



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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

Board of Directors: *Eric Huranna, Dave Meyer, Jim Reaves, Ray Bailey, Don Weaver, Sue Wolter, Mike Rush, Victoria Scoones, and Adam Bennett*

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Preaching Station: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bristol, VA

This Week's Calendar

Monday, January 21—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

All Programs and Offices are Closed

Shelter Lunch

7:00 pm: South and West Bible Study Groups

7:00 pm: In-Depth Bible Study Group

Tuesday, January 22

3:15 pm: *ELS Basketball Practice*

4:30 pm: *ELS Basketball Game—away*

6:30 pm: *BOD Meeting (conference room)*

7:00 pm: *5/6 Boys ELS Basketball Game—home*

7:00 pm: *Barbershop Chorus (fellowship hall)*

Wednesday, January 23

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*

6:00 pm: *Small Group & Contagious Christian Classes*

6:30 pm: *Fellowship Night Classes begin / Hand Bells*

6:30 pm: *Biltmore Volleyball (gym)*

7:30 pm: *Choir*

Thursday, January 24

3:15 pm: *ELS Basketball Practice*

4:30 pm: *ELS Basketball Game—home*

7:00 pm: *WNC Volleyball (gym)*

7:30 pm: *Young Adult Bible Study Group (media cntr)*

Friday, January 25

6:45 am: *Men's Prayer Group (J&S Cafeteria)*

3:30 pm: *ELS Basketball Practice (gym)*

Saturday, January 26

10:00 am: *Altar Guild Meeting at the Hardesty's*

Sunday, January 27

8:30 am: *Church Service*

9:45 am: *Sunday School Classes*

11:00 am: *Church Service*

2:00-4 pm: *Fellowship Hall Rental*

2:30 pm: *Outreach Singers - The Laurels/Summit Ridge*

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: Bryan Carpenter 11:00: Logan Feid

