



## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

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December 11, 2011  
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8:30 & 11:00 Liturgical—Sanctuary  
11:00 Praise & Worship—Gymnasium

### Third Sunday in Advent

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### This Week's Calendar

#### Monday, December 12

Shelter Lunch  
PTL Christmas Store (*youth room*)  
10:30 am: Genesis II (*room 104*)  
12:45 pm: Pastor's Small Group (*room 104*)  
3:15 pm Girl Scouts  
3:30 pm: ELS Staff Meeting (*conference room*)  
5:30 pm: Cub Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)  
6:30 pm: BOD Meeting (*conference room*)  
7:00 pm: Nordmeyer Small Group  
7:00 pm: Kaeding Bible Study Group  
7:00 pm: Schallhorn Bible Study Group  
7:00 pm: Monday Nite Bible Group (*room 104*)

#### Tuesday, December 13

PTL Christmas Store (*youth room*)  
11:00 am: Leisurites at Monte Vista, Black Mtn  
11:00 am: Admin. Staff Meeting (*conference room*)  
1:30 pm: Linus Blankets (*Fellowship Hall*)  
3:00 pm: Piano (*Sanctuary*)

#### Wednesday, December 14

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: **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
(*Fellowship Hall*)  
6:00 pm: Handbells  
7:00 pm: Advent Worship Service  
8:00 pm: Choir

#### Thursday, December 15

8:00 pm: Moms In Touch (*Sanctuary*)  
2:30 pm: Piano Lessons (*Sanctuary*)

#### Friday, December 16

7:00 pm: 1st—8th Grade Christmas Program (*gym*)

#### Sunday, December 18—Christmas Cantata Sunday

8:30 / 11:00 am: Church Services—No P&W  
9:45 am: NO Sunday School  
2:00 pm: Cub Scouts Christmas Party (*Fellowship Hall*)  
5:00 pm: Musicians Christmas Party at Lorenz home

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Michael McFarland  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Mark Seaman  
**Principal:** Luke Schmelzle  
**Music Director:** Dr. Kevin Lorenz  
**Organist:** Ed Schallhorn

### Serving This Week

#### Acolytes

8:30: Madison Duran  
11:00: Davis Helms and Reed Schmelzle

#### Lectors

8:30: Youth-TBA                      11:00: Youth-TBA

#### Communion Servers

11:00: Donny Luke (or youth), Ryan DeBerry  
P&W: Rich Baldwin (or youth)

#### Ushers

8:30: Elaine Schallhorn, Don Groh, Steve & Frieda Cooper and youth  
11:00: David Meyer, Brian Arldt, Ken Bailey, James Leyva and youth

P&W: Pete and Sherry Rauschenplat, and youth

#### Greeters

8:30: Betty Banjak, Barbara Clark and youth  
11:00: Carol Cook, Nelle Fulmer and youth  
P&W: Pete and Sherry Rauschenplat, and youth

#### Altar Guild

8:30: Stephanie Hanson  
11:00: Stephanie Hanson, Jo Senn, Mitch Huff  
P&W: C.Wills, M. Greene, T. Carpenter, S. Rauschenplat

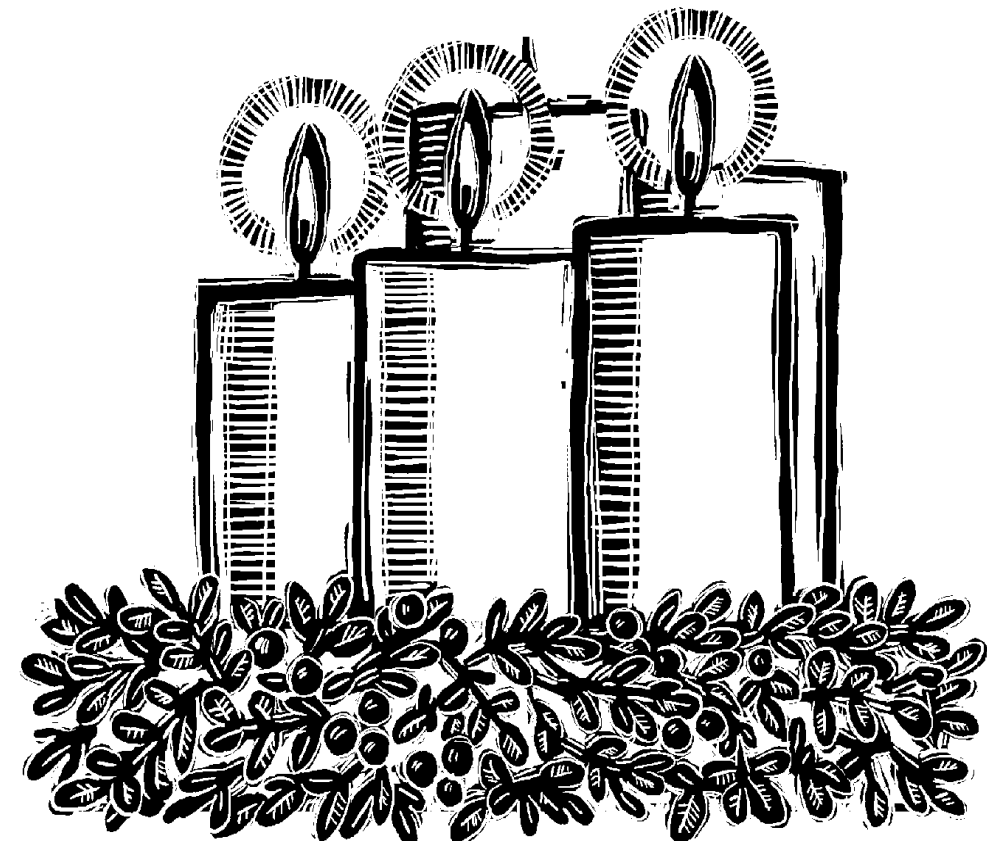
**Children's Message:** Sharon Norris

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday: 8:30—75                      11:00—106                      P&W—64  
Wed Noon 12/7—9                      Wed 7pm 12/7—42                      Total: 296

