

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at 9:15 a.m.

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.

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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.

◆ **Your 2021 church envelopes** will be available December 6 in the narthex.



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

ADVENT 2020

Watching TV these days you wonder... Do people get along anymore? On most shows, especially so called “comedy” shows, people are not very nice people. They fight, cheat, gossip, and commit other assorted sins against one another. However, every Christmas they were all back together with family and friends decorating their Christmas trees and wishing each other good cheer.

Messy, sorted lives are a part of these Hollywood scripts. However, our lives, even though they are not TV comedies, are also messed up and sad. Our lives are filled with sin, which makes our lives lonely, miserable, stressful, and often times seeming out of control.

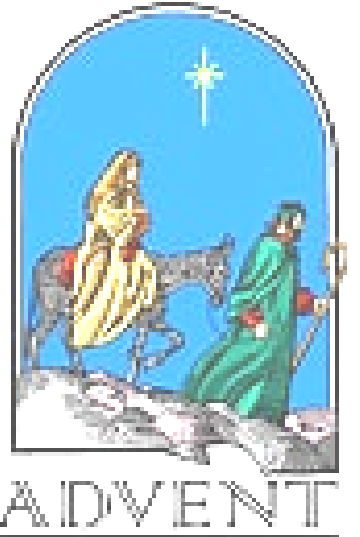
What is it that brings us back together with family and friends? What is it that fixes our broken and fallen lives? It is *not* a TV script. It is *not* the latest gaming system or smart phone. So often we try to make our lives better with *booze, money, sports, or fame*. But, of course, none of these things can take away our sins. None of these things can make life better. None of these things can even serve as a Band-Aid—because the sin keeps oozing out and the curse of eternal death can never go away.

There is ONE, however, that *does* forgive sin. There is ONE who *can* mend our broken relationships and bring us back together with family and friends. There is ONE who *can* and *does* take away the curse of death. There is ONE who gives meaning to our lives, calms our fears, and gives us everlasting joy. You know who that is... don't you? It is Jesus Christ, God who comes in flesh and blood. He is the “*with-us*” God! He is *God-with-us* (EMMANUEL) at all times.

We plead during Advent, “**O come! O come! Emmanuel!**” We yearn and long for God to be with us. And He does come, just as He has promised all through the Old Testament. He comes at just the right time, born of a woman, born under the law to buy us back from sin, death, and the devil. He comes to satisfy our longing and to be present with His lost and fearful children—you and me.

He comes! He comes in a manger. He comes in water through Holy Baptism. He comes in wine and bread through Holy Communion. He comes in His spoken and preached Word. HE COMES! He comes to be your God and

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Thursday Morning Bible Class

We will NOT have Thursday Morning Bible Class in December.

Sunday School Lessons

12/06—NO Sunday School
12/13—Announcing a Miracle Child
12/20—The Birth of Jesus
12/27—NO Sunday School

Sunday School Snack Schedule

12/06—NO Sunday School
12/13—no snack
12/20—no snack
12/27—NO Sunday School

Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class will meet after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall beginning **December 13, 2020**.

Pastor's Article — continued

your Savior. And He will come again to raise up your dead body to new life to live with Him forever. Never will the true saving God ever be parted from you! He is EMMANUEL. He is God with you!

A most blessed Advent and Christmas to you and all of your dear loved ones.

Pr. Schellein



Advent Midweek Services

Advent Midweek Services will be held on **December 2, 9 and 16**. Our spoken service of Holy Communion will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Services Schedule

Sunday School Christmas Program, Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Festive Communion, Friday, December 25, at 9:15 a.m.

New Year's Eve Confession & Communion, Thursday, December 31, at 6:30 p.m.

Liturgy Parts — LCMS Worship

Meaning of Liturgy Part: *Offertory*

"What shall I render to the Lord?" Truth is, we have nothing to render him. We brought nothing into this world, and we will take nothing with us when we depart.

