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*Reminder:*  
**St. Lucia Festival**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Sunday, December 12**

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 Ludington MI 49431  
 Permit No. 154

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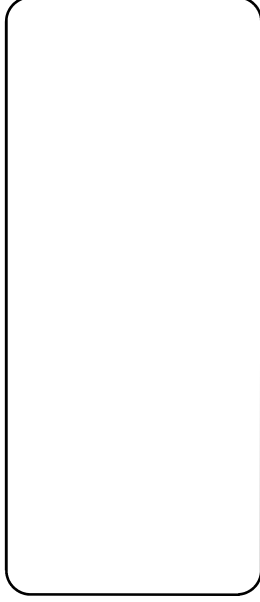
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**Parish Office Hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday 9:00 A.M.— 4:00 P.M.**  
 Lunch: 12:30 —1:00 p.m.

**The Office is closed on Fridays.**

**\*Parish Staff meetings: Mondays at 9:30 a.m.**



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# The Herald

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## Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Word & Sacrament celebrated on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

## Advent . . . The Lost Season



Our lives seem to be busier than ever. There are never enough hours in the day, nor are there enough days in the week. One might think that, given all of the modern-day conveniences that are at our fingertips, our time would be plentiful; but it's not.

We rush from home to work, work to home, and then, once we arrive back home again...we are often, literally, back out the door to the next thing. It is amazing to me, just how much stuff most of us are able to make happen in any one, 24-hour period. I think we have done it for so long, it seems we know of no other way to live. But, there is another way, at least for a season.

Enter Advent.

Similar to the late-winter season of Lent, the season of Advent was originally a 40-day period of fasting and preparation. And like the season of Lent, it shared the same color, purple.

But as in all of life, changes in the season have occurred. The penitential attribute of Advent has all but been removed. In many communities of faith, the deep hue of purple has been replaced with blue; the color most often connected to Mary, the Mother of our Lord.

Even the importance of the season seems to have waned in the most liturgically-minded circles. Perhaps we have so many other things to do, to get everything done before Christmas, it seems just too difficult to stop and consider this season. But consider it...we really should.

Advent is a time of promise and peace. In this season, we hear the story of the promised Messiah as we read the words of the prophet Isaiah, who foretold Jesus' coming. Isaiah declares, "He shall be called wonderful, counselor, the prince of peace." We are encouraged by John the Baptizer as he declares to those who are

We learn of the obedience of a young, unmarried mother named Mary, as she declares with a peace from above, "My Soul does magnify the Lord, and my spirit rejoices!" And we learn of the peace and excitement of a cousin named Elizabeth, as she proclaims God's faithfulness in the life of a yet-unborn child named Jesus.

We need Advent. Advent gives us an opportunity to slow our pace, if only for a season, so that we might listen for God in our time and place. Advent offers us opportunities to prepare and make room in our hearts for the Christ Child. I pray your Advent season will be blessed!

See you in church on Sunday!

*Advent Blessings,  
Pr. Jim*

**Christmas Eve Family Service  
at 5:00 p.m.**

**The Christ Mass  
on Christmas Eve  
at 9:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Service  
December 26  
at 10:30 a.m.**



*and abundant blessings in the New Year!  
—the staff of Emanuel Lutheran Church*



**REMINDER:** Confirmation classes meet on Sunday evenings from 5-6:30. For a complete schedule of classes, please contact the parish office at 843-3686.

***Please keep our Confirmation Students in prayer:***

***Madisyn Brockelbank  
Kaitlyn Dixon  
Rune Kirby  
Julia Maltbie  
Tambrea Sumner  
Cady Thomas***

***Zachery Buskirk  
Kyle Dixon  
Jacob Lesinski  
Maggie Nagle  
Laci Sroka***



# Youth Calendar of Events

*Here are several important dates that you'll want to remember:*

- Nov. 28th "Play" & Pajama Day  
\*Wear your comfy pj's to Sunday School for some fun music and play practice. There is no "formal" lesson today.
- Dec. 5th Sunday School  
---practice for Christmas Program  
--Bell Choir practice during church service
- Dec. 7th Kid's Club (3:30-5 pm)
- Dec. 11th (Saturday) 9-1 pm  
Christmas Program Rehearsal  
\*\*lunch provided\*\*
- Dec. 12th 9:15 Sunday School---practice for Christmas Program--to be performed at 10:30 a.m. service today
- Dec. 12th St. Lucia (6:00 pm) --Bell Choir performs
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Family Service (5:00 pm)--Bell Choir performs

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, January 9th, 2011.

