



TODAY'S GOSPEL:
Luke 1:26-38

A FAITHFUL STEWARD'S RESPONSE:

♥ "For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:37)
Mary trusted in the angel's message and was open to the work of God in her life. How willing am I to say with Mary, "Let it be with me according to your word?"



A Measure of Our Love



A total of **\$3,545.00** per week is needed to maintain the day-to-day ministry of our parish.

Date Rec'd	Attendance	Envelope Offerings	Year-to-Date
11/13	160	\$2,066	\$(19,702)
11/20	140	\$3,679	\$(19,568)
11/27	118	\$3,649	\$(19,464)
12/04	171	\$5,359	\$(17,650)
12/11	135	\$3,264	\$(17,931)

2011 Building Fund Debt (as of 11/27):

Total cost of projects:	\$174,348
Total amount borrowed:	\$ 92,600 (incl. interest)
Amount received to date (to pay off loans):	\$ 83,404

PARISH STAFF

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The Parish Office is open Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.



Christmas SERVICES

Christmas Eve, December 24

5:00 pm Family Service

6:45 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist at Grace

9:00 pm Christ Mass at Emanuel

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 am Abbreviated service with Grace at Emanuel

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



Christmas Community Dinner

Emanuel Lutheran Church
501 E. Danaher Street

Sunday, December 25, 2011
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 22nd, to order delivery.

We are still in need of Kitchen Help! Please contact Steve to volunteer: 845-1185.

The Emanuel parish family extends our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Harvey Johnson**, brother of Evelyn Fearnow, who passed away on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Evelyn at: PO Box 5937, Gulf Shores, AL 36547.



May he rest in peace.

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Love

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December 18, 2011



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

At Emanuel This Week

Sunday 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	December 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday School Play Practice Worship/Children's Program —Noisy Offering AA Meeting Downstairs
Monday 9:30 AM	December 19 Staff Meeting
Tuesday 8:00 PM	December 20 AA Meeting Downstairs
Wednesday 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	December 21 Men's Coffee & Conversation Prayer Group Grace Notes Choir
Thursday 8:00 PM	December 22 AA Meeting Downstairs

Upcoming Events

Saturday 5:00 PM 6:45 PM 9:00 PM	December 24—Christmas Eve Family Service at Emanuel Eucharistic Service at Grace Christ Mass at Emanuel
Sunday 10:00 AM 8:00 PM	December 25—Christmas Day Abbreviated Service of Word & Sacrament AA Meeting Downstairs
Monday	December 26—Christmas Holiday —OFFICE CLOSED—



Please join us for fellowship & hospitality each week in Luther Hall immediately following the Sunday service.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is offered to the glory of God by Loren & Tammy Brand in thanksgiving for their 45th wedding anniversary on December 17th.



Parish members in need: Doris Anderson, Mary Gwen Barrington, Ann Bird, William Marrison, Bruce & Helen Nelson, Marian Rogan, Jan Serrell, Tambrea Sumner, Vernice Walker, Kay Williams.

Friends in need: Dietrich Bidwell, Tom Blough, Alex Branch, Arden French, Janet Glinsky, Ashton & Kim Grimm, John Hemmer, Patricia Hoag, Jacob Hoffman, John Hunt, John Killabrew, Karen Klegon, Karl & Lee Landgrebe, Karen Lock, Bob Montgomery, Dick Nelson, Norma Pross, Jim & Patty Scatera, Carrie Smith Roe, Heather Smedley, Julie Snyder, Dale Swanson, Jack Thomas.

Pray for those at home: Pat Aden, Marguerite Anderson, Robert & Helen Bahr, Leah Cutler, Loraine Emms, Charles & Betty Hargreaves, Clara Johnson, Wilma Keson, John & Lorraine Quinn, Evelyn Rohrmoser, Jonah Schmidt, Sandy Vielmo, & Arlene Whitenight, Zachery Willis.

Pray for those in care facilities: Marguerite Andersen, Al Bloomer, Mamie Hansen, Ardith Johnson.

Pray for our Armed Forces, especially our members: Navy - Anna Peterson, James Boomgaard, II; Army - Tad Reed, Ezra Swan, Dale Wheeler, Christian Boomgaard; *National Guard* - Jeremy Horstman, Jordan Martz; *Air Force* - Scott Mosley

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

Pray for our parish family: our area churches and our Synod, 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. For immediate prayers in a crisis situation, you may activate the Emanuel Prayer Chain by calling Stephanie Sundholm at 845-8320.

REMINDER: No Sunday School on December 25 and January 1. Sunday School resumes on January 8th.



Reminder: No Confirmation Classes on December 18, 25 and January 1. Classes resume on January 8th. Have a very Merry Christmas & a Blessed New year!

2012 ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE



Active members of our parish have been assigned a set of 2012 Offering envelopes. They 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 2012 as it was in 2011. For that reason, please be sure you do NOT use the 2012 envelopes until January 1st.

Please note: Year-end giving must be received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 29th to be included on your 2011 giving statement. 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.

Ludington Knights of Columbus

301 N Jebavy Drive

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

11:30 am-5:15 pm



To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS or long onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: KofC Ludington. Come out to donate in December and you could win a \$500 Best Buy gift card, \$250 in free groceries from Meijer or a Chevy Cruze courtesy of Sundance Chevrolet!



This Sunday: December 18, 2011
Fourth Sunday of Advent
(Children's Christmas Program)

Coffee Hour:	Volunteers
Greeters:	Lorrie Smith, Jody Sroka
Lector:	Children's Program
Offering Counters:	Joyce Usiak, Volunteer
Offering Teller:	Linda Rogers
Usher Captains:	K. & L. Rees/ B. & S. Sundholm
Taper:	Joan Kudla

Next Saturday: December 24, 2011
Christmas Eve—5:00 pm

Acolytes:	K. Lesinski & E. Millspaugh
Altar Guild:	Volunteers
Altar Servers:	Volunteers
Bible Bearer:	A. Millspaugh
Crucifer:	J. Lesinski
Lector:	Ryan Glanville
Taper:	Eileen Kline

Next Saturday: December 24, 2011
Christmas Eve—9:00 pm

Acolytes:	Shelby French & Madisyn Brockelbank
Altar Guild:	Volunteers
Altar Servers:	Volunteers
Bible Bearer:	Kaitlyn Dixon
Crucifer:	Hayley Brockelbank
Lector:	Bob Sundholm
Taper:	Eileen Kline

Next Sunday: December 25, 2011
Christmas Day—Abbreviated Service



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