

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at 9 a.m.

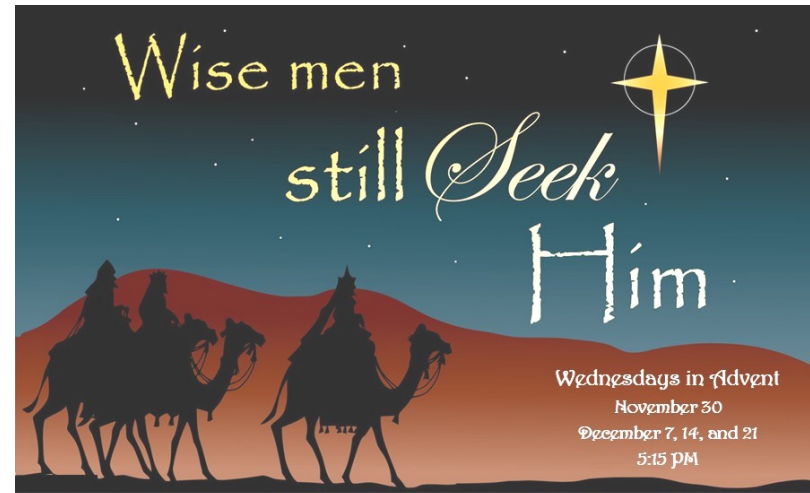
Sunday Bible Class begins at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. (September-May)

Wednesday Evening Service is at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Thursday Morning Worship is at 8:45 a.m. in the chapel.

Thursday Morning Bible Class is at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall.



Family Advent Adventure

May God continue to reform our Church to His Word and bless our December!

“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.”

Psalm 90:17 (Bible reference inscribed on our church cornerstone, circa 1916)

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Emmanuel News

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” Matthew 2:1-2

Wise Men Still Seek Him

Imagine waiting and watching and searching the stars for the sign that the world’s greatest king would be born. The wise men received the news of the promised star that would tell of the coming king at the time when God’s people became exiles (c. 597-587 B.C.). And then for the nearly 600 years they waited and searched the heavens for the rising of that promised star.

Who were these wise men, so intent on being the first to know of and welcome the king? They were probably from the land of Babylon or Persia. This is a best guess and is based on the fact that the early church, in the Roman catacombs, have the wise men dressed in Persian garments. Their role in society was to acquire all kinds of wisdom so that they could advise their leaders and people in the areas of medicine, religion, astronomy, divination and magic. They would especially study the skies for any messages that “the heavens” might have; ever mindful of the prophecy recorded in Numbers 24:17: “a star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.”

The appearance of this star alerted the wise men that something very special was taking place in the land of Palestine. Many people have attempted to trace the astronomical phenomenon that took place when Jesus was born, but whatever the specifics, the Scriptural account tells us the wise men recognized that this was what they had been waiting centuries for. Noted author and theologian Paul Maier believed that this star first caught their attention; and then the Lord provided a “special star” to guide them to Jerusalem and from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

When they found the Child, they fell down and worshiped Him. They also brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh: gold – the kind of gift one would give to the king, denoting His kingship; frankincense – a fragrant gum resin that a priest used in his temple duties, denoting His future priesthood; myrrh – an aromatic resin used in perfumes, and as an oil for anointing and embalming, denoting His death as the Anointed One of God—the Messiah.

There are many things that are amazing about the wise men and their inclusion in the Christmas account, but two things particularly stand out. The first is that the wise men traveled a great distance to worship Jesus—hundreds of miles on a camel, over a period of several months, or possibly even years. The second is that they gave Jesus the very best that they had, gifts worthy of their King.

Several years later, at just the right time in human history, Jesus began His ministry in the region of “Galilee of the Gentiles;” fulfilling another ancient prophecy: “the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali...the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned” (Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 4:15-16).

Jesus is that promised Light—“the true light that enlightens everyone” (John 1:9) had come into the world. “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:10-12).

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Highlights

- Christmas Eve Worship: Lessons and Carols with Sunday School Christmas Program is December 24th at 4:30 p.m.
- Christmas Day Service is December 25th at 9:00 a.m.
- New Year’s Eve Service is December 31st at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on December 1, 8 and 15 at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall. We will study a short series on Jesus' birth accounts.

Sunday School

12/4—Christmas Lesson #2
12/10—Christmas Program Practice from 9-11 a.m.
12/11—Christmas Program Practice during SS
12/17—Christmas Program Practice from 10 am-Noon. Lunch & Cookies at Noon with Neighborhood Caroling
12/18—Christmas Program Practice during SS
12/24—Christmas Program
12/25—No Sunday School

Snack Schedule

12/4—Neumann
12/11—No snacks
12/18—No snacks
12/25—No Sunday School

Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class meets after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall. We are studying the basics of Lutheran theology through a course called "Lutheranism 101."

Worship Attendance

Week of 10/30 112
Week of 11/6 89
Week of 11/13 100
Week of 11/20 70+

Pastor's Article—continued

During the season of Advent, we too are waiting for the light to dawn. The appearance of the baby Jesus is the annual reminder that the Savior of the world was delivered by His Father in just the way He was promised, and at just the time He was needed. Wise men sought after Him, travelled afar, and brought Him gifts befitting a king. Today, those who are wise still seek the Savior. And He's not hard to find. He reveals Himself to us in His Word and blesses us with abundant gifts. We know that our Savior has already come, but like the wise men 2000 years ago, we also wait for His return. May we also be like them in our willingness to devote our lives to the anticipation of His coming, travel as far as necessary to worship Him, and bring Him the very best of what we have been given; gifts befitting our King. And may this Advent season of preparation for our King be a joyous one for us all.

