

WEEKLY E-NEWS

December 19th, 2024



EMMANUEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Webster Groves, MO



HELPFUL LINKS

[Bulletin for The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22](#)

[Prayers of the Parish](#)

[December Birthdays and Anniversaries](#)

[Emmanuel on YouTube at 9:30am](#)

If you have a name tag, please wear it!

If you need a name tag, let an usher know!

CALENDAR

December 22

8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II - Christmas Play

10:45 Christian Education & Formation - The 12 Days of Christmas

December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:00 Children's Christmas Nativity service ([Bulletin](#))

5:00 Festival Eucharist with organ, trumpets and soloists ([Bulletin](#))

10:00 Festival Eucharist with organ, Clarion Brass, Emmanuel choir & soloists ([Bulletin](#))

December 25 - Christmas Day

10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II ([Bulletin](#))

December 25-January 1

Office closed. We will re-open Tuesday, January 2

December 28

6:00 Youth Group Gingerbread Party

December 29 - Only one service, at 10:00am

10:00 **Lessons and Carols** with Holy Eucharist ([Bulletin](#))

11:00 Christian Education & Formation - Fellowship Fifth Sunday

January 1

No Fellowship Dinner, no choirs, no Taizé (Restarting on January 8)

For more details, click the event on the calendar.

[Emmanuel Calendar Link](#)

LETTER FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

TIME TALENT TREASURE



2025 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE

Dear Emmanuel Family,

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure to our parish community. Your commitment and dedication are deeply appreciated and will make a significant impact on our church's mission and ministry.

But please know, we are not done! Our goal is joyful abundance – to be bursting at the seams with the fruits of our time, talent, and treasure. Your contribution matters - no matter the amount of dollars or the amount of time you give. It all counts and it has a compounding effect!

As we reflect on the incredible support you've shown, we have heard some of your dreams and vision for deepening our relationships and ministries - both within our parish and beyond. Your time, your talent, and your treasure together allow us to foster a vibrant, caring, and inclusive community where everyone's gifts are valued and utilized to their fullest potential.

We will continue to encourage you to share your dreams for 2025 and beyond. The Stewardship Team and Vestry really want to hear from you and explore opportunities together. We would also like to share some of these dreams with the parish (with your permission) in weekly bulletins and during the announcement (ways to engage) portion of our Sunday worship.

Together, we can create more occasions for meaningful connections, build greater support those in need, and extend our outreach further into the world. Our hope is to build bridges that bring us closer, enriching our communal life and serving as a beacon of hope and compassion among our broader community.

If you haven't pledged yet, please know that you can turn in your pledge at any time. You can do so online or contact [Elliot Belloli](#) in the church office. You can also speak to either of us for information or any questions you might have regarding the pledging process.

So **very many** good things are happening at Emmanuel! We look forward to

continuing this journey with you, nurturing the bonds that unite us, and exploring new avenues for growth and service.

With gratitude and blessings,
Lissa Johnson and John Long

WHAT'S UP @EEC?

Streaming Success!

The first livestream of our new streaming setup was a success! If you have time, [please check out the most recent livestream](#). We also ask that you share a link to our livestream with your friends and family. We want to be able to reach as many people as possible with our livestreamed services!

[Link to Emmanuel's Live Stream](#)

Special thanks to Nick Romano and all of the Tech Ministers (Robert Tate, Tom Jones, Cayleigh Thalmann, and Dave Powers) for operating our livestream every Sunday. Our growing online congregation thanks you!

Share your Creche Sets

During our Epiphany celebration on January 5, we will be holding a creche set (nativity scene) showcase. Please bring in your family creche set(s) to formation hour to show off to the rest of the congregation!

If you do not feel comfortable bringing in your creche, [you can upload a picture of it here](#). We will play a slideshow of all of the creche photos during formation.



Annual Meeting 2025

The Annual Meeting for 2025 is about a month away, on January 26, 2025. We will all meet in the Parish Hall (or on Zoom) to reflect on 2024 at Emmanuel. Be watching the newsletter for more details and information as it becomes available.

If you are a ministry leader, you should have received an email earlier this week with a request for your ministry's summary report and photos. If you did not receive this email, first check your spam folder and then contact [Elliot](#).



CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL!



Christmas Play

Ann Marie Ruhlin, with many of the children and adults of Emmanuel, have been hard at work preparing for Emmanuel's Christmas play, ***What are we waiting for?***. The play will take place during the 9:30 service this Sunday, Dec 22. Come and watch the revival of a lost Emmanuel tradition.

Also, with our new streaming equipment we will be able to capture the entire play for our online congregation!



Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offering is a special monetary gift that may be given during Christmas, and includes all loose offerings contributed at the Christmas services.

The Christmas Offering this year will benefit our Food Center, which has served a record number of customers this year. Your donation will help to stock our Food Center with canned goods, toiletries, and other basic necessities. You can also donate directly to the [Food Center here](#).

Gingerbread Home for the Holidays

Calling all Youth Group members, past and present, for a Youth Group gingerbread party. Kids will meet at church on December 28 at 6:00, they'll make gingerbread houses, have pizza, play games. The party will be over at 9:00.

Please RSVP with [Katie](#) or [Tessa](#) so we know how much pizza to order. Also, let her know your your

favorite toppings!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Christian Formation

4th Advent

De-coding the 12 days of Christmas song

Do you know the meaning behind the
symbolic words in this song?

Come find out,
then sing this favorite song with new meaning!
Join us for coffee, snacks, and singing!

Sunday, Dec 22

**in the Parish Hall Dining Room
after the 9:30 service**

STEWARDSHIP 2025

How do I pledge?

- Physical pledge cards found in the pews and Narthex
- [Online pledge card found here](#) or use the QR code



How do I contribute to my pledge?

There are many different ways to make your pledge contributions throughout the year. Some parishioners send a personal check each month, while others have scheduled online payments through our online giving portal. You can contribute in whatever way fits your needs. Please reach out to [Jim Kern](#) with questions.

Our only request is that you make sure to identify your contributions as a "2025 pledge". This is especially true for people who give the same amount each month. We are still getting a few contributions marked as a 2022 pledge! Please make sure to update your scheduled payment instructions with the correct memo information.

To make a one time or scheduled contribution through our online giving portal, [click here](#). If you are setting up a scheduled contribution, make sure to set an end date.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Our building and food center is open Monday-Friday
from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Please call or email for more information about any of our offerings.
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