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### Emanuel's Mission Statement

To proclaim God's grace through Word and Sacrament, and to bear witness to God's Kingdom in our daily lives.

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Worship Services  
8:00 a.m.  
&  
10:30 a.m.

## Congregational Leadership

### Staff

Pastor	The Rev. Paul J. Zwarich
Pastoral Assistant	Willie Spreen
Hospital Visitation Pastor in San Antonio	The Rev. Darwin Huartson
Director of Music & Worship	Thomas Engler
Administrative Assistant	Jeannie Hall
Desktop Publisher/Secretary	Bonnie Cheatham
Day School Director	Burlene LeClair
Nursery Coordinator	Heidi Koepsel
Wedding Coordinator	Dee Dee Burns

### Congregation Council

Natalie Alexander	John Baumann
Evelyn Dittmar	Denise Hufnagl
Brian Jones	Toni Ludzenski
Marivel Medina	Roland Naumann
Ronald Naumann	Christa Nichols
Jeanne Palmer	Aaron Seidenberger

## Worship Services & Events

January 3, 2010	8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Service/ Holy Communion/Hunger Sunday
January 6, 2010	9:15 am Adult Sunday School/Confirmation Class
January 10, 2010	7:00 pm Epiphany of Our Lord Service/Potluck 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Service/ Holy Communion
January 17, 2010	9:15 am Sunday School/Confirmation Class 10:30 am Installation of Council Followed by a Reception 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Service/ Holy Communion/Installation of WELCA Officers
January 24, 2010	9:15 am Sunday School/Confirmation Class 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Service/ Holy Communion
January 31, 2010	9:15 am Sunday School/Confirmation Class 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Service/ Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School/Confirmation Class 12:15 pm Singles Food Fun & Fellowship

## From the Pastor

**Welcome to the Year 2010.** May the Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy of the Christ Child fill your heart with Happiness throughout the New Year. Now that the hustle and bustle of the Advent and Christmas Seasons are behind us, it is time to look forward because of the many blessings God has given us. Some of you have made New Years resolutions while others are just thinking what will happen in the New Year. There are a number of things I would like to ask you to do in the coming year of 2010: -1. worship regularly -2. pray and read your Bible regularly -3. lift up your staff and Congregational Council in prayer -4. consider increasing your contribution according to how God has blessed you -5. volunteer at the church in some way -6. share the gifts of time and talents with those around you. – and 7. look at additional ways that you can give of yourself. Let's remember the words of the Old Testament "Blessed to be a blessing" because each of us has indeed been blessed.

**Happy New Year**  
Pastor Paul

P.S. At the Annual Meeting in December, it was announced that on Sunday, January 10, 2010, we will begin a Congregation Conversation that will continue each Sunday for an indefinite period. The first topic to be discussed will be "How Lutherans Interpret the Scriptures" and will be followed by other presentations and topics. Information concerning the meeting will be made public as soon as it is available.

## From Willie's Desk

As I write this it's nine days until Baby Jesus birthday and fifteen days until the New Year. Let me reflect back on this year. On February 1<sup>st</sup> I was installed into ministry here at Emanuel's to expand the ministry of this congregation to members of my own generation. I really didn't have any idea how large a task this is.

You have welcomed Esther and me for which we are very grateful. We are still getting familiar with you and are trying to remember faces and names. Bear with us as we grow in this way. Your smiles, hugs and hand shakes are really appreciated.

As we look forward to 2010 we acknowledge that we live in a changing world. Situations change even here at Emanuel's and all of us need to be flexible as we go. We as members of God's Kingdom here on earth need to be willing to reach out. To our neighbors, acquaintances and even strangers, we need to learn how to let everyone know that we are God's children. We need show that God's love to us flows through us to everyone we come in contact with. Just smile! That's a start.

Recall the Baptisms, the Weddings and the New Members received in the last few months and these same events during the Spring 2010 and you will conclude that the Spirit is at work in our efforts here at Emanuel's. Let's rejoice and be Glad.

