

# EMMANUEL LUTHERAN NEWS

JANUARY 2012

## 2011-12 Theme:

**JOY! Making our joy complete.**

Throughout the year we will be incorporating our theme of JOY in the various aspects of our discipleship process of Worshipping, Fellowshiping, and Witnessing. Be sure to join in the JOY of the Lord!!

## Worship

(Team Leader: Joni Mercer)

**Sundays 8:15am and 11am/Urdu Language @ 4pm/  
Westside Homeless Shelter—begins January 8!**

## Sundays 8:15am and 11am

The Epiphany Season reveals the Light of Christ to the world. *Who is this Jesus?* will be our theme each week as we discover anew our Lord, and, in so doing, learn just as much about ourselves in the process.

## Worship at the Shelter

We are thrilled to start a new weekly worship service this month at the Westside Men's Homeless Shelter. Led by Bob Reese and Mike Jones, we will gather at the shelter every Sunday at 4:30pm for a time of song, prayer, and the Word. Our opening service will be led by Pastor Martin on January 8. Please join us in giving thanks for this opportunity, praying God's blessing upon our leaders, and lifting up the men who become part of our Emmanuel community in this way.

## Radio Broadcasts

Listen to our 11am worship service LIVE each Sunday on WBAL 1090 AM **except** when the Ravens are playing a 1pm game.

## Fellowship of Believers

(Team Leader: James Corey)

### Education Hour—An important part of our GROWTH!

Sunday School, 1st Communion (5th/6th grade), Confirmation (7th/8th grade), High School Youth, and Adult Bible Study continue each Sunday from 9:45am-10:45am.

## Adult Bible Study

Our study on God's Good Earth will conclude this month, after which we will begin another multi-week study on **Being Witnesses in Today's World**. All are welcome!

## Fellowship Groups

Several small groups are meeting throughout the year.

Would you like to join one? Email pastor at [pastor@emmanuelbaltimore.org](mailto:pastor@emmanuelbaltimore.org) to let us know.

## New Prayer Reading Schedule—12 in 12 for 2012

Join the congregation in reading 12 books of the Bible over the twelve months of 2012. The year's schedule will be as follows:

January: Mark	July: Revelation
February: 1 Peter	August: Psalms
March: John	Sept: James
April: 1 John	Oct: Hebrews
May: Acts	Nov: Ephesians
June: Genesis	Dec: Luke

Here are some suggestions:

- **Read daily, but at your own pace** (slowest pace would be one verse per day)
- **Repeat book as necessary** (one chapter a day gets you through Mark two times this month)
- **Engage with others about what you read** (follow Emmanuel's facebook page, use email, and talk with one another to share insights and thoughts)
- **Read prayerfully** (listen to what the Lord is actually saying through his work *to you*)

## Anniversary Sunday and Voters Meeting

Join us on January 22 for Emmanuel's 124th anniversary. After the 11am worship service, we will have our regular voters meeting to conduct the business of our congregation.

## Sunday School Christmas Program

Check out some of our pics! Thanks to Nicki Dreyer and her large band of helpers!



## Parish Nurse

Our parish nurse, Jeana Lovelace, RN, will be providing free blood pressure screening after both worship services on January 8. Would you or someone you know like a visit from our parish nurse? While not providing specific medical care, she serves as an advocate as well as a type of consultant in helping us,

by God's grace, to live healthier (and more joyful!) lives.

### Facebook

Join the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School group on facebook and become part of our online conversation.

### Emmanuel's Book Club—January 15

We will be watching the movie adaptation after reading the book *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café* by Fannie Flagg. Our date is Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 2 pm at Augsburg Lutheran Home. The novel is the story of one friendship during the Depression in a small Alabama town and the second friendship set during the 1980's. It's folksy, funny and endearing and everyone is welcome to join the group. Contact Cor-Rae Petri at 410-750-0757.

### Witnessing

(Team Leader: Glenn Gaynor)

#### Monthly Witnessing Opportunities

Some of the many witnessing opportunities include: the Westside Homeless Shelter -providing a dessert or casserole (sign up at the Welcome Center), donating men's clothing (place in bin near offices), washing the feet of men at the shelter on the first Wednesday of the month (January 4); at Johnnycake Elementary School-volunteer in the classroom, in the office, or in the library for a couple hours a week; at Augsburg Lutheran Home-spending time with the residents, playing games, answering phones or collating papers; at BARCS animal shelter or donating non-perishable food items for the church pantry or volunteering at our school or ...

