

## News, Notes & Numbers — continued

### Emmanuel Evangelical 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.

◆ **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](mailto:pastor@emmanueladell.org).

◆ **Facebook** is another opportunity to get up-to-date information with what is happening at Emmanuel. Like us at "Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Mo Synod."

◆ Join **Lutheran High** for their annual band & choral Christmas concert, *Joy to the World*, on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. You'll hear *Carol of the Bells* from Konzertchor, *Still, Still, Still* from Symphonic Band, a funky rendition of *Joy to the World* from the Jazz Band, and more! Reserve your FREE tickets to this joy-filled event in advance at [lutheranhigh.com/pac](http://lutheranhigh.com/pac).

◆ **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 making the pork.

## 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

*"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands." Revelation 7:9*

## The Clothing of the King

As we enter into the season of Advent, we anticipate the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He came as a baby and was wrapped in swaddling clothes, foreshadowing the burial clothes He would be dressed in as He was laid in the grave. After His resurrection, through His ascension, and into the early church, Scripture reminds us of the robes of righteousness with which Christ wraps His people in Holy Baptism. This Advent we will consider various aspects of clothing through a number of Scriptures and especially consider The Clothing of the King.

Every morning, the sun rises, alarm clocks sound, foggy eyes open, and then, at some point, we get dressed. Socks, underwear, pants, shirts, and shoes: we don clothing that rightly corresponds to our vocations, our cultures, and even the weather outside. Our clothing serves as the marker that sets us apart as a species and as an indicator of societal and individual values and traits. As Mark Twain once said, "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society."

Twain may have been right on that first part, but his statement excludes the first naked people in history, Adam and Eve. And we would argue these two have had quite the influence on who we are and where we are going due to both their lack of clothes as well as their eventual attire.

And so, it follows that clothing in the Bible is more than a tangential detail. In fact, clothing often has significant implications for revealing God's plan of redemption, for our Creator is also the first tailor, seamstress, and cobbler. Despite their rebellion, He covered Adam and Eve's shame and nakedness. Later, He designed and instructed the Israelites on the priestly garments of the Tabernacle, which all have an intricately thought-out purpose and intent for the people to fellowship with their God. The biblical writers use both metaphorical and actual descriptions of priestly and royal garments to point us to the one true Priest and King, Jesus. And it's this King, first wrapped in the rags of a swaddle, who then hangs naked on the cross and promises to clothe us in the riches of his righteousness.

In addition to our Wednesday Advent services which will focus on The Clothing of the King, we are providing you with an Advent devotional which tells the stories of the clothing of the King. Stories that describe a wardrobe at once splendid and sin-stained, with fabrics that reveal who we are and cover us freely. The clothing of the King is tattered and worn and glorious in its incorruptibility. It isn't ours, yet He gives it to us all the same. I hope that you will use these devotions around your tables this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of our King.

Blessings,

✝ *Pastor Marks*



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## Highlights

- Advent Midweek Services on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Tree/Church decorating on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday School Lunch and Caroling at Rocky Knoll on December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Adell Christmas Parade on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- Congregational Christmas Program on December 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas Day Divine Service on December 25<sup>th</sup>.
- New Year's Eve Service on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Thursday Morning Bible Class

The class will meet on December 5, 12 & 19 at 9:00 a.m. We will continue our study of the Book of Acts. No class on December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Sunday School

- 12/1—Christmas Lesson
- 12/8—Christmas Program Practice during Sunday School
- 12/14—Christmas Program Practice at 10 a.m.
- 11:30 am—Lunch & Caroling at Rocky Knoll.
- 12/15—Christmas Program Practice during Sunday School
- 12/21—Christmas Program Practice at 9:00 a.m.
- 12/22—Christmas Program Practice during Sunday School
- 12/24—Congregational Christmas Program at 4:30 p.m.
- 12/29—No Sunday School

### Snack Schedule

- 12/1—Michaels
- 12/8—Neumann
- 12/15—Buchholz
- 12/22—Teachers
- 12/29—No Sunday School

### Worship Attendance Sunday & Wednesday

- Week of 10/27..... 135
- Week of 11/3..... 112
- Week of 11/10..... 119
- Week of 11/17..... 119

## Holiday Schedule

This **Advent** we will focus on *The Clothing of the King*. There will be three Wednesday evening services, each preceded by a meal and activity beginning at 5:15 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer services will begin at 6:30 p.m.

