



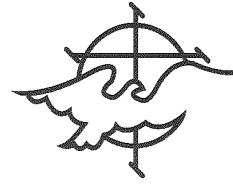
EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Our Mission: Feeding God's Lambs His Love and Hope!

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8:30 & 11:00 Liturgical—Sanctuary
11:00 Praise & Worship—Gymnasium

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This Week's Calendar

Monday, November 28

- 3:15 pm: Girl Scouts
- 3:30 pm: ELS Staff Meeting (Conference room)
- 5:30 pm: Cub Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 7:00 pm: Nordmeyer Small Group
- 7:00 pm: Kaeding Bible Study Group
- 7:00 pm: Schallhorn Bible Study Group

Tuesday, November 29

- 3:00 pm: Piano (*Sanctuary*)

Wednesday, November 30

- 8:10/10:00am School Chapel (*Sanctuary*)
- 9:00 am: Women's Bible Study (*room 104*)
- 12:00 pm: Church Service
- 12:45 pm: Pastor's Small Group (*room 104*)
- 6:00 pm: Handbells
- 7:00 pm: Advent Worship Service
- 8:00 pm: Choir

Thursday, December 1

ELS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BEGINS

- 8:00 pm: Moms In Touch (*Sanctuary*)
- 2:30 pm: Piano Lessons (*Sanctuary*)
- 7:00 pm: Worship Team

Friday, December 2

ELS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

- 2:30 pm: Pep Rally (*gym*)
- TBA Handbells "Holly Jolly" Event in Black Mountain

Saturday, December 3

ELS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT—FINAL

- 10:00 am: Church Advent Season Decorating With the Altar Guild

Sunday, December 4

- 8:30 am: Church Service
- 9:45 am: Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Church Service
- 4:00 pm: LWML Advent Tea (*gym*)

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Michael McFarland
Associate Pastor: Rev. Mark Seaman
Principal: Luke Schmelzle
Music Director: Dr. Kevin Lorenz
Organist: Bess Kuske

Serving This Week

Acolytes

8:30: Justin Kearley 11:00: Griffin Groh

Lectors

8:30: Frieda Cooper 11:00: Tommy Ridgeway

Communion Servers

11:00: Tommy Ridgeway, Gerry Hardesty

P&W: Rich Baldwin

Ushers

8:30: Bernard Smith, Jim Mitchell, George Banjak
11:00: Donny Luke, Ed DeBerry, James & Phillip Leyva

P&W: Pete & Sherry Rauschenplat

Greeters

8:30: Bernard Smith, Don Spude

11:00: Seth & Brenda Baker

P&W: Mark & Nancy Jankowski

Altar Guild

8:30: Carol Bergholz

11:00: S. Hanson, S. Rauschenplat, P. Hardesty

P&W: C.Wills, M. Greene, T. Carpenter, S. Rauschenplat

Children's Message: Luke Schmelzle

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday: 8:30—69 11:00—109 P&W—45

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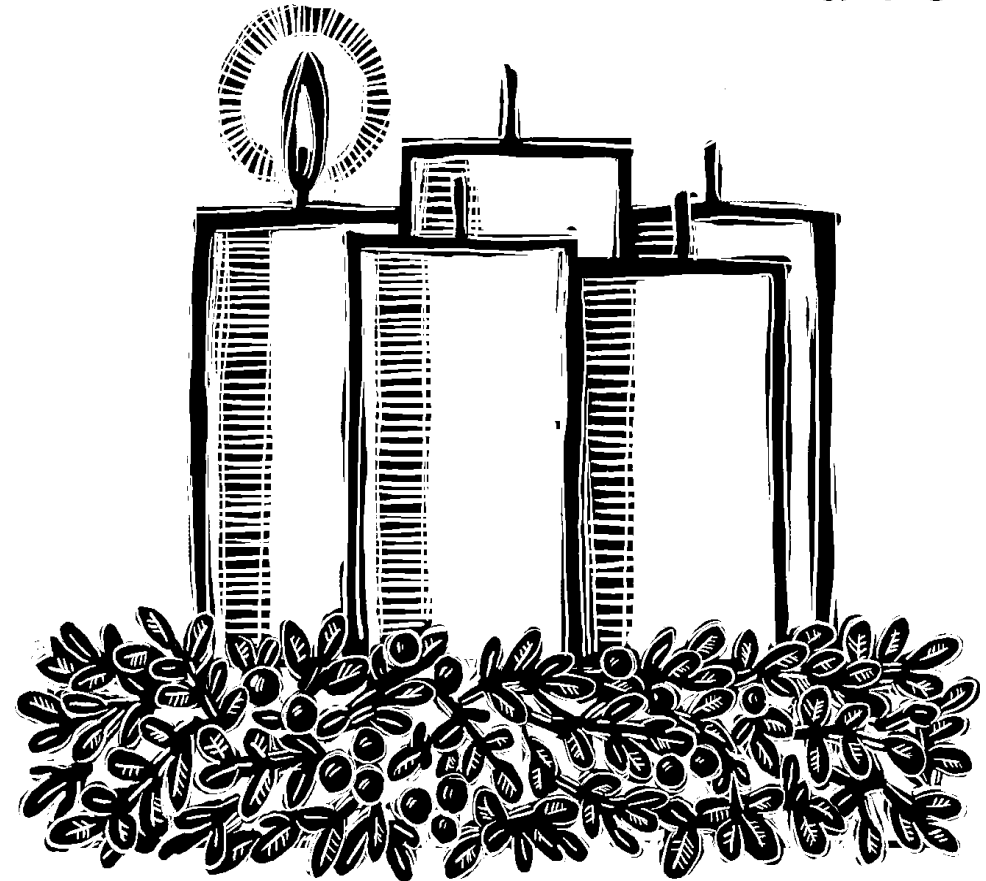
Last Week's Offerings

