



# Emmanuel News



## Come Worship With Us Christmas Eve

Emmanuel Lutheran will hold two candlelight services on Christmas Eve

6:00pm and 8:00pm

Music provided by Daisy Eddy

In order to comply with the current health orders, we have initiated the following guidelines:

- ◆ Maximum 50 people per service
- ◆ First come, first served
- ◆ Masks required, no exceptions
- ◆ Social distancing will be respected
- ◆ Sanitizing and cleaning done between services



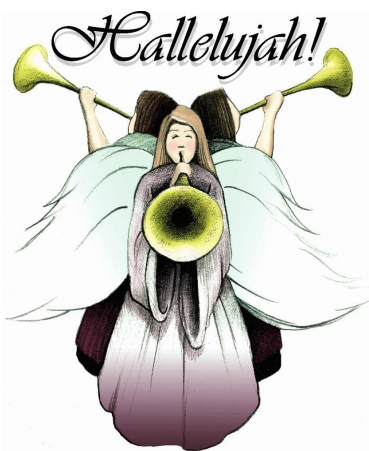
Merry  
Christmas



## TAKING THE FAITH HOME

I was approached by Ed and Sue Hawthorn a couple of months ago concerning the bulletin insert called "Taking the Faith Home". They have been donating funds to support this insert and wondered if I had received an invoice for 2021. After some searching, I found that in the past Pastor had ordered it and they reimbursed him. I got it ordered and Sue promptly reimbursed me for it. Anyway, to make a long story short, the last time I talked to Ed he told me he takes this home and studies it weekly and enjoyed doing so. A few days later I learned of his passing and it struck me that that was the last conversation we would have. Prior to this I had no idea that they provided this "gift" to us and I wanted to make sure that everyone knew and appreciated their generosity and kindness. I will always think of Ed when reading "Taking the Faith Home". Thank you Sue and God Bless You and your Family

Laurel Noland



## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

As you all are aware, due to the COVID 19 virus, we were unable to hold our annual Harvest Dinner and Bazaar this fall and have items on hand to sell. We thought the various canned items (jams, jellies, salsa, and dill pickles) would make great Christmas gifts, and will have them on display for sale in the nursery room at the church, along with various basket containers to put them in. Look for all those goodies, plus a few other bazaar items, when you are at the church. The various items will be priced, and checks can be made out to the ELCW, and dropped in a container there.

If anyone would like to buy a beef cross rib roast, 10 to 15 pounds in size, those will be available also, but have to be kept in the



freezer. We had hoped to have one of our great "roast beef dinners" sometime this winter, or spring, but it doesn't look like the virus is going to allow that to happen either. If you are interested in buying a roast, please contact Dawn Petty (373-6673) to procure one for you, meeting you down at the church, so you can pick it up, and pay for it then. The roasts were purchased at a great discounted price, and those prices will be passed on to you. We also have 5 or 6 large "banana squash" that were to be roasted, and served in casseroles at the dinner. These squash could be baked, and the pulp put into freezer bags, to be used for vegetable casseroles, pies or nut breads.

Merry Christmas!



# COMMENTARIES OF THE CHURCH MOUSE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

December is upon us and soon all eyes will be on the skies, searching for the jovial man in red. I sure hope Santa can stay Covid free, so that he can complete all of his rounds on Christmas Eve. All of the recent advertising would lead me to believe that we are no longer faced with a pandemic, as they all want me to shop like crazy. Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Two for Tuesday, Wild Wednesday and the list goes on and on. (I think I might have slipped a couple of happy hour specials in that list, but you get the point!) I'm not taking any chances, so everyone on my list is going to get a new face mask, a bottle of sanitizer, some Clorox wipes and a no touch thermometer!

Remember to fly the flag on the 7th, as we have Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. I was able to visit the Arizona Memorial during my Navy days and was truly impressed. Touring the old submarine that is there was really awesome too. Once it is safe to travel again, you will have to go and see both.

Winter begins on the 21st, which also happens to be the shortest day of the year. Go to work in the dark, come home in the dark, really puts me in a dark mood. Four days later, my mood is

brighter as we get to celebrate Christmas on the 25th. It really is a magical time of year, especially if there are little ones in the family. I love to watch them get all excited about Santa Clause and presents under the tree. I spent most of the weekend helping Mrs. T. C. decorate our humble abode. My patience was severely put to the test with those strings of little lights. One bad bulb and the rest of the string is out. Trying to find the bad bulb forced me to pull some hair out, and I don't have a bunch of hair to spare at this age!



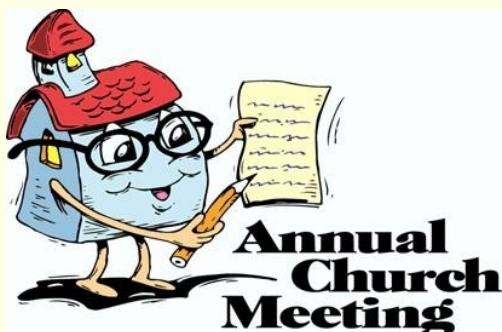
Then we have New Year's Eve on the 31st, where we can finally say goodbye to 2020, which really has been a trying year, and say hello to 2021. I sure hope things will start to improve with the New Year, as I'm sure everyone is ready to get back to some sense

of normal. I guess only time will tell. Well enough of my ramblings for now.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. Stay safe out there and I'll see you in Church.

Your faithful friend in residence at Emmanuel.

T. C. Mouse



Emmanuel Lutheran's annual church meeting will be Sunday, January 24, 2021 after services.

