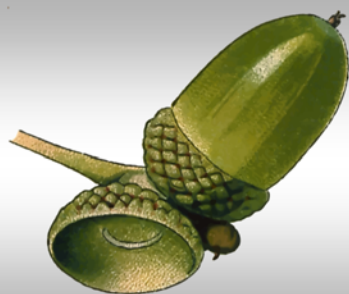


Emanuel's Lutheran Church



The Acorn

January 2018

“The Dawn of a New Day”

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There is a time of day that has always mesmerized me. It is that time just before the sun breaks the horizon. You can begin to see creation come to light with color, but not enough to define its details. Everything is beginning to look warm with oranges and reds, even when the air or wind might be cold or damp. Why, you might ask? Because at this moment anything is possible. The day that stands ready to be embraced can be filled with anything. It can be the best day of your life or your worst. It can be the day it all begins anew or the day the grind become too much to handle. It can be a day that lives in infamy or a day like any other day. It can be a day that begins with sunlight brightness and ends with snow, or vice versa. But no matter what the day will become, like a rollercoaster ready to hit the tracks with all sorts of us ups, downs, twists, and turns there is a brief yet wonderful pause right at the beginning.

It is that image and moment of pause that has garnered the most attention for me. I spent my third year in seminary serving as the pastoral intern of a congregation in St. Petersburg, Florida. Being that the City of St. Petersburg occupies the peninsula across the bay from Tampa Bay, Florida, there was no shortage of sunrises. On days when there wasn't a storm looming on the horizon, you could walk on the beach and it would feel as if creation was taking a breath, preparing itself, for the day that was about to commence. It was often a silent moment. One full of mystery, wonder, fear, and excitement, all balled into one brief instant. I remember sitting on the beach with my back to the rising sun and thinking, “I wonder if this is what it is like to encounter God?” The story that was circling through my head is the story from 1 Kings where Elijah meets God on Mount Horeb. The text reads as follows:

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” (1 Kings 19:11-13, NRSV)

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God wasn't in the busyness, the chaos or goings and doings of life. Instead, God was in the sheer silence. God was there in the mystery of the new day, the opportunity for something different to happen, something new to take place. God didn't jump out at Elijah and say, "NOTICE ME!" Instead God waited for Elijah's own heart to pine for God's presence, for his soul to innately respond to God's coming near, before the Voice called out to him. It is that sheer silence that I see in the dawn of a new day. That moment, well before we are lost in the hustle and bustle of life, that God truly comes near to us; we need only listen for it. Now that is not to say that God doesn't come near to us throughout our day, always yearning for our attention, but it means there are moments when God might be even nearer than we can imagine; we need only pause and listen.



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A new year is before and we, as a congregation of God's people in this place, are sitting amid the inhalation of creation's new breath; the sheer silence of what might be and what will be. How we respond to this silence will make all the difference in the months to come. Will we sit and busy our hearts and minds with worries, fears, playing out situations or scenarios that haven't happened? Or will we follow Elijah's lead and let our hearts, our souls, do the talking for us? I am beyond excited to see all that God will accomplish through us in the year that is coming; all the new learnings we will encounter together with the Holy Spirit as our guide. God is and has always been up to wondrous things through our congregation. Sometimes it is being reminded of them that creates the energy and the renewed sense of passion for mission and ministry to begin the journey again. So, remember the times that were. Cherish the stories that have gotten us to this place. Quiet your mind. Open your heart. And listen to the silence, listen to creation taking its breath. God is near.

Pastor Marcus Byrd In God's grip,

Pastor Marcus

Photo Credit: Kristen Bigott, Jamaica

January 2018 Lectionary Readings

DATE	SEASON	1st READING	PSALM	2nd READING	GOSPEL
Jan 6	Epiphany of our Lord	Isa 60:1-6	Ps 72:1-7, 10-14	Eph 3:1-12	Matt 2:1-12
Jan 7	Baptism of our Lord	Gen 1:1-5	Ps 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Jan 14	2 Epiphany	1 Sam 3:1-10 [11-20]	Ps 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Cor 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Jan 21	3 Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Ps 62:5-12	1 Cor 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Jan 28	4 Epiphany	Deut 18:15-20	Ps 111	1 Cor 8:1-13	Mark 1:29-39

Christian Education

Weekday Studies

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The morning Bible study group is led by Pastor Marcus and meets in the Family Life Center on the 3rd floor at **7:30 a.m. each Tuesday**. The group will continue to work through the books of the Bible and is now studying the book of Judges.

