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& Christian Preschool
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Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am Service

Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Weeks

Sunday School/Bible Study 9:15 AM

Midweek Wednesday 5:30 pm

Sun service livestreamed on YouTube

Pastor's Post

Last words...This past Sunday I preached on the ending of Malachi. If you would like to listen to that it's been uploaded to our Youtube channel (just look up Peace Lutheran, Brookings, SD). Some have said that these words from Malachi are an odd way to end the Old Testament. "Behold, I will send Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction." They think it's wrong to end with a word of warning.

What these folks don't know is that these words are not the end of the Old Testament. Sure these are the last words God gave to a prophet. The next prophet would be 500 years later, John the Baptist. Yet the Old Testament doesn't end with Malachi. Well, the English Translation does but not the original.

On Easter evening, Jesus met with the Disciples in the Upper Room. He said: Peace is with you. He then said: "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms would be fulfilled" (Luke 24:44). Jesus opened their minds so that they could understand why he had to suffer and die and the meaning of the resurrection. He did this through the whole Old Testament (actually, the only Testament at that point). The order of the Hebrew Bible is as he said. It begins with the first five books of Moses. It then goes to the Prophets which includes what we would call the history books (Joshua—2Kings). It ends with the Writings. Chief among these are the Psalms. Yet the last book in the Hebrew Old Testament is Chronicles. It ends with the promise that God will restore his people back from Exile. It ends: "Whoever among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up."

God is with us. This is the message at the beginning of Scripture (Genesis) for even though they sinned God came and was with them. It is the ending of the Old Testament. It is also the ending of the New Testament in Revelation. Above all, it is the name given to the Savior in the first chapter of the New Testament...Immanuel: God with us.

It's the same promise from beginning to end. God is always with us. True on the last Sunday in the Church Year (this Sunday) and the 1st Sunday in the new year (11/27). True at the ending of a vacancy and the beginning of a new Pastor serving at Emanuel. THE words we need to always hear: God is with us. ptr

Offical Acts

Funeral

Ron Lundborg

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022

Date	Festival	1 st Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day	Deut. 8:1-10	Psalms 67	Phil. 4:6-20 or 1 Tim. 2:1-4	Luke 17:11-19
Nov. 27,	First S. in Advent	Is. 2:1-5	Psalms 122	Rom. 13:(8-10) 11-14	Matt. 21:1-11 or Matt. 24:36-44
Dec. 4	Second S. in Advent	Is. 11:1-10	Psalms 72:1-7	Rom. 15:4-13	Matt. 3:1-12
Dec. 11	Third S. in Advent	Is. 35:1-10	Psalms 146	James 5:7-11	Matt. 11:2-15
Dec. 18	Fourth S. in Advent	Is. 7:10-17	Psalms 24	Rom. 1:1-7	Matt. 1:18-25
Dec. 24 Eve	The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Eve)	Is. 7:10-14	Psalms 110:1-4	1 John 4:7-16	Matt. 1:18-25
Dec. 25 Midnight	The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Midnight)	Is. 9:2-7	Psalms 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
Dec. 25 Dawn	The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Dawn)	Is. 62:10-12	Psalms 98	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
Dec. 25 Day	The Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas Day)	Is. 52:7-10	Psalms 2	Heb. 1:1-6 (7-12)	John 1:1-14 (15-18)
Dec. 31	Eve of the Circ. and Name of Jesus (New Year's Eve)	Is. 30:(8-14) 15-17	Psalms 90:1-12	Rom. 8:31b-39	Luke 12:35-40

LOE

The Ladies of Emanuel will meet on Dec. 6 at 1 PM for their Christmas Party. The topic will be given by Karin Mueller and the lunch will be potluck; so bring your favorite Christmas goodies. Our focus for the month is to bring items to make hygiene kits. We will be serving coffee on Sunday, Dec. 4; and the Advent supper on Dec. 7. All women in the congregation are invited to attend the Bible study and Christmas party.

Mission Sewing

Mission Sewing will meet on December 1st at 9:00 AM. Some quilts were sold at the Orphan Grain Meal. A couple pillows were taken—we have more for give away. If you are in need of Christmas gifts, we have more quilts. We also have baby quilts for sale.

