

Our Mission Statement

Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church shows our loyalty to Jesus Christ through:

- devotion in **WORSHIP**
- excellence in **EDUCATION**
- and **SERVICE** that is faithful to the needs of our members, families, neighbors, and community.

Dear Friends,

Welcome to December, a new church year and Advent. We have a busy month ahead as usual. We are trying something new this Advent by using a liturgy from Sanctified Art. We will use the theme "How does a Weary Word Rejoice?" Each week we will have a specific theme to focus on for our Sunday and Wednesday evening services. Our Wednesday evening service will be in the fellowship hall and be "Dinner Church" style. We will serve a meal and will have communion. There will be conversation around the table and candle lighting, prayer and a message along with selected music. As we focus on this theme provided of "How does a weary world rejoice?" It is my hope that we find time to slow down each week and think about the many blessings we have in our lives during this time of year that can seem very hectic with all the family gatherings, gift buying and other community events around Christmas. I hope that you will find joy in the midst of the chaos.

It has been a great year of listening to one another and all that is happening in our community. You have accomplished so much this year. You have supported one another through some tough times, some great losses and have really been working hard at being the church together. Our ministry teams that have been created are exciting and new and filled with hope of a new year of all kinds of wonderful ideas to be the church in the world and to deepen our faith and love of God and to share that with others. During this Advent season I hope that you find time to learn more about how God may be calling you to participate in all that God is already doing in this place. We will also be looking at ways that we can share events and activities with some of the other churches in our area to strengthen one another and to build more relationships. If you have ideas or areas that you would like to see strengthened or have new ideas, make sure you find someone from the council to share them with or let me know so we can get everyone's input in what we do here at Emmanuel.

I look forward to our next year together and I look forward to finishing this year as we follow in the way that Jesus would have us. Christmas Eve service will be our candlelight service along with the Children's program. That service will be the only service that Sunday. No morning service that day. I pray that you all find time to be with family and friends this Advent, but also to spend time in church as much as you can to keep your focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Thanks for all you do and for who you are. I feel blessed to be a part of this amazing church family. Blessings to you and your families this Advent Season.

Pastor Cindy

Please keep in prayers.....

DECEMBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Dec.01-Linda Makowsky
08-Jessie Fritz
09-Brian Jurries
15-Jordan Chapman
Grace Boehnemann

Dec.16-Nikki Boehnemann
17-Natasha Sikes
25-Kay Matthies
30-Amy Kroll

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 01-Hank Majewski
02-Sophia Bartels
06-Laynie Chapman
11-Ralf Thiemer
Barbara Donnelly
14-Addison Diehl

Dec. 18-Wendy Warner
20-Carol Schmidt
22-Kris Bartels
23-Roger Schulte
28-Courtney Schmidt
29-Diane Boehnemann
29-Drake Eckert

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 10-Billie & Jimmie Eckert
11-Melissa & Jeramy Diehl

Dec.17-Carolyn & Ralf Thiemer
29-Janie & Don Dreyer



PRAYER LIST

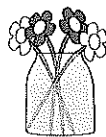
SHUT-INS: Vernell Mertz, Lois Jurries, Rosalie Moehring, Grace Boehnemann, Evelyn Boehnemann, Jeanette Schwartz, Daulene Hopmann, & Billie Eckert

MEMBERS of our CONGREGATION: Cathy Ganske, Carrie Busch, Diane Boehnemann, Glenn Linke, Ralf Thiemer, James Chapman, & Lee Sikes

FRIENDS and FAMILY MEMBERS of OUR CONFREGATION: Josh Guelker, Dusty Morgan, Charlie Droddy, Pat Joswiak, Lynnlee Kocurek, Albert & Caroline Linke, & Bill Holland

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE:

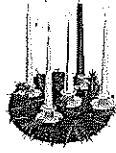
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FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for 2024 is on the table in the narthex. **Please sign up or you may call Donna at 979.277.4944 and she will give dates that are available. We need to have the Ladies Handbook printed by December 8th.**

Join Us at
Advent Worship



WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT

Dinner church will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm. Please look for the sign-up sheets. They will be on the table in the narthex. **Dates are Nov 29th, Dec 6th, 13th, and 20th.**



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will not be ordering poinsettias from a florist. Please bring your own and place in front of the altar on December 17th and after worship on the December 31st, you may pick it up. **(Please put your name on the back of it.)** Let Donna know if you would like to give it in honor of or in memory of someone.



CHRISTMAS GOODY BAGS

If you would like to donate candy, money, etc. for our goody bags, please give it to Donna Putnam. These bags are passed out to the kids on Christmas Eve.

Sunday School News

There is a lot going on with the Christmas holidays. The following is an incomplete listing of what's happening during the Sunday School hour in December. Please refer to Facebook, the church's webpage, or the worship bulletin for updated information.

Nov 26 – "Ornament" Sunday School

Dec 3 – No Sunday School - Christmas Play practice

Dec 10 – Sunday School

Dec 17 – No Sunday School -Christmas Play practice

Dec 23 – No Sunday School

Dec 31 – No Sunday School

Jan 7 – Meeting with all children, youth and parents



\$\$ FANTASTIC RAFFLE PRIZES \$\$

Don't miss a chance to win one of the eleven great gift card prizes: (1) \$300.00 HEB, (1) \$250.00 Visa, (1) \$200.00 Brenham Quality Meat Market, (1) \$150.00 HEB, also seven \$100.00 prizes; (3) HEB, (1) Wal Mart, (1) Lowes, (1) Brenham Quality Meat Market, (1) Academy. **Tickets are \$10.00 each, only 300 will be sold.** Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Second Mile Fund. Generous GELC members have donated the prizes for the raffle. Drawing will be January 21st following worship.

