

# The Emanuel Light

December  
2018

## ADVENT—by Cheryl Ohlsen

When asked if I would like to find something to put into the newsletter for December, I thought "Sure, there is plenty out there and I'm sure I can find something that I could share." But as I was preparing for our Advent Bible Studies beginning this Wednesday December 5th (at 6:30 p.m. and continuing the 12th and the 19th), I was struck by the meaning of Advent.

I had been reading the usual Facebook posts about putting Christ back into Christmas. (A secular friend of mine posted that if you Christians want to put Christ back into Christmas start feeding the hungry, cloth the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted, care for the homeless, do unto others...etc.)

In preparation for my night to lead the bible study, I read an article "What is Advent?" by Justin Holcomb, an Episcopal priest who teaches at two seminaries and has written several books. In this article he explains that there's more than just the anticipation of Christ's birth in Advent.

The word Advent comes from the Greek word "adventus" meaning "coming". It is believed that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was preparation for the baptism of new Christians who would be baptized during the season of Epiphany, spending 40 days in preparation for the celebration.

By the 6th Century the Roman Christians recognized Advent as a time to look toward to Christ's Second Coming. It wasn't until the middle ages that advent became connected to Christ's birth at Christmas.

We become excited during Advent, at God's promise of the birth of a Savior. We look to Christmas as the fulfillment of that promise and the birth of that Christ. However, it's important to look forward to that second coming as well, and the fulfillment of God's promises in between. It is imperative that we look at Jesus's life and the man that Promised Child became.

It is important to look at the Life of Christ as well. His unconditional love, His compassion for those who suffered, His acceptance that all are God's children, and most importantly, His faith in his Father and his Father's will. The bible is not a rule book, it is a love story to be shared with the world.

There is a term that I seldom hear anymore, linked with the King James Bible printing the words of Jesus in red. "Red-letter Christians" believe that everything needs to be said and understood through the lens of Christ and His teachings. (Not that others don't, but that is their stated belief.) As Christians we look to the mirror, to be as Christ-like as we can, so we can celebrate the second Advent until He arrives.

*Editor Note: Cheryl came into my office yesterday and as she usually does, she asked what she could do to be of help to me. Not one to ignore assistance, I suggested that she find an appropriate front page piece for this Newsletter. She went home and the next morning she sent the below item to me. It is well written, thought provoking and timely ... it is in fact a PERFECT Christmas present to you!*

### Reflections for December

I don't know when it started, that memory is gone now, ... this compulsion to make Christmas Decorations—like we all need more Christmas Decorations!

Early on it was the gingerbread men to decorate the tree. I was about 8 or 9 and had not been baking very long, and never rolled cookies, but I decided I could do it on my own. The dough kept sticking to the rolling pin (it was a very hot kitchen) and so I just kept adding more flour. After baking, the only way you could bite into them was if they were allowed to soak in milk (or my brother suggested boiling water) for a day ...maybe. But they became my first homemade Christmas decorations—non-edible gingerbread men!

Later on, when Dude was not yet 1 year old, I decided that he could get hurt with the regular ornaments, so I blew up balloons, soaked yarn in a paste mixture and dried them. The idea then was to pop the balloons, and paint the ornament (probably with lead paint—but what was a little brain damage; at least he would not get cut!). First I tried a pin to pop the balloon, then a needle, then a knife, then went for the scissors (We did not own a sword) - The stupid balloons would **not** pop. I had added too much paste and the balloons were totally ensconced. Failed that project. So, I bought some plastic decorations which Dude immediately pulled off the tree and hammered them with his trucks—but he never touched any of the glass ones or ever broke one to this day!

Next up was the wax candles. This was to be a mother-daughter project when Lori was about 3 years old along with her cousin, Alicia (same age as Lori), and Auntie Karen. We had decided that Karen and I could handle the hot wax and the girls would decorate with color, glitter and baubles. Now we had never decorated with 'girly' things up to then - we had boys first - so we were ignorant of the clean-up catastrophe awaiting us. We became glitter ... and it was everywhere: the furniture, the rug, the walls, in hair, clothing, eyes and mouths. Then came the whipped wax part that spun out of control a time or two and helped to seal the glitter in place wherever it had landed! We finished our candles and began clean-up, which finalized by pouring the remaining melted wax down the drain ... oh wait! ... it solidifies when cooled. Dave got to participate this time by un-clogging the plumbing. When we moved from that house and I heard the new owners say the house "sparkled", it sure did, in many ways!

Next we come to making gift wrap. My kids have now left home, running low on Christmas décor, I only have 10 bins of Christmas "stuff," so in a practical and "green" vein, I decided to make gift wrap out of recycled paper from an article I read on how to *easily* make lovely gift wrap.

