

**WELCOME! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA & CHILDREN'S SERVICE  
"A CALL TO CHRISTMAS"**

Welcome

Invocation & Psalm

Opening Hymn LSB 379: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Advent Candle Lighting

Hymn LSB 361: "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" - *verse 3*

Confession & Absolution

Opening: A Call to Christmas

Scene 1: The Promise Of A Savior

Song: "Arise"

Scene 2: The Angel Visits Mary

Song: "*Holy is Your Name*"

Scene 3: The Journey To Bethlehem

Song: "*O Sing a Song Of Bethlehem*"

Scene 4: The Birth Of Jesus

Song: "Away In A Manger" (Forever Amen)

Scene 5: The Shepherds Hear The Call

Song: "What A Glorious Night"

Scene 6: The Visit Of The Wisemen

Song: "Light Of The World" (Sing Hallelujah)

Scene 7: We Are Called

Song: "*I Heard the Bells*"

Closing: A Call to Christmas

Prayer Of The Church

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song: "Angels" (Glory To God)

**+WE MEET JESUS IN THE MEAL+  
ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives to us as He says, not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and who forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we invite you to partake of this special meal. If not, please speak with the pastor or an elder before you partake. We are happy to answer any questions.

**NEED PRAYER?**

Would you like someone to pray with you or for you? If so, we have an awesome group of people that will do just that. We have both an email prayer chain and a prayer team, who will meet with you if you so desire. We have received many prayer requests over the last year for physical and emotional healing, as well as spiritual concerns. All prayer requests are kept confidential. Please use our Prayer Box in the Narthex, complete a prayer card, and drop it in. If you leave a name (optional), we will send you a follow-up note. You can also contact the church office and your prayer request will be forwarded for prayers.

### GUESTS AND VISITORS:

**Welcome to Emanuel!** We are happy to have you here. To help us better connect with you, please take a moment to fill out an attendance card with your name, phone number, and email address. This information will allow us to reach out to you during the week and discuss how we can best support you. Thank you!

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Chuck Alsip, Dorothy Bohrer, Miranda Donkersgoed, Heather Erickson, Randy Falls, Elaine Liberacki, Diane Paulson, Nancy Pawlenty, Dick Swedean, Liz Ziebarth, Jean Benci, Art Falls and Dave Kromschroeder.

### OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

#### ARMY

Lee Miller, Joe Fritze, Joe Rosvold  
Becky Meyer (Army Reserve)

#### MARINE CORPS

Trent Hawes

#### NATIONAL GUARD

Mackenzie Miller  
Owen Dahl  
Jaden Hoffman

#### AIR FORCE

Michael Erickson, Kait Erickson,  
Aaron Parsons, Aaron Ziebarth (Grandson, Ziebarth)  
Jake & Liela Anderson (Grandson & Spouse, Swedean)  
Ben Hudella (Grandson, Deike)  
Gavin Harbo (Son, Harbo)  
Ryan Gingerich (Grandson, Gingerich)

#### NAVAL RESERVES

David Hernandez (Grandson, Swedean)

#### COAST GUARD

David Erickson



### PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN:



We encourage families to worship together, but if your children need attention during the church service, you are welcome to use the Nursery. Please stay with your children

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 14

8:00AM Children's Christmas Service & Musical Sunday  
9:15AM Educational Hour/Sunday School  
10:30AM Children's Christmas Service & Musical Sunday

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:00PM Boy Scout Pack 507 (Social Hall Near Kitchen)  
7:00PM Troop 507 Leader Meeting (Social Hall/Kitchen)

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00PM TOPS (Social Hall)

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:00PM Advent Worship Service  
12:00PM Out and About  
5:00PM Petite Praisers Christmas Party  
6:00PM Confirmation  
6:00PM Emanuel Choir Rehearsal  
7:15PM Advent Worship Service

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:00PM Emanubells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00PM Elders Meeting  
7:05PM Praise Team 2 & Joyful Noize Rehearsal

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 21

8:00AM Traditional Worship/Communion  
9:15AM Sunday School  
10:30AM Contemporary Worship  
11:30AM Birthday Party for Jesus (Social Hall)  
5:00PM POBLO (Social Hall)

### Emanuel Lutheran Church

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#### OUR STAFF

**Tom Evans** — Senior Pastor, [PastorTom@emanuellutheranchurch.org](mailto:PastorTom@emanuellutheranchurch.org)

**Mike Mulso** — Associate Pastor, [PastorMike@emanuellutheranchurch.org](mailto:PastorMike@emanuellutheranchurch.org)

**Amy Schutte** — Director of Parish Music, [Amy@emanuellutheranchurch.org](mailto:Amy@emanuellutheranchurch.org)

**Maggie Bessel** — Church Office Secretary, [Maggie@emanuellutheranchurch.org](mailto:Maggie@emanuellutheranchurch.org)

**Ami Heesch** — Groundskeeper / **Gordy Leach** — Facilities

**THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to all of you who made today's cantata happen! We truly appreciate everyone's efforts and support. You made it a wonderful experience!

