



# The Emanuel Light

December 2019

Emanuel's Mission Statement:  
 "We lovingly connect people to God by nurturing the Christian faith in all God's children"

## Fall into the Holidays 2 Bazaar



On November 2nd, Emanuel was filled with over 25 vendors (!) for the Fall Into the Holidays 2 Bazaar. Items were sold, raffles were won and WELCA kept the food coming to sustain the vendors and customers.



We especially want to thank the Quilters for the lovely quilt donated for the raffle, and, of course, Kathy Peterson for working so hard to get everything checked off, blocked out, and running smoothly. Great Job Everyone!



## Reflections in December

Food was always such a focus of the Holidays and we routinely had ham for our Christmas dinner. Being Pennsylvania Dutch farm ancestry, that would always include maple beans, scalloped potatoes, corn casserole, and anything with vinegar. There was Sauerbraten, Sauerkraut, any vegetable you could name was pickled: green beans, zucchini, asparagus, carrots, cucumbers, etc. A special favorite in my family was pickled beets and eggs. We had an inside kitchen, with a separate pantry that ran behind the coal stove (the warmest place in the house!) and an outside "cook shed" where we also did some baking, canning, smoking, etc.

Christmas Eve Mom had put 2 dozen eggs in the kettle for hard boiled eggs for the pickled beets and eggs in the inside kitchen and pies were cooling on the table. We moved to the outside shed to prepare the maple beans (they had to cook for a day or two, adding the maple syrup slowly with brown sugar and molasses) and to pickle the beets. Nana was working on yeast breads in the warm pantry. Dad was working this evening, his night job was as a deputy sheriff and he would be late.

There was cooking and baking going on all over the house and the boys and I were "helping" by sledding, throwing snowball and making "igloo forts." This went on into late evening, Mom rounded us up and after bath time, we were all in bed, some of us asleep, when Gary (baby brother) woke Mom up saying he thought Santa was in the kitchen. Truly, there was a loud commotion going on in the kitchen, banging and loud popping noises, like reindeer let loose! Dad still was not home yet, so my brother Greg grabs a baseball bat and he, Mom and I creep down the hallway to find out what is going on .... Just then Dad came in the front door. He saw us and heard the commotion, drew his weapon and with Greg following with the bat, we tip-toed to the kitchen, just as another loud bang shot off and a horrendous stench filled the air. Looking into the kitchen, Mom had forgotten the hard boiled eggs were still on the stove and the water had boiled away, leaving exploding eggs everywhere in the kitchen with no Santa anywhere in sight! It was days before that smell went away!

Another Christmas Dad had decided to make homemade Root Beer as a Christmas treat for all of us. A week before Christmas he gathered birch bark, cherry bark, sassafras root, and myriad other ingredients including mint and other herbs and ginger to make the base concoction using his grandmother's old recipe. In the "cook shed" he boiled all of his seasoning ingredients, strained it a couple of times (doesn't do to have branches in your Root Beer) and got ready to make his Christmas batch. We had been collecting glass soda bottles which were washed and boiled to sterilize them. Greg and Gary had whittled corks to fit tightly into each of the bottles.

Five days before Christmas was the day to brew the root beer. Dad and the boys gathered the remaining ingredients including yeast and molasses (extra molasses, cause Dad like his Root Beer sweet) and cooked it all together. The mixture was carefully ladled into the sterile bottles with the corks duly fitted tightly. Last, the bottles were to be stored at room temperature (for the yeast to culture), for 3 to 5 days, in the dark, on their side, undisturbed. Now this was a particularly cold winter, and to keep the bottles warm enough, they were stored not only in the pantry, but also in our closets, under sweaters, PJs, blankets, etc. to keep them warm, throughout the house. We had made about 50 bottles of the elixir.

Christmas Eve morning, we are all gathered in the kitchen eating Dutch pancakes when we heard a very loud bang, like a gunshot in the pantry. Dad and the boys all turn toward the stove, no hardboiled eggs on the stove this time, so they go to the pantry door, just as another loud bang goes off. They throw open the door to look, and there are two of the Root Beer bottles foaming all over the pantry, just then another one explodes it's cork, spewing root beer every where. The bottles were exploding everywhere, one right after the other, the pantry was a yeasty, sticky mess. So far, none of the glass bottles had broken, but that was a potential danger as well. They try to carefully remove the unexploded bottles to the porch, garbed in motorcycle helmets, catcher masks and mitts with face guards down, oven mitts wearing parkas and anything else that would pad and protect them from flying glass. Then someone remembers all of the bottles stored in the closets and other nooks and crannies through out the house. There was a mad scramble to find them all.

