

NEWSLETTER OF EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 2019

So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. - Romans 12:5

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAVID MCCARTY

December Greetings Dear Friends in Christ,

We are now entering into the last month of the year on our secular calendars. Yet, for those of us in the Christian Church, we are also entering into the beginning of the new Church Year. This New Year begins on December 1st which is the First Sunday in Advent. Advent is celebrated as a season leading up to the time of Christmas. It is a season of preparation in repentant hope and anticipation of Christ's Coming, both in His Coming in the incarnation at Christmas and His second appearance at the end of the world when He comes as King and Judge. There are four Sunday's celebrated in this season of preparation. The readings for these 4 Sundays are reversed in order as the earlier ones focus on Christ's return and the later lessons center on His initial entrance into our world at the first Christmas.

The liturgical color of our paraments and Advent Wreath candles for this time of the year in our Church is blue. Blue is used to reflect the very spirit of anticipation and hope. This is especially important as we look to the glorious coming of our Savior and King Jesus Christ. As God's redeemed children, joy should abound in our hearts as we wait for that final day, the great day of the Lord to arrive.

On November 30th we will be getting together to decorate our church building both inside and outside.

What a wonderful way as a congregation to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child, who came to earth that first Christmas day. Along with the preparations for our church building, let us also begin to prepare our hearts and minds as well. And even though we are putting up the tree, hanging the wreathes, and setting up the nativity scene in front of the church for Christmas, let us not forget the importance there is in experiencing the repentant season, the season of hope, Advent. As God's saved people may our cry, at this holy and blessed time of the year be ... "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Following up on that last statement I would like to invite everyone to our Advent Mid-week services. The title for this year's series is "Come, Lord Jesus!" "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest . . ." so begins the common table prayer. In the spirit of Revelation 22:20, during Advent services we will apply this petition to Advent devotions. Through short and simple daily practices we will learn to pray, "Come Lord Jesus" in a way that gives daily strength and hope. "Daily Devotions" ... now that sounds like a huge challenge to many of us. Whether you are a household of one, two, three, or more, having daily devotions can be a struggle. Our Advent series will use God's word to equip disciples for this struggle and provide simple and (continued on next page)



Check out our Live Sunday
Service (10:30am)
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effective ways to help meet this challenge. With God's help we can learn to daily pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," not only to daily bless our food but our lives, finding strength and hope in Jesus. The hope and strength that Jesus gives comes in his victory over the "unholy trinity": the devil, our sinful nature, and the sinful world. This includes the promise of fully flourishing in the life to come. In this series we will explore how God's word teaches and guides us in following our victorious Lord as we look to him in daily devotion to his word. "Advent" means "coming." During this season of Advent our focus will be on Jesus's "three comings" to save us—past, present, and future. Jesus has come and accomplished his saving work. He continues to come by the power of the Holy Spirit through the word and sacraments. He will come again on the last day for our final deliverance. This series will match Christ's three "comings" with his "overcoming" of the "unholy trinity," the enemies of his saving word. Please join us for these special Advent services.

On Christmas Eve, at 7:00 pm, here at Emmanuel, we will be celebrating the glorious birth of Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem, with our traditional Candle Light Service. What a joyous and beautiful way for you and me, as God's dearly loved children, to come together to celebrate this most sacred and divinely orchestrated event. Jesus, the Son of God and our Savior, is the Light of the world. We hear this proclamation confirmed by Jesus Himself in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life". I pray that each of you will set aside the time to be with us on Christmas Eve, to celebrate the birth of Christ the King, who came to save us and to rule in our hearts. June and I wish a most Blessed Advent Season, and a Very Merry Christmas to all of you.

Pastor McCarty



FINANCIAL NEWS

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – November, 2019

	November	Jan. – Nov.
Budgeted Income	\$11,550.00	\$127,050.00
Actual Income	\$13,213.25	\$125,136.25
Surplus (Short)	\$1,663.25	(\$1,913.75)

ELDER'S LETTER

December Blessings from the Board of Elders!

The Board of Elders met on November 6th, 2019

Attending: Michael Korunka, Don Schroeder, Harry Jones, Ed Tritt, Pastor Dave and Dan Tomell

As we enter the season of Advent, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came into the world as both God and man so that our sins might be forgiven. Advent begins on Sunday December 1st, 2019, a four-week season of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas, on December 25th, and continuing to Epiphany, January 6th, 2020. The Board of Elders at Emmanuel Lutheran church would like to invite you to worship with us during these Advent and Christmas seasons.