General Offering needed: \$11,658.00/week

Last week we received \$ 9,458.49

Building Funds needed: \$ 1,476.00/week

Last week we received \$ 645.00



Today's Order of Worship

Service Setting

See bulletin worship service insert.

Welcome Members and Visitors!

We delight in your presence as we worship. If you are a visitor or a member, please fill out a white attendance card (located in the card holders on the back of the pews) and turn it in to the acolyte during the offering. Please pass the prayer request cards in to the acolyte during the singing of the Opening Hymn.

NURSERY NEWS: The nursery is open from 10:45 to 12:15 for the 11:00 services today downstairs beneath the sanctuary in room 108.

Pastor McFarland will be out of town for the Thanksgiving holidays, but will return for next Sunday's services. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact him on his cell phone at 423-6517, thank you.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS! Let's move those walls! Laborers for Christ needs church and school volunteers to help with the construction of our new elevator, narthex and office expansions. Sign-up sheets, skills and volunteer agreement forms are located out in the church narthex area. For more information, contact Sharon Norris at 236-3957.

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO FEED—PLEASE SIGN-UP TODAY! Laborers for Christ and local labor volunteers Saturday Lunches—please sign-up on the sheet on the table in the narthex. Lunch Time will be at 12:00. Contact Sharon Norris for more information at 236-3957.

The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will have their annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 pm. The place will be Carrabbas Italian Grill at 10 Buckstone Place off Tunnel Road near the Asheville Mall. All ladies of Emmanuel are welcome to come—the more the merrier! A gift exchange of \$10.00 or less is optional. Most of us enjoy participating in this activity. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the narthex bulletin board with directions to the restaurant. Questions? Contact Dot Fastenau at 645-4029.

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THE ADVENT TEA—Sunday, December 4 "Move Me Closer to the Child." Many of you look forward to hearing this beautifully sung by Colleen Leyva at the annual Advent Tea. This event is sponsored by the LWML to celebrate the coming of our Savior. Emmanuel. God With Us. This is such a beautiful and meaningful way to start off the season in the right spirit. We hope you will join us on Sunday, December 4, at 4:00 pm in the gym.

If you would like to decorate a table, please notify Elaine Schallhorn, Carole Williams or sign-up to do so. The different decorations on each table are part of the fun! This is a pot-luck with each person bringing their favorite dessert, snack, or goodie to be shared by all. We hope you will put your name on the sign-up sheet, so we can plan for an accurate (or close to) number. If you have a talent that you would like to share (song, music, dance, reading) we would love to have you be a part of the entertainment. Please contact Elaine Schallhorn. We pray that you'll join us in this wonderful time of sharing.

The Leisurites' Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday, December 13, at 11:00 am at the Monte Vista in Black Mountain. Please see the sign-up sheet or contact Irene Kaeding for more information.

Poinsettia Memorials! A sign-up sheet for the purchase of Poinsettias to adorn the Sanctuary for Christmas in honor/memory of a loved one is now posted on the narthex bulletin board. The cost is \$6.00 each. Only 48 were ordered so sign-up for yours now! Deadline is Sunday, December 11.

