

# THE HERALD

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*Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. ~ Isaiah 9:7*

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ!**

Happy New Year! It's that time of the year when we say "Out with the old and in with the new!" We have great hopes for the new year as we seem, as a nation, to be saying goodbye to many of the economic doldrums we've faced and things are turning around a bit. As a congregation we cannot help but have optimism as we've seen an elevator added to our building and sanctuary renovations that might add some crispness to our weekly worship. Then again, every survey of the past year also brings somber memories as we think of beloved brothers and sisters who will not join us in greeting the new year.

Yet for all of the changes for good or ill that the future brings to us, some constants cheer us and give us

an awesome respect for things not seen but that we know by God's grace. Even as Christianity seems to be declining in the Western lands and political and social forces are rising against our faith in Christ, if we are truly believers in Christ, we need not mourn the negative forces that rise against us. Why? Because, as even the Prophet Isaiah foretold centuries before Christ's birth, Christ has taken the throne of His great ancestor, David, and, even when His kingdom seems to us to be in decline, we know His government does nothing but increase. As we mourn those who have passed away in our congregation and the pews seem to be emptier than days past, where to have those brothers and sisters departed? Why, being redeemed by Christ, they've gone to be with Him. They're not lost, they're safe and sound and beyond the

reach of God's enemies. Our decreasing attendance is not a loss in the kingdom of Christ; it never decreases and always increases. Even as Western Culture seems to become more and more hostile to the message of the Culture's Lord, Christianity is thriving in Africa and Eastern emigrants in parts of Europe, fleeing aggressive and murderous Islam, are finding peace in Christ and being baptized month after month. His government ever increases.

Christ's kingdom and His justice never fail to win souls from the one who would bind them in darkness away from God. May we rejoice in Him in this new year and forevermore!

Your servant in Christ,



Rev. Joel R. Baseley



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## PRAY FOR GOD'S PEACE EACH DAY !

By: Principal Paul Baerwolf

Two thousand years ago things weren't so peaceful in Bethlehem. The Roman government called for a census so that they could get some more tax money. Joseph and Mary had to make no doubt a stressful trip to Bethlehem so they could be counted. Into that world God sent His Son. The great news came to shepherds by an angel choir that sang: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased." The shepherds would have peace for a moment in their lives as they went to see the Prince of Peace in a manger. They returned at peace with God telling everyone they could about God's great gift.

Things are not always peaceful

at school, home, or the world we live in. The Good News is that Jesus, the Savior is born. He came and fulfilled God's plan of salvation so that our sins are forgiven, and we can be at peace with God. As we celebrate Epiphany, we ask Jesus to bring His peace to us, our families, our community and to the world each and every day. The month of January begins with a vacation. Classes resume on January 8, which is a little later this year with the holidays on Sunday and Monday. When classes resume, we look forward the end of our second quarter and report card time. Then we are back into school mode at least until the middle of Febru-



ary. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be traveling to Camp Rotary on January 30, for another week of outdoor education. There are four that are going, so it will be a great experience.

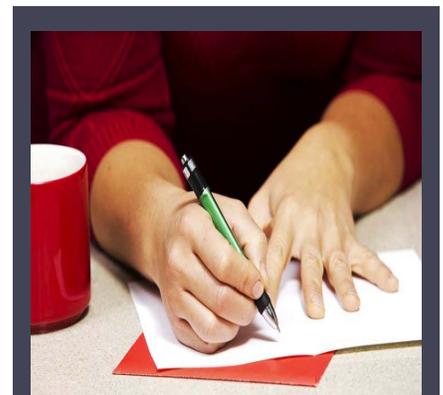
Thank you for your prayers and continued support of Emmanuel Lutheran School. Epiphany is still all about Jesus as we continue to share the Good News about Him and the peace He gives to the world around us.