WOMEN OF EMANUEL'S

Monthly Bible Study Offerings

Faith Circle

Third Tuesday at 7pm in the Women's Ministry Room

Joy Circle

Second Thursday at 9:30 am in the Women's Ministry Room

Ladies Aid

First Wednesday at 2pm in the Women's Ministry Room

Questions? Contact Cathy at canderson@tlu.edu.

Sundays at 9:15 in January



Preschool to 6th Grade Ministries: "Kids Own Worship"
9:15-10:00 Sunday in the big classroom on the 1st Floor



7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Study with "CoLABorate"
9:15– 10:00 Sunday in the Confirmation Room, 1st Floor
High School students who have not completed Confirmation studies are invited to attend.



High School, College, and Young Adult ministries
Dynamic, Innovative, Beloved
9:15-10:00 Sundays in ELYO Room
6 pm Sundays as announced

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

The Assembly Class (Archives Room): In-depth scripture study and exploration of Martin Luther's teachings. Led by Dennis Sagebiel and John Schwartz.

The Covenant Class (Family Life Center): New study selection to be announced. Led by Jeanne Palmer and Beth Zies.

The Heritage Class (307): Bible study curriculum with lessons from the Old and New Testaments. Currently studying "Covenants with God," written by Phil Ruge-Jones.

Mission and Outreach

Food, Fun & Fellowship (FFF)

We are a support group of people who are widowed, divorced or single meeting once a month for lunch and fellowship. Our faith is strengthened as we gather, pray for each other, and have a good time. Join us!

Sunday, January 14th at Noon
Reyna's Mexican Restaurant
707 E. Kingsbury St.

Contact Donna Simmons for more information:
830-379-5046 or 830-556-3542

Life After Loss

If you have lost a loved one to death and need additional support to work through your grief, please come join us for these informative and educational sessions.

Sundays
January 7 - February 11, 2018
Family Life Center

Pastor Darwin Huartson and Donna Simmons, co-facilitators

Special Services

Seguin Assisted Living	2nd Wed	2:00 pm
GVNC	2nd Thurs	10:30 am
Remarkable Health Care	4th Tues	10:30 am
Argent Court	3rd Wed	2:00 pm
Nesbit Nursing Home	3rd Thurs	10:30 am
Windsor Nursing Home	4th Wed	2:30 pm
Hacienda Oaks	2nd Wed	10:00 am

Prayer Garden

Emanuel's outdoor Prayer Garden is under the Heritage Oak near the sanctuary entrance. It is available 24/7 for contemplative time with God.

Ladies Aid Report

By Jeannie Hall

Twenty-three members and forty one guests attended the Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon on December 6, 2017. President, Jeannie Hall, welcomed everyone. Mrs. Janz's Day School class sang. Everyone enjoyed the little ones performing for them. Pastor Marcus opened with a prayer. A delicious meal of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings was catered by Johnny's Bar-b-que.



Tom Engler played the violin and Francis Vinyard played the piano while the guests sang Christmas carols. Everyone enjoyed singing the carols.



We gave away 14 coffee cakes. The winners were: Annabelle Koehler, Velma Huebner, Donna Simmons, Rusty Clopton, Ann Erxleben, Estella Illhardt, Tim Troell, Maxine Hollub, Frances Vinyard, Sandy Clopton, Albert Lindemann, Caroline McDonald, Denise Jahns, Kim Illhardt.

The quilt raffle was won by Linda Lopez. Congratulations to Linda.

Pastor Marcus closed with a prayer.

Our next meeting will be January 3, 2018 in the Women's Ministry Room at 2 pm. Hostesses will be Sandy Clopton and Estelle Illhardt.

Come and join us for an afternoon of fellowship.

Council Report submitted by Karen Weinstein

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another." - 1 Peter 4:10

For the past 2 years, much work has gone into planning and implementing change. The strategic plan completed in 2016 paved the way for the call of Pastor Marcus Bigott. At his installation on August 6, 2017, Pastor Marcus was given a safety helmet and vest as Emanuel's is now a congregation and facility under renovation and new construction. As he learns the rhythm of Emanuel's and works to meet the expectations as enumerated during the Call process, Pastor Marcus may often feel he actually needs to wear the helmet and vest as he implements change and works to support or re-energize existing programs.

