

Today's Order of Worship

Service Setting for 8:30 & 11:00 Liturgical Services

See Worship Bulletin Insert

Special Music at 11:00

—11:00: Adult Choir "Come With Joyful Singing"

—P&W: Hans & Lula Meuhlenburg will play

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 down in room 108.

Ash Wednesday Services: This Wednesday, February 22 we will have services at 10:00 am (change), Noon, and 7:00 pm with the imposition of ashes.

Lenten Soup Suppers: As part of our fellowship time during the season of Lent, Emmanuel will be offering Soup & Sandwich Suppers on Wednesdays, at 5:30 pm (change) which will then be followed by our 7:00 pm Lenten services (*note: during the month of March, services will be held at 7:15 pm*). These will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22 and will run through Wednesday, March 28.

Leisurites will meet on Tuesday, February 21 for lunch at 11:30 am at Ryan's at 1053 Patton Avenue.

BLOOM TO BLESS: We want to thank the members of Emmanuel for their response to Bloom To Bless and the 170 responses we have received. We are working at tabulating all of the

responses. Please be patient with us. A Ministry leader will be in touch with you to confirm what you have chosen. For those who have indicated a need for training, please set aside Saturday, February 25th at 10:00 AM for that to happen. We encourage those who have not yet made ministry choices to please complete your survey and get it back to us as soon as possible. Thank you in Jesus' Name--*Pastor Art Gillespie*

Sunday Afternoon Pick-up Basketball: The gym will be open to members from 3:00-4:30 pm—all members age 15 and up are welcome to come out and play some Pick-Up Basketball in our gym. Next play date: TODAY. Kids younger than 15 will require parent supervision.

Bringing Hope to the High Country Youth Servant Event will be held **from July 15-21** at **Camp Linn Haven** in Linville, NC. This event is for youth ages 14 to college. Participants will work with local Habitat chapters in general construction of new homes in the Blue Ridge Mountains, lead VBS for children from Crossnore School and minister with developmentally disabled adults. The week will also include group camp activities at Camp Linn Haven and a day of hiking at the Linville Gorge. Cost is \$120 to attend. A deposit of \$60 and completed registration are due by March 1st. Please contact Pastor Mark at pastorseaman@elcsmail.org if interested in attending.

Pastor's Monday 12:45 pm Bible Study Class will not meet this Monday, February 20. We will resume the following Monday at the regular time.

Membership: If you or your family would like to learn more about Emmanuel or are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Michael McFarland at 828-252-1795, or at pastormcfarland@elcsmail.org.



This Sunday's Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Seth and Brenda Baker in memory of their parents.

A Workshop on "Marriage and Divorce: Spiritual Possibilities" will start the first Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. Dr. Michael Hester, Director of Pastoral Counseling & Growth Center here in Asheville for 22 years, holds a PhD in Pastoral Counseling, and has been a pastor, pastoral counselor and professor of pastoral counseling at a seminary. The workshop will be held from 6 to 7 pm on the four Wednesdays in March (7, 14, 21, and 28). For more info, please contact Pastor McFarland at pastormcfarland@elcsmail.org.

Get ready for Oktoberfest - early! Polka Dancing Lessons are being sponsored by the Mountain Top Polka Band and Asheville Music and Art starting Tuesday, February 21, 7:15 p.m. at Edelweiss Event Center, 697-D Haywood Road. Only \$5/lesson. Contact Hans or Lula at 258-0721 for more information.

World Vision's 30 HOUR FAMINE

Every day, hunger kills as many as 11,000 kids under age 5. World Vision combats hunger world wide by supplying and equipping people to provide their own food. For over six decades World Vision has served millions in nearly 100 countries. The youth of Emmanuel Lutheran (ages 12 and up) will have the opportunity to go hungry to combat hunger on Friday and Saturday, March 2 - 3. Pastor Mark and youth will participate in the 30 Hour Famine and will go without food for 30 hours to raise funds to support World Vision's efforts world wide. \$30 will feed and care for one child for a month. Please consider sponsoring a youth in this worthwhile endeavour.

ABCCM Donation for February: Diapers. Also, small (motel size) soap bars, shampoos and lotions. Thank you!

Starting next Sunday, February 26, we will be exploring Jesus's last week on earth. We will be reading and discussing Max Lucado's *And The Angels Were Silent*. It's a powerful book outlining

Jesus's final acts and teachings. How can we apply His final walk with our own walk in life? Come and uncover all that God has waiting for us. Deb DeBerry will be leading this class.

For the Lenten Mid-Week Wednesday Evening Services we will follow the theme of the *Seven Deadly Sins in God's Saving Grace*, starting on Wednesday, February 29.

For the Lenten Mid-Week Wednesday NOON Services we will follow the theme of *Christ in the Strangest Places: Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever*. "Two tablets of stone, a few vessels of oil, simple markings, a small army, a remote field, a solemn oath—these are some of the strangest people, places and things through which God revealed Himself to His people in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is chock-full of passion themes, from the serpent being crushed in Genesis 3:15 to Isaiah's Fourth Servant Song. Yet this series looks at some of the lesser-known Old Testament passion themes and focuses on them by means of single words. Written by seminary professor Dr. Reed Lessing."

Golf Fellowship: On Thursday, March 29 at 3:30pm our Golf Fellowship will resume. We will meet at High Vista Golf Course in Mills River. For more info please contact Pastor McFarland at pastormcfarland@elcsmail.org.

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.

Birthdays: 2/19 Ron Pepin; 2/20 Lincoln Schmitz; 2/21 MJ Davis, Jennifer Duran, Hannah Gleason, Bailey Strum; 2/23 Peter Causer, Elizabeth Hiler; 2/24 Jennifer Bixby, Adam Greene, Isabelle Hempel, Justin Kearley; 2/25 Luis Duran, Barbara Sullivan.