First you tear up hundreds of sheets of newspaper and then with boiling water, starch and a few other ingredients, you whip it up into a frothy mess with a mixer and pour into a pan. Note to self: It is not like cake batter and ruins your mixer. You pour this mess into a pan with color, glitter (again) and other baubles to make a "swirl, and place a piece of screen into the mixture allowing the pulp to gather on the surface. Then you use another hundred sheets of newspaper to blot and air dry for 24 hours. Wrong! 5 days later it still was not dried. 2 weeks later, I am now going to use my home made gift wrap, which at this point has cost far more than any gift wrap that could be bought, except perhaps pure gold, and when I take the sheets out, low and behold, they are stiffer than a board. Actually, they are stronger than a board.

David attempted to cut my gift wrap with his band saw, broke 2 blades, then he got out the saws-all, almost burnt that saw up as well. Finally it was cut into smaller pieces which would not have wrapped anything but a sheet of glass. So we cut it up, framed it all and sold the pieces as modern art. After it was all sold, I was asked if I would be making more of the art pieces. David, a little red in the face (his blood pressure, you know) said with gritted teeth, his wood shop could not afford it! The one nice thing was I was given a Kitchen-Aid for Christmas, since I no longer had a functioning mixer.

It has been awhile now since I made anything new, in the Christmas décor line, but I have been surfing the internet for ideas, I think it is time for Dude and Lori to remember how much fun it was, and how much my late husband love helping! I am sure they have (*hopefully*) forgotten by now!



**Emanuel Mission Statement:**

*“We lovingly connect people to God by nurturing the Christian faith in all God’s children”*

**Recipe Corner**

**Apple Cake —Miss Evelyn’s mothers recipe**



1 c oil  
2 lg eggs  
1 tsp vanilla

Beat until frothy

2 c flour  
2 c sugar  
1 tsp salt  
2 tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp soda

Sift together

Mix both together and add  
4 c chopped apples  
1 c chopped nuts  
Pour into an 8x11” pan and Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes

Icing 6 oz cream cheese, softened  
3 Tab butter, softened  
1 1/2 c powdered sugar

Cream together  
Top the cake (yum-yum!)



**Hot Buttered Rum-Jeannie’s Grandma McClure’s recipe**

1 lb. butter  
1 lb. brown sugar  
1 lb. confectioners’ sugar  
1 qt vanilla ice cream  
2 tsp cinnamon  
2 tsp nutmeg

Melt in large pot on stove

Blend in

Remove from heat and  
Wisk in

Pour into a plastic container, seal & freeze

Place 1 Tbsp Hot Buttered Rum batter into cup,  
1 oz rum (optional)  
Fill cup with boiling water  
(Also works well with hot tea with or without the rum!)



NOTE—Please send your recipes to me! I am almost out of contributors, You don’t want just mine!

Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."

"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"

"Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night."

My friend reviewed her young son's fill-in-the-blank homework. One line: "At Christmas, we exchange gifts with \_\_\_\_." His response: "Receipts."

While I was working as a store Santa, a boy asked me for an electric train set. "If you get your train," I told him, "your dad is going to want to play with it too. Is that all right?"

The boy became very quiet. So, moving the conversation along, I asked, "What else would you like Santa to bring you?"

He promptly replied, "Another train." *From guy-sports.com*

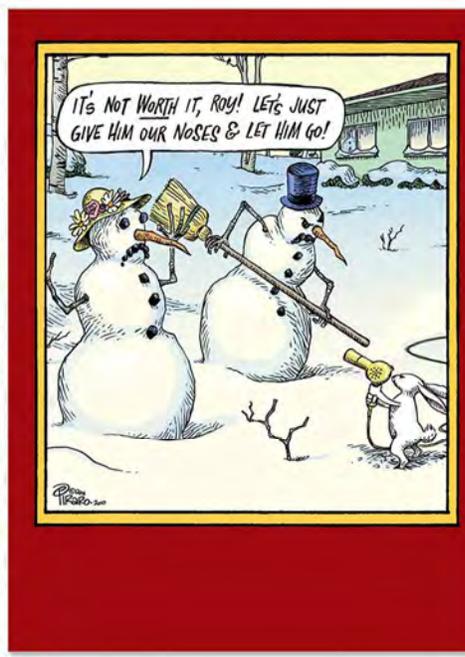
Q: What's a good holiday tip?

A: Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter.



Due to a slight hearing problem, history does not remember Doug and Gary, chicken herders of Bethlehem.





