



Good News

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, ELCA, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Our Mission to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ

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Introducing Emmanuel's new Good News newsletter!

Over the years, church newsletters have changed. Typed articles and pictures pasted up and copied became word-processed documents, evolving into complex graphic designs.. Most recently, Emmanuel members and friends have received links to the monthly newsletter published on our website.

Now into our second quarter-century as a worshipping community, Emmanuel has a new newsletter, emailed directly to you! You will be able to get all the news delivered directly to your inbox.

You can forward it to friends, share it to social media, and click on links to read more or view videos.

Annual Meeting Jan. 28

The 2018 Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 28 at 10:30 a.m., following one combined 9:30 a.m. service. During the meeting, members will hear reports, vote on the 2018 budget, recognize outgoing Council and standing committee members, and elect new Council and standing committee members.



Incoming and outgoing congregational leaders are recognized at a past meeting.

Call Committee begins search for ELC's pastor

Members of the Emmanuel Call Committee were elected at a special meeting on Dec. 3, 2017. They include Chairperson Julie Pavri, Secretary Bruce Newcomb, Betty Ellingham, Chuck Guenther, Bear Johnson, Jean Kiser, Jim Rebolz, and alternates Ted Becker and Maddie Berry.

The Call Committee will meet with Grand Canyon Synod Interim Bishop Lowell Almen on Saturday, Jan. 27, for an orientation on the call process. Information about the Call Committee's progress will come to members through announcements, in the service folder, and in this newsletter. So stay tuned, and pray hard for the Call Committee and for the person God is preparing as Emmanuel's next permanent pastor!

Professional countertenor, national traveler, speaker visits Emmanuel Feb. 4

As recently heard on NPR, Lutheran pastor's kid and professional countertenor singer, Mikah Meyer, will speak and sing at both 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. services at Emmanuel Sunday, Feb. 4 as part of his world record, three-year road trip to all 417 National Park Service sites.

Mikah has been living in a cargo van while traveling across the U.S. for the past 22 months, becoming the youngest person to visit the entirety of the National Park System—using the media and platform to share a message of carpe diem, hope, and acceptance for LGBT Christians.

To keep this project going, he "sings for his supper" and receives donations to fuel him to the next park. Come hear him, learn more about his ministry, and ask your questions about the parks journey.

[Click here to learn more...](#)



Mikah Meyer poses at the rim of Grand Canyon National Park, one of the 417 National Park Service sites he is visiting on his three-year journey..



We are an inclusive faith community that seeks to live the Word and Way of Christ's unconditional love. This means that, like Christ, we believe each person is a beloved child of God regardless of shape, size, economic status, religious background, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender identity, or anything else that could divide us. We give thanks to God for the unique identities with which we are created, and have found here a fellowship of believers that accepts us just as we are. Come worship with us and enjoy full participation in all aspects of our life together, including baptism, confirmation, communion, marriage and burial.

Feb. 4 also is RIC Sunday at Emmanuel

In conjunction with Mikah Meyer's visit and presentation, Emmanuel will commemorate Reconciling in Christ Sunday on Feb. 4.

Emmanuel accepted its new Welcome Statement at the 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 29.

To qualify as an RIC congregation, a church's Welcome Statement specifically must state its welcome to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Just 8% of the ELCA specifically welcomes LGBTQI+ members and has the RIC designation through Reconciling Works.

[Click to go to Reconciling Works](#)



Emmanuel's Holiday Craft Fair, held on Dec. 16, filled the entry and fellowship hall area with wearable, decorative and edible items. Organizer Cheryl Miller noted that some vendors had to be turned away since the available spaces were filled. Table rental fees of \$420 went to the Emmanuel youth, toward their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, June 27 through July 1.

Who knew the talents our own members possessed? The tables were piled high with hand-sewn, knitted, and quilted items, pottery, wooden ornaments and metal crosses, jewelry, as well as homemade strudel and tamales!