Reports are due January 10, 2021.



## ELC Council Meeting 11/11/2020

**Present:** Linda Oberg, Patty McVay Jill Hoffman, Robin McCafferee, Dawn Sherseth, Laurel Noland, Meagan Malchow, Liz White

### Devotions

### Secretary's report

Everyone has read the minutes to the October meeting. Jill made a motion to approve the amended minutes and Dawn seconded. The motion passed.

### Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Discussion was had regarding the janitor. She has missed several weeks of cleaning and will be docked in her next month's check. Meagan will take on mentoring her and check in with her weekly.

Dawn made a motion to approve the treasurer's report from October. Patty seconded. Motion passed.

There was prior discussion at a previous council meeting regarding a "rainy day" fund. Liz made a motion to put 10% of the monthly income into a rainy day savings account with reevaluation once we have an interim/permanent pastor. This motion was seconded by Jill. Motion approved.

### Call committee report

Unfortunately, the interim pastor we were interviewing will no longer be an option for us. We are back to the drawing board. Meagan, Kristianne, and Liz will work together with the call committee to see about further options. Liz will continue to fill the pulpit needs with lay pastors through January.

### Old business

### Eagle Scout Projects

Meagan will continue to work with the gentlemen on their Eagle Scout projects for the church. These projects include a new sign and landscaping around the church.

### Nominating Committee

There are five positions needing to be filled. Several have been filled so far. The committee will continue to work to fill the last several positions over the next month.

### Youth

The youth will coordinate with the Lions Club and help put together the Thanksgiving baskets on November 22nd along with the Angel Tree. They are also looking into making community care packages and giving them to families and friends in the community.

### New Business

### Christmas service

There was some discussion regarding options of a safe Christmas Eve service, as it is one of the largest of the year. These options included online services, using both upstairs and downstairs, and parking lot services. We will make a decision at the next council meeting for what our plan will be.

### Service coverage (counters, readers, music, set up/cleanup)

November 15th	music-Liz	service-Liz
November 22nd	music- Laura	service-Dawn
December 6th	music-Daisy	service-Jill

Next council meeting will be December 9th @ 7PM, via zoom or Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

The council meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

God bless you all and keep you healthy!

Liz White  
Secretary  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church



# LOVING SERVICE

## Christikon Clips

December 2020

*Information for our Congregations*



In the season of Advent, |  
we prepare for the “arrival” of Jesus into our world. May our hearts be  
prepared to receive Him.  
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## November 2020 Offerings

Our November offering total was  
5,079 with expenses of \$1691  
which made for a net income of  
3387.



# CARING RELATIONSHIPS

## Prayers of the Church

Call Dawn Petty, 373-6673 with requests and updates

### Members:

Meagan Malchow's various health issues, Monty Mavity's battle with cancer, Mary Cossitt's grandson Carter Dodson, age 29, has MS. Patty McVay's adopted granddaughter, Keeva, age 4, is again having issues with diet & eating causing much discomfort. Vivian Pierce is doing better, she hasn't blacked out since being hospitalized. Mary Beddes had developed an infection, and had to go back to surgery, but is at home now and recovering slowly, besides having very little use of her left arm right now. Her husband, Spencer, had COVID 19, but is recovering now, and doing better. Melissa Walsh tested positive for COVID. Susan Swenson Crawford, daughter of the late Frank & Eva Swenson, was diagnosed with breast cancer and had surgery. She will start aggressive chemo and radiation therapy mid-December. Rob Emmons had hip surgery and will be healing for 2-3 months but will be able to return to work within a month. Dawn Petty's daughter-in-law, Nina's parents in Panama have both contracted COVID; her father has passed away and her mother, Esperanza Diaz, is in the hospital. Chuck & Luann Super's daughter, Talia has COVID and is quarantined until Dec 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Friends of the Congregation:

John Mark Owens has stage 4 pancreatic cancer; Glen Ray has Parkinson's and dementia; Tonya Sullivan; Brittany Reinhardt waiting for a kidney transplant; Lisa Rekdal has cancer; Sari Stahl and family are having a bad time, no details other than that, but asks for our prayers. Jon Martin, a friend of Kristianne Wilson, had a stem cell transplant for lymphoma and is improving. Donna Mullen's sister, Linda Ernst, who has been waiting for a donor for a kidney due to PKD (polycystic kidney disease). Paul Bronson, formerly of Shepherd, lost his fight with lung cancer and passed away on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Rodger Morton, formerly of Shepherd, is hospitalized with COVID and pneumonia.

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

### Community Living:

**St Johns United:** Inez Oberg

**Minnesota State Prison System:** Rob Larson

### Local Youth Serving in the military:

Dan Johnson and Matt Grandpre deployed to Iraq; Taylor Green, Jacob Wagenaar, Tucker Wilson, Brooke Nebel

03 Sierra Stahl  
07 Raedawn Pasco  
09 Daniella Leligdowicz  
09 James Malchow  
13 Randy Vanberg  
22 Charles Noland  
22 Sharon Wolske



13 Scott & Durene Green  
14 Robert & Peggy McSweyn  
18 Lauris & Nancy Byxbe  
18 Charles & Laurel Noland  
28 Randy & Laura Vanberg  
29 Tom & Roseanne Plath  
30 Bill & Holly Reitler





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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

## We have a mission . . .

Emmanuel Lutheran is  
a welcoming church in a rural  
community, called by God  
to joyful worship  
caring relationships and  
loving service.

## We have a vision . . .

“We will follow God’s plan for us  
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