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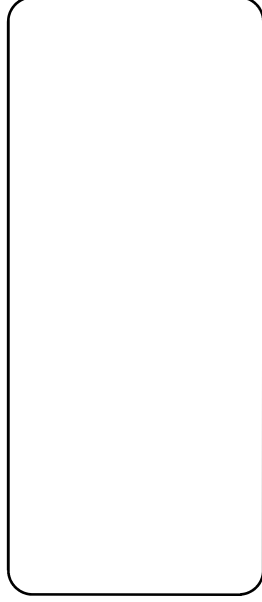
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**Parish Office Hours:**

**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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# A Word from Our Pastor

## Back to the Future

Perhaps by the time you read this, we will have either entered the second decade of the new millennium, or at least find ourselves standing at its door. In either case, it seems like only yesterday that we were standing at the door of the new millennium waiting for all the terrible things that were expected to happen as the result of the Y2K scare.

I remember that New Year's Eve so very well. With all the hype that surrounded this anticipated Y2K event, the church decided to celebrate with a party in the parish hall. Then, just shortly before midnight, we moved into the sanctuary and gathered around the Altar for prayer. The plan was in place.

At the stroke of midnight we would begin our prayers of thanksgiving and offer our hope for the new millennium. But just as our prayers were begun, the place went pitch black.

Some shrieked, some laughed, and some said things like, "See, they told us this was going to happen!" But if I remember correctly, someone else said, "Where is Russ?"

We quickly learned that in the transition from parish hall to sanctuary, Russ had slipped away. We found him in the sacristy smiling from ear to ear, standing right beside the light switches. And, as we now know, the concern of what the new millennium was to bring never came to fruition.

So, as we begin this new year and new decade, I would remind you of something that Jesus himself said to others. In the Gospel of Matthew we find these words: “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.”

Therefore, I encourage all of us to trust in our Lord for each new day. May we not be so preoccupied with what the year will bring, that we miss the presence of our Lord in each day. Without reservation, each of us has witnessed the faithfulness of God our Father. Let us, then, take that witness and enter this new year with joy and hope. For indeed, our God is faithful in all things.

See you in church on Sunday!

*Pr. Jim*



*The staff of Emanuel Lutheran Church  
wishes you and yours  
peace and abundant blessings  
in the New Year!*

## **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans™**

### **Benefit Members at Emanuel,**

You have a choice to help Lutheran organizations that are near and dear to you—**even your own congregation.**

Eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can now help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable funds through **a new program called Choice Dollars.**

### **Here's how Choice Dollars works:**

- Eligible benefit members at Emanuel received a letter about their designated Choice Dollars for 2010.
- Designated Choice Dollars are based on qualifying insurance premiums, qualifying contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership.
- Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of Lutheran organizations nationwide, **including our congregation,** by visiting [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by calling 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and saying, “**Thrivent Choice.**”

Potential amounts range from \$25 to \$500 for each eligible benefit member. Help support what matters most to you by directing your **Choice Dollars!**

**It's easy, so do it today! Call 1-800-847-4836 and say, “Thrivent Choice.” This will only take about 5 minutes and they will answer any questions that you may have.**

You can also contact your Financial Representative:

**Tony De Nicolo, CFP, 231-894-8886**

**Marci Bentz FIC, 231-894-8886**

**Deadline: March 31, 2011**



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:**

<b>Madisyn Brockelbank</b>	<b>Zachery Buskirk</b>
<b>Kaitlyn Dixon</b>	<b>Kyle Dixon</b>
<b>Rune Kirby</b>	<b>Jacob Lesinski</b>
<b>Julia Maltbie</b>	<b>Maggie Nagle</b>
<b>Tambrea Sumner</b>	<b>Laci Sroka</b>
<b>Cady Thomas</b>	

