

The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

We have entered into Advent. We have this period where we wait to hear the story of the birth of the Christ-child. We enjoy hearing this story every year. It reminds us of who we are, and what we are to do. In book study, we have been working our way through the birth narratives of Jesus. (If you aren't in book study, you should be!) We are hearing a deeper understanding of how the birth of Jesus brought about a new way of being.

In this passage in Matthew, we hear that he will be called Emmanuel. In the midst of this story, we hear our name, Emanuel! We hear that we belong. In the birth of Jesus, we are called to participate in this new Kingdom that will be established by this child.

As we move through Advent to Christmas, let us reflect on how Christ has changed the world. Let us examine what Christ's birth calls us to do and be. Where will this story call us to go to tell the good news of this King of Kings.

Peace,

Pastor Mike

Musings from the Church Mouse...

I was trying to get some rest when the altar guild ladies started pulling out Christmas stuff. I noticed a couple new candles on the Advent Wreath! There is a pink one and a white one on the wreath now?

I remember a few months ago when I looked into the big Paschal Candle. And it said that the Paschal Candle should not be used in the Advent Wreath. Hum. That the Advent Wreath should have its own separate white candle in the center to symbolize the birth of Jesus in the Advent Wreath. But, what's with the pink one.

Well, I looked into this.... And it turns out this is a very ancient practice. The use of an Advent Wreath began among Christians in Germany. Originally, the liturgical color of Advent was purple, just like Lent. And it was meant to have the same feeling: one of reflection, examination, waiting and penitence. The middle of Lent (the 4th Sunday in Lent) is known as Laetare Sunday, which means joy. We get a break from the penitential period, and we get a message of joy.

Advent was a season that was established well after Lent, and having the same feeling. So, when they thought through Advent, they kept this break from penitence. On the 3rd Sunday in Advent, we get Gaudete Sunday, which means Rejoice. In Year C of the lectionary, which was last year, the Epistle Lesson for the 3rd Sunday in Advent is Philippians 4:4-7: *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."*

During Lent, the clergy wore rose colored vestments on this 4th Sunday of Lent. So, with Advent, they kept the same rose color for the 3rd Sunday in Advent. Now, the color of Advent has changed from purple to blue, to distinguish it from Lent, but we continue to keep the rose color. The rose candle is lit, and the clergy may wear rose vestments. Come and see this new color to our Advent worship.



See ya in worship!
Church Mouse



YOU KNOW YOU ARE A STEADFAST LUTHERAN IF ...

- You wonder why Martin, as long as he had taken the time to write 95 Theses, didn't round it off to an even 100?
- You know a Luther Rose belongs on a lapel, and not in a vase.



Jesus League

Friendship Sunday was a beautiful and fun experience. We didn't have any new friends come, but we reconnected with some old friends and felt so blessed.

We watched a Veggie Tale movie about being thankful, made buckeye necklaces and enjoyed homemade doughnuts. Thank you, Mrs. Rakow, for the buckeyes and thank you, Mrs. Sours for the doughnuts. We also loved the movie room and will be showing movies every 5th Sunday.



"Christmas at Emanuel"

Sunday December 18
10:30 Service
Sanctuary



This program includes our children, adults, all choirs, beautiful Christmas music and you! We will hear the story of the birth of our Savior, baby Jesus, we'll see angels, donkeys, sheep, and wise men, Mary, Joseph and their newborn baby boy.

Afterwards, we are serving beef and noodles in the parlors, decorating cupcakes to celebrate Jesus' birthday and everyone is welcome.

Please come, sit in our beautiful Sanctuary, bask in the voices and music, feel the love and share a meal together. "Christmas at Emanuel" rehearsal is Saturday, December 17 at 10:00 in the Sanctuary.

NOTE - There will be no Sunday School on December 25th and January 1st

FAITH JOURNEYS

The November Faith Journey event was a workshop on Mindful Christian Conversation. During December, we will look at a few of the Advent saints during our Advent Midweek worship services. We will look at Andrew on 12/1; Nicholas on 12/8; Lucy on 12/15; and Katharina von Bora Luther on 12/22. We have two services on Christmas Eve, and the services will be different from each other. We will then gather together on Christmas Day for a single worship service.

