

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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VISION STATEMENT....."The Mission of Emmanuel Lutheran Church is to be a mission-station to equip the diverse people in our area with the love and power of Jesus.

January 2020

"Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you." (Isaiah 60:1)

Saints of Emmanuel,

January 1st marks the beginning of a new calendar year for the world, as Christians we have been celebrating the "new year" since the beginning of the season of Advent. On January 6th, the Church enters into the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means "manifestation" - a showing forth that the baby boy born of the Virgin Mary is indeed "God in our flesh" - Emmanuel - "God with Us." Our God has come in our flesh to rescue us from all sins, from death, and from the power of Satan and his lies.

God the Holy Spirit through the prophet Isaiah calls us forth to new life in Jesus - we "arise" to new life daily through the waters of our baptism. We "shine" enlightened by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel showered upon us in preaching and fed to us in the Sacrament of the Altar. Jesus, the Light of the world, our Light, has come! He is ever present in His Church through Holy Spirit giving His Word of forgiveness. The glory of the Lord is risen upon you - you received the sign of that glory at the font - the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and heart - for you are redeemed by Christ the Crucified. Dr. Luther in the Small Catechism teaches us to begin and end our days tracing the sign of victory upon ourselves as we hear Jesus' Word which God the Holy Spirit combined with water to bring us forth from death to life.

Filled with the Light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ we cannot but shine forth our faith in loving service to our neighbor. In the sermon on the mount Jesus teaches us, *Matthew 5:14-16* "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Faith in Jesus born and sustained by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel - can never be kept to oneself. We cannot but help shine forth in loving service to our neighbor. What does that loving service look like? Living the Ten Commandments with in our various callings. Christ centered faith shines forth in loving service.

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Shining forth the Light of Jesus Christ also means confessing the Truth in these dark days of world history. Since 1973 our nation has slaughtered more than 60 million unborn babies through abortion. The anti-life lobby in our nation now sets its sights on the elderly, chronically ill, and those who struggle with mental illness as they push for physician assisted suicide. God the Holy Spirit teaches us through the pen of St. Peter, *1Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."* Called into Christ's marvelous light we are called into the mission field of our family, friends, and community in these dark days. Evangelism is the work of the entire body of Christ, our entire congregation, not a select few. We prepare to tell others of Jesus by continually grounding ourselves in Christ's doctrine summarized in the Small Catechism. Pray the Small Catechism daily. Read it out loud chew on the "what does this means". God the Holy Spirit will continually teach you and strengthen your faith in Jesus. We are not called to live in fear - *1Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;"* We live in hope. Pray for those who have fallen away from Christ's Church and for the opportunity to speak the Gospel to them. Pray for those mothers and fathers who carry the deep scars of an abortion - let them know that Jesus died for them also and within His Church forgiveness and healing flows for them.

Let Christ's Light shine into your homes through His Word. Use your Portal of Prayers for daily devotions and prayers. Just as you feast on food, feed your soul through reading the Holy Bible out loud in your homes. Come into the Lord's House every Sunday to be forgiven, enlightened, and kept in the one true faith by God the Holy Spirit through the Gospel. *"For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."* (2Corinthians 4:6) Blessed Epiphany!

In Christ,

Pastor Rusert

PASTOR'S NOTES



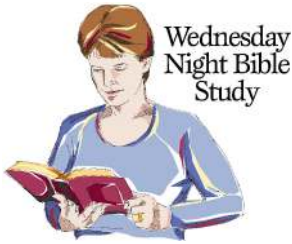
An Epiphany Open House: In gratitude to our Lord Jesus for all the Christian kindness that he has shown us through our congregation Pastor and Lori would like to invite all the members of Emmanuel to our parsonage on January 12th from 3p.m. to 6 p.m. for a "come and go open house." Lori has been baking extra Christmas goodies and we'd love to invite you into our home. Bring nothing but your appetite. We look forward to visiting with you.