I'm looking forward to 2010, I hope you are to.

### NOTICE

The Church Staff meets every Tuesday, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The phone will be set so that you can leave us a voice message, and we can respond when we are done.

### DEADLINES

Information must be in the office by 8:00 am Tuesday, mornings for bulletins. Newsletter information must be in the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## Lectionary Readings for January 2010

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Jan 3	Jer. 31:7-14	Ps. 147:12-20	Eph. 1:3-14	John 1:[1-9] 10-18
Jan 6	Isa. 60:1-6	Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14	Eph. 3:1-12	Matt. 2:1-12
Jan 10	Isa. 43:1-7	Ps. 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Jan 17	Isa. 62:1-5	Ps. 36:5-10	1 Cor. 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Jan 24	Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ps. 19	1 Cor. 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
Jan 31	Jer. 1:4-10	Ps. 71:1-6	1 Cor. 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30

## Pre-school and Elementary Sunday School

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ON THE TWO SUNDAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 27 AND JANUARY 3. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 10.



- In Sunday School we not only learn Bible songs and stories (and maybe even a few Bible memory verses), but we experience the joy of sharing through our monetary offerings. Thus far this SS year we have completed 13 School Kits for Lutheran World Relief; we gave 43 pounds of cereal and about 30 boxes of mac 'n cheese to the Christian Cupboard and donated lots and lots of socks for children at the Family Violence Center in Seguin. **December and January monetary offering** for the children age 3 through second grade will provide the gift of a piglet through ELCA Good Gifts to a third-world family establishing a farm. Piglets cost \$30!

- Our **3's and 4's** meet in Room 215A for songs, then enjoy their Bible story with Ms. Lynda Ploetz and Ms. Meredith Huser. Due to some changes in our previous schedule, in January our class will study Noah obeying God, Building the Ark, the Big Flood and God's great promise.
- Children in **Kindergarten – Second Grade** also meet in Room 215A for singing. They then form a circle for a Godly Play story, which includes a time of wondering, inviting children into the story by their responses and questions. In January we will study the parables. During the activity time children choose among Godly Play story trays, puzzles, journals, books, and art materials. A newer center provides beads of liturgical colors for making a Calendar of the Church Year necklace or bracelet.
- Students in **Grades 3- 6** meet in downstairs Room 103 A, B with Cindy Schrank and Jane Foreman who plan great interactive lessons. January lessons will be Stories Jesus Told, lessons on Jesus' parables.

**You are invited to come....to bring children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends.**

### PRAY FOR OTHER CONGREGATIONS!

Each congregation in our San Antonio Conference is being asked to remember other congregations in prayer through the year, and all have been sent a schedule of weeks in which to pray for a specific congregation. We will be remembering these congregations in our prayers each Sunday, and you are asked to keep them in prayer through the week.

Those for whom we pray in January:

January 3	Zion, San Antonio
January 10	St. Paul, New Braunfels
January 17	Camimo Real, San Antonio
January 24	The Branches Worshiping Community
January 31	Beitel Memorial, San Antonio

Some members of Women of ELCA would like to begin implementation of the **CHERISH THE CHILDREN** program by asking a member of Emanuel's to pray daily for a specific child of our congregation. Willing members will draw a child's name and age from a basket and begin praying for that child daily. The program will begin in January. If you as a parent have questions about this ministry or do not want your child to be a part of this "prayed for" group, please call Barbara Effenberger (379-5290) or Elaine Giesber (557-6658).