We also need to re-schedule our movie day. We wanted to get it in before the end of the year. On Saturday, December 10th, we will watch the Luther and Bonhoeffer movies. We will start at 9am with the Luther movie. We'll have a discussion about the movie. We'll take a break for a lunch, which will be provided. Then we will watch the Bonhoeffer movie, with a discussion to follow. We understand this is a last-minute addition, and we understand if you can't make it. But if you are able, join us for the day, or for as long as you are able.

Future Faith Journey Dates:

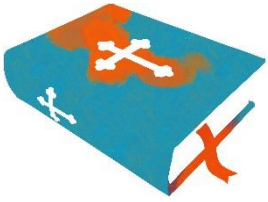
Thursdays	December 1, 8, 15, 22	Advent Midweek Worship Services
Saturday	December 10 9a-4p	Luther/Bonhoeffer Movies (rescheduled)
Sat / Sun	December 24, 25	Christmas Eve / Christmas Day worship
Saturday	January 21 9a-5p	Prayer Retreat
Fri/Sat/Sun	February 10, 11, 12	Confirmation Retreat – LMC
Wednesdays	March 1,8,15,22,29, 4/5	Lenten Lord's Prayer worship
Saturday	April 15 9a-5p	Mission / Vision / Identity Workshop
Monday	May 22 6p-7p	Faith Journey Questions
Sunday-Friday	June 25,26,27,28,29,30	Confirmation Camp

Pastor Poole's Pins

When I was going through Seminary, the first two years you had to serve as a Ministry In Context (MIC) student at a congregation. MIC was a 6-10 hour a week experience. My MIC site was St. Nicholas of Myra Episcopal Church in Hilliard, Ohio. St. Nicholas was a mission congregation that was meeting in the chapel of my home congregation, Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church. I had a wonderful experience serving St. Nicholas. We did a lot of work for the Kingdom. And we worked at forging a stronger bond between the two congregations that were worshipping in the same building. The pin is an icon of St. Nicholas. The pin was given to members when they joined the congregation. When I completed my two years at St. Nicholas, one of the gifts they gave me was this member's pin! (The other is the shoulder case that I still use today! Not bad for being almost 25 years old!) Nicholas is an Advent saint. We will be hearing about Nicholas on Thursday, December 8th during our Midweek Advent service. We are looking at four of the Advent saints during those worship services.



Journey Through the Bible Together



Pastor Mike has started a new Bible study on Sunday afternoons. We are taking time to read the entire Bible together, from Genesis to Revelation, from cover to cover. It is interesting that the vast majority of Christians have not actually read the entire Bible once. This is the book that we confess to be the rule, source, guide and norm of all that we think, say, and do. Maybe we should actually read it.

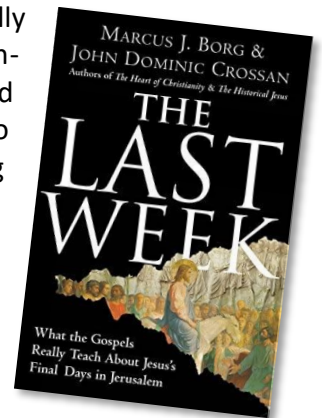
We began with Genesis and will take one to three weeks working through each book, depending on the discussion and conversation. Pastor Mike has notes and handouts to guide us through this journey. This has always been an enjoyable journey for Pastor Mike in all his congregations. We have about 20 people gathering for this study, but there is still more room for you to join us.

We meet on Sundays from 2p – 4p. We will meet most Sundays. You don't have to be at every single week to benefit from the study. We will let everyone know where we are in the Bible from week to week. So, join us when you are able. We have just completed Exodus, so you can still jump in at the beginning!

Book Study

For Advent Book Study, we are reading through "The First Christmas – What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth," by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. We have two in-person meetings and one virtual each week. The book study is on Thursdays at 11:30am and 5:30pm. The virtual session is on Sundays at 6:30pm. Email Pastor Mike if you would like to receive the virtual link. We will complete the study by Christmas. We have about 25 working through this book together. And we are having some awesome conversations.

Looking ahead, our Lenten book study will be by the same authors, "The Last Week – What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem," by Marcus J. Borg & John Dominic Crossan. We will begin the study in January. Feel free to pick up a copy of the book. Keep an eye out for more information.



