



Congregational Newsletter

December 2017

December Events

2nd Children's Christmas Rehearsal @ 9:30 am

5th Women of Emmanuel at Bungalow Inn @ 6:00 pm

6th Board of Education @ 4:15 pm

Board of Elders @ 5:45 pm

Advent Supper @ 6:00 pm

Advent Service @ 7:00 pm

9th Children's Christmas Rehearsal @ 9:30 am

13th Advent Supper @ 6:00 pm

Advent Service @ 7:00 pm

16th Children's Christmas Rehearsal @ 9:30 am

17th Children's Christmas Service @ 9:00 am

19th Church Council @ 6:30 pm

20th Advent Supper @ 6:00 pm

Advent Service @ 7:00 pm

24th No Christmas Eve Evening Service

25th Christmas Day Service @ 9:00 am

31st New Year's Eve Communion Service @ 5:30 pm

Pastor's Christmas Message

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

The Sundays in December in the Christian church year are called Advent Sundays. The word "Advent" means coming. On the Sundays in Advent, our Scripture readings remind us of the second coming of Christ, preparations for His first coming, joy in His coming, and on December 25 the birth of the Savior.

For our Midweek Advent Services, we will hear of three prophecies that God foretold to the people of the Old Testament and to us about the coming of the Savior. On Christmas Day, we will hear the fulfillment of those prophecies in the birth of Jesus our Savior as Luke 2 tells us.

When the angel appeared to the shepherds that first Christmas night, the shepherds became frightened and afraid of the angel's presence. This is the natural reaction of sinful human beings in the presence of a holy angel of God. The angel told the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all the people." The good news that the angel would announce would remove fear and fright from their hearts and fill their hearts with joy and gladness. That good news of the birth of the Savior was intended not just for the shepherds, but also for all people in the world, including you and me.

The good news is this: "Today," that very day, in Bethlehem, "in the town of David" where King David had been born, "a Savior has been born for you –for the shepherds, for all people, even for you and me. That Savior is Christ, the Promised Messiah. He is the Lord. He is God as well as a Baby. He is the Savior Who has been born to save the shepherds, all people, including you and me from our sins, to make us right with God, and to win eternal life and salvation for us in heaven.

When we hear that good news, the Holy Spirit strengthens our faith in Jesus, fills our hearts with joy and comfort, peace and hope that we may have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas, not only on December 25, but also every day of the year. Christmas is not just a one-day celebration, but also an every day celebration.

I invite you to attend our Sunday worship services every Sunday in December, our special midweek Advent services on Wednesdays at 7 pm, our Christmas Day service on December 25 at 9:00 am, and our New Year's Eve services on December 31 at 9:00 am and at 5:30 pm.

Pastor Vomhof

Help Us Decorate the Mitten Tree



We are collecting new mittens, hats, gloves and scarves that will be given to Christian Life Ministries. Items can be handmade or store bought. Please place your items on the tree in the narthex or in the box next to the tree. Christian Life ministries has a "Loving Moms Group" which is a support group for new Moms. Many of these Moms are in need of the basics, including warm clothing. The mittens, hats, etc will be given to these Moms to use for their families.

Please place your items on or by the tree by December 13th. Questions can be directed to Michelle Rust.

Joyful Noise Preschool

December is the time for preparation. We prepare for the coming Christmas season. The children continue to prepare

songs and recitations for the children's Christmas service on Sunday, December 17 at 9:00 am. We will have a mass rehearsal (which includes the preschool) on Saturday, December 16 from 9:30 am -10:45 am.

We will complete the month of December with our Christmas party on Thursday, December 21. Christmas vacation begins on December 22 and classes will resume January 9.

There will be no Together Tuesday during the month of December.

Mrs. Ehlers, Mrs. Sternisha, and I wish you the most blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

If you are wondering about the activities the children are doing during the preschool day, visit the preschool Facebook page at facebook.com/joyfulnoiseHUDSON

K.I.C.K. (Kids In Christ's Knowledge)

We have started another year of Kid's In Christ's Knowledge (or KICK)! It is a youth group at Emmanuel for kids in 2nd through 8th grade. We meet once a month to learn, serve, go out, do activities, and have fun. There is not a regular schedule for when we meet every month, so be sure to watch church publications for events as they are scheduled. We are also seeking people who would like to share a talent, passion,

or other idea with our youth. Please let me know if you would be willing to help with an activity.

