

The Evangel

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JANUARY 16, 2011

Martin Luther King Commemorative Service

The Southeastern Synod's commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. will take place on Sunday, January 16, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 731 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA, 30308. There are two parts to this year's event. At 3:30 p.m., we will gather for a service of Word and Song, "God's Justice Everywhere," with keynote speaker Dr. Earl Lewis, Provost at Emory University. Following the service, we will be blessed by the presence of Representative John Lewis, Georgia 5th District to the United States Congress, who will address the gathering and welcome ELCA mission directors from around the country. For more information, please contact Beverly Shaw, bbshaw1@comcast.net, or Bradley Schmeling, pastorbrad@stjohnsatlanta.org.

JANUARY 17, 2011

Lutheran Day of Service 2011

Celebrate the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday by participating in this full day of events. Held at the Porter Sanford III Performing Arts Center in DeKalb County. Projects include assembling 50 pound bags of rice to be used by refugee families, and outdoor projects at Wonderland Gardens & Lyon Farm.

Information about how to register and the specifics of the project will be available in early January. Until then, all questions about registration and details of the event can be directed to Kyle Cristofalo, Synod Coordinator of Programs for Hunger, Poverty and Justice Issues and Lutheran Volunteer Corps Staffer at kcristofalo@elca-ses.org or 404-589-1977 ext 222.

January REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:45AM—Praise Service
9:45am—Sunday School
11:00am—Worship Service



FROM THE PEN OF THE PASTOR



Pastor Beverly
Transition Pastor

There is something special about new things. There is a sense of freshness, something clean, of something that is beginning. Of something...new. Perhaps this is why we celebrate the New Year so vigorously. It is a chance to start over; to clean up the vestiges of the mistakes we made the previous year. This is not to say that we toss all the events of the previous year. Some have been positive. Some have been challenging, some have been pathetic. But in all the pathos of human nature, much growth comes from adversity. And you know what they say: What does not kill you will make you strong.

When Christ came into this world, he did a new thing. The Mosaic Law gave us the law; the Messianic laws gave us truth and grace. With our baptism, we were cleansed of our sin, and became new creations. The old Adam died in us and the new was born. We are now new in Christ Jesus.

God meant us to act like new persons. In Corinthians, Paul stressed the fact that with Christ comes a new creation; a new heaven and a new earth. Everything old has passed away. No longer would we see each other through old eyes, but new eyes. According to a prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, where there is hatred, we would sow love. Where there is injury, we will give pardon. Where there is discord, we will bring union. Where there is doubt, we would show faith. Instead of despair, we would bring hope and where there is darkness, we would shine light. If there is sadness, we would encourage joy. And where there is fear, we bring trust.

I have decided to make some New Year changes. First, I will pray about everything. Second, I will trust God in all things. You see, I have come to understand that the God of mercy and love renews the mercy and grace given to us every hour, every day, every month and every year. God's grace is always new and fresh, abundant and steadfast. Even in my imperfection, God's faithfulness never ceases. For God sent Christ Jesus and he made him to be sin that knew no sin so that we might become the righteousness of God. You have to trust so great a love.

So I have resolved to be a new creature this year; reconciled to Christ.

And even if I fall short this year, I will trust in God's love to see me through another new beginning. And maybe, just maybe, I will, every new year, be a better me, through Christ.



Pondering the Word



In this new year, let us as people of God, explore who we are in Christ. For the next three months, let's look at Scripture that help us to define the new creations we are. In January, we will study passages that tell us we are accepted by God in Christ. In February, we look at the security we find in Christ and in March, we will see what the Bible says about our significance to God.

For January's study, read:

John 1:12

John 15:15

Romans 5:1

1 Corinthians 6:17

1 Corinthians 6: 19-20

1 Corinthians 12:27

Ephesians 1:3-8

Colossians 1: 13-14

Colossians 2:9-10

Hebrews 4:14-16

Pastor Beverly

The Church Council for 2011

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Ministries

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News to Share

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, January the 11th at 7:00 pm

Church Council Meeting

The monthly meeting of the church council will be Tuesday, January the 18th at 7:00 pm

Angel Tree 2010

Many thanks Emmanuel for your support once again for Angel Tree. Thanks to your generosity 25 children from refugee families had a brighter Christmas. Thank you Emmanuel for your continued support of Angel Tree! Jacqui El Torro and Liz Wills, Social Ministry Co-Chairs

Hunger Walk 2011

The Hunger Walk will be March 13, 2011. More information will be coming soon!

2011 Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar for 2011 is in the Narthex. Cost: \$40.00/\$25.00 minimum donation.

LutherRanch Contribution

Please remember that Emmanuel's \$9,000 total LutherRanch contribution is due by December 31, 2011. When making the contribution, be sure to indicate "LutherRanch" in the note section on your check.

Thanks, December Birthday Club

Thanks to the December birthday club for hosting the coffee hour on Dec. 19. Special thanks to Debra Childress for coordinating the activity.

Seminar—Elder Care Law

A special seminar on Elder Care Law will be presented by Miles P. Hurley on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Hurley Elder Care Law provides families with expertise in matters such as: Life Care Planning, Veteran Benefits Eligibility, Medicaid and nursing home planning, Asset Protection and more.

Congregation Meeting

The Congregation Meeting will be held on January 30, 2011 after the combined service. The service will be handled by the Youth of Emmanuel (YOE) and Kalon T.J. Anthony has been informed to deliver the message on that day.

