



Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Advent 4C, December 19, 2021, 10:00a

Lessons: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Canticle 9; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

From Linnea+

A personal note. Thank you for Christmas cards and wishes and for kind expression of love in relation to this first Christmas without Michael. My plans include daughter Britta and David's coming from Seattle to Detroit on Thursday, going first to David's family in Grand Haven for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (such busy days for me, I couldn't be as available as I'd like), then coming to Hastings to be with me from December 26 through 30. Son Luke and family will come up from the Louisville area the afternoon of Christmas Day and head for home on December 28. Son Dan and his family traditionally go to the north island of Japan, Hokkaido, for the big New Year celebration and to ski (Hokkaido is mountainous and gets LOTS of winter snow!) May each of you share memorable and precious times with those you love.

Prayers this week:

Prayers for healing: Kelli, James, Jason, Jodie, Skip, Teri, Rob, Philip, Eric, Amy, Kathie, Jesse, Rita, Caitlin, Steve, Jeanne, Martha, Betsy, Ruthie, Rachael, Christina, Tina, Justin, Robin, Joyce, Karen, Kelli, and Mark P; prayers for the healing of the earth, that countries and individuals will follow through with their commitments to reducing emissions that cause climate change.

Prayers for the departed: Vivian, Lynne H, and for all who have died from Covid-19 around the world this week

Prayers for comfort and courage: for the Edstrom and Homeyer families, for those facing hard decisions and all who have experienced loss

This Week

Today, Sunday, December 19

Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist live streamed at 10:00a,

www.hastingsemmanuel.org or later at <https://www.facebook.com/hastingsemmanuel/> Please mask throughout the service and during coffee hour to reduce Covid transmission. **The Lakewood Area Choral Society will perform the Christmas Concert at 3:00p at the Hastings Performing Arts Center at Hastings High School. The doors will open at 2:15, and in lieu of tickets, a free-will offering will be collected.**

Monday, December 20

Katarina von Bora, Church Reformer, 1552

Pray for our region and for the world in the midst of pandemic

Tuesday, December 21
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St. Thomas, Apostle

Centering Prayer, 6:30p, in the Parish House
Pray for your own family

Wednesday, December 22

Pray for the Diocese, our own parish and breakfast guests

Thursday, December 23

Pray for the Church around the world

Friday, December 24

Eve of the Feast of the Nativity

Christmas Eve service, 7:30p, in the Gury

Parish House for caroling and a candlelight procession

Pray for our country, for Racial Justice and Reconciliation

Saturday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Pray for Episcopal Relief and Development

LESSONS AND SERVERS FOR THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Festival Choral Eucharist, Christmas Eve, 7:30p

Lessons: Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Servers: Lay Eucharistic Minister: Marty B; Lector/Intercessor: Rich F; Acolyte: Sam P, Zach R, Zara F; Ushers: Jan T, Keith B; Altar Guild: Georgette S; Videographers: John H, Matt P, Rich F

Simple Eucharist at the Creche, Christmas Day, 10:00a

Lessons: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14

Servers: Volunteers; Altar Guild: Jean H, Liz S

Next Sunday, Christmas 1, 10:00a

Lessons: Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Psalm 147; Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7; John 1:1-18

Servers: Lay Eucharistic Minister: Shannon T-N; Lector/Intercessor: Marty B; Acolyte: Zach F; Ushers: **NEEDED**; Altar Guild: Marge R, **new team-member needed**; Videographers: John H, Matt P, Judy S; Tellers: Doug A, Judy S

Christmas 2, Sunday, January 2, 2022, 10:00a

Lessons: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84:1-8; Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a; Luke 2:41-52

Servers: Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dennis M; Lector/Intercessor: Jan D; Acolyte: Sam P; Ushers: Rich and Ayesha F; Altar Guild: Georgette S; Videographers: John H, Matt P, Steve R; Tellers: Steve R, Sheryl L-B

Twelfth Night, the Last Night of the Christmas Season, a special time in the Church of England tradition. A bean and a pea in the King Cake will determine the King and Queen of Twelfth Night.

Wednesday, January 5, 5:00p to 8:30p (come when you can, leave when you must.)

All-parish potluck, Stations of the Epiphany, board games

(tear off here and save schedule above)

Looking ahead:

- Some educational opportunities will be coming your way in January:
 - Calvin College January Series at the Hastings Public Library, weekdays from January 10-18, 12:30-1:30
 - RCRE (Roundtable Companions for Racial Equity) Workshop, “Effective Conversations among Differing Viewpoints” or “How to talk so people will listen and listen so people will talk,” with Dr. Laura Cochrane and Dr. Sara Moslener from CMU
 - RCRE Book Club at the Hastings Public Library
 - Care of Creation book study of *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist’s Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, chief scientist for The Nature Conservancy, distinguished professor at Texas Tech University, and Christian believer
- Emmanuel Church Annual Meeting after the Liturgy on January 23 (snow date January 30)
- **The fact that nothing else is listed here does not mean that God doesn’t have a significant blessing or learning opportunity for us—just that we don’t know what it is yet! 😊**

Stewardship of Relationship and Community: Please sign up for **Rides Ministry** and **Coffee Hour**

Stewardship of Finance: Thank you for your commitment to God for God’s work through Emmanuel Church.

Stewardship of Body and Spirit: **COVID IS FLARING AGAIN in Barry County;** area hospitals are overwhelmed. Please continue to mask regardless of vaccination status, seek getting a booster, and encourage others to do so. **COVID ACTION PLAN** cards are in a basket on the Welcome Table, with information re rapid testing and treatment.

Stewardship of Place, Environment, and Creation Care: Emmanuel and Grace Lutheran earned \$1000 to share and facilitated over 75 homes being treated for Home Energy Audits. Thank you for your participation.