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Emmanuel Lutheran
CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:30am Traditional Worship
11:00am Blended Worship

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Our Vision:
Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,
Driven to Serve

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 23—N/A
ELS & ECE on Christmas Break through Jan. 6th

Tuesday, December 24- Christmas Eve!
3:00pm Children’s Stickerbook Service
7:00pm Candlelight Blended Service
10:00pm Candlelight Traditional Service

Wednesday, December 25— Christmas Day!
10:00am Traditional Worship Service

Thursday, December 26

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

Sunday, December 29

8:30am Traditional/Liturgical Worship Service)
9:45am Kid’s Sunday School (room# 017)
11:00am Blended Worship Service
Post-service Prayer Ministry support (Altar)
Food Pantry **CLOSED**

Upcoming Week—Member Celebrations!

Birthdays: 12/17 Wyatt Ogden; 12/22 Julia Kearley, Anne Mehrling, & David Meyer;
12/24 Zach Fligel, Carol Lichtenberger, & Marni Jennejahn; 12/27 Susan Buckner; 12/28 Amy Skopak

Anniversaries: 12/27 Jim & Barbara Roseman;
12/28 James & Judy Stoltenberg

Previous Week’s Services: Attendance & Stats

On-Campus Attendance	Online Sunday Hits:
8:30am— 60, 11am— 76	Website: 28
Wednesday Noon— 20	Facebook: 22

ELC Food Pantry (Grab-n-Go, VRQ, & Costello) :

The week ending on Sunday 12/08:
84 families, 341 souls, 80 cars

Church Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak
Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist
Church Office Administrator: Leigh Horsley
Hospitality Ministry : Shirley Parker
Praise & Worship Music Director: Heather Meulenberg
Organist: Lula Meulenberg
Digital Media Coordinator: Peter Linton

School K-8

School Principal: Mark Edmiston
School Admin. Assistant: Shari Reaves
Assistant Principal/: Denise Ball
Director of Admissions: Emily Leatherwood
Business Administrator: Gail Thomas
Kindergarten: Kim Noel & Jamie Wertham
First Grade: Rachel Graves & Mackenzie Knapp
Second Grade: Mindy Stackhouse
Third Grade: Kiara Studer
Fourth Grade: Chelsey Towery
Fifth Grade: Emily Lundquist
MS Science/Social Studies: Steve Lehrer
MS Math: Jenelle Lanham
Floating Aid, 2nd-4th grades: Cathy Whittemore
PE/Athletic Director: Jennifer Jenkins “Coach J”
K-8 Art: Tammy Reilly
Music & Spanish: A.L. Brown
Cafeteria: Mackenzie Knapp
Maintenance: Dale Emory

Early Childhood Education:

Director: Nicole Loria
Admin Assist: Carolyn Mashburn
Kitchen/Cook: Kristen Warren
Younger Infants: Neesie Castillo & Paula Jones
Older Infants: Becky Swatzell & Daja Harper
Toddlers 1: Lindsey Smathers & Ivy Robles
Toddler2: Melissa Beard & Taylor Phillips
PS2: Tasia Davis & Shaalon Johnson
PS3: Mallory Swaney & Hydeia Beck
PS3/4: Robin Rutherford & DeAsia Little
PreK-1: Madison Peach & Cleo Green
PreK-2: Beth Brock & Crystal McCormick
Floating Aid: Felesia Norton

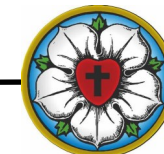
Previous Week’s Offerings

General Offering received:	\$ 10, 845.35
Building Funds Received:	\$ 20.00
General Weekly Offering needed:	\$ (12,817.31)

The Intelligent Designer



(Luke 1:39-45)



Sunday—December 22nd, 2024



**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

9:45am Classes:

Kid's Sunday School (Room# 017, Kay Thorp)

Directly after church:

Prayer Support Ministry (sanctuary, The Baldwin's)
The Food Pantry is **OPEN**

8:30am Traditional Worship Outline (DS4)

Call to Worship:

“Song of Mary (The Magnificat)

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Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Today's Servers!