2019 Advent / Christmas Schedule

December 1st ~ First Sunday in Advent – 9:00am Sunday School / Adult Bible Study, 10:30am Worship

December 4th ~ 7:00 pm Midweek Advent Service – 6:00pm MMC provides meal**

December 8th ~ Second Sunday in Advent – 9:00am Sunday School / Adult Bible Study,
10:30am Worship

December 11th ~ 7:00 pm Midweek Advent Service

December 15th ~ Third Sunday in Advent – 9:00am Sunday School / Adult Bible Study, 10:30am Worship

December 18th ~ 7:00pm Midweek Advent Service

December 22nd ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent – 9:00am Sunday School / Adult Bible Study,
10:30am Worship

December 24th ~ Christmas Eve Candle-Light Service 7:00pm

Our Midweek Service will be following a worship series title “Come, Lord Jesus”

**A free will offering will be received

PEACE PEACE PEACE

Our meeting opened with a prayer by Dan Tomell followed by a brief discussion with the board about Emmanuel Church. The board gave our church secretary Teresa Bohannon her yearly review. The Elders decided to bump up her hourly pay. Teresa continues to be a very valuable asset to our church and congregation here at Emmanuel. We then gave Pastor Dave his yearly review and once again Pastor continues to serve our church community extremely well. The board has decided to give him an extra five days of vacation time and bumped up his HSA for this upcoming year.

Reminder: If your personal contact information has changed this year, please call or email the church office.

Our next scheduled Elders meeting TBA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your Elder.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas!!

God's Blessings!

Michael Korunka, Director of Elders

Jesus Is the Reason for The Season!



MISSION AND MINISTRY COUNCIL

MMC

Chairman:

Ken Huner

Treasurer:

Donna Bowen-Olsen

Secretary:

Jerry Pape

Elder Chairman:

Mike Korunka

MMC officers:

Tammy Pape

Carolyn Reitz

Bonnie Turner

MMC NEWS

The Tecumseh Parade float will be constructed at Dr's Ed and Lorrie Tritt's house on Thursday Dec 5th at 6:30 pm. Many hands makes light work. The parade is Friday Dec 6th.

The first and only Advent dinner will be Wednesday Dec. 4th starting at 6:00. The meal will be soups and salad. This will be the only meal this year before the Advent services.

Family Game Night- Saturday Dec 21st. The theme will be Christmas sweater night and bring 2 dozen Christmas cookies to exchange in a cookie exchange. There will also be a Christmas carol sing-a-long besides games to play.



MISSION AND MINISTRY COUNCIL UPDATE

Ken Huner, Chairman

Voters' Meeting Results—November 17, 2019

At our recent, Voter's Meeting....

Pastor McCarty expressed his thanks for being a part of the congregation and the positive harmony he has seen in evidence within the congregation these past few years. During the meeting, a number of members vocalized their thanks and appreciation for his caring and devotion to the members of the congregation.

Donna presented carefully and thoroughly the detailed Treasurer's Report. The report was made available to the members during the meeting.

The Goals for 2020 of the Mission and Ministry Council were presented and approved. You will find these goals as part of the Newsletter.

The Budget for 2020 was also presented and approved. This, likewise, is included with the Newsletter.

Elder Ed Tritt made an impassioned plea to consider within the next 6 months increasing the giving to bring Pastor McCarty's salary more in line with the Michigan District's guidelines. It was approved to revisit Pastor's salary in 6 months and adjust the budget accordingly.

The congregation gave the Mission and Ministry Council the approval to make the final decision in regards to the 3 bids for replacing the heat exchanger/heating & cooling unit of one of our current heating and cooling units. The Mission and Ministry Council met this past Sunday on the 24th and decided to go with our current service provider—Kodiak Heating & Cooling. The company will replace our current unit with a new heating and cooling unit with an economizer at the cost of \$5400. This cost was quite competitive and the funding will come from the Designated and Undesignated Memorial Funds and therefore will not directly affect the budget.

To our Lord be the glory as we move forward in His name and lift high the Cross of Christ!