The Greene/McMahan Monday Night Bible Study group will not meet again until after the new year.

A gift for you and your family! CD ROM Advent Calendar for computer-Filled with Christmas facts, music and colorful images, this CD is great fun for learning about our Christmas traditions and links to the first Christmas! This is a gift for all Emmanuel church and school families. If you haven't already received one, please pick up your gift today after service. Please see Pastor Mark.



This Sunday's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by James and Anne Frisbee in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Adult Choir: New members are needed for all sections of the adult choir. The choir meets on Wednesday nights at 7:30. If you are interested please contact Kevin Lorenz at ext. 135 or 775-9389.

ALL BOYS 6th grade and up! ELCS is exploring starting a Boy Scout Troop. We need all interested adult volunteers and boys to contact Julie Strum at strumj@yahoo.com. Our resident Eagle Scout, Pastor Seaman, is excited to assist. The goal would be a Troop by early Spring.

Decorating the Church for Advent! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 am. We can use ALL AVAILABLE HANDS out here to help get the church ready for Advent season. See you there!

UPDATE: Daniel Sullivan's Eagle Scout service project is putting together care packages for our troops overseas. We have reached our goal of 100 tubes of toothpaste! Thanks so much to all the folks at Emmanuel Lutheran who helped out—especially the folks who attend the Nordmeyer Bible Study group.

THE ALTAR FLOWER CHART FOR 2012 IS UP! The sign-up chart is now up on the narthex bulletin board. Please take the time now to sign-up for flowers for next year. Flowers are still \$20.00 per arrangement and we ask that members please pay at time of sign-up so that the money will be in place when we order them. Please make check payable to *Emmanuel Lutheran Church* and put "Altar Flowers & date" in the memo section so that we may be sure your funds get credited to the right account. If you have questions, please contact the church office; thank you.

ABCCM Donation for November: canned potatoes. Thank you for your continued support.

Return to Bethlehem: An ABCCM sponsored event that tries to re-create the Bethlehem marketplace as it might have been on the day Jesus was born. Runs December 8-11 at Groce United Methodist Church on Tunnel Road. Times: 6:00-8:30p Thur & Fri; 2:00-8:30p Saturday and 2:00-6:00p on Sunday.

Simply Giving. If you would like your tithes and/or offerings to be given through "direct deposit," please contact the church office. This program enables us to keep our Lord's gifts as our first gifts.

The Monday Nite Bible Study Group that meets in room 104, will not meet on Monday, November 28. They will resume meeting in December for 12/5 and 12/12, and then start back again in January.

ELS Pre-Season Basketball Tournament: December 1-3 (Thurs.-Sat.). Admissions: Adult \$4, Students \$1, 3-day pass \$10 per adult. No Student tourney passes. Food concessions will be made available. Come on out and support our Teams!

ADOPT A HOMELESS VET FOR CHRISTMAS! This year our giving tree will be collecting items for the homeless Veterans in our community. ABCCM's Veteran's Restoration Quarters and Transitional Housing address the needs of our local veterans by providing housing, medical care, job training and placement. Veterans can live at the Quarters for up to two years, no Vet is discharged to the street, and every veteran graduates to appropriate housing with Income.

The Giving Christmas Tree is located down in the lobby of the preschool building by the desk near the Fellowship Hall. Attached to the tree will be pictures of Veterans and on the back a list of the greatest needs of the shelter. You can purchase all the items listed or a few, but every gift is appreciated. Please have gifts returned here to Emmanuel by 12/12/11 as the Vet's Christmas Party is the following week. Please share the love of God with these men who gave up so much to defend our country. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Marino at 281-8182 ext. 133. Thank you!

Junior Youth will be leading Bingo at Emerald Ridge Nursing Home on December 9. We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:15 pm and start at 7:00 pm. Don't forget, **Youth Sunday is December 11, so mark your calendars!**

Birthdays: 11/27 James Carpenter; 11/28 Scott Schulhof; 11/29 Michael Ausbrooks, Shannon Gryder, Peg Hardesty; 11/30 Samuel McFarland; 12/1 Alex Clark, Barry King; 12/3 Melvin Walsh.

Anniversaries: 11/29 Bernie and Grace Conrad, James and Anne Frisbee, John and Colleen Gillan, Daniel and Rebecca Salomon.