As Jesus so poignantly tells us, our treasures are already stored up for us in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21). There is, however, an offering that we do make, both now in our worship and one day in heaven itself. It is the sacrifice of thanksgiving as we call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116:17).

In the Apology to the Augsburg Confession (Article 24), this eucharistic sacrifice is carefully distinguished from the propitiatory sacrifice of Christ. The sacrifice for sins belongs to him alone.

Every time we try to grab that honor for ourselves, we come up short—very short. But when we recognize our rightful place—that we are on the receiving end of God's merciful goodness—then the sacrifice of thanksgiving cannot help but pour forth from our lips as we give our thanks to the One who gave everything for us.

The giving of our firstfruits, whether it is money or possessions, time or talents, is also a part of this sacrifice of thanksgiving. Our mouths cannot remain separated from the rest of our bodies. If the thanksgiving is flowing from our lips, then it will also find expression in the giving of our very selves for the sake of Christ and the neighbor.

Mission of the Month—December

The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

For more than 11 years our congregation has supported The Siberian Lutheran Missionary Society in the month of December. The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society is working to help support our Siberian Lutheran brethren. We raise funds to support the Pastoral Office in the Siberian Lutheran congregations. We also gather funds to purchase Communion kits, Altarware, Bibles, VBS materials, etc. We are also engaged in mercy work in Siberia. People need the Word of God but they also have physical needs and cares. Your offerings help the pastors care for their flocks in body and soul. It is the efforts of congregations like ours that are helping to support the mission of our fellow Lutherans in Russia. Please consider helping your fellow Russian Lutherans. Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope in December goes toward this important mission.

*And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
1 John 5:11*

News, Notes & Numbers

♦ \$407 was received for the **October Mission, Lutheran Heritage Foundation**. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

♦ We received a note from **Anchor of Hope** thanking us for our recent gift of over \$750. "You are a partner in this work, and we appreciate all that you do to help us in this ministry!"

♦ We received a letter from **Luther Memorial Chapel & University Student Center** thanking us for our very generous gift. "... [T]hanks to your support we have been able to provide spiritual care, fellowship and meals, on-campus and virtual Bible studies, and many other activities, to ensure students have a place to mature in their faith and enjoy a distinctly Lutheran Christian fellowship."

♦ **Website**. Our website has been renovated and updated. You will find our weekly bulletin and its inserts along with our monthly Newsletter. Check it out at: emmanueladell.org

♦ **The congregation continues to be blessed** by our daily Bible reading schedule. Join us for the 31 days of December

reading *Ecclesiastes* and *Song of Solomon* for our chapter-a-day challenge (use the inserted Bible Challenge bookmark to help you keep track).

♦ COVID updates:

- At this time, Sunday School and Sunday Bible Classes are canceled and will resume **December 13**;
- The children will practice their hymns for our Christmas Eve service after the Divine Service while practicing social distancing at those practices;
- In the future whenever the Random Lake School District closes for distance learning, we will follow suit and not have Sunday School; and
- The children will receive their Sunday School lesson after each practice to work on at home. In the future if we need to close again, we will mail the children their lessons.

♦ **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

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The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society



*"He has distributed freely,
he has given to the poor.
His righteousness endures forever."*

Learning from our History



On **August 14, 1960**, a Special meeting was held to approve plans for the new school with the architect present. On **October 23, 1960**, a Special meeting was held to discuss bids for the new school. The total bids, including the architect fee, came to \$79,146. It was Resolved to accept bids with recommendations of the Building committee for a two-classroom school with a multi-purpose room and kitchen; Resolved to solicit loans from members. On **January 22, 1961**, the Building committee reported general construction bids for the new school were too high, efforts will be made to stay within the allotted budget—the budget for 1961 is \$11,675.24. On **May 7, 1961**, the Building committee reported an all-out effort being made to keep the cost of the new school within \$55,000 as set by the congregation; a lengthy discussion was held on the Call received by Pastor Bolin.