

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.



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!

HOSPICE OF MICHIGAN FREE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Hospice of Michigan provides a grief support group at no charge for those in our community who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This group is provided in a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment for you to express your feelings and better understand the grief process. This group is offered at the Hospice of Michigan office located at 5177 W US10, Suite B and held the fourth Monday of each month from 12:00-1:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact Virginia Sonefeld, MSW, Grief Support Services Manager, at 845-3423.



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.

REMINDER: No Sunday School on December 26 and January 2. Sunday School resumes on January 9th. Wishing you a blessed New Year!



Reminder: No Confirmation Classes on December 26 and January 2. Classes resume on January 9th. Happy New Year!



Wishing you abundant blessings in the New Year!

—the staff of Emanuel Lutheran Church

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December 26, 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 26--First Sunday after Christmas Word & Sacrament AA Meeting Downstairs
Tuesday 11:00 AM 8:00 PM	December 28 Herald Team gathering AA Meeting Downstairs
Wednesday 11:00 AM	December 29 Prayer Group
Thursday 8:00 PM	December 30 AA Meeting Downstairs
Friday	December 31--New Year's Eve
Saturday	January 1--New Year's Day

Upcoming Events

Sunday 10:30 AM 8:00 PM	January 2--Second Sunday after Christmas Word & Sacrament AA Meeting Downstairs
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Please join us for fellowship & hospitality each week in Luther Hall immediately following the Sunday service.



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THE SANCTUARY LIGHT is offered to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the joys of this blessed Christmas season.



Parish members in need:

Ardith Johnson, Mary Gwen Barrington, Ann Bird, Jim Bonter, 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 Soneral, 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 Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo, MI and Pastors Ken Johnson and Jacob Lehman, 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

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



This Sunday: December 26, 2010
First Sunday after Christmas

Acolytes:	Erin Maltbie, Julia Maltbie
Altar Guild:	Norma Friesner, Volunteer
Altar Servers:	*Volunteers, Ryan Glanville
Bible Bearer:	Kaitlyn Shively
Coffee Hour:	Marilyn Lilleberg, 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

Next 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:	Caleb Eastway
Coffee Hour:	Ken & Cathy Iteen
Crucifer:	Zack Eastway
Greeters:	Laurie & Walt Seidelman
Lector:	Margaret Hayes
Offering Counters:	Loren Brand, Sandy Nelson
Usher Captains:	as scheduled
Taper:	Dick Falk

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.



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.



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