



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

Monday, December 4
 10:00am VRQ Lunch
 2:40pm ELS Pep Rally!
 4:30pm ELS Basketball Game (Home)
 7pm Black Mtn Bible Study (Roseman's Home)

Tuesday, December 5
 2pm Hardesty Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6
12-12:30pm Advent Noon Midweek Service
 12:35-1:15pm Advent Fellowship Luncheon (Narthex)
 1:30pm Women's Bible Study
 6:00pm Handbells Practice
 6:45pm Choir Practice
7-8pm Advent Evening Midweek Service

Thursday, December 7
 6:30-8:30pm Parish Admin Meeting

Friday, December 8
 No Pickleball in December
 3:30 pm Middle School Youth Group (Steam)

Saturday, December 9

Sunday, December 10
> 8:30 am Traditional Service (sanctuary) - Handbells!
 9:45 am PreK-5th Sunday School (Sch rm 017)
 9:45 am Adult Bible Study Class (Fellowship Hall)
 9:45 am Confirmation Class (ch conf room)
 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal
> 11:00 am Blended Service (sanctuary)
 1 - 3pm Food Pantry **OPEN**
 6pm Hausman Bible Study class

Senior Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak*
 Director of Christian Education: *Alexi Lundquist*
 Principal: *Mark Edmiston*
 Early Childhood Director: *Christine Smith*
 Church Choir & Handbell Director: *A.L. Brown*
 Praise/Worship Music/Band Director: *Heather Meulenberg*
 Organist: *Lula Meulenberg*

Today's Servers

Acolytes:	Eli Allen*	Luke Hodges
Lectors:	Mike Rush	Peter Renner
Ushers:	Alan & Kandi Tarrant	James C. & Justin H.
Communion:	Debbie R & Susan R.	Ron P. & Dale P.
Elders:	Susan R.	Doug P.

December Altar Guild
 8:30am Dana Novak
 11:00am Kelly Kanelos

December Offering Counters
 The Meyer's

Tech /Sound Crew
 8:30am - Heather Meulenberg & Peter Linton
 11:00am- David Mehrling, Rachel Stackhouse, & Heather Meulenberg

This Week's Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS: *11/28 Ed Lopez; 12/1 Clark, Alex; King, Barry.
 12/2 Kelm, Rachel; Lopez, Jamie; Kelm, Daniel; Noel, Benjamin.
 12/8 Cravener, Megan 12/9 Norris, Sharon; Saloman, Chloe
> This Month's Non-Agenarian (90+):
 12/21 Kostenbauder, Marqueen

ANNIVERSARIES: 12/2 Peterson, Robert & Barbara;
 12/6 Reiling, Barry & Debra

Last Service Attendance & Stats

Last Week's On-Campus Attendance
Last Sunday: 8:30am - 47 persons; 11:00am - 59
Last Wednesday Noon & 7pm: 17 persons

Last Sunday's Website & FaceBook Hits*
Website: 38 **Facebook:** 154

Last Open Food Pantry/VRQ data:

Sunday 11/26 served: 70 homes, and 388 people
Total NOV 2023 served: 645 homes: 1,846 people

Last Week's Offerings

General Weekly Offering needed: \$ 12,817.31
Last week General Offering received: \$ 5,859.58
Building Funds Received: \$ 25.00



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 3rd, 2023
1st Sunday in Advent

8:30am & 11:00am Services
www.emmanuellutheran.info

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



Isaiah 64: 1-9

Services in December: Sun. 12/3*, Wed. 12/6*, Sun. 12/10*, Wed. 12/13*,
 Sun. 12/17*, Wed. 12/20*, Sun. 12/24*, Mon. 12/25, & Sun. 12/31
 * denotes more than 1 services that day

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 3rd, 2023
Service

First Sunday in Advent

11:00 am

PRELUDE O Come, O Come Emmanuel *arr. J. Willard*
Ruben Orengo, Violin

AS WE GATHER

Welcome to the season of waiting! Not only is Advent a period of preparation for Jesus' first coming at Christmas, but this sacred season readies our hearts for Jesus' ultimate coming: when He, as King of kings and Lord of lords, returns in power on the Last Day, when every knee will bow before Him and every eye will see Him as the One who reigns in sovereign majesty over all things. Until the arrival of that glorious Day, we wait for Him in confident faith, strengthened by His Word and Meal, trusting that He has redeemed us by His cross and resurrection. With the expectant people of old, may our worship together lead us to say: "Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield" (Psalm 33:20).

