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The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

Emanuel Lutheran

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For God
so Loved the World,
that he gave
his only son,
that whoever believes
in him should not perish
but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Christmas Eve Services

After MUCH discussion the decision has been made, with much regret, that there will be *no in-person worship on Christmas Eve*. Both services will be livestreamed and 10:45 p.m. will be broadcast on WMRN Radio as well.

8:15 p.m. – Livestream & Facebook Live

10:45 p.m. – Livestream, Facebook Live, and WMRN Radio

Please use the bulletin included with this mailing to follow along and worship with us Christmas Eve.

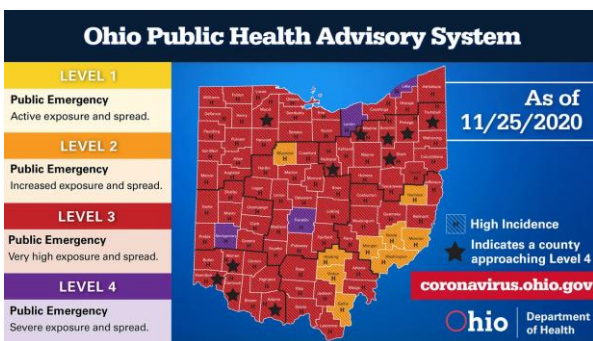
Links are on our website at www.emanuellutheran.net.



COVID-19 UPDATE

As the number of cases of Covid-19 continue to rise, we have decided to continue with our rotating worship schedule, allowing for one in-person service each Sunday. Please see the detachable schedule on the next page and plan to join us in the new year for an in-person worship service.

In the event that Marion County is upgraded to the Level 4 watch list, indicated as Red with a Star, or to Level 4 Purple, all in-person worship services and meetings will immediately be cancelled until further notice.



We will continue to follow guidelines from the Health Department and still ask members to:

- Sign in when attending worship
- Wear a mask, even once seated
- Maintain 6ft distancing
- Sanitize frequently and avoid directly touching railings, buttons, etc.
- Have temperatures checked upon entrance.

Recently a member who attended one of our worship services was diagnosed with Covid-19. We immediately notified the Marion County Health Department, and because of our safety protocols, they did not feel we needed to make any adjustments to our services. We will continue to work with the Health Department and follow their guidance as we navigate what we hope are the final months of this pandemic. Thank you to all who have continued to worship with us, either in person or online or radio during these difficult times.

A Prayer During this Pandemic – Be With Me

O Lord, Light of the World, in this time of darkness shine forth. Be with me in the wilderness of pandemic. Give me refuge and nourishment.

Please bring your care to all who struggle, who mourn, who fear. As you walked this earth, you had the confidence of eternal life within you. Grant this confidence to me even when, like others, I walk in the shadow of fear.



Hear my prayers for health and protection and make me willing to do what I can to protect and assist others during these difficult days. Holy Light, grant me and all those I love, and even those I do not know, your peace.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thank you to the Board of Education for providing advent gift bags to the children of Emanuel! The bags included advent calendars, nativity scenes, prayer books and Christmas ornament crafts. The board is working hard to hire a Family Ministry Coordinator and figure out a safe way to resume Sunday School.

“Let the little children come to me.” Matthew 19:14



Thirza Shaw celebrates her 91st birthday January 9th
 Betty Smith celebrates her 96th birthday January 13th



*Thanks be unto God
 for his unspeakable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

Communion in the Lounge with Pastor Mark continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you would like to receive communion, please schedule a time directly with Pastor by calling 740-360-2306.



In-Person Worship Schedule

Reminder that in-person services will be cancelled if Marion County reaches Red with a Star or Purple based on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System.

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1/3 @ 8:00 a.m.	2/7 @ 10:30 a.m.	3/7 @ 8:00 a.m.
1/10 @ 9:15 a.m.	2/14 @ 8:00 a.m.	3/14 @ 9:15 a.m.
1/17 @ 10:30 a.m.	2/21 @ 9:15 a.m.	3/21 @ 10:30 a.m.
1/24 @ 8:00 a.m.	2/28 @ 10:30 a.m.	3/28 @ 8:00 a.m.
1/31 @ 9:15 a.m.		

Please join us for any of our in-person worship services!

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Wishing you a season filled with God's relentless favor,
His unending love and perfect peace!

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