

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.



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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# Emmanuel News

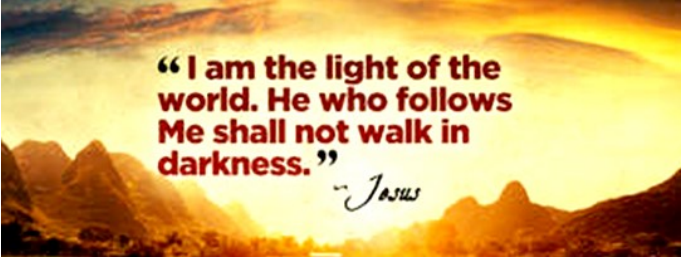
“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” Genesis 1:1-3

“He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.” John 1:7-9

## Light in a Dark World

Our clocks and our calendars so often dictate our lives. As the clock spins around, days go by. As we flip the page of the calendar, months and then eventually years fall into the past. A couple months ago when we set our clocks back an hour it seemed as if in a single day the world became more dark. It’s interesting to me that in the season of Advent, as we await the coming of our King, the days get shorter and shorter, and darker and darker, until Christ bursts into our lives on Christmas and brings light to everything.

As much as the world tells us that the season is over on Christmas Day, we know that it really has just begun. Christmas Day is in fact the first day of Christmas. The Light of the World who has come into our lives does not reside here for a single day, but forever. Christmas Day is the beginning, not only of the season, but also of a life perfectly lived for the sake of all who believe in Him. The Light has come into the world to overcome the darkness and the darkness is not able to overcome it.



The days will begin to get a little longer but these next few months will still generally seem pretty dark, and cold. And yet as we move into and through the season of Epiphany, we remember the Light that has come into this world. The Light that was present at the very creation of the world. The Light who guides our every step and directs us in the way we should go. And the Light who promises to reenter our world to bring us to Himself.

As the calendar flips to January, we often think of those things which are now behind us and look forward to that which is ahead. Sometimes new beginnings

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## Highlights

- Annual Congregational Meeting on January 30, 2022 at 10:15 a.m.
- Souper Dinner XXIII on February 6, 2022



### Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will meet on January 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall. We will continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

### Sunday School

1/2—The Crucifixion of Jesus  
1/9—The Death and Burial of Jesus  
1/16—The First Appearance of Our Living Lord after His Death  
1/23—Emmaus Disciples  
1/30—The Appearance to Disciples in Galilee

### Snack Schedule

1/2—Use leftover snacks  
1/9—Marks  
1/16—Schultz  
1/23—Payne  
1/30—Mumme

### Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class meets on Sundays after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall.

### Worship Attendance

Week of 11/21 ..... 127  
Week of 11/28 ..... 135  
Week of 12/5 ..... 121  
Week of 12/12 ..... 133  
Week of 12/19 ..... 62+

### Pastor's Article—continued

are scary and looking forward we have a difficult time seeing what lies ahead in a positive light. And other times we're just happy to be beyond that which is now in the past. In a world where great uncertainty reigns, may this flipping of the calendar remind us that there is only One who is in control. God has set this world in motion and placed us where He would have us to be. Whatever 2022 brings for each of us, may we always remember who is in control and whose Light shines down upon us, overcoming the darkness. And may this year be one of living in the Light who came into the world for each of us.

Blessings in the Light of the World,

✠ *Pastor Marks*

### Our Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve service was highlighted by the presentation of the Gospel message from Luke Chapter 2 by the children of the Emmanuel Sunday School. A special thank you to the children for their hard work and their beautiful presentation of the Christmas Gospel. We also thank all the teachers who helped them prepare and those who beautified our service with special music. Christmas is a special time of the year, made more special by your participation in the worship of our church. Thank You!



*Thank you to all who made our Christmas Services special:*

Terry Ourada—Organist  
Jeff Ourada & Alex Ourada — Duet  
The Emmanuel Adult Choir

#### Sunday School Teachers:

June Fischer  
Pam Wordell  
Val Schmitt  
Rev. Dr. Jonathan Mumme  
Elizabeth Laubenstein  
Terry Ourada

#### Cast:

Kari Marks, Esau Schommer, Charlie Marks, Tyler Neumann, Tim Marks, Bryce Dolezal, Grayson Feider, Lucian Mumme, Eden Schommer, Isaac Marks, Camden Garland, Liza Mumme, Greta Marks, Emma Michaels, Ziva Payne, Jordyn Schultz, Carter Fischer, Levi Schommer, Kai Reysen, Jonah Marks, Betsy Marks, Miranda Mumme and Parker Fischer



*Neighborhood Christmas Caroling after practice.*

### Mission of the Month—January

Our two Missions this Month are:

- (1) *AbleLight Communities* (formerly known as Bethesda Lutheran Communities) provides people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with home, career, education and faith resources to live full and empowered lives.
- (2) *Lutherans for Life—equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated witnesses for Life* strives to give a Gospel-motivated witness to the Church and society regarding legalized abortion-on-demand, assisted suicide and euthanasia, and other related issues such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living. They call God's people to compassionate action and foster life-affirming alternatives for those facing difficult situations. See its website for great information on these issues.

We support these two missions through our gifts on the mission line of our January envelopes.



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 30, 2022 AT 10:15 A.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.

♦ **November Mission, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach In Milwaukee**, raised \$820.00. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

♦ **Food Pantry.** The staff of the Random Lake Adell Interfaith Food Pantry thanked us for our "recent large donation...the items are much needed."

♦ **Souper Dinner XXIII.** Because the 2022 Super Bowl is scheduled for February 13 we, because of tradition, have scheduled the Souper Dinner for February 6, 2022. Watch for sign-up sheets for donations and to volunteer to support this fundraiser.

♦ 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 Friday email with the bulletin and announcements, please send your email address to [secretary@emmanueladell.org](mailto:secretary@emmanueladell.org).

♦ **Seminarian Aaron K. Schultz** writes: "I first of all want to wish every single one of you a very merry Christmas! I have finished my first quarter at the Seminary and I couldn't be happier with the education that I'm receiving here. I am currently starting Homiletics 7, where they teach you how to preach. I am excited to learn how to take God's

written word and create a message that will turn others to faith! Stay tuned!

♦ **Higher Things** is planning a Youth Gathering for the weekend of February 18-20, 2022 at Trinity in Sheboygan. Pastor is planning to attend and would love to get a group of youth together to enjoy this time of learning and fun. Those who have been confirmed and those currently in Confirmation 3 would be welcome to attend. More information will be available in the coming weeks, but speak with Pastor if you would be interested in attending.

♦ **The congregation continues to be blessed** by our daily Bible reading schedule. Join us for the 31 days of January reading Isaiah (chapters 1-35) for our chapter-a-day challenge (use the inserted Bible Challenge bookmark to help you keep track).

♦ **Have you picked up your 2022 church envelopes?** They are available in the narthex.

♦ **Thank you** to all who trimmed the Christmas tree and adorned our church and narthex so beautifully. The efforts of all the faithful volunteers who serve at Emmanuel are sincerely appreciated throughout the year. From acolytes to ushers, from greeters to altar guild/jr. altar guild, from elders/council/boards to Sunday School teachers, from counters to office volunteers and to those who cook or bake and shovel snow or cut grass, along with all the other things done that no one knows about except the person who did it. **Thank you to all for sharing your precious time!**

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DATE:

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