Call To Worship Advent Gift (La Redemption and Ihr Kinderlein, kommet)
arr. Liebergen Samantha Munn, solo; Ruben Orengo, violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "Prepare the Royal Highway (He's Coming)" *based on LSB 343*
Additional lyrics by Heather Meulenberg

VERSE 1:

Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near;
let every hill and valley a level road appear.
Then greet the king of glory foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word!

CHORUS

He's Coming, He's Coming, make way for the Lord
With saints and with angels, we praise and adore
From manger to highway, to earth again one day,
Our king is coming, Prepare the Way!

VERSE 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:
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word!

(Sing Chorus)

VERSE 3

His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word!

BRIDGE

From robes of white to stable low
We look for Him, our King and Lord
He took our pain, rules from His throne,
All praise is His, and His alone! **(Sing Chorus)**

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 33:20–22*

Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD;

People: **He is our help and our shield.**

Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him,

People: **because we trust in His holy name.**

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

People: **even as we hope in You.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. Instead of waiting on You and clinging to Your promises, we impatiently go our own way. Instead of loving our neighbors as ourselves, we put our wants first and serve our interests instead of Yours, O God. For the sake of our Savior and King, have mercy on us. Forgive us and restore us. Guide us and renew us. Help us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: “You are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:7–8). Our faithful God hears our prayers and answers them, taking away our guilt and giving us His righteousness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, our Savior and King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 to us as we wait for Your arrival. Protect us by Your hand that we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 64:1–9*

¹ Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴ From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?^[b]

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted
garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in^[c] the hand of our iniquities.
⁸ But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 11:1–10*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Verse 1

O come O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive
Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of
God appear

Chorus

**Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel**

Verse 2

O come Thou Wisdom from on high who orders all
things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in
her ways to go

(Sing Chorus)

Verse 3


O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.
(Refrain)

(Sing Chorus 2x)

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SERMON "Oh Lord, Come..." *Isaiah 64: 1-9*

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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 words, 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. And 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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG "Onto Us" Emmanuel Praise Band

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Psalm 33:21*

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for the mercy You show us in Jesus Christ, Your Son
and our King. As we remember His death and resurrection and await His final coming,
prepare our hearts to receive the redemption He provides through His body that is given and His blood that is shed for the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor For our heart is glad in Him,

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 \times 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 \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB 333 “Once He Came in Blessing”

1 Once He came in blessing,
All our sins redressing;
 Came in likeness lowly,
 Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us.

2 Now He gently leads us;
With Himself He feeds us
 Precious food from heaven,
 Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish
Souls that they may flourish.

3 Soon will come that hour
When with mighty power
 Christ will come in splendor
 And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing
Joy beyond comparing.

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
 Keep our hearts believing,
 That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You
Till in heav’n we bless You.

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“Sent Forth By God's Blessings” arr. B.Phillips
 Ruben Orengo, violin

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of waiting that, on the Day of His arrival, we may rejoice forever as those You have redeemed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Psalm 33:22; Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

People: even as we hope in You.

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 “Hearts Waiting“

Verse 1

Hearts waiting, waiting on a Savior. Come oh come Emmanuel

Hear prophets speaking of the promise. Come oh come Emmanuel

The doors of heaven open wide, can you hear the song inside

Chorus

Prepare the Way! The Savior is near!

The Lord will come, the Lord will come to us!