The final meeting of LGBT & Allies for this year will be Dec 11th @ 6 p.m.

This meeting will be a potluck format, so please bring a favorite dish to share. Beverages (*bottled water, lemonade, iced tea, and coffee*) and table service will be provided, with fellowship & Bingo following dinner.

If you wish to bring someone who hasn't attended before, let us know (*so that we can be sure to have enough seating*), by emailing LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com, or calling/texting 740-262-2655, by Noon that day.

Marion Correction Institution's Christmas Play will be Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00p.m. and Wednesday, December 7th at 1:00p.m. MCI and the Hugh J. Daily ministry of theatre shine once again to bring the Lord's story to you this Christmas. Come enjoy and invite your church family as we are totally word of mouth.

Contact Blaire Smith to make reservations at: blaire.smith@odrc.state.oh.us or 740-251-5764

Looking Back with Alicia Mayes – Celebrating 30 years of Emanuel Child Care and Preschool!



It takes a
Big♥Heart
to [shape]
[little minds.]

I wrote in the May-June 2020 Newsletter about Emanuel's Daycare and want to update you on what is happening with our daycare today.

Emanuel's Daycare is 30 years old this year. Congratulations to Daycare Director, Abby Chase, and all of her teachers that work day after day for the welfare of our children in day care and preschool.

Abby has worked hard to build relationships with our congregation members, pastors, and church leaders to prove the need for child care in our community. She has also worked to make our child care a leader for child care in the Marion community. She has also been dedicated to make Emanuel's Child Care a child care and preschool. Over the last 3 years she has worked to have the child care and preschool become a "Star Rated" program in Ohio's Step Up to Quality rating system. She and her staff became star rated in 2019. She and her staff were striving to become "highly rated" and was awarded an incentive bonus when they earned a "3 Star" status just a year later.

Abby and her staff have been very dedicated to survive the pandemic. Through many challenges they were determined to adapt to frequent changes in procedure, ever-changing licensing requirements, and unknown circumstances.

We are the only child care and preschool in Marion to reopen after the March 2020 shutdown. Financially, operating the child care and preschool with additional staff and fewer children (per the state of Ohio pandemic rules) seemed almost impossible. For the first time in the history of the child care program at Emanuel, grant funds were sought to maintain the program. Since June of 2020, the program has received several grant funds. Not only were they able to maintain daily operations but also made major improvements to the church and their classrooms, offer staff bonuses, and increase wages to their underpaid teachers.

The biggest accomplishment was in March of this year, our day care and preschool was nominated for Provider of the Year by the YMCA Resource and Referral Agency based in Mansfield. Abby was honored to accept the "2022 Provider of the Year Award" on behalf of Emanuel Child Care and Preschool.



Abby came to work at the daycare in 1998 and became the director in September of 2000. This past September was her 22nd year as director and 24 years being employed here.

Amy Morris is the Lead Infant Room teacher with a Childcare Development Associate Certificate and has been employed by Emanuel for 25 years. Tawnya Rankin has been employed by Emanuel for over 25 years.

Tawnya and Autumn have gone to college and both received this month an Associate Degree in Child Care Development.

Debbie Kightlinger has been employed by Emanuel for over 21 years. I'm sorry to say she will be retiring at the end of this year.

If you add up the years that Abby, Amy, Tawnya, and Debbie have been employed here it is an astounding 95 years of experience. That shows true dedication.

There are 8 full time and one substitute staff in our day care and preschool. We have 7 babies, 6 toddlers, 14 in the transition room that are not yet in preschool, and 12 preschool children.



About a month ago Tri Rivers hosted an event in which Governor DeWine attended to talk about jobs coming to Ohio with Intel and other employers coming to Ohio and what that means for transportation and child care for these employees. Amy Pirstill, a member of Emanuel that works at Tri Rivers, invited Abby to come to represent the child care program and Abby was able to talk to the governor's staff about our day care and funding possibilities in the future.

As you can see a lot has happened with our day care and preschool since I wrote the piece in 2020, good things, I might add. I have seen these ladies and gents in action over the years and they continue to amaze me as to how much they do for these children and how much they care about the children and their families.

Merry Christmas, Alicia

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year from everyone in Altar Guild.

