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## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



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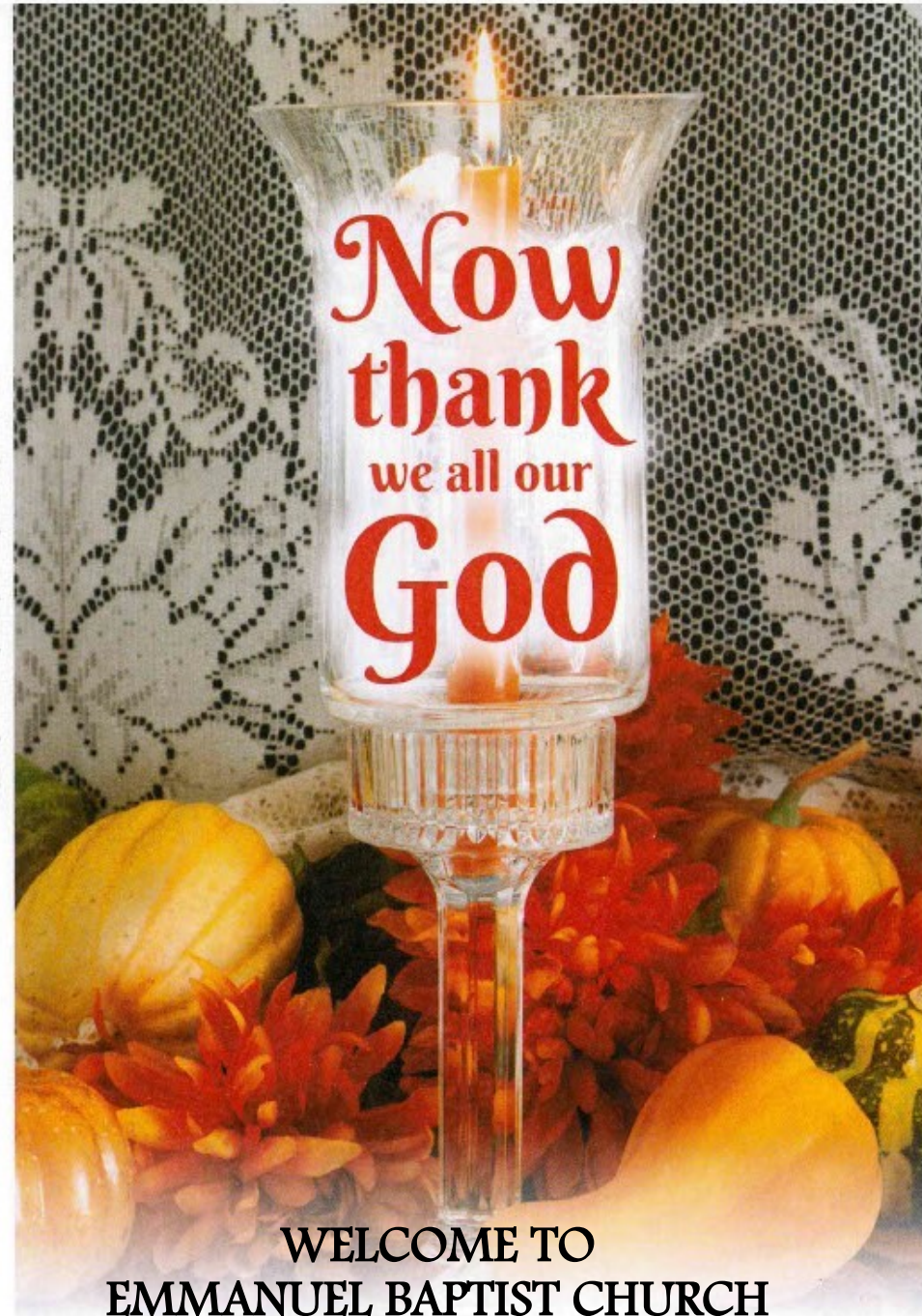
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	9:30 a.m.
TUESDAY: Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
THURSDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group	11:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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WELCOME TO  
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Bulletin for Sunday, November 24  
& December Newsletter

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship w/Communion 1st Sunday in Advent	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship 2nd Sunday in Advent RMMO Offering	<b>9</b> 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship 3rd Sunday in Advent RMMO Offering	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Iron Men 
<b>22</b> 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship 4th Sunday in Advent	<b>23</b>			<b>26</b> OFFICED CLOSED	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Quarterly Business Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 				



## Now Thank We All Our God #788

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
And free us through all ills in this world, and the next!
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and Heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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The church has received a generous monetary gift from the estate of Judy Morken in the amount of \$75,000. The Advisory Board has approved the purchase of a 5 month savings certificate in the amount of \$75,000 to be part of a Savings 3 account designated as Visionary Fund.

The Board also created a new ministry team called Church Improvement with the responsibility to determine how to use these funds. This team will have up to 7 members; if you are interested in being a member of this team please contact Pastor Brett or Al Parliament.

Please continue to support the parking lot fund and the landscaping fund until a final decision is made on how the funds will be used. If you have any questions, please contact an Advisory Board member.

