

THE HERALD



January 2018

Sunday School at 9:00AM
Sunday Worship Services at 10:15AM
Saturday Vesper Service at 6:00PM

Business Manager Hours: Mon–Fri 9:00AM-2:00PM

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“Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev’ry heart prepare him room and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.” LBW #39 Stanza 1

Truly this song clearly proclaims Who we celebrate to be born in a lowly manger, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! He brings Joy to our fallen world! We are given the opportunity to receive our King and called to sing with ‘heaven and nature’ and ‘prepare Him room’! So joyful is this season of Christmas that our world sparkles with the Light of the World Who knows no darkness and out of His great love for us enters our world and prepares our hearts to celebrate His birth!

I am very thankful for all of the expressions of love, appreciation, demonstrations of your love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that you the people of Emmanuel have bestowed upon me and my family during Advent and Christmas. Thank you from all of us for your gifts of love, grace and mercy bestowed upon us not only since we arrived, but that have continued to be showered upon us in honor of our Lord and Savior Who comes to us in the manger.

This will be the first Christmas that we will be able to visit both our families since 2009. So it is a joyful season and one that allows us to enjoy the love of Michele’s parents and siblings in North Carolina, my brother and his family who will travel from South Carolina and my parents in Virginia. It is my prayer that all of you the people of Emmanuel have enjoyed your time with family and been refreshed for the coming year.

With the new year, there are numerous opportunities we have to celebrate the ‘Joy’ that our Savior brings us. There are two opportunities I’d like to specifically mention. The first is the Cross in the Sanctuary. This is where we the people of Emmanuel can ‘dream’ of what we want to see at Emmanuel in the future. Please take a slip of paper and share your heart and help us to discern where God is calling us and what God is desiring for us to be known for in our world, our community, but especially from our church.

The other specific opportunity that I would like to invite everyone to be a part of is a Discipleship Journey for all who are interested in discerning where God’s gifts given unto us can be used in the Body of Christ, the Church. If you are interested in this journey, please pray for God’s guidance and if God leads you to take the first step, please contact me how we can proceed on a journey that will not only have God’s Glory in mind, but will bring great joy to Him as well as to you.

Thank you for loving me and my family and allowing me to be the pastor here at Emmanuel and let us celebrate “God with us” in singing, “Joy to the World”!

Yours In Christ, Pastor Darian L. Hybl

Lessons for Worship



January

1/7 Feast of the Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-15; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

1/14 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-18; Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

1/21 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 62; 1 Corin. 7:29-35; Mark 1:14-20

1/28 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28



Praying for YOU...

We continue to pray for several Emmanuel members each weekend at the Saturday and Sunday worship services. Please keep these members in your prayers throughout the following week. The members being prayed for this month are:

- † **Jan. 6-7:** Bob & Carol Schlotter, Chris Hinkle and family, Mark Palmer, and Steve Cehovin
- † **Jan. 13-14:** Gayle Wertz, Christopher & Regina Stirzel, Dana & Diana Hillman, and Mac & Mary Lou McDonald
- † **Jan. 20-21:** Lou & Michele Hiener and family, Helene Wolfarth and family, Tom Morton, and Karla Gustafson
- † **Jan. 27-28:** Dawn Johnson, Nicole Held, Ron & Susan Smith, and Dorothy Barkey



January Birthdays!!!

11/03 George Campagna

1/03 Irvin Rittko

1/04 Dawn Johnson

1/06 Moreland Lysher

1/07 Scott Boren

1/11 Colleen Wee

1/12 Louise Pugh

1/13 Rebecca Hall

1/14 Irv Pritts

1/15 Jessica Jaszcar

1/16 Anna Flood

1/17 Mary Ann Sinwell

1/17 Cecilia Verner

1/19 Mary Lou McDonald

1/22 Christian Bruns

1/22 Carrie Writt

1/24 Aurelia Seidling

1/25 Amanda Wertz

1/28 Carol Wilson

1/29 Valerie Frick

1/29 John Hall

1/30 Diane McWilliams



If we have missed anyone or have incorrect information, please let the office know so the correction can be made.



Youth Group Events		
1/7	5-7 PM	Assemble Meals-On-Wheels Kits @ ELC
1/21	5-7 PM	Movie Night @ ELC
2/17	7 PM- 9 AM	Lock In @ ELC
3/4	5-7 PM	Sky Zone in Monroeville
3/18	After Church	Help with OWL Dinner @ ELC

Weekly text reminders & devotions are being sent. If you and your friend(s) would like to attend youth events, please let Dan Plance, Youth Group Leader, know at 412-965-8904 or plance92@gmail.com



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W-DOGS - (We Depend On Gods Spirit)

Youth from K-5th grades and their friend(s) are all welcome to participate in our exciting events! Please remember your \$3.00 and your Red Bag. Please note the changes to the schedule below. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Foust, W-DOGS Leader at (412)445-3626 or elcna1c@gmail.com.