### Advent

- Week 1**  
(12/4/2024) *The Foretaste of Fashion*  
Dinner: **Sloppy Joes**  
hosted by Ladies' Aid  
Freewill: Ladies' Aid
- Week 2**  
(12/11/2024) *An Envidable Style*  
Dinner: **Pasta dinner**  
hosted by the Board of Christian Education  
Freewill: Confirmation Camp
- Week 3**  
(12/18/2024) *Clothed in Conviction*  
Dinner: **Tacos**  
hosted by Elders  
Freewill: AHG and Trail Life



### Christmas

- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship: Lessons and Carols with Congregational Christmas Program at 4:30 p.m.
- December 25 Divine Service at 9:00 a.m.



### New Year's

- December 31 Divine Service at 4:30 p.m.



# CAROLING

The congregation is invited to join the Sunday School children for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> followed by caroling at Rocky Knoll.



Our new scouting troops, American Heritage Girls and Trail Life, will be holding their first Awards Ceremony on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will be



followed by a time of Christmas fellowship. Members of the congregation and anyone interested in seeing the accomplishments of our young people are invited to attend.

## Mission of the Month—December

Our mission of the month for December is *St. John Lutheran School, Sherman Center*. St. John Lutheran School has served local families by providing students with a quality, faith-based education since 1855. Our early childhood, lower elementary, and upper elementary students experience a balance of digital and offline, indoor and outdoor, individualized and collaborative learning. Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope in December goes toward this important mission.



## CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM December 24, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

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- ◆ **Pastor is available** for private confession and absolution and counseling one Saturday each month, as listed in the calendar, or by appointment at other times. Consider taking advantage of these opportunities.
- ◆ **October Mission, Lutheran Heritage Foundation**, raised \$795. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.
- On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, The Pete Ellman Big Band returns to the **LHS Performing Arts Center** to perform *The Twelve Grooves of Christmas*. Get in the holiday spirit with Chicago's 20-piece jazz band! Doors & cash bar open at 6:00 p.m. with the concert to follow at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at [lutheranhigh.com/pac](http://lutheranhigh.com/pac). All proceeds benefit Lutheran High's capital campaign.

LWML-SWD Zone 7 is celebrating its **19th Annual Advent by Candlelight** on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. at Emmanuel. Join us for dessert, fellowship and a devotional program that will help prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of our Savior's birth. Contact any member of Ladies' Aid for more details or RSVP by November 27<sup>th</sup> to [920-994-9312/schallock.barb@gmail.com](mailto:920-994-9312/schallock.barb@gmail.com).

◆ **Emmanuel Women's Book Club** will NOT meet in December. They will meet next on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. They are reading the book, *Spirituality of the Cross*, which is available in the Church Office and can be borrowed, or purchased for \$16.

◆ **Poinsettia Plants/Christmas Wreaths**. If you are interested in purchasing a plant and/or wreath to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas, contact Emily Neumann at 920-994-4422 by December 4<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available on the table in the narthex.

◆ **Tree/Church Decorating**. We will be decorating the Christmas tree and church on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Join us in making our sanctuary beautiful.

◆ Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Fall Clean Up** on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was greatly appreciated.



◆ **Youth Group**. Please join us on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. for our Christmas Party. Anyone in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome.



◆ **Game Night** was held on November 15<sup>th</sup>. What a great way to get to know your Emmanuel family.