

FINANCIAL UPDATE

at 11-30-10

Actual Operating Costs year-to-date = (\$178,358)
Actual Operating Receipts year-to-date = \$164,029

Thus far, our budgeted expenses are \$13,329 greater than the offerings received.

2011 ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

2011 Offering envelopes are available for you to pick up on the half-shelf in the Narthex.

REMINDER: There is a good chance that your pledge number will not be the same in 2011 as it was in 2010. If you gift electronically, please notify your bank of your new number. Also, please do not use any old 2010 envelopes for any reason. Your contributions might not be credited to the correct account.

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

Even if you don't want a set of envelopes, please be sure you are assigned an envelope number in order for your donations to Emanuel to be recorded for tax purposes.



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 Report 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.

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 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

REMINDER: No Sunday School today.
Sunday School resumes on January 9th.



*Reminder:
No Confirmation Class today.
Classes resume on January 9th.*

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January 2, 2011

"Celebrating and faithfully sharing God's love within and beyond the walls of our church."

At Emanuel This Week

Sunday 10:30 AM 8:00 PM	January 2--Second Sunday after Christmas Word & Sacrament AA Meeting Downstairs
Monday 9:00 AM	January 3 Staff Meeting
Tuesday 8:00 PM	January 4 AA Meeting Downstairs
Wednesday 11:00 AM	January 5 Prayer Group
Thursday 8:00 PM	January 6--The Epiphany AA Meeting Downstairs

Upcoming Events

Sunday 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM 8:00 PM	January 9--The Baptism of Our Lord Sunday School Word & Sacrament--Noisy Offering Confirmation Class AA Meeting Downstairs
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Please join us for fellowship & hospitality each week in Luther Hall immediately following the Sunday service.



PARISH STAFF

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THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is offered to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the light of Christ in our midst.



Parish members in need:

Ardith Johnson, Mary Gwen Barrington, Ann Bird, Jim Bonter, Dale Brockelbank, Alice Fugere, Barbara Grimm, Marshall Mattis II, Bruce & Helen Nelson, Lorraine Quinn, Marie Taylor, Shari Verduin, Vernice Walker, Kay Williams.

Friends in need: Celeste Balogh, Eric Beltz, Dietrich Bidwell, Jim Haferkamp, Roy Hart, John Hemmer, Dean Johnson, Sandy Johnson, John Killabrew, Karen Klegon, Karl & Lee Landgrebe, Karen Lock, Keila Lonkton, Kara Miranda, Jon Paetschow, Andrew Perzicki, Bob Stowe, Alice Swan, Gary Swanson, Jim Swayne.

Pray for those at home: Pat Aden, Leah Cutler, Lorraine Emms, Charles Goff, Charles & Betty Hargreaves, Ardith Johnson, Clara Johnson, Wilma Keson, Marshall Mattis III, John & Lorraine Quinn, Evelyn Rohmoser, Jonah Schmidt, Sylvia Soneral, Sandy Vielmo, & Arlene Whitenight, Zachery Willis.

Pray for those in care facilities: Roger Altrock, Marguerite Andersen, Arline Gruber, Mamie Hansen, Sue Harcus.

Pray for our Armed Forces, especially our members: Navy - Anna Peterson McCray, James Boomgaard, II; Army - Tad Reed, Ezra Swan, Dale Wheeler, Christian Boomgaard; National Guard - Jordan Martz

Pray for our Veterans, especially those suffering from the wounds of war.

Pray for our parish family: our area churches, our Synod, and especially Bethany Lutheran Church in Kaleva, MI and Pastor Diane Greble, as well as churches throughout the United States and the world.

PRAYER REQUESTS: To submit a prayer request, please call the Parish office at 843-3686 or fill out a prayer request card during Sunday worship. Your intention will be held in prayer for 30 days. (Please provide the office with an update if prayers for your intention need to be extended beyond 30 days.) **For immediate prayers in a crisis situation, you may activate the Emanuel Prayer Chain by calling Stephanie Sundholm at 845-8320.**



Thank You

To the people of Emanuel,
Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. It is my good fortune to work for such a loving, caring faith community. May God's blessings surround you in this New Year!

--Lou McCarthy

We need to say thank you for the many kind gifts we have received, and especially for the gracious and abundant monetary gift from the parish family. We are grateful to God for you, and to you, for such a gracious display of love and appreciation. May God continue to bless each of us, and our church family collectively, as we walk this journey together into 2011.

Much love, Pastor & Norma



BLOOD DRIVE

Ludington Knights of Columbus

301 N. Jebavy Drive

Tuesday, January 04, 2011

12:00 PM - 5:45 PM

To schedule an appt, log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: KofC Ludington.

Individuals who are at least 17 years old, meet height and weight requirements and are in general good health may be eligible to donate blood. Red Cross donor card or positive ID required. Call 1-800-448-3543 or log on to givelife.org for more information.



This Sunday: January 2, 2011
Second Sunday after Christmas

Acolytes:	Erin Maltbie, Julia Maltbie
Altar Guild:	Mary Hoffman, Linda Rogers
Altar Servers	*Anna & Bill Anderson, Marilyn Cunic
Bible Bearer:	Eli Shively
Coffee Hour:	Ken & Cathy Iteen
Crucifer:	Kaitlin Shively
Greeters:	Laurie & Walt Seidelman
Lector:	Margaret Hayes
Offering Counters:	Loren Brand, Sandy Nelson
Usher Captains:	as scheduled
Taper:	Dick Falk

Next Sunday: January 9, 2011
Baptism of Our Lord

Acolytes:	Hayley & Madisyn Brockelbank
Altar Guild:	Terri Boomgaard, Tammy Brand
Altar Servers	*Eleanor Anderson, Dick & Dee Falk
Bible Bearer:	Caleb Eastway
Coffee Hour:	Mike & Priscilla Burns
Crucifer:	Zack Eastway
Greeters:	Ken & Cathy Iteen
Lector:	Bill or Anna Anderson
Offering Counters:	John Barrington, Jim Grey
Usher Captains:	as scheduled
Taper:	Suzanne Tibbot

Please note: The office is no longer sending reminder postcards. You will receive a phone call early in the week to remind you of your scheduled commitment. MONTHLY SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE. Thank you for your continued service to Emanuel.



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