Pastor and Lori would like to thank the members of Emmanuel for the beautiful Christmas card and generous gift that we received from you at our congregation's Christmas party. We are truly humbled by your Christian care and generosity. May the Lord Jesus, our Emmanuel, continue to bless our work together as members of His Body and of one another. In Christ, Pastor & Lori.

THANK-YOU. Lori and I would like the thank all the members of Emmanuel for their prayers and support of our mission trip to Pasadena telling other of Jesus through working on our Lutheran Hour float and caring for those on skid-row. We will speak of our work there on January 12th at our Sunday morning Bible class - plan to join us. Thank-you again for all your donations and helping us in this project. The Lord bless your generosity.

WOMEN'S STUDY



During **Supper and Scripture**, we will continue to have women's Bible Study. We are now starting a study called Men, Women and Relationships. This is a study from Concordia Publishing House. The topics for the study include discussions we found ourselves constantly bringing into conversation during our study, so we wanted to be able to receive Biblical answers so we can be equipped to respond to those who ask where things are in the Bible. The plan is what we learn, we will take into our communities to teach about Jesus. Thanks to a grant from Thrivent, the curriculum has been provided.

The topics for this study include:

- The Women of Generation X
- The Men of Generation X
- The Failure of Women's Lib
- The Abuse of Sexuality
- A Woman's Choice?
- Feminism v. Marriage
- To Compete ... or Complete?
- A Unisex Society
- The Real Heroes?
- Modeling Roles in Families
- Gender Differences: Facts or Fiction
- The Impact of Abortion on Society and Relationships

We welcome all women of the church to attend. Even if you can't make it to supper before, come to study, receive fellowship and learn with us!



THE PRESCHOOL LITTLE LAMBS



We have started learning about Jesus' life. We also hope the Little Lambs enjoyed the miniature Christmas trees they received as gifts. We plan on having more fun and more learning this next quarter. There is so much to learn about Jesus! We love each and every little lamb!
Neal and Renate



The following are members of our congregation who are not able to get to worship on a regular basis. A card from you or a phone call bringing Christian love and concern would be most welcome.

Mrs. Jean Hammack
12254 Deer Creek Road
Tell City, IN 47586-8846

Mrs. Eva Mae Powell
402 19th Street, Room 48
Tell City, IN 47586

Mr. Raphael (Zeke) LaGrange
Oakwood Health Campus
1143 23rd Street
Tell City, IN 47586

Mr. Randall Sandage
%Evansville State Hospital, Ward C
3400 Outer Lincoln Avenue
Evansville, IN 47714



JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date Service

5th LSB DS1 — 2nd Sunday after Christmas
 12th LSB DS3 — The Baptism of Our Lord
 19th LSB DS1 — 2nd S. after the Epiphany
 26th LSB DS3 — 3rd S. after the Epiphany

Scripture Lessons (One-Year Lectionary)

Genesis 46:1–7; 1 Peter 4:12–19; Matthew 2:13–23
 Isaiah 42:1–7; 1 Corinthians 1:26–31; Matthew 3:13–17
 Amos 9:11–15; Ephesians 5:22–33; John 2:1–11
 2 Kings 5:1–15a; Romans 1:8–17; Matthew 8:1–13



2 Danielle Hulsman
 3 Wilson Knepper
 4 Jenny Farmer
 14 Athan Brondos
 Matt Knepper
 16 Mary Avis Seitz
 17 John Dixon II
 Chelsea McCallister
 20 Avery Hess

JANUARY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES



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20 Brooklyn Hulsman
 Gabrielle Hulsman

21 Dawn Schaubeger
 22 Jeff Braun
 Kaci Foertsch
 25 Lillian Knepper
 29 Charles Hubert
 Nicholas Hubert
 Vanessa Hubert
 Olivia Knepper
 31 Grady Hess



Our Float in the Parade!

