

# VOICE OF EMMANUEL SEEDS OF HOPE!

## Note from our Pastor

Dear church family,

The year 2024 has arrived and is shrouded in newness! Have you made any resolutions for the New Year? New Year's resolutions tend to be about losing weight, being healthy or some other goal that is about us. Often, these resolutions seem to die rather quickly, and life continues on as if nothing has happened.

How about trying something new with me? I have a different approach for this year. Some suggestions for resolutions that you might be able to keep. Let's resolve to be more kind. We live in a world that can eat you up. Short tempers, miscommunication, and little to no patience seems to be how we are living. Intentionally be the person who gives a complement to someone who is serving you. Do an act of random kindness on a regular basis: help a person in the grocery store or call someone you haven't heard from in a while. I have a friend who regularly pays for the person's food behind him in a drive-through restaurant. Send a card to someone who needs encouragement. Kindness is not overrated!

Let's also resolve to be more encouraging. I recently read a true story a young man on a high school football team named Larry Hardin. Larry was a junior but rarely ever got to play in a game. On the rare occasion he did play, he didn't do much to help the team. His family had to move to another city in the state, and what happened was a miracle. During his senior year in his new school, Larry Hardin not only played football at his new high school, but he also led his team to the District Championship, took the lead in state in scoring and rushing and made several High School All-America teams.

At Christmas, he went back to his former high school to visit friends. One of his friends said, "Larry, congratulations! I'm so proud of you, but how in the world, did you do it?" And he said: "Well, Jim, in the old school, the coach always criticized me harshly. He would say, 'Hardin, you are slow, stupid, and scared! You'll never amount to anything!' He told me those things so much that I started believing them. But, when I got to the new

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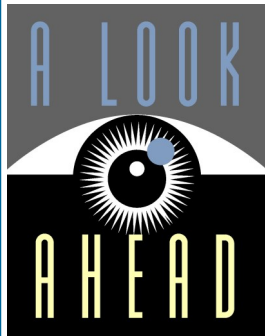
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**Mission Statement:**

As the body of Christ,  
fed and nourished  
through worship, we  
are called to serve all  
people, through the use  
of our gifts to proclaim  
God's justice, mercy  
and love.

*Our Vision: Striving to  
Thrive with Vitality!*



January 28

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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school, the new coach there believed in me, and he encouraged me. He kept saying: 'Larry, without question, you are the greatest football player I have ever coached' and he told me that so much that I guess I started believing him!" That is called the power of encouragement. Over and over in my life I have seen it - the miracle of encouragement. Be an encourager, not just too young people, but inspire and raise the spirits of those you meet!

When we can be more kind and encouraging to others, we are channeling Christ within us. May God be with us as we resolve to make a difference!

In Christ,

*Pastor Judy*



Shirley Barnes, Polly Bryant, Kathy Cromer, Laura Cromer, James Gantt, Pat Hance, Suzette James, Glenn Mosteller, Trudy Perkins, Paulette Rudisill, Jim Sain, Paula Turner, Joan Warren, Rick Norine and family (cousin of Barbara O'Neill), Evelyn Cochrane (neighbor of Susan McConnell), Drew Milholland (Pastor Mike), Jane Smith (mother of Kathy Cromer), April Wellman (Susan Boyd), Rosa Guerra (Susan Boyd), Rob Gregor (Susan Boyd), Anita Cable (mother in law Ashley Peaslee), Charles Ferguson (son-in-law Judy Blanc), Bill Gibbs Jr. (Amy Brown), Ken Smith (brother of Kathy Cromer), J.L. Morris (Susan Boyd), Jay Puckett (Carol Wise), Lenard McIlveen (brother of Marianne Doehling), Vinnie Viscarello (son-in-law Dot Swart), Quaid Mincey (Jennifer Huskey)



Fond of spicy food, the pastor kept a jar of pure, hot horseradish on his kitchen table. One evening an unsuspecting dinner guest took a big spoonful of the stuff and was taken aback.

When he finally regained the ability to speak, he gasped, "I've heard ministers preach hellfire before, but you're the first one who passed out samples!"



### ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

According to church tradition, Timothy learned Scripture from:

1. Eunice, his mother
2. Lois, his grandmother
3. Paul.
4. Silas
5. Titus

Answer: 2 – 2 Timothy 1:4-6, 3:14-15



Due to Shrove Tuesday on February 13th, the Church Council will be held on Saturday February 10th during the Council Retreat.