SPECIAL MISSION ENVELOPES

For November, the Special Mission envelope contributions will go towards:

Emanuel Lutheran Preschool

For December, the Special Mission envelope contributions will go towards:

Mercy Meals

Treasurer Report

October 2022 Income:	\$ 53,879.56	YTD 2022 Income:	\$277,784.37
October 2022 Expense:	\$ 28,813.39	YTD 2022 Expense:	\$330,403.54
Difference:	\$ 24,907.76	Difference:	-\$ 52,619.17

The 2023 Budget was presented and approved at the Voters' meeting on November 9th. Please contact me with any questions or further information.

The Dedicated Boiler Fund currently is at \$41,710. The needed funds are roughly \$90,000 so we still need another \$50,000 and we are trying to get this project for completion next summer (2023). We did vote at the voters' meeting to allocate the Thanksgiving offering to the Boiler Fund

Orphan Grain Train Update

The 2022 Orphan Grain Train Sausage feed was a success after several years without a dinner due to COVID. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this a such a great event! Free will contributions will be used for shipping or whatever the home office deems to be most important at this time. We thank God for all the workers and contributions toward this Fundraiser! Linnea and Joyce



Choir Rehearsals until Christmas:

Wed. 5:30 HANDBELLS

Wed. 6:10 PM Choir

Stewardship Newsletter Reading for November/December 2022

LIGHT SHINING IN THE DARKNESS Isaiah 58:10

Some religious people in Isaiah's day, as in our day, were eager for God and other people to witness and praise their piety. But what God wants to see from His people are the humble and loving acts of kindness and charity rather than lip service. God desires that our light would shine on Christ rather than ourselves.

As God's Spirit moves us to give generously of our time and resources, share food with the hungry, provide the poor with clothing and shelter, and offer help and hope to the oppressed, God's name will be praised. As we put our faith into action, the light of Christ will shine like the dawn amid the darkness of sin and unbelief in our world.

As we serve others in the name of Christ, the Holy Spirit will help us witness of our faith in words as well as deeds. Our purpose is to point people to Jesus, the light of the world, who will lead them out of the gloom and despair of this world to live in His marvelous and eternal light.

*******Jesus, our light and our salvation, shine in us and through us so that Your light and love and saving truths will be reflected in all we say and do. Amen. [Portals of Prayer, Aug. '21]**

Preschool News by Karen Tillma

Greetings from Preschool! We are finally in the groove of things and having a great time! This year the children are all very young with more than 75% of them not having birthdays until after the middle of March! As most of you know, 6 months at this age is huge! The children are learning my expectations and are getting to know new friends. I am so grateful for help from two volunteers. Sandy Schell has been coming in on Wednesday afternoons and Gloria Selchert has been helping on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. They have been amazing! It's great to have an extra set of hands since we have 17 students in that class. (I don't want to deter anyone from coming in! If you are still thinking about it, please contact me as there is always a place for you here! Things come up for Sandy and Gloria so there are weeks when we don't have volunteers.)

I held parent conferences in October. It is so great to visit with all of the parents and show them things we do here at Emanuel. So many things that we do in class don't come home in their bags. We have hands on activities that are fun and educational. If you are ever curious and would like a tour of the classroom, please stop by!

I am so please with how many prayer buddies have reached out to their little ones with notes and visits. I know that not everyone can stop by the classroom, but the children get so excited to get a note and I know their parents appreciate it so much! I have placed a variety of notes in a basket and placed them on the table in the library for you to use. I have a few families who have not received a note yet. Please consider doing this. Just a note saying something like "Hello, I am your prayer buddy. I hope your family is well. I just wanted to let you know that I am praying for your family throughout the school year."

Some things we are doing in preschool: We took part in Fire Prevention Week. Firemen visited the classroom showing their gear and firetruck. In the classroom we practiced getting out of the building and 'stop, drop, and roll'. We also put red tissue in the window of the playhouse and the children called for help from their classmates who came running with hoses to put out the fire! (I found some old garden hoses to cut into shorter lengths and the children had great fun running with them to the fire.) We had a harvest party on Nov. 1st. If you stop by the church during the week you will be hearing Christmas songs being sung as our program is the first Sunday in December. (Dec. 4th) The three year olds will have their program at 2pm and the four year olds will present their program at 3pm. The three year old class has been participating in Library time with Cindy Jungers on the first Wednesday of each month. Cindy was a former kindergarten teacher and called and personally invited us. The children

have enjoyed this so much and it is a great opportunity for them to learn to listen quietly to another adult. They have fun with the activity and craft as well. (It runs from 10-10:45 once a month.)

