

EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mission: "To Share God's Salvation with Everyone!"

First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2014

WELCOME VISITORS! *We are glad to have you with us today and pray our service is a blessing to you. It is our sincere hope that you will come to worship with us again.*

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Isaiah 64:1–9

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Mark 11:1–10

The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us

Although we pray that God “*would rend the heavens and come down*” (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves “*have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment*” (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for “*a long time, and shall we be saved?*” (Is. 64:5). Yet the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are “*enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,*” and so He will “*sustain you to the end*” (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although “*heaven and earth will pass away,*” His words “*will not pass away*” (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He “*send out the angels*” to gather us and all of His elect “*from the ends of the earth*” to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

THOSE NEEDING OUR DAILY PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Recovery: Reiny Hessler, Walt Odean, James Tomell; On-Going Care: Steven Fahnestock, Mary Flatt, Susan Gordon, Dianne McCarty, Dennis Neuenkirchen; Homebound: Minnie Clow, Dorothy Gari, Evelyn Moser, Louise Reim, Dorothy Straits; Birthdays: Dorothy Gari (12/2); Mission: LCMS missionaries in Hong Kong; Our sister LCMS congregations: Cross Lutheran Church, Yorkville, IL – Pastor Gauss & wife Alicia; Emmanuel; Radio Ministry.

FLOWERS are given to the glory of God from the Altar & Flower Guild.

Classes

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS- Undercroft-10:30 am
Topic: “Genesis 2”

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Church Library-10:30 am

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS - Church Library-9:30 am
Topic: “Discovering Jesus in the Old Testament”

MEN’S BIBLE BREAKFAST - the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 am at Maxfield’s Pancake House & Restaurant located the corner of Montgomery Rd. & Ogden Ave (Rt. 34).
Topic: “The Augsburg Confession

Mission Corner

NEWS FROM SINGAPORE: Please keep Rev. Thomas Chryst, his wife Brenda, his daughters Bailey, Helena & Morgan in your prayers.

You can contact Rev. Chryst or get on his newsletter mailing list by “Friending” him on Facebook or by email at Thomas.Chryst@LCMSINTL.org.

Church News

EMMANUEL’S WEB PAGE: If you miss a service, you can listen to the sermon on podcasts as well as reading it online.

WHEN YOU TRAVEL ANYWHERE– you may listen to the service online at <http://www.wbig1280.com> Click on the *Listen Live* button in the upper right hand corner of the page.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER CHURCH: Join us after the worship service for coffee and fellowship in the Undercroft.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS & PRAYER REQUESTS for the bulletin by 12:00 pm (noon) on Thursday.

THE 2014 FLOWER CHART still has many dates open for flowers for the altar. Please consider signing up and reserving a date. Thank you.

FOR MEMBERS ONLY: New Church Directories are available on the table behind the last pew in the Nave.

FOOD DRIVE sponsored by the Elders is ending today. Please place your food items in the box located under the table in the Narthex.

BOARD OF EDUCATION would like to thank everyone who attended the Movie Night and for all the great treats. Everyone enjoyed the movie “Heaven is For Real” and the

copies of the picture that the little boy said looked like Jesus in heaven to him that were given out to all who attended.

THE LUTHERAN BIBLE COMPANION is new, beautiful, two volume set of books in full color published by CPH. See insert for more details. This comprehensive reference work is now on introductory sale at CPH for \$49.99 until Dec. 31, 2014. *There is a poster on the Undercroft fountain bulletin board where you can sign up to order these books. Orders will be taken until Sun., Nov. 30th. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel Church. Checks can be left in the Church Office mailbox or brought into the Office from 9:00-2:00. After Nov. 30th, you can order the books individually, but you will have to pay shipping. Forms will be available in the church office.*

Upcoming Events at Emmanuel

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST: the first Saturday of every month, a faithful group of guys meets for breakfast, fellowship, and Bible Study. This coming Saturday, Dec. 6th we will meet at Maxfield's Pancake House & Restaurant. Come! Join us as we study the Augsburg Confession.

HELPING HANDS is a group that meets on the first Tuesday of each month. They work on sewing projects for missions. The next meeting will be held on Tues., Dec. 2nd after Bible class at 12:00 pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING time has been changed. The council will still meet on the first Tuesday of the month but the time will now be 12:00 pm (noon) instead of 6:30 pm.

ALTAR & FLOWER GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Alden Gardens, 1955 Randi Dr., Aurora (off of Montgomery Rd.). Please see Jan Pittman for menu choices form. Please make your menu choice to Jan Pittman no later than Nov. 30 by giving her your completed form or leaving the completed form

in the Altar & Flower Guild mailbox. You may also call her at 630-897-7084. All ladies of the congregation are invited!

A SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING will be held on Sun., Dec. 7th following the worship service to elect Officers and Board members for 2015.

Around Town

RON MOSES, member of Emmanuel, has informed us that the Aurora Historical Society is publishing his book on the history of Phillips Park. A book signing event will be held on Frl., Dec. 5th from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Aurora Historical Society, 20 E. Downer Pl. Ron featured a 1926 photo of the Emmanuel Church picnic & Art Schindel wrote a "memory" of the picnic to accompany it. Each year Emmanuel held a July worship service & picnic at Phillips Park. Everyone from Emmanuel is invited to attend this free event. Light refreshments will be served. Ron will be flying back from Tucson for this event. All proceeds from the book will be given to the Aurora Historical Society.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO will present its' annual Service of Lessons & Carols on Sat., Dec. 6th at 7:00 pm and Sun., Dec. 7th at 4:00 & 7:00 pm in the Chapel of Our Lord, 7400 Augusta St., River Forest, IL. This service includes Scripture, choral music and congregational singing. You may also watch this year's Service live on the web at CUChicago.edu/live on Dec. 7th at 7:00 pm. A freewill offering will be received to support the CUC Music Department. See poster on the Undercroft bulletin board.

DO-IT-YOURSELF MESSIAH: The Fox Valley Philharmonic Chorus is inviting singers to sing in the chorus with the Philharmonic. The Concert will be at 3:00 pm, Sunday, December 14, 2014. Rehearsals will be Saturday mornings, November 8, 15, 22, and December 6 & 13. If you

are interested in singing in the chorus contact John Douglas,
630-897-5936 or jsdouglas0274@att.net.

Those serving in today's service: 11/30/2014

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Bryan Pittman

Elder: Jim Davis

Communion Assistant: Gary Moore

Organist:

Radio Announcer: Rosemary Swenson

Oil Candle Care: Mark Moser

Altar Care: Jan Pittman

Flower Care: Caryl Johnson

Ushers: David Moser, captain; Gary Moore,

Elijah Moser, Jeremiah Moser, Benjamin Seppelfrick

Those serving in Advent PM service: 12/3/2014

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Elder: Art Cooper

Organist: Steve McGraw

Oil Candle Care: Art Cooper & Joyce Cooper

Altar Care: Joyce Cooper

Ushers: Paul Odean, captain; Jaime Graham,

Michele Odean, Jeffery Secord, William Swenson

Those serving in next Sunday's service: 12/7/2014

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Cole Stephens

Elder: Gary Moore

Communion Assistant: Jim Davis

Organist: Gwen Carlson

Radio Announcer: Art Cooper

Oil Candle Care: Art Cooper & Joyce Cooper

Altar Care: Joyce Cooper

Flower Care: Jan Pittman

Ushers: Charles Strode, captain;

Karli Moore, Shirley Strode