Contact Mark Shepherd at 281.732.5076; if you would be interested in selling tickets.

Please Note: There will be NO morning service on Christmas Eve.



A VERY SPECIAL CHILD

(Christmas Eve Pageant—December 24th 6:00 pm)

This year the children (and some adults) of Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church will bring to life the story of our Savior's birth in a unique way on Christmas Eve. The pageant will be multigenerational and follow along with our Sunday and Wednesday night Advent scripture.

December is a very busy time with Christmas parties and activities so we are planning on practicing twice and then having a rehearsal right before the play. The dates will be Sunday December 3 and December 17 at 9:00 am before church. We will send out reminders via Remind 101. Please try to make these, but if you can't we understand. Thank you for your time and commitment. Merry Christmas!

Kylie and Alexis Antkowiak

Worship Ministry Schedule DECEMBER

Date	Altar Flowers	Communion Committee	Assisting Minister	Acolytes	Head Usher – Jeff Witte	Tellers
Dec 03	Kay Matthies	Kathy Carroll Sharon Chapman	Judy Witte	Callen Schulte	Leslie Boehnemann Luke Eckert Dale Kroll	Mark Shepherd Carolyn Thiemer
Dec 10	Ralf & Carolyn Thierner	Betty Clark Barbara Donnelly	Sharon Chapman	John Brode	Ashley Brode Troy & Julie Weidemann	Tonja Scheer Luke Eckert
Dec 17	Poinsettias	Bonnie Schulte Judy Witte	Thelma Doppelhammer	Jacob Brode	Mark Shepherd Ralf & Carolyn Thierner	Kylie Antkowiak Troy Weidemann
Dec 24 Evening Service	Poinsettias	Donna Putnam	Sherry Krinke	Hayden Bartels	Chet Fritsch Ricky Kieke Donna Putnam	Sharon Chapman Melissa Diehl
Dec 31	Poinsettias	Jo Ann Beckermann Julie Weidemann	Donna Putnam	Ronson Muegge	Connie Higgs James & Sharon Chapman	Marlyn Doppelhammer Mark Shepherd

Memorials –

Greenvine Emmanuel Church Council Meeting

October 18, 2023

Attendees: Troy, Tanja, Mark, Cindy, Luke, Carolyn, Kylie, Sharon, Donna

Troy leads in prayer and calls the meeting to order at 6:02.

Minutes from September council meeting were read amongst council members. Troy motions to accept the minutes as presented. Sharon seconds the motion. The motion is approved.

Troy discusses the Treasure's Report in Marlyn's absence. Overall, giving was down for the month of September. September is usually not a high month of giving, but worth noting. Luke motions to accept as the Treasure's Report. The motion is seconded Carolyn. The motion passes.

On Sunday, November 12th Cindy would like to celebrate our Veteran's as part of worship. She is considering having pictures sent in of loved ones past or present that have served. She will have more information in the newsletter and bulletin coming out this next week. Confirmation will be on Sunday October 29th, 2023. The confirmands will get to read their individual Faith Statements in the Sanctuary starting at 9 am. She is also working on a youth event on November 19th that will be in Burton from 3-5pm. This will include local area youth as well.

Troy and Mark presented their requested amendments for the Church Bylaws. There were about 7 changes which were mainly verbiage and cleaning up the language. We found a few grammatical errors as a group, and he will be meeting with the committee for revisions.

Cindy would like to have our ministries (youth family, fellowship, worship/music, outreach, memorial, stewardship, endowment, and cemetery) ready to go by the first of the year. Most of the committees will be planning to meet by the end of the year for the first time. Anyone who has not been asked and would like to serve are encouraged to reach out to anyone on the council or Cindy to get them in contact with the appropriate person. Troy is meeting with the endowment committee to discuss future repairs to put in the budget. He is also meeting with the executive team to approve the budget for 2024 this week.

January 21, 2024 will be our Turkey Stew Fundraiser after church service that day.

Next Council meeting will be November 15th at 6 pm.

The Lord's Prayer is said in unison and the meeting is adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Luke Eckert

Secretary

Greenvine Lutheran Church Council

Emmanuel Lutheran Monthly Banking Financial Data
As of October, 2023

Total Cash
Balance
Amounts

10/31/2023 General Operating Fund

Year 2023 Total Budget Income Amount	\$10,846.50
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Budgeted Expense	\$11,363.24
Year 2023 Net profit/deficit	\$516.74 deficit

10/31/2023 General Fund Balance

\$16,890.87

10/31/2023 Total SUPER NOW Fund

Year 2023 Total Income/Deposits	\$54.57
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Non-Budgeted Expense	\$300.00
Year 2023 Net profit/deficit	\$245.43 deficit

Portion Balances of the SUPER NOW Fund

Memorial Fund Balance	\$7,467.26
Property Fund Balance	\$9,727.32
Cemetery Fund Balance	\$5,482.91
LYO Fund Balance	\$2,843.98
Camp Fund Balance	\$7,558.65
Parish Hall Upgrade Fund Balance	\$2,873.60
10/31/2023 TOTAL Money Market Fund Bank Balance	<u>\$35,953.72</u>

10/31/2023----2nd Mile Giving Fund

\$2,646.34

10/31/2023 Emmanuel Lutheran TOTAL Cash Balance

\$55,490.93