Make room in your heart, this hope is for all

The Lord will come, the Lord will come to us!

Verse 2

Messiah ruler of the nations

Come oh come Emmanuel

Our Redeemer God is with us God is for us

Come oh come Emmanuel

A light of glory filled the sky

And we heard the angel choir

(Sing the Chorus)

Ending

Come oh come Emmanuel, Come oh come, Emmanuel. Come.

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Peace Came to Us...

Advent 2023



Dear Family and Friends of Emmanuel,

What a joy it is to celebrate this, my first, Advent and Christmas Seasons with you at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School. The changing of the season and the crisp and cold mountain mornings bespeak to us that Christmas is coming. And with this season of Advent upon us the hustle and bustle of preparations begin...but before we get all caught up in our holiday preparations remember the “why” of the season - that Peace Came to Us by way of the manger. This will serve as our Advent and Christmas theme for 2023. There will be a special devotion book available to guide you between our Wednesday and Sunday Worship gatherings as we draw ever closer to the manger, where God’s Peace lay in a bed of straw.

Each year during the Advent Season the leadership of the church and school tries to identify ongoing areas of importance and needs for you to consider as you bless the ministry of Emmanuel. I am excited to share with you a few areas that you may want to consider blessing with your end of the year giving:

+School Security In an ever-changing and more dangerous world we continue to explore and implement new security measures to keep our children safe. We are looking to add 3M Window Film to our doors and windows across our campus that serves as a means of deterring unwanted intruders from entering our buildings

+Narthex and Sanctuary Refurbishment Our committee has been working with an architect in order to present to you a variety of plans that will better utilize the wonderful space we have in the Narthex while addressing concerns of our aging Sanctuary - such as lighting, flooring, windows, audio-visual challenges, and the like. God’s house deserves our very best and this is our opportunity to bless these spaces.

+General Operating Expenses The cost of running a large campus and ministry such as ours takes the dedicated and sacrificial gifts of many to meet and exceed the needs of our church and school. The cost of running such a ministry continues to increase; this is our opportunity to bless as we have personally been blessed by the Lord.

Peace Came to Us... As we gather during this Advent and Christmas Season, do not lose sight of the manger. There in a bed of straw with humble Mary and Joseph, the Peace of the world came to us. There in that manger lay the forgiveness of sins, peace with God, and the gift of eternal life. So take heart and rest gently in God’s Peace. I look forward to our walk through Advent and Christmas together.

In His Peace,
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey E. Skopak
Senior Pastor

December 3rd, 2023
Sunday School/Bible Study Schedule!

Classes at 9:45am:
Children's Sunday School, PreK-5th Grade—room# 017 (K. Thorp)
Confirmation Class — conf. room (Pastor Skopak)
No Adult Bible Study Class today

Grab-n-Go Food Pantry is CLOSED today



Today's Altar flower's are given to the Glory of God by:
Kay Thorp—in celebration of Charlotte Thorp's Baptismal Birthday!



1st Week in Advent
8:30AM Worship Outline (DS3)

Call to Worship:

Advent Gift (La Redemption and Ihr Kinderlein, kommet) arr. Liebergen
Samantha Munn, solo; Ruben Orengo, violin

Welcome and Announcements

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LSB 331 "The Advent of Our King"

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Children's Message

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LSB 332 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

The Sermon: Oh Lord, Come... (Isaiah 64: 1-9)

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Closing Hymn:
LSB 338 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*The front door wreaths are given in honor of our Emmanuel Family.
The many acts of love and support you have shown us this year
have meant more to us than words can convey. We are in awe of
you. We pray that your hearts and homes will be filled with.*
With Our Love and Gratitude, Doug and Martha Greene



- > **Join our email list!** Go to our website, then "How Do I" from the top menu, & select "Join the Email List"
- > **More Sunday Server Volunteers needed!** Please contact the Church Office if interested.
- > **No Pickleball** (Fridays) in December
- > **3 Advent Wednesday Fellowship Luncheons**, 12:30pm (Food Sign-Up posted — Narthex)

