

EMMANUEL'S GOOD + NEW FEBRUARY 2025



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FATHER'S LOVE LETTER

An intimate message from God to you.

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40 For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41 And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20 For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 John 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15

*My question is... Will you be my child? John 1:12-13
I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32*

*Love, Your Dad
...Almighty God*



Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
December 10, 2024
Approved

President Bruce Smith opened with seven members present: Karen and Mark Andrews, Alyssa Blair, Tom Bowman, Pastor Kittner, Bruce Smith, and Jim Williams. Mel Parks and Roger Ridenour were absent.

Pastor Kittner told about in the book of Acts Jesus told his followers that they would have power when the Holy Spirit came upon them and to have our lights shine before others we must pray for that power. He offered prayer for our church members: Marge Lessig, Katha Newell, and Karen Bowman for healing and for their caregivers. Also for bringing in new members.

The Secretary's minutes from November were read and approved with one correction, after a motion by Mark and a second by Jim.

The Treasurer, Karen Andrews, reported on several items, then her report of net income for November was \$12,922.04 and for the year through November was \$16,911.96 to the good, was approved after a motion by Jim, a second by Alyssa.

The Financial Secretary Tom Bowman reported that for the month of November we are \$2,595.25 to the good; for the year through November 2024 we are \$673.26 to the good. Benevolence income is \$3,246.00 through November. Alyssa moved, Jim seconded, council voted to approve the report. Tom reported that even though we had a Stewardship Drive and Consecration dinner this year, skillfully and admirably put together by Richard Herrel and committee, we are nevertheless short \$463.00 in pledges to meet the budget for 2025. Council extends a huge Thank You to Richard and his committee for their dedication.

President's Report: Bruce thanked Mark for presiding over the Congregational Meeting on Sunday. Mel and Tom were re-elected as council members.

Worship: Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00 pm here.

Property: Mark Andrews reported that the new door has been installed at the east end of the hallway. The ceiling/roof is leaking again and Mark will call to see about getting it fixed. The Men's Group paid for new lights in the hallways, Sunday School room, and basement. New lights behind the cross will be done on Friday. It was mentioned that we need to plan ahead to have a dumpster here when the new chairs come in because there will not be room for both new and old.

Men's Group: Meeting tomorrow morning, December 11, to clean out some storage spaces and discuss replacing ceiling tile.

New Business: Election of Officers: for President for 2025 Tom nominated Bruce and Mark for Vice President. Mark moved, Alyssa seconded, motion carried to accept. Alyssa moved, Jim seconded, council passed to approve Tom Bowman as Financial Secretary and Karen Andrews as Treasurer. Joyce Sees will serve as recording secretary.

It has been noted that the first terms of three years each of Mark, Roger and Alyssa will be over at the end of 2025. Roger is entering his third year of second term; Jim and Bruce are entering the second year of their elected term ending in 2026. Tom and Mel are beginning their second terms in 2025.

To adjourn: Mark moved, Alyssa seconded, all stood to say the Lord's Prayer.
Next meeting: January 14, 2025.

Cordially,
Joyce Sees

Scriptures for Sundays Daily Bible Readings for February 2025



Daily Devotions

February 09 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

	Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
	Psalms 138
	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
	Luke 5:1-11
Monday	Psalms 115
	Judges 5:1-11
	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
Tuesday	Psalms 115
	1 Samuel 9:15 – 10:1b
	1 Timothy 3:1-9
Wednesday	Psalms 115
	Isaiah 8:1-15
	Luke 5:27-32
Thursday	Psalms 1
	Jeremiah 13:12-19
	Acts 13:26-34
Friday	Psalms 1
	Jeremiah 13:20-27
	1 Peter 1:17 – 2:1
Saturday	Psalms 1
	Jeremiah 17:1-4
	Luke 11:24-28

