

**EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

Epiphany (Observed)

January 4, 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 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

**(OBSERVED)**

Isaiah 60:1–6

Ephesians 3:1–12

Matthew 2:1–12

***The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son***

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “thirteenth day” of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to the Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6).

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

In the Lord's Hands: Reiny Hessler, Dianne McCarty;  
Hospitalized: Henry Senft (brother of Erhart Stallmann);  
Recovery: Lois Patzer; On-Going Care: Steven Fahnstock,  
Mary Flatt, Susan Gordon, Dennis Neuenkirchen; Homebound:  
Minnie Clow, Dorothy Gari, Evelyn Moser, Louise Reim,  
Dorothy Straits; Birthdays: Al Burmeister (89<sup>th</sup> on 1/2), Paula  
Zimmerman (1/10), Evelyn Moser (1/11), Jerry Zimmerman  
(1/11); Anniversaries: Pastor & Rebeca Graham (28<sup>th</sup> on 1/9);  
Mission: LCMS missions; Our sister LCMS congregations: St.  
Luke's Lutheran Church, Montgomery, IL – Pastor Hoffman &  
wife Jan; Emmanuel; Radio Ministry.

**FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God from the family of Al  
Burmeister in honor of his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 2<sup>nd</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*

**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](mailto: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.

**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 those who donated toward the purchase of Poinsettias for our Christmas services. You may pick one up after the service today.

**NEW ISSUES** of Strength for the Day and Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex and on the back door table.

**NEW ISSUES** of The Northern Light are available in the Narthex and on the lower shelf of the back door table.

### **Upcoming Events at Emmanuel**

**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., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> after Bible class at 12:00 pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

**REMINDER: 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 1:00 pm.

**Those serving in today's service: 1/4/2015**

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte: Cole Stephens

Elder: Gary Moore

Communion Assistant: Art Cooper

Organist: Gwen Carlson

Radio Announcer: Margaret Bauman

Oil Candle Care: Art & Elfriede Rothaug

Altar Care: Shirley Strode

Flower Care: Shirley Stallmann

Ushers: Paul Odean, captain;

Jaime Graham, Michele Odean, William Swenson\_

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

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Elder: Art Cooper

Organist:

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

## **THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL**

**January 4, through January 11, 2015**

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Communion
	10:30 am	Bible Class
	10:30 am	Sunday School
Tuesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer Office
	9:30 am	Bible Class
	12:00 pm	Helping Hands
	1:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Bible Class
	10:30 am	Sunday School

***LWML Mites Sunday***

Next Sunday: The Baptism of Our Lord

Readings: Genesis 1:1-5, Romans 6:1-11, Mark 1:4-11

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