The most pressing change involves the facility. Talks continue with the architect, Jim Heck, as we work to implement changes to the actual building. The plan seemed to be going in the direction of construction of a multi-purpose building joined to the sanctuary by a commons area at the point of the bell tower stairwell and entrance. An elevator that would provide access to the organ loft, sanctuary and fellowship hall would be located in the bell tower area. Members have not actually voiced support for the multi-purpose building, but members have asked questions about what would be done with the existing educational wing and fellowship hall. Consequently, given that the elevator seems to be a necessity whether we have a multi-purpose building or not, what about starting with a less grandiose plan which includes the elevator and renovation of the fellowship hall. The architect has stated that to place the elevator in the bell tower area, there will need to be some build out of that area to accommodate both the elevator and a stairwell. We hope to see a preliminary drawing in the next few weeks to see if this is feasible with the expectation that there is a more concrete plan to present at our annual meeting to be held January 28, 2018.

Along with authorizing the architect to complete the feasibility study concerning the elevator installation (as well as all access points to include the existing elevator on Mountain St., the Council authorized Jim Heck to develop exterior and interior layouts for an expanded Day School facility, along with recommendations for parking and possibly moving the Garden of Eatin'. The Day School cannot continue to exist without expanding the existing facilities. Thus, Emanuel's has come to the crossroads of needing to make a decision as to whether or not the congregation supports the continuation of this highly acclaimed educational program. Prior to the annual meeting when a decision must be made, the council plans to hold an open forum for members to discuss the 2014 Day School Task Force findings and the facility needs and cost of facility expansion.

With an eye on the cost of renovation and change, the Council has approved a proposed Church Budget for 2018. The cost has jumped from the 2017 Budget of \$513,289 to the 2018 Budget of approximately \$571,000. Last year, the \$50,000 approved for architectural evaluations and planning was not included in the budget. To date, \$28,000 has been paid for initial evaluations and planning. These funds came out of investment accounts. This year, the architectural cost projection for fees of \$42,000 has been included in the budget. Additional funds have been added for staff. In the 5 months that Pastor Marcus has been our very capable leader, he has excelled in energizing the congregation, forging forward to create change while meeting the needs of church members and working to rebuild community relationships. However, the energy and time required to promote a dynamic youth program cannot continue to be met by Pastor Marcus. A part-time youth director cannot be found. Consequently, included in the proposed Budget is the cost of a full time Associate Pastor or a Deacon whose focus will be developing and facilitating programs for youth and young families. The individual filling this position would also be able to assist Pastor Marcus as needed. The 2018 budgeted cost only six months financially as the call process would need to be followed and a pastor or deacon would most likely not begin until, at least, June.

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January Worship Leaders

	January 7, 2018	January 14, 2018	January 21, 2018	January 28, 2018
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Assisting Ministers	Melissa Barbre	Marsha Schroeder	Ethan Koepp	Carolyn Blumberg
Communion Assistants	Beverly Jobe	Jeannie Hall	Margie Dietert	Barbara McCall
	Natalie Alexander	Barbara Haas	Elizabeth Jandt	Beverly Seidenschwarz
	Deborah Almquist	Arlene Hill	Jeanne Palmer	Bill Elley
	Earlene Jarzombek	Carrie Moseley	Ron Naumann	Elaine Giesber
Ushers	Wayne Brawner	Thomas Hall	Franklin Huebner	Tim Troell
	Donna Greiner	Thomas Hill	Bill Elley	Joe Kane
	Jerry Greiner	Leia Hill	Greg Ander	Deborah Almquist
	Bill Meier	Gary Strey	Ruth Ander	Ronald Naumann
	Ronald Schneider	Beth Jahns	Ilene Cherry	Gary Strey
	Levi Stalsworth	Lee Jahns	Raymond Willmann	Beverly Seidenschwarz
	Gary Strey	Doug Parker	Darlene Zies	
	Keith Vinyard			
Acolytes				
Reader	Jerry Greiner	Francine Pidgeon	Melissa Barbre	Evelyn Dittmar
Council Greeter				
Altar Guild	Maxine Hollub	Marsha Schroeder	Elizabeth Jandt	Marsha Schroeder
	Beverly Jobe		Margie Dietert	Bill Elley
			Jeanne Palmer	
Radio Announcer	Mike Haug	Steve Anderson	Deb Haug	Walter Seidenschwarz
Hospitality Cart	Fran & Keith Vinyard	Cathy Anderson	Jeannie Vinyard	Deborah Almquist
	Bill & Nancy Meier	Carolyn Ehler Blumberg	Mae Markgraf	Hughlene Michele
		Cindy Pique	Margie Dietert	Natalie & Dan Alexander