February 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

	Jeremiah 17:5-10
	Psalms 1
	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
	Luke 6:17-26
Monday	Psalms 120
	2 Kings 24:18 – 25:21
	1 Corinthians 15:20-34
Tuesday	Psalms 120
	Ezra 1:1-11
	2 Corinthians 1:12-19
Wednesday	Psalms 120
	Jeremiah 22:11-17
	Luke 11:37-52
Thursday	Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40
	Genesis 43:16-34
	Romans 8:1-11
Friday	Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40
	Genesis 44:1-17
	1 John 2:12-17
Saturday	Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40
	Genesis 44:18-34
	Luke 12:57-59

February 23 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 21-28

Psalms 37:1-18 or 37:3-10
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

Monday	Psalms 38
	Genesis 33:1-17
	1 Corinthians 11:2-16
Tuesday	Psalms 38
	1 Samuel 24:1-22
	1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33
Wednesday	Psalms 38
	Leviticus 5:1-13
	Luke 17:1-4
Thursday	Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15
	Proverbs 13:1-12
	Romans 5:12 – 6:2
Friday	Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15
	Proverbs 15:1-9
	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Saturday	Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15
	Isaiah 30:8-17
	John 16:1-4a

February 27 Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

	Jeremiah 7:1-7 [8-15]
	Psalms 92 or 92:1-5, 11-14
	1 Corinthians 15:50-58
	Luke 6:39-49
Monday	Psalms 1
	Jeremiah 24:1-10
	1 Corinthians 16:1-12
Tuesday	Psalms 1
	Jeremiah 29:10-19
	1 Corinthians 16:13-24
Wednesday	Psalms 1
	Proverbs 5:1-23
	Luke 14:34-35
Thursday	Psalms 99
	Deuteronomy 9:1-5
	Acts 3:11-16
Friday	Psalms 99
	Deuteronomy 9:6-14
	Acts 10:1-8
Saturday	Psalms 99
	Deuteronomy 9:15-24
	Luke 10:21-24

March 2 Transfiguration of Our Lord

	Exodus 34:29-35
	Psalms 99
	2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2
	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]
Monday	Psalms 35:11-28
	Exodus 35:1-29
	Acts 10:9-23a



Tuesday Psalm 35:11-28
Ezekiel 1:1 – 2:1
Acts 10:23b-33

March 5 Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or
Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thursday Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Exodus 5:10-23
Acts 7:30-34

Friday Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Exodus 6:1-13
Acts 7:35-42

Saturday Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
John 12:27-36

March 09 First Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Monday Psalm 17
1 Chronicles 21:1-17
1 John 2:1-6

Tuesday Psalm 17
Zechariah 3:1-10
2 Peter 2:4-21

Wednesday Psalm 17
Job 1:1-22
Luke 21:34 – 22:6

Thursday Psalm 27
Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18
Philippians 3:2-12

Friday Psalm 27
Genesis 14:17-24
Philippians 3:17-20

Saturday Psalm 27
Psalm 118:26-29
Matthew 23:37-39

**Please Remember To Include These
People In Your Prayers Shut-ins and
Those Residing in Care Centers**

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**Please Pray for healing and strength for
these Members and Friends of Emmanuel**

Betsy Roman	JoAnn Boyd
Erma Lorenz	Glenn Lorenz
Melvin Parks	Jeanette Guthiel
Fredda Rinard	Sharon Wheeler
Mr. Corbett	Don Wells

Becky Molnar

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Mission Statement:

Glorify God and spread

God's Word to all

by the power of the Holy Spirit

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Prayer Chain

For Immediate or Emergency Prayers
and/or Intercessions please contact

Sherry Smith at 740-502-3546

You may call the church office 740-622-
2550 during office hours 8:00 to 11:00.

The Prayer Chain will react
immediately, and
each member will call the next link of
the Prayer Chain in turn.