We began working in earnest on their float entry to the local Christmas parades in October. The base was recycled from last year and is a replica of our stained glass windows. The globe was made from an 8 foot giant beach ball. The original attempt to make it from papier mache didn't work, so we used an old one that had a hole in it. We patched the hole so it would hold air and we had a constant air supply continuously blowing into the



ball. The members crafted some 8 foot long hands out of papier mache. We met on Friday evenings for seven weeks. The theme used this year is "He's got the whole world in His hands". The children's choir entertained parade goers with their rendition of the song. It was a truly inspiring message and the word was spread also with walkers who walked alongside the float. They passed out traditional Christmas goodies to children along the route. We were happy to place first in the religious division at the Tell City parade. There were kind comments from parade goers as well as viewers who sang along with the choir. It was a labor of love, but also a lot of fun and fellowship. We look forward to next year's challenge and the word that has come up is 'hologram'.



Our **Sunday school classes** will continue as normal in January. We will begin learning our hymn of the month and our Bible lessons. Each week we ask for prayers

and keep those prayers in our hearts throughout the week. Each lesson is age related and teaches our children how to apply it to their lives. Thank you to those adults who bring these lessons to life for our children!

The **Christmas Eve Program** is always a highlight of our year! It is always wonderful to see our children tell the story of Christ's birth. We want thank Andrea, Hannah and Cynthia for directing the play! Also, a thank you to everyone who helped out in any way. A big thank you to all you children who memorized your lines and all the songs for the program! You make it special every year!

The Board of Parish Ed is planning our **Annual Game Day** for January 19. Lunch will be served following the worship service. We will be making more plans for this at our BPE meeting on January 9. We will have more information in the bulletin after this meeting. The congregation is invited.



The New Year is a great time to start coming to **Supper and Scripture** if you're not already attending! We will begin again on January 8 with dinner at 5:00. The **adult Bible studies and WOW Kids** begin at 5:30.

The ladies will begin a new study and the men will continue their study. WOW Kids will learn more about the life of Jesus. The kids are even having a chance to lead us in devotion! They have wonderful discussions and questions. We also have some winter activities planned in January!



In preparation for the winter weather and the 2019 annual report, we would like to start updating our contact information that we have on record. If any home phone numbers have been disconnected or if you have a new cell phone number, please record your information on our fellowship

pads located in the pews. We appreciate your help!



The **Ladies Guild** wants to thank everyone who helped with our Christmas activities! The Christmas party was enjoyed by many, we also gave several Christmas baskets to members of Emmanuel.

Our mission project will begin January 13 at 9:00am. We will be making comforts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. They will then send them around the world to those in need. Many have been working on quilt tops during the year. So on Mondays we will be sandwiching the quilts, then tying them. Everyone is welcome to come help with this project. We plan to send 100 comforts this spring and make a few extras to give locally. We also make some to sell, which helps to pay shipping costs. We hope to see you on Mondays!



Thank you to everyone who came out to carol with us! We had a lot of fun with 15 carolers who went to 7 homes and 2 nursing homes. The Guild made baskets for us to give out as

we caroled. I don't know who received greater joy, the ones we caroled to or the carolers. We look forward to doing it again next year!



On Saturday, January 11 we'll be removing our Christmas decorations. The trees, sanctuary decorations, and our manger will be stored away anticipating Christmas 2020! Everyone is welcome to come out and help beginning at 9:00AM.

2020 CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

- President — Neal Warner
- Vice-President — Gary Greubel
- Recording Secretary — Pat Ebersberger
- Treasurer — Randy Lautner
- Elders — Pat Jarboe & Kelly Stephens
- Trustees — Mike Cole, Tony Mogan, & Jon Scheer
- Deacons — Jack Huebschman, Allen Krueger, Dave Powell, Joe Powell, & Bob Priebe
- Board of Parish Ed. — Mandi Mogan, Cathy Powell, & Kim Staples
- SS Superintendent — Kay Scheer
- Financial Secretary — Naomi Mulzer
- Installation of Officers will be Sunday, January 5th

