



## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

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Preaching Station: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bristol, VA

### This Week's Calendar

#### Monday, January 7

Shelter Lunch  
3:15 pm: Girl Scouts (104 & media center)  
3:15 pm: ELS Basketball Practice (gym)  
6:30 pm: New Member Meeting  
7:00 pm: South & West Bible Study Groups

#### Tuesday, January 8

3:15 pm: ELS Basketball Practice (gym)  
4:30 pm: ELS Basketball Game—Away  
7:00 pm: WNC Volleyball (gym)  
7:00 pm: Barbershop Chorus (fellowship hall)

#### Wednesday, January 9

Noon Service  
9:15 am: ELS Chapel Services begin  
10:00 am: Women's Bible Study Group  
1:30 pm: ELS Cheerleading (gym)  
3:30 pm: ELS Basketball Practice (gym)  
5:30 pm: Fellowship Night Resumes  
6:00 pm: Small Group & Contagious Christian Classes  
6:30 pm: Fellowship Night Classes begin  
6:30 pm: Hand Bells  
6:30 pm: Biltmore Volleyball (gym)  
7:30 pm: Choir

#### Thursday, January 10

3:15 pm: ELS Basketball Practice (gym)  
4:30 pm: ELS Basketball Game—home  
6:30 pm: Parish Administration Meeting (room 104)  
7:00 pm: ELS Basketball Game—home  
7:30 pm: Young Adult Bible Study Group (media center)

#### Friday, January 11

6:45 am: Men's Prayer Group (J&S Cafeteria)  
3:30 pm: ELS Basketball Practice (gym)  
4:30 pm: ELS Girls Basketball Game—Home

#### Sunday, January 13

8:30 am: Church Service  
9:45 am: Sunday School  
11:00 am: Church Service  
12:15 pm: Acolyte Training Session  
Communion Instruction

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Michael McFarland  
**Visitation Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Frederick Stiemke  
**Principal:** Luke Schmelzle  
**Music Director:** Dr. Kevin Lorenz  
**Director of Education Intern:** Michael De Dominick  
**Organist:** Ed Schallhorn

### Serving This Week

#### Acolytes

8:30: TBA  
11:00: TBA

#### Communion Servers

8:30: Elaine Schallhorn, Marissa Mello  
Ken Treadway

#### Lectors

8:30: Elaine Schallhorn  
11:00: Luke Schmelzle

#### Altar Guild

8:30: George and Betty Banjak  
11:00: Mitch Huff

#### Ushers

8:30: Landon and Melanie Hensley  
John and Sue Wolter  
11:00: Doug Piercy, Keith Anderson, Tom Sparacino  
Sam Waites and Dave Meyer

#### Nursery

9:45: TBA

### Last Week's Offerings

**General Offering needed:** \$11,135.00/week  
Last week we received \$12,965.10  
**Building/Vision 2010 needed:** \$ 1,476/week  
Last week we received \$11,270.00

### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 8:30 am: 100 Sunday 11:00 am: 101  
Wednesday Noon: snow cancellation **Total: 201**

# Epiphany



## Become a Contagious Christian!

This class is designed to help equip you on sharing your faith. Michael De Dominick will be leading this class, **which starts on Wednesday, January 9, at 6:00 pm.**

## ***Welcome to Emmanuel!***

**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. Thank you!

**The Small Group Class** will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in room 104.

**Fellowship Night:** Our Wednesday night programs and classes will resume on January 9. Come for dinner at 5:30 pm and then join in the classes and activities.

**Greeters! We need You!** If you have served as a greeter for the church in the past, *please* sign-up on the form in the narthex so we may continue this wonderful outreach service. We are still in need of a volunteer to take over the organization of this service—especially as we are in need of new recruits. Please prayerfully consider this valuable service. If interested, please contact Debbie at the church office for more details, thank you!

**All 5th-10th graders of Emmanuel** who are interested in serving as acolytes are invited to attend one of two Sunday training sessions: January 13, at 12:15 pm, or February 10, at 9:45 am. For more info, contact Mitch Huff or Wil Hansel.



**This Sunday's Flowers** are given to the glory of God by George Van Valen and Pattie Reece in memory of Jane Van Valen.

## ***Announcements***

**Notice: Nursery Service is offered** for children ages 3 and under during Sunday School and the 11:00 service. It's located downstairs, in room 108 across from the Fellowship Hall.

**State of the Church Meeting:** There will be a State of the Church Meeting on Sunday, January 20, at 9:45 am (during our normal Sunday School hour). Please make plans to attend this important informational meeting, thank you.

**Holy Communion** will be offered during the 8:30 am Sunday and Noon Wednesday services this week. We believe that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine, and that we should, before communing:

- 1) Repent of all sins;
- 2) Make honest efforts to reconcile with others;
- 3) Believe in the Triune God;
- 4) And trust Jesus for forgiveness and salvation.

Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Lord's Supper and share the faith in Christ we proclaim are welcomed at the Lord's table. Children not yet instructed in communion are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.

### **Did You Know?**

Before the time of Christ, Plato discussed the need for improvement in the education of young children and the importance of a healthy parent-child relationship.

## ***Announcements***

**Altar Flowers—we still have openings that need to be filled—including next Sunday's!** Sign-up sheet is on the Sign-Up bulletin board. Flowers are \$13.50 per arrangement. We ask that you please pay at time of sign-up. Make the check out to "Emmanuel Lutheran Church" and put "altar flowers (date)" in the memo section, thank you!

**First Communion Instruction** will meet on Sunday, January 13, after the 11:00 am service. Pastor McFarland will lead the instruction of our youth as they actively participate in the sacramental life of the Christian faith. Class will be for those in 5th grade and above who have not received instruction in the Sacrament of the Altar. Contact Pastor McFarland if you have any questions.

**Membership at Emmanuel!** For all of you prayerfully considering joining Emmanuel Lutheran Church, there will be an information meeting that you'll need to attend. The meeting will be held on Monday evening, January 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m. New Member Sunday will be Sunday, January 20. Please let Pastor McFarland know of your interest.

**Mission Trip!** A member of our church, Aaron Giese, is a PA student from Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC. Aaron has felt called to go on a medical mission trip with the *Agape* organization to Kalmukia, Russia, from March 29-April 24. On Sunday, January 27, Aaron will be leading Pastor McFarland's Bible Study Class.

## ***Announcements***

**Leisurites** will meet at Ryan's Family Steak House at 1000 Brevard Road (Biltmore Square Mall area) on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at Noon. Please join us for lunch and help us joyfully start a new year together! For more information, please call Dot Fastenau at 645-4029, or Minnie Hollar at 253-0896.

**Visit the Holy Land!** The Women's Bible Study will begin a Beth Moore study on January 9, in the Media Center. We meet every Wednesday from 10:00 -11:30 am. We will be using the book "Jesus the One and Only" which is an interactive study including video lectures taped on location in Jerusalem and the places where Jesus walked in Israel. You may purchase your book at LifeWay—copies will also be available for \$15 at the first class. So come and invite your friends!

**We Need Coaches!** The school is looking for a girls' soccer coach and a boys' volleyball coach for the spring. Practices will begin in March and run thru April. Interested? Please contact Nancy Jankowski at the school office—thanks!

**Servant Hearts:** A big "thank you" to Emmanuel's youth and parent volunteers who raked 70 bags of leaves for Emmanuel member, and shut-in Trudy Haude.

**The ABCCM Collection for January** is canned fruit.

**Simply Giving.** If you'd like your tithes or offerings to be given through "direct deposit," please see Jerry McMahan.