MISSION AND MINISTRY COUNCIL

MISSION AND MINISTRY COUNCIL NEWS GOALS FOR 2020

Presented for Approval at the Voters' Meeting November 17, 2019

1. For the strategic initiative of REACHING out to the community, we will strive to have a gain of at least 3 new families to our congregation and we will participate in the following events:
 - a. Christmas Parade program
 - b. Good Friday Cross Walk
 - c. Vacation Bible School
 - d. Blood Drive
 - e. Monroe County Fair—Living Water Booth
 - f. Church Rummage Sale
 - g. Diapers & Baby Items for the Lenawee County Crisis Pregnancy Center in Adrian
 - h. Trunk Or Treat
 - i. Scout Program
 - j. Band Camp Meal
2. For the strategic initiative of INSPIRING with Christian love:
 - a. We will promote traditional and contemporary worship services that are biblically based, Christ-Centered and engaging for the purpose of discovering and re-discovering the amazing love and grace of Christ.
 - b. We will develop a Family Ministry Program.
 - c. We will support the work of our local Lutheran Women's Missionary League
3. For the strategic initiative of DEVELOPING faith through Word and Sacrament:
 - a. We will be, first and foremost, a Matthew 28 church (Matthew 28:18-20) helping people become and remain disciples of Christ.
 - b. We will, secondarily, also be a Matthew 25 church (Matthew 25: 31-46) reaching out to others with Christ-like love in action in their physical, social, and emotional needs.
4. For the strategic initiative of GROWING in grace, we will creatively promote ways for our members and potential members to fully understand the multifaceted aspects and impacts of God's grace in their lives through a year round Stewardship Program.
5. For the strategic initiative of EDUCATING through God's Word we will:
 - a. We will develop a Christian institute of studying God's word and continuous learning experiences: Nursery, Sunday School, Sunday Adult Bible Class, Saturday morning men's Bible Class, Wednesday morning Bible Class, Confirmation Class—youth and adult, youth group, new member's class, pre-marriage program, training programs and workshops for the acolytes, Altar Care, Elders, teacher training, and financial planning.
 - b. We will offer continuing education and training opportunities to our Pastor.



MISSION AND MINISTRY COUNCIL

Emmanuel Lutheran Church 2020 Budget

101 Pastor/Vicar Salary- Bimonthly	\$48,000.00
104 Car Allowance	1,920.00
106 Employee Insurance - FTE only	24,368.00
107 Guest Pastors	750.00
108 Organist	4,900.00
109 Secretary - Office personnel	13,000.00
110 Social Security Tax match	1,370.00
111 District Pastor and Deacon Conference Fees	700.00
112 District Synod Assessment + Missions	2,800.00
113 Workshops + Training + Education Materials	1,680.00
123 Altar Care	600.00
124 Bulletin/Worship Aids + Software Maint.+ License fees	3,600.00
126 Offering Envelopes + Bank Fees + Treas. expenses	1,000.00
132 Office + MMC areas'+ Supplies, Misc + Postage	1,200.00
MMC - Elders Total	\$105,888.00
702 Insurance Bldg, Liability + Workers Comp	\$5,000.00
703 Custodial Services	3,600.00
704 Equipment Services + Maintenance fees	3,500.00
705 Trash Service	540.00
706 Internet Service + Website	1,200.00
708 Repairs/Supplies + Misc.	2,400.00
710 Electric Service - Church	4,800.00
711 Fuel LP Gas - Church & Parsonage	6,800.00
712 Telephone - Church	1,440.00
713 Grounds Maint. Lawn Equip. + Care/ Snow Removal	1,500.00
714 Parsonage Utilities - Electric, Phone + Cell phone	1,560.00
Facilities Management Total	\$32,340.00
Budget Annual Total	\$138,228.00



LWML NEWS



LWML Mission of the Month – December, 2019

Your Mite Box located in the rear of our Sanctuary collects your loose change to support many Missions, some close to home and others around the world. This month we would like to share with you: **“God’s Word Changes Everything”** - There are over 170 million people who speak more than 1,500 languages who have never read the Bible in their native dialect. Bible translation is absolutely foundational to the mission of the church. This grant will help Lutheran Bible Translators pay for one year of a four-year training program for pastors and church leaders in Tanzania, Ethiopia, and elsewhere to be directly involved in translating God’s Word so to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the language of their own people.

Thank you for your donations! ~ Your Lutheran Woman’s Missionary League

Mark your Calendars!

Join us **Monday, December 2, at 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall for a short Devotional! Please bring a warm pair of mittens to donate for a needy child, boy or girl, 1st – 8th grade. Afterwards, we will carpool to *The Social House* in Dundee for lunch and fellowship time. All are welcome!

Merry Christmas from your LWML Society!



Used Postage Stamps

Please cut all your postage stamps from all mail, Christmas cards, birthday cards and etc. Cut ¼ inch around the stamp. Place them in the POSTAGE BOX FOR MISSIONS found in the narthex.

