

Emmanuel's

Emphasis: Weekly Edition

Preceding Sunday, November 29, 2015

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Thanksgiving Blessings

For some of us, being asked to say a prayer for Thanksgiving can be an intimidating task. Many people want to make it a special prayer for the holiday but simply can't find the right words. Here is a selection of prayers that you may use as is or to help you find your inspiration.

For planting, harvesting and the food we are about to share, we give you thanks.

For every good night's sleep and every good day's work, we give you thanks.

For strong bodies and minds, and for opportunities to learn and grow, we give you thanks.

For all our friends and family members who have died and now rest from their labors, we give you thanks.

For moments of happiness and joy that enlighten our days, we give you thanks.

For the young who have high hopes and so many possibilities for their future, we give you thanks.

For a family that lives together and eats together and grows together, we give you thanks.

For your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and now lives again so that we can be saved, we give you thanks.

For the food we eat and these moments we share, we give you thanks.

To you, O God, we give praise and glory on this Thanksgiving Day, and always. Amen.

-- From Living Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, Neb.

Our Father in heaven, we give thanks for the pleasure of gathering together for this occasion. We give thanks for this food prepared by loving hands. We give thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it all and all other blessings. As we partake of this food, we pray for health and strength to carry on and to try to live as you would have us. This we ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

-- Harry Jewell

Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be and bless these gifts bestowed by thee. And bless our loved ones everywhere, and keep them in your loving care. Amen.

-- Moravian blessing

God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, you looked upon all that you created and declared it good.

Grant that I, this day, might regard your creation with the same esteem and appreciation, seeing you at work in every daily operation. Help me to give thanks as I recognize your loving work in all abundant blessings. Most of all, let me see not only your creation, but also its redemption, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

-- Martin Luther



Ed Opps *i.e. Christian Education Opportunities*

Sunday Morning Ed Opps

Join on Sunday mornings for:

J.A.M. for children through age 12.

Following the Children's Sermon, J.A.M. leaders will escort the kiddos down to the Fellowship Hall for crafts, games, songs, and a snack. Children will return to the Sanctuary just prior to Holy Communion.

Prayer Pieces Book Study

Book Study: At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon. Meets in "The Gallery" at 8:30 AM. (Copies are available through Amazon. Paperback: \$12.08. Kindle: \$9.99. Contact **Carol Nelson** with questions at cjnelson@lsc.edu.)

Confirmation Class

Confirmation for students grades 6-12, **Sunday, 12/6**, on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, **with Pastor Daug**, from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**, in the 4 year olds classroom.

The theme for this year's class is "**The Life of Jesus.**"

As we study the life of Jesus, we include studies of:

- Birth Narrative • Miracles • Sermon on the Mount • Jesus Death & Resurrection
- The Parables • Ministry to Gentiles • Ministry to Jews



Sunday's Scripture Segments

Scripture readings for this Sunday, November 29, The First Sunday of Advent, are:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

Sermon Title: "New Covenant Written" - Pastor Dave Daug

Do you want to hear more about all the great ways Emmanuel is

"Unleashing Our Passion for Compassion to Moscow, Idaho and Beyond?"

Sign up to receive our newsletter, the "Emphasis: Weekly Edition!"

You can receive this informative weekly publication by email, snail-mail, or visit our website, emmanuelmoscow.org and view it online!

Contact the church office with questions. emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com or 208.882.3915

Quick List

of Emmanuel Happenings...

TEACHING FAMILIES ABOUT FAITH PRACTICES THAT SURROUND THE SEASON OF ADVENT

This year Advent Soup Suppers will focus on families, especially families with little children. There are many faith practices for the home that can be shared and taught at Advent Soup Suppers.

Such as: Advent Calendars, Advent Wreaths, Candle Lighting, Gift Sharing, Nativity Scenes, The Christmas Story Characters, Family Crafts, Children's Books Advent Devotionals, The Good Year Tire or Wagon Wheel, Advent Games, Holden Evening Prayer (The song of Mary), and Hymns.

Each evening we will share an Advent faith practice with hands on learning activities that children, families, and adults will enjoy. There will also be a time for you to **Pass On and Tell** your Advent Faith Tradition.

If you need a ride to church please let the church office know.

Dinner hosted by the following ELC groups:

Wed, 12/2 - **Church Council**; Wed, 12/9 - **Emmanuel Choir**;
Wed, 12/16 - **Youth & Family Mission Group**.

