# Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

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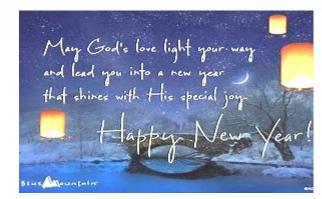
**Sunday School & Bible Class** begin at 10:30 a.m.

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

Thursday Morning Bible Class is at 9:15 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

## News, Notes & Numbers — continued

all the faithful volunteers who serve at Emmanuel are sincerely appreciated throughout the year. From acolytes to ushers, greeters to altar guild/jr. altar guild, elders to council and boards, counters to office volunteers, to those who cook and bake, to those who shovel snow and/or cut grass, along with the things done that no one knows about except the person who did it. *Thank you to all for sharing your precious time!* 



May God continue to reform our church to His Word and bless our January!

"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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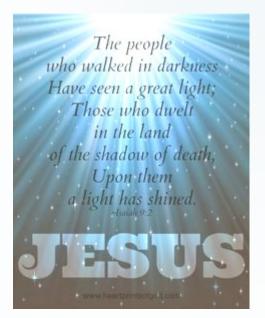
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# **Emmanuel News**

During the Twelve Days of Christmas (December 25 - January 5), you and I celebrate a miracle of God that is beyond our comprehension. He who created light, comes to earth to be the Light of the world. He comes to chase away the darkness of our sins by becoming our sins. He comes to erase the eternal darkness of hell from our lives by suffering hell as our substitute on the cross.



No doubt, you may experience some pretty dark times in 2021—and if you do—there is no darkness that Christ cannot and does not chase away! Dear friends, your Light has come, Jesus Christ!

Epiphany is the season of Light. We celebrate the God who makes Himself known to us in the cradle of Bethlehem, in the cradle of His Word, in the cradle of Bread and Wine, and in the cradle of the Font. How ironic that the season of Light comes at the darkest time in the northern hemisphere.

And yet, as winter moves forward, we enter a time of darkness; Lent and Holy Week. But we know, don't we, that the eternal brilliant Light of the world rises from the dead. Because of your crucified and risen Lord, yours is the LIGHT of Christ eternal.

Pastor Scheblein

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## **Highlights**

- Congregational Call Meeting on January 4, 2021 at 6 p.m.
- Annual Congregational Meeting on February 7, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

#### **Thursday Morning Bible Class**

We will NOT have Thursday Morning Bible Class in January.

#### **Sunday School** Lessons

1/03—The Temptation of 1/10—The Marriage at Cana 1/17—Peter's Catch of Fish and Jesus' Call of Apostles 1/24—Jesus and Nicodemus 1/31—Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

#### **Sunday School Snack Schedule**

1/03—Neumann 1/10—Mumme 1/17—Fischer 1/24—Michaels 1/31—Dolezal

#### **Sunday Bible Class**

Sunday Bible Class will meet after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall

#### **Call Committee**

The Call Committee met on November 30 and has selected Monday, January 4 at 6 p.m. for the next Congregational Call Meeting to be held in Memorial Hall. This is your opportunity to select your future pastor. All members 18 and older are eligible to cast their ballot for the pastor of their choice.

## Liturgy Parts — LCMS Worship

Meaning of Liturgy Part: Sanctus

If any part of the service has been recognized as providing a glimpse of heaven, it's the Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of your glory."

This is the eternal song of the angels who hover over the throne of God in the vision of heaven that was given to Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-4). Such was the splendor of their song that the very foundations of the threshold of the temple trembled at the sound.

At first glance, these words appear to be out of place at this point in the service. Nevertheless, the reality is that there is nothing in this entire world that compares with the miracle of Jesus' bodily presence to feed his people.

In this meal God is breaking into our world to give us life. No wonder our repeated cry is "Hosanna in the highest," for what is more needed in this dying world than the Lord's salvation?

The second half of the Sanctus contains a statement as bold as the first. Here we have our own little Palm Sunday. Just as the crowds cried out to Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, so do we declare, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 21:9; Psalm 118:26).

Heaven continues to break into our world as Jesus, our humble king, comes riding into our midst in the Lord's name. This confession in the Sanctus of Jesus' real presence is so significant that Luther proposed moving the Sanctus after the Words of Institution in order to highlight the reality of the words we sing.

## Mission of the Month—January

The Mission of the Month for January is the Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach. Rev. David Blas continues his work to the Hispanic population of Sheboygan County. Spanish Divine Services are



held on Sundays at noon at Good Shepherd in Sheboygan. Weekly Bible Class is held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Sheboygan on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and at Redeemer Lutheran Church-Manitowoc on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Rev. Blas assists Hispanic people in the area by translating for them, serves as a student mentor, and assists the Salvation Army, Red Cross, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center with translation help. Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope in January goes toward this important mission. We continue to support this energetic young man in his work in Christ's church.

Thanks be to God!



Pr. David Blas

# Congregational Call Meeting — January 4, 2021 at 6 p.m.

### **News, Notes & Numbers**

- ◆ \$905 was received for the November **Mission**, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach in Milwaukee. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.
- ◆ We received a letter from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, our October mission of the month. "Thank you so much. Emmanuel Lutheran, for your generous support of LHF missions..." Thank you for sharing God's Word with the nations! God bless you!"
- ◆ 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."
- ◆ The congregation continues to be blessed by our daily Bible reading schedule. Join us for the 31 days of January reading The Psalms, chapters 1-41, for our chapter-a-day challenge (use the inserted Bible Challenge bookmark to help you keep track).
- ◆ Didn't get to church last Sunday? Emmanuel is offering a service on YouTube each week. Pastor Scheblein will be delivering a sermon and readings and prayers for the previous week. Be sure to check it out and be enriched by

God's Word. Watch for the YouTube link each week in your email. God bless us all!

- ◆ Inclement Weather Information. For weather-related closings, turn to television station WTMJ 4 or Fox 6 Storm Center for information about cancellations at Emmanuel. If you have internet access, you can find the closings on both of these channels' websites, or download their app for notifications.
- ◆ Have you picked up your 2021 church **envelopes?** They are available in the
- ◆ Thank you Emily Neumann for the gift of the five Christmas banners being displayed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season.
- ◆ The 2021 Flower Chart is now available in the narthex.
- ◆ Snow Removal Sign-Up Sheet is on the table in the narthex. If you are interested in helping, please contact Andy Schmitt.
- ◆ Thank you to all who trimmed the Christmas tree and adorned our church and narthex so beautifully. The efforts of

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## **Learning from** our History



On May 23, 1961, a Special meeting was held. Pastor Bolin announced he accepted a call to Hamel, Illinois, and a peaceful release was granted, farewell sermon to be held June 11, 1961; Pastor Haupt, New Fane, asked to serve as vacancy Pastor; Resolved to meet with St. John, suggesting to keep present arrangement of one Pastor serving both congregations On June 14, 1961, a Joint meeting with St. John's (37 members present) and Emmanuel (18 members present) was held. Issues discussed: time of services and salary; list of candidates for Pastor presented with two nominations from floor; decision made to call immediately Pastor Christian to serve a dual parish. On July 9, 1961, a Special meeting was held regarding the school building. Bids totaled \$60,000; Resolved to add \$5,000 to the limit for the construction (now at \$55,000). Architect will explain to congregation the plan after the July 16 service. On July 12, 1961, a Special meeting was held. Pastor Christian declined the call; Pastor Lutz was called to serve a dual parish.