**NOTE FROM PASTOR TOM**

Apologies to John the Baptist. During this past Advent Service on Wednesday, I mistakenly called him an adulterer when he was actually pointing out that the king was the adulterer. Pastor Tom.

**WE ARE SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR FACILITIES MANAGER**

This role includes preparing rooms as needed and other related tasks. You are free to set your own hours, and this is a part-time position. We can provide a list of tasks previously managed by Gordy. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please talk to Pastor Tom or Pastor Mike. This position is paid.

**END OF YEAR GIVINGS AND 2026 GIVING ENVELOPES**

Please remember to get all contributions to us by December 31, 2025. Remember that gifts must be postmarked prior to the date or received in the office on Wednesday, December 31 to count.

You can pick up your contribution envelopes for 2026 in the Narthex at each member's mailbox. If you would like a box of envelopes assigned to you, have questions about giving envelopes or automated online giving, please talk to Maggie in the Church Office 651-457-3929 or email: [info@emanuellutheranchurch.org](mailto:info@emanuellutheranchurch.org).

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

We are looking for additional members to join our committee. The committee meets four times a year and occasionally holds special meetings to review requests submitted to the Endowment. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th, at 7:15 PM. If you are interested in serving or have any questions, please contact Pastor Tom.

**MUSIC CALENDARS FOR 2026**

NEW CALENDARS for 2026 choirs are in the back on the bulletin board! We are welcoming new singers and ringers if you are interested.

**THANK YOU**

A huge thank you from Hospitality House for the donation of gifts for the Christmas with Dignity program. On Tuesday they were brought to Hospitality House in time for the sale on Friday December 12th. They are sold (dignity part of this) to families at 10% on every dollar. Last year over 1,000 kids received a gift the family may not have had the opportunity to purchase had it not been for your generosity. Specific numbers will be provided a week or so after the sale. Merry Christmas and thank you. *Don Olson, former board member of Hospitality House.*

**OUT AND ABOUT**

Out and About will be going to Sunlight in So St Paul on December 17th meeting at 12 noon.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS!**

You are welcome to join us for a **BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS** on **Sunday, December 21st**, following the 10:30 AM Service.

**Please bring a dish to share: Last Names: A-K (Salad); K-S (Main Entrée); T-Z (Desserts).**

Activities will include games for adults and children/prizes; a small craft project; and Christmas music. Please bring a child's gift (under 10 years old) for \$5 or less and a gift for 11 years or older for \$10 or less. Come celebrate the birthday of Jesus, the greatest gift of all. **Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the narthex. RSVP by Wednesday, December 17. This party is for Adults and children.**

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN DAY**

Please join Emanuel's Team at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan on **Saturday, December 27 at 9:30AM**. Please email Donna Taranto at [dtaranto3@yahoo.com](mailto:dtaranto3@yahoo.com) to add yourself to the list of helpers that day and we will see you then! Wear comfortable shoes and leave your jewelry at home.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO EMANUEL'S SHUT-INS**

We will be going Christmas caroling to Emanuel's shut-ins on **Sunday, December 28th**. After the late service, we will have a light lunch and then we will go caroling. If you would like to join us, please contact **Bonnie Renner**: (email: [brrenner@yahoo.com](mailto:brrenner@yahoo.com)) or by phone (651-686-5119)

**ARE YOU A CRAFTER?--Taking December off.**

Starting back up January 10. Meeting every other Saturday. Join us Saturdays, 9:00AM-12noon. Fellowship Hall at church. Bring your craft to work on and enjoy the company of others and their crafts. Tables will be set up if you need them. Any questions, contact Bonnie Renner and Jane Beaumont.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS MEMORIAL NOTE**

Members who purchased the Christmas Poinsettias please send your "In Memory of / Honor of" notes for the Christmas bulletin to Maggie in the church office at [info@emanuellutheranchurch.org](mailto:info@emanuellutheranchurch.org).

**MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US!****December 24**

Christmas Eve Worship with Communion  
4:00PM, 6:00PM and 11:00PM

**December 25**

Christmas Day Worship Service with Communion  
9:00AM

**December 28**

Traditional Worship Service  
9:00AM



### TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)

TOPS is an international weight loss support group and meets Tuesday evenings from 6:00PM-7:15PM at Emanuel. If interested, please stop in and check us out or call Ami Heesch at 651-247-5430. Ami and her husband, Dan, are members at Emanuel. Thank you Ami for bringing this service to our church community!

### LWML MITE DONATIONS

We no longer have a LARGE MITE BOX on the shelf so we ask that you take a small box home and place your coins in that box and return your full box to the shelf and take another empty box to fill. The shelf is checked weekly for donations. If you would like to make a special MITE donation using a check made out to "Minnesota South District LWML" with Mites in the Memo Line and hand it to Joyce Swedean or Mary Dieke or place it in their mail slots. The coins and checks are sent in to the LWML District Financial Secretary on a regular basis to be applied to the Mission Grants for both LWML District and LWML National. Thanks to all of you who give so faithfully to the LWML Mission Projects (those lists can be found on the LWML bulletin board). See Mary Deike or Joyce Swedean if you have questions.

### MEMBER ADDRESS INQUIRY

Please get in touch with Maggie in the Church office for any request regarding member address, change of address, email and or telephone number.

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you have joined us for worship, feel this is the right church home for you, and would like to receive information on how to become a member of Emanuel, talk with Pastor Tom Evans after the service.

### NEED A PASTOR?

Please let Pastor Evans, Pastor Mulso or Maggie in the church office know if you or a family member is sick, hospitalized or homebound and unable to get to church. We'd like to pray for you and Pastors will make a home visit. We are a family in Christ; let us help you.

### NEWS/NOTES ONLINE

Find our news/notes and calendar of events on our website each week under "events" at [www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.org](http://www.EmanuelLutheranChurch.org)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEWS AND NOTES

Please send your announcements to be included in the *News and Notes* by Tuesday for the following Sunday. **Please be mindful of spacing, 100 words per article would be the maximum and we might need to make changes if spacing is an issue.** You can send those announcements to our office at: [info@emanuellutheranchurch.org](mailto:info@emanuellutheranchurch.org)

### PRAYER LIST

Please take a look at who's on the prayer list. Let the church office know of any updates.

### CHURCH ONLINE

**You can find our online worship at this link**

<https://emanuellutheranchurch.online.church/>

All church services can be seen online at youtube.com.

Search for Emanuel Lutheran Church Inver Grove Heights MN.

The current Sunday's ONLINE service is livestreamed at 8:00AM and 10:30AM (**9:30AM during Summer**) Sunday mornings. Please fill out our Connect Card Online.

### ATTENDANCE CARD

Guests and Members—please fill out an attendance card each time you come to worship!

**We ask you to please circle your first name if you are receiving Communion on the day.**

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We offer in-person Sunday morning worship and live streaming at 8:00AM and 10:30AM. Communion is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 8:00AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10:30AM, and in both services on the 5th Sunday of the month. Call the Church Office with questions. 651-457-3929.

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



We are honored that you want to give. During the offering, the following methods of giving are available: cash or check can be placed in the plate; if you would like to give electronically, there are three ways you can do that (1) Online at [emanuellutheranchurch.org](http://emanuellutheranchurch.org) or by scanning the QR Code. (2) You can download the Vanco Faith app to your phone and find Emanuel Lutheran Church, IGH (3) You can text your donation in by texting 651-424-0782 and follow the prompts. Thank you for partnering with our church in Sharing our Faith in Christ through our Words, Service, and Resources.

### CABLE TIMES

Our worship services are shown on Cable TV channel 15 on Wednesdays at 7:00PM; schedules change without notice. View schedule on [www.townsquare.tv](http://www.townsquare.tv)

### ABOUT MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living is an LCMS program that features pastors from the WFTC, channel 29/9-2, viewer area. The first half hour is a reproduction of *This is the Life*, a Lutheran Hour Ministries program made popular in the 60s, 70s, and 80s. The second half hour is a modified Lutheran worship service, which is produced locally. This program is totally funded by viewers and others who want to keep the Gospel available to those who cannot or do not attend worship services on a regular basis. **To watch the program or donate online to keep this ministry active, go to [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab. OR you can drop a check off with Emanuel's Church Office made payable to Main Street Living.**

**You can find Emanuel's Sunday Morning Worship livestream at this link**

**<http://emanuellutheranchurch.org/>**