If you have any questions about K.I.C.K. please speak with Christina Dobberstein.

Women of Emmanuel (WE)

The December meeting will be a Christmas outing to the Bungalow for dinner at 6 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 5th. All women are encouraged to come for a relaxing evening! A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by December 3rd. if you plan to eat at the Bungalow for dinner on December 5th

The serving groups list has been updated and is on the bulletin board. A leader is still needed for the third group. Speak with Sarah Dahlke or Leslie Stelling if you are interested.

Serving Mid-Week Advent Dinners:

- Wednesday, December 6: Dinner at 6:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm, Group 1 (Leslie Stelling)
- Wednesday, December 13: Dinner at 6:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm, Group 2 (Sarah Dahlke)
- Wednesday, December 20: Dinner at 6:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm, Group 3

Did you know Women of Emmanuel has a group account on Facebook? If you are on Facebook, look for our page and request to join. It's a great way to get reminders about things going on.

Adult Bible Study

Sunday Bible Class meets in the fellowship hall each Sunday at 10:30 am right after fellowship and snacks. We are reading and discussing the book " *The Life and Faith of Martin Luther*" by Adolph Fehlauer.

Weekday Bible Class meets in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, starting again in January. Please join if you are able. We will discuss the Psalms in the New Year.

Sunday School

We will be continuing with the Christ Light Curriculum. If you would like to help with this program, please speak with Matt Dobberstein. Remember to pray for our called teachers.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Class A meets at 3:15 p.m.

Confirmation Class B meets at 4:45 p.m.

Ignite Youth Group



Our Youth Group / IGNITE meets on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions about IGNITE please speak with Sarah Dahlke.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee will be looking for nominations for the following positions:

- One for board of Property & Finance
- One for Board of Elders
- Two for Board of Education

Please send nominees to Mark Carlson or Timothy Cords.

Other Items of Interest

Deadline for church information to be entered into the newsletter or calendar will be the 2nd Saturday of the month. Please email any information you would like to be submitted in the newsletter or calendar to: emmanuelhudsonwi@gmail.com

Ushers: Please find the Usher sign-up sheet on the table below the mail slots and fill-in your name when available. Any questions about ushering should be directed to Don Benisch. Thank you!

Church Clean-up: Check with your group leader. Any questions please contact Chris Hinz

Church Database: To keep our church office information and database up-to-date, please e-mail the church office your current address, phone, and e-mail information. Thank you.

Recycle Aluminum Cans: Please continue to bring your aluminum cans and place them in the trailer. And, when emptying the cans into the trailer, please make sure that whatever container you used to transport the cans isn't placed in the trailer as well. Thank you.

Please visit our Facebook page Emmanuel Lutheran of Hudson also feel free to like us.

Special Prayer Request

A prayer goes out to the Kogler Family. We pray that Mr. and Mrs. are adjusting to their new career. Retirement! Also thank you for serving our church.

Upcoming WELS Events

Evangelism Day will be observed at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN on January 10, 2018 today. Watch a livestream the Opening Worship Service from 8:30 to 9:20 am in the Chapel of the Christ at mlc-wels.edu. For more information and other events go to wels.net/events/.

St. Croix Lutheran Academy

St. Croix Lutheran Academy (SCL) is a Christian high school and middle school of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) serving young men and women in grades 6-12.

Founded in 1958, SCL has served more than three generations of students in a caring, supportive Christian community. The school is located on 30-acres of land in a West St. Paul residential area and has a diverse student body consisting of 500 students from the Twin Cities metro area, across the United States, and 17 countries.

This year's theme is *Living to Soar*. Uplifted by forgiveness and powered by God's strength we can soar above the burdens that try to pull us down.

Isaiah 40:31: *"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* -

Job Openings - St. Croix Lutheran Academy

Find out more at StCroixLutheran.org/jobs or call the office at 651-455-1521

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9:00 a.m. – Sunday Service
10:00 a.m. – Fellowship
10:30 a.m. - Adult Forum, Sunday School, & Youth/IGNITE



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