News to Share

Diabetes Day - 2011

The prevalence rate of Diabetes has increased. If present trends continue, one in three Americans and one in two minorities born in 2000 will develop Diabetes in their lifetime. The good news is that by simply incorporating a healthy diet along with daily exercise, you can prevent or delay developing Diabetes and the devastating complications of Diabetes.

Did you know that Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness? If you have Diabetes or are at risk of Diabetes, you can learn more about the prevention, management and control of Diabetes and its complications on Diabetes Day, January 30, 2011. This program is brought to you by the American Diabetes Association.

Emmanuel on the Web

Probably the best kept secret at Emmanuel lately is that we have a Facebook page! It has been up for almost a year and it has been well received. Emmanuel currently has 169 "Facebook friends" (and counting!) which includes current members, past members, area Lutheran churches and several friends outside of Georgia. We also have formed friendships within the Lutheran community with churches outside the Georgia area as well. If you need more information on how to join us on Facebook, just contact Liz Wills (404-645-5111) for more details. Hope to see you on Facebook!



Health Corner



Search Your Heart

We are continuing with the Search Your Heart program. I would like to encourage the ones that signed up and did the screening tests to complete the courses. For those who don't know, the Search Your Heart program teaches one what the causes of heart disease and stroke are and how to lower your risk. Become aware of the changes that you can make in your daily life. Our last session was on nutrition and there was a cooking demonstration.

Even simple, small changes can make a big difference in living a better life. Known as "Life's Simple 7", these steps can help add years to your life

- Don't smoke
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Engage in regular physical activity.
- Eat a healthy diet.
- Manage blood pressure.
- Take charge of cholesterol.
- Keep blood sugar, or glucose, at a healthy level.

.Search Your Heart Follow-Up January 9

On the 9th of January we will be having the 3-month follow-up for the Search Your Heart Program. This will involve your height, weight, BMI and blood pressure. There will also be a short presentation on physical activity. The six month follow-up will be on Sunday, April 3rd at 10 am. Please put this on your calendar. The other classes will be scheduled as soon as possible before the 3rd of April.. For more information on the Search Your Heart Program, please contact Christine Davis.

News to Share



Adult Sunday School

This class is very ably taught by Rick Goerss. The current study is "No Experience Necessary". More than just a job: Unit four. The purpose of our life together is to participate in God's mission to the world. This purpose shapes everything we do as the church.

In this study we take key passages in the Bible and relate them to contemporary life. This affords a very lively discussion on the Bible and everything in the session builds on the Bible passage and three questions:

1. What do you think God is doing here?
2. What do you hear God saying to you personally?
3. What do you hear God saying to you as a small group, congregation, community, nation?

We would love to hear your perspectives on these questions, so come out and join us each Sunday between services and 9:00am when there is a combined service. We hope to see you in class!



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Calendar of Events and Activities January 2011

Praise Choir Rehearsals—Wednesdays at 6:15p
Emmanuel Choir Rehearsals— Wednesdays at 7:15p



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Combined worship 10:00 am						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Regular worship schedule						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Regular worship schedule		Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Regular wor- ship schedule						
30	31					
Combined worship 10:00 am						

Congratulations to the following members and friends who are celebrating birthdays during the month of January.

- 1—Brock Brockington
- 9—Gail McCoy
- 9—Reuben Wilson, Jr.
- 14—Ruby Esannason
- 14—James McLemore, Jr.
- 15—Jerry Parker, III
- 15—Brenda Turner
- 16—Toni Johnson
- 21—Denise Ward
- 22—Lawrence Miller, jr.
- 25—Joseph Evans
- 26—Mendy Parker
- 30—Danielle Dunlap
- 30—Jeremiah Kennedy
- 31—Dorothy Marshall

If your name or the name of a family member is not included in the January birthday list, please notify the church office.



January Worship Leaders

1st Sunday (January 2)

10:00am

Ushers: Brock Brockington, Gail Robinson
Assisting Minister: Christine Davis

2nd Sunday (January 9)

11:00am

Ushers: Edna Nicks, Alvoyd Nicks
Assisting Minister: Nancy Hall-White

3rd Sunday (January 16)

11:00am

Ushers: Glen Johnson, Brock Brockington
Assisting Minister: James McCoy

4th Sunday (January 23)

11:00am

Ushers: Cliff Baldowski, Willis Culpepper
Assisting Minister: Danielle Dunlap

5th Sunday (January 30)

10:00 am

Ushers: TBA
Assisting Minister: Sylvia McCoy

Christmas Poinsettia Donors



Marianne Pieper

In memory of Don and Laura Pieper

George and Lorraine Keuchenmeister

In memory of Rev. G. Keuchenmeister

Gerald and Christeen Yerby

In memory of Mr. And Mrs Reuben Rains
And in memory of W. Timothy and Timothy A. Yerby

Gail Mattox McCoy

In memory of Helen Mattox and Rita Mattox

Sarah Plummer

In memory of the family

Rick and Marsha Goerss

In memory of the family

Pastor Miller

In memory of the family

Leroy and Edith Higdon

In memory of Leroy and Lillian Higdon
And in memory of Clarence J. Mauldin Sr. and Jr.

Mary Gordon

In memory of Gordon Boykin

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Directions: Emmanuel is located approximately one mile inside I-285 near the I-285/Cascade Road exit on the corner of Cascade Road and Adams Drive.