



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

Board of Directors: Julie Strum, Joel Helms, Peter Causer, Byron Gleason,
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Lisa Baldwin, *Family Ministry;* and Kay Thorp, *Spiritual Care & Growth*

This Week's Calendar

Monday, December 19

- Shelter Lunch
- 12:45 pm: Pastor's Small Group (room 104)
- 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
- 7:00 pm: Monday Nite Bible Group (room 104)

Tuesday, December 20

- 10:00 am: ECE Christmas Program (gym)
- 11:00 am: Admin. Staff Meeting (conference room)
- 1:00 pm: ELS K-8 Early Dismiss—Aftercare Open

Wednesday, December 21

ALL SCHOOL PROGRAMS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

- 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 22

- 7:00 pm: Worship Team

Friday, December 23

ALL CHURCH/SCHOOL OFFICES/PROGRAMS CLOSED

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve

- 7:00 pm: Candlelight Service
- 11:00 pm: Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day

- 10:00 am: Christmas Church Service (Sanctuary)
- No Sunday School

Monday, December 26

ALL CHURCH/SCHOOL OFFICES/PROGRAMS CLOSED

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

Serving This Week

Ushers

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

Greeters

- 8:30: Dot Fastenau, Minnie Hollar
- 11:00: TBA

Altar Guild

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

Last Week's Attendance

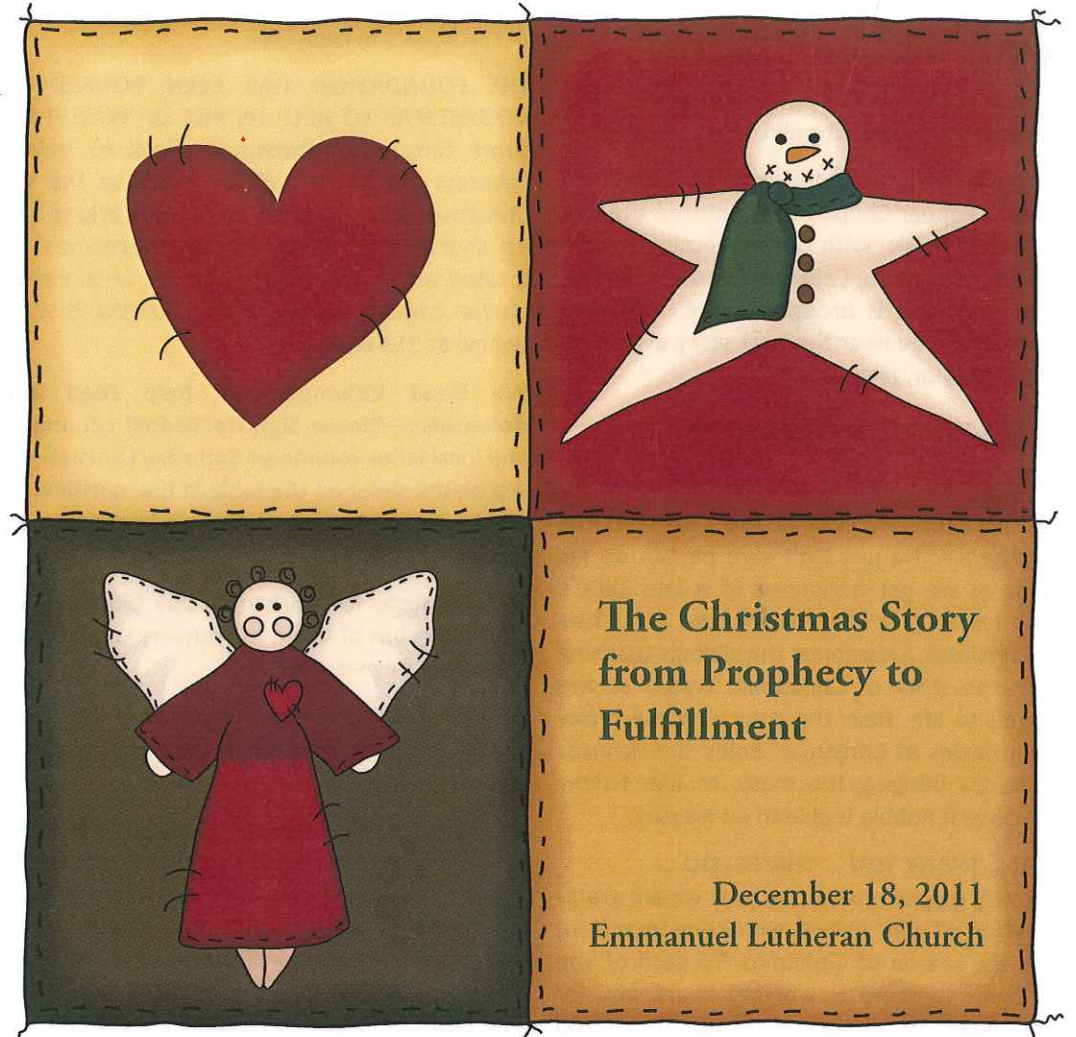
Sunday: 8:30—83 11:00—124 P&W—102
 Wed Noon 12/14—17 Wed 7pm 12/14—45 **Total: 371**