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Acolyte	TBD	Mason Franklin
Lector	Neil Pursley*	Heather Renner
Ushers	Mike Rush & Neil Pursley*	Ed DeBerry & Lary Schulhof
Communion	Susan Roby & Stephanie Hanson	Ron Pepin & Dale Pioch*
Elder	John Jennejahn	Dale Pioch*

Prayer Support Team:

Rich & Lisa Baldwin

Sound & Tech Crew:

8:30am: Heather M. & Peter L.

11:00am: Ben & Lucas Munn

Altar Guild:

8:30am: Dana Novak

11:00am: Margo R. & Edith W.

Offering Counters:

David & Traci Meyer

End Of December Worship Service Schedule

Tuesday, 12/24 Christmas-Eve:

- 3pm Children & Families "Stickerbook" service
- 7pm Candlelight Blended Worship
- 10pm Candlelight Traditional Worship

Wednesday, 12/25 Christmas Day:

- 10am Worship Service

Sunday, 12/29:

- 8:30am Traditional
- 11am Blended

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Grab & Go Food Pantry

OPEN TODAY!! from 1-3pm
(Patrons & Volunteers welcome!)

The Intelligent Designer - Luke 1:39-45

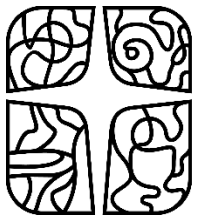
All the _____ of Christmas are an illusion - the idea of the perfect Norman Rockwell Christmas. Listen to _____, the mother of our Lord - she shares the _____ of a truly Merry Christmas

- I. _____ our Lowliness
- A. What did Mary _____ about herself?
1. A truly Merry Christmas does not come from raising your _____
 - a. It doesn't come from _____ up others
 - b. it comes from recognizing our _____
 - c. Luke _____
 2. Mary is _____ at what the Lord has done for her
 3. She is "blessed" because of _____ favor
 - a. God has done the _____
 - b. He alone is the _____
- B. Why does God _____ her despite her lowliness?
1. Because of His divine _____
 - a. Luke _____
 - b. Mark _____
 2. Mercy sees the lowly condition and _____ reaches out to help
- C. How can we _____ God's mercy?
1. We can only know God's mercy when you recognize your _____
 - a. Luke _____
 - b. He is God and we are _____ to do anything without Him
 2. Come to the manger with _____ hands begging for mercy

- II. Rejoice in His _____
- A. So What is so great about this _____ and his work?
- a. This child is the _____
 - b. Luke _____
 - c. His infant _____ commands the wind and waves
- B. He came into our lowly estate to _____ us up
1. Luke _____
 2. When we recognize our lowliness, we realize His _____
 - a. He lifts us up from the depth of our _____
 - b. He illuminates the darkness of our _____
- C. He fills us with _____ good things so we can see His _____
1. Luke _____
 2. Confidence in forgiveness, restoration, and _____

Come to the manger with _____ hands, recognize your lowliness, and leave rejoicing in the Baby's _____.
For you leave with richness of forgiveness, life, and salvation.
That is what God's Word of promise brings you.
For that Baby is God and Savior. Sing with Mary:
"My spirit _____ in God my Savior"





AS WE GATHER

The Advent season of preparing for the promised Savior to be born as one of us soon reaches its climax. Though in our homes and lives we may be wondering if we have done all we have needed to get ready for our own celebrations, we give thanks that at the center of our coming Christmas observations the Lord has prepared all we need. In this last Sunday of Advent and in the days ahead of anticipated Christmas joy, may we find peace in the preparations done freely for us out of grace, mercy, and perfect love centered on the Savior we soon welcome, who was born for us and all the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP Midnight Clear (Love Song)

(Verse 1)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing

(Chorus)

Glory to God in the highest, glory to God evermore

Good news great joy for all

Melody breaks through the silence, Christ the Savior is born

Jesus the love song of God

(Verse 2)

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats, through all the weary world
And man at war with man hears not, the love song which they bring
O hush the noise and cease the strife, and hear the angels sing

(Sing Chorus Again, 2X)

(Ending)

Jesus the love song of God

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG O Come All Ye Faithful (based on LSB 379)

(Chorus 1)

**For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord!**

(Verse 1)

O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

(Chorus 2)

**O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord**

(Verse 2)

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God all, glory in the highest

(Sing Chorus 2)

(Verse 3)

Yea Lord we greet Thee, born on Christmas
morning

Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

(Sing Chorus 2)

