

Greetings Saints of Emmanuel:

Judgment is coming. Christ the King is coming.

This coming Sunday marks the end of the church year. We have been hearing in worship the Scriptures which speak of Christ's coming and of the end of all things. We will press further in Bible Study about this end, by immediately beginning a Bible Study on Daniel in December.

Beginning in Advent, we'll transition to the one-year lectionary, which help us build a repertoire of Scriptural memory over the next three years.

The Scriptures during Advent are also focused on Christ's coming. For Advent simply means *coming*, and so as we remember Christ's first coming at Christmas, so, too, we long for and expect his second coming on the Last Day.

Where we want to be is *with him*.

In Christ our Lord,
+ Pastor Justin Baker

Today, Wednesday, November 19th

10:00 AM, Music Room

Discipleship Committee Meeting

11:30 AM, Music Room

Council Meeting

Newsworthy

Prayer List To Be Reset | Beginning Nov. 30th

On the first Sunday of Advent, in accordance with the beginning of the church year, we will reset prayer requests.

You'll need to let Michele Hiener know if you would like to include your loved one for the New Church Year. Going forward, we want to include more details so that our congregation can better pray for those on this list (long-term illness, hospitalization, short-term illness, physical pain, etc.). There will, of course, be a "catch-all" for those who need absolute privacy. This will likely take a little time to get right, but this will help us all to pray more clearly for those in need.

Worship

Worship at Brookdale | *this Friday, Nov. 21, 11AM*

Our first Friday service at Brookdale is this Friday at 11am. Please join us then! We will continue to hold these services on the third Friday of every month at 11am, so mark your calendars!

Advent Setup | Nov. 29, 10AM

We need about **six people** to help take down Thanksgiving decorations, put up the first of our advent adornments, and install the nativity by the road. Please sign up in the narthex if you are able to help.

Confirmation Service for Faith Palmer | Nov. 30, The First Sunday in Advent

Faith Palmer will be confirmed on November 30th, the First Sunday in Advent. A brief reception will be held after the service to celebrate Faith and her new step in her Christian walk. Please plan to join us then!

And because it's the first Sunday in Advent, we'll begin our sanctuary adornment after the service!

Midweek Advent Services | Beginning Dec. 3

During Advent, we will hold a light dinner and a worship service every Wednesday night. The first of these will coincide with the ELCW's Advent Event, which is open to all (not just the women). And so, we will begin with hors d'oeuvres that evening at 6pm.

From Sunday's Sermon

But there is something else that must happen, too. The antichrist must come, and he will come with signs and wonders. He will do everything he can to deceive those who have believed the gospel of Jesus. He will seek worship that is only right to give to God. And many will be deceived by him. Indeed, just as there is the full number of those who will believe Jesus, so, too, there is a full number of those who will be deceived. But, another way to put it is this — the full number of those who want to be deceived will be deceived, the full number of those who want to practice evil will believe their right to practice evil; the full number of those who seek to turn away from God will turn from him.

Whoever can be saved, will be saved; whoever refuses to be saved, will not be saved.

Perhaps the best analogy of what is coming can be described in terms of a solar eclipse. What is a solar eclipse? It is when the sun is eclipsed by the moon — where the sun's light is blocked and so all that can be seen is darkness. This is who the antichrist is — a dark and evil man, who seeks to block the radiance and brilliance of Christ. As the end of this age draws to an end, the full darkness that will be is embodied in the antichrist, who, again, tries to take the brilliance and radiance of Christ for himself.

But just as a solar eclipse is but for a moment, so, too, will the time of the antichrist be — temporary, finite, limited, quick. And — though evil will be at its worst, yet still the light of Christ will pierce through even this blackest blanket of darkness.

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

Discipleship



Bible Study in Acts | Mondays, 1PM & 6:30PM

Bible Study Changing from Acts to Daniel

We'll have our final Acts Bible Study *this Monday*, November 24th. Then we'll immediately begin a study on the book of Daniel. (When we finish Daniel in the Spring, we'll return to Acts.)

Mark your calendars!

11/24: Acts Bible Study, 1pm and 6:30pm
12/1: Daniel Bible Study, 1pm and 6:30pm
12/8: Daniel Bible Study, 1pm and 6:30pm
12/15: Daniel Bible Study, 1pm and 6:30pm
Beginning 12/22: Holiday Break

From Acts 7:51-8:1a

Stephen concludes his sermon by revealing to his accusers that just as their forefathers rejected Moses, so, too, they have rejected the Christ. Rather than being cut to the heart in repentance, they are enraged and stone him to death. This is how we come to know Stephen as the first Christian martyr.

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

Sunday School, 9AM

Live Not By Lies | Continuing Through November & December

This is an important discussion about the way culture pressures us into telling lies, and how to resist that pressure. This is a docu-series ([Watch the Trailer Here](#)) that we'll continue watching and discussing.