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In his free time, among many activities, Pastor Marcus has spearheaded the updating of the Personnel Policies which will go into effect 1-1-18; has rewritten job descriptions with an eye to completing staff evaluations in January; is updating the church Constitution to meet ELCA guidelines; has pulled all Gift, Memory and Endowment policies into 1 Gift Acceptance Policy; along with 4 church members, has gone through the process of becoming a certified Life Care advocate and is facilitating talks with GRMC to develop a program within Emanuel's and other community organization to help with Life Care planning; has formulated job descriptions for church committees as dictated by the church Constitution to re-create and energize a church infra-structure. This has all been done in an effort to present the proposed ideas to the congregation at the 2018 annual meeting.

To the members of Emanuel's, given your gifts and talents, how can you help on any of the following committees: Communications, Executive Team, Fellowship, Personnel, Congregational Care, Finance, Property Stewards, Worship and Music, Stewardship, Social Concerns & Outreach, and Youth and Family? How can you as a member of Emanuel's help to achieve the goals set out in the Emanuel's 2020 Strategic Plan? Evaluate your God given gifts and talents. How will you be a part of an Emanuel's that is striving to **"Be the Church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others and embracing all"**?

January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church Office Closed New Year's Day	2 7:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due 8:30 AM Property Stewards 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Congregation Council 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	3 2:00 PM Ladies Aid 6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers 7:30 PM Jubilation Singers	4 9:00 AM Day School Chapel	5 Annual Reports due for all ministries	6 10:00 AM Christmas Un-decorating Day
7 Hunger Sunday 9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages 10:30 AM Adult Bible Class Sings 10:30 AM Baptism of Our Lord/Holy Communion 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Life After Loss	8 9:00 AM Ladies Aid Quilters 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM LWR Quick Quilters	9 7:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due 8:30 AM Property Stewards 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	10 10:00 AM Hacienda Oaks Nursing Home Service 2:00 PM Seguin Assisted Living/Devotion & Communion 6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers 7:30 PM Jubilation Singers	11 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 9:30 AM Joy Circle 10:30 AM Genesis (GVNC) Service 6:30 PM Day School Advisory Panel	12	13
14 9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages 10:30 AM 2nd Sunday after Epiphany/Holy Communion 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Life After Loss	15 Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM GVCC (FLC) 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	16 7:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due 8:30 AM Property Stewards 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Faith Circle	17 2:00 PM Argent Court Devotion and Communion 6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers 7:30 PM Jubilation Singers	18 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 10:30 AM Nesbit Living & Rehabilitation Center	19 7:00 PM Pub Theology	20
21 9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages 9:15 AM Council Chat (WMR) 10:30 AM 3rd Sunday after Epiphany/Holy Communion 12:00 PM Food, Fun & Fellowship 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Life After Loss	22 9:00 AM Ladies Aid Quilters 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM LWR Quick Quilters	23 7:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due 8:30 AM Property Stewards 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 10:30 AM Remarkable Healthcare Service 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	24 2:30 PM Windsor Nursing Home Service 6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers 7:30 PM Jubilation Singers	25 9:00 AM Day School Chapel	26 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Family Night-Bowling	27
28 9:15 AM Christian Education for All Ages 10:30 AM 4th Sunday after Epiphany/Holy Communion 11:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Life After Loss	29 9:00 AM Ladies Aid Quilters 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM LWR Quick Quilters	30 7:30 AM Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Info Due 8:30 AM Property Stewards 9:00 AM Day School Chapel 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Council Executive Meeting 6:30 PM Council Executive Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	31 6:30 PM Heavenly Ringers 7:30 PM Jubilation Singers			

As of 12-22-2017

Emanuel's Day School News

January marks a return to “normal routine” for the Day School families and staff following a busy and merry Christmas season. It began before Thanksgiving with a lighted parade and concluded with a very successful Christmas play and concert presentation with over one hundred thirty-five family members, friends and members of our congregation in attendance. Holiday festivities behind us now, we are re-focusing our attention on letters, sounds, writing, counting, science concepts, site words, colors, shapes and motor skill development.