**Emmanuel's Operation
Angel Tree**

**While Christmas shopping, please consider
supporting some of our very own School's children,
families, & staff who need extra blessings this season!**

**Grab a labeled gift-request ornament
off the Narthex Angel Tree today!**

**Adopt a Local Homeless Vet
for Christmas**

Men's Warm Gloves
Spray Can Air Freshener
Men's Diabetic Socks (Diabetic Only)
Men's New Undershirts (Large & Extra Large)
Alcohol-Free Mouthwash

Drop off in car lines, school office or welcome desk.

Items will be picked up on December 14th

**Christmas Eve
Stickerbook Service**
Dec 24th @ 3 p.m.

This service is designed for
families with children up to
2nd grade.

Scan for info

**Join Us for Emmanuel Lutheran's....
Mid-week Advent Services**

12pm & 7pm

Wednesdays - Dec. 6th, 13th, & 20th

All in person & also online at 7pm

**Christmas Services at
Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

Sunday, Christmas-Eve:

10am Worship

3pm Children's (toddler to 2nd Grade)

7pm Worship

10pm Candlelight Service

Monday, Christmas Day:

10am Worship



Oh Lord Come...
Isaiah 64:1-9

The cry, _____, is a reminder that as Christians gather, our hope, our expectations and our reason for being is that Jesus is coming

- I. God's _____ Speaks for Us
- A. The Psalms give us the words to _____ to God
1. Psalm ____
 2. Psalm ____
 3. Psalm ____
 4. Psalm ____
- B. Jesus Himself borrowed from the Psalms to speak: Psalm ____
- C. When we have no idea what to say to God, _____ gives us the words
- II. A _____ Gathering...
- A. A person at the top of the _____ with arms outstretched cries: "O Lord, Come..." (Isaiah ____)
- B. A second person joins the first and says: "O Lord, _____" (Isaiah ____)
- C. A third person comes to the _____ and looking to the heavens cries out "O Lord, Come...."
1. "We need you _____ Lord. People are hungry. People are sick. People are _____. People are confused. People are in despair. People are fighting. People are dying. People are _____. O Lord, come down"
 2. There is now a crowd on the top of the hill crying out: "O _____, Come!"
- III. I _____ Come
- A. Everyone _____ the words: "I will come..."
- B. Desperate longing fades into _____
1. The question comes to people's minds: "Am I _____?"
 2. _____ suddenly dawns: I am a sinner (Isaiah ____)
 3. When the Holy One comes He will deal with all the wrong and all the _____ in the world

- IV. But I am _____
- A. In the face of the One who comes all of our _____ become apparent (Isaiah ____)
- B. But the promise has been fulfilled: "I will _____"
- V. The _____ Who Comes
- A. Comfort turns into hopeful _____
1. 1 Corinthians _____
 2. Our joy is that through Jesus Christ we do not _____ in any Spiritual way
- B. Desperation has turned into _____ has turned to _____.
- Assurance is turning into hopeful _____



"O Lord, come. You will keep us _____ to the end. You will make us blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. O God, you have called us into fellowship with your Son Jesus Christ our Lord and You are faithful. O Lord, come. _____!"



Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of December 3rd, 2023

HEALTH, HEALING AND OTHER NEEDS

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

(New or updated prayers are in **BOLD**)

