



Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

"Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue." We are all familiar with that phrase. Well, this Christmas season we are doing that here at Emmanuel. We are not going to have the Wednesday Advent services, but instead we are trying some new forms of worship and remembrance revolved around this theme. So join us this holiday season, join us as we celebrate with the old, the new, the borrowed and the blue.

The "Old" (or traditional)

We will celebrate Christmas Eve with our traditional choir concert starting at 10:00 p.m., followed by the candlelight service at 10:30 p.m. Our sanctuary is beautiful on Christmas Eve, and the service is very meaningful, so we hope you are able to join us. Additionally, in lieu of the Advent services we are having one service that will include a dinner and entertainment. The Advent dinner will start at 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 22nd, potluck style. Bring a dish to pass. If you would like to be part of the entertainment (sing a song, play a musical instrument, recite a poem, juggle pomegranates, etc.) let Valerie Felder or Barb Klimkowski know so they can plan the program.

The "New"

We are adding a worship service on New Year's Eve so that we can get our sights set on Christ as we usher in the new year. Join us at 5:00 p.m. for a service of word and sacrament, and we will be done in time to enjoy your New Year's Eve celebration.

The "Borrowed"

Some churches have started tradition of placing Peace candle on the altar. This candle is lit during each service and serves to remind us that as Christians, we continue to hope and pray for peace in all nations of the world. What better time of year to "borrow" this tradition than this, the season of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward All."

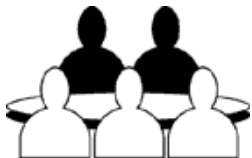
The "Blue"

We are adding a second new service this year, this one on Thursday, December 19th at 12:00 noon. It is called a "Blue Christmas Service." For many people, the season of Christmas is very difficult as they are dealing the loss of a loved one, unemployment, financial difficulties, or even loneliness. This "Blue Christmas Service" is a time for folks to gather and give recognition to this, but also to remember the hope we find through the birth of our Savior.

We hope you can find time to attend some of these services.

Peace and blessings, **Pastor Jackie**

Council Highlights



**November 9, 2013,
10:13 a.m.**

Present: Darin Page, Ed Kotajarvi, Harriett

Demorest, Pastor Rau and Comique People

Absent: Jambres Maximore and Barb Laho.

Opening Prayer

Pastor's report

Pastor attended two presentations on hunger. Hunger grants were discussed that two other churches obtained. Pastor will look for volunteers from the congregation to see if there is an interest.

Vice President report

Discussed contacting Thrivent for Investment options.

Christian Education

Sunday school is going well.

Worship and Music

- Decision made not to have advent services
- There will be one Christmas Eve Service.
- Discussed holding a "Blue" Christmas Service. Looking at holding the service on 12/19/13. See Pastor for more details.

Property

- Snow removal contract -Currently no new bids. Will explore other companies for alternate bids.
- Roof Update -Looking at Spring to make needed repairs.
- Parsonage Foundation – Repairs scheduled to take place January 4-7.
- Requirements to sell parsonage – Property needs to be rezoned and resurveyed. Motion made and passed to have Dennis Rau schedule a survey of the property and to investigate requirements to get the property ready to sell.
- Ideas for facilities improvements by utilizing memorial funds –Discussed updating the sound system, purchasing head phones for hearing impaired and getting a microphone for the balcony.

Stewardship

Darin delivered the third and last temple talk. Pledge cards will be in the bulletin and collected during offering.

Outreach

- 25 Goodfellows tags have been received. Gifts due on December 1, 2013.
- Boo at the Burgh was a success.
- Harvest food gathering to take place this month for the food pantry and food to be placed in the altar.

Unfinished Business

AED Update. Council will go ahead and make the purchase. Lisa Maximore is certified to train on using the AED machine.

New Business

- Review of Secretarial job description. Council went over and updated job description. There will also be a job description developed for Janitorial position.
- Pastor's Vacation scheduled for December 26-January 1, 2014.
- Change from "Cluster 6" to "Conference 4"
- Change has been made from 12 Clusters to 10 Conferences. The geographical area has also been changed.
- The 2014 budget meeting scheduled for December 7 after the Council meeting.

Adjournment and Prayer at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Comique People

Offering Envelopes for 2013

Anyone who would like envelopes, who doesn't have them this year, please notify Jerry Hall or Harriet Demorest.