*Have a Blessed Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!*



The Emanuel parish family extends our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **James Rowe**, husband of Lucille Rowe, who passed away on Thursday, November 11, 2010. Cards of sympathy may be sent to the family at 6091 N Alliene Rd, Ludington, MI 49431.

Prayers and sympathy are also extended to Pat Aden, on the death of her brother, **Master Gunnery Sergeant Wade Nolden**, on November 11, 2010. Cards may be sent to Pat at 502 N Park St, Ludington, MI 49431

*May they rest in peace.*

## EMANUEL WILL HOST COMMUNITY TABLE MEAL SERVICE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT COMMUNITY CHURCH



*Your help in needed.* We are asking for donations of cakes/cupcakes for dessert. Please sign up on the sheet in Luther Hall. This is the perfect opportunity to be of service to the greater community and spread some holiday cheer.

## December 80+ Birthday Club

*Congratulations and Happy Birthday to:*

- 12/17 Marguerite Andersen
- 12/17 Marian Rogan
- 12/22 Evelyn Rohmoser
- 12/25 Carol Goff

*For a complete list of December birthdays, please visit our website at: [www.emmanuel-lutheran.com](http://www.emmanuel-lutheran.com)*





# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please use this form to make a dedication  
of flowers for our Christmas Eve Services.

(Please print all information)

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

- In memory of loved ones - or -
- In thanksgiving for blessings received - or -
- In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church  
and indicate "Christmas flowers" in the memo, please.

Amount donated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

( There is no set amount, donate whatever you like to the total cost )

Your Offering Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_



## Angel Tree



Angel Tree brings assistance at Christmas to families in need. This year our tree combines our regular Angel Tree with Project Mary. We have adopted 8 families. Each ornament tells the need of the family and also the prayer requests of the family. Please take one or more of the ornaments off the tree. The gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, but may be brought in at anytime and put in the labeled basket with either the mother's name or labeled "Family 1", 2, etc. Please tape or tie on the ornament you took off the tree to your package so we know what has come in and that it is in the right family basket.

Please wrap your gift unless it is household products. For household products, please bag them together and attach the original tag to the bag.

Thank you again for your love and generosity to those in need this Christmas.

Carolyn Fitch 425-3076  
Sandy Nelson 845-5295

# Thank You

Dear Pastor Friesner and friends at Emanuel,  
Thank you all so very much for your calls, cards, love, prayers and concern for us. Woody's Dad just didn't adjust to his wife's passing, so in many ways, it was a blessing and he is at peace. It has been a great comfort for us to know that our friends at Emanuel were thinking of us and remembering us in prayer. Thank you all so very much.

God bless you,  
Woody & Sue Millsbaugh

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church members,

Thank you, family of Emanuel, for your kind and caring actions at the time of Ann Conrad's passing. To Pastor Friesner, for your guidance in helping us make final arrangements, for including Ann's wishes in her funeral service and for providing comforting words throughout this difficult time. To the Emanuel choir members whose song selections and performance were a fitting way to remember Ann. To Craig Avery, for providing your musical talent, which was always such a joy to Ann. To Jean Groendal, the cooks and kitchen workers for putting on the lovely luncheon after the service. To the members of Emanuel who attended visitation or funeral, for giving us a final glimpse of how much my wife, our mom and grandma meant to so many of you. For all these acts of love and compassion, we are truly grateful.

Yours in God's love,  
Bob Conrad

Barb, Linnea, Pete and their families

Under the supervision of our recuperating Master Gardener, Dick Falk, our gardens were once again prepared for the winter months. Many thanks to Priscilla Burns, Tom Coleman, & Stephanie Sundholm for all their efforts. A special thanks to Tom for the beautiful Christmas trees in the garden. We are blessed.