Join us on December 2, 9, & 16 for these Advent Evenings;
5:30 PM soup, then 6:00 to 6:50 PM Advent Faith Practices

LUTH YOUTH! (K - 8th Grade) Pizza & Crafts! Sunday, November 29, 4-7 PM. Come to Emmanuel to create and decorate for advent! Contact **Lisa Allen** at emmanuel.luthyouth@gmail.com with questions.

MIGHTY YOUTH PLAY DAY! (PS-Toddlers) Thursday, Dec. 3, 12:30 - 2:30 PM. Come to Emmanuel for some playground fun! Questions? Contact **Lisa Allen** at emmanuel.luthyouth@gmail.com

LEAH CIRCLE - usually meets the first Tuesday of the month. The group will meet on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 11:30 AM, at **Kristin Johnson's** home. (2542 Old Pullman Rd., Moscow.) Bible Study Leader, **Karin Steenberg**. Questions? **Jeanette Johnston**, 208.892.9549, or **Charlene Olsson**, 208.882.1028.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARTIN! Please join us on Saturday, December 5, from 2-5 PM in Emmanuel's Fellowship Hall to celebrate **Martin Rathbun's 80th birthday!** We look forward to your fellowship! Hosted by **Deb Marsh** and **Steve Rathbun**.

MARY CIRCLE - usually meets the first Monday of the month. The group will meet on Monday, December 7, 1:30, PM, at Good Sam for Bible Study. Questions? Call **Dorothy Schnaible**. 208.882.1292.

PIECEMAKERS - Wed., 9 AM, December 9. Join us to make quilts, then share a potluck lunch at noon! Please note, we will not have Piecemakers on the 4th Wednesday, 11/25 or 12/23 due to the holidays. Questions? Contact **Gretchen Isakson** at gretchenisakson@yahoo.com or call 208.882.7289.

IN "THE GALLERY!" The creativity of **Andrea Fountain** is now on display. Go take a look!

THE "MEALS" PROGRAM IS GEARING UP AGAIN! If you would be willing to provide occasional meals, or if you or someone you know would like meal delivery during illness or recuperation, please email **Anne Peterson** at shortiemom@live.com or leave a message at 509-336-1804.

Pray! Praise! Congrats! Yay! Thanks!

Please Remember In Prayer:

Carol Nelson's brother John and his wife Barb, as John undergoes tests for dizziness.

Jill and Marijka, church family members; we pray for continued healthy pregnancies.

Our Emmanuel Prayers & Concerns Sheet is printed the first issue of each month in the Emphasis: Weekly Edition.

You can also pick up an updated copy every Sunday from the Prayer & Concerns Bulletin Display located in the Narthex.

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*Flowers on the Altar on 11/29 are given to the glory of God by **Robbie Giles** in honor of the wedding anniversary of **Tommy & Lois Love**, who married on 11/28 1946.*

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Happy Birthday this week to:

Pete Lish, Martin Rathbun, Sara Carter, David Foss, Pr. Dawna Svaren, Paul Svaren, Brook Sprenger, Bob Dwelle, Beth Brownell, Barbara Johnston, Sarah Greenwalt, Jane Leidenfrost

Happy Anniversary to:

Suzanne and Chuck Wilson - 11/29/1986

The Church Office is open Mon., Tue., Wed., & Fri. from 6 AM - 2:30 PM (unless otherwise noted).

The office will be closed on Wed, 11/25 through Fri, 11/27. It will reopen at 6 AM, Mon, 11/30.

Quick List Calendar & Servant Schedule...

Thank you for your service
THIS Sunday November 29, 2015

Ministers: **The Congregation**
 Presiding: **Pastor Daugs**
 Dir. Of Music: **Janet McIntosh**
 Organist: **Gail Grubbs**
 Altar Guild: **Kris Daugs**
 Acolyte: **Sophie Allen**
 Altar Flowers: **Robbie Giles**
 Assist. Min: **Debbie Stone**
 Comm. Assist: **Robbie Giles**
SERVANT NEEDED
 Counters: **Heidi Bitterwolf**
Vern Kinnison
 Fellowship: **Jeff & Karen Hill**
Annie Horras
Gretchen Isakson
Janice & Irv Johnson
 Greeters: **Robert & Samantha Ramsay**
 J.A.M. Lead: **Jill Sasser**
 J.A.M. Assist: **Robbie Giles**
 Reader: **Liz Brandt**
 Usher: **Vern Kinnison**
Debbie Stone
Charlie Campbell
Garth Sasser
Cody Wendt

Thank you!