The craft fair allowed members and the public to shop for last-minute holiday gifts and items for their own homes and holiday tables. Look for Emmanuel's Holiday Craft Fair to return in 2018.



Over 20 Spirit-filled Christmas carolers joined voices to bring holiday cheer to the residents of the Good Samaritan Society Nursing Care Center in Prescott Valley on Dec. 20. The confirmation class formed the core of the harmonious group, along with other middle-schoolers, high school students, college student (Abby!) and Emmanuel families! The smiles on the faces of the residents were evident, as they enjoyed both the music and the company of youth in their facility.

The confirmation year has reached the halfway point. The students returned to class Jan. 10 with their "Story of Me" presentations to share with the group. We will be focusing on the end of the Old Testament and quickly jumping into the Gospels as we head into 2018. Thank you for your continued prayers for our spiritual journey together!



Women's Retreat deadline Feb. 1

The 13th Annual Women's Retreat at Prescott's Emmanuel Pines Camp will be Feb. 16-18. The \$125 registration fee is due Feb. 1. Women of all ages welcome!

Lodging is dorm-style, with ample restrooms, showers & heat! Meals are included. Talk to Wendy Woolley or Nancy McIntyre, or pick up a flier in the narthex.

Yavapai CASA for Kids is January Mission Outreach

Yavapai CASA for Kids is a non-profit organization that serves the unmet needs of children in the foster-care system and supports the work of the CASA volunteers.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers act as the "eyes and ears" of the Juvenile Court and help determine whether abused, neglected or abandoned children can be reunited with their families, be placed in adoptive homes, or assisted into independent living. More information is available on the information table. Consider giving to this outreach and/or becoming a CASA volunteer.

Emmanuel is repeating the "Who Do You Think You Are? Discerning Your Identity in Christ" workshop on three consecutive Mondays, Feb. 5, 12 and 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. each session.

The workshop will help you discover your spiritual gifts, your personal style and your passions and convictions and how they relate to God's design for your life.

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex, as there are a limited amount of openings for this popular workshop. There is no charge, but sign up ASAP to reserve your spot, and to get your materials.

The word "liturgy" means "the work of the people." Worship is not a spectator sport! Join us in making worship happen – you might find worship has new meaning!

On the tables in the entrance, you will find sign up sheets with various worship functions, including communion assistants for both services. Don't let "I've never done that before" stop you. You will receive training so you can serve the meal with confidence.

If you have any questions about taking part in any worship role, call Bonnie Cain at 715-305-1652.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Jan. 1: Brayden Hale
Jan. 2: Zona Huss
Jan. 2: A.E. Morgan
Jan. 5: Karen Namanny
Jan. 6: Wayne Theobald
Jan. 6: Leland Warne
Jan. 7: Dana Diller
Jan. 7: Terri Finley
Jan. 7: Charlotte Martin
Jan. 8: Parker Northrup III
Jan. 9: Lilyan Bissell
Jan. 9: Hannah Finley
Jan. 11: Charlotte Matzke
Jan. 11: Clarissa Reynolds
Jan. 12: Bob Frey

Jan. 13: Sherry Franks
Jan. 13: Lola Munoz
Jan. 15: Lukas Eklund
Jan. 17: Arlene Meder
Jan. 20: Thomas Huss
Jan. 21: Carl Spinti
Jan. 21: Barbara Uehlein
Jan. 22: Rosemary Hellene
Jan. 25: Hans Taska
Jan. 27: Gene Fougner
Jan. 27: Ruth Sund
Jan. 28: Kat Harley-Mays
Jan. 28: Suzanne Stump
Jan. 29: Rick Bothell
Jan. 31: Christine Bothell

Anniversaries:

Jan. 16: Ricardo & Heidi Espinoza, 11 years
Jan. 17: Diane & Frank Glodek, 42 years
Jan. 22: Daniel & Carol Cwach, 13 years
Jan. 22: Jason & Christine Knox, 25 years
Jan. 27: Frank & Sandie Allen, 51 years

2018 P.R.A.Y. Initiative begins

People Rallying Around Youth, our P.R.A.Y. Initiative, begins another year. Parents of our children and young adults fill out a packet of information and provide a photo of their child.

