Emmanuel Lutheran Church December 2020 Newsletter



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Happening at Emmanuel

- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- Sunday School
- Upcoming Dates

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Church Council

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December Council Meeting Monday December 14, at 7:00 pm



Friday December 25, 2020



Emmanuel Christmas Eve Service

Thursday December 24, 9:00 pm

Christmas Program

During the sermon time on Sunday December 20, 2020, we will again have a history of and singing of various Christmas Carols. During the singing, the youth and education committee has planned a youth Christmas Nativity. The event was enjoyed by all last year so a decision was made to celebrate the Christmas Carols again this year as part of the weekly service on Sunday December 20, 2020.

FACEBOOK LIVE

You may view our weekly church service on Facebook live at 9:00 am every Sunday.

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We stream our weekly service on Facebook Live. We thank Gordon Phetteplace for providing this service to our congregation.



- 4 Vito Pilosi IV
- 16 Jennifer(Davis) Landau
- 17 Wyatt Sten
- 18 Mike Ackelson
- 19 Evan Schmidhamer
- 27 Michelle Beaumont
- 27 Alan Vagasky
- 29 Karl Herold



2 Jack and Carol Rinker 16 Brian and Judy Campbell

Foodbank:

The Prospect Portersville food bank continues to need the cereal that Emmanuel provides. Thank you for your continued donations

Music during Service

We thank Amy Birckbichler for her vocal selections during Communion. We welcome anyone who might like to share their voice or other musical offering during communion. During worship we are singing only one verse of each hymn at this time.

<u>Sunday School</u> Sunday School and Confirmation classes meet weekly after the church service.

Upcoming Dates

First Sunday in Advent November 29

Second Sunday in Advent December 6, 2020

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Third Sunday in Advent December 13, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Advent December 20, 2020

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Christmas Eve Thursday December 24, 2020

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Christmas Day 2020 Friday December 25, 2020

Part One of our Annual Congregational meeting

will take place at 10:00 am immediately following the Church Service on SUNDAY DECEMBER 27 The proposed 2021 budget and nominations for Church Council Members will be on the agenda.

'Silent Night'

Ah the midnight clear and the silence of a perfect night, it all reminds me of a beautiful Christmas carol composed in 1818 by Franz Gruber to lyrics by Joseph Mohr in the small town of Oberndorf bei Salzburg,

Austria. 'Silent Night' a magical, inspirational carol of hope for the ages. Franz Gruber wrote the music and played it on a guitar, not on the organ. The organ in Oberndorf had been through several floods and eventually was dismantled and moved, along with the relocation of the church. There is even a legend that a mouse chewed the bellows in the pipe organ; and without time to make a repair, Franz, at the last minute used the guitar. Any way it is played, it is a beautiful carol with an equally beautiful message.

"Music on Christmas Morning" by <u>Anne Brontë</u>

Music I love - but never strain Could kindle raptures so divine, So grief assuage, so conquer pain, And rouse this pensive heart of mine -As that we hear on Christmas morn, Upon the wintry breezes borne.

Though Darkness still her empire keep,

And hours must pass, ere morning break;

From troubled dreams, or slumbers deep,

That music kindly bids us wake: It calls us, with an angel's voice, To wake, and worship, and rejoice;

Anne Brontë was an English novelist and poet. She was the youngest member of the Brontë literary family. Her father was Patrick Brontë, a poor Irish clergyman in the Church of England, Anne Brontë lived most of her life with her family at the parish of Haworth in Yorkshire