## Financial News

### Comparative Financial Report – November 30, 2009 Assets & Liabilities At November 30

<b>Assets:</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Money Market Funds	235,287	244,419
Less: Borrowings Against Money Market Funds to Support Operating Shortfalls	(79,984)	(96,361)
Net Remaining Money Market Funds *	155,303	148,058
Endowment Funds	369,988	367,313
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>525,291</b>	<b>515,371</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Current Cash Deficit	5,171	7,865
Loan at Mission Plus for A/C & Heating Unit	-	-
Loan at Mission Plus for Alexander Property	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,171</b>	<b>7,865</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 520,120</b>	<b>\$ 507,506</b>
<b>Increase/Decrease in Net Assets</b>		<b>\$ (12,613)</b>

### Income Statement Through November 30

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Operating Income	421,943	450,235
Operating Expenses	433,279	476,912
<b>Net Operating Loss</b>	<b>\$ (11,336)</b>	<b>\$ (26,678)</b>

*\* Note - For clearer disclosure Money Market Funds used to finance church operations due to shortfalls in giving are shown netted against the original amount of Money Market Funds. Thus "Net Remaining Money Market Funds" are the actual amount of funds remaining on deposit with the bank as of that respective date.*



Happy New Year!  
For your convenience, I will be working at Emanuel's on Thursdays. Please stop by or call my office in San Antonio to set up a Thursday appointment.  
1-800-880-1225.  
Josh Bauman.



## LADIES AID

### Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon

The social hall was the scene of a beautiful Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approximately 90 guests, friends and members gathered to enjoy the program and luncheon.

Velma welcomed everyone. Burlene LeClair introduced the Day School children who sang several songs. Velma introduced the head table and Pastor Paul opened with a poem and led us in prayer. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served by All Occasions.

Velma recognized the guests and staff. The quilt raffle winner was Barbara Lampmann. A special "thank you" was extended to the ladies who diligently made coffee cakes for the bazaar and to the quilters, who quilted many beautiful quilts during the year.

Pat Hoppe and Tom Engler presented several Christmas skits which were very entertaining. The group sang Christmas songs between the skits.

Members introduced their guests. Pastor Paul closed with a prayer.

The door prize winners were:

Tom Engler	Joyce Wilson
Cal Haugen	Francine Pidgeon
Sylvia Schneider	Willie Spreen
Joyce Engelhardt	Melba Lentz
Clara Kallies	Clara Jubela
Aline Lindemann	Jackie Jandt
Ruth Herbold	Cindy Sczech
Mae Gerdes	Margie Dietert
Maxine Hollub	Evan Herbold
Annabelle Koehler	Dorothy Donsbach
Angela Haberle	Ann Beicker
Dottie Kallies	Lorene Schraub
Penny Kleinschmidt	Pastor Paul
Velma Reininger	Ann Theiss
Carolyn McDonald	Evelynn Raske
Jeannie Hall	Nelson Schneider
Paul Wright	Cliff Micheli
Adeline Ploetz	Kathy Haberle
Erwin Fischer	Hughlene Micheli
Dorothy Schievelbein	

## WELCA

### Installation Service for Leaders in Emanuel's Lutheran Church Women

There will be an installation service for officers of Women of ELCA (including Circles), Ladies Aid, and Altar Guild at both worship services on Sunday, January 17.

### Emanuel's Lutheran Church Women Coordinating Council Meeting

Officers of Women of ELCA, Circle Chairman, Ladies Aid President, and Altar Guild Co-Presidents comprise the Coordinating Council. We will meet on Wednesday, January 13 at 5:30 in the Women's Ministry Room. The agenda includes a review of events scheduled for the first quarter of 2010 and any other business brought by the members. It is important that each organization has representation at this meeting.

### Women of ELCA General Meeting

Women of ELCA will hold its biannual general meeting on Wednesday, January 20, at noon, in the Women's Ministry Room. Bring your favorite food—it's a potluck lunch. The business agenda includes adopting the budget, calendar and projects proposed by the Coordinating Council for 2010. We will also elect our delegate and alternate delegate to the Synodical Women's Convention in October. Check future Sunday bulletins for the program.

More volunteers are needed at the Lutheran Ministry Center Synod Office located on the TLU Campus. Volunteers serve as receptionist, with mailings, and similar office tasks when needed. Contact Barbara Effenberger (379-5290). She keeps a list of volunteers and calls on them approximately once a month as needed.

