Service:

Thursday, December 31, at 7:00 p.m. – Communion

(Radio Broadcast-7:00 p.m. on WJMQ 92.3 FM)

Emanuel Holiday Office Hours:

December 22 & 23: 7:30am – 4:30pm

December 24 & 25: Closed

December 26: 7:30am – 12pm

December 29, 30 & 31: 7:30am – 12pm

January 1 & 2: Closed

January 5: Resume normal hours of 7:30am – 4:30pm



Volunteer Schedules

Communion Servers

December 6-7-8: (5:15) Dave Neumann, Dale Krause, Lee Shaw; (8:00) Rich Platz, Drew Kock, Peter Krueger; (10:30) Dave Neumann, Dave Meyer, Gordy Vetter; (6:30) Dave Neumann

Greeters

November 29-30-December 1: (5:15) Gail Dreier, Marilyn Abraham; (8:00) M/M Jay Close, M/M Clarence Van Ark, M/M Don Kalwitz; (10:30) Lucille Drath, Hope Schewe, Betty Drath; (6:30) Arlene Birkholz
December 6-7-8: (5:15) M/M Steve Christian, Dorothy Petit; (8:00) Henrietta Kent, Tammy Kent, M/M Dan Parker; (10:30) M/M Arnie Heise, M/M Ken Wyngaard, M/M Darnell Hanke; (6:30) M/M Ozzie Radtke

Sound-Booth

November 29-30-December 1: (5:15) Scarlett Polley; (8:00) Micah Backus; (10:30) Ken Johnson; (6:30) Scarlett Polley
December 6-7-8: (5:15) Joe Dexter; (8:00) Kenny Olson; (10:30) Tori Rhoden; (6:30) Scarlett Polley

Ushers

The Month of December: (5:15) Dave & Janet Bessette, Wayne & Delores Dean; (8:00) Barry Hoewisch, Harry Blum, Art Gerndt, Danke/Krause/ Ehlke; (10:30) Al Tank, Bob Danke, Scott Lenzner, Marv Handschke; (6:30) Mike Knapp, *volunteers needed*

Welcome/Information Center

November 29-30-December 1: (5:15) Dan & Carol Laird; (8:00) Sandy Steiger; (10:30) Cathy Volz; (6:30) Laureen Gagnow
December 3: (7:00) Lee & Judy Shaw
December 6-7-8: (5:15) Dan & Marj Handschke; (8:00) Rich & Cindy Platz; (10:30) Joanne Kuppernus; (6:30) Bob & Bev Meyer

After the Sermon.....

1. **Highs and Lows:** What was a high point from your life this week? A low point?
2. What is an admirable trait that your father or mother had which was also passed on to you?
3. Read Matthew 1:18-25. What things in this Bible section would have been difficult for Joseph to believe? What can you learn about righteousness and faith from Joseph?
4. The Christmas baby born to Mary is given two names. What are they? What do they mean? How would you expect Mary and Joseph to feel about these names given to their son and the significance for their family?
5. The nickname given to Jesus, “Immanuel,” is meant to convey God’s imminence; that is, it reminds us of how close God is to us. What experiences make people feel close to God? What experiences make people feel far away from God? When have you been closest to God in you life?
6. Read Isaiah 59:1-2. How are these words related to the names given to the Christmas baby?
7. Read Isaiah 59:3-15. Compare the moral and spiritual condition of Isaiah’s world (about 700 BC) to your world. Do you think the world was in better shape then or now? Explain.
8. Read Isaiah 59:15-16. How are these words related to the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ? Why is it significant for you that salvation is accomplished by divine intervention, not human obligation?

**My Christmas Playlist:
Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel
The Promise of God with Us**

Matthew 1:18-25

1. A promise for the lonely

- a. Those who are b_____
- b. Those who are r_____
- c. Those who are s_____

2. A promise for the lonely sinner

- a. The p _____ of “God with us” to save sinners
- b. The p _____ of “God with us” to save sinners

3. A promise for the lonely skeptic.

- a. The promise that i _____ faith
- b. The promise that c _____ faith