December 8 Deadline

Beautiful poinsettia plants are used to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. If

you wish to order a Poinsettia in honor or memory of loved ones, please complete the form and place it in the offering plate, or send it to the church office with \$8.50 per plant.



Christmas Cookie Sunday, December 15

A long-time tradition at Emmanuel is Christmas Cookie Sunday. Everyone is invited to bring Christmas cookies on December 15. They will be shared during the Coffee and Tea Fellowship and distributed to our homebound members.



Christmas Service

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service:

10:30 p.m. with music program beginning at 10 p.m.



Congregation al Greeting Card

Instead of buying Christmas cards for everyone in the Congregation, please consider donating money to the Coalition for Temporary Shelter (COTS) and be part of the Congregational Greeting Card distributed at the Christmas Eve Service.

Contact Christina Wardell at 248-357-1848, if you would like to participate. Make your check payable to "Emmanuel Lutheran Church" and designate "COTS" on the memo line. The deadline is Sunday, December 15.



Christmas Caroling to the Shut- ins

This year we will be Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins on Sunday, December 15.

We will meet at the church at 3 p.m. to carpool to various homes. Please join us in spreading Christmas cheer to those who have difficulty coming to church. A list is forming now. If you know any members who would enjoy a visit, please let Christina Wardell or Pastor Jackie know.



Help Decorate Our Church

Please gather upstairs after the Coffee and Tea Fellowship on Sunday, December 8. Let us all come together to decorate our church. We will be decorating the Christmas tree and setting up the manger.

Synod News

In October, the Synod Office announced that they re-aligned the Synod Cluster structure in order to better reflect the geographical and ministry realities within our Synod. At the same time reduced the number of clusters from 12 to 10, and renamed the clusters conferences. We are now in Conference 4 instead of Cluster 6.

And we join the following congregations in this group: Amazing Grace Lutheran-Warren,

Canan Lutheran-Berkley, Christ Lutheran - Sterling Heights, Fellowship Lutheran - Sterling Heights, Good Shepherd Lutheran - Royal Oak, Lutheran Church of the Master-Troy, Mt Calvary Lutheran-Warren, Peace Lutheran-Southfield, Prince of Glory Lutheran-Madison Heights, St. Peter Lutheran-Warren, St Thomas Lutheran-Sterling Heights, Trinity Lutheran-Clawson, and Zion Lutheran-Ferndale.

We pray that this new alignment is a blessing to all the involved congregations.



a Birthday!

December Birthdays

Have a very happy birthday! Birthday Sunday will be on December 22. If you don't plan to be here that day, it would be appreciated if you could bring a treat earlier and put in the freezer to be used on that day.

January Birthdays

Have a very happy birthday! Birthday Sunday will be on January 26. Please bring a snack to share on that day.

Youth Night

All school-aged children are invited to our monthly youth nights at 6:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. In November we made pumpkin pies from scratch using pie pumpkins. On December 13, we will bake and decorate Swedish gingerbread cookies.



Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts received in memory of:

ALBERT HENZE from Don Thompson.

IRENE E. LÉGER from Dean and Karen Lemponen, Janet and Ed Kotajarvi, Eddie and LaDonn People, Dick and Jill Bergstrom, and the Wardell Family.

MARGARET SMITH from the Baird Family Fund, Peggy and Bob Baird, Lara and Sara Davis, and Barbara Shoda.

Sincerely,

Jill Bergstrom

Memorial Fund Committee

New Committee

Church Council would like to assemble a new committee to oversee the Endowment Funds and the stock investment owned by the congregation. If you are interested in being part of that Committee please let Pastor Jackie or Darin Page know.



What's New in the Mustard Seed Library

The Mustard Seed Library has two new acquisitions. One is a book entitled For the Faint of Heart: Hope For the Hurting, written by Craig Parrott, a Christian Bible teacher and counselor. On page 48, Mr. Parrott writes that "We often have a distorted view of growth. We think it means to feel better or to do this or to stop doing that. The heart of growth, however, is seeing ourselves more and more as God sees us and believing who He says we are in Christ. We are no longer under condemnation." Lutheran theology especially stresses theology of the cross and this book offers a wonderful Christ-centered approach to the suffering none of us escapes from at one time or another.

