

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: DECEMBER 31, 2021

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

New Year's Eve Worship

Tonight, we will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. as we end the year in the Lord's name and look ahead to a new year in His grace. Holy Communion will be offered.



Worship on Sunday

Holy Communion will be offered in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, January 2. **PLEASE NOTE: We will not hold 5:00 p.m. service tomorrow, January 1. Bible class and Sunday school will resume on Sunday, January 9.**

Communion Services on Wednesdays

We continue to offer a special service of Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. For these special services, social distancing recommendations will be followed, face coverings will be required, and there will be no singing. If you would like to attend one of these communion services, please register by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 by noon on the Tuesday before you plan to attend. If you are unable to attend one of these special Communion services, and desire to receive the Sacrament, please contact the church office to schedule a communion visit.

Contribution Envelopes

The 2022 Contribution Envelopes are available to pick up in Ebenezer. If you have your contributions taken out electronically, you will not have envelopes. However, if you would like to have them, please see Becki in the church office. We also have contribution envelopes in the black "Friendship Folders" located in the church pews that you can use also.

If you use a pew envelope (the ones in the Friendship Folders) for your offering, please make sure to write your name on the front of the envelope. This information is necessary in order to record your contribution to your giving record.

Schedule Changes this Week

There will not be a Visual Faith Gathering on January 4. We will resume again on February 1.



In All Generations

On December 5, the voters of Emmanuel unanimously approved the plan to renovate our Union Street school building. In the coming days we will be hiring a project manager and move forward with the next phase of our planning. Over \$3.2 million have been pledged toward this historic project and we give thanks to God for the opportunity to invest in our school ministry. To learn more about this historic project, [click here](#).

Call Extended for Principal of ESM

It is with great joy that the Interparish School Board of Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM) Lutheran School announces that a divine Call to serve as Principal has been extended to Dr. Benjamin Stellwagen.

Ben currently serves as the Director of Dual Credit Programs and Director of School Partnerships at Concordia University, Nebraska (2018-current).

Prior to that he served as Principal at Trinity Lutheran High School in Seymour, Indiana. He and his wife, Laurie, live in Seward, Nebraska, with their four children. Ben was born and raised in Hinsdale, Illinois, where he attended Lutheran schools growing up.

He is fully committed to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod doctrine and believes that the church's mission is "to make disciples and make them stronger." Ben describes himself as having a "Christ-centered, mission-driven, student-focused attitude" in his approach to Lutheran education.

Now, we turn our focus towards praying for Ben and his family as he considers this Call to serve as Principal at ESM. As we have shared along the way, excellent leadership has been foundational at ESM. We trust that God will continue to provide in the future!



News from Concordia Lutheran High School

"Last Chance" Open House at CLHS

Concordia Lutheran High School is hosting its "Last Chance" Open House on January 30 for any family interested in sending their student to Concordia. All grades welcome! We will provide a safe and healthy environment for you to see the school and learn more about the programs that we offer. You can meet with our teachers and learn more about our programs.

Register at www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/open-house. Please select a time for your guided tour. You will also have the opportunity to tour the high school on your own or return to areas to ask questions.

Together in Christ,
Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheaffer