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Emmanuel Lutheran
CHURCH & SCHOOL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Sunday December 31, 2023
10am Blended Service
New Year's Eve

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Our Vision:

Fully Engaged, Biblically Passionate,
Driven to Serve

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY!

Tuesday, January 2
6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsals

Wednesday, January 3
School Returns—First Day Back from break!
8:10am & 10am School & ECE Chapels (Sanctuary)
12:00pm Noon Midweek Church Service
1:30pm Women's Bible Study Group
6:45pm Choir practice

Thursday, January 4
6:30pm Parish Admin Meeting

Friday, January 5
3:30-5:30pm Middle School Youth Group
6:00pm Pickleball is on! (Gym)

Saturday, January 6
7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Another Broken Egg)

Sunday, January 7
8:30am Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
9:45am PreK-5th Grade Sunday School (Sch rm 017)
9:45am Adult Bible Study Class (Fellowship Hall)
9:45am Confirmation Class (conf. room)
11:00am Blended Service (Sanctuary)
1-3pm Food Pantry OPEN
5:00pm High School Youth Group

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Skopak
Director of Christian Education: Alexi Lundquist
Principal: Mark Edmiston
ELS K-8 Administrator: Shari Reaves
Early Childhood Director: Christine Smith
Church Choir & Handbell Director: A.L. Brown
Praise/Worship Music/Band Director: Heather Meulenberg
Organist: Lula Meulenberg

12/31/23 Server Schedule:

| SERVERS | 10am |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Acolyte: | Paige Hausman |
| Lector: | Deb DeBerry |
| Ushers: | Ed DeBerry & Scott Hausman |
| Communion: | Susan Roby & Lary Schulhof |
| Elder: | Susan Roby |

December Altar Guild

8:30am Dana Novak
1:00am Kelly Kanelos

December Offering Counters

The Meyer's

Tech /Sound Crew

David Mehrling & Peter Linton

Upcoming Member Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS: 12/31: Pat Gant & Melynda Stackhouse;
1/1: Elaine Tonne & Janet Hollar; 1/4: Debra Herman;
1/5: Lauren Reaves & *1/5: Don Groh;
1/6: Paige Hausman
*This Month's Non-Agenarian (90+)!
ANNIVERSARIES: 1/1: The Richard & Julia Kearley

Last Service Attendance & Stats

Last Week's On-Campus Attendance
Mon. 12/24: 10am— 94 persons; 3pm— 65 persons;
7pm— 120 persons; 10pm— 110 persons
Sun. 12/25: 10am—47 persons

Last Services Website & FaceBook Hits*

Mon. 12/24: 10am — 23 ; 7pm — 15; 10pm— 5

Food Pantry- Grad N Go, VRQ, & Costello, last served:

Mon. 12/11 – Sun. 12/17: 408 homes; 656 individuals
Total DEC 2023 served: 1,053 homes; 2,502 people

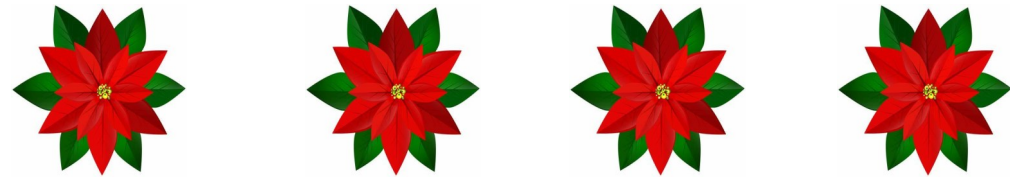
Last Week's Offerings

Last week General Offering received: \$ 39,191.37
Building Funds Received: \$ 1,000.00
General Weekly Offering needed: (\$ 12,817.31)

HE IS WHAT WE NEED



Luke 2: 22-40



Sunday 12/31/2023—10AM Blended Service

First Sunday after Christmas, Last Sunday of this Year!

Grab-n-Go Food Pantry is **OPEN** Today, 1-3PM



Dear Emmanuel Lutheran Church ,
Please join us Sunday **January 21, 2024** to hear The Rev. Dr. James Stoltenberg speak at both services about **Food For The Poor**, a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Pastor Stoltenberg will share personal witness about Food For The Poor’s mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Pastor Stoltenberg has been a pastor for over 41 years. He has a great passion for the poor and has led over 20 Servant Events taking teenagers into the Appalachian Mountains. These trips taught many things including that we can learn from the poor, Jesus was a servant, and how we can be servants too. Many who participated in these trips are now using their careers to help the impoverished.



- > **More Sunday Server Volunteers needed!**— Please contact the Church Office if interested
- > **New 2024 Altar Flower Sign Up sheet (Jan-April)** - posted in the Narthex now!
- > **Offering Envelope Reminder:** Starting January 2024, offering envelopes will be mailed every other month . If you receive offering envelopes, the first 2024 mailing will include envelopes for Jan. & Feb.