LUTHERAN HOUR SCHEDULE

Evansville (WGBF) 1280AM 7:30 AM
Boonville (WBNL) 1540AM 1:00 PM
Online @ www.lhm.org Anytime
All Times are CST every Sunday



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January 5 "Mercy In This Dojo"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Genesis 37)

January 12 "People are Treasure"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Genesis 39)

January 19 "Unforgettable"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy
(Genesis 40:1-23)

January 26 "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler



*A 30 minute Lutheran worship service for Shut-ins and others who are unable to get to church is broadcasted every Sunday **DirectTV Channel 377 at 10:30am or anytime at www.worshipanew.org**. Broadcasting now for 35 years this program is heard in 12 states with the potential of reaching 10 million people. Please share this information with those you know who might be blessed by viewing this service. The following is this month's sermon themes and related scripture.*

January 5 "The 'Aha' Moment"

Epiphany means that in Christ and through faith in Him, we can share God's love and forgiveness with the people God brings into our lives. And as we bear witness to what God has given us in His Son, the Holy Spirit will work, hearts will be changed, and we will see the "Aha Moments" unfold right before our very eyes. (Ephesians 3:1-12)

Rev. Thomas A. Eggold, Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Fort Wayne

January 12 "Baptized into Christ"

Jesus was baptized for you and for your salvation, to fulfill all righteousness on your behalf so that you, baptized into Him, might become the righteousness of God. Jesus becomes our sin in His baptism; we become His righteousness in our baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:17)

Rev. Shayne Jonker, Faith Lutheran Church ~ Roanoke, IN

January 19 "Behold, the Lamb of God"

Who is Jesus to you? Many people have their own thoughts about this man. Some say He is a great teacher; others, a great philosopher; still others, the Son of God and Savior of the world. John the Baptist makes clear who Jesus is and what His purpose is. (John 1:29-42a)

Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church ~ New Haven, IN

January 26 "Have No Fear!"

There are so many things in our daily existence that can cause fear. There is one person, however, who stops fear dead in its tracks: Jesus Christ, the righteous and loving Savior! Because He is our light and our salvation, whom shall we fear? (Psalm 27)

Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church ~ Fort Wayne, IN

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

What a month this has been! The new quarter started at full speed and with the normal commotion of December has been especially busy. With all this all the preaching, devotions, and readings of the season have sent a clear message, all that we busy ourselves with is nothing when it comes to Christ's second coming. Pastor Schaefer said it best. "We wait for his coming with the same excitement as we do for our own wedding day as it approaches." He's getting married Dec. 28. My confirmation verse (quoted above) has come up in the readings at least 4 times this month. It too is a reminder of all things fleeting, even our earthly lives (v.7 the people are grass), will pass, but God's word continues; including his promise of a second coming and life everlasting.

My fall quarter ended well. I made out with a 3.43 GPA (on a 4 point system) or between an A-/B+ average. I've also been very active with field work doing solo hospital visits and helping with service Sunday mornings. So far my winter classes are all going very well, even Hebrew! More so than grades and activities I see how God is forming me into a mold of a shepherd that will be able to care for his sheep. The grades are only an outward sign and don't mean a thing if I can't apply what I learn. This is one reason that I really enjoy the hospital visits. For me that is the front line in the trenches. That's where I can learn.

I will also say that there are many times when life at the seminary is very humbling. You get out of your element, the work load is too great, you find that you don't have the answers. You're pressed to go to the only source of your strength. Lord, have mercy!

Friday Dec. 6 is a day that will be long remembered on campus. We won the basketball game against the St. Louis seminary. This ended a losing streak of over 20 years against them. I was the unofficial/official cheerleader for the game. You can see parts of the game on the seminary Facebook page, including the cheer I led with the kids holding up signs that spelled "KING'S MEN" and yes we did yell out "apostrophe!"