The Day School will bring three new toddlers from the waiting list on board this month to fill spaces vacated by families who have moved out of town and one child who is moving from the toddler to the Pre-K3 classroom.

This month the Day School Advisory Panel will turn its attention to the 2018-2019 school year. There will be an assessment to determine revenue needs and tuition/fee levels that will remain competitive in the Seguin area market while supporting our quality program providing experienced, professional classroom teachers with Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 support through our now three-year-old Literacy Skills program. We are fortunate to have had two teachers this year familiar with and incorporating Montessori activities into the Pre-K classroom environments.

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year, in addition to summer session 2018, will take place in late February for our currently enrolled families and in March for prospective families in the community.

January also marks the arrival of the annual Congregation Meeting during which time we will discuss the current status and future of the Day School ministry of Emanuel's Lutheran Church. This will include short- and long-term goals for growth in education and childcare. Proposed growth will include a recommendation for renovation of an aged facility that is currently unable to deliver desirable and necessary services and facility usage to families seeking care of younger children, hot meals, updated security features and payment/accounting options. In order to be competitive in our area, we must make improvements to our facility, educational and nutritional offerings and offer services to families with children under the age of eighteen months.

As always, all of us at Emanuel's Day School appreciate and thank you for your continued support.

-submitted by Deb Haug, Director



A Note About Worship Times

It has been a great journey, not only to the manger, but also experiencing a relatively new service time. We introduced this change right before Advent began to simplify service times and changes throughout the month of December. Upon suggesting the time change, it was brought to my attention that Emanuel's had previously celebrated a 10:30am service in its not so distant past so, for many, it was like riding a bike!

I first want to thank you for taking that risk and changing this Advent. It has provided a great place to incorporate new things into worship, bringing new music and additional vocal and instrumental leadership to our service, as well as experiment with a renewed service time. For all of this I am extremely grateful. Now that Advent has come and gone, and we are celebrating the 12 days of Christmas, it is time to decide where we turn next. One of the exciting pieces the 10:30am service time allows for is a renewed way of engaging our children and youth in education.

While I was going through the interview and call process with Emanuel's, the reintroduction of "Children's Church" into the Sunday morning worship routine was discussed. This would provide a place for our preschool to 4th grade children and youth to engage the readings of the morning's service through video, crafts, fellowship, movement, and activities geared to them specifically. This allows parents and guardians and the youth in their life to engage in the lessons of the day that make sense to their learning styles. It also provides the space for the much-needed movement our youngest worshippers need to engage the Gospel.

We have a dedicated team of leaders that are willing to take on this renewed way of learning in our congregation in the coming year. This later service time also allows for what we are going to call "5th Sunday Fundays" in the coming year, which will be dedicated 5th Sundays for potluck and fellowship; maybe even a congregation-wide game or two, learning opportunities, and movies. This allows our congregation to be gathered together, sharing in fellowship with one another, instead of being separated by services or having to deal with randomly changing service times.

I also realize that this is only one piece of a much larger pie. There are participants in our music ministries that would need to leave their respective classes early to practice for worship if the service stayed at 10:30am. There are some that cannot make this service time work as it interferes with family events and travel. And additionally, I know it places our service end time much later than in previous years and beating our denominational sisters and brothers to the good restaurants thus becomes a problem. But in all seriousness, I think there are great possibilities for this later worship time and have asked that we extend it through the month of January. We will end the month with our regularly scheduled Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 28th where we will vote on and adopt our new Sunday schedule and service time or times.

In God's grip,
Pastor Marcus

Church Activities & Announcements

Visitors Welcome Here!

It is a joy to invite and welcome all visitors to Emanuel's. Visitor Bags are available on Sunday mornings at the Visitor Center located in the Narthex.

