

## **Greetings Saints of Emmanuel:**

*Christmas is coming.*

Our remembrance and celebration of the incarnation of the Son of God is *almost* at hand. But not yet!

So until then, join us for today's Advent service, Friday's caroling service, and Sunday's final advent service (where we'll have four baptisms!).

See you in worship.

In Christ our Lord,  
+ Pastor Justin Baker

### **Today, Wednesday, December 17th**

10:00 AM Discipleship Committee Meeting

11:00 AM Council Meeting

6:00 PM Light Meal

*Menu: Roast, Potato Soup, Salad, Bread & Butter, Desserts*

7:00 PM Advent Midweek Service

*Following refreshments, we will meet in the sanctuary to pray a Compline service. We will do this every Wednesday in Advent.*

**See the bulletin for tonight's service [here](#).**

## **Newsworthy**

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### **Poinsettia Orders**

The deadline to order poinsettias has passed, but if you missed it, we ordered a few extras. Please reach out to the office as soon as possible to let us know if you would like to purchase one of these extras (this count is final, so once they're gone there will be no more opportunities).

### **Brookdale Caroling Service Friday, Dec. 19th, 11:15AM Delivering Christmas Gifts & Stockings!**

Thank you to everyone who has given Christmas gifts for Brookdale residents. If you haven't brought them, please bring them to the office today! Please join us for the caroling worship service this Friday!

### **New Members Class | Beginning February**

For all those who are ready to become members of Emmanuel, there will be a new member's class beginning in February. If you would like to signup, please let Pastor or the Office know.

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Volunteer scheduling will now be coordinated by the church office. An email has gone out to all volunteers with the schedule for January: if you did not receive it please let us know!

## United Together, We Pray

### *Prayers for Mission Workers*

For the Omars and their ministry among Muslims in the Atlanta region; for the Thorstads in their work in Laos & Thailand; and for Dure Negassa and the Rev. Gemachu in their ministry in Kenya among the Oromos.

### *Prayers for those in need of Intercession:*

George and Donna Campagna, Linda Casper, Suzanne & Ernesto Carns & family, May Hill, Jim Troxell, David Weihe, Vince Berardinelli, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Brylee, Addison, Sandra, Zachary, Kevin, David, Kathy, Asa, Jerry, Jack, Al & family, Beth, Colleen, Rachael, Leila, Darin, Les & Cathy, Tony, Sarah, and Harry

### *Prayers of Bereavement*

Most Blessed and Holy God, we implore you to remember *the family of Debbie Pritts, the family of Mark, the family of Cathy, the family of Rosalie, and the family of Tom*. Fill all families who mourn with the strength to grieve, the comfort of your presence, and faith unto life everlasting.

### *Prayer for this Church*

*We pray that you will fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. We pray that you make us one people united in prayer. We pray that you will send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name.*

## **Worship**

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### **Today, Wednesday, the 17th: Light Meal, 6PM | Advent Service, 7PM**

This evening, we will have refreshments and a worship service, as is our custom during Advent.

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### **From Sunday's Sermon**

"Paul gives us the blueprint for our metric of success: to steward the mystery of faith — the good news — faithfully. That means that I must keep the faith, that I must proclaim the good news in season and out of season, and that I must encourage those entrusted to this congregation to remain in the faith. But the whole body of Christ is needed. Faith cannot be done alone. The Lord needs more than pastors — he needs the whole people of God to join together as his body to carry out his mission in this world."

*Watch this past Sunday's sermon [here](#) or read it [here](#).*

*And if you missed last week's Wednesday service, watch the homily [here](#) or read it [here](#).*

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**Bible Study on the Book of Daniel |**  
*On Pause Until January 26th*

**From Daniel**

God always fulfills his promises, and always uses his people — whether in their faithfulness or unfaithfulness — to be a light to the nations. Here, Judah's very rejection of God is what sets the stage for Babylon to receive God. And then, Babylon's subsequent rejection of God is what sets the stage for Judah to return to faithfulness to God.

[View the Key for Chapter One Here](#)

[View Last Week's Lesson Here](#)

**Fellowship & Evangelism**

**GriefShare**

This is a video based, facilitator led program. Read more information and see an introductory video [here](#). We'll plan to meet with potential facilitators soon, and begin making a plan to roll this out from there.

**Stewardship**

Let us know if you need any help around your home. A few members of the church would like to help!

**More This Week**

**December 17th**

10AM: Discipleship Committee Meeting

11:30AM: Council Meeting

6PM: Midweek Refreshments

7PM: Advent Worship Service

**December 18th**

7PM: Girl Scouts

**December 19th**

11:15AM: Brookdale Worship Service (and present delivery!)

5:30PM: Girl Scouts

6:00PM: Girl Scouts

## December 21th

9AM: Live Not By Lies

10:15AM: Worship on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

After Worship: Decorate the church

## December 22nd

2PM: Quilting with the ELCW

6:30PM: Start the Week

## December 23rd

9AM: Bell Choir

10AM: Bell Choir Subset

## December 24th

7PM: Christmas Eve Worship Service

### Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### **Birthdays:**

12/17 Donna Berardinelli  
12/28 Angela Held  
12/29 James Troxell  
12/30 Carol McDowell  
12/31 George Campagna

#### **Anniversaries:**

There are currently no recorded anniversaries in December. Please contact the office if we've missed one!

### Photo Gallery on Our Website!

We've added a photo gallery to our website to make pictures easier to access and view (and to make the newsletter clearer). Contact the office to add pictures of events to the gallery! (We will feature fewer photos in the newsletters so that we can include more on the website.) View the website photos [here](#).



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