Our P.R.A.Y. Initiative Coordinators, Jim and Becky McIntyre, take the lead in recruiting Emmanuel adults to pray for individual young people throughout the year. Sometimes these matches create new supportive relationships for our youth, as they share their struggles and joys throughout the year with their P.R.A.Y.

Living the Questions study group

A new study group is starting in February. Are you a "Questioning Believer"? Do you have a hard time believing that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible word of God? Do you question some of the doctrines set forth by the church?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, this could be a good study group for you. *Living the Questions* seeks not to provide easy answers, but to be a resource for people who are in the midst of a lifelong conversation about the mysteries of faith and life.

Mentor(s).

If you have a child at Emmanuel and did not receive a P.R.A.Y. Initiative packet, please call Jim or Becky McIntyre (after 5:30 p.m.) at 928-772-9694, or email them at jamescmcintyre@cableone.net or rebeccamcintyre@cableone.net.

The orientation meeting is Monday, Feb. 12, with regular meetings following on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have questions, call or email Linda Virden, 928-227-0541, linda.virden@gmail.com.

What's happening? Emmanuel's calendar is online

Emmanuel's calendar is the source to find out about special events, Bible/book studies, meetings, youth events and more.




[Click to see Emmanuel's calendar](#)

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Emmanuel Lutheran Church calendar for January 2018. The calendar is organized by day of the week, from Sunday to Saturday. Each day contains a list of events with their respective times and locations. For example, on Sunday, there is a 9:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary. On Monday, there is a 7:00 AM Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. The calendar also includes special events like 'Lenten Study' and 'Bible Study' throughout the month.

Did you know Emmanuel Lutheran is on Facebook?
Click the Facebook logo to join the conversation!



January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30 AM Worship/Communion	1  Church Office Closed	2 8:30 AM Women Small Gr 10:00 AM Lectionary Studies (Diller) 10:00 AM Wm's Sml Group 4:20 PM Executive Committee @ Dimmel's 5:00 PM Jubilate 6:30 PM District AA	3 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Lectionary Study (Walkoff) 1:30 PM Bible Study (Austin's) 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	4 9:00 AM Quilting (Stockbridge) 10:00 AM Bible Study (Stockbridge) 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice 6:30 PM Bible Study Chino Valley 7:00 PM Bible Study (Rebholz)	5 9:00 AM Organist	6 7:30 AM Men's Small Group 9:00 AM diakonia
7 FOOD BANK Mission Outreach - Yavapai CASA for Kids 8:15 AM Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship w/Communion 10:15 AM Youth Group 4:30 PM Sunday Food and Friends	8 8:15 AM Staff Meeting 12:30 PM Outreach Ministry 5:00 PM Lonesome Valley Quilters 6:30 PM Bible Study (Virde's)	9 8:30 AM Wm's Sml Group Bible Study 9:30 AM Bible Study (Lamb's) 10:00 AM Lectionary Studies (Diller) 10:00 AM Wm's Sml Group 11:00 AM Interfaith Meal-St. Germaine 5:00 PM Jubilate 6:30 PM Council	10 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Lectionary Study (Walkoff) 11:30 AM Care & Nurture Ministry 1:00 PM Traveling Bible Study 1:30 PM Bible Study (Austin's) 5:00 PM Joyful Ringers 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Choir	11 9:00 AM Prep for Interfaith Meal 9:00 AM Quilting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Stockbridge) 10:00 AM Grief Group 6:30 PM Bible Study Chino Valley 7:00 PM Bible Study (Rebholz)	12 9:00 AM Organist 11:00 AM Interfaith Meal @ Emmanuel 3:00 PM Memorial Service for Kay Casey	13 7:30 AM Men's Small Group 9:00 AM diakonia 10:00 AM Sunday School Meeting
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