W-DOGS' SCHEDULE

Sun Jan 21, 2018	5:00pm – 7:00pm	W-DOGS Youth Group - Snow Theme - ELC - Heritage Hall
Sun Feb 18, 2018	5:00pm – 7:00pm	W-DOGS Youth Group - Valentine's Day Theme - ELC - Heritage Hall
Sun Mar 4, 2018	5:00pm – 7:00pm	W-DOGS Youth Group - Sky Zone Trampoline Park, 160 Levin Way, Monroeville
Sun Mar 18, 2018	12:00pm – 5:00pm	OWL Brunch
SAT Apr 14, 2018	All day	W-DOGS Youth Group - Field Trip
Sun May 20, 2018	5:00pm – 6:30pm	W-DOGS Youth Group - End of Year Shindig



Homer Adams Hired

Please welcome Homer Adams as our new organist/Choir Director/Bell Choir Director. He prefers that parishioners call him "Homer," and is anxious to work with a children's choir and a bell choir in addition to directing the adult choir.

Homer has studied organ, piano, voice, handbells, oboe, English horn, and flute with various instructors. He currently plays 1st oboist with the Westmoreland College band. He has worked for the past 15 years as organist/director of music at the Delmont Presbyterian Church which included directing chancel choir, handbell choir, and a puppet ministry. He also helped lead a contemporary worship service for a number of years.

Homer resides south of Greensburg and can be reached at: hadams4402@aol.com. He is a widower having lost his wife about 8 years ago. We look forward to welcoming him into the Emmanuel family and being blessed by his talents.

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Post-Christmas Cleanup

Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 10:00AM

All members of the Altar Guild are asked to attend at least one workshop. We especially need help at the Christmas Cleanup Workshop.

ATTENTION Confirmands and Sponsors . . .

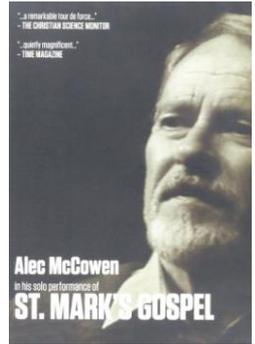
Have you been trying to think of a great activity for you to do together? How about a team to take down the tree and ornaments? The clean-up of the tree will take place on **Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 10:00AM.**

**Friends of the Altar Guild
are welcome to join us.**



Dramatization of Mark's Gospel to be shown on January 3rd

The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Class has been studying the Gospel of Mark. On **January 3, at 1:00** everyone is invited to view the video recording of the entire gospel of Mark as it was presented on stage by Alec McGowan, the noted British actor who memorized the complete text (over the course of two years) and first presented it in 1979 as a one-man stage show in London and then New York (where it was nominated for a Tony award). This long-running production, revived again in the 1990's, has been widely acclaimed and is the model for other dramatizations of the gospel (such as that of Max McClean which the class is viewing chapter by chapter for its regular sessions).



We will show the entire video (just under two hours) on Wednesday, **January 3rd, at 1:00** in Heritage Hall. All are invited to attend. Even those very familiar with reading this gospel find it a revelation to hear it told as a continuous narrative.

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Bad Weather Policy

Cancellation of worship and congregational events seldom occurs, BUT when an EXTREME winter weather event makes for unsafe conditions it may become necessary to do so. In the event of cancellations, the decision will be made by 4:00PM Saturday for Saturday Vespers, 9:00PM Saturday night for Sunday Worship, 3:00PM for Wednesday Worship or 2 hours prior to the scheduled time of a **non-worship** event. The recorded message on the church phone (724-327-2190) will provide notice of any cancellation for **only** worship services and the radio station **KDKA 1020AM** and **KDKA TV (CBS – Channel 2)** will be notified to provide notice of a cancellation as soon as a decision is made. Other non-worship events, please contact the leader of the group in charge of the congregational event if there are questions.



In any bad weather, we urge our Brothers and Sisters in Christ to use good old-fashion common sense when coming out to worship and other events. While God desires our praise and worship, God certainly doesn't want us to risk our safety and become injured in any way. God knows our heart and loves us wherever we worship when weather prevents the Body of Christ found in the church to join in our praise and worship of Him.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women

January

Wednesday

January 3, 2018

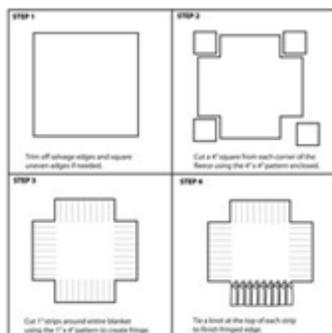
Breakfast at EAT N' PARK 9:30AM

*(After breakfast at Murrysville Eat N' Park,
then the meeting will continue at ELC.)*

Meeting at 10:30AM

Program: "Service Project"

*LIRS Blankets



Please bring a piece of 60" wide polar fleece
(2 yards long) and your fabric scissors.

