

## **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,

Happy New Year! "Speak tenderly. Do the good that is yours to do. Choose connection.

Hold onto hope. And remember, that Christ took on flesh for you. You are God's beloved." These are the words from our "How Does a Weary World Rejoice" Advent Series, written by Rev. Sarah Speed. You have heard them as a part of our sending each week. They are truly words that we need to hear as we begin a new calendar year. You are God's beloved, and you will do great things and be who God has called you to be in this new year, if you just hold onto hope and have faith.

On Sunday, January 7, 2024, we will do something new in our worship. We will provide you with a "Star word". Here is a brief explanation of what they are and why we are going to try it. We trust that God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us. Star words are one such lens that might provide us a way to look for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight. We trust that it is often easy to miss God in our daily midst. Having an intention word to consider both in present days, as well as to reflect on at the end of the year, allows for us to see God in ways we may not have seen God before. This is the greatest gift. We know that the most common prayer practice for many involves speaking to God as opposed to silence or contemplation. Star words invite a new prayer rhythm of reflection and review that can be a powerful new way to connect with God. We will be providing you with a star word as a part of our Communion celebration on the 7<sup>th</sup>. If you miss the service for whatever reasons, we will have the stars available for you in the Narthex.

I hope you have enjoyed our Advent Series from Sanctified Art; I know I have. The worship team has decided that we will try the new series they have for Lent in 2024. Believe it or not, Ash Wednesday is on February 14<sup>th</sup> this year. In the February newsletter I will tell you more about the theme and what we will do for Wednesday Worship. Between January 14 and February 14 I will be going back to the Narrative lectionary.

I look forward to another year with all of you as we live out our faith in this community. Look for great things to happen this year in the name of Jesus Christ, whom we follow each and every day. I feel blessed to be a part of a faith community who "Leads, feeds and Loves", in the name of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,  
Pastor Cindy

**Please keep in prayers.....**

**JANUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Jan. 06-Dennis Newton  
11-Bridget Bartels  
16-Roy Schmidt  
19-Russell Klump

Jan. 19-Russell Shay  
22-Connor Cloud  
28-Jonna Klump  
29-Colt Kmiec

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Jan. 02-Lois Jurries  
08-Pearlie Hanath  
10-R.H. Muegge II  
13-Gavin Cloud  
16-Mary Jane Sikes

Jan. 18-Hayden Bartels  
21-BraytenRolling  
28-Kimberly Sequeira  
Jeanie Muegge  
30-Marlyn Doppellhammer

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Jan. 10-Amy & Dale Kroll



**PRAYER LIST**


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

**MEMBERS of our CONGREGATION:** Cathy Ganske, Carrie Busch, Diane Boehnemann, Glenn Linke, Ralf Thiemer, James Chapman, Lee Sikes, Cam Beckermann and the families of Grace Boehnemann & Evelyn Fuchs who passed away recently.

**FRIENDS and FAMILY MEMBERS of OUR CONFREGATION:** Dusty Morgan, Pat Joswiak, Lynnlee Kocurek, Albert & Caroline Linke, Bill Holland, Jeffrey Pittman, and Otto Kemper.

**NOVEMBEER ATTENDANCE:**

05-30 12-56 19-38 25-52

*Thank you  so much...*

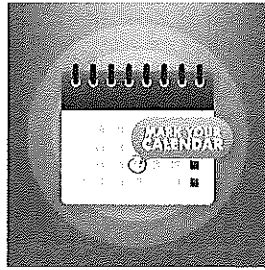
**SPECIAL THANKS**

On behalf of the Grace Boehnemann Family we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the church family for your thoughts and prayers while we navigated unknown waters while Grace made her entry into her forever home. Her church family was very important to her and while we know she will be dearly missed we rest assured knowing she is now pain free and in great hands.