Around the Church

February Birthdays

February 1	Ron Storm
February 8	Christine Widder
February 9	Terri Harris
February 13	Jennifer Williams
February 14	Rhonda Emerson
February 18	Sarah Kittner
February 19	Andrea Hawthorne
February 21	Andrea Matthews
February 24	Paul Scherbel
February 26	Sue Brems



February Altar Guild

Marcia Schmitt & Nancy Williams

Radio Ministry (lector)

February 2	Fred Sheldon (yes)
February 09	Karen A. & Ryan Q. (yes)
February 16	Terri Harris (yes)
February 23	Nancy Williams (yes)

Fellowship

February 02	Marty Bickel
February 09	Marcia Schmitt
February 16	Terri Harris (yes)
February 23	Nancy Williams (yes)

March Birthdays

March 1	Matt Williams
March 4	Sherry Smith



February Sponsors

Bulletins: Debbie Scheetz
Sanctuary Lamp: Mel Parks
Radio: 2-16 Karen & Mark Andrews
Flowers: 2-2 Debbie Scheetz
Flowers 2-16 Karen & Mark Andrews

2025 NEWSLETTER

For those who want 2025's
'Good News Newsletter'
mailed, the fee is \$12.00. If
there is any change to the manner
in which you receive your newsletter, please let Gay
in the office (740-622-2550) know soon. Also, if you
hear of any one that is not getting the newsletter and
wishes to receive it, have them contact the office.



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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 5th at 7:00pm

Lenten Services
will begin at 7:00pm
March 12, 19, 26 April 2, 9

PALM SUNDAY
April 13

HOLY WEEK
April 13 – 19

Maundy Thursday
April 17th
Good Friday
April 18th

EASTER SUNDAY
April 20th

Easter Breakfast 9:15am

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Around the Church



Pastor and Members,
A Big Thank You for the beautiful pink poinsettia and a lovely the angel tree ornament.
Thank You to the Pastor for many visits, pray and communion in 2024.
Thanks to the church members for the many cards wishing us a Merry Christmas and encouragement for the New Year.
All very much appreciated. Thank you again.
God Bless & Love,
Glenn & Erma Lorenz

To Anonymous Donor,
Thank you for the gift at Christmas.
Tom Bowman

Thanks to the generous giving toward our Christmas special offering, we received \$756.00.
This amount was split equally between a Missionary Employee from MMS and ELCA Disaster Relief Fund.

Dear Brothers & sisters,
Thank you so much for your offering of \$161.50! We so appreciate your generosity! 2024 was a year of expansion and furthering God's Kingdom for LifeWise River View. God is moving on behalf of the children and they are receiving Jesus and being discipled to.
Know that you are an integral part of bringing Jesus to the children, their families and their friends! May God bless you as you have blessed them!
In the King's service,
Cindy Massie & our LifeWise Team.

Dear Emmanuel,
Thank you for the Christmas poinsettia. We had our choice of red, pink or white.
Thank you Joyce for the delivery.
Shalom!
The Molnar Sisters
Sara and Becky

Thank you so much for the donation of the foosball table. Your kindness is very much appreciated.
Many thanks, Coshocton Co. EMS

Emmanuel Family,
Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. Wishing you all a blessed New Year!

Jenn Williams



To our Emmanuel members,
Thank you for generous gift from the congregation as well as your continued support and prayers.
Pastor Bryan

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift.
Also thank you to Pastor Kittner and other friends for their gifts. What a blessing it has been working for Emmanuel Lutheran Church for nearly 13 years.
Gay Crilow

Emmanuel Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$96.00 to the Salvation Army here in Coshocton county.
Your support of our year-round ministry is greatly appreciated. God Bless You! Keven B. Schoch, Major.
Pastor/Corps Officer

A special thank you to Jenn Williams and her 'Little Lutheran' class and all the extras that performed 'The Nativity' during the Christmas season. Such a treat!!

WELCA's Clean and Beautiful Soap Collection Months of February & March Coming Up!

Lutheran World Relief:
Our Emmanuel WELCA group is again in 2025 collecting soap for LWR.



"Caring Essentially" project started by St. Johns/Central Christian Churches

We will be collecting soap, shampoo, and 13 gal. kitchen bags. These items are not covered by food stamps but are needed for everyday use. This will be our ongoing project as we join the "Caring Essentially" project started by St. Johns and Central Christian Churches as we begin collecting in February and throughout the year.

Women's Meeting -January 23, 2025

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer. Seven members were present.

The November minutes were read and approved.