Devotions: Susan Smith

Program Rep: Gayle Wertz



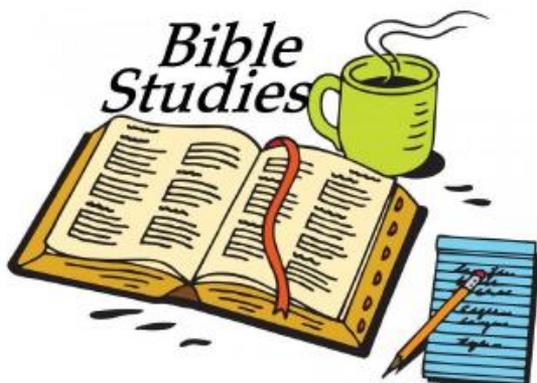
Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women

February

Wednesday
February 7, 2018
9:30AM

Program: Pastor Darian Hybl



Devotions: Mary Whipkey

Hostesses: Susan Smith
Sandi Suni

Program Rep: Amy Foust

2018 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends Announced



Your marriage relationship is one of the things in life that provides the greatest potential for happiness. Is yours living up to this potential? Please make 2018 the year you resolve to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn how to maximize the joy and intimacy that God intends for your marriage.

The following Weekends have been scheduled with one more to be added in Massachusetts in the fall.

- **March 16-18, 2018** at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. A newly-renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."
- **April 6-8, 2018** at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College PA. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of PA.
- **September 14-16, 2018** at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A lovely hotel-style facility in a wooded area of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown.
- **October 19-21, 2018** at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat next to Olmsted Mansion in Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up at your earliest convenience by going to the website:

www.GodLovesMarriage.org and paying the registration fee with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.



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Ring in the New Year with financial resolutions

With the New Year comes the opportunity to improve your financial well-being. Here are five financial resolutions to get you started:

1. **Establish your 2018 financial goals**, including your retirement and overall savings goals. Post them where you'll see them often.
2. **Establish a budget** based on what you spent last year, taking into account the variable prices of gas, heating and food.
3. **Cut back on debt** by paying off a credit card balance, foregoing unnecessary purchases or paying an additional amount each month to your mortgage payment.
4. **Prioritize upcoming large purchases** and figure out how to pay for them out of your current income.
5. **Meet with a legal professional to review your will or estate strategy** to ensure it reflects your current life situation.

For help achieving your 2018 financial goals, contact Mark F. Kuehn, Financial Consultant, FIC, LUTCF, CLTC, at 724-836-6890 or Mark.Kuehn@Thrivent.com today or visit Thrivent.com.

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BLIZZARD

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MITTENS

SNOW

SNOWMAN

WINTER



BOOTS

FIREPLACE

GIVING

HOLIDAYS

ICESKATE

PINETREE

SNOWBALL

SNOWSUIT

CHILLY

FROSTY

GLOVES

HOTCHOCOLATE

ICICLE

SCARF

SNOWFLAKE

WIND

January 2018 Schedules

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute and notify the office.
(phone 724-327-2190 or e-mail elcnaic@gmail.com)

Date	Service	LAY ASSISTANT	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	USHERS	NURSERY
1/7/2018	Sunday	Dave Whipkey	Volunteer Needed	Steve Cehovin	John & Judy Sieg	Gene Seidling
1/14/2018	Sunday	John Salava	Volunteer Needed	Scott & Carol Wilson	John & Judy Sieg	Janice Fiorina
1/21/2018	Sunday	Sally Seidling	Volunteer Needed	Lou & Jan Fiorina	Dave & Mary Whipkey	Deborah Fetsick
1/28/2018	Sunday	Ken Burky	Volunteer Needed	Dan & Danette Hunter	Dave & Mary Whipkey	Debbie Weigold

Date	Service	ALTAR GUILD		Counter Team		COMMUNION BREAD
1/7/2018	Sunday	Donna Berardinelli	Volunteer Needed	Amy Foust	Mary Whipkey	Jeanne Yargar
1/14/2018	Sunday	Volunteer Needed	Kathy Gustafson	Susan Smith	Jeanne Yargar	Jeanne Yargar
1/21/2018	Sunday	Volunteer Needed	Kathy Gustafson	Susan Smith	Jeanne Yargar	Jeanne Yargar
1/28/2018	Sunday	Volunteer Needed	Kathy Gustafson	John Salava	Scott Gustafson	Kathy Gustafson

Thank you to all who serve!

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		The deadline for the February Herald will		
		*be **JANUARY 22nd** ~ Thank you ~*		
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FISCAL YTD FINANCIAL INFORMATION as of NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Contributions \$20,726 vs. Budget \$20,140 . . . \$586.00 Funding Gap

Funding Gap – Contrasts the Congregation’s giving with annual Pledges and Budget.

Contributions \$20,726 vs. Expenses \$23,992 . . . -\$3,266 Cash Flow

Cash Flow – Contrasts actual spending with General Fund contributions received.

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- Lay Assistant: **Volunteer Needed**
- Festive Bells: Homer Adams
- Memorials: Dana Fetter
- Nursery: Sally Seidling
- Ushers: Dave & Mary Whipkey
- W-DOGS(K-5th): Amy Foust
- Wedding Coordinator: Donna Berardinelli
- Youth Group(6th–12th): Dan Plance

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