Last Week's Offerings

General Offering needed: \$11,658.00/week
 Last week we received \$ 9,703.25
Building Funds needed: \$ 1,476.00/week
 Last week we received \$ 295.00



I Hear the Prophet Callin'



**The Christmas Story
from Prophecy to
Fulfillment**

December 18, 2011
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Music and Lyrics by Pepper Choplin • Directed by Dr. Kevin Lorenz
Featuring the Emmanuel Choir, Ringers, Orchestra, and Sunday School Children

Order of Worship for Sunday, December 18, 2012

Service Setting

See bulletin worship service insert.

8:30 and 11:00 services are in the gym today.

There will be no Sunday School today.

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In his writing of the music and lyrics of *I Hear the Prophet Callin'*, Pepper Choplin has captured the folk style of Christmas music. With distinct musical flavors of Appalachian, Irish, Latin, Cajun and Early American, the story of Christmas is brought to life. May God bless you today as you hear the best story ever told, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS

By Nick Black

Robbie has an important role in this year's church Christmas program. He just isn't sure he can do his part. Join us as we get a glimpse of a late 1800's Appalachian family preparing their home and their hearts for Christmas. Experience the siblings teaching Robbie the true story of Christmas. Watch as the nativity comes to life. Hear the choir sing the melodies and harmonies of Christmas. Enjoy the richness of the orchestra bringing the music to life. Follow along to discover if Robbie is able to do his part.

THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ...

During this very special time of the year we are grateful for the effort of a lot of people who bring important meaning to the season of Christmas. To each of you who have come to share in worship, thank you for being here today. To all parents of our youth and Sunday School children, thank you for your support and efforts to help your child be successful. Our Youth and Sunday School children thank you for bringing the play, nativity and music to life. To all who are in the

choir, hand bell ringers and orchestra, we thank you for sharing your time and talents. To all who have provided props for the Appalachian family home, and costumes for the choir and Appalachian family, thank you for making everything and everyone look so good. And finally, thank you to all those who have provided technical and media support to help today's performances look and sound their best.

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.

THE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN POURED—WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US PUT UP WALLS! If you have some time over Christmas Break to help out, **The Laborers for Christ will be working the week after Christmas from Tuesday, 12/27 thru Friday 12/30.** Sign-up sheets, skills and volunteer agreement forms are located out in the church narthex area. For more info, please contact Sharon Norris at 236-3957 or Harold Bellow at 513-6405.

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.

Nursery Note for Christmas Day (Sunday): Due to the staff being out of town, the nursery will be closed for the Christmas Day service.

ABCCM Donation for December: Self-Rising Flour. Thank you for your continued support of this local ministry.



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.

The Red Christmas Poinsettias are memorials given to the Glory of God in honor or memory of a loved one. Please see enclosed insert for a list of names; thank you.



Christmas Schedule:

-ELS Early Childhood Program: Tues. 12/20 at 10:00a
-Christmas Eve Services: Sat. 12/24 at 7:00p & 11:00p
-Christmas Day Service: Sun. 12/25 at 10:00a
-New Year's Eve Service: Sat. 12/31 at 7:00p

CHANGE: Christmas Caroling at 2:00 pm TODAY. Please meet at the church to carpool to our destinations. Be prepared to be gone for a couple hours.

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.

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. Come when you can. We will open the door at 6:30!

The Annual Musicians Christmas Party is TODAY at the Lorenz House at 5:00 pm. 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.

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. We will have Holy Communion at

each of the services. This Wednesday, 12/21 Pastor Jim Roseman will be leading the services.

Youth News:

Friday, December 30: Emmanuel Jr/Sr Youth will be heading to Asheville's FUN DEPOT for 3 hours of all you can play video games, wall climbing, bumper cars, go karts, laser tag, batting cages, mini-bowling and inflatables! Afterwards, we'll return to Emmanuel for Pizza and fellowship. Cost is \$10. We'll meet at the FUN DEPOT at 7 Roberts Road at 4:00 pm. We should finish up around 8:30 pm at Emmanuel. Contact Pastor Mark at 252-1795, ext. 112 for more info.

Saturday, December 31: Emmanuel Jr/Sr Youth can cheer in the New Year with a bonfire, fellowship, hot chocolate, sparkling cider, s'mores and more at Pastor Mark's new home. We'll meet at church at 8:00 pm (after the New Year's Eve service) to carpool over to Pastor Mark's place.

Note From the Financial Secretary: We will close out the Church Year and print contribution statements the day after Christmas. Any contributions you want credited in 2011 should be turned in by Sunday, December 25.