## Ministry in Action - January - February

	January 28	February 4	February 11	Ash Wednesday
Greeters	Kenneth Pales Nancy Pales	Shannon Mitchem Makenzie Mitchem	Todd Lanier Vera Lanier	Available
Lector	Elizabeth Cloninger	Kelly Rudisill	John Lafferty	Johnnie Gonzales
Communion Asst.	Ruth Murphy	Susan McConnell	Steve Lounsbury	Vera Lanier
Acolyte	Hannah Brooks	Linda Rice	Hannah Brooks	Julie Leonhardt
Crucifer	Paul Gamiel	Matthew Heavner	Mary Ellen Bridges	Lent
Altar Flowers	Not Available	Susan Boyd	John Lineberger	Lent

### Monthly Duties January 2024

Councilperson	Jennifer Huskey			
Altar Guild	Elaine Harmon	Doris Little		
Ushers	Steve Lounsbury (Captain)	David Bynum Glenn Mosteller	Ben Robinson Guy Rudisill	

### Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

**Faith5 Corner by Bob Lake**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Share:** Share your highs and lows

**Read:** Psalm 111

**Talk:** Slowly reflect on the reading. When I was a child, my Grandmother would repeatedly quote Verse 10 to me (and Proverbs 1:7 which is similar). This is a Psalm of Praise. The Psalm writer praises the Lord and all His deeds. Do you think that this psalm is only about praising the Lord? Carefully, reread Verse 1. The writer of the psalm apparently believed that he or she had an obligation to fulfill. What was the obligation? And where was that obligation to be fulfilled? Isn't that why we gather on Sundays? To praise the Lord? To thank the Lord for His Son, our Redeemer (verse 9)? To obtain wisdom and understanding by reading and listening to the Word of God?

**Pray:** Thank you, Lord for this majestic world that you have given us. Thank you for your graciousness and compassion toward us. Most of all, thank you for Jesus our Redeemer.

**Bless:** “\_\_\_\_, always remember the greatness and compassion of the Lord. Never forget to praise him.



*Holy and  
awesome  
is his name.*

PSALM 111:9



Every night in every home



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*Everyone is invited to attend the worship service for the Installation of Rev. Judy L. Drysdale as the Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church on*

***Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 3:00 pm.***

*Pastor Judy will be installed by Conference Dean, Dr. John Spencer. The Installation is held in the afternoon so that other pastors can also attend.*

*There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service. Please come as we celebrate this important milestone in the life of Emmanuel.*



*Souper Bowl of Caring has become an annual tradition for many congregations, schools and other youth-led groups, which can make a big difference for charities such as ours who serve the community's most vulnerable. During the week before the Super Bowl football game, dollars and canned goods are collected and donated through various Souper Bowl of Caring events.*

*The Souper Bowl of Caring is the **ONLY** fundraiser that every dollar goes to the Soup Kitchen. This is a great way to support their work.*

*We hope you will join the Souper Bowl of Caring team to tackle hunger on Super Bowl **Sunday, February 11.***



Shrove Tuesday, Feb 13 6:30pm  
Fellowship Hall



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*February 14*  
*Service of Holy Communion*  
*With Imposition of Ashes*  
*At 7 PM in the Sanctuary*



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## JANUARY Birthdays

Paula Turner	01/01
Scott Doehling	01/05
Stan Goodson	01/07
Annette Stone	01/08
Melissa Scronce	01/10
Jill Eaddy	01/11
Michael Wise	01/11
Amanda Pierce	01/12
Dieter Strohacker	01/13
Patti Hance	01/15
Marty Shuford	01/15
Daniel Rhodes	01/16
Shannon Bridges	01/18
David Byrd	01/18
Kae Wright	01/19
Alfred Yoder	01/19
Alison Zimbaum	01/22
Shirley Barnes	01/24
J.R. Little	01/24
Langley Little	01/24
Perry Propst	01/27
Owynn Cornwell	01/28
Carol Meadows	01/28
John Cloninger III	01/30
Marilyn Brooks	01/31
Cherie Derr	01/31



### *Emmanuel's Free Little Pantry*

Personal Care Items Needed:  
Socks (ladies and men's)

Food Items Needed

Pop-Top cans of:  
Beanie Weenies, Green Beans, Corn, Potted Meat, Vienna Sausages  
Pop Tarts, Crackers, breakfast bars, etc.

Thank you for helping fill the Pantry for our community



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Sunday worship, study and  
fellowship opportunities

Traditional Worship Service  
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Service is live streamed on  
Facebook at 10 am each Sunday  
and will be posted to YouTube.