

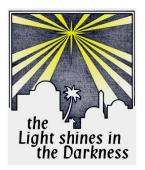
Wishing everyone a Very merry and safe Christmas!

### **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

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Sunday Schedule 9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

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### Celebrate the Light

Bursting through December nights that could be long and cold, our Christmas lights bring warmth and joy with colors soft or bold.

Cascading from the rooftops, and from trees both small and tall, the lights cry out, "We have good news!" we want to shout to all.

"You've seen the darkness earth can hold, the sorrow, war and fear; but God has sent his Son for all, to show his Love is here."

"The darkness can't put out God's Light. Christ's with us day by day, illuminating paths so we can follow in his way."

Light homes and streets and candles. Make your world shine clear and bright. God's love surrounds and blesses us.

Celebrate God's Light!

Peggy Ferrell



Tuesday, December 24 at 6:30pm



### Church Council members met on Sunday, November 10

#### **Short Summary:**

Electrical work, inside and outside of church buildings, has been completed except for the cross on top of the steeple.

Bracey Keeney leveled out low places in front yard at the parsonage. He has been asked to clean out the brush along the south and west fence lines of the church property.

Council has agreed to let the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Knippa use the Fellowship Hall to hold their meetings.

### **A Prayer for Peace**

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is error, truth;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console:

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying to ourselves

that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



There are no new updates.

The call committee is still searching for a pastor to fill the open position at our church. Supply pastors will lead our worship services when they are available to come to our church.



### **NEWS**

Eight Women of Emmanuel met on Wednesday, November 20 for their regular monthly meeting.

Donna Ede gave the financial report including the Thankoffering total of \$1501.04 which was designated for the Uvalde Food Pantry.

Under Old Business Donna reported that the socks for the Christmas nursing home gifts had been purchased and ready for sacking and delivery.

Under New Business we decided that those who attend church on December 8 and are waiting for lunch could be packing the bags with the socks for the nursing home patients. We will pack close to 200 bags.

We decided on the lunch menu for December 8 and will order food from Bill Miller in Hondo for 40 people.

We discussed our annual Charity Donations and made the following donations:

Herby Ham Center - \$1000.00

Kate Marmion Rides for Radiation -\$1000.00

Knippa Fire Department - \$500.00

LCMC Texas District ---- \$500.00

ROTOM - \$1000.00

Upbring Lutheran Social Services - \$1500.00

Uvalde Hospice Foundation - \$500.00

Uvalde Ministerial - \$1000.00

Wreath Across America - \$500.00

We reviewed the prayer list added and deleted names.

We will not be meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on January 15.



#### **Poinsettia Plants**

to adorn our sanctuary for the **Christmas Eve Service** may be brought to the church



Dear Emmanuel friends, Thank you for the monetary gift that you gave me. Mary Ramirez

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Lee Ann Collier – health **Lynette Dick** – health/breast cancer Tammy Dillon – health Jackie Dyer – health Shirley Elledge – health **Kelly Evans** – drug addiction **Laura Foradory** – health/kidney dialysis **Jerry Fortune** – health/eye issues Mary Anne Fortune – health Halie Gonzales – guidance and health **Autumn Guerrero** – health/stomach issues Matthew Gugliotti – purpose in life **Tammy Harrison** – health Walter Hildebrandt - health **Connor Janes** – health **Sebastian Janes** – quidance Nancy Klaus – cancer Amelia McElroy – health Jonathan Nichols – health/heart issues **Jennifer Ramirez** – health/autoimmune diseases Margaret Reus – health issues **Donna Robertson** – health Kamille Sanchez - health Robert Sanchez – health/blood clots Raymond Schwarzlose – health **Ruth Singleton** – health/assisted living Dee Ann Smith - health Judy Stroud – health JC White – injuries from car accident

Pray for:
everyone affected by health issues,
all caregivers and health providers,
teachers, school staff and students,
and victims of hurricanes



## **WORSHIPSCHEDULE**

- 1 Worship Service 9:30am
- 8 Worship Service 9:30am
- 15 Worship Service 9:30am
- 22 Worship Service 9:30am
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 6:30pm
- 29 Worship Service 9:30am

Services can be watched on Emmanuel's Facebook page on our website <u>www.elcknippa.org</u>



- 2 Lindsey Jones
- 3 Lee Schawe
- 3 Matthew Smith
- 4 Melissa Jones
- 9 Donna Ede
- 15 Jesse Adams Jr.
- 16 George Stichler
  - 18 Greg Offer
- 21 Frank & Linda Ede
  - 23 Clara Hogan
  - 23 Larry Olsen
- 23 Jason & Janet Davis 28 – Jett Guerrero



**Donna Ede** 



### Dates to Remember

### Sunday, December 1

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Sunday, December 8

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Church Council Meeting – 10:45am Congregational Lunch – 11:00am

### Sunday, December 15

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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### Saturday, December 21

January Newsletter articles deadline

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### Sunday, December 22

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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### **Tuesday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 25

**Christmas Day** 

Tuesday, December 31
New Year's Eve



# Activity Night – is every Wednesday at 6:30pm except not on Wednesday, December 25

Everyone is invited to attend our activity night night to play card games or dominoes.





# December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Sunday of Advent 1 9:30am - Worship Service and Communion (can be watched on church's facebook) Pastor Harrison	2	3	5:45pm 6:30pm	5	6	
2nd Sunday of Advent 8 9:30am - Worship Service (can be watched on church's facebook) Pastor Harrison 10:45am - Council Meeting 11:00am - Lunch at Church	9	10	6:30pm	12	13	1
3rd Sunday of Advent 15 9:30am - Worship Service (can be watched on church's facebook)	16	17	6:30pm	19	20	DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles Winter begins
4th Sunday of Advent 22 9:30am - Worship Service (can be watched on church's facebook) Eric Ede	23	Christmas Eve	Go tell To the state of the sta	26	27	2
9:30am - Worship Service (can be watched on church's facebook) Eric Ede	30	New Year's Eve				