Blessings,

✠ *Pastor Marks*

Advent/Christmas Schedule

Families of all shapes and sizes (single, married, kids & adults) are invited to our Wednesday Advent activities which will include food, fellowship, activity, and worship. Every week participants will receive something to enhance their preparations for Christmas at home. Meals begin at 5:15 p.m., activities start at 5:45 p.m., and we worship together at 6:30 p.m. Following is this year's Advent/Christmas Schedule:

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| November 27 | 9:00 a.m. | Advent 1 Divine Service |
| November 30 | 5:15 p.m. | Dinner—Sloppy Joes hosted by Ladies' Aid |
| | 5:45 p.m. | Advent Adventure |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Advent 1 Midweek Service — "Wise Men Seek High Ground" |
| December 4 | 9:00 a.m. | Advent 2 Divine Service |
| December 7 | 5:15 p.m. | Dinner—Beef Tips over Noodles hosted by Ann Graf |
| | 5:45 p.m. | Advent Adventure |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Advent 2 Midweek Service — "Wise Men Seek the High Road" |
| December 10 | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School Christmas Program Practice |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Tree/Church Decorating |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Adell Christmas Parade |
| December 11 | 9:00 a.m. | Advent 3 Divine Service |
| December 14 | 5:15 p.m. | Dinner—Soup & Sandwiches hosted by Board of Education |
| | 5:45 p.m. | Advent Adventure |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Advent 3 Midweek Service — "Wise Men Seek Restoration" |
| December 17 | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School Christmas Program Practice |
| | 12 Noon | Sunday School Lunch & Cookies with Neighborhood Caroling |
| December 18 | 9:00 a.m. | Advent 4 Divine Service |
| December 21 | 5:15 p.m. | Dinner—Tacos & Hot Dogs hosted by the Elders |
| | 5:45 p.m. | Advent Adventure |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Advent 4 Midweek Service — Wise Men Seek a Sign" |
| December 24 | 4:30 p.m. | Christmas Eve Worship: Lessons and Carols with Sunday School Christmas Program |
| December 25 | 9:00 a.m. | Christmas Day Divine Service |
| December 31 | 6:30 p.m. | New Year's Eve Service |

The
Joy
of CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Mission of the Month—December

Our mission of the month for December is *Lutheran Hour Ministries*. Lutheran Hour Ministries is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel with people around the world more than 150 million times each week. Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 60 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. LHM's flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour**®, airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network.



Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope in December goes toward this important mission.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM December 24, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

News, Notes & Numbers

- ◆ **Pastor Marks** can be reached at the church office or at (920) 400-0425 and is available for any pastoral needs that you might have. Feel free to reach out to him to schedule a visit or just stop by when the porch light is on. Monday-Wednesday mornings are generally good for visits, but he will always be happy to see you. Pastor also holds designated hours one Saturday morning per month for individual confession and absolution, counseling appointments, and general visitation. Also, let Pastor know if you are in the hospital, having surgery or a procedure, or simply desire prayer for any reason. He can also be reached by email at pastor@emmanueladell.org.
- ◆ **Poinsettia Plants Order Form** is inserted. The completed form and payment needs to be received by Emily Neumann on or before December 2nd.
- ◆ **October Mission, Lutheran Heritage Foundation**, raised \$750. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.
- ◆ **Trick or Treating Fellowship Event.** Church families gathered to trick or treat while others were treated to candy and games in the church parking lot. Participants also enjoyed cookie decorating and dinner together.



- ◆ Watch for **Pastor's Monday Minute** in your email each Monday to receive the link to the Sunday service on YouTube. If you're not receiving this message, or the Thursday email with the bulletin and announcements, please send your email address to secretary@emmanueladell.org
- ◆ **Sunday School Offerings** collected during the month of November in the amount of \$71.25 were given to the Random Lake Food Pantry.
- ◆ **Anchor of Hope** sent a letter of thanks. "Thank you so much for the generous contribution to Anchor of Hope Health Center and to the pro-love, pro-life, pro-family work we are humbled to offer in Sheboygan County and beyond. Thank you for your demonstrable faith lived out though a commitment to proclaiming the dignity of every human life!"
- ◆ **Finnley John Feider**, son of Andrew & Abigail Feider, was baptized on October 23, 2022.
- ◆ **Directory Changes.** Add: Lois Marks
815 Washington St., Lot 109
Grafton, WI 53024
716-785-2928
Add: Schommer, Michael & Kayla
52 Cty. Rd. RR
Cedar Grove, WI 53013
Levi, Esau & Eden
Michael: 920-889-2165
Kayla: 920-889-2152
Remove: Jennifer Graf
- ◆ **German Meal.** Thanks to all who brought food items, dishes to pass and helped set-up and clean-up and a big thanks to Steve Justinger for the pork. The 90+ people in attendance played Bavarian bingo and won door prizes.
- ◆ **Facebook** is another opportunity to get up-to-date information with what is happening at Emmanuel Lutheran. Like us at "Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Mo Synod."