--Eleanor Anderson

Dear People of Emanuel,

Thank you so much for your recent Mission Partner contribution to Bread of Life. You are literally living up to your name because your prayerful and financial support reminds us that "God is with us!" Thank you for blessing us so richly!

In Christ,  
Pastor Rob Dorow  
Bread of Life Lutheran Church, Hudsonville, MI

# A Measure of Our Love

A stewardship report through October, 2010

Balance on Hand 1/1/10: \$5000

Y-T-D 10/31/10	'10 Budget	'10 Actual	Net
Spending:	\$158,091	\$160,814	\$2,723
Income:	\$153,055	\$147,848	(\$5,207)
*Budgeted transfers	\$5,850	\$9,900	\$4,050
<i>*from Contingency Funds for 2010</i>			

## LAST CHANCE FOR 2010 NOISY OFFERING—DECEMBER 12th

As you may know, we pledge \$1,000 per year in support of Bread of Life Church in Hudsonville, Michigan. On the second Sunday of every month, we ask for your Noisy Offerings in support of that commitment. To date (as of November 15th), we have received \$878 in Noisy Offerings. That means we need to collect \$122 in December in order to fulfill our pledge for 2010. Please make a special offering this month when we pass the Noisy Offering cans at the beginning of the service on Sunday, December 12th. In fact, we wouldn't mind at all if the offering was a little less noisy... meaning you are putting folded money into the can instead of coins! May God bless your generosity!



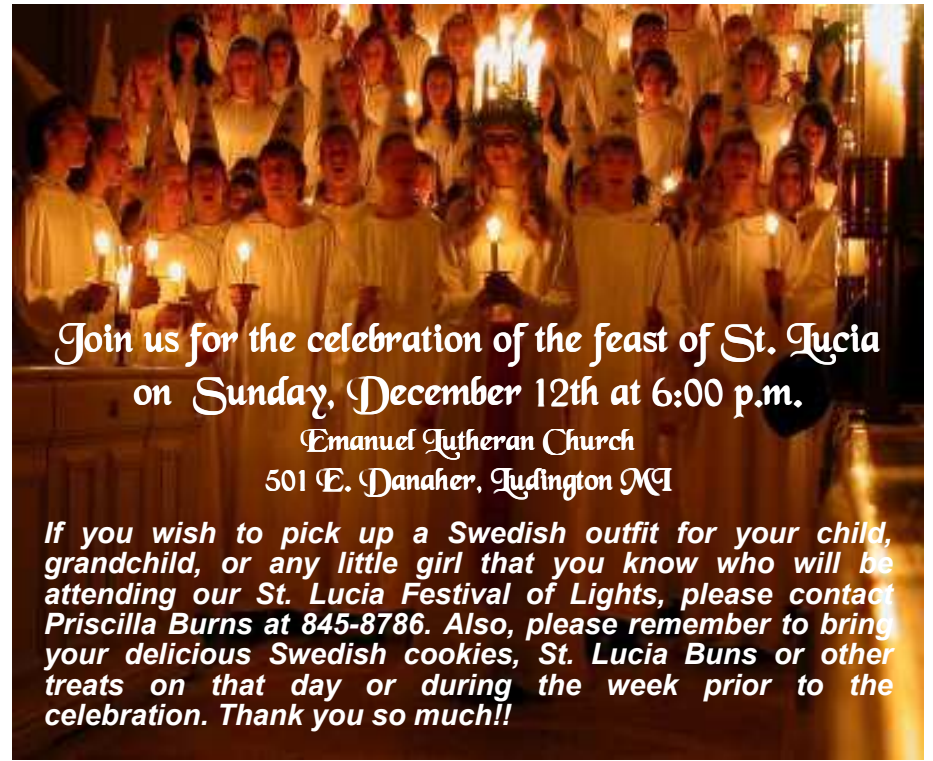
## 2011 ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!

Active members of our parish will be assigned a set of 2011 Offering envelopes this month. Watch for information in the Embers as to when they will be available.

