

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for

TODAY:

From Sunday, Nov. 30-Dec. 24, we will be celebrating **"Immanuel... God with us."** (Matt. 1: 23b)

Advent means "Coming" or "Arrival" The emphasis for us as believers is the true meaning of Christmas; Christ's birth and God being with us. It is also a focus on His Second-Advent. We live in anticipation of His glorious appearing. **"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'" (Rev. 1: 8)**

Thank you to all who brought food to last weeks "Pot-Blessing" luncheon after the morning service. The food and the fellowship were wonderful!

Wed. night Prayer Meeting Dec.3, at 7:00 PM. (Fellowship, Worship, the Word, and Prayer make a BIG difference!)

*****Y/A Gathering, Mon. Dec. 1, @David Dearden's house*****

English/German Christmas Carol-Sing, Friday Dec. 19, 7:00 PM @ ROCC

*****Special Christmas Eve Service, Wed. Dec. 24, 7:00-8:00 PM*****



JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

Nursery is also supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.

Parents please note that your child needs to be signed-in and signed-out every Sunday.

MANNA



A most inviting, informative, and comforting promise in Scripture is found in Philippians 4: 4-7 ***"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."***

It is obvious from this Scripture that some situations and circumstances have the potential to temporarily rob us of our joy in the Lord. The instruction from the above Scripture to counteract anxiety producing disorders is incomparable. We are to rejoice in the Lord "always". The advice is repeated in case we missed its importance. It is an admonition for the believer to recall the faithfulness, mercy, and grace of God. As we do, it induces a spirit of cheer, despite the challenges in this life. This is not limited to just a verbal expression; this is an inner depth of rejoicing that grasps the goodness of God and the nearness of Christ.

If allowed anxiety often leaves us feeling agitated, abrasive and even angry. We can't allow anxiety to take a foothold in our lives! Our trust in God, evidenced by genuine prayer, leaves us with a peace that cannot be fathomed. Confidence in God's eventual and timely intervention results in an incredible harmony of our spirit and flesh. The Spirit calls the believer to walk in godly gentleness so that others observe our Christian witness. God would never ask us to do something that we are not able to do. Confidence in God, gentleness, and kindness are fruits of the Spirit and produce the type of testimony that people need to see in us.

COMING:



A draft of the new Church-Directory is available today. Please check it for accuracy under your name and make clear changes if needed. If you still have not given your information yet and want to be included please contact Patricia.

Deacon Board Meeting: Tuesday Dec. 9, 2014.