Your generous donations in memory of Grace are greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

The Grace Boehnemann Family



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

January 7, 2024

9:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Team Meeting

After Worship: All members who volunteer for worship in any capacity, (i.e. Ushers, Assistant Ministers and Altar Guild) with the Church Council and Worship ministry team

**January 9, 2024**

6:00 pm Outreach Ministry Team Meeting (Parish Hall)

**January 21, 2024**

Turkey Stew Fundraiser

Annual Meeting (Please give Donna any written reports by Tuesday, 16<sup>TH</sup> of January.)



## **NEW & OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS**

We would to thank Kylie Antkowiak, Luke Eckert, & Mark Shepherd for serving on the church council the past years. We welcome new members: Alexis Antkowiak, Betty Clark, and Lacy Eckert. 2024 Council Officers are Troy Weidemann, President; Sharon Chapman, Vice-President; Alexis Antkowiak, Treasurer; and Lacy Eckert, Secretary. Other members are: Melissa Diehl, Marlyn Doppellhammer, Tonja Scheer, Carolyn Thiemer. Thank you for serving!

**Council minutes were not available at the time of printing!**

**2024**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## Worship Ministry Schedule JANUARY

Date	Altar Flowers	Communion Committee	Assisting Minister	Acolytes	Head Usher – Phillip Diehl	Tellers
Jan 07	Rick & Debra Eckert	Connie Higgs Jeanette Shepherd	Barbara Donnelly	Cody Kroll	Russell & Jonna Klump	Carolyn Thieme Alexis Antkowiak
Jan 14	Tonja Scheer	Bridget Bartels Emily Schulte	Bonnie Schulte	Claire Schulte	Ronnie Schulte Brandon Schulte	Tonja Scheer Betty Clark
Jan 21	Mark & Jeanette Shepherd	Sherry Krinke Wendy Warner	Judy Witte	Addie Diehl	Tonja Scheer Josh Kaminski	Lacy Eckert Melissa Diehl
Jan 28	Dustin & Abby Majewski	Nikki Boehnemann Karlie King	Sharon Chapman	Paige Fritsch	Donna Putnam Connie Higgs	Sharon Chapman Marlyn Doppellhammer

### Memorials –

Gifts received this past month were given in memory of **Grace Boehnemann** and **Evelyn Fuchs**. Thank you for honoring our loved ones with a gift to our church's Memorial Fund.

Emmanuel Lutheran Monthly Banking Financial Data  
As of November, 2023

Total Cash  
Balance  
Amounts

11/30/2023 General Operating Fund

Year 2023 Total Budget Income Amount	\$8,767.00
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Budgeted Expense	\$12,455.22
<b>Year 2023 Net profit/deficit</b>	<b>\$3,688.22 deficit</b>

11/30/2023 General Fund Balance

\$13,509.85

11/30/2023 Total SUPER NOW Fund

Year 2023 Total Income/Deposits	\$13.92
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Non-Budgeted Expense	\$697.00
<b>Year 2023 Net profit/deficit</b>	<b>\$683.08 deficit</b>

Portion Balances of the SUPER NOW Fund

Memorial Fund Balance	\$7,467.26
Property Fund Balance	\$9,652.24
Cemetery Fund Balance	\$4,874.91
LYO Fund Balance	\$2,843.98
Camp Fund Balance	\$7,558.65
Parish Hall Upgrade Fund Balance	\$2,873.60
<b>11/30/2023 TOTAL Money Market Fund Bank Balance</b>	<b><u>\$35,270.64</u></b>

11/30/2023----2nd Mile Giving Fund

\$2,646.34

11/30/2023 Emmanuel Lutheran TOTAL Cash Balance

\$51,426.83

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DONNA PUTNAM  
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In Office Tuesday/Thursday a.m.

**Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship  
WITH COMMUNION

**Church Council**

President	Troy Weidemann	979.530.8357
VP	Sharon Chapman	979.203.4413
Treasurer	Alexis Antkowiak	979.203.1905
Secretary	Lacy Eckert	979.251.2313
	Tonja Scheer	940.782.8339
	Carolyn Thiemer	979.551.5358
	Kylie Antkowiak	979.203.7065
	Melissa Diehl	979.530.3108
	Marlyn Doppellhammer	979.551.6500
	Betty Clark	981.636.0249