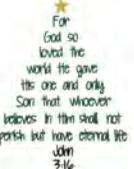
# Volunteers for December 2018

Jeff Peterson & Andy Smith



We owe the Parsonage Roof to these two volunteers!

# December 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9am-Adult Bible Study</li> <li>• 9 am-Coffee Hour</li> <li>• 10am-Worship (Emanuel)</li> <li>• 12pm-Worship (Christ the King)</li> </ul>						<p>3 to 5 pm- <a href="#">Methodist Church</a> Gingerbread House- Building Contest &amp; Cookie Exchange</p> <p>7 pm—at Emanuel Yelm Community Choir Christmas Concert</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
(See above Worship times)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 pm <a href="#">Girl Scouts Troop #43785</a></li> <li>• 6 pm <a href="#">Budget and Finance</a></li> <li>• 6:30pm <a href="#">Property Care</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 pm <a href="#">WELCA</a></li> <li>• 6 pm <a href="#">Giving Thanks Dinner</a></li> <li>• 7 pm <a href="#">Yelm Community Choir Practice</a></li> <li>• 8 pm Yelm Mason Lodge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark</li> <li>• 4 to 6 pm Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs</li> <li>• 6:30 Soup -Supper Bible Study - CHERYL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noon-Linked Churches</li> <li>• 6 pm <a href="#">Girl Scout Troop #44588</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 pm <a href="#">Worship &amp; Music Committee</a></li> </ul>	<p>1:00 pm Celebration of Life for Bob Lyon</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
(See above Worship times)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noon—Newsletter Items Due</li> <li>• 6 pm <a href="#">Girl Scouts Troop #43785</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 pm <a href="#">Giving Thanks Dinner-with Girl Scout Caroling</a></li> <li>• 7 pm <a href="#">Yelm Community Choir Practice</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark</li> <li>• 4 to 6 pm Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs</li> <li>• 6:30 Soup -Supper Bible Study - SHON</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 pm <a href="#">Girl Scout Troop #44588</a></li> </ul>		<p>2 to 3:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #44000</p>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
(See above Worship times)	<p>7 and 11 pm Christmas Eve Services</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed</p>	<p><b>Christmas Day</b></p> <p>6 pm Giving Thanks Dinner</p>  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 to 2 pm <a href="#">Veteran Support Group</a></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Office Closed</p>			

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Get to Know

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**The First Article: Creation** “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.”

**What does this mean?**

I believe that God has created me and all that exists; that he has given me and still sustains my body and soul, all my limbs and senses, my reason and all the faculties of my mind, together with food and clothing, house and home, family and property; that he provides me daily and abundantly with all the necessities of life, protects me from all danger, and preserves me from all evil. All this he does out of his pure, fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness on my part. For all of this I am bound to thank, praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

*Scripture Readings for December 2018*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Festival-Sunday</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
12/02	Advent 1-Hope	Jeremiah 33:14-16		1 Thess.3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
12/09	Advent 2-Peace	Malachi 3:1-4		Luke 1:68-79	Luke 3:1-6
12/16	Advent 3-Joy	Zephaniah 3:14-20		Isaiah 12:2-6	Luke 3:7-18
12/23	Advent 4-Love	Micah 5:2-5a		Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-55
12/30	Christmas 1		Psalm 148	Col 3:12-17	Luke 2: 4-52

## Activities at Emanuel in December!



There is a lot going on this month, all kinds of festivities in celebration of Christ's birth, please check your Bulletin and the posted calendar in the Narthex for additions and updates. I look forward to seeing y'all there! Jeannie

**Saturday, Dec 1—3 to 5 pm—Gingerbread House Making Contest & Cookie Exchange** at the United Methodist Church—children's participation and you go to vote for your favorite house! Also a Cookie Exchange. *See Jeannie for further information!*

**Saturday, Dec 1—7 pm—Yelm Community Choir Annual Christmas Concert**

**Wednesdays, at 6:30pm —Soup/Supper with Bible Study for Advent:**

Dec 5th—led by Cheryl Ohlsen

Dec 12—led by Kathy Peterson

Dec 19—led by Shon Zawada

**Sunday, Dec 9—7 pm—24th Annual Community Christmas Concert**—hosted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (more information below)

**Tuesday, Dec 18 at 6 pm—Giving Thanks Dinner**—there will be **Christmas Caroling** by the Girl Scouts

**Monday, Dec 24—at 7 and 11 pm—Christmas Eve Services**

**Tuesday, Dec 25—at 6 pm—Christmas Day's Giving Thanks Dinner** to share with those who may be alone on this special day