(Chorus 3)

**We'll praise His name forever,
we'll praise His name forever**

**We'll praise His name forever,
Christ the Lord!**

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *John 1:5, 9; 3:16; Psalm 36:5–9*

Pastor: We light the fourth Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Pastor: The fourth Advent candle has been known as the angel candle and the candle of love. As our Advent season soon ends, we await the angelic message of the good news of a Savior. We have come to know the love of the one true God this season and always as we have prepared to celebrate His birth. We know God's promises come to fruition in Jesus, who later made known His Father's love in His being born into this world; in His life, ministry, teaching, preaching, healing; and ultimately in His dying and rising. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

People: **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

Pastor: Guided by the light of love, we respond with the psalmist: "Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: **Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O Lord.**

Pastor: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

People: **They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

Pastor: For with You is the fountain of life;

People: **in Your light do we see light."**

Four Advent candles are lit.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 32:5; 80:7; 124:8*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Pastor: We have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Pastor: Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to be born in our flesh, to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and the Holy Spirit. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Those that believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Micah 5:2–5 (The coming King born in Bethlehem)*

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,

who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

⁵ And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE *Hebrews 10: 5–10 (Jesus comes to do God's will)*

⁵ Consequently, when Christ^[a] came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 1:39–45 (Mary visits Elizabeth.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be^[a] a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG Prince Of Heaven

(Verse 1)

Earth in shadow restlessly hold. Labors waiting in silent hope.
For the promise it longs to know, what heaven holds

(Verse 2)

Then the angels in holy haste, lift their anthem, your Savior lays
In a manger in humble form; your King is born

(Chorus)

**Hail the Prince of Heaven comes, angel choirs sound the call
For this babe wrapped in a cloth is, the incarnate Word of God
All the kingdom and its power, resting now in this child
Prince of Heaven, Jesus hope of the world**

(Verse 3)

This means mercy in fullest form; loving kindness forever more
Son of David and Son of God; He is Christ the Lord

(SING THE CHORUS)

(Bridge)

King of glory we gladly greet. Born in wonder and majesty
Forever worthy the earth will sing. Oh Prince of Heaven we worship Thee

(REPEAT THE BRIDGE)

(Verse 4)

We can know Him this Prince of Peace. In light of mercy confess our sin
Lay our burdens at Jesus' feet, and with gladness sing

(SING THE CHORUS)

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SERMON "The Intelligent Designer" *Luke 1:39–45*

CREED *Nicene Creed*

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER:

☩ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory
Foretold in sacred story: *Refrain*
refrain Hosanna to the Lord,
For He fulfills God's Word!
- 2 God's people, see Him coming:
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

- 3 Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All nations, now adore Him! *Refrain*
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

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LSB 354 Arise, O Christian People

- 1 Arise, O Christian people!
Prepare yourselves today;
Prepare to greet the Savior,
Who takes your sins away.
To us by grace alone
The truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven
To all the world is shown.
- 2 Prepare the way before Him;
Prepare for Him the best.
Cast out what would offend Him,
This great, this heav'nly guest.
Make straight, make plain the way:
The lowly valleys raising,
The heights of pride abasing,
His path all even lay.

- 3 The humble heart and lowly
God raises up on high;
Beneath His feet in terror
The haughty soul shall lie.
The heart sincere and right,
That heeds God's invitation
And makes true preparation—
It is the Lord's delight.
- 4 Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus;
Turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive You
This blessed Adventtide.
From stall and manger low
Come now to dwell within me;
I'll sing Your praises gladly
And forth Your glory show. *Text: Public domain*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES *John 1:5, 9*

Pastor: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

People: **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG He Shall Reign Forevermore

Verse 1

In the bleak mid-winter, all creation groans

For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone

Light is breaking, in a stable for a throne

Chorus

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings and Lord of lords

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

Verse 2

If I were a wise man, I would travel far

If I were a shepherd, I would do my part

But poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart

(Sing Chorus)

Bridge

Here within a manger lies, the One who made the starry skies

This baby born for sacrifice; Christ the Messiah

Into our hopes into our fears, the Savior of the world appears

The promise of eternal years; Christ the Messiah

Chorus

He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore!