### Last Week's Offerings

General Offering needed:                      \$11,658.00/week  
Last week we received                      \$11,614.17  
Building Funds needed:                      \$ 1,476.00/week  
Last week we received                      \$ 980.00



## Today's Order of Worship

### Service Setting

See bulletin worship service insert

### Special Music

11:00 ELC Adult Choir sings

P&W ELS Early Childhood sings

## 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.

**Today is Youth Sunday!** Please take the time to look around and say thanks to those youth serving in the services today. We are so blessed to have them!

**Today is ALSO Confirmation Sunday!** The Confirmation Class of 2011 will be confirmed through the Rite of Confirmation during the 11:00 Liturgical Service in the Sanctuary today. This year's confirmands are: Hilary Hubler, Lane Schmelzle, Luke McFarland, Ian Anderson and Ian McCarthy. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the late services. All are invited to attend and are encourage to meet and greet with this year's confirmands.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Topic of discussion will be about the church budget. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. 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.

**We Need Volunteers to help Feed our LABOR Volunteers—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 info at 828-236-3957.

**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 TODAY.**

**A gift for you and your family!** A 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.

**Mid-Week Advent Services:** Please come and join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm for our Mid-Week Advent services. Feel free to bring along family members and friends. We will have Holy Communion at each of the services. This Wednesday, 12/14 Pastor Hugo Kaeding will be doing the sermon.

**ABCCM Donation for December:** Self-Rising Flour.

**Advent Tea UPDATE!** A huge thank you to the many behind the scene helpers, who made the Advent Tea a success. We had help setting up, tearing down, preparing bulletins, musicians, servers, clean up, and tablecloth washing, not to mention those who decorated tables, read and prepared food! About 80 women enjoyed a wonderful afternoon thanks to your acts of service!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the folks who came out to decorate the church for the season of Advent! They were: Jo Senn, Jim and Lou Mitchell, Carol and Ken Treadway, Doug and Martha Greene, Stephanie Hanson, Marjorie Locke and Mitch, Lindsey and Mitchell Huff.



**The Beautiful Live Christmas Wreaths** hanging in the church sanctuary and gym were given to the Glory of God by Irma Jayne Runge and Gussie Jayne Gray in memory of the Jayne family.

**CHANGE:** Christmas Caroling has been moved to Sunday, December 18. Time to be announced later. If not on our email list to receive updates and news every week, then please call the office next week for final time; thank you.

**YOUR PHOTOS OF CHRISTMAS** - We are seeking original photos that remind you of the themes of Advent - Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. Images will be shown before and after the Christmas Cantata December 18! Photos must be original, so get creative and have fun! Please submit full resolution digital photos to: [cantata@elcsmail.org](mailto:cantata@elcsmail.org). Don't forget to include your name. Please limit your submissions to four photos. Questions - contact Adam Bennett.

**PECANS:** Please check the cart at the lower entrance for the pecans you ordered, but haven't picked up; or for extras you'd like to purchase! During the week, please check in the library! Thank you.

**Membership:** If you or your family would like to learn more about Emmanuel or are interested in becoming a member, contact Pastor McFarland at church (252-1795, ext. 112), or [pastormcfarland@elcsmail.org](mailto:pastormcfarland@elcsmail.org).

**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.

**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 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. Questions? Contact Caroline Marino at 281-8182 ext. 133.

**Help the DeBerry's Ring in 2012!** On the Saturday of New Year's Eve, please bring your favorite chili or dessert. We will have home-brew and other goodies. Also bring a gift (gag or not) for a fun White Elephant gift exchange. Sign-up at church or RSVP via e-mail at [ashevilledeb@gmail.com](mailto:ashevilledeb@gmail.com). Come when you can. We will open the door at 6:30!

**Help is needed preparing for the Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 18th.** If you can help with costumes, set up, gym decoration, etc, please contact Shirley Parker or Kevin Lorenz. Also, this year the Christmas Cantata will again celebrate the distinct musical flavors of Appalachian, Irish, Latin, Cajun and Early American folk styles of music. To help create an ambiance of the Appalachian Christmas and life style in the late 1800's we are inviting everyone to bring in items for the use of decorating the gym. We are looking for quilts, old pieces of furniture, hand tools, kitchen wares, anything that would make us think of what folks would have been using in the late 1800's. Any kind of Christmas decorations that make you think of that time period would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to participate or have questions please call or talk to Shirley Parker at 252-7618.

**The Annual Musicians Christmas Party** will be on Sunday December 18th at the Lorenz House at 5:00. Anyone who is involved in any musical group at Emmanuel is invited to come. Please bring a side dish and whatever you would like to drink with you. If you have questions call Kevin Lorenz at 775-9389.

**Birthdays:** 12/11 Kathleen Jacobsen; 12/13 Ralph Davis, Riley Roberts; 12/14 Lucille Thompson, Lauren Wooten; 12/15 Fred Cline, Dorothy Gosnell, John Meyer; 12/16 Sofia Seaman; 12/17 Isabella Seaman.

**Anniversaries:** 12/15 James and Tracy Carpenter, Kevin and Christi Lorenz.