

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, December 2, we begin a new church year with the penitential season of Advent.

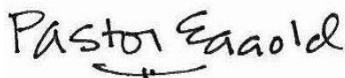
As we anticipate the celebration of God's greatest gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, our church family will prepare in many unique ways. On Saturday, December 1, we will decorate the sanctuary beginning at 8:30 a.m. This year we also will feature a full orchestra and children's choir at our 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service and a chamber orchestra during our 11:00 pm Candlelight Service. Throughout the Advent season we will host several other special opportunities to worship.

This year we will be using an Advent devotional from Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled, "The Coming King" to which you can subscribe at <http://www.lhm.org/advent>. We will also be offering an opportunity for individual spiritual preparation by holding a Morning Prayer service on Mondays through Fridays at 7:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. This brief service will provide us with time in God's Word and feature hymns, Scripture readings, and a time of spoken and silent prayer. Morning Prayer at Emmanuel will conclude around 7:45 a.m. The first day for Morning Prayer will be Monday, December 3.

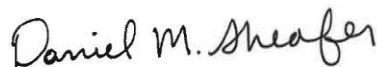
On the next two pages, you will find a complete Advent and Christmas schedule designed to provide you with a listing of all of our special Advent and Christmas activities including the Emmanuel-St. Michael School Christmas Service which will be held, on Wednesday, December 12, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel

May God bless you with His peace as together we prepare our hearts for the coming of His Son.

In Christ,



Pastor Thomas A. Eggold



Pastor Daniel M. Sheaffer

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Monday - Friday, December 3, - 21 at 7:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 5, at 5:30 p.m.

Puerto Rican Supper and Advent Mission Presentation
Ebenezer Hall, Lower Level

Wednesday, December 5, at 7 p.m.

Advent Worship Service
Special Music from Craig Dahlkamp

Friday, December 7, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

City of Churches Tour at Emmanuel

Wednesday, December 12, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School Advent Vespers
Grades K, 1, 6, 7, and 8

Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Advent Worship Service
Special Music from Bev Williams and Karen Buuck

Saturday, December 22, at 5:00 p.m.

Special Christmas Worship

Monday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Family Service
Special Music with Full Orchestra, Children's and Festival Choir

Monday, December 24, at 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Celebration of Holy Communion
Festival Choir, Handbells and Chamber Orchestra

Tuesday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Festival Service
Celebration of Holy Communion
Festival Choir

Tuesday, December 25, at Noon

Christmas Caroling at Lutheran Hospital
Meet in the Lobby

Monday, December 31, at 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Worship Service at 7:00 pm
Celebration of Holy Communion
Special Music from Ellen Buuck and Caroline Eber

