

EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 23, 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.*

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

Matthew 25:31–46

By the Cross of Christ We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, *"he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats"* (Matt. 25:32). *"To those on his right,"* who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed Kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But *"those on his left,"* who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart *"into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels"* (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep *"as a shepherd seeks out his flock"* (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, *"the fat and the strong,"* but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds *"the lean sheep"* (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that *"in Christ shall all be made alive"* by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).

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: Jaime Graham (11/21); Mission: LCMS missionaries in Hong Kong; Our sister LCMS congregations: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aurora, IL – Pastor Tutwiler & wife Lyn; 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 began on Sun., Nov. 2nd. The Elders will be collecting food items until Sun., Nov. 30th. You may bring your food items and place them in the box located under the table in the Narthex.

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

MOVIE MATINEE: please join us for our next movie on Sunday, November 23 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the church undercroft. We will be showing "Heaven is For Real." Please bring your favorite snacks to share. Everyone is greatly encouraged to come view this inspiring movie. Posted by the Board of Education.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE with Holy Communion will be held this Thurs., Nov. 27th at 9:00 am.

CHURCH DECORATING: Time to decorate the church for Christmas! Please come on Sat., Nov. 29th at 9:00 am to help. Many volunteers make light work. Hope to see you there.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY is the First Sunday in Advent. Beginning Wednesday, December 3rd we will have midweek Advent services at 10:00 am and 7:00 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!

Around Town

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: 11/23/2014

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Acolyte:

Elder: Gary Moore

Organist:

Radio Announcer: Margaret Bauman

Oil Candle Care: Mark Moser

Altar Care: Jan Pittman

Flower Care: Caryl Johnson

Ushers: Mark Moser, captain;

David Gumz, Jack Hauser, Cole Stephens

Those serving in Thanksgiving service: 11/27/2014

Preacher: Rev. Michael Graham

Elder: Gary Moore

Communion Assistant:

Organist: Steve McGraw

Oil Candle Care: Mark Moser

Altar Care: Jan Pittman

Ushers: Timothy Seifrid, captain;

Dennis Patzer, Bryan Pittman, Andrea Seifrid

Those serving in next Sunday'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