Fellowship Hour | Last Sunday in November

An Advent Activity

Fellowship & Evangelism

Thanksgiving Invitation Cards

In the Narthex, there are invitation cards for Thanksgiving meals. Please take these

and use them to invite over your neighbors who may not have anywhere to go on Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is an excellent time to draw closer to those in your community who may be lonely during the holiday season.

Thanksgiving Meals for Homebound & Need a Host for Wendy

We will be giving meals to those who are homebound and without a family to host them. If there is someone you know of who could use a meal, let Pastor Justin know. We also have one visitor, Wendy, who needs a family to host her for Thanksgiving. Please let her know if you can host her.

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.

Free Tickets to the Christmas Pilgrimage

We have been generously offered free tickets. For more information about the pilgrimage, visit the website [here](#). If you would like tickets, please let Danette Hunter know.

The 2025 Delmont Christmas Pilgrimage is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th & Sunday, December 7th, 2025.

Join us for our child-friendly Pilgrimage Junior event the afternoon of Sunday, December 7.



Looking Ahead: Christmas Luncheon

The Fellowship/Evangelism Team has decided to have the annual Emmanuel Christmas party as a lunch this year. Here are the specifics:

What: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Christmas Party

Who: All Emmanuel members are invited

When: Saturday, December 13 at 12:00 noon

Where: The Lamplighter (6566 Route 22, Delmont, PA)

Menu: Stuffed chicken breast, lettuce salad, mashed potatoes with gravy on the side, green beans, fruit cup, and assorted desserts. Cash bar available.

Deadline: We must have a final count for the restaurant by Sunday, December 7, so please be sure your name is on the sign-up sheet by then.

Payment: Get your Check (made out to Julie Schamber) or cash, \$22.00 per person, to Julie Schamber.

If you need help with transportation to the luncheon, please reach out to Julie or the office! We will help you coordinate a carpool.

The Fellowship and Evangelism Committee will cover the cost for anyone who may find the lunch to be a financial burden. We wouldn't want anyone to be left out. Please reach out to the office for assistance.

Blackburn Donations

We are collecting items for the Blackburn Center during November. A comprehensive list of items we are collecting is available posted in the Narthex. You can also [view the list here](#). The last day to donate items is *this Sunday*, November 23rd.

More This Week

Wednesday, November 19

10:00am-11:00am: Discipleship Committee Meeting

11:30am-1:30pm: Council Meeting

6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 53155

7:00 - 8:00pm: Steps and Stories

Thursday, November 20

7:00 - 9:00pm: Troop 208

7:30 - 9:00pm: Al-Anon

Friday, November 21

11:00am-12:00pm: Worship at Brookdale

6:00 - 8:00pm: Troop 50327

6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 22123

Saturday, November 22

10:00am-12:00pm: NALC Mission Region Council Meeting

Sunday, November 23

9:00 - 10:00am: Live Not By Lies Sunday School

10:15 - 11:15am: Worship Service

Monday, November 24

1:00 - 2:00pm: Acts Bible Study

2:00-3:30: Quilting with the ELCW

6:30 - 7:30pm: Start the Week

6:30 - 7:30pm: Acts Bible Study

Tuesday, November 25

Pastor Out-of-Office

9:00 - 10:00am: Bell Choir Rehearsal

10:00 - 11:30am: Bell Choir Subset

6:00 - 8:00pm: Champion Cheerleading

Wednesday, November 26

All Day: Office Closed

11:00am-12:00pm: Prayer Group

6:00 - 7:30pm: Troop 53155

7:00 - 8:00pm: Steps and Stories

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Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

11/19 Mark Heyl

11/22 Vince Berardinelli

11/22 Dorothy Datasch

11/26 Dave Whipkey

11/30 Kaleb Wee

12/1 Arlene Woodward

12/3 Michele Hiener

12/5 Stan Casper

Anniversaries:

11/26 Rev. Greg and Angela Held (48 yrs)

New 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](#).

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women

Wednesday Evening
December 3, 2025

*All men and women and their family
and friends are invited to attend.*

Please bring your favorite appetizer to share.

6:00 PM Advent Social with Hors d'oeuvres
Heritage Hall
&

7:00 PM Advent Worship Service
the Sanctuary

Devotions: Nella Baker

Set-up: Carol McDowell, Julie Schamber,
and Jeanne Yargar

Clean-up: All hands are welcome



Gift Away – Monetary gifts are requested to
support the Loaves and Fishes food pantry.

Please make checks payable to *Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women*, noting “Gift Away” on the Memo Line.

Last Sunday's Service

[Click here to view the service.](#)

Have more pictures from any of our events?
Send them our way -- don't want to leave you out!

Altar Flowers

If you've signed up to provide altar flowers, please email the office a few weeks in advance to let us know what or who you would like the flowers to be dedicated to and how you would like the dedication to read!

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