**Tuesday, Jan 1, 2019—at 6 pm—New Year's Day—Giving Thanks Dinner** to bring in the New Year!

*(For more activities, please see the enclosed calendar.)*



### 24th Annual Community Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec 9th at 7 pm

Bring Family & Friends

Hosted at

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
10423 Clark Road SE, Yelm

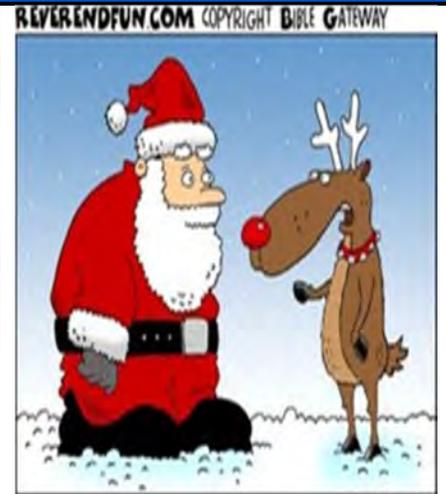


Yelm Community Choir  
Annual Christmas Concert  
At Emanuel Lutheran Church

Saturday, Dec 1 at 7 pm  
All are welcome, come join in the singing!



Communist until you get rich;  
 Feminist until you married;  
 Atheist until the airplane starts falling."  
*The Hypocrite Diaries*



I'M SORRY GUY, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEALTH PLAN AND YOU GIVE OUT FREE GIFTS AND ALL, BUT JESUS REALLY DOES HAVE A MUCH BETTER PLAN



## *Giving Thanks Dinner Food Needs for the Holidays*

- ◇ Turkeys (10-12 lbs.)
- ◇ Hams (10 lbs. or bigger)
- ◇ Beef (Roasts and/or Ground Beef)
- ◇ Pork (Roasts—shoulder, chops, etc.)
- ◇ Stuffing Bread
- ◇ Frozen—Family size Lasagna
- ◇ Coffee & Coffee Creamer
- ◇ Dessert plates and Napkins



### **Christmas Dinner—Dec 18th, 2018 at 6 pm -**

Not sure of the menu at this time, depends on what is contributed, Girl Scouts will be caroling. We will need additional help on this day also.

**Christmas Day Dinner-Dec 25th at 6 pm**—we will have a dinner for those who do not have anyone to share their dinner with on this special day—menu is undetermined.—We need help on this day as well

**New Year's Day Dinner—Jan 1, 2019 at 6 pm**—we will also be serving dinner on this day—not

There will be a  
 Celebration of Life  
 For our friend,  
 Bob Lyon  
 Saturday, December 8th



“Jesus is my Savior, not my religion.”

“People do not always give second chances; thankfully, God does”

“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal.”

**More from Jim Smith ....**

- ◇ “ First King size bed—the manager!”
- ◇ “To walk out of God’s will is to step into nowhere”
- ◇ “I know now, Lord, why you utter no answer: you are yourself the answer.” C.S. Lewis
- ◇ “My home is in heaven: I am just traveling through this world” Billy Graham
- ◇ “Comparing Jesus with histories greatest human leaders is like comparing the sun to a flashlight with no batteries.” Ray Comfort

*And my personal favorite with my comment following:*

**“Friends are the siblings that God never gave us” (or the ones who we have now lost!)**

**Prayer List—Dec 2018**

**Afflicted with cancer**

Bitton, Lisa  
 Hanson, Allison  
 Huttar, Debbie  
 Luft, Becky  
 Risch, Roger  
 Sheetz, Janice  
 Swanson, Derek  
 Thompson, Gene  
 White, Jeri  
 Wright, Marsha

**Homebound/Care Facility**

Keena, Almyra

**Difficult Times**

Kathman, Andrea  
 Kolb, Erik

**In Mourning—**

**Family & Friends of:**

Lyon, Bob  
 Reece, Emily

**Guidance & Safety**

For those working on our  
 Parsonage roof

**Receiving Medical Care**

Alderson, Evelyn  
 Felton, Destini  
 Graham, Mary Ann  
 Kallie, Sandy  
 Mary  
 Nelson, Beverly  
 Pennington, Allie  
 Snyder, Carmen  
 Tompkins, Patty

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

Aull, Greg  
 Aull, Stephanie  
 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.

Names are removed after  
 4 Sundays, except for those with  
 cancer, home-bound or in a care  
 facility, and service men and women:  
 these will remain for a year.

If you wish to be a part of the  
 Prayer Chain, contact Jeannie at 360  
 -458-3861. You do not have to have  
 the internet to be on the Prayer  
 Chain, we can make arrangements  
 as needed for you to participate!



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