Submitted by Judy Shepard

## LADIE'S AID

The Ladies' Aid will meet on **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** at 11:00 AM, at Leon's Restaurant, located on the north side of Michigan Avenue just east of Telegraph. All Emmanuel women are welcome. If you are available, please consider joining us for a couple of hours of Christian fellowship as we support Emmanuel's shut-ins, our seminarians, and those away from

home. If you need transportation or have any questions, please call Evelyn Bossard at [\(313\) 563-0793](tel:3135630793) or Judy Shepard at [\(313\) 336-4223](tel:3133364223).



**Thur., February 1  
@ 11:00 AM**

**CRADLE ROLL**

by: Deborah Boyer

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

by: Cathy Baerwolf



"Christ, our Lord and Savior dear,  
 Be Thou ever near us.  
 Grant us now a glad new year.  
 Amen, Jesus, hear us!"  
 (LSB #390, Verse 4)

God's blessings in the new year!



We hope you enjoyed the Christmas party. We look forward to a new year of planning and activities that surely will be fun and of a service to our Epiphany Lord. Happy New Year!

The Youth Group is preparing once again to sell submarine sandwiches for your Super Bowl viewing parties. Subs will be available on the weekend of February 3-4.

**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULING SHEET— January 2018**

On Duty (Sunday Only)

Claudia Crawford/  
 Tiffany Johnson  
 Sharon Picking

On Duty (Saturday)

Paula Sperka  
  
Candle Care  
 Judy Shepard

Parament

Changes

Judy Shepard



**SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR— January 2018**

Board of Youth



Submitted by: Barb Szymanski

**YOUR MITES AT WORK IN THE MISSION FIELDS**  
Emmanuel Lutheran Mites collected for the month of November 2017

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT 2016-2018 BIENNIUM MISSION GRANTS UPDATE - Mission Goal \$235,000**

**Grant - Bible Storybooks for Muslim and Arabic Speaking Immigrant Families - \$15,000**

Arabic is the 8th most commonly spoken language in the U.S., with Arabic-speaking immigrants in Michigan numbering over 300,000 people, most of whom are Muslim and do not know our Savior, Jesus Christ. Arabic missions across the U.S. (including Michigan's POBLO International, Faith Lutheran Church in Troy, MI, and Disciple of the Way in Texas) have requested Lutheran Heritage Foundation to provide Arabic-language Bible storybooks for children, to introduce immigrant families to the one true God. Lutheran Heritage Foundation is a Michigan-based LCMS Recognized Service Organization with experience in translation and publishing books like *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* into nearly 90 languages, including Arabic. This grant will enable the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to translate and publish an Arabic Bible storybook, *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*, giving church leaders and missionaries the tools they need to share the Savior with Muslim and Arabic-speaking immigrant families

**Grant - Scholarships for Michigan Female Students Studying to be Deaconesses or other Professional Church Workers - \$20,000**

The need for deaconesses and other professional church workers in the LCMS is great and growing daily, "the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" (Matt. 9:37); and the financial obligation for these women to receive the training necessary in the Concordia University and Seminary system is sometimes cost-prohibitive and a strain on their ability to attend a Concordia University or Seminary. This grant will enable women in the Michigan District to answer the call from the Lord to use their gifts in service to the LCMS in professional church work.

**NATIONAL 2017-2019 BIENNIUM MISSION GRANTS UPDATE - Mission Goal \$2,075,000**

Mercy Meals of Siouxland, (MMOS), a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa, began packaging fortified rice/soy Mercy Meals in June 2012. The nutrient-filled meals are packaged at the church and donated to Orphan Grain Train (OGT) in Norfolk, Nebraska, for shipping to hungry children in the U.S. and overseas. OGT delivers the meals and shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the recipients, feeding souls as well as bodies.

In its first four years, MMOS packaged 907,391 meals at a cost of 13 cents per meal. All meals are packaged by volunteers on Saturday each month, with 25-80 volunteers participating in two 90-minute packing sessions. Each session begins with a prayer for compassion on the hungry and those who have not heard Jesus' message of salvation.