SUNDAY MORNING ED OPPS

- **Prayer Pieces Book Study** - Sunday mornings, 8:30, in The Gallery. *All are welcome!*
- **J.A.M. - Jesus And Me!** For children through age 12. Following the Children's Sermon. Children will return to the Sanctuary just prior to Holy Communion.
- **Confirmation Class** - For students grades 6 - 12. Next class is December 6, every 1st and 3rd Sunday, with Pastor Daugs from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, downstairs in the 4 year olds classroom.

Tuesday Nov 24
 Wednesday Nov 25

PS: No School
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 Church Office Closed

5:00 PM Teen Council (Hall)
 5:30 PM Adult Choir
 6:45 PM Emmanuel Bells

Thursday Nov 26

Thanksgiving Day
 Church Office Closed
 PS: No School

Friday Nov 27

Church Office Closed
 PS: No School
 RESERVED: Foss Birthday Party (Hall)

Saturday Nov 28
 Sunday Nov 29

First Sunday of Advent
 Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16;
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

9:30 AM Worship Service
 11:00 AM Fellowship (Hall)
 4:00 PM Luth Youth! (K-8th) (ELC)

Monday Nov 30

Pastor Off
 6:00 PM Emmanuel Preschool Board Mtg. (Hall)

Tuesday Dec 1

11:30 AM LEAH Circle
 6:00 PM Habitat Board Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday Dec 2

6:00 AM Weekly Publication Deadline
 5:30 PM Mid-Week Advent Supper (Hall)
 6:00 PM Mid-Week Advent Worship (Hall)
 6:45 PM Emmanuel Bells

Thursday Dec 3

Church Office Closed
 9:00 AM Music with Gillian (Bridge)
 11:45 AM PS Teachers Mtg
 12:30 PM Mighty Youth Play Day (ELC)
 5:30 PM Adult Choir

Friday Dec 4

Saturday Dec 5

9:30 AM ELCW Advent Brunch (Hall)
 12:00 PM Martin Rathbun's 80th Birthday Celebration! (Hall)

Sunday Dec 6

Second Sunday of Advent
 Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79;
 Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
 9:30 AM Worship Service
 11:00 AM Fellowship (Hall)
 11:30 AM Confirmation Class
 (4 year old classroom at ELC)

**Have a Safe and Happy
 Thanksgiving!**

BE PART OF THE 2015 POINSETTIA GARDEN!

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia and be part of our Sanctuary Poinsettia Garden this year, please fill out an order form and return the completed slip, with payment to **CindyMarie** in the Church Office **before Noon, Friday, December 11**. Each 6" Red Poinsettia is \$10. Order forms are available in the Narthex, Bulletin Board outside the Fellowship Hall, or the Church Office.

Feature: Poinsettias at Christmas

The poinsettia was made widely known because of a man called Joel Roberts Poinsett (that's why we call them Poinsettia!). He was the first Ambassador from the USA to Mexico in 1825. Poinsett had some greenhouses on his plantations in South Carolina, and while visiting the Taco area in 1828, he became very interested in the plants. He immediately sent some of the plants back to South Carolina, where he began growing the plants and sending them to friends and botanical gardens.

There is an old Mexican legend about how Poinsettia's and Christmas come together, it goes like this:

There was once a poor Mexican girl called Pepita who had no present to give the the baby Jesus at the Christmas Eve Services. As Pepita walked to the chapel, sadly, her cousin Pedro tried to cheer her up.

'Pepita', he said "I'm sure that even the smallest gift, given by someone who loves him will make Jesus Happy."

Pepita didn't know what she could give, so she picked a small handful of weeds from the roadside and made them into a small bouquet. She felt embarrassed because she could only give this small present to Jesus. As she walked through the chapel to the altar, she remembered what Pedro had said. She began to feel better, knelt down and put the bouquet at the bottom of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into bright red flowers, and everyone who saw them were sure they had seen a miracle. From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the 'Flores de Noche Buena', or 'Flowers of the Holy Night'.

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent his purity.

The Poinsettia is also the national emblem of Madagascar.

Taken from Christmas Traditions and Customs <http://www.whychristmas.com/customs/poinsettia.shtml>



Be Part of the 2015 Poinsettia Garden!



We are planning to have a Poinsettia Garden in the Sanctuary this Christmas season.