### "Working Wednesdays"

January 6, 2010	6:15 pm	Executive Council
January 13, 2010	6:15 pm	Congregation Council
January 20, 2010	6:30 pm	All Committee Night

### STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH THROUGH FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

Singles Group will meet at Emanuel's Lutheran Church Family Life Center on Sunday, January 31, 2009



If you need to reach the church Sunday mornings during worship service, please call the church phone number (830) 379-5046 and after the recording please dial extension 214. This phone will ring in the usher's room in the Narthex.

## Stained Glass Windows of Emanuel's Lutheran Church

### ALTAR WINDOW

The window which looks down upon the Altar of the Church symbolizes the Passion of our Lord and Savior. At the bottom of the middle panel—just beneath the Cross—is the Communion Cup which reminds us of Maundy Thursday—the institution and celebration of Holy Communion. In the left panel—facing the picture—is a long burning torch, reminiscent of the capture of the Savior in the Garden of Gethsemane by the soldiers and leaders of the people. In the panel at the right we see the temple pillar where, in the presence of Pilate, Jesus was scourged after His trial before the governor. The center panel carries a long cross—Good Friday's emblem of suffering, shame, and death, now the glory of Christian's everywhere. The four symbols are shrouded in colors of the Lenten season, red, charcoal gray, and orange, reminding us of the Bible truth that the dying Savior who shed His blood (red) on the Cross may now be approached and received in the Spirit of penitent meditation (gray) and awaking hope (orange), because a new day has dawned.

Description by Dr. E. J. Braulick

**Altar Guild Silver Polishing Meeting**  
Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 9:00 am  
Please bring soft rags.

**Ladies Aid**  
Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 2:00 PM  
Hostesses: Estelle Illhardt,  
Nola Kleinschmidt

**Faith Circle**  
will meet on  
Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM  
Hostess: Barbara Effenberger  
Bible Study Leader: Evelyn Streng

**Dorcas Circle**  
will meet on  
Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 2:00 PM  
Hostesses: Annie Boecker, Evelyn Friedeck  
Bible Study Leader: Jane Foreman

**Joy Circle**  
will meet on  
Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 9:30AM  
Hostess: Lorene Schievelbein  
Bible Study Leader: Alice Moltz

## **Senior Fest 2010** **January 30, 2010**

Gathering Lutheran adults for learning, devotions, and fellowship with the intent to enhance their physical, spiritual, social and mental well-being.

### **Finding Purpose in Our Later Years Without Manipulating the Will of God**

Triumphant Love Lutheran Church  
9508 Great Hills Trail  
Austin, TX 78759

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**THANK YOU!**

My sincere thanks to all of you for your visits, cards, telephone calls, and especially your prayers during my recent hospitalization. Your care and concern certainly helped me through this difficult time.

God's blessings to you all,  
Beth Jahns

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Dear Friends of Emanuel's

I am writing to thank you for the delicious turkey meals you delivered to my parents and me today. My three-year-old grandson, Micah, was here, too; and we all had plenty to eat and enough for another meal.

We have really been blessed by God's ambassadors lately. About 3 Sundays ago, the First United Methodists "Be The Church" crew came to my house and built me, a stroke survivor, a safer, sturdier, nice-looking ramp. It has changed my life. The crew was headed by Frank and Kellie Sullivan, former Emanuel's members so it was fun for me to visit with them the two times they were here.

And now my friends at Emanuel's bring us this lovely meal. Thank you for always remembering us.

God bless you all.