The Return of the Childcare Thanksgiving Feast!

Thank you to DeWolfe House for donating all the food for our feast! Families had a great time gathering to celebrate all we are thankful for.



Thank you to everyone who purchased pies and cinnamon rolls! We sold a record 221 items!



Also, thank you to everyone who contributed to the Childcare Clothing Closet! There is still some need for larger items, size 5T-6. With the weather turning colder, we are already making use of many items.

Wishing all our families, staff, and friends a Merry Christmas!



Welcome to the December Music Notes!

A lot is happening at Emanuel as we get ready for Advent and Christmas! By the time you read this, we will have already begun the season of Advent on Sunday November 27th, and celebrated our first midweek service on Thursday December 1st. Other upcoming events include the Downtown Church Tour on December 9th, with music provided by the Bell Choir, the Marion Recorder Consort, and yours truly. There will be a special service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday December 18th at the 10:30 AM worship service, involving the Children's Choir, Sunday School Kids, Adult Choir, and Bell Choir...and costumes! And of course, the Christmas Eve services on December 24th are always a special time to enjoy singing favorite hymns and carols of the season. Finally, I hope you will take some time out of your busy Christmas Morning to join us for a Christmas Day service at 10:30 on Sunday the 25th!

Do you have a favorite Christmas hymn or carol? What are some of your favorite memories that have carried with you that bring you joy and peace? Allow me to share one of my special memories.

My father's family's roots run deep in the Episcopal church – my grandparents met in the choir loft at Trinity Episcopal Church in Downtown Columbus, where they were later married and my father was baptized. Which brings me to a favorite memory. When I was a child, my mother, my older brother, and I would gather around the piano and sing Christmas carols and hymns while my father sang and played the piano. My father's favorite was "O Little Town of Bethlehem," which was always a must-sing, as he was named for, and was directly related to, the great and well-loved Episcopal Bishop, Phillips Brooks (1835-1893), who wrote the words to this favorite hymn.

I don't have the time or space here to discuss this hymn in detail, but Brooks wrote the hymn in 1868, inspired by memories of visiting the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve, 1865. The hymn was set to music by the church organist, Lewis Redner, who wrote the tune for the church's Christmas Sunday School service in 1868. The hymn's first publication was 1874, but it wasn't until the 1890s that the hymn received its first Episcopal publication, and since then has become one of the best-loved hymns. The hymn is unusual for its time, in that "it is not (until the last verse) an offering of direct praise or prayer to God, but is rather a meditation in which the singer addresses the little town itself." Its simplicity is deceiving, as the poetry of the phrases masks deep theological significance: the adjustment between the natural order and the divine revelation.

I conclude this month with the original, deleted verse 4 of "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

"Where children pure and happy
Pray to the Blessed Child
Where misery cries out to Thee
Son of the Undeiled (later 'Son of the Mother mild')
Where Charity stands watching
And Faith holds wide the door
The dark night wakes the glory hearts
And Christmas comes once more"

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul



HEAVY METAL

Happy November from the rafters! This is certainly the month for gratitude; remembering the saints, honoring out veterans, and giving thanks on Thanksgiving Day. We are especially proud to have Linda Hoch as our ringer of the month.



Linda has been a life-long member of Emanuel in every aspect of living ad service. Born, baptized, and raised in Marion, she married John 53 years ago and they raised two daughters, Stacy, and Jamie, who were also baptized and married in Emanuel.

Linda has served Emanuel in many ways including director and member of the Boards of Education, Child Care, and Spiritual Life; Sunday School teacher and supervisor; and Luther League advisor. Rounding out Linda's resume' is volunteering with the Laundry Initiative; God's Work, Our Hands; day missions; and the food distribution at Waldo.

From early childhood she knew her calling was to teach, which for 36 years included Special Education classes and tutoring for the Marion City school system. Graduating from the Ohio State and Xavier Universities with degrees in Education and Psychology qualified her to achieve her goal. Linda's focus in life has always been children and their educations. Even after retirement she is still active in book Fairs.

