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In case of an Emergency

**Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone

286-1090**

Pastor's Message

What are your memories of Christmases past? Are they warm and joyous? Are they empty and harsh?

Mine are warm and joyous. I was raised in a family of seven. Although we did not have as much as some others we always had enough so that we didn't notice what we didn't have. We had a loving and faith-filled family, that was the most important and defining character of our family.

As a husband and father that was a virtue imprinted on my soul that my wife and I sought to share with our children.

My Christmas memories start with the smell of baking Christmas cookies. Then came the sound of carols on the old stereo. Finally there was the delight of colored lights and pine tree that filled the air with its aroma.

Of course it was the gifts crowded under the Christmas tree that filled my soul with amazement. Packages filled the space from the floor to the bottom tree branches. I remember the special present that as a child held sway over my attention—a Tonka truck, a bicycle and a cowboy set of hat, holster and revolver. As an adult these delights gave way to a new kind of delight, the joy of giving. It was first triggered by the gifts we gave our children and the look of excitement that filled their faces. Then my delight made a deeper transition, from the thrill of token gifts to the giving of good judgement, of faith in Christ, of a work ethic, and a caring heart. Giving these eternal values gave me the greatest satisfaction in life.

As you give of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord at Emmanuel, may your heart be inspired by the depth of the gifts you give to others. The children, at Sunday School, at the Childcare Center, at VBS, at the Christmas program, sharing in the everlasting faith of Jesus Christ. That is a Christmas gift that can inspire all of us.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Tim Cartwright

Annual Congregational Meeting !

Sunday, January 29th, following our worship service.

Our Annual Christmas Tea



Judith blessed us with a wonderful arrangement of "Jesus did You Know"



Miki and Carol organized another wonderful annual Christmas Tea. What a great way to set us in the Christmas spirit.

Thank you to both of you for all your hard work and dedication!



Our Children's Christmas Pageant



The Preparation



Thanks Mary, for the pictures.

Many said this was the best Children's Pageant yet. This always a special tradition for Emmanuel each year.



Special thanks to our Childcare center staff & children and our Sunday School staff & children for a job well done.



Our sweet little Mary & Joseph

Thank you to Judy A and Melissa B for the pictures.



Christmas Eve at Emmanuel



Christmas Eve is always a special candlelight service. Mae donated a beautiful Advent wreath to add to our Advent season this year. Thank you, Mae, for your generous donation.



Thank You to the following for purchasing poinsettias for our Altar.

Bob & Jo Klempan, Pastor Tim & Carolyn Cartwright, Larry & Sally Farner, Glen & Sharie Adrig, Larry & Ida Ficca, Mae McConnell, Jim & Miki Turowski, Gail & Loyal Campbell, Evelyn Stouffer, Richard & Sylvia Boyce, Carol Reece, Steve & Esther Tesch, & Dolly Williams



One of our acolytes, Landen.



Once Again, St. Nicholas makes his annual visit to share with the children the true story of St. Nick.



Thanks, Mary, for the pictures.



What's Happening at Emmanuel



Educational Opportunities

For children— Sunday School for our children will resume on January 15th at 9:00 AM.

For adults— Sunday Bible Study will resume on January 15th at 9:00 AM. We will be studying Creation and Evolution.

AND

Wednesday Bible Study resuming on January 18th with our study of the books of Joshua and Judges.



For Women— Women's Bible Study will resume on Friday, January 13th at 10 AM. We continue to study Hebrews.

For Men—The first Saturday of each month the men gather at 8:00 AM at the Bridge Deli for fellowship.

Directory Update—It's Time !

Emmanuel has been blessed to be able to add new members to our small and very "family oriented" congregation since we last updated our Church Directory in 2014. Beginning the first Sunday of 2017, Sally and Larry will be set up in the Narthex to make changes in the current Directory (photos, address updates, etc) and to add new members. Glen will set a date for photo sessions for our new directory.

Women's Prayer Group

All women are invited to come join our Women's Prayer group.

We gather after the women's Bible Study on Friday once a month. (About 11:30 AM) The next meeting will be January 27th.

We meet for about 1/2 hour. If you have questions, ask Carol R.



"Big Bang Theory"

For Emmanuel's Food Bank donations, December was indeed a "Big Bang"! After contributing significantly month-after-month, the members of Emmanuel closed out the last month of 2016 with 128 pounds of food, 35 pounds of non-food items and \$76.00 in cash! Indeed..."God is good" and we show His goodness by doing our part of "feeding the hungry".

SUPERBOWL AT EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH???? Or, is that SOUPer bowl? What's it all about? For clues, be sure to pay particular attention to the "announcements" section of the weekly Church bulletins during January.



January Birthdays

- 14Chris Knight
- 18Dolly Williams
- 26Gladyce Castagnola
- 29Larry Ficca
- 29Matt Mills
- 29Miki Turowski

January Anniversaries

- 14Mike and Carverlyne Prothero

February Birthdays

- 2.....Tiffany Johnson
- 5Pat Alcantra
- 14Ward Erickson IV
- 15Bob Klempan
- 16Helen Mills
- 17Brittanee
- 17.....Brandee Haynes,
Childcare Supv.
- 23Jim Turowski
- 27Jim Tewksbury
- 29.....Annabell Williams

February Anniversaries

- 11.....Bob & Liane Armstrong

If there are any additions or corrections to the list please let Sharie Adrig, editor, know. You can do so via church mailbox, 377-2448 or gadrig@comcast.net.

Members Serving in January

- Altar GuildJoEllen Klempan
Mollie Erickson
- ReaderVictoria Gehring

Members Serving in February

- Altar GuildIda Ficca
Cheryl Ericson
- ReaderTBA

Sunday School Teachers

Children’s Sunday School

- Carolyn Cartwright
- Judy Armstrong
- Ida Ficca & Mollie Erickson
- Chelette Williams

Substitutes: Mary Moen

Adult Bible Studies

- Wednesday nightPastor Tim
- Sunday morningPastor Tim
- Women’s Friday Bible Study
Judy Armstrong

Your help during coffee hour?

Thanks to all who are signing up to host coffee hour! If you are interested, the sign up sheet is on the counter in the fellowship hall!

Thank you to Carol R. for being our coordinator for coffee hour. Thanks to Theresa P. for all your help in the kitchen during coffee hour.



If you need to contact Pastor Tim Cartwright you can call—286-1090. If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sharie A 377-2448 or Judy A 479-4892. Any comments or questions about the newsletter call Sharie Adrig—377-2448