It appeared that Grandma's recipe called for 2 "cakes" of yeast and Dad not knowing that one package of yeast consisted of 4 cakes, actually used 8 cakes instead of 2, thereby having a lot of pow to his mixture. All through Christmas that year it would be quiet when we would hear a bang and someone would run to see where that root beer had been stored and to clean up another mess. Very yeasty year!

**Recipe Corner** -3 "hot" dips for your festival and pre-festival appetites Jeannie**Hot Corn Dip** (J Mac's)**Preheat** oven to **350 degrees**

1 can white corn, drained  
 1 can yellow corn, drained  
 1 can chopped green chilies, drained  
 1/2 c red bell pepper, fine chopped  
 1/2 c green bell pepper, fine chopped  
 1/2 c sweet onion, fine chopped  
 1 1/2 c Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

**Combine** in large bowl

1/2 c mayo  
 1/2 c sour cream  
 8 oz cream cheese, softened

**Beat** together  
**Add** to corn mixture

**Spread** in a **greased 9 x 13 casserole dish**, **bake at 350** uncovered until bubbly around edges, **30 to 40 minutes**. Serve the dip warm with corn chips.

**Baked Onion Dip** (Georgie's)**Preheat** oven to **325 degrees**

1 c mayo  
 1 c sweet onion, chopped  
 1 Tbsp Parmesan cheese, grated  
 1/4 tsp garlic salt

**Combine** in a large bowl

1 c Swiss cheese, shredded

**Stir in** and mix well

Spoon into an **1 quart baking dish**. **Bake at 325** uncovered till golden brown, about **40 min**.  
 Serve with crackers.

**Sausage Dip** (DMD's)

8 oz sausage, crumbled  
 4 oz cream cheese  
 7 oz picante sauce

**Brown** and **drain** fat, **place** into a microwavable bowl**Add** to sausage and **mix** together well**Microwave** at 30 sec intervals, **stirring** between each, until cheese is melted**\*Optional****Italian Seasoning herbs**

- Grind on top before serving. Goes well with Pretzels for dipping.

**Also**—all of the above work equally well with chips, crackers, pretzels, crostini's, pumpernickel and rye bread slices as well as fresh veggies such as carrots, celery, bell peppers, cauliflower and broccoli flowerets, cucumber slices, and whatever else you can come up with in your creative mind! Jeannie

# Volunteers for December

## Jim Smith



- Vice President of Council
- Welcome, Sharing & Outreach Committees
- Living Stones (Prison Ministry)
- Facilitator-Emanuel Emergency Pantry
- Scripture Reader
- Candy Bearer!!!



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by Mark Parisi





May your Christmas tree survive its annual battle with your cat.



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### 'Twas the Day AFTER Christmas

'Twas the day after Christmas, and all through the house,  
Every creature was hurtin' even the mouse.

The toys were all broken, their batteries dead;  
Santa passed out, with some ice on his head.

Wrapping and ribbons just covered the floor,  
While upstairs the family continued to snore.

And I in my T-shirt, new Reeboks and jeans,  
I went into the kitchen and started to clean.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the sink to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the curtains, and threw up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a little white truck, with an oversized mirror.

The driver was smiling, so lively and grand;  
The patch on his jacket said "U.S. POSTMAN."

With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox.  
Then quickly he stuffed them into our mailbox.

Bill after bill, after bill, they still came.  
Whistling and shouting he called them by name:

"Now Dillard's, now Broadway's, now Penny's and Sears  
Here's Robinson's, Levitz's and Target's and Mervyn's.

To the tip or your limit, every store, every mall,  
Now chargeaway--chargeaway--chargeaway all!"

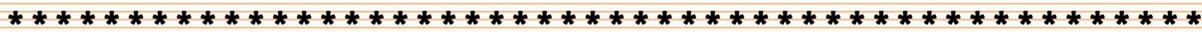
He whooped and he whistled as he finished his work.  
He filled up the box, and then turned with a jerk.

He sprang to his truck and he drove down the road,  
Driving much faster with just half a load.

Then I heard him exclaim with great holiday cheer,  
"ENJOY WHAT YOU BOUGHT.....  
YOU'LL BE PAYING ALL YEAR!"