The other new acquisition is a DVD entitled The Crippled Lamb, based on a children's book written by theologian and pastor, Max Lucado. The little lamb was living in Bethlehem in the first century. Joshua had been born crippled and felt terribly lonely and left out and wondered why he had even been born at all, so useless he considered

himself to be. He had a lot of hurt. Finally, he decided to go off on his own and find the new field of grass for the rest of the flock, to be the first to be there. It was dark and scary out there on his search and a big lion came upon him and was about to eat Joshua, when the shepherd--who went out looking for Joshua--grabbed Joshua out of the lion's mouth and basically fought off the lion. When the shepherd got Joshua home, to keep him from wandering off again, he put Joshua in the stable with all the other animals in the stable. Joshua was ticked off at being put in the stable where he couldn't eat any of the fresh grass with the other sheep, but it turned out that the Good Shepherd knew much better than Joshua what Joshua really needed, because that was the stable where the other animals were supportive and encouraging, where Joseph and Mary finally arrived and where the Baby Jesus was born. It turned out that Joshua's special gift, what he had really been born to was sleeping next to Jesus and keeping the Baby Jesus warm those first newborn days of His life here on earth. God answered Joshua's questions about his purpose for living and brought Joshua to peace.

These are two new acquisitions to the Mustard Seed Library that would be very helpful to any Christian who needs encouragement and who wants to be a source of encouragement to others.

There is a comfortable chair in the library and good lighting. Please feel free to come in and browse and check out these new acquisitions and any other books/DVDs which may interest you.

Sharon K. Hall

Mustard Seed Library Volunteer

Seeds for the Parish

Seeds for the Parish is the resource newspaper of the ELCA. Each issue contains articles about resources that can help congregations in their worship, service, and ministries. Typical issues have stories on resources available from church-wide units and Augsburg Fortress for worship, youth ministries, Christian education, stewardship, evangelism, social ministries, and leadership. There is a regular column on resources that can be found on the World Wide Web. *Seeds for the Parish* is published six times a year, bimonthly and will now be available in Emmanuel's library. Check it out. It is always full of interesting articles, ideas and resources for both church leaders and lay members.

Janet Kotajarvi

Clown Day

On Sunday, December 8th, Clown and Magician Tony Baloney will join us during the Sunday School hour to share his comedy/magic show with a gospel message. All ages are welcome-children, and those living out their "inner child."

Super Typhoon Haiyan

One of the most powerful storms ever recorded, Super Typhoon Haiyan, crashed across the central islands of the Philippines. With winds of over 200 miles per hour and torrential rains, it has caused massive destruction, loss of lives and forced millions of people to flee their homes.

Your help is needed to make a difference in affected areas. Through partnerships and as a member of ACT Alliance, Lutheran Disaster Response is responding to the most urgent needs of food, water, clothing, shelter, sleeping material and medicine. Possible assistance may also include helping those whose livelihood of fishing or farming has been destroyed.

Gifts designated to "Pacific Typhoon Response" will be used in full – 100 percent – to help with immediate and long-term need. Your generous offerings of prayer and financial support will help those affected as they journey to recover. Our church is reaching out in response to this devastating storm and assessing the needs — working together for as long as it takes.

Thank you for your gifts, your prayers and your partnership.



Donna and Darin Page with Toini Kesti

Darin and Donna Page recently visited Toini Kesti when they were vacationing in Las Vegas.

Toini's daughter and granddaughter graciously brought Toini to have lunch with the Pages at "The Mirage". Toini is looking good and was in great spirits, as always. She couldn't stop saying how much she missed 'her' church and everyone at Emmanuel. Toini would love to hear from you. Her address is: 8100 Calvin Crest Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89129-6804.

The Gift of Generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported Emmanuel this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving option. Please contact Donna Page for more information.

Madrigal Chorale Holiday Concert

Please join Madrigal Chorale as they kick-off the season with its annual Holiday Concert, Saturday, December 7, 2013, at 8 p.m. at Old St. Mary's Catholic Church, 646 Monroe Street (at St. Antoine), in Greektown, Detroit. For more than a century, Madrigal Chorale (formerly the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield) has served the community and enriched the cultural climate of Southeast Michigan. Madrigal Chorale, often described as "one of metro Detroit's artistic jewels," is comprised of 40 men and women, all competitively auditioned, who share an unequalled commitment to excellence in vocal music performance. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$25 for reserved seating. For tickets or more information, please see Donna Page.