Contact the Church Office for how to sign-up!

4th GRADE WANTS YOUR USED BOOKS!
NOW UNTIL JANUARY 5TH

Big Lutheran School Basketball Tournament at ELS

JAN. 12-14, 2024!

Volunteers needed for Concessions & Admissions!

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 31, 2023 First Sunday After Christmas 10:00 AM

In Every Generation

PRELUDE Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan (We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth)
arr. Culli Rachel Kelm, flute

AS WE GATHER

How long is a generation? Keepers of statistics suggest that a generation is between twenty and thirty years and note that at the present time there are six distinct generations living in the United States. The current generations range from our oldest citizens, known as the *Greatest Generation* through our youngest, given the group name of *Generation Z*. In the account of the presentation of our Lord in the temple at Jerusalem, we see Jesus as a baby from the youngest generation and we meet Anna the prophetess, well advanced into the most elderly generation, and Simeon, who is often portrayed as an older man. The temple is the place for all generations to experience the presence and blessing of God! The psalmist exults in praise to God: "One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4). As we worship, we continue that praise in this generation.

CALL TO WORSHIP What Child Is This? arr. L. Larson
Rachel Kelm, flute A. L. Brown, organ Lula Meulenberg, keyboard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG Holy Holy Holy

VERSE 1

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

CHORUS

**From the cradle to the cross, God with us God with us
For this broken world You love, God with us God with us
You gave up Your only Son, God with us God with us
So that all the world will know our God with us**

VERSE 2

Holy holy holy, all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns, around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert and art and evermore shall be

(SING THE CHORUS)

VERSE 3

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

(SING THE CHORUS)

ENDING

So that all the world will know our God with us!

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INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 89:1, 52; 71:19, 23*

Pastor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

People: **with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**

Pastor: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

People: **You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?**

Pastor: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;

People: **my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD forever!

People: **Amen and Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned in thought, in word, and in deed. So often we have left undone those things which we ought to have done and have done those things which we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask for the grace and forgiveness that we know to be ours in Jesus, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us, heavenly Father, to change what is sinful in our lives so that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son, who has replaced slavery to sin with a priceless inheritance of freedom and joy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “When Morning Gilds the Skies” [LSB 807 vv.1-2]

1 When morning gilds the skies,
My heart, awaking, cries,
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

2 When mirth for music longs,
This is my song of songs:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
God’s holy house of prayer
Hath none that can compare
With “Jesus Christ be praised!”

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God of endings and beginnings, we commit to Your grace and forgiveness the year now being completed and commend to Your kindness and love the year about to begin. Throughout the coming weeks and months make the presence of Your Holy Spirit known in our lives, drawing us ever closer to Jesus and uniting all generations of Your faithful people in bonds of love and care, as we continue to grow in our baptismal grace and await the joy of eternal life in Your glorious presence. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 61:10–62:3 (Nations will acknowledge His righteousness.)*

61 ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;

my soul shall exult in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise

to sprout up before all the nations.

62 ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,

and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,

until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,

and her salvation as a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your righteousness,

and all the kings your glory,

and you shall be called by a new name

that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,

and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Galatians 4:4–7 (At the right time, God sent His Son into the world.)*

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under

the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as

sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,

“Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:22–40* (Jesus is presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph.)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant^[a] depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.^[b] She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

Verse 1

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

Verse 2

Light of the World from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory You saw my story
God You entered in and became one of us

Chorus

Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

Verse 3

Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid

(Sing Chorus)

Verse 4

Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory
And there He shall reign forevermore forever more!

(Sing Chorus)

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SERMON: “He is What We Need” Luke 2:22-40

APOSTLES’ CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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

OFFERTORY SONG God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Verse 1

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior, was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power, when we had gone astray

Chorus

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy

Verse 2

From God our heavenly Father,
a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds,
brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born,
the Son of God by name

(Sing Chorus)

Verse 3

The shepherds at those tidings,
rejoiced much in mind
And left their flocks a feeding in tempest,
storm and wind

And went to Bethlehem straightway,
the blessed babe to find

(Sing Chorus)

Verse 4

Now to the Lord Sing praises,
all you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood,
each other now embrace

This holy tide of Christmas doth bring
redeeming grace

(Sing Chorus)

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **And also with you.**

The peace of the Lord is exchanged according to local custom.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” [LSB 384]

- 1 Of the Father’s love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world’s Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.
- 3 This is He whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word. >>>>

- Now He shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.
- 4 O ye heights of heav’n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing.
Pow’rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev’ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.
- 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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“Angels from the Realms of Glory” [LSB 367]

- 1 Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story,
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth. Refrain
- ref Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.
- 2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain

- 4 Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. Refrain
- 5 All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One. Refrain