# December— 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 am-Coffee Hour</li> <li>• 9 am-Advent Bible Study</li> <li>• 10am-Worship (Emanuel)</li> <li>• 12pm-Worship (Christ the King)</li> </ul>	5-7pm G S Troop #44588	1 pm <u>WELCA</u> 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 7 pm Yelm Comm. Choir 8 pm Masonic Lodge Mtg	8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark  4 to 6 pm Art classes	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Office Closed</div>  4:30-7 pm G S Troop #41699		9 to 11—Christmas Parade in the Park
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
(See above Worship times)	5-7pm G S Troop #44588 <u>6:30-Property Comm.</u>	6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u>	8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark  4 to 6 pm Art classes	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Office Closed</div>  1:30 pm—Quilt classes with Jeannie Isaacs	5:30—Budget & Finance	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
(See above Worship times)  <b>9 am—Council Meeting (no Bible Study)</b> <b>11 am Congregational Meeting</b> 1 pm Christ the King Potluck	5-7pm G S Troop #44588	6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u>	8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark  4 to 6 pm Art classes	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Office Closed</div>  1:30 pm—Quilt classes with Jeannie Isaacs  4:30-7 pm G S Troop #41699	Newsletter Items due	9 to noon—YARG—Yelm Emergency Radio Group Meeting
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
(See above Worship times)	?? 5-7pm G S Troop #44588	6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> <u>7 pm—Christmas Readings and Carols Service</u>	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Office Closed</div>  <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Office Closed</div>		
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Jan 2</b>	<b>Jan 3</b>	<b>Jan 4</b>
(See above Worship times)	?? 5-7pm G S Troop #44588	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Office Closed</div>  6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u>	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Office Closed</div>  <b>NEW YEAR's DAY</b>	1:30 pm—Quilt classes with Jeannie Isaacs 4:30-7 pm G S Troop #41699	6 pm— <u>Worship &amp; Music</u>	Noon—3 pm—Girl Scout Troop # 44000



## Get to Know Emanuel Christmas Traditions

### Advent Season

All Services in December, up to Christmas Day, celebrate the Advent Season (the coming of Christ) with the following focus: **Dec 1 - Hope**

**Dec 8 – Peace**

**Dec 15 - Joy**

**Dec 22 – Love**

### The Chrismon Tree

In our Narthex (foyer) we have a Chrismon tree. A Chrismon tree is always an evergreen tree, present in Advent and Christmastide (December 1 thru to January 5th). This tree was first used by North American Lutherans in 1957 and, although later spread to other Christian churches, we, Lutherans started it! For Christians the traditional Christmas tree, "symbolizes the eternal life Jesus Christ provides".

The Chrismon tree differs in that it is decorated only with clear lights and Chrismon ornaments – which are ornaments that are only made from white, gold and silver materials – white is the Church color for Christmas and symbolizes Jesus's Majesty and Glory – they are the liturgical colors of the Christmas season.

In thinking of the tradition of decorating a birthday cake with the honoree's name, it was decided to place the name of Jesus and his title, Christ, on the tree using the Greek monograms. The ornaments are handmade, ancient symbols for Christ or some part of Christ's life, ministry and teachings: fish, Celtic cross, Jerusalem cross, shepherd's crook, chalice, shell, and other designs reflecting the Christian faith.

Our ornaments have been handmade by our Woman's Group (WELCA) with love and care. This tree will be alight thru our Christmas Season and is very special to us.

### Poinsettias

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are often seen as the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red

colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The bright red flowers were known as the 'Flores de Noche Buena', or 'Flowers of the Holy Night'

History of the Poinsettia and the Christian Faith—The plant we know today as the poinsettia is native to Central America, the plant flourished in an area of Southern Mexico. The Aztecs used the plant decorative purposes but also they extracted a purplish dye for use in textiles and cosmetics from the plant. The milky white sap, today called latex, was made into a preparation to treat fevers.

Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851), was appointed as the United States Ambassador to Mexico (1825-1829). This gentleman's real love was in botany. (Mr. Poinsett later founded the institution which we know today as the Smithsonian Institution).

While visiting in the Taxco area in 1828 he sent some plants to his Greenville, South Carolina plantations, where he began propagating them and sending them to friends and botanical gardens. He was honored by Congress in the declaration of December 12th as National Poinsettia Day.

### Christmas Eve Dinner—this Year

We have the opportunity to have our Tuesday night Giving Thanks Dinner on Christmas Eve to those people who would otherwise be spending it alone. We have had a Tuesday Night Dinner – every Tuesday night - for 10 years without ever missing a Tuesday. So it is a special Blessing to us that this year our Giving Thanks Dinner happens to be on Christmas Day!