### Emmanuel Lutheran School

Almost every student in our school was able to participate in the Live Nativity on December 14. In addition to having live animals, students



dressed up in costume and acted out the story of our Lord's birth—once with the younger students and then again with the older students. Special thanks to

Debbie Izzi and her host of volunteers who helped pull

off an absolutely amazing evening.

Interested in attending Emmanuel Lutheran School? Contact one of our admissions counselors for a tour by calling 410-744-0015. We'd love to show you what a wonderful school we have!!



### Muslim/Immigrant Outreach

Falak Robson has filed for his "Religious Worker" visa in order to continue his labor for the Lord and his Church here in the United States. Please keep this outreach in your prayers and look for ways to support it. Would you like to be on Pastor Robson's weekly prayer update list? Email him at [revrobson@yahoo.com](mailto:revrobson@yahoo.com).

### Baltimore Lutheran School News from Towson

You are invited to visit BLS on Sunday, January 29, from 2-4pm for their winter open house. BLS offers a high-quality Christian education to young men and women in grades 6-12. For enrollment info go to [www.baltimorelutheran.org](http://www.baltimorelutheran.org). "Enrich the mind. Empower the spirit. Embrace the opportunity!"

### Worship-Fellowship of Believers-Witnessing

As our new structure continues to get under way our new team leaders are planning for the upcoming year. Look for ways to get involved in the overall discipleship process—both in your own growth as a disciple of Jesus as well as in the growth of others.

### LINC Baltimore Save the Date—Feb 12

Plan now to attend the 1st annual "Celebrate the City" dinner on Sunday, February 12 at 4pm at *Mi Viejo Pueblito* restaurant in Highlandtown. More details to come.

### Financial Update

Notes: As of November, the deficit stands at \$19,629 (compared to \$4117 last year). Offering receipts are \$3000 than last year and tuition is ahead of last year, but under budget. Expenses are \$4000 lower than last year. Cash flow issues continue to be a challenge each month, though everything is being paid. A projected year-end deficit of \$30k-50k seems realistic.

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*Bringing Jesus to people and people to Jesus throughout Baltimore and beyond.*



# January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <b>First Sunday of Christmas</b></p> <p><b>B-Day</b> : Bertha Monroe</p>	<p>2 7:30 pm N.A.</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Edwin Lohmeyer, Katherine Lentsch, Robert Reese, Bruce Cameron, Michael Hartman</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 6:30 pm Footwashing 8:00 pm A.A.</p>	<p>7 3:15 pm Junior Choir 7:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:45 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>6 <b>The Epiphany of our Lord</b></p> <p>8:30 am ELS Chapel</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Michael Keane</p>	<p>7 8:00 pm N.A.</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Beverly Blackman, Joan Voll, Jennifer Boothe, Danielle Faust</p>
<p>8 <b>The Baptism of Our Lord</b></p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Jim Heilman</p>	<p>9 7:30 pm N.A.</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Edwina Spittel</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 A.A. 8:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Herb Spittel</p>	<p>12 3:15 pm Junior Choir 7:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:45 pm Senior Choir <b>B-Day:</b> Rev. Robert Mordhorst, August Doede,</p>	<p>13 8:30 am ELS Chapel</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Nathaniel Hauser Jr.,</p>	<p>14 8:00 pm N.A.</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Robert Ketterman Sr., Ceil Durham, Ellen Croll</p>
<p>15 <b>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b></p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Christine Baker, Michael Pelland</p>	<p>16 <b>Martin Luther King Jr. B-Day observed</b></p> <p>7:30 pm N.A.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:00 pm Church Council 8:00 pm A.A.</p>	<p>19 3:15 pm Junior Choir 7:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:45 pm Senior Choir <b>B-Day:</b> Lee Knight, Megan Rocco, Briana Wilson, Abigail Gill</p>	<p>20 8:30 am ELS Chapel</p>	<p>21 8:00 pm N.A.</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Deborah Izzi</p>
<p>22 <b>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Anniversary Sunday 12:15 pm Voters Meeting</p>	<p>23 7:30 pm N.A.</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Doris Kemp, Rebekah Foxworth, Rebecca Schultheis</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Ryan Donnelly, Aaron Hartmann,</p>	<p>26 3:15 pm Junior Choir 7:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:45 pm Senior Choir <b>B-Day:</b> Gregory Carroll, Charles Boothe, Amanda Lentsch, Danielle Lombardi.</p>	<p>27 8:30 am ELS Chapel</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Delbert Riemer, Valerie Eckels</p>	<p>28 <b>Book Fair</b></p> <p>8:00 pm N.A.</p>
<p>29 <b>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b></p>	<p>30 7:30 pm N.A.</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Lindsay Barnabae,</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>B-Day:</b> Louise Spedden, Lou Jean Liem, William Liberto</p>				<p><b>Worship Every Sunday</b> at 8:15 am and 11:00 am</p> <p><b>Education Hour</b> 9:45am</p>