We are wrapping up our Little Caesars Pizza Sales. The link has been posted on the church Facebook page where you can order online. You can also contact me or any child who is enrolled in preschool. Orders will be turned in on Nov. 22nd. However, you can still order online through Friday Nov. 25th. I will also leave an order form in my mailbox in the hall by the preschool door. The preschool gets \$6 for each kit sold. This fundraiser helps the preschool provide a field trip for each class in the spring of the year and it helps with other supplies we need to purchase like construction paper and paint.

I ask that you keep our staff in your prayers for continued good health. Nora had surgery on one foot and is home recovering. Yanet is now working full days. It would be great if I had a list of people I could call if we get into a bind and need a substitute for a day. (If Yanet's children should get sick, or if her or I should get sick, we would need a backup.) If you are willing to be that person, please let Lisa or me know and a good number to reach you. Also, Yanet will be gone Dec. 19-22 and I will need to find someone to help those days for sure.

Karen Tillma

Emanuel Lutheran Sunday School: The Christmas program for Sunday school is 5 PM on December 18th. It's not too late to participate, all students are welcome! Please note that there is Sunday school on Dec 4th and 11th at 9:15 AM. There is also Sunday school on Dec 18th at 10:15 AM.

EMANUEL YOUTH GROUP

The youth board is working on some activities for the coming year. If your child has any ideas for some fun things to do, please contact the youth board. Members include:

Angie Bowen - bowenwd4517@gmail.com

Brandi Blauert - brandiblauert@hotmail.com

Max Athey - maxndew@msn.com

Tim Krause- timmiekrause@gmail.com

Helpful Youth Ministry Links:

<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/youth-ministry>

<https://www.kfuo.org/category/lcms-youth-ministry-end-goals/>

<https://www.facebook.com/EmanuelMilbankEducation/>

SOUND/RADIO BROADCAST FOR NOV/DEC

Nov 23-7 PM Larry Underwood

Nov 27-8 AM Charles Schamber

Dec 4-8AM Dave Schamber

Dec 7-7 PM

Dec 11-4 PM Harlan Monson

Dec 14-7 PM

Dec 18-9 AM Tracy Pinkert

Dec 24-4 PM

Dec 24-6 PM

Dec 25-9 AM Larry Underwood

ACOLYTES FOR NOV/DEC

Nov 23-7 PM Zackary Karges

Nov 27-8 AM Teaneashea Vogel

Dec 4-8AM Shyenne Giossi

Dec 7-7 PM Bryton Blauert

Dec 11-4 PM Kylynn Schwandt

Dec 14-7 PM Zackary Karges

Dec 18-9 AM Peyton Bauer

Dec 24-4 PM

Dec 24-6 PM

Dec 25-9 AM Teaneashea Vogel

BYD GROUP for NOVEMBER is GROUP 1, Elder—Josh Radil

BYD GROUP for DECEMBER is GROUP 2, Elder—Howard Mueller

Please refer to the sign-up sheets outside of the sanctuary as there are several open spots at this time for Usher, Greeter, and Communion Set-up. Thank you!!!!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Holtquist, Ella M.	1-Nov
Pond, Alana	1-Nov
Pond, Riley N.	1-Nov
Leddy, Korbin R.	3-Nov
Schamber, Ginger	3-Nov
Spanton, Jessica M.	3-Nov
Bloom, Nikolas	4-Nov
Linngren, Austin W.	4-Nov
Pinkert, Kimberly	4-Nov
Dietmeier, Martin C.	5-Nov
Myers, Tom	5-Nov
Bolton, Walter	6-Nov
Schell, Jennifer K.	6-Nov
Schell, Parker B.	6-Nov
Ehlebracht, Alyssa C.	7-Nov
Hofhenke, Joyce	7-Nov
Hunt, Hudson L.	7-Nov
Bolin, Ricky	8-Nov
Bohn, Wanda	10-Nov

Haliburton, Timothy J.	10-Nov
Street, Kris	11-Nov
Gabriel, Rachelle L.	13-Nov
Garcia, Noah E.	13-Nov
Koch, Dalton L.	13-Nov
Henderson, Tyler C.	14-Nov
Pinkert, Sharon	14-Nov
Zubke, Eleanor G.	14-Nov
DiNatale, Eliza J.	15-Nov
Graf, Margaret L.	15-Nov
Haigh, Luke H.	16-Nov
Hilbrands, Evelyn L.	16-Nov
Martell, Mia M.	17-Nov
Mueller, Ellen E.	17-Nov
Angerhofer, Edna	18-Nov
Loeschke, Tracy L.	18-Nov
Mueller, Jacob	18-Nov
Priebe, Alivia A.	19-Nov
Barse, Corbin M.	20-Nov

