

## FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR 2010

We closed the books on 2010 with a balance of \$2,086 remaining in the Operating Fund checking account with all bills paid in full. During the course of the year, we had to transfer \$10,000 from our Contingency Funds ("savings account") to cover our expenses. For those who are interested in the particulars, the year-end reports are posted on the bulletin board in the office wing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. Complete reports and details will be provided in the Annual Report and at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 23rd.

--Tamara Brand, Parish Treasurer

### 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.

Sunday School resumes today,  
January 9th.



Confirmation Classes resume today,  
January 9th, at 5:00 p.m.  
Topic: *Jesus' Birth & Early Life*  
Focus: *Incarnation, Messiah, Epiphany*



### 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**

### 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. The group is offered at the Hospice of Michigan office located at 5177 W US10, Suite B and is 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.

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January 9, 2011

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

#### At Emanuel This Week

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 9--The 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 Downstairs
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 10</b>
9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
1:00 PM	WEW
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 11</b>
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer at Grace
1:00 PM	WEW
8:00 PM	AA Meeting Downstairs
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 12</b>
11:00 AM	Prayer Group
1:00 PM	WEW
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer at Grace
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 13</b>
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer at Emanuel
9:30 AM	Pastor's Bible Study
6:15 PM	Grace Notes Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM	AA Meeting Downstairs

#### Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 16--Second Sunday After Epiphany</b>
9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Word & Sacrament
5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
8:00 PM	AA Meeting Downstairs

*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 gift of our Baptism in Christ Jesus.



**Parish members in need:** Mary Gwen Barrington, Ann Bird, Al Bloomer, Jim Bonter, Dale Brockelbank, Alice Fugere, Barbara Grimm, Ardith Johnson, 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, Ryan Mynnaar, Andrew Perzicki, Patty Scatena, 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 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 Mamrelund Lutheran Church in Kent City, MI and Pastor Len Dahlgren, 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.**

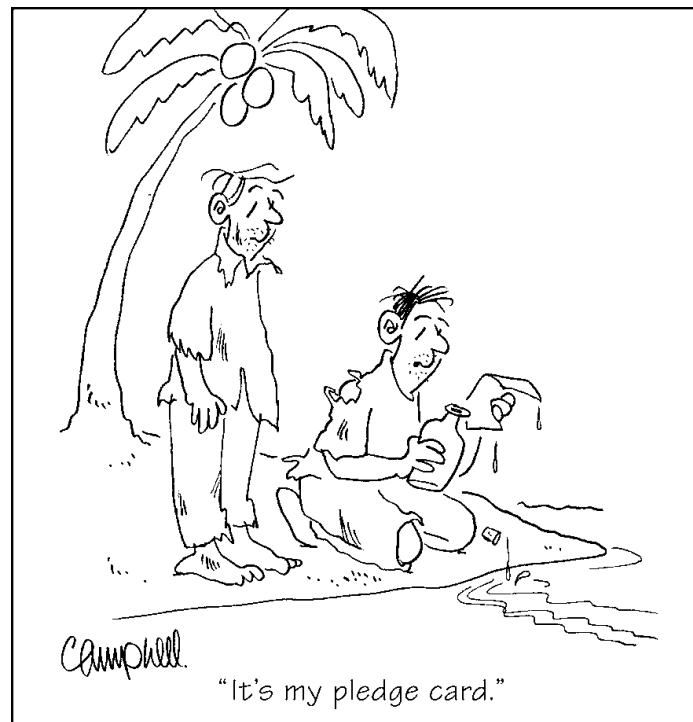


## Emanuel Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting January 23, 2011

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 table in the hall, 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 this Tuesday, January 11th, at Noon.*



*This 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, Volunteer
Usher Captains:	as scheduled
Taper:	Suzanne Tibbot

*Next Sunday: January 16, 2011  
Second Sunday after Epiphany*

Acolytes:	Shelby French, Rachael Petzak
Altar Guild:	Barb Dixon, Kim Hamm
Altar Servers:	*Tammy Brand, Mike & Priscilla Burns
Bible Bearer:	Kaitlin Dixon
Coffee Hour:	Vicki Dorrell, Marilyn Olson
Crucifer:	Michael Heinrich
Greeters:	Bob & Stephanie Sundholm
Lector:	Mike Nagle
Offering Counters:	Tony Hamm, Linda Rogers
Usher Captains:	as scheduled
Taper:	Eileen Kline

*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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