2012 Offering Envelopes: Due to crowded conditions resulting from construction, please pick up your envelopes as soon as possible. They are located in the narthex hallway by the sign-up bulletin board. Please pick them up even if you use Direct Deposit instead of envelopes. Thank you for saving the church the cost of postage!

CLOSING NOTICE: The Church and School offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26. If there is a Pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor McFarland on his cell phone at 828-423-6517, thank you.

Birthdays: 12/18 Jim Clark; 12/19 Toni Poppy; 12/20 Tracey Carpenter, Joshua Clark, Barbara Peterson; 12/21 Daniel Charlson, Vicky Jacobsen, Marqueen Kostenbauder; 12/22 Robert Hubler, Julia Kearley, David Meyer; 12/24 Zachary Fligel.

Anniversaries: 12/27 Bob and Karen Balance; and James and Barbara Roseman.

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Part I

Listen to the Story

I Hear the Prophet Callin' (Soloist: Jon Schallhorn)

The People Who Walk in Darkness

Mary Had A Baby (Sunday School Choir)

I Hear a Mother Singin' (Soloist: Colleen Leyva)

Rockin' Slow and Even (Soloist: Shirley Parker)

There in the Same Country (Soloists: Phillip Leyva, Karin Gleason)

Sermon

Offering: An Appalachian Christmas (Emmanuel Ringers)

Part II

I Hear the Shepherds Callin' (Soloist: Janet Schallhorn)

Go Tell It on the Mountain (Sunday School Choir)

Go Tell It (Soloist: Shirley Parker)

I See the Star of Glory (Soloists: Karin Gleason, Christi Lorenz)

A Star Rising in the East

I Hear the People Singin' (Soloist: Jon Schallhorn)

(Congregation joins in)

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, and wonders, of His love.

CANTATA PARTICIPANTS

Choir

<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	<u>Bass</u>
Ashleigh Beason	Shannon Black	John Greene	Nicolas Black
Judy Clark	Debbie DeBerry	David Janisko	Ian Johnson
Karin Gleason	Bess Kuske	Phillip Leyva	Mike Rush
Marta Keller	Colleen Leyva	Ed Nordmeyer	Bob Schell
Chris Nordmeyer	Christi Lorenz	Jon Schallhorn	Luke Schmelzle
Sharon Norris	Lane Schmelzle		Zeke Schmelzle
Shirley Parker			Ken Treadway
Janet Schallhorn			
Barb Schmitz			

Emmanuel Ringers (Handbells)

Carol Bergholz
Shannon Black
Tracey Carpenter
Debbie DeBerry
Ann Fahres
Bess Kuske
Colleen Leyva
Linda Mello
Elaine Schallhorn
Jon Schallhorn

Orchestra

<i>Conductor</i>	Dr. Kevin Lorenz
<i>Piano</i>	Ed Schallhorn
<i>Flute/Pennywhistle</i>	Ann Fahres
<i>Oboe/English Horn</i>	Terry Armfield
<i>Horn</i>	Phil Otterness
<i>Accordion</i>	Lula Muehlenburg
<i>Percussion</i>	Betsy Andrews
<i>Violin 1</i>	Daniel Pinelli
<i>Violin 2</i>	Britney Kyzer
<i>Viola</i>	Clair Gerhardt
<i>Cello</i>	Ben Smith, Andrew Baldwin
<i>Double Bass</i>	Hans Meuhlenberg

CAST OF CHARACTERS

<i>Jonathan</i>	Bryan Carpenter
<i>Sarah</i>	Brooke Reaves
<i>Beth</i>	Michaela Ausbrooks
<i>Ashley</i>	Dalton Charlson
<i>Robbie</i>	Brandon Nickerson
<u>Nativity</u>	
<i>Innkeeper</i>	Noah Bair
<i>Mary</i>	Lauren Reaves
<i>Joseph</i>	Justin Kearley
<i>Angels</i>	Davis Helms (Heralding Angel)
	Lexi Charlson
	Jessica Kearley
	Jessica Charlson
	Madalyn Neuenkirchen
<i>Shepherds</i>	Samuel Bair
	Cameron Nickerson
	Luke Black
	Trevor Ausbrooks
	Lincoln Schmitz
<i>Wise Men</i>	Ian Black
	John Meyer
	Micah McFarland

Special thanks to Marta Keller and Karin Gleason for preparing the children's music; Adam Bennett for media work and technical / lighting work; Shirley Parker for production; Hans Meuhlenburg for the stage; Sharon Norris, Kay Thorp, Bernard Smith, Katherine Weymuth and Christi Lorenz for costumes and stage props and all those who loaned their period Appalachian pieces for the production; Directors Christine Smith and Shari Reaves, Jon Burroughs for sound engineering; Nicolas Black for writing the script; and Christi Lorenz and Sheila Edwards for providing cast support.