Text (sts. 1, ref, 2–4): James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.; (st. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, Salisbury, alt. | Text: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask that You would help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works that You desire us to do, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the same Spirit, be praise in all generations, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

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**

He is What We Need
Luke 2:22-40

It's comforting to know that Jesus is right there for us: We want the baby Jesus there in the _____ - where he can "look cute" and "remain helpless;" not challenging our lives

- I. _____ - An Ordinary Servant of God
 - A. Probably would never have heard of _____ if not for this encounter with the Christ Child
 1. The Baby is more than what we see in the manger - this baby is the "reason that man people in _____ will be condemned and others will be _____"
 2. Luke _____
 - B. We don't get this at the _____
 1. These words speak of _____ change
 - a. Jesus came to change the _____
 - b. Simeon was blessed to see and hold in his arms the _____ of God for humanity
 2. Luke _____
- II. Our _____ to Find Jesus
 - A. We need to be on a _____ to find Jesus - BUT there are those around us who do not look for Him
 1. Not seeking God is _____
 2. Psalm _____
 - B. _____ with Jesus is the vital quest for humanity
 1. People spend lots of time _____ for something
 2. It is an _____ that doesn't go away
 3. St. Augustine: "We cannot find _____ until we find _____ in God"
- III. God is Aware of our _____
 - A. God gave us _____ in order to give us a place to be found
 1. So where do we find _____ after _____?
 2. When the Holy Child has vacated the _____ and the _____ where do we look for Him?
 - B. We point to the _____

1. Jesus was put to death for our _____
2. Simeon told _____ this would happen (Luke 2:35)
 - a. But the story doesn't end at the _____ and _____
 - b. He _____ on the _____ Day
3. In the _____ we see the fullness of Jesus: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

- C. This is what _____ saw in the Temple that day in the 8 day old baby in his arms!
 1. Today we find this same Jesus in His _____
 2. He comes to fill the God-shaped _____ in our souls

Jesus is God with us...._____! He is the Incarnate Son - present forever - until the end of time. he is here, as He has promised to be, wherever two or three of His people gather in His name. He is here where His _____ of Forgiveness and life is spoken. He is here for all who are searching. He is here filling the God-shaped _____ in our souls....





Emmanuel Lutheran Prayer List The Week of December 31, 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**)

- Scott Stinson** (The Stinson's son) Had a serious biking accident. Prayers for healing after surgery on 01/02/24.
- Jay Keller** (Mike's friend) Former member, needs continued healing prayers.
- Doug Kenney** (C.Munn's friend) New cancer diagnosis. Prayers for hope & strength
- Cher Huntley** Neck fusion on 1/16, #26 surgery. Prayers for healing & comfort.
- ◇ Justin Hodges (H.Hodges) Justin was not feeling well. Admitted to the hospital On 12/20 and is home now. Prayers for swift relief & answers.
- ◇ Diana Hempel Has been moved to the Laurels for rehabilitation.
- Aaron Farmer (B.King's friend) Aaron has a cancer diagnosis. Prayer are for healing for him and his family.
- ◇ Cynthia Cline Undergoing treatments for cancer. At home recovering from treatment for an infection. Prayers are or healing and comfort.
- ◇ Dee Tilley Recovering from hysterectomy on 12/13. Prayers for comfort & healing.
- Betty Ude (S.Ude's Mother) Broker her hip& now in rehab. Prayers lifted high for an outpouring of love & spiritual strength over Betty.

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

- ◇ Doug Greene Lynn Case-Scott (S.Buckner's friend)
- ◇ Marilyn Saylor Richard Brinkley (S.Pruett'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)
- Janice (L.Giese's friend)

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

- Becky Presley (S.Brock's friend)
- Garret Reiser (R/Dee Gordon's family)
- Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof's friend)
- Ralph Ector, Snr (S.Edward's father)
- Virginia Lopez (E.Lopez's mother)
- Melinda Condrey (Hufnagle's friend)
- Bob Jones (M.Stinson's uncle)
- Muriel Williams (S.Edward's friend)
- Kristen Kirby (S.Pruett's cousin)
- Antonia Simpson (L.Meulenberg's friend)
- Bob Frey (D.Wooten's friend)
- Keith Haynes (R.Rush's friend)

PRAYERS FOR OUR SEMINARIAN

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

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS

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

Scripture and Prayer for this week:

Isaiah 53: 4-5

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

"God is my healer and redeemer. Scripture affirms that Jesus paid the price, on his body, for my body to be healthy, my mind to have peace and my soul to be delivered from pain and heartache. I declare today that I am healed because Jesus paid for my healing on the cross!

Sharing God's Answers to Our Prayers! (12/29/23)

"Thanks to everyone in the church for all your thoughts, prayers, and food during this time. Surgery was a success, I am able to move around now, and appreciate your continued healing prayers for my full recovery" - **Dee Tilley**

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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.