

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.

News, Notes & Numbers — continued

◆ 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.

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

◆ Have you picked up your 2024 Contribution Statement? It is in your mailbox.

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

“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

Epiphany: The Season of Light

Following Christmas, the season of Epiphany is the time of the church year that lasts until Lent begins. With Easter being so late this year, the season of Epiphany is a bit longer than usual. Even though we're already three weeks into the season, I wanted to give a brief introduction to Epiphany, as well as to talk about what to expect during this season of light as we celebrate the Light of Christ that has come into the world and consider how we might be reflections of that Light to the world around us.

Origin: The season of Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons that is observed in the Church Year. The only one older than it? Easter. Epiphany begins on January 6th, where we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men who followed the star to the place where Jesus was. This begins the focus of the season on light and revelation of who Jesus is and how He brings hope and salvation to all people.

Name and Themes: The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation" in Greek. This season focuses on Jesus' manifestation as true God and true man. You see this with the inclusion of texts like the baptism of Jesus and the Transfiguration, which proclaim that truth. Texts about Jesus' miracles are also common in this season (like His first miracle at the wedding at Cana), and they bear witness to His identity as God. Another theme in this season is light, and it is often reflected in the hymns and liturgy of the season. As the season progresses along, the readings typically switch to the teachings that are found in the earlier parts of Jesus' ministry.

Color: The color for the season of Epiphany is green. Green often depicts growth and fulfillment. Green is also used during the season of Pentecost (which is the longest season of the Church Year). The idea of the color green being used can lend credence to the idea that Jesus is the fulfillment of Scripture, and that the prophecies about Him, His work, and His coming are being fulfilled.

Length: The season of Epiphany can vary in length. Last year, the season was five Sundays long. This year, it will be seven Sundays long and can include as many as nine Sundays depending on the year. What effects the end date? Easter. Last year, Easter was on March 31, and this year, it is almost three weeks later: April 20. April 20 is one of the latest dates that Easter can be with the latest possible being April 25. The next time that will occur is in 2038 and the next time after that will be in 2190!

As we continue through this season of light, may our observance be as that of the Wise Men who sought the baby Jesus, following the light provided in the star by God Himself. And may our lives reflect the light of Christ that has shone into our lives and which God wants us to shine out into the world.

Blessings,

✝ Pastor Marks



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- Souper Dinner XXVI on February 2nd at 10:30 a.m.
• Youth Group Higher Things Retreat on February 14th & 15th.
• Movie Night on February 21st.
• Youth Group Tubing at Sunburst on February 23rd.

### Thursday Morning Bible Class

The class will meet on February 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 9:00 a.m. We will continue our study of the Book of Acts.

### Sunday School

- 2/2—The Prophet Elijah; Elijah and the Prophets of Baal
- 2/9—Elijah in the Wilderness; Elijah and Elisha
- 2/16—Naaman and Elisha
- 2/23—Jonah

### Snack Schedule

- 2/2—Michaels
- 2/9—Neumann
- 2/16—Buchholz
- 2/23—Popp

### Worship Attendance Sunday & Wednesday

Week of 12/22 .....	312
Week of 12/29 .....	136
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The Congregational Christmas Program was held on December 24<sup>th</sup> and featured the Sunday School Children and our Adult Choir.



Undecorating the Christmas Tree. Thanks to all who serve in various ways.



Kids' table at the Family Christmas Party hosted by the Ladies' Aid



The candlelight service.

### Save the date



Our Trail Life and American Heritage Girls troops continue to be active with the girls learning about All God's Children and enjoying an Engineering badge day; while the boys participated in their first Pinewood Derby.



### Mission of the Month—February

Our two Missions this Month are Anchor of Hope Health Center and Lutherans for Life:

(1) *Anchor of Hope's* mission is to empower individuals to make healthy life-affirming decisions through education, support and professional medical services. Anchor of Hope is a Christian, nonprofit organization based in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

(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 February envelopes.



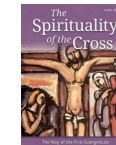
## SOUPER DINNER XXVI February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

### News, Notes & Numbers

◆ **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.

◆ **December Mission, St. John Lutheran School, Sherman Center**, raised \$1,180. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

◆ **Emmanuel Women's Book Club** will meet on Saturday, February 15<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.



◆ **Supper Dinner XXVI** will be on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Preparation for the Supper Dinner will be on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.



◆ **Movie Night** on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite snacks to pass.

**Upcoming Youth Activities**—There are many opportunities coming up for our youth to be active in a variety of ways.

**February 14-15** - Higher Things Retreat: this is a gathering of youth from all around the area and consists of worship, teaching sessions, and lots of fun activities. Friday evening events run from 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. and Saturday is all day. Participants can participate in both days or just the Saturday activities.

**February 23** - Tubing at Sunburst: this event is also open to younger siblings as long as parents attend and any other congregation members are welcome to sign up as well. Look for the registration link in the next *Monday Minute*.

◆ **Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach Update.** The Lord continues His work through the Hispanic Ministry in Sheboygan County. The year 2024 was a year of many blessings. We are thankful for your support. Thanks for your commitment to help us with this ministry—it is sincerely appreciated. The Lord continues to enlarge His family. On December 29, 2024, Mariu Victoria Rangel Rojas was baptized. We received one new member on November 17, Arelis Afanador, who was received through the Rite of Confirmation. She was born in Venezuela and moved to Sheboygan last year. Last year In November we started a new service at Good Shepherd at 6:00 p.m. This gives our ministry the opportunity to reach more people. Thank you for your continuing support for OUR Hispanic Ministry. Thank you for partnering with us. Please continue to pray for us and consider continuing to support us. May God richly bless you. We look forward to what the Lord has for us in 2025!



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