Members are encouraged to warmly greet people carrying these bags. Introduce yourself! Let them know what a special place Emanuel's is and how happy we are that they are with us. Answer any questions they may have, or find someone who can.

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

Consider sponsoring a KWED 1580AM radio broadcast of our Sunday service in honor of a family member, birthday, holiday or other special event. Contact the church office and sign the poster board in the hall across from the office. Our radio broadcaster of the week will announce your sponsorship on air during the service. This ministry allows you to remember special occasions for family, friends and others during our worship services while, at the same time, defraying Emanuel's budget costs to sponsor a weekly Sunday broadcast. Thank you!



Are you a shutterbug? Please send your photos of activities and people at Emanuel's to sherry.hardwick@emanuels-seguin.org for publication in *The Acorn*, Facebook, and our website.

2017 ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports by all ministries are due to the office by Friday, January 5, 2018. New staff would appreciate prompt attention to this date. Send to info@emanuels-seguin.org. Thank you!



SUMMER CAMP 2018

It is time to register for overnight camp!

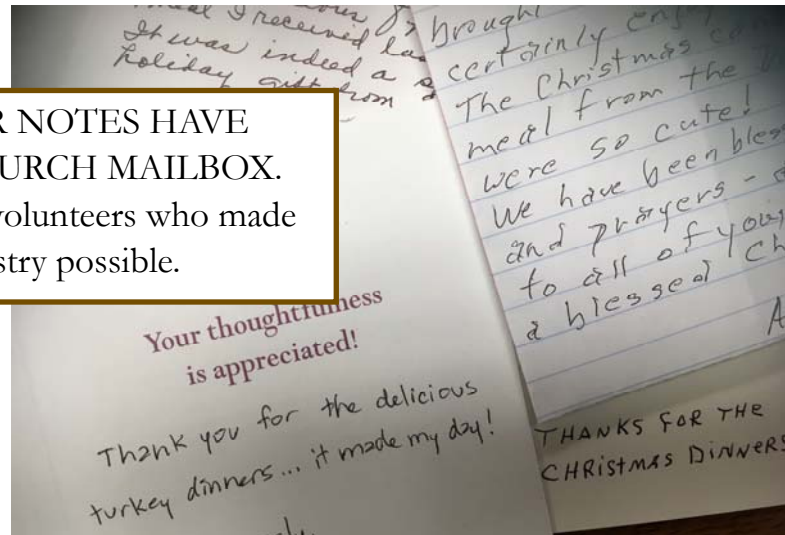
June 10-15 for those entering 1st grade and up.

Talk with Pastor Marcus to reserve your spot. Other dates may be available.

www.crosstrails.org

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TURKEY DINNER NOTES HAVE FLOODED THE CHURCH MAILBOX.
Shout out to all of the volunteers who made this caring ministry possible.



THANK YOU to Pastor Marcus and the members of the Emanuel's Music Ministry and church congregation who participated in and assisted with the Day School Christmas program. Your generous contributions of talent, time and energy to the Day School ministry of Emanuel's Lutheran Church help us feel more connected to our church family. You make it special!

THANK YOU to Joe Kane and our Property Stewards for assisting in the "stage preparation" for the Day School Christmas program. You do the "heavy lifting" so little faces brighten and voices sing. We couldn't do it without you!

A Word About Prayer

"Rubbing God's ears with God's promises," was how Martin Luther defined prayer. When we lift loved ones, friends, and family up in prayer, we are reminding ourselves, and God, that God has promised to look after and care for those in our lives.

Here at Emanuel's we celebrate a rich prayer life for our families, friends, and even families of those who have died. We strive to live out our baptismal promises to care for one another throughout our life together. To accomplish that commission, prayer requests are posted in our Sunday bulletins to let members know who to keep in their prayers.

It is most helpful to have an address for each of these people, so that our ministry teams can send cards of all types. There is a place on the back of the blue attendance card to provide us with this information. At your discretion this request may be shared publicly with the congregation through the bulletin, or privately with the ministry team.

Please keep in mind that prayer requests appear in the Sunday bulletin for 1 month at a time. Unless you let us know that your individual(s) should continue to be on our list, names will be removed.

Thank you for praying with us and for your help with this crucial ministry in our church.



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