Thank you LWML



**Donate on Giving Tuesday and DOUBLE your impact when
You donate to the LWML Mission Goal!**

Thanks to two anonymous donors who will

Match up to \$20,000!

www.lwml.org/givingtuesday



OTHER NEWS



*Reverend Dave and June McCarty
Cordially Invite
the Members of
Emmanuel Lutheran Church,
Friends, and Neighbors
To a Christmas Open House
on
December 13, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
and
December 15, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
at
10925 Welch Rd.*



OTHER NEWS



Hand Bell Choir will have practice on
Wednesdays at 5:45pm



Lutheran Hour Broadcast

KLNG AM 1560 & FM 101.5

At 3:00pm - Sunday



Christians are like . . .

Some Christians are like wheelbarrows...Not good unless pushed.

Some are like canoes . . . Need to be paddled.

Some are like kites . . . Keep a string on them or they fly away.

Some are like kittens . . . Content when petted.

Some are like footballs . . . You can't tell where they will bounce next.

Some are like balloons . . . Full of air and ready to blow.

Some are like trailers . . . They have to be pulled.

Some are like neon lights . . . Keep going on and off.

And then for which we thank the Lord, some Christians are like good watches

. . . Open-faced, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works!

What Kind of Christian are You?

OTHER NEWS



[It's time to re-subscribe or subscribe to THE LUTHERAN WITNESS](#) at a discounted rate! The Lutheran Witness is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is published 11 times a year. It provides Missouri Synod lay-people with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Subscriptions ordered through Emmanuel Lutheran will include the *Michigan In Touch* supplement. The new subscription year doesn't begin until March 2020, but orders need to be in to the church office **by December 8th** to take advantage of a discounted District rate of \$11.60/year. (Individual subscriptions ordered directly from CPH are \$19.99/year.) **Please make payments clearly marked “Lutheran Witness” and checks made to “Emmanuel Lutheran Church” and place in offering plate.** Late orders will be charged an additional \$2. If you have any questions about subscriptions, contact our church office, Tuesday-Friday, 9-2:30.



November's scheduled prayer meetings will be on Dec. 5th & 19th at 7pm in our library. Please come and pray for our church, its members and for anyone who is in need of prayer. A prayer box is located at the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Korunka, Dan Tomell, or Laura Tomell.



Please check the table at the back of the sanctuary for your 2020 Contribution envelopes
Thank you!

OTHER NEWS



Thank you to all who contributed to decorating our church, by purchasing poinsettias, setting up the outdoor nativity scene, and filling our church with the Spirit of Christmas! May each of you have a Blessed and Merry Christmas as we *"Remember the Real Reason for the Christmas Season"*



JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

Love, Joy, Peace

The fruits of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22-23 begin with these three: love, joy and peace. God's Holy Spirit fills us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are given to us as gifts. We live in this fruit as the Spirit lives in us. Love originates in God's love for us in Christ, and results in our love for others. Joy comes from trusting in the Good News of God's love in Christ, and results in lives of joy in God's grace. Peace is the gift of reconciliation and fellowship with the Almighty God through the forgiveness of sins, and results in our lives of peace as we forgive just as Christ has forgiven us. Find out more at joyfullylutheran.org.

OTHER NEWS



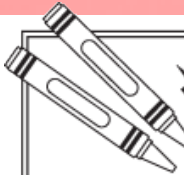
Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



1. TGLBEHHEME _____
2. NEAGLO _____
3. NRMEDAG _____
4. ODEKSNY _____
5. AMGYR _____
6. OHESJIP _____
7. EFJUSS _____
8. ITEENMSW _____
9. SPHDSREEO _____
10. EMCFAL _____
11. TLSRA _____
12. CSSNUEO _____
13. HEVSPE _____
14. ENIN _____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9		10		11		12	




PUZZLE

season

Symbols of the season

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.



shepherd's staff _ □ □ _ _ _ _ □

tree that keeps its leaves _ _ _ _ □ _ _ _

shines to lead the way _ _ _ □ _

green for eternal life, red for Jesus' blood □ _ _ _ _ & _ _ _ □ □ _

sounds to announce good news □ _ _ _ _

has no beginning or end _ _ _ _ □ _

Th□□ks b□ to □od fo□ □is
indesc□□ba□le gif□!

