

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. As we approach the year's end, please be mindful of our need in your weekly and special year-end giving.

Finally, because the parish office is closed on Fridays, please note that **Thursday, December 30, 2010** will be the last day for financial gifts to be received for 2010 and still be credited on the 2010 calendar.

REMINDER: No Sunday School on December 19, 26 and January 2. Sunday School resumes on January 9th. Have a very Merry Christmas & a blessed New year!



Reminder: No Confirmation Classes on December 19, 26 and January 2. Classes resume on January 9th. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



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

OUR ST. LUCIA FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS takes place this evening at 6:00 p.m. Please join us in this time-honored Emanuel tradition.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Saturday, December 25, 2010
Noon until 2:00 p.m.
at Emanuel Lutheran Church
501 E Danaher Street
All are welcome!
Dinner is free to all of our guests.
A free-will offering is appreciated.

We are still in need of kitchen help, especially cooks, for our Community Christmas Dinner. Please call the Parish Office, 843-3686, to volunteer your time & talents.



2011 ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Active members of our parish have been assigned a set of 2011 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 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.

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December 19, 2010

“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	December 19--Fourth Sunday of Advent Word & Sacrament/ Baptisms AA Meeting Downstairs
Monday 9:30 AM 7:00 PM	December 20 Staff Meeting Boy Scouts
Tuesday 9:00 AM 8:00 PM	December 21 Advent Morning Prayer at Grace AA Meeting Downstairs
Wednesday 11:00 AM	December 22 Prayer Group
Thursday 9:00 AM 8:00 PM	December 23 Advent Morning Prayer at Grace AA Meeting Downstairs
Friday 5:00 PM 9:00 PM	December 24--Christmas Eve Family Christmas Eve Service Christ Mass
Saturday 12 noon	December 25--Christmas Day Community Christmas Dinner served until 2 PM

Upcoming Events

Sunday 10:30 AM 8:00 PM	December 26--First Sunday after Christmas Word & Sacrament/ Baptism AA Meeting Downstairs
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Please join us for Advent Morning Prayer at Grace Episcopal Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. during the Advent season. All are welcome!

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THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is offered to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the baptism of Kaydence Lynn and Kaleb Richard Laaksonen at our service today.



Parish members in need: Mary Gwen Barrington, Ann Bird, 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, 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, Loraine Emms, Charles Goff, Charles & Betty Hargreaves, Ardith Johnson, Clara Johnson, Wilma Keson, Marshall Mattis III, John & Lorraine Quinn, Evelyn Rohrmoser, Jonah Schmidt, Sylvia Soneal, Sandy Vielmo, & Arlene Whitenight, Zachery Willis.

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

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 Lutheran Church of the Savior in Kalamazoo, MI and Pastor Andrew Tengwall, 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.**

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Family Service--5:00 pm

Acolytes: Cady Thomas, Volunteer
 Altar Guild: Patricia & Tom Ezdebski
 Altar Servers Marilyn Cunic, Jenny Grey, Sandy Nelson
 Bible Bearer: Volunteer
 Crucifer: Jenny Grey
 Greeters: **Volunteers**
 Lector: Ryan Glanville
 Usher Captains: Patricia & Tom Ezdebski
 Taper: Volunteer

Christ Mass--9:00 pm

Acolytes: Rachael Petzak, Volunteer
 Altar Guild: Carolyn Fitch, Norma Friesner
 Altar Servers Bill & Anna Anderson, Dee Falk
 Bible Bearer: Kaitlyn Dixon
 Crucifer: Volunteer
 Greeters: Dick & Dee Falk
 Lector: Bob Sundholm
 Usher Captains: Volunteers
 Taper: Volunteer

As you can see, there are several opportunities to volunteer your services at the Christmas services. Please call the Parish Office, 843-3686, if you are able to help. Merry Christmas!

Thank You

Thanks to the Emanuel Lutheran women who donated many hours making mittens, caps and scarves for the Mitten Tree.”
 --Norma Koeppe

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.



This Sunday: December 19, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Acolytes: Eli Shively, Kaitlyn Shively
 Altar Guild: Kim Hamm, Jenny Grey
 Altar Servers *Anna & Bill Anderson, Bob Sundholm
 Bible Bearer: Tambrea Sumner
 Coffee Hour: Ellen Bonter, Vicki Dorrell
 Crucifer: Cameron DeKuiper
 Greeters: Bill & Anna Anderson
 Lector: Laurie Seidelman
 Offering Counters: Terri Boomgaard, Jeanne Kagey
 Usher Captains: Volunteers
 Taper: Andy Nelson

Next Sunday: December 26, 2010

First Sunday after Christmas

Acolytes: Erin Maltbie, Julia Maltbie
 Altar Guild: Mary Hoffman, Volunteer
 Altar Servers *Priscilla & Mike Burns, Ryan Glanville
 Bible Bearer: Kaitlyn Shively
 Coffee Hour: Jeanne Kagey
 Crucifer: Eli Shively
 Greeters: Kathy Keson, Linda Rogers
 Lector: Bill or Anna Anderson
 Offering Counters: Joyce Usiak, Jerry Welton
 Usher Captains: Volunteers
 Taper: Volunteer

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