Family and Friends

We would like to do something to recognize our friends and family who are not able to be with us during the holidays. We would like to send a card or a note to any of the folks included on our "Friends and Family" board to express our continuing thoughts and concern for them. There will be an envelope on the board throughout the month of December that includes a name and address. Please take one if you are able and give someone an extra holiday smile!



West Bank Revisited by Pat Ochodnicky

In October I was finally able to realize a long held dream of picking olives in the West Bank (Palestine). Although I have made many trips to the region in the past 7 years, none of them occurred during harvest time (roughly mid-October to mid-November). While much of the trip played out differently than I had anticipated, I did get to actually pick olives and the experience was everything I had hoped for. It's hard work, when done by hand, and I won't ever again eat another olive or cook with olive oil without thinking of it!

Three Brits and I helped with the harvest for a Palestinian family whose 120 trees are located very near the Huwarrah Checkpoint, which I monitored 2 days each week while serving as an Ecumenical Accompanier in 2009. The family didn't speak English and our Arabic was very limited, but it was a pleasant and companionable time nonetheless. We picked olives from 7 a.m. til 4:30 p.m. and sitting on the ground under the trees rested briefly and shared a delicious brunch of omelets, hummus and bread, olives, sliced tomatoes and cucumbers, 'white cheese', fresh fruit and chai (tea).

The Lutheran World Federation has 800 olive trees on the Mount of Olives and groups from all over the world come to help during the harvest. It's hot and dusty work but the conversations and fellowship more than compensate. Afterward we were treated to an American-style barbecue with hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches and all the trimmings.

During this trip I was also able to spend time with the Zimmanns, our new mission support family. They have now been there for 9 months and the entire family seems to be handling the challenges, both personal and professional, very well. Shortly after arriving, I had dinner and a great visit at their home at the top of the Mount of Olives. I attended a wonderful Reformation Day service at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the Old City of Jerusalem where they serve as co-pastors of the English-speaking congregation (services are also held there in Arabic and German). This service was held in the main sanctuary which seats 700-800 people and every seat was filled. Worship was led in English, Arabic and German with prayers also offered in Danish, Swedish, Norwegian and Finnish. Bishops and patriarchs of the other Christian denominations took part in the procession and special music was presented by Brass for Peace, a music cooperative between Germany and the Lutheran schools in Bethlehem, Beit Sahour and Beit Jala.

I also worshipped with the Zimmanns one Sunday at the English-speaking congregation. Their service is held in a small but beautiful chapel on the second floor. Pastor Angela was preaching that day and she is a dynamic speaker! At the end of the service, prior to the final hymn, the Sunday School children return

to the service and talk briefly about what they learned that day. They then pick up a variety of musical 'instruments' (noisemakers?!) and enthusiastically accompany the final hymn! The Fellowship Hour that follows features chai (tea) rather than coffee and an opportunity to meet and talk with not only an international congregation but visitors from every country imaginable.

The Zimmanns send greetings to our Emmanuel family and are grateful for our support. They look forward to visiting us this summer when they return to the U.S.

Check Out Our Bulletin Boards

Just a reminder to be sure to check out our many bulletin boards! There is some great information on these boards. In the narthex is our "God's Work, Our Hands" which shows some of the agencies we help through our outreach efforts. It also includes information on the missionary family we are currently supporting, as well as thank yous from groups we have supported recently. In the Fellowship Hall there are several boards, including "Friends and Family Far and Near," "Christian Education," "Emmanuel at the Fountains," "Emmanuel's Woman of the Year" as well as Churchwide and Congregational news. There are also picture boards showing some of our recent events. Please take time to check these out if you haven't already.

