



## Emmanuel, God With Us

Being Jesus in a Needy World

### **Emmanuel: The Personal Appearance of God**

A Series of Studies to Celebrate Our Savior's Birth

### **The Ever-present Effort to Eliminate Emmanuel**

-Matthew 2; Luke 4; 1 John 2:15-29; and supporting passages

By Pastor Greg Dykstra

**Today December 11, 2022**

### **Growing God's Way Children's Ministry**

Lil Sprouts: Under 2

Sprouts: Years 2-5

Evergreens: Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**All children are dismissed for Children's Church before the Message.**

**We do not "pass the plate,"** however, we believe that giving is a key part of worship. The Giving Box is in the back of the Worship area.

**"I need Christ, not something that resembles Him." – C.S. Lewis**

## Order of Worship

Announcements/Opening Prayer  
Songs of Praise & Worship  
Pastoral Prayer  
Message  
Closing Song  
Closing Prayer

**This Week** (unless noted, all events are held at church)

<b>Sunday</b>	Adult 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. “Let’s Do Lunch” – after service ACEFC Students 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	The Nest Cookie Exchange 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Men’s Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Awana 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

## **Opportunities**

**The Nest: Carols, Cookies, Camaraderie:** Ladies! Come this Tuesday, December 13 for the Nest Cookie Exchange at 7:00 pm. Bring two dozen Christmas cookies to share and take home a delicious variety to share. Join us!

**Men’s Breakfast:** The Men’s Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, December 17, **has been cancelled.**

**“Let’s Do Lunch”:** Come and join us right after church today for a time of food, fellowship, and fun at Pizza Ranch. Everyone is welcome!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** We will be having a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Saturday, December 24 @ 5:00 p.m. We invite everyone to come for this special time of worship as we take a break from the hectic pace of getting ready for Christmas by pausing to honor our Lord & Savior, Emmanuel! **There will be no church service on Christmas Day, December 25.**

**Prayer Focus of the Month:** The focus for November is **“Places of Employment”**. As you leave today, please stop by the prayer board in the foyer and pick some places to pray for this month.

## Prayer Requests / Comments

As a church we believe in the power of prayer and would love to pray for you. Please share your details with us using your phone or fill in the information below and put it in the giving box in the back of the sanctuary.



Open your phone's camera and point it at the QR code. You will be prompted to open a link, which will take you to our online prayer requests form.

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### Please check the applicable boxes:

- Send to the Prayer Web Chain    Confidential Only (Elders / Staff)

## Connect With Us

Welcome visitors! We are so glad you are here. We would love to connect with you. Please share your details with us using your phone or fill in the information below and put it in the giving box in the back of the sanctuary.

**Name**



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**Address**

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**Email or Phone Number:**

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**Appleton Community EFC**  
**Growing together in Christ**



- **Biblical Truth**

We depend on the Bible as our source of authority in what we believe, what we teach, and how we live.

- **Worship**

We believe that we are created by God to worship Him. Therefore, we live in worshipful response to God's character and activity.

- **Prayer**

We believe that daily prayer is essential in the life of a believer and as such we pray with expectancy knowing that God is actively involved in our world.

- **Evangelism**

We believe in sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ with honesty and humility.

- **Fellowship**

We believe that accountability, caring and a sense of belonging are essential for each believer to grow in their relationship with Christ.

- **Encouragement**

We believe we are responsible for caring for and encouraging one another.

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## **Church Office Hours**

CLOSED Mondays  
Open Tuesday-Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.