**REMINDER:**  
**Sunday School & Confirmation Classes**  
**resume on Sunday, January 9th, 2011.**

<u>Parish Committees &amp; Chairs</u>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	
Jenny Grey	343-3222
Norma Friesner	468-9233
<b>Christian Outreach</b>	
Anna Anderson	845-5684
<b>Congregational Care</b>	
Jeani Groendal	843-3975
Sandy Nelson	845-5295
<b>Finance</b>	
Joyce Usiak	852-0066
<b>Property</b>	
Jerry Welton	843-4743
<b>Scholarship</b>	
Sonja Siewert	794-8106
<b>Stewardship</b>	
Jim Grey	843-0990
Jeanne Kagey	843-9945
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	
Jenny Grey	343-3222



**Congratulations and Happy Birthday to:**  
*Sylvia Soneral 1-15*  
*Arthur Moberg 1-21*

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

*Baptized in the name  
 of the Lord*

The Emanuel church family  
 welcomes to the family of God  
*Lauren Mae Williams*  
*baptized on December 5, 2010*

and

*Kaleb & Kaydence Laaksonen*  
*baptized on December 19, 2010*



**2011 ENVELOPES  
 ARE AVAILABLE!**

Active members of our parish have been assigned a set of 2011 Offering envelopes. Please pick up your envelopes from the half-shelf in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support in this new year!

Year-end statements will be mailed this month by our Financial Secretary, Kathy Keson.

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.



# Emanuel Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting January 23, 2011

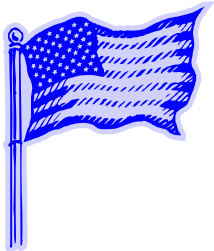
The Annual Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, January 23, 2011, immediately following the 10:30 Worship Service. At this meeting we will review and approve the 2010 Annual Reports and adopt the 2011 Budget. Copies of the 2010 Annual Report will be available to parishioners on Sunday, January 16, on the nametag table following worship. Please pick up your copy on the 16th so you will be prepared for our annual meeting on the 23rd.

*~All Parishioners are encouraged to attend.~*

Please note:

**All Annual Reports are due in the Parish Office  
by Tuesday, January 11th at Noon.**

Compiled reports will be available to the congregation on Sunday, January 16th. This will allow our members the opportunity to take a report and review it prior to the meeting on January 23rd. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



**REMINDER: The Parish Office  
will be closed on  
Monday, January 17, 2011  
in observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

# Thank You

*Thank you to all who helped with our 24th Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner. Because of your gracious gift of time and talent, over 450 meals were served to the Ludington Community. God bless you for sharing yourself with others during this holiday season.*

*Our 2010 Optimist Pasty Sale has been yet another successful fundraiser for the youth programs of our organization. This would certainly not be the case if it were not for the generosity of Emanuel Lutheran Church. Throughout the preparation, baking, packaging processes and beyond, we have been treated like family. To combine that with the use of your wonderful kitchen space, this has become a project we look forward to every year. Please accept this donation of \$100 toward Emanuel's building fund. Thank you, again.*

*Roger A Martin, President  
Optimist Club of Ludington*

*A special thank you to the congregation of Victory Trinity Lutheran Church for their donation of \$100 toward Emanuel's 2010 Community Christmas Dinner. Your generosity will help make Christmas day a more joyful one for many in the Ludington area!*

*Thanks to the Emanuel Lutheran women who donated many hours making mittens, caps and scarves for the Mitten Tree."*

*--Norma Koepp*

*(PS: A very special thank you goes out to Laurie Seideman for volunteering to represent Emanuel Lutheran Church in this ministry with Church Women United. Thanks, Laurie!)*



**Thank you to all who helped with our  
Christmas Day Community Dinner. We  
served over 300 meals to the Ludington  
community! What a joyous way to  
spread the Good News!**



## Angel Tree

Thank you to all who participated in our Angel Tree Project this year. Your love and generosity is a testament to the true meaning of Christmas!