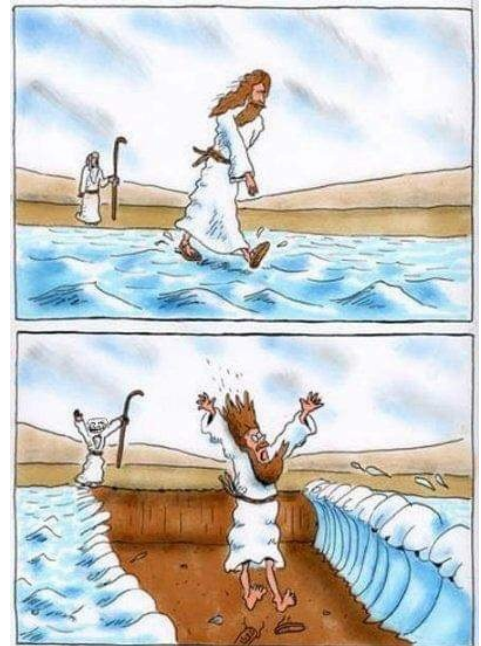
Another thing that I've helped out with has been a memorial for the 2411 infants whose bodies were found in an abortionists house and car. We will have that many crosses out on the lawn by the Luther statue for life week here in January. To make this happen over Thanksgiving break I made up the wooden parts to all of these. Then on the 15th we got a crew together and assembled them. We actually did close to 2700 of them, all in 3 ½ hours.

I've been helping with communion distribution at field work. It's been interesting because of the attendance we have two side going at once and I do the common cup and children's blessing on one side. One girl pulled away and gave me a look of "what are you doing!" when I was giving her a blessing. She was being held by her mother. It was really cute. Another young girl skipped away with a loud "AMEN" after the blessing. Also very cute.

I've really enjoyed the new classes, especially Homiletic. Dr. Fickenscher is really excellent in teaching this subject. He uses great illustrations in class to help us understand how to properly structure a sermon and how to handle the word of God correctly. One example he used was of John Wooden teaching his players how to put on their shoes. I will be writing my first full outline for a sermon over break.

I can't thank you all enough for the outpouring of support I've received. It definitely eases the burden for what I'm doing here. Please keep me and my brothers in your prayers. I will keep you in mine.

Daniel





WOMEN'S GUILD COMMITTEES

2019 - 2020

Adopt A Patient

Naomi Mulzer

Altar Flowers

Kim Staples

Campbell Labels

Erna McCallister

Cards for the Sick

Shirley LaGrange

Christian Growth

Sharon Warner

Communion Ware

Verona Mallory

Greeting Cards

Verona Mallory

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Jean Hammack

Hospitality

Donna Jennings

Sharon Warner

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Verona Mallory

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Faye Foertsch

Visiting

Doris Schaubeger



Prayer Chain

Chairperson:

Faye Foertsch

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- 3 *Wilson Knepper*
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- 5 *Alicia Drake*
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- 9 *Tiffany Braun*
- 11 *Becky Hedinger*
Olivia Knepper
Rachel Meadors
- 12 *Sharon Warner*
- 13 *Vicky Sturgeon*
- 16 *Lilly Knepper*
- 17 *Debbie Christensen*
- 18 *Natalie Cole*
- 19 *Allison Greubel*
Joyce Triezenberg
- 22 *Jennifer Schutzius*
- 23 *Rose Marie Jacob*
- 27 *Karie Briem*
- 30 *Donna Jennings*
Leonard Knepper



- 25 *Jack & Pat Hoesli (51)*
- 26 *Wayne & Donna Jennings (46)*



EPIPHANY

January 6th



- 5 *Joe Mogan*
- 12 *Will Mogan*
- 19 *Simon Knepper*
- 26 *Maryanne Heeke*



January 5

CIA Youth Group

January 12

FBI Youth Group

January 19

Erna McCallister
Verona Mallory

January 26

Kelly & Theresa Stephens



**"THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM
I AM WELL
PLEASED."**

MATTHEW 3:17, ESV

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*For it was You who formed my inward parts;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
Psalm 139:13*



SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45 AM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY 8:45 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM
COMMUNION 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS

Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 19th