# Emmanuel Baptist Church

*MISSION STATEMENT—The purpose of this church shall be the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. It shall seek to attain this end through the public worship of God, the preaching of the Gospel, corporate and individual prayer, consistent Christian living by its members, personal evangelism, missionary endeavor, and Christian education.*

## Order of Worship

**November 24, 2024**

### THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Please mute your electronic devices.

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Invocation

#### \*Offering

- \* "Come Ye Thankful People Come" #797
- \* "Doxology" #815
- \* Dedication Prayer

**Hymn:** \* "For the Beauty of the Earth" #793

#### Congregational Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Special Ministry:** Holly Mathieu

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 pg. 1830

**Message:** "Keep Thankfulness at the Center"

**Hymn:** "Now Thank We All Our God" #788

#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

\* Please stand, if you are able.

## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #797

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, to Thy final harvest home;  
Gather thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins, As we forgive those  
who sin against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.

## For the Beauty of the Earth #793

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For Thy Church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
5. For Thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given,  
For that great, great love of Thine,  
Peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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## Offerings to Date

Average Weekly Donations through **11/17/24**: \$ 2,598.81\*

\* *This figure includes only offerings for our General Fund; it does not include offerings for Special Missions, Memorial Fund, Transfers, or gifts to cover Non-Budgeted Expenses.*

Our 2024 budget is \$142,478 ÷ 51 weeks = \$2,794.00 average per week.

## MONTHLY REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
10/27	33	11	\$2,820.00
11/3	37	13	\$2,431.00
11/10	41	22	\$1,386.00
11/17	39	13	\$1,647.00

**2024 Year to Date received: \*\$116,946.53**

**2024 Budgeted Amount: \*\$126,015.60**

**Amount Needed Per Sunday: \*\$2,794.00**

**\*These figures are for General Fund and Missions only.**

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER - Al Parliament & Victor Solo  
GREETER FOR DECEMBER -**

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mike Talbert
- 4 Amy Lindstrom
- 5 Brian Best
- 6 Tim Behrends
- 8 Michael Wise
- 20 Gary O'Connell
- 13 Megan Hadley (Gilk)
- 14 Wayne Van Der Vliet
- 27 Tim Hoover

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Kevin & Katrina Kruse
- 19 Jacob & Mavis Hawkins

### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOSE FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

12/17/22 Judy Morken

PASTOR	Rev. Brett Best
ORGANIST	Helen Peters
PIANIST	Dawn Thie
USHERS	Skip Sherman & Al Parliament
GREETER	Sandy Sherman
VIDEO TECHNICIAN	James Best
AUDIO TECHNICIANS	Steve Stutson & Aiden Thie



### **Church of Hope Quilt Raffle**

The ABW Ministries are once again selling raffle tickets for a quilt. The quilt has been donated in memory of Fabian Morin. The proceeds go to the Church of Hope which is inside the

Women's Prison in Pierre, SD. The quilt raffle helps to cover the pastor's salary, Bible studies, Bibles, prisoner exit bags and other expenses. The tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets. The drawing will be held 12/8/2024 and you need not be present to win. If you wish to purchase tickets, please contact Val Thompson (605) 351-3040 or Joan Cleveland (605) 360-2330. Thank you.



The repaving of the parking lot will begin in the spring of 2025. The current balance of the Parking Lot Fund is 4,667. Thank you for your continued support.



Copies of "The Secret Place" devotions for WINTER 2024-2025 are located in the foyer. NOTE: They are in large print.



If you are interested in contributing to the Salvation Army this holiday season, their Red Kettle donation match is Saturday, December 14. Every \$20.00 donated by individuals is matched by other anonymous donors.

# Message Notes

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

"Keep Thankfulness at the Center"

## Thankfulness is an essential part of spiritual growth.

### 1. Spiritual growth happens in right relationships with church leaders. (12-13)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ your honorable leaders.

B. Support their work with right \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Spiritual growth happens in accountable relationships. (14-15, 20-22)

A. Warn \_\_\_\_\_, encourage the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Do \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Test all teachings: retain the \_\_\_\_\_, avoid the \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Spiritual growth happens when you're full of the right stuff. (16-18, 25)

A. Be \_\_\_\_\_ful.

B. Be \_\_\_\_\_ful.

C. Be \_\_\_\_\_ful.

D. Be \_\_\_\_\_-filled.

### 4. Spiritual growth happens in right relationship with God. (23-24, 28)

A. God will faithfully make you \_\_\_\_\_.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ is the means God will use to make you holy.



# For Your Information

After worship today we will sit at table for our **Thanksgiving Dinner!** A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the catered meal. The cost to the church is \$15 per plate. If you don't have reservations, see Pastor Brett.

- Sundays in December:

1 - 1st Sunday in Advent

8 - 2nd Sunday in Advent and RMMO

15 - 3rd Sunday in Advent and RMMO

22 - 4th Sunday in Advent

29 - Quarterly Business Meeting



## Distribution of Retirement Funds

Qualified charitable distributions (QCD) are a tax strategy that allows individuals who have IRAs to distribute money directly to a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Our church has a 501c3 designation and would be eligible to receive funds from an IRA distribution. By giving money through a QCD, there may be a possible decrease in the amount of tax you pay on your Social Security income. You would need to consult a tax adviser for details.