Carolyn Fitch & Sandy Nelson

## FROM THE STAFF



*Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gifts. We are truly blessed to serve the people of Emanuel. Your graciousness and generosity are much appreciated.*

*--Pastor Jim, Craig, Hjordis, Tammy,  
Kathy, Yvonne, Sally & Lou*



*Thank You  
Notes*

*I'd like to thank my Emanuel family for their prayers, cards and telephone calls concerning my health. I really looked forward to Pastor Jim's visits while at Memorial. I know his prayers and those of the Prayer Chain and others were with me all the way through the procedures at Mercy and the second one at Spectrum Butterworth. which was a success, and back for another surgery at Memorial. That food the Emanuel ladies brought sure was welcome and tasty, too. They are good cooks! I am feeling stronger with each new day and hope to be back for worship with Pastor and all of you soon.*

*Love,  
Marie Taylor*

*Dear Pastor and Church Members,  
We would like to wish you and all your families a wonderful Christmas Season and a Healthy, Happy New Year. Please accept our small gift for the church.*

*Sincerely Yours,  
The Vuong Family*

*(A \$100 donation was received from the Vuong Family for Emanuel's General Fund. We are very appreciative of their generosity.)*

## Worship Service Cancellation Policy



Council has adopted the following policy regarding the cancellation of worship services in case of inclement weather: *If services need to be cancelled due to the weather, notification will be given to the local radio stations and channels 8 & 13 out of Grand Rapids. **Please check with these sources before venturing out.** In addition, if Sunday Worship is cancelled, there will be a service held at 7 p.m. on the following Wednesday celebrating the liturgy of the week. Please join us on Wednesday if any Sunday service is cancelled.*



As you know, Emanuel has a partnership with Harbor Light Fellowship Emergency Food Pantry. We collect food for the pantry during months that contain a 5th Sunday. **Sunday, January 30th** is the 5th Sunday of the month. We are asking for donations of canned goods and other non-perishable food items. Donated items should be placed in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## 2011-2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2011-2012 school year will be available in the Parish Office and on the parish website ([www.emmanuel-lutheran.com](http://www.emmanuel-lutheran.com)) after February 6th. Completed applications must be submitted to the parish office by April 4th. All eligibility requirements are stated on the applications. Please contact the parish office at 843-3686 if you have any further questions. Thank you.



# January 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2 Christmas 2</b> No Sunday School 10:30 am Word & Sacrament No Confirmation Class 8:00 pm AA Meeting	3 9:00 am Staff Meeting	4 8:00 pm AA meeting	5 11:00 am Prayer Group	6 8:00 pm AA meeting	<b>7 Pastor's Sabbath</b> --Office Closed--	8
<b>9 Baptism of Our Lord</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Word & Sacrament --Noisy Offering 5:00 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm AA Meeting	10 9:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm WEW 7:00 pm Council	11 1:00 pm WEW 8:00 pm AA meeting	12 11:00 am Prayer Group 1:00 pm WEW	13 8:00 pm AA meeting	<b>14 Pastor's Sabbath</b> --Office Closed--	15
<b>16 Epiphany 2</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Word & Sacrament 5:00 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm AA Meeting	17 <b>Martin Luther King, Jr Day</b> --Office Closed-- 1:00 pm WEW	18 1:00 pm WEW 8:00 pm AA meeting	19 11:00 am Prayer Group 1:00 pm WEW	20 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 8:00 pm AA meeting	<b>21 Pastor's Sabbath</b> --Office Closed--	22
<b>23 Epiphany 3</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Word & Sacrament <b>Annual Meeting &amp; Potluck</b> 5:00 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm AA Meeting	24 9:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm WEW 3:30 pm Girl Scouts	25 9:30 am Jackpine Mtg 1:00 pm WEW 8:00 pm AA meeting	26 11:00 am Prayer Group 1:00 pm WEW	27 8:00 pm AA meeting	<b>28 Pastor's Sabbath</b> --Office Closed--	29
<b>30 Epiphany 4</b> 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Word & Sacrament & 5th Sunday Food Collection 5:00 pm Confirmation Class 8:00 pm AA Meeting	31 9:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm WEW					