Thousands of children worldwide die every day from starvation or hunger related diseases. In Haiti, mothers make mud pies from dirt, oil and salt to feed to their children. In the Philippines, 1,500 families live in a garbage dump, scavenging scraps from garbage each day. Hunger is a growing problem in the U.S. as well. Mercy Meals have shipped to Cornerstone Children's Ranch, Ysleta Lutheran Mission in Texas, and Navajo reservations in the Southwest, as well as to India, Haiti, Nicaragua, Philippines, Ecuador, Kenya, Nepal, Romania, and more. This LWML Mission Grant will fund supplies and packaging for 308,000 Mercy Meals over the next two years and bring the Gospel to thousands

**AN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S TEA PARTY AND YOU'RE INVITED!**

January 13, 2018      CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1100 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
Doors Open at 1:00 PM ; Program: 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Join us as we enter into the New Year celebrating the blessings and the Grace of God. Women from around the world will be coming together to experience each other's unique cultures, talents, traditions and tastes. Please join us as a host for your table and country you will be representing. If you are interested in hosting your own table or attending as a guest, please RSVP and we will have a special table set for you with other ladies who will attend. Call: Cynthia Khan: [248-659-2063](tel:248-659-2063), OR E-mail: [internationalwomensteaparty@yahoo.com](mailto:internationalwomensteaparty@yahoo.com). Visit website for more information: [intlwomensteaparty.org](http://intlwomensteaparty.org)

**SAVE THE DATE: THE 37TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION LWML MICHIGAN DISTRICT**

JULY 20-22, 2018      BLUE WATER CONVENTION CENTER ; PORT HURON, MI

SCRIPTURE TEST: "Shout with JOY to God all the earth! Sing the glory of His name, make His praise glorious." Psalm 66:1-2 (NIV)

\* Registration forms will be available in early March 2018 from the Zone Presidents and on the District website.

- Society leaders, begin praying for and inviting women in your society to serve as your delegates.
- Plan now to join your sisters and brothers in Christ at the beautiful Blue Water Convention Center in Port Huron near where the St. Clair River flows into Lake Huron. There are several museums nearby and also many opportunities for shopping. We will really enjoy our Walk/Run along the beautiful St. Clair River. We will enjoy time together serving, celebration and SHOUTING FOR JOY TO GOD!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 8:30 Chapel 10:00 Bible Class	4 6:30 Bible Breakfast Bunch 11:00 Ladies' Aid	5	6 6:00 Worship / Holy Communion
7 9:15 Worship 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School <b>1:00 PM Church Undercoating</b>	8 7:45 AM Morning Prayer Service <b>6:00 Board of Fellowship Meeting</b>	9 <b>7:00 p.m. Council Meeting</b>	10 8:30 Chapel 10:00 Bible Class <b>7:00 PM Board of Stewardship</b>	11 6:30 Bible Breakfast Bunch 7:45 am Morning Prayer Service 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 ASL Class 7:30 Senior Choir	12	13 7-9 Brothers John Steadfast 6:00 Worship <b>Confession &amp; Absolution by Appointment</b>
14 9:15 Worship/ Holy Communion 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School	15 NO SCHOOL <b>7:00 PM Voters Meeting</b>	16 <b>7:00 Board of Elders Meeting</b>	17 8:30 Chapel 10:00 Bible Class <b>HERALD DEADLINE</b>	18 6:30 Bible Breakfast Bunch 7:45 am Morning Prayer Service 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 ASL Class 7:30 Senior Choir	19	20 3:00 PM Detroit Rescue Mission 6:00 Worship/ Holy Communion
21 9:15 AM Worship 10:45 Bible Study & Sunday School <b>2:00 PM Defending the Faith</b>	22 7:45 AM Morning Prayer Service	23 <b>6:30 pm Board of Education</b>	24 8:30 Chapel 10:00 Bible Class	25 6:30 Bible Breakfast Bunch 7:45 am Morning Prayer Service 10:00 Herald Assembly 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 ASL Class 7:30 Senior Choir	26	27 6:00 Worship <b>Confession &amp; Absolution by Appointment</b>
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“They shall call His name Emmanuel...  
God with us.” Matthew 1:23

To The Personal Attention of:

January 2018

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PLEASE advise the church office!  
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