



TODAY'S GOSPEL:
John 1:1-14

A FAITHFUL STEWARD'S RESPONSE:

♥ "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) May the glory of God's only Son be reflected in our lives as we celebrate his birth today. Let us not forget, nor take for granted, that the very Love of God became flesh for us and for our salvation!



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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
12/18	200	\$4,408	\$(17,068)

Dear Emanuel Lutheran,
Thank you so much for supporting our ministry by hosting the shelter during Weeks #5 and #6 of Season #3. The time and effort from each of you is greatly appreciated. May God bless each of you for blessing this ministry.



Sincerely,
Hospitality In the Name of Christ

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Silent Auction which brought in \$2,153 towards our general operating expenses. A special thanks to Diane Shank, Megan Maltbie, Pat Daugherty, Eleanor Anderson and Sereé Jo Schmidt for all their help.

—Joyce Usiak

I appreciate all of the prayers following my unexpected surgery in November. Thank you Pastor for visiting me in the hospital. I recently met with the surgeon and things are looking much better, although I potentially have a few more surgeries over the next couple of years. Thanks for everything & Merry Christmas.

—Sonja Siewart



The Poinsettia plants that surround our Altar are offered to the glory God in thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with the following dedications:

In memory of loved ones:

- Jim & Eleanor Anderson** in memory of Tom & Marjorie Paul and Ed & Cora Anderson.
- Mary Gwen, Bob, Polly & John Barrington** in memory of John & Alta Barrington.
- Robert Conrad** in memory of loved ones.
- Marilyn & Randy Cunic** in memory of Courtney Cunic & loved ones.
- Nancy DuVall** in memory of her parents, Charles & Shirley Harris.
- Dick & Dee Falk** in memory of loved ones.
- Pr. Jim & Norma Friesner** in memory of Carl L. Cooperrider.
- Doris Hartman** in memory of Clarence Hartman.
- Ardith Johnson** in memory of Leonard E. and Kim Johnson.
- Kathy Keson** in memory of Richard Keson & Mary Saya.
- Don & Marty Mielke** in memory of their parents.
- Sandy Nelson & Family** in memory of Charlie Nelson.
- Linda & John Ochs** in memory of Violet & Grady Reeves, Mary & Bud Ochs, and brother, Grady G. Reeves.
- Roger & Marilyn Olson** in memory of Darryl Olson & loved ones.
- Jim & Kris Riva** in memory of Arnold Sundholm, Hilding Sundholm, Tina Vogel and Dorothy Heslipen.
- The Rivet Family** in memory of Dane Leimbach.
- Jack, Lorrie, Alex & Jayce Smith** in memory of loved ones.

In thanksgiving for blessings received:

Bill & Anna Anderson

Marilyn & Randy Cunic
especially for Lillë & Dominic

The Heinrich Family

Lois, Alaina & Evan Janish

Cindy Jarvie

Paul & Lyn Kolb

Milan & Dorothy Reed

Geraldine Schultz

Jerry & Sharon Welton

especially for Tye, Jordyn, Kaydence, Chase, Kaleb & Brooke.



*Thank you to all who
dedicated the poinsettias
for our Christmas services.
Their magnificent beauty
enhances our worship experience
as we celebrate
the birth of the Christ Child.*

Our Sanctuary will be adorned with the poinsettias for about two weeks, then they will be moved to Luther Hall. If you wish, you may take a plant home at that time.

THE Embers Christmas 2011



Christ is Born!

*“Celebrating and faithfully sharing God’s love
within and beyond the walls of our church.”*

At Emanuel This Week

Sunday **December 25—Christmas Day**
10:00 AM Word & Sacrament

Monday **December 26—Christmas Holiday**
—OFFICE CLOSED—

Upcoming Events

Sunday **January 1—Holy Name Sunday**
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 AM Word & Sacrament
NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

*Merry
Christmas*

and abundant blessings in the New Year!

—the staff of Emanuel Lutheran Church

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.

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

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