As many musicians will heartily agree, she believes music is educational and therapeutic in the classroom as well as in life, starting with playing clarinet as a youth. Music, she knows, aids the child in learning letters, numbers, and other necessary aspects of schooling. She began in the bell choir at the request of then-director Marg Hite who needed someone to play the smaller, upper bells. What a blessing for all. Along with Norma she plays twice as many bells as any other ringer in our choir. Again, to the awe of the rest. I've heard she looks for even more notes to play!

So, this Thanksgiving Eve, take special notice of the player on the end with LOTS of little bells in her hands. That's our Linda.

Blessings to you all from your rafter roosting friend,
Batina Belfry

(Please note, when you're enjoying your pie after the Thanksgiving Eve service, remember our little bat family will gratefully enjoy whatever crumbs fall from your table.)

Downtown Marion Church Tours

Mark Dec. 9th on your Calendars

We are going to be part of the Marion area church walk on December 9 between 5:00-9:00. A team of members have been working hard to make this a special event for our church and our community. We are planning to have music (organ, piano, bells), docents speaking on various subjects (the window, banners, Chrismon's, and music teams), and snacks (cookies and cider). If you can help, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space or Contact Dee Rinehart (740)215-0440.

News from the Board of Spiritual Life

With grateful hearts, we have been celebrating Thanksgiving and all the gifts God has given us, and with Thanksgiving still in our recent memory, the Board of Spiritual Life wants to recognize the following people who served as ushers and communion assistants during 2022:

Jim & Betty Anderson, Steve Andrews & Scott Inskeep, Paula Burnside, George Click, Randy Gilbert, Rick & Sharon Haver, Chris Kehn, Bill Lambert, Judy Lehner, Jerry Leydens, Alicia Mayes, Elaine & Larry Merchant, Tom & Connie Pannett, Tom & Karen Parrish, Christy Penrod, Debbie & Mike Phillips, Matt Primmer & Ed Stofcheck, Sue & Terry Rakow, Michele Rankin, Dan Riddle & Vonda Riddle, Dee & Darren Rinehart, Gary & Barb Russo, Bruce Showalter, Jean Ann Smith, and Donna Thomas

The Board of Spiritual Life is always looking for people to serve as ushers and communion assistants. Please consider volunteering to assist in our worship services. For more information contact any Board of Spiritual Life member

Betty Anderson – 740-244-1661, Steve Andrews – 740-262-7212, Judy Lehner – 740-360-1595, Elaine Merchant – 740-361-8472, Christy Penrod – 740-361-5305.

Thank You to the Spring Cleaning Committee!

A committee assigned to the job of “spring cleaning” last March took their job seriously and the project is now complete. Committee Chair, Alicia Mayes requested the help of Cindy Rinker, LouAnn Showalter, Elaine Merchant, Mike Phillips and Ed Stofcheck. They searched out all the cubby holes and storage closets in the church and the education building. The Sunday School rooms and kitchens on the 3rd and 4th floors were cleaned. Many unneeded items were donated, and many Bibles were donated to Marysville Reformatory.

The Library was moved to the second floor in the Martin Luther Room. Mike repurposed some of the original bookcases. LouAnn and Elaine determined what books could be donated and others were offered to the Congregation. Moving the books upstairs and removing the dividing wall created a lovely reading space as well as a quiet area for parents of young children to observe the church services when they feel it is necessary.

Mike, chairperson of the Board of Properties, also took on the task of dividing the Luther League room on the 4th floor into a Sunday School room for High School age students, and a storage room for Sunday School. An additional room on the 4th floor was equipped to provide storage as well. This allowed the Media room to be cleaned out and is now available for movies. Sue Rakow, Director of the Daycare Board, supervised the transition of the old library into the Daycare Office.

The pictures of Jesus, hanging in the elevator rooms, have been cleaned and the picture of the Garden of Gethsemane that hung in the Sacristy has been moved to the Gathering Space. Alicia has preserved several things for the archives and will report on those later.

A big thank you to these dedicated servants for caring for our future use of these spaces and to those who assisted them in this project.

Communication and Evangelism-Help!