Charlene Roecker Green

### Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringers

Thanks and congratulations to Emanuel's Bell Ringers for their work on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. We collected a total of \$1,474.84 which was the highest total to date. Those members who worked two hour shifts from 9AM to 9PM were Harold Prochnow, Tom Engler, Frances Vinyard, Luther Oelke, Charles & Beverly Jobe, Dorothy Burris, Raymond Willmann, Rusty Clopton, Pastor Paul & Phyllis Zwarich, Natalie Alexander, Ursula and Karsten Alexander, Bob Zwarich, Claire Alexander, Krystal Medina, Eduardo Medina, Christian Coleman, and Emily Grobe

Roland Naumann,  
Salvation Army Board Member.

Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate the delicious Turkey Dinners you brought us.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Clifton and Doris Haas

The Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter, Inc.

Gratefully acknowledges

Emanuel's Lutheran Church for your contribution of assorted sandwiches.

Heartfelt Thanks from the Christian Cupboard  
Emanuel's Lutheran Church

Thank you for your donation of \$10.00 on 11-20-09 It is through support such as yours that we are able to continue our fight against hunger.

A big thank you to all of those who participated in the "Gifts for the King" project. The gifts which included baby diapers and wipes, books, toys, toiletries, household cleaning supplies, etc. were delivered to the Department of Child Protective Services. The donated items are given to families served by the department on a need basis. We also want to thank Estelle Illhardt, Chairman of Mission Community, for heading up this project.

Thank You! Thank You!

The Ladies Aid would like to thank all the volunteers who gave of their time to help make the bazaar a success. Also thank you to all who donated items for the bazaar. Your time and talents are deeply appreciated.

Velma Huebner  
President

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The Malford Ackermann family would like to thank Rev. Huartson for his visits to the hospital while Dad was there. It was very comforting for him to be there. Also, for the prayers, comforting words, well wishes and cards sent at the time of his illness and also at his passing. We are lucky to have such a wonderful church family.

Charles & Beverly Jobe and family

## Our Congregation



### The Families of

Winona Grobe  
 Grace Soefje  
 Marvin Wilke  
 (brother of Ida Mae Schulz  
 & Lucile Mosley)  
 Marcia Stansberry

Our Family and Friends in the  
 Military



Jarett Carroll, Randy Johnson, Darrell McCall, Ben Russell,  
 Stephanie Tovar, Michael Sullivan and Derek Schulz

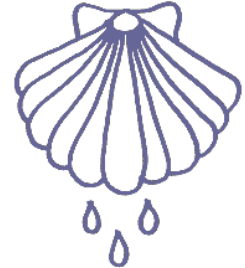
### Prayers requested Members

Annie Boecker, Kathleen Boeder, Harold Brodt, Ann Erxleben,  
 Perry Graham, Lucy Hill, Daniel Heideke, Lenora Mielke,  
 Laura Merz, Marian Strey, Barbara Tschoepe, Lenroe Beicker,  
 Alice Van Horne, Bonnie Stewart, Glendora Ewald  
 and Robert Stillens.

### Friends & Family

Mac Clopton, Susan Clopton, Donna Ethridge, Randy Johnson,  
 Linda Mosley, Lillian Sadowski, Aline Lindemann,  
 Rebecca Van Buren, David Van Houten, Betty Granger  
 and Joy Baker

Welcome  
 Holy Baptism



Rylee Paige Flippin  
 December 6, 2009



### DAY SCHOOL NEWS

Ring in the New Year isn't half as fun as ringing out the old year. In December the children eagerly prepared for Christmas. Any teacher can tell you what a wonderful learning experience it is for them. Decorating and making gifts helps develop creativity, dexterity, and imagination; while they also experience the joy of giving and pride in their own accomplishments. Through Chapel lessons by Tom Engler and our Christmas Program, the true meaning of Christmas rings out! This was the third year that the pre-kinder class presented a play portraying the first Christmas. When thinking about trying a different skit, I realized that there are none better than one that explains the first Christmas. And besides, I was surprised to learn that the younger students last year watched the play and told Mrs. Janz and me which character they wanted to portray this year. So, why mess with a good thing? The Day School's play has become a tradition!

The Day School staff and children wish you a Happy New Year!