There is a good chance that your pledge number will not be the same in 2011 as it was in 2010. For that reason, please be sure you do NOT use the 2011 envelopes until January 1st. It's easy to post your donation to the wrong account in 2010 if the envelope has an incorrect number on it. Should you wish to make a donation toward your 2011 pledge during 2010, just indicate your intention on one of your 2010 envelopes, please.

Year-end statements will be mailed in January by our Financial Secretary, Kathy Keson. Should you need a statement early, please give Kathy a call.

We remind you that you must have an envelope number in order for your donations to Emanuel to be recorded for tax purposes. Your donation statement is proof of your giving and accepted by the IRS. So, even if you don't want a set of envelopes please be sure you are assigned an envelope number.



Join us for the celebration of the feast of St. Lucia  
on Sunday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m.

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If you wish to pick up a Swedish outfit for your child, grandchild, or any little girl that you know who will be attending our St. Lucia Festival of Lights, please contact Priscilla Burns at 845-8786. Also, please remember to bring your delicious Swedish cookies, St. Lucia Buns or other treats on that day or during the week prior to the celebration. Thank you so much!!



## Christmas Community Dinner

Emanuel Lutheran Church, 501 E. Danaher Street

Saturday, December 25, 2010

Noon until 2:00 p.m.



Delivery is available for those who are homebound. Please call the Parish Office at 843-3686 on or before Thursday, December 23th, to order delivery.



Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents to help with our temporary shelter for the homeless of Mason County during the first week of November. Your unselfish and enthusiastic support is greatly appreciated. We hope you will continue to support this ministry throughout the cold winter months. Your help is always welcome!



--The Hospitality Inc. Team



# December 2010



**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011: Mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting--Sunday, January 23, 2011.  
A potluck will follow our 10:30 a.m. service with the Annual Meeting immediately afterwards.  
Please make every effort to attend.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b><u>ADVENT MORNING PRAYER SERVICES</u></b> Please join us for Advent Morning Prayer at Grace Episcopal Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Advent, beginning Thursday, December 2 at 9 a.m. Pr. Jim and Fr. Tom will co-lead the prayer services. All are welcome!</p>			1  11 am Prayer Group	2  9:00 am Advent Morning Prayer at Grace Episcopal 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 8:00 pm AA Meeting	3  <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b> --Office Closed--	4
5 <i>Advent 2</i>  9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Word & Sacrament/Baptism 5:00 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm AA Meeting	6  9:30 am Staff Meeting	7  9:00 am Morning Prayer at Grace Episcopal 3:30 pm Kid's Club 4:00 pm Community Table--Confirmation Service Project 8:00 pm AA Meeting	8  11 am Prayer Group	9  9:00 am Morning Prayer at Grace Episcopal  8:00 pm AA Meeting	10  <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b> --Office Closed--	11
12 <i>Advent 3</i>  9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Word & Sacrament/Noisy Offering/Children's Play 6:00 pm St. Lucia Festival 8:00 pm AA Meeting	13  9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:00 WEW in Luther Hall 3:30 pm Girl Scouts	14  9:00 am Morning Prayer at Grace Episcopal  8:00 pm AA Meeting	15  11 am Prayer Group	16  9:00 am Morning Prayer at Grace Episcopal  8:00 pm AA Meeting	17  <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b> --Office Closed--	18
19 <i>Advent 4</i>  No Sunday School 10:30 am Word & Sacrament/Baptism  8:00 pm AA Meeting	20  9:30 am Staff Meeting	21  9:00 am Morning Prayer at Grace Episcopal 3:30 pm Kid's Club 8:00 pm AA Meeting	22  11 am Prayer Group	23  9:00 am Morning Prayer at Grace Episcopal  8:00 pm AA Meeting	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> --Office Closed--  	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> --Office Closed--   <b>12-2 pm</b> All are welcome!
26 <i>Christmas 1</i>  No Sunday School 10:30 am Word & Sacrament  8:00 pm AA Meeting	27  9:30 am Staff Meeting	28  8:00 pm AA Meeting	29  11 am Prayer Group	30  8:00 pm AA Meeting	31  <b>Pastor's Sabbath</b> --Office Closed--	