- ◇ **Elsie Lankford (S. Pruett's Mother) She is having heart problems (angina). Prayers for protection, strength, and healing.**
- ◇ Bill & Mary Hufnagle Suffering from heavy flu symptom. Prayers for comfort and steadfast healing.
- ◇ Rick Herman Having surgery on 12/5 to remove growth from colon for analysis, & having appendix removed. Prayers that hospital stay will be minimal & recovery rapid.
- ◇ Patti Reece Having back surgery on 11/21 at Pardee Hospital. A 4-6 week at home recovery. Prayers for rest & strong recovery.
- ◇ Carol Bruckner Having Spinal Surgery soon. She will be in this hospital for 2 nights. Prayers for swift healing and surgery success.
- ◇ Tommy Ridgeway Staph infection in knee after surgery. Prayers for healing, patience, & comfort for he & Kathy.
- ◇ Gloria Spude She will be having left shoulder surgery on 11/8. Prayers for successful surgery and swift healing.
- ◇ Christi Lorenz (K. Lorenz) Christi suffered a bad fall recently & is recovering at home. Prayers are for quick recovery.
- ◇ **Doug Greene** Doug's brain tumor has spread, he has now been placed in palliative care; prayers are for God's comfort & peace.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CANCER OR LONG-TERM ILLNESSES/CONDITIONS:

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| ◇ Doug Greene | Richard Brinkley (S.Pruett's friend) |
| ◇ Marilyn Saylor | Drew Butterfield (J/H Hodge's friend) |
| ◇ Emily Nieting | Ralph Ector, Snr (S.Edward's father) |
| ◇ Cynthia Cline | Sam Leder (V.Stinson's cousin) |
| ◇ Helen Cline | Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend) |
| ◇ Marjorie Locke | Don Young (P/CJ Reece) |
| ◇ Ken Treadway | Hubert Hicks (C.Cline's friend) |
| ◇ Mike Walker | Ann Melious (P/H McCarthy family) |
| ◇ Julia Kearley | Jenny Buckner (C.Cline's neighbor) |
| ◇ C.J. Reece | Carol Harris (S.Ude's friend) |
| ◇ Dale Wooten | Robin Worley (J.Kearley's friend) |
| Jan Williams (C.Waites Mother) | Min Soo Lee (E.Bailey's friend) |
| Lynn Case-Scott (S.Buckner's friend) | Janice (L.Giese's friend) |
| Ralph Ector, Snr (S.Edward's father) | Antonia Simpson (L.Meulenberg's friend) |
| Virginia Lopez (E.Lopez's mother) | Bob Frey (D.Wooten's friend) |
| Melinda Condrey (Hufnagle's friend) | Keith Haynes (R.Rush's friend) |

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CANCER OR LONG-TERM ILLNESSES/CONDITIONS (cont'd.):

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| Becky Presley (S.Brock's friend) | Bob Jones (M.Stinson's uncle) |
| Garret Reiser (R/Dee Gordon's family) | Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend) |
| Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof's friend) | Kristen Kirby (S.Pruett's cousin) |

PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIAN

- ◇ Adam Nieting & his wife Emily (Concordia Theological Seminary)

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS

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| * Dot Fastenau | * Jean Metcalf | * Marilyn Saylor |
| * Teenie Smathers | * Marjorie Yelton | * Diana & Isabelle Hempel |
| * Bertha Mertens | * Helen Cline | * Ray & Glenda Bailey |
| * Marjorie Locke | * Tommy & Kathy Ridgeway | |

Scripture and Prayer for this week:

"Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God." (Colossians 4:2)

Holy Spirit, You are the Lord and Giver of life, and You have worked a faith relationship with Jesus within us, the Jesus who is the Resurrection and the Life. Come to those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Help them to remember the tears Jesus shed at the grave of His good friend Lazarus, and the hope of everlasting life where You will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Stay close to them now and in the time ahead and in the heartache they are experiencing. Wrap them in the strong arms of Your love and in the promise that You will never leave them or forsake them. We pray in the Name of the living Lord Jesus, Amen.

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Emmanuel is a praying community. We believe the promise of God regarding His Word. If you would like to put someone on the prayer list, we need the following information:

- Your name
- Name of person to be added, and their relation to you (friend, relative, etc.)
- Nature of prayer concern (healing, grief, birth, thanks, etc.)

Please be sure to secure the person's permission before submitting their name— and to update us on their progress.

We want to share God's Answers!