Sunday Servants • December 2013

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 24	December 29
Day	1 Advent	2 Advent	3 Advent	4 Advent	Christmas Eve	1 Christmas
Color	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	White	White
Readings	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 Luke 1:46b-55 (Alternate) James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23
Presiding	Pastor Jackie Rau					Donna Page
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Sharon Hall	Duma Jensen	Maggie Vore	Bill Gilbreth	Darin Page	Michael Wright
Director of Music	Valerie Felder					
Cantor	Youth Choir	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barbara Klimkowski	N/A	Darin Page
Ushers Roger Demorest	Barb Laho Doris Gaston Pat Ochodnický Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Jennifer Wardell Morgan Jones Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Christina Wardell Ann Dixon Sandra Bryant Comique People	Christina Wardell Ann Dixon Sandra Bryant Comique People	Don Thompson Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest
Greeters Barb Laho	Wardell Family	Gerry Henze	Jerry and Sharon Hall	Eddie and LaDonn People	N/A	Barb Laho Jack Klein
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Morgan Jones Jennifer Wardell	Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Maria Wardell Brittney Jones	Morgan Jones Jennifer Wardell	Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore
Altar Care Donna Page	Donna and Darin Page	Lisa Jones and Maria Wardell	Sharon Hall and Janet Kotajarvi	Comique People and Renee Pollard	Altar Guild	Donna and Darin Page
Sunday School LaDonn People	Richard Chavanak Cindy Anderson Barb Klimkowski	Clown Day	Ann Dixon Christina Wardell Barb Klimkowski	LaDonn People Barb Klimkowski	N/A	Lisa Maximore
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Donna Page Darin Page	Sharon and Bruce Ricketts and Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	Monday Night Bible Study	Young at Heart	Cookie Sunday	Birthday Sunday	N/A	Volunteers Needed
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell				Jerry Hall	
Flowers Sharon Hall	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Poinsettias	Donations Needed
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell					

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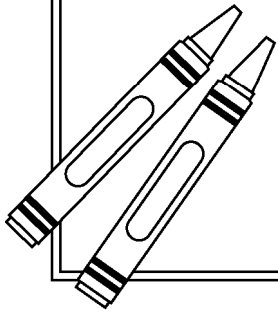
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 29 1 Christmas Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee/Tea Fellowship/Crafts 12 noon Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.	December 30	December 31 New Year's Eve Office Closed 5 p.m. Worship Service	1 Office Closed AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	2	3	4 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting 10 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
5 2 Christmas Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.	6 Bible Study 7 p.m.	7	8 Prayer Meeting 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	9 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	10 Youth Night 6:30 p.m.	11 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
12 Baptism of our Lord Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.	13 Bible Study 7 p.m.	14	15 Prayer Meeting 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	16 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
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Sunday Servants • January 2014

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Day	2 Christmas	Baptism of Our Lord	2 Epiphany	3 Epiphany
Color	White	White	Green	Green
Readings	Jeremiah 31:7–14 Psalm 147:12–20 Ephesians 1:3–14 John 1: [1–9] 10–18	Isaiah 42:1–9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34–43 Matthew 3:13–17	Isaiah 49:1–7 Psalm 40:1–11 1 Corinthians 1:1–9 John 1:29–42	Isaiah 9:1–4 Psalm 27:1, 4–9 1 Corinthians 1:10–18 Matthew 4:12–23
Presiding	Pastor Jackie Rau			
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Altar Care Donna Page	TBD			
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Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	Volunteers Needed	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	January Birthdays
Flowers Sharon Hall	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed
Audio Recording	Jerry Hall	Ed Wardell		
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell			

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Just for KIDS

Telling the Christmas Story

These words are all part of the Christmas story. First, find them in the puzzle below. Circle them. You may find them → ← ↘ ↙ ↗ ↖. There will be 12 letters that remain uncircled. Write them in the order found on the lines below. You will find a special Christmas message! Then use the words from the list to tell the story to someone!

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|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| joy | hay | men | inn | wise |
| Lord | star | baby | king | east |
| Mary | gold | angel | taxes | Jesus |
| sheep | myrrh | three | manger | Savior |
| donkey | Caesar | Joseph | birthday | Messiah |
| shepherds | frankincense | Bethlehem | Augustus | |

B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	P	S	M	A	R	Y
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T	J	O	Y	E	H	E	T	S	A	E	S	E	M	N
H	T	A	X	E	S	E	N	O	I	H	I	S	A	O
D	A	G	N	I	K	U	E	N	N	P	A	A	N	D
A	E	Y	W	R	A	T	S	P	N	E	H	R	G	R
Y	A	U	G	U	S	T	U	S	T	H	R	E	E	O
F	R	A	N	K	I	N	C	E	N	S	E	A	R	L
R	O	I	V	A	S	R	T	H	J	O	S	E	P	H

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

23425 Lahser Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Address Service Requested

Sunday School/ Adult Forum 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon

Monday Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayers 9 a.m.
Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10 a.m.

Blue Christmas Service, Thursday, Dec. 19 at 12 noon
Advent Dinner, Sunday, Dec. 22, 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve:

Choral Music 10 p.m.
Candlelight Service 10:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service 5 p.m.

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