The treasury balance as of December 2024 was \$10,679.32. Report approved.

Business:

Plans for each month of 2025 was discussed and made. Plans will be announced a month ahead of time to the congregation so that all members can place the dates on their calendar. These dates will be placed in the church bulletin.

It was decided to have a Valentine's Day visit to all of our shut-in. The meeting time for this activity will be February 12th. We will meet at the church at 10:00 to prepare the Valentine boxes. After the boxes are completed they will be delivered to our shut-ins.

A game night will be held February 22nd at 6:30 pm. Please bring one bag of snacks and games that you would like to play.

During the month of October and the first two weeks of November the fellowship hall will not be rented out so that we will have more time to make noodles. The first two weeks in November will be for planning and having the bazaar. Three ladies of the group were appointed as a committee to choose the date for noodle making.

As in the past we have taken ½ of the profit from the 2024 bazaar which was \$3286.52 to be given for missionary work outside of the church. Our decision was as follows:

1. \$500.00 to Hospice.
2. \$725.00 to ELCA Good Gifts for 6 chicks, one rooster, 2 goats and vaccine for 30 children.
3. \$346.00 to Salvation Army,
4. \$200.00 to United Church Women for children's shoes
5. \$400.00 for Missionary Maintenance.

We will hold the rest of the monies for any disaster or serious need that will need our help during the coming year; we will retain \$1643.26 for use as needed within the

church. We have had a request to purchase new letters and numbers for the hymnal board in the front of the church. It was also suggested we purchase a set for the sign board outside the church. Discussion was held and approved to make this purchase. The men will also receive \$1643.26 for joining the women by helping with any projects needed.

No further business the meeting was closed.'

Members of the Congregation,

Your Men's group met December 11 with 9 members present. We enjoyed nourishment provided by Jim Williams and fellowship. Pastor led us in prayer.

Old business:

* Discussion on a movie night for the men was held. Agreed to January 13 at 6pm. If you want to bring a snack to share would be great and everyone encouraged to bring a friend. The movie will be the Forge, a Christian based movie and a short discussion will follow.

* Hope for a movie and game nights for the congregation thru the winter months. Will work with the ladies groups for some possible dates to make this happen.

* Talked about winter projects. Goals to paint or replace ceiling tile that have been stained or ruined from water leaks and ridding out / cleaning janitor and storage rooms in the church.

* Lighting project funded by the men has been completed. 30 fixtures had LED lights installed and some required repairs. The lighting is much improved and we are hoping to see some cost saving benefits. Project completed for just under \$1,100 dollars.

* The exit fire door at the east end of the hallway has been replaced at council's request. This was much needed as the old door was falling apart and creating security concerns. Completed cost of door and labor \$850.00.

Update: some of you may know we had what we believe was some type of animal tear down some soffit above the entrance door of the fellowship hall sometime between the conclusion of the Christmas Eve service and Christmas Day. There is no visible evidence anything got inside the building and we have no reason to believe at this time that any animal is nesting in the attic areas. A huge thank you to Roger for getting this soffit replaced.

The next meeting will be January 8 at 9am.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Andrews

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WELCA's Clean and Beautiful Soap Collection Months are February & March!						1
2 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Little Lutherans 11:00am Worship 6:30pm Comm. Choir	3	4 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters	5 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6 9:30 am Sarah's Prayer Shawls	7	8
9 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Little Lutherans 11:00am Worship 6:30pm Comm. Choir	10	11 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters 7:00pm Council	12 9:00 am Men's Group 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	13 9:30 am Sarah's Prayer Shawls	14  Valentine's Day	15
16 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Little Lutherans 11:00am Worship 6:30pm Comm. Choir	17 President Day Office Closed	18 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters	19 7:00 Boy Scouts Herb Society in F. Hall 7:00pm	20 9:30 am Sarah's Prayer Shawls Ladies Meeting 1:00pm	21	22
23 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Little Lutherans 11:00am Worship 6:30pm Comm. Choir	24	25 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters Youth Choir Rehearsal	26 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 9:30 am Sarah's Prayer Shawls	28	