### Memorials

**Emmanuel's Building Fund in memory of Albert Stiegler**

**By:** Mr. and Mrs. Herb Brettschneider

**Emmanuel's School Fund in memory of Bunky and Yvonne Lovelace**

**By:** Mr. and Mrs. Herb Brettschneider

**Emmanuel's Building Fund in memory of Doris Hasenzahl**

**By:** Mr. and Mrs. Herb Brettschneider

### In Honor of

**Emmanuel's Building Fund in Honor of Lois and Herb Brettschneider for their birthdays in June, their anniversary in June and for Christmas.**

**By:** David and Evelyn Nolan (sister of Lois Brettschneider)

**Emmanuel's Building Fund in Honor of Barbara and Wayne Lutz 50th Wedding Anniversary.**

**By:** Mr. and Mrs. Herb Brettschneider

**Emmanuel's Building Fund in Honor of Evelyn and David Nolan 60th Wedding Anniversary.**

**By:** Mr. and Mrs. Herb Brettschneider

**Emmanuel's Building Fund in Honor of Evelyn and David Nolan For Christmas**

**By:** Mr. and Mrs. Herb Brettschneider

### **January Radio Sponsors**

#### **January 1**

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Viola Chonkich in loving memory of her husband Alex and her son Alex ...**And by** Patrick and Patty Donnelly thanking God for their many blessings and the health of their children.

#### **January 8**

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Virginia Martin in loving memory of Charles Kent ...**And by** Martin and Virginia Krenzke, radio listeners.

#### **January 15**

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Virginia and Richard Weinknecht in memory of Ruth and Donald Burket.

#### **January 22**

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Dorothy Savage in loving memory of her husband Walt on their anniversary ...**And by** Louse Spedden in loving memory of her parents.

#### **January 29**

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Sheila Snowden in loving memory of her grandfather, Karosa Hall, her grandparents Edith and Richard Snowden, and her great-grandmother, Alice Green.

#### **Broadcast sponsor left off of December's List.**

In loving memory of Bunky and Yvonne Lovelace by her children.

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## **The One Christmas Card 2011**

Harry Weber

Ric & Ceil Durham

Vernon & Jane Clark

Ruth Wheatley

Del & Diane Riemer

Bud & Lou Jean Liem

Dottie Savage

Susan Weber

Martha & Bud McSorley

Herb & Lois Brettschneider

Loraine Meusel

Pastor & Lila Mordhorst

George Stiegler

Mary Kittel

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Connie Kertel

Marie Gellan

Rev. and Kathy Schultheis

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Thank you to everyone who supports the radio/internet ministry. As the years pass, we do lose sponsors due to death and people moving, so our number of sponsors each week is going down. We need new sponsors to help spread the Gospel to those who are unable to attend church in person. Please prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor of at least one broadcast this year. The requested donation is \$100, so as little as \$2 per week added to your offering will sponsor one broadcast. Just call me at 443-386-8844 with the date you would like to sponsor and your dedication. You can also e-mail this information to me at [mliebegott@juno.com](mailto:mliebegott@juno.com).