

# EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2015

**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.*

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Genesis 1:1–5

Romans 6:1–11

Mark 1:4–11

### ***In Holy Baptism, the Triune God Reveals Himself and Recreates Us in His Image***

*"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"* (Gen. 1:1). Then, as *"the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters"* (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: *"Let there be light, and there was light"* (Gen. 1:3). In the same way, *"the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ"* (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, *"proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,"* Jesus also came *"and was baptized by John in the Jordan"* (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are *"united with him in a death like his"* (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto *"newness of life"* (Rom. 6:4).

**THOSE NEEDING OUR DAILY PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

In the Lord's Hands: Reiny Hessler, Dianne McCarty;  
Hospitalized: Henry Senft (brother of Erhart Stallmann); On-  
Going Care: Steven Fahnestock, Mary Flatt, Susan Gordon,  
Dennis Neuenkirchen, Tom Neuenkirchen; Homebound:  
Minnie Clow, Dorothy Gari, Evelyn Moser, Louise Reim,  
Dorothy Straits; Birthdays: Anniversaries: Art & Joyce Cooper  
(46<sup>th</sup> on 1/11); Mission: LCMS missions in Africa; Our sister  
LCMS congregations: Hope Lutheran Church, Aurora, IL –  
Pastor Fritz & wife Sharla; Emmanuel; Radio Ministry.

**FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God from the Altar &  
Flower Guild in honor of Pastor & Rebeca's wedding  
anniversary on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**RADIO BROADCAST** is being sponsored to the glory of God  
by Art & Joyce Cooper in thankfulness to the Lord as they  
celebrate their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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: "The Intertestamental Period"

**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**

**IN 121 YEARS** since the Missouri Synod sent its first missionaries to India, our church has been involved in international mission. Not only has much changed since then, the 21st century has brought new opportunities and challenges. The mission field, as described by Hermann Sasse, is “where the church and that which is not church meet.” This always has been the case in the mission field, as the place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ meets sinners who are in need of forgiveness and life. The primary goal of LCMS international mission work is to proclaim the Gospel to a lost and fallen world.

This January, please pray for your missionaries who serve overseas, pray that the Lord of the harvest sends laborers around the world to proclaim His saving Gospel and pray that the church continues to support that mission.

## **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.

**BE SURE TO CHECK** the bulletin board located by the drinking fountain in the Undercroft for upcoming events that are not printed in the bulletin that may be of interest to you.

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS** for 2015 will occur during this morning's service.

**USHERS:** New schedules for 2015 are available. They are located next to the Visitor Book in the Narthex. Please take a copy.

**THE 2015 FLOWER CHART** is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you to all who donated flowers in 2014. Those who would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday in 2015 should sign their names next to their desired date.

**2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pick-up in the Undercroft.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who assisted with putting away the church's Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Margaret Bauman, Jim Davis, Gary Moore, Jan Pittman, Andi & Tim Seifrid, and Bill Swenson. Your time was much appreciated! Mark Moser was almost there when he unfortunately had a vehicle collision due to the slippery road conditions, however, no one was hurt. Also thanks to Chuck Strode for hanging and taking down our outdoor wreaths!

### **Upcoming Events at Emmanuel**

**QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING** is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> following the 9:00 am service in the Undercroft. All voting members and those desiring to become a voting member are encouraged to attend.

### **Serving God and Our Neighbors**

**WARM ITEMS COLLECTION:** We will be collecting warm items again this year through the end of January. Mittens, hats, scarves, socks & other items that provide warmth may be put in the box provided on the table in the Narthex. The collection is sponsored by the Board of Education.

**Those serving in today's service: 1/11/2015**

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Elder: Art Cooper

Organist: Mary Goetsch

Radio Announcer: Rosemary Swenson

Oil Candle Care: Art & Elfriede Rothaug

Altar Care: Shirley Strode

Flower Care: Shirley Stallmann

Ushers: Charles Strode, captain;

Karli Moore, Jeffrey Secord, Shirley Strode

**Those serving in next Sunday's service: 1/18/2015**

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Julia Graham

Elder: Jaime Graham

Communion Assistant: Gary Moore

Organist: Mary Goetsch

Radio Announcer: Joyce Cooper

Oil Candle Care: Art & Elfriede Rothaug

Altar Care: Shirley Strode

Flower Care: Shirley Stallmann

Ushers: Mark Moser, captain;

David Gumz, Jack Hauser, William Swenson