Communion Servers

8:30: Jim Mitchell, Elaine Schallhorn, Karl Koon

Lectors

8:30: Jim Mitchell 11:00: Patrick James

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

Greeters

8:30: Darrell and Stephanie Hanson

11:00: Nancy Sparacino

Cantor

8:30: Dale Walker

Last Week's Offerings

General Offering needed: \$11,135.00/week

Last week we received \$ 8,436.25

Building/Vision 2010 needed: \$ 1,476/week

Last week we received \$ 716.00

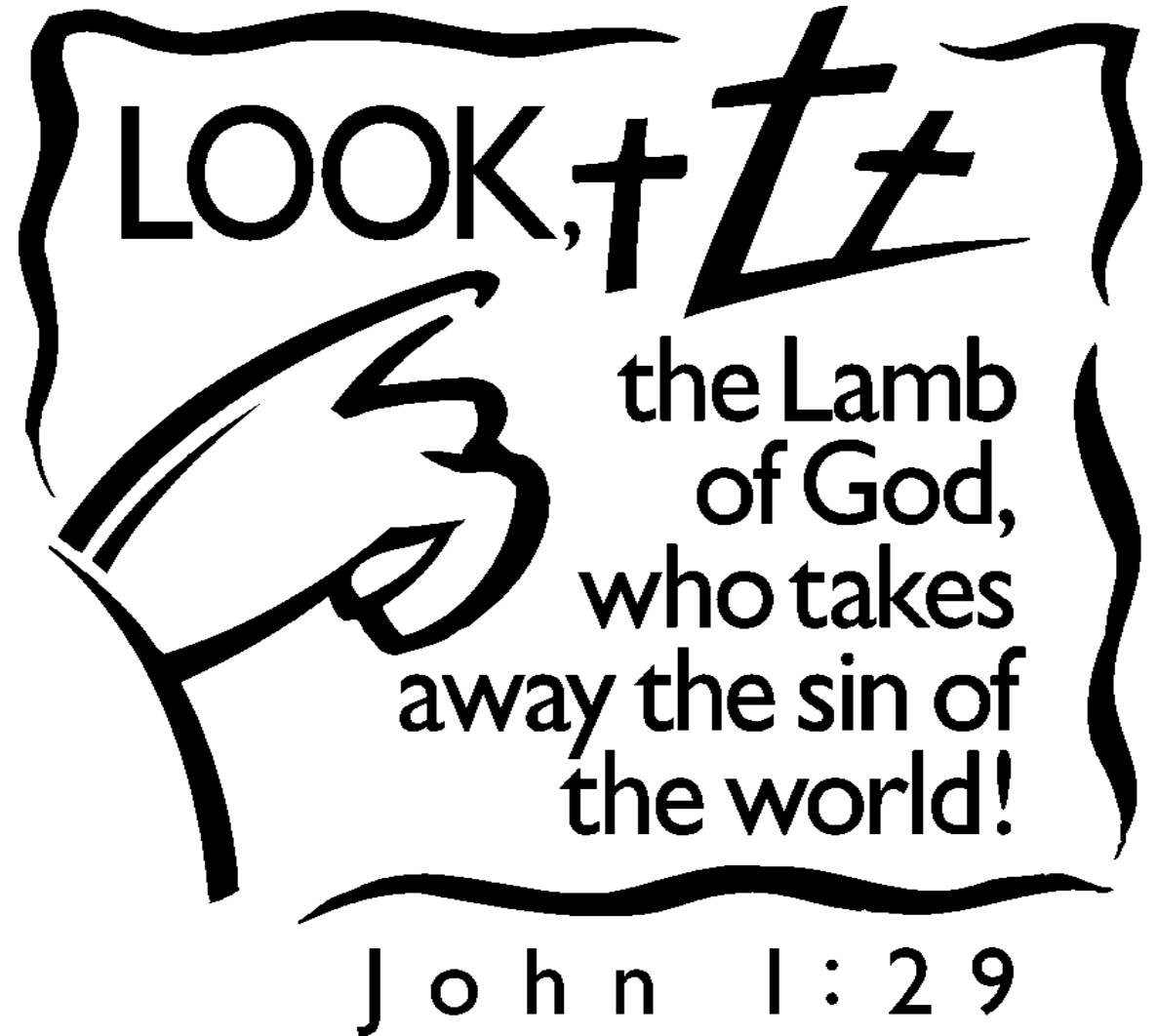
Last Week's Attendance

Sunday 8:30 am: 105

Sunday 11:00 am: 213

Wednesday Noon: 14

Total: 332



STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING TODAY

In the Sanctuary during the Sunday School Hour. As a result, there will be no Sunday School today.

THE CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN CLASS

Currently meets on Wednesdays 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. We hope you enjoy your time in fellowship here with us today. Thank you!

Thrivent will host a coffee hour between services on January 27. Funds raised will go to help Aaron Giese with his mission trip to Russia.

Consecrated Stewards is Coming Soon! *Consecrated Stewards* is a Bible-based stewardship education and commitment process designed to help our members grow in their spiritual lives and in the grace of giving. Watch for details on Bible studies and other events. **Please Mark February 24 as the time of our Consecration Sunday Service and Luncheon.** Also, please pray that God will bless this emphasis as a time of spiritual growth and commitment.

Our ABCCM Collection for January is canned fruit. Please place items out on the table marked for ABCCM in the narthex, thank you.

Did You Know?

Martin Luther once stated: "If I could leave the preaching office and my other duties, or had to do so, there is no other office I would rather have than that of schoolmaster or teacher ... for I know that next to that of preaching, this is the best, greatest, and most useful office there is."

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.

A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on February 5, at 5:30 pm. Please join the congregation for food and fun in the Fellowship Hall. We'll eat pancakes and then burn off the calories in Emmanuel's first annual pancake relay race! Donations will go toward the Junior Youth summer mission trip.

Weather Cancellation Policy for Wednesday Night Fellowship. As a rule of thumb . . .

- If Asheville City Schools are closed for the day or are closed early due to bad weather, we will automatically cancel Fellowship Nights.
- Persons affected by Buncombe County School closings will still follow the above when their safety is not jeopardized.
- All are asked to follow common sense rules for their own safety.

—*Spiritual Growth and Care Ministry*

Simply Giving. If you'd like your tithes and/or offerings to be given through "direct deposit," please see Pastor.



This Sunday's Flowers are given to the glory of God by Judith Walter in memory of her mother, Rita Walter.

Announcements

Photo Directory Photos: We will be taking photos in room 104 today, from 9:30-12:30 in honor of New Member Sunday. New Members please stop by to have your picture taken. Members, if you have not had your picture taken yet, then please take this opportunity to do so.

Altar Flowers—We have two dates left to fill—4/27 and 11/30. Please help us complete the chart for next year. Thank you!

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.

First Communion Instruction will meet next on Sunday, February 10, from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. 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 questions.

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. Financial contributions will be accepted to help defer the cost of this worthwhile trip—thank you!

Announcements

Emmanuel's Outreach Singers will be meeting at The Laurels of Summit Ridge on January 27, at 2:30 pm. Carpoolers, please meet in the church parking lot at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to join us!

Softball! What a great opportunity for Christian fellowship! An information/organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, after the 11:00 service in the fellowship hall. Men and women 16 years and older are welcome to come and join us. It is my hope that we can actively participate in the Spring/Summer League here in Asheville in 2008! Contact Pastor McFarland if you have any questions.

Please pick up your offering envelopes out in the narthex hallway if you have not done so already.

Altar Guild: There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Saturday January 26, at 10:00 am at Peg and Gerry Hardesty's home. We will be scheduling and planning for Lent and Easter duties. Please bring a salad to share and join us!

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!

Church Website: Have you visited our church website recently? There are tons of resources available there to benefit your spiritual life. Website address: www.emmanuelutheran.info