He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

Unto us a Child is born, the King of kings and Lord of lords

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore



Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of December 22nd, 2024

These are people in need of prayers this week. "Lord Jesus we commend into Your hands the needs of people that go through challenges of many kinds. You know their joys, troubles, illnesses, and fears. We now commend them to You.

*"Prayers are continual and for good Health, swift Healing & Favor—
for the afflicted, their families, and friends:*

- ◇ **Sue Harris Biopsy in left eye for possible malignancy on Jan. 2nd**
- ◇ **Phil McCarthy – Had shoulder/rotator cuff surgery on 12/18**
- ◇ **Kristy Barlow @Pardee on 12/23, cervical disc replacement surgery & spinal fusion**
- ◇ **Joel Helms Upcoming cancer treatment & surgery.**
- **Sharon Drewer (Food pantry) Had an intensive surgery on 12/18 with a long recovery time. Prayers for strength & comfort**
- ◇ Doug Piercy Shoulder Surgery on 12/17
- ◇ Ken Treadway @Mission on 12/3; port in chest, beginning chemo.
- ◇ Mary Hufnagle Started first cancer treatments this month
- Rhonda Bruckner (C.Bruckner, sister-n-law) Prayers for continued health improvement.
- Mike Simmons (J.Groh,friend) diagnosed, pancreatic cancer
- Darlene Moore (S.Hanson, daughter) Pet scan, cancer was found
- Debby (F. Samuel, sister) In hospital again w/ infections.
- Chaplain Kyle Mietzner (C. Bruckner, nephew) Being deployed with 10th Mountain to the Middle East.

◇ = Emmanuel Lutheran Church Members
(Those diagnosed or living with long-term illnesses & conditions, on back)

"Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Dear Jesus, You are the great physician of body and soul. Come to those who are experiencing cancer and bring healing to their bodies. Use the gifts of medicine and doctors to work Your healing power. Lift their spirits and enable them to trust in You during this difficult time. Let them cast all their cares upon You for You care for them. For their families and caregivers, be their Encourager and Helper. Thank you Jesus, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM AILMENTS or CANCER :

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| ◇ Amy Skopak | Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend) |
| ◇ Joel Helms | Don Young (P/CJ Reece) |
| ◇ Steve Taylor | Hubert Hicks (C.Cline's friend) |
| ◇ Ken Treadway | Ann Melious (P/H McCarthy family) |
| ◇ Lorenzo Lopez | Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend) |
| ◇ Mary Hufnagle | Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend) |
| ◇ Jim Clark | Antonia Simpson (L.Meulenberg's friend) |
| ◇ Sharon Pruet | Keith Haynes (R.Rush's friend) |
| ◇ Shirley Parker | Virginia Lopez (E. Lopez's mother) |
| ◇ Marilyn Saylor | Melinda Condrey (Hufnagle's friend) |
| ◇ Diana Hempel | Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof's friend) |
| ◇ Emily Nieting | Garret Reiser (R/Dee Gordon's family) |
| ◇ Cynthia Cline | Becky Presley (S.Brock's friend) |
| ◇ Helen Cline | Janice (L. Giese's friend) |
| ◇ Marjorie Locke | Jan Williams (C. Waites Mother) |
| ◇ Mike Walker | Debbie Henderson (J. Groh, friend) |
| ◇ Julia Kearley | Lynn Case-Scott (S.Buckner's friend) |
| ◇ C.J. Reece | Becky Banks (R. Rush) |
| ◇ Mike Fastenau | Ralph Ector, Jr & Snr (S.Edward's, family) |
| ◇ Peg Hardesty | Carolyn & Keith Hembree (C. Cline,friend) |
| ◇ Gloria Spude | Jennie Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor) |
| ◇ Ray Bailey | Elsie Lankford (S. Pruet's mother) |
| ◇ Pete Rauschenplat | |

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS:

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| ◇ K. Ray Bailey | ◇ Ruth Jean Metcalf | ◇ Diana Hempel |
| ◇ Teenie Smathers | ◇ Marjorie Locke | ◇ Isabelle Hempel |
| ◇ Marilyn Saylor | ◇ Helen Cline | |



Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a praying community!

We believe the promise of God regarding His Word. Our new prayer request cards are located on the bottom of our new attendance cards in the sanctuary on the back on the pews. You may also call or email your request to the church office at anytime!