

Annual Meeting—Saturday, January 29, 2022

This Year's Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29 immediately following our evening worship. The Annual Report will be distributed one week prior to the Annual Meeting. Deadline for Annual Report submissions is Saturday, January 15.

Enrollment for membership at Emmanuel Lutheran in 2022 is now open. Complete a Discipleship Membership Covenant and give it to Pastor Dave or place it in the offering basket before Jan. 6, 2021. We have received 43 signed covenants already. **MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read and study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and live & give generously.**

Epiphany: “The Season of Light”

- A Special Liturgy will be used during the Season of Epiphany.
- Wednesday, January 5: Epiphany Celebration and Burning of the Greens on the Church Land (Weather permitting).
 - Saturday, January 15, 2021: Sanctity of Human Life.
- Saturday, January 22, 2021: Annual Covenant Renewal Service celebrating the gift of Membership at Emmanuel Lutheran, and Discipleship in the name of Jesus. Annual Reports distributed!
- Saturday, January 29 — Annual Meeting following worship!

Men's Bible Study: Men of Emmanuel Lutheran meet on Tuesday mornings at 8:30am via email & study the Bible Readings for the upcoming weekend. Let Pastor Dave know if you would like the study notes emailed to you. In-person study will be offered on **Wednesdays, January 5, 12 & 19 at 11am**. Location: Oasis Church. Bring a Bible, & a friend.

Women's Bible Study! A Bible Study on “Women of the Bible” continues on Wednesdays at 1pm at the home of Judy Pearce with Leitha Bothun as the study leader. Women will meet on **January 12 & 26, 2022**. Contact Judy or Leitha with questions.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022

Christmas II—6pm

**“Praising, Proclaiming & Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily life!”**

Merry Christmas to You & Yours!

Remember that Christmas is a Season, Twelve Days long! Share the Miracle of Christmas with others, this day and always!

Burning of the Greens!—Jan 5

This Wednesday, at 6pm, the 12 Days of Christmas come to a close with the arrival of the Magi. Bring a bough from your Christmas tree for the burning. The fire reminds us of the star that the Wise Men followed in search of the Light of the World!

Snow Removal

Emmanuel is responsible for removal of snow on the Oasis sidewalks, on Mondays. Larry Vomhof and his sons will spearhead this work. Contact Larry if you would like to assist with this ministry! Thanks.

The January Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also available, the current issue of the Our Daily Bread Devotional. Pick yours up today.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, January 1 — Bell Ringing Liturgy: 12 Days of Christmas at 6pm with Holy Communion. **Bring a Bell. Ring those bells!**
- Pastor Dave is on Vacation until Jan. 3.
- Wed, Jan. 5—Men's Bible Study at 11am; Epiphany Burning of the Greens at 6pm
- Thurs, Jan. 6 - Church Council Mtg. at 6:30pm; Signed Covenants due
- Sat, Jan. 8—Baptism of our Lord Worship at 6pm; Audit Committee Mtg. at 7pm
- **Acts 4:31**
The Church Prayed!

Prayers for Bell Ringing Service - Jan. 1, 2022

L: With joy and gratitude for the gift of Jesus, let us draw near to our heavenly Father in prayer, asking his mercy for the Church, the world, and all who need his loving-kindness.

A brief silence

L: Holy God, thank you for Jesus. He shares our life, and shares your life with us. He grew in wisdom & understanding, and gives us the Holy Spirit so we can, too. He takes our sin, and gives us his pure holy grace & love. He is your unfailing Light in the darkest days and places we endure. Thank you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Your Son adorned the earthly Temple with his presence as a child. He is your Holy of Holies in our midst. Make your Church a Temple fit for his habitation. Grant that it may adorn his dear presence with faithful words, heartfelt worship, and deeds of love and mercy. May it draw all people to Jesus' feet, there to learn from him the Good News of our salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bless this congregation, so that people gladly come here to encounter you in Word & Sacrament, in fellowship, learning, and service. Make us wise in the ways of charity and faithfulness, so that all may find your precepts to be sweeter than honey. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray your favor upon this new year; upon our hopes for a better future; and upon all who find no release from the sorrows and cares of the previous years. Give us the wisdom

and strength to seek your will for our common good. Draw us toward that eternal New Year that you alone shall bring. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Be the light and salvation of everyone who calls on you in times of trouble. We plead especially for: [**NAMES**]. Grant them health, wholeness, and hope. Ease the burdens and bless the labors of all who care for them. Refresh their spirits, and bind us all together in cords of mutual care and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: The generations rise and fall and pass before you, O Lord. We entrust our beloved dead into your merciful care. Comfort those who grieve, and whose hope falters. Give us eyes to see the suffering around us; lips to pray and encourage; hands to extend in blessing; and hearts to beat with compassion and forgiveness. Grant to all whom you have redeemed through your dear Son, a portion in the imperishable inheritance you have prepared for them. Bring us into your Kingdom, where you reign in unity with your Son and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Thank you for hearing our prayers, dear Lord. We entrust them, and our lives, into your merciful care.

C: Amen.

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