Bauer, Braydon A.	22-Nov
Schumacher, William A.	22-Nov
Nies, Krista M.	23-Nov
Rethke, Regina A.	23-Nov
Hunt, Karen F.	24-Nov
Reil, Trey A.	24-Nov
Hanson, Laci	25-Nov
Mielitz, Tammy	25-Nov
Frickson, Mark	26-Nov
Gabriel Sr., Ray	26-Nov
Tietjen, Larry L.	27-Nov
Bloom, Lincoln J.	28-Nov
Pinkert, Paul D.	28-Nov
Sackreiter, Judy	28-Nov
Weyh, Whitney	29-Nov
Johnson, Joyce	30-Nov
Keller, Rhonda L.	30-Nov
Leddy, Krecia L.	30-Nov
Schweer, Michelle	30-Nov

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Steltz, Peter R.	1-Dec
Bowen, Angela M.	2-Dec
Bilben, Shane	3-Dec
Bogenreif, Daniel L.	3-Dec
Schwandt, Breanna L.	3-Dec
Karges, Jacob D.	4-Dec
Morton, Addison L.	4-Dec
Schmeling, Paige K.	4-Dec
Athey, Maxine	5-Dec
Saeger, Kenneth R. (Ken)	6-Dec
Stemsrud, Robin	6-Dec
Stemsrud, Steven C. (Steve)	6-Dec
Myers, Derek L.	7-Dec
Gores, Chelsea M.	8-Dec
Seehafer, Jimmie R.	9-Dec
Lee, Peyton J.	10-Dec
Skovbo, June M.	10-Dec
Mork, Savannah S.	11-Dec

Pond, Niah D.	11-Dec
Ruhr, Buffie	11-Dec
Behrens, Karen J.	12-Dec
Barthel, George A.	13-Dec
Fish, Alan R.	13-Dec
Melham, Linda J.	13-Dec
Mueller, Eric	13-Dec
Opitz, Stephanie M.	13-Dec
Schmeling, Dylan R.	13-Dec
Poppen, Gerald E. (Jerry)	14-Dec
Schmieg, Brandon J.	15-Dec
Bogenrief, Casey A.	17-Dec
Dexter, Brandon L.	18-Dec
Ehlebracht, Wayne A.	18-Dec
Thyne, Brock D.	18-Dec
Gabriel Jr, Ray	19-Dec
Sackreiter, Hunter R.	19-Dec
Selchert, Gloria	19-Dec

Gesswein, James B.	20-Dec
Poppen, Dixie J.	21-Dec
Krueger, Brianna M.	22-Dec
Stuckey, Jensyn E.	23-Dec
Frickson, Dwight	25-Dec
Pollock, Shelbi	25-Dec
Dauwen, Orville A.	26-Dec
Schmieg, Jaxton R.	26-Dec
Wieber, Sharon M.	26-Dec
Newman, Jason D.	28-Dec
Riley, Mason M.	28-Dec
Skinner, Oaklynn R.	28-Dec
Hunt, Arnold L.	29-Dec
Keller, Adam D.	30-Dec
Lee, Tamara J.	31-Dec
Mueller, Angel	31-Dec

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dragt, Kenneth D. and Kathryn A.	4-Nov
Mielitz, Craig A. and Brooke	7-Nov
Schwandt, Richard R. (Dick) and Julie	8-Nov
Meister, Ronald J. (Ron) and Phyllis J.	12-Nov
Bogenreif, Daniel L. and Sharon J.	20-Nov
Schweer, Richard A. and Michelle	20-Nov
Greiner, Brian A. and Peggy	23-Nov
Hilbrands, Orville L. and Evelyn L. (Evy)	27-Nov