If you wish to purchase a plant, please fill out the information below and

return this slip with payment to CindyMarie in the Church Office before Noon, Friday, December 11.

Each 6" Red Poinsettia is \$10.

My Name is: _____

I would like to purchase a Poinsettia,

☼ In memory of: _____

☼ In honor of: _____

☼ In thanksgiving for: _____

☼ To the glory of God!

These notes of acknowledgment will appear in the December 24, Christmas Eve bulletin.

Our garden will be "planted" on December 20th.

Please "pick" up your Poinsettia after our Christmas Eve service.

Feature: Devotions! Just for YOU!



Did you know?

Emmanuel purchases complimentary subscriptions of some fantastic monthly devotionals

just for YOU!

That's right!

Every quarter the church purchases Portals of Prayer by Concordia Publishing House, and Christ In Our Home by Augsburg Fortress.

These booklets are filled with daily devotions which feature a Bible reading, meditation, and prayer, in an easy-to-read format.

Each devotion is great for personal study and reflection, private family worship, and can be used to open meetings or launch Bible studies.

These devotions encourage readers to live out their faith daily.

Both publications come in a handy pocket size or a large print format.

Copies can be found in the publication rack upstairs in the narthex, and there are copies in the Church Office as well.

What are you waiting for?

The October - December 2015 issues are here!

January - March will be here soon!

Pick up your copy today!

Feature: Simply Giving!



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- ***Who do I call with questions?***

Give the Church Office a call at 208-882-3915. We will direct you to our Financial Secretary to answer any specific questions you may have. Your Thrivent Financial representative may also be able to answer your questions.

- ***How do I cancel or change my authorization?***

Contact the Church Office at 208-882-3915.

- ***How do I participate?***

Complete the form on the reverse side and return it in person to the Church Office, or mail it to us:

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What would **YOU** like to do?

Here's an idea! Make a positive impact on the Sunday experience of all who enter here!

Serve as a FELLOWSHIP HOST!

In Scripture, many great encounters between people and God happen around food. Abraham and Sarah prepare a meal for three guests who turn out to be angels (Genesis 18). God instructs the Hebrew slaves to eat a special meal together before their delivery from Egypt (Exodus 12); every year since, Jews have celebrated the Passover feast. Elijah is strengthened with food served by an angel (1 Kings 19). Jesus shares meals not only with religious leaders but with "sinners" (e.g., Matthew 9). Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples before his death has become one of the church's sacraments and a "foretaste" of the heavenly banquet to come.

When Christian families eat together, it's a holy time in God's presence, just as when the church shares Holy Communion — a true fellowship dinner!

Each Emmanuel family helps out with Sunday Morning Fellowship Privileges on a rotating basis once every few months. A letter with the schedule and instructions is sent to each family as well as a reminder postcard sent a few days before your scheduled Sunday.

If you have not been asked to serve yet, or if you had previously asked to be removed from the rotation but would like to again serve, please let us know.

Great possibilities

'Happily for us, the fundamental Christian message concerns not what we ought to do but what God has done and what God is willing to do. In fellowship with him and with others who are likewise trying to be like him, we can be lifted up above our native possibilities.'

- Hugh Martin

There are many ways to be involved in the ministries at Emmanuel.
Just let us know what you hold interest in, what your gifts are, what you like to do!
Your help is always needed and appreciated!
Call us! 208.882.3915

Our Kitchen!

What a glorious space!

It is just missing one thing... SUPPLIES!

There is an ongoing need for basic supplies to stock our wonderful kitchen.

When you are out shopping, what a delightful gesture it would be for you to pick up one or two of the following staples for our church kitchen:

- Paper Towels
- Paper Napkins
- Hot & Cold Cups
- Paper Plates
- Plastic Utensils
- Dish Soap
- Hand Soap
- Scrubbies
- Tea
- Coffee Filters
- Kool Aid
- Zip Lock Bags
- Coffee
- Hot Coco

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this ministry.

Meet Our Members...

...and I think Emmanuel Members are:

Hi! CindyMarie here.

*I am at a disadvantage! I have served with you for over 6 years now,
and many of you I still only know by email and phone!
I, for one, would sure like to get to know you better!*

*Please send a short bio and some pictures of yourself and family to me!
It will be featured in an upcoming issue of the Emphasis: Weekly Edition!*

Thanks!


*Please email your bio and pictures to:
emmanuelmoscowid@gmail.com*

*Or mail them via USPS to:
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