It has been a busy month. We had a card event, we continue to advertise through Facebook and the bulletin boards, and we are getting ready for the Thanks and Giving event and the December 9th open house! We need help! We are a small, but mighty team, that do many things around the church and are involved in most events due to the communication part. Do you have the time or talents in any of the following:

- Creating Facebook pages and or monitoring growth/"traffic"
- Creating or refreshing the bulletin boards
- Helping to set-up and/or tear down events (card events, December 9th event)
- Just being creative and having great ideas
- Assisting people in their prayer life
- Welcoming new people to the church
- Reaching out to others with the hands of Christ

If any of this sounds like you, talk to Dee Rinehart (740-215-0440), Janet Musser, or Laurie Wise. Prayerfully consider helping out.

Card Ministry

I know many of you use the cards that you find at church, but they have been mysteriously moving. The card display has finally found a home in the new library on the second floor (Martin Luther Room). The Communication and Evangelism Team is working to keep this up. Sorry for any inconvenience.

As for the *card creating* part of this ministry, we keep moving forward. Our first event was well attended. At this point there are so many opportunities on Thursday nights that attendance is down. We are not giving up on this ministry. If anything, we want to make it bigger and better. If you have any ideas on how to do this, contact Dee Rinehart at 740-215-0440.

Lower Downtown Neighborhood Association

Surveys taken with the residents and interested parties indicate that flooding and drainage is the main concern in this area which includes approximately 200 homes and is bordered by Prospect, Park Blvd, Columbia and West Center Streets. After meeting with their Councilperson, Josh Feliciano, the health department, and Habitat for Humanity, they developed a 5 point proposal that was presented to the Streets and Sewers Committee in October.

In November Jim Bischoff, Director of Public Works for the City of Marion presented the group with a history of flooding in the area dating back to the 1830's when Columbia was known as Canal Street. Mr. Bischoff discussed the 5 points presented to the Streets and Sewers Committee, and stated that he was open to any suggestions. The group members will again attend the Streets and Sewers Committee on November 21st to discuss the committee's view of the proposals. If anyone would like a copy of the proposal, it will be available by contacting the church office.

Emanuel's representatives gave a report on the Feed Our Neighbor program in October which served 120 meals to the LoDo area. We also extended an invitation to Thanks and Giving and provided posters to be shared in the neighborhood.



LET US GIVE THANKS

Thanks & Giving

Thanks to everyone who donated food or agreed to help on Thanksgiving Day. This is quite an undertaking.

As of printing the newsletter, we are preparing for 300+ people to eat Thanksgiving dinner with us in the parlor. We will let you know final numbers in a future newsletter.

A special thank you to the Thanks & Giving committee: Carol Hoch, Dave & Stephanie Cook, Donna Thomas, Steve Andrews & Scott Inskeep, Bruce & Lou Ann Showalter, Darren & Dee Rinehart, Christy Penrod, Matt Primmer & Ed Stofcheck.



Bob Brown celebrates his 90th birthday on December 7th
Mary Hoover celebrates her 90th birthday on December 15th
Winona Fogle celebrates her 93rd birthday on December 26th

Contact the church office if you would like addresses.



**Join us for Advent Services on Thursday evenings at 7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary
December 1 – December 22**

Emanuel Child Care & Preschool Christmas Program – Friday, December 16th at 7p.m. in the Sanctuary

“Christmas At Emanuel” Program – Sunday, December 18th at the 10:30 a.m. service followed by Lunch

Christmas Eve Services – 8:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Morning Service – One service at 10:30 a.m.

New Year’s Day Service – One service at 10:30 a.m.



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is
Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>8:00am – Worship 9:15 – Worship 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship 12 – Mutual Ministry 2pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6pm – Communications 6:30 – Spiritual Life (ML)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8am – Quilters 6:00 – Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 – Bible Study 6pm – Children's & Adult Choir 7pm – Bell Choir</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11:30 – Book Study 11:45 – Staff Lunch 5:30 – Book Study 7pm – Advent Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12 – Waldo Fresh Food Distribution</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Laundry Initiative Day</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:00am – Worship 9:15 – Worship 9:15 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship 2pm – Bible Study 6pm – LGBT & Allies</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5pm – Hour of Prayer</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8am – Quilters 6:00 – Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 – Bible Study 6pm – Children's & Adult Choir 7pm – Bell Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:30 – Book Study 5:30 – Book Study 7pm – Advent Worship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7pm – Child Care Christmas Program</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10am – Christmas Program Rehearsal</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>10:30 – Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>
Christmas Day						



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