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Answers: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV



THOSE WHO SERVE IN DECEMBER



Elder:

Dec. 1 - Needed
 Dec. 4 - Don Schroeder
 Dec. 11 - Needed
 Dec. 24 - Don Schroeder
 Dec. 8, 15, 18, 22, 29 - Mike Korunka

Elder Assistant:

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Bill Keehn
 Dec. 24 - Rudy Meyer

Ushers

Dec. 1 - Kyle Bartush, Needed
 Dec. 4 - Jerry Pape
 Dec. 8 - Lorrie Tritt, Bruce Siebarth
 Dec. 11 - Jerry Pape
 Dec. 15 - Dan Wilke, Gibson Wilke
 Dec. 18 - Evan Korunka
 Dec. 22 - Troy Phillips, Bonnie Turner
 Dec. 24 - Jerry Pape
 Dec. 29 - Evan Korunka, Dylan Korunka



Acolyte

Dec. 1 - Needed
 Dec. 4 - Needed
 Dec. 8 - Travis Faust
 Dec. 11 - Needed
 Dec. 15 - Travis Faust
 Dec. 18 - Dylan Korunka
 Dec. 22 - Travis Faust
 Dec. 24 - Needed
 Dec. 29 - Needed

Lector:

Dec. 1 - Harry Jones
 Dec. 4 - Kathryn Mohr
 Dec. 8 - Rudy Meyer
 Dec. 11 - Tammy Pape
 Dec. 15 - Lorrie Tritt
 Dec. 18 - Marianne Avery
 Dec. 22 - Bruce Siebarth
 Dec. 24 - Dorothy Witt
 Dec. 29 - Donna Olsen Bowen

Altar Care:

Rebecca Roberts

Money Tellers:

Donna Olsen Bowen
 Beth Loesch

If you can help in "needed" places please call Mike Korunka,
 at (734) 649-5349 or the church office. Thank you!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Illness: Margaret Schroeder, Floyd & Shirley Brown, Dee Hitzemann (aunts & uncles of JoAnn Bartush), Don Mature (friend of Lolly Luegge), Nancy Fraley & Judy Crittenden (sisters of Wayne Davis), Harold Ruhl (Lolly Luegge's sister-in-law's father), Kenny Perrella (Tim Bowen & Donna Olsen's brother-in-law), Glenn Applin (Terri Keehn's cousin's husband), Sherry Burmeister, Robin Clark (friend of JoAnn Bartush), Ralph Schafer, Cameron Redman (step great granddaughter of Eileen Jones), Laura Tomell, Tristan Tomell (grandson of Dan & Laura Tomell), Jim Conrad, Anne Marquardt (friend of Lolly Luegge)

Shut-Ins: Velma Brown, Inge Williams, Ed & Lois Schmidt, Peggy Bush, and Ralph Schafer.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

4 - Gabi Ringman
8 - Paul Prielipp
8 - Hailey Ketchum
14 - Beverly Whelan
15 - Lily Ritter
16 - Nicole Garner
22 - Joseph Downard
23 - Julie Bartush
24 - Jane Griggs
27 - Krystle Keehn
29 - Grace Gimesky



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES!

6 - Mark Prielipp & Kathryn Mohr





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Worship	2 10am LWML Gathering 6pm Boy Scouts	3 6pm Cub Scouts 5pm Confirmation	4 9am Bible Study 5:45pm Handbell Rehearsal 5:30pm Scouts @GGBB 6:00 Advent Meal 7:00 Advent Service	5 6:30pm Float Building 7pm Prayer Mtg.	6 7pm Christmas Parade in Tecumseh	7 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
8 9am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5pm Scout Advancement & Award Ceremony	9 6pm Boy Scouts	10 5pm Confirmation 6pm Cub Scouts	11 9am Bible Study 5:45pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Advent Service	12	13 Pastor Dave & June's Christmas Open House 5-8pm	14 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
15 9am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Christmas Prog./Coffee Hour Pastor Dave & June's Christmas Open House 1-4pm	16	17 5pm Confirmation	18 9am Bible Study 5:45pm Handbell Rehearsal 5:30pm Scouts @GGBB 7:00 Advent Service	19 7pm Prayer Mtg.	20	21 8am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 6pm Game Night & Cookie Exchg
22 9am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Worship	23	24 7pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29 9am Bible Study Sunday School 10:30am Worship	30	31				

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Sunday Worship Times

9:00am Adult Bible Study

10:30am Worship Service



7pm - Dec. 4, 11, 18 - Advent Midweek Services

7pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

9am Sunday Adult Bible Study
9am Wednesday Bible Study
8am Saturday Men's Breakfast Bible Study