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Essington, Kevin M. and Cindy L.	6-Dec
Pinkert, Scott R. and Jennifer (Jenny)	7-Dec
Gilbertson, Abby and Troy	10-Dec
Hunt, Adam and Jennifer M.	13-Dec
Dauwen, Orville A. and Diann E.	15-Dec
Mueller, Howard W. and Karin L.	19-Dec
Mueller, Stephen (Steve) and Darcille A. (Dusty)	26-Dec
Henderson, Tyler C. and Jamie L.	27-Dec
Hanson, Calvin D. (Cal) and Laci	30-Dec
Negen, Steve and Kay	30-Dec

SPECIAL MISSIONS FOR 2023

January-Emanuel Lutheran Preschool

February-Lutheran Family Services

March-Emanuel Lutheran Preschool

April-Main Street Living

May- Emanuel Lutheran Preschool

June-The Banquet

July- Emanuel Lutheran Preschool

August-TIM

September- Emanuel Lutheran Preschool

October-Grant County Food Pantry

November- Emanuel Lutheran Preschool

December-Mercy Meals

2023 Church Officers and Board Members

President-Wayne Dragt

Vice President-Jackson Graf

Secretary-Melissa Mueller

Treasurer-Lisa Miller

Financial Secretary-Diann Dauwen

Elder Board

Josh Radil
Howard Mueller
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Charles Schamber
John Weyh
Dewey Athey
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Brandy Blauert
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Joyce Johnson
Regina Rethke

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Jackson Schwandt
Pat Blauert
Howard Mueller

Worship Service updates:

Installation of Pastor Davis is at 4PM on December 11th! Potluck meal to follow!

Beginning December 18th our Sunday Worship service is at 9:00 AM. In We will have advent services on Wednesdays at 7 PM (11/30, 12/7, 12/14). Our midweek service will start up again in January. We will also have service on 12/24 at 4 and 6 PM.

If you would like to share a poinsettia for Christmas in memory of or in honor of someone, please fill out this form and drop it at the church office by December 20th.

We ask that you have the plant(s) at the church by no earlier than after church services on December 18th. If you wish to take your plant home afterwards, please pick it up after worship at the 9:00 AM Christmas Day Service. If not, they will be disposed of as needed.

A plant will be given in memory of

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November/December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 8:00 AM—Service of the Word 9:15 AM—Adult Bible class	28	29	30 NO CONFIRMATION 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 5:30 PM Advent "Soup" Supper 6:10 PM Joy Choir 7:00 PM—Advent Service 8:00 PM—AA Meeting	1 9:00 AM Mission Sewing 6:30 PM—AA Meeting 6:30 PM—Al-anon Meeting	2	3 1:30 PM—Private Confirmation 9-5 Schweer in Fellowship Hall
4 8:00 AM—Service of the Word w/ Holy Communion 9:15 AM—Sunday School/ Adult Bible class 1:00 PM—Girl Scout Meeting 2:00 PM 3's Preschool Program 3:00 PM 4's Preschool Program 4:00 PM Scouts	5	6 1:00 PM—LOE	7 NO CONFIRMATION 9:15 AM Mercy Meals at OGT 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 5:30 PM Advent "Soup" Supper 6:10 PM Joy Choir 7:00 PM—Advent Service 8:00 PM—AA Meeting	8 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM—AA Meeting 6:30 PM—Al-anon Meeting	9	10
11 9:15 AM—Sunday School 4:00 PM Scouts-basement 4:00 PM—Service of the Word/ Installation of Pastor Davis 5:00 PM Potluck to follow service	12	13 4:30 PM—Board of Ed 5:30 PM—Youth Board 6:00 PM—Evangelism TBA—Stewardship Board	14 NO CONFIRMATION 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 5:30 PM Advent "Soup" Supper 6:10 PM Joy Choir 7:00 PM—Advent Service 8:00 PM—AA Meeting	15 6:30 PM—AA Meeting 6:30 PM—Al-anon Meeting	16	17
18 9:00 AM—Service of the Word w/ Holy Communion 9:15 AM—Sunday School/ Adult Bible class 4:00 PM Scouts 5:00 PM Sunday School Program	19	20 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	21 NO CONFIRMATION 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 6:10 PM Joy Choir 8:00 PM—AA Meeting	22 6:30 PM—AA Meeting 6:30 PM—Al-anon Meeting	23	24 4:00 PM—Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM—Christmas Eve Service
25 9:00 AM—Christmas Day Service w/ Holy Communion	26	27	28 NO CONFIRMATION 8:00 PM—AA Meeting	29 6:30 PM—AA Meeting 6:30 PM—Al-anon Meeting	30	31