### Christmas Eve Services

Special Worship Services celebrating the Advent Season's last day, traditionally focusing on Christ's birth by readings of the Old and New Testaments and singing hymns that describe and celebrate this time.



### Note from Pastor Linda

Dear Children of God  
at Emanuel,

I just wanted to thank you all  
for the monetary gift and the  
coffee mug; as well as for the  
delicious lunch.

Blessings as you move  
forward.

In Christ,  
Pastor Linda Milks



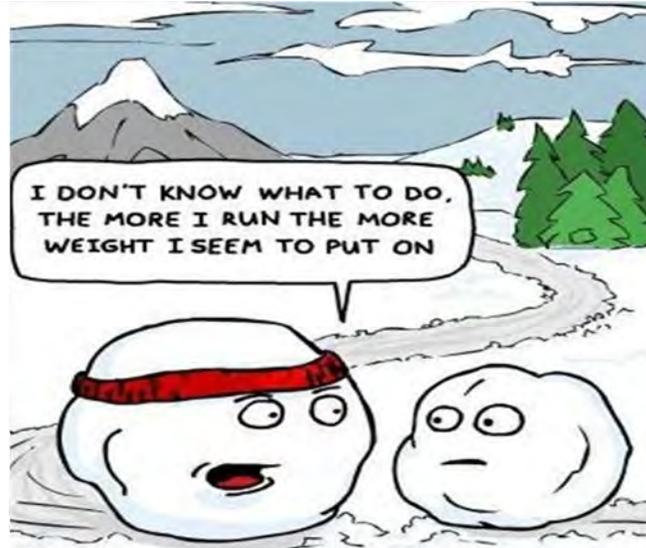
Beginning December 1st  
Each evening, read 1 chapter of  
The Book of Luke in the Bible.  
There are 24 chapters.  
On Christmas Eve, you will have  
read the whole account of  
Jesus's life and wake up on  
Christmas Morning knowing  
Who and Why we  
Celebrate Christmas.

### *Scripture Readings for December 2019*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Festival-Sunday</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
12/01	1 Advent	Isa 2:1-5	Ps 122	Rom 13:11-14	Matt 24:36-44
12/08	2 Advent	Isa 11:1-10	Ps 72:1-7, 18-19	Rom 15:4-13	Matt 3:1-12
12/15	3 Advent	Isa 35:1-10	Ps 146:5-10	James 5:7-10	Matt 11:2-11
12/22	4 Advent	Isa 7:10-16	Ps 80:1-7, 17-19	Rom 1:1-7	Matt 1:18-25
12/29	1 Christmas	Isa 63:7-9	Ps 148	Heb 2:10-18	Matt 2:13-23

# CHRISTMAS TO-DO-LIST

- ~~buy~~ <sup>BE</sup> presents
- wrap ~~gifts~~ <sup>SOMEONE</sup> IN A HUG
- send ~~gifts~~ <sup>PEACE</sup>
- ~~shop~~ <sup>DONATE</sup> for food
- ~~see~~ <sup>BE</sup> the lights



<http://TheFunnyPlace.net>



## On Baking Shows

"The first stage of a realistic baking show would be each contestant trying to open a jammed utensil drawer" Readers Digest

**Editor's comment:** Some Baking shows are for the professional Chefs—contestants are to make entrées out of pickled tree branches, salted and smoked cured gummy bears, internal organs of the Himalayan Yeti and usually some vegetable that I never even knew existed on this planet. Contestants are then given 30 minutes to prepare a wonderful dish. My thought would be to have an average (you n' me) working Mom or Dad in the Real World prepare dinner for your hungry family with the same ingredients (even though WE would never have such things in our Pantry in the first place!) My bet would be that as contestants we would either:

1. Get the entrée done in **less** than 30 minutes **and** have already figured out how to use the leftovers **and** have shared your recipes on the internet, **or**
2. Get taken out to dinner because no one in the family would eat this anyhow, **or**
3. Order in a Pizza

**Prayer List Nov. 2019****Afflicted with cancer**

Bitton, Lisa  
 Calhoun, Jason  
 Dale, Jacque  
 Fred  
 Guffey, Ramona  
 Hawkinson, Easton  
 Henderson, Judy  
 Hugli, Dennis  
 Huttar, Debbie  
 Iromi  
 Larkin-Wolfer, Lisa  
 Mike  
 Risch, Roger  
 Runion, Beverly  
 Sean—Allan's Friend  
 Sheetz, Janice  
 Swanson, Derek  
 Thompson, Gene  
 White, Jeri

**Homebound/Care Facility**

Kallio, Robert  
 Keena, Almyra

**Difficult Times**

Family member of Jeannie  
 Hernandez, Adrianna  
 Musch, Merilee  
 Vosse, Johnie

**Receiving Medical Care**

Alderson, Evelyn  
 Baker, Martin  
 Graham, Mary Ann  
 John—Allan's Friend  
 Millar, Tom  
 Musch, Merilee  
 Newcomer, Bill  
 Pennington, Allie  
 Slease, Kathy  
 Snyder, Carmen

**In Mourning-Friends and Family**

Bond, Norm  
 Cotton, Keith  
 Hyar, Denise  
 Walls, Steve

**Military, Law Enforcement and E/R Workers**

Aull, Greg  
 Aull, Stephanie  
 Larson, Troy  
 Lyon, Kyle  
 Miller, Jeremy  
 Slease, Brian  
 Slease, Kevin  
 Slease, Thomas

**Please also pray for those in Service in combat and/or suffering from PTSD and/or other injuries**

\*NOTE—Anyone can include someone on the prayer list or add them back on to the list. Just fill out a blue prayer card and put it in the **offering plate**, or give to the office. You may also telephone message or email the information to the office along with your name and contact number. Be sure what category they are to be listed under.

**Up-Coming Events at Emanuel**

- Shon is giving us an Advent Bible Study at 9 am on Sundays, Dec 8th, 22 and 29th. Please join us!
- We will be having the Giving Thanks Dinner on Tuesday Dec 24 at 6 pm and then at 7 pm we will have a simple Service with Carrols and Scripture Readings. Plan to join us for one or both events and we can ALWAYS use extra hands for the dinner and the Readings!
- Pastor Linda Buckles will be our Pulpit Supply Pastor for December 8th, 15th and the 22nd. Please welcome her warmly.
- The Council will be meeting with the Synod January 8th and the Council will be relaying information to the Congregation at our Annual Meeting on January 19th to follow our Worship Service. A notice will go out to all registered, active members that you will have had to have at least one registered offering in 2019 and taken Communion at least once (registered in the Teal books at each pew) to be able to vote at the Annual Meeting. If you have questions, please contact Jeannie or speak to one of the Council Members. This will be a very important meeting, so plan now to attend.

Reminder- Almyra has moved again, here is her current address. She would love to receive a card or note from you.

**Almyra Keena**  
**Advance Post Acute**  
**414 17<sup>th</sup> St SE**  
**Room #204**  
**Auburn, WA 98002**

**Reminder—check your mailbox**

we have place your noted offering total for **2019 up thru November**, into each mailbox—please check for accuracy before the end of the year and let us know if there ae any discrepancies. If you have not given **any** offering for 2019 by the end of December, you are not eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.



### **Christmas Eve stillness and the mystery of Advent and Christmas.**

Advent—a season of expectation. God is up to something. We are urged to watch and wait. “Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, ‘Here is your God!’” (Isaiah 40:9). ...

There are Advent calendars, with each opened window drawing one closer to Christmas. Advent wreaths light the way. ...Advent is our time and is filled with longing—for peace, for a just world, for restored relationships, for God. The Advent lessons from the prophet Isaiah are filled with the sorrow of exile and the persistent hope that God still cares for God’s people and will bring about their return to Israel. We sing, “Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee” (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 254).

And come Jesus does, into our world and into our lives. For a brief time, generosity and goodwill break out. We wish strangers a “Merry Christmas.” We even practice a little patience in traffic and with relatives. Life is filled with possibility.

... consider the miracle of the incarnation—that God is ever faithful; that God is not far off but is Emmanuel, God with us; that in Jesus the Divine set aside all glory in order to take on our nature and be truly glorified on the cross. A helpless baby in a wooden manger, a broken man on a cross—these are the gifts of Christmas.

The Christmas carol declares that the angels’ announcement to the shepherds “came upon the midnight clear” (ELW, 282). All of creation became the land of the midnight Son. The good earth and all its creatures, sun and moon, and stars and planets orbit in harmony around this center of love.

...There is a lot for the Christ child to do before the work on earth is done. ...Jesus will grow into adulthood. He will teach and feed and heal. Jesus will suffer the betrayal of his friends and will die that we might live. I think about this on Christmas Eve and pray, “Rest now, dear midnight Son.”

*Bishop Eaton – Living Lutheran – Dec 2019*