

News & Notes



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
THE GATHERING – Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Central Lutheran School Gymnasium

MISSION STATEMENT

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians, joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.



✓ **Monday Morning Bible Study**, led by Pastor Zeckzer, meets in the Fellowship Hall from 6:45 to 7:30 a.m.

✓ **Women's Morning Bible Study**, led by Pastor Zeckzer, meets Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They are engaged in a study of Matthew's Gospel. Babysitting is available.

✓ **United and Growing**, a basic study of our Lutheran beliefs, meets every second and fourth Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

✓ **Life Light** meets Tuesday at noon or Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Stecker is leading a nine-week discussion of Baptism.

✓ **Sunday School and Bible Classes** for all ages meet from 9:15-10:15. Three-year-olds through 2nd grade meet in the lower level of the church. Grades 3 through 5 and Confirmation meet at Central Lutheran School. Grades 6/7 meet in the Youth Room. High School meets in the Youth Room at 7:00 p.m. Adults meet with Pastor Stecker in the Fellowship Hall for a study of **"The Seven Images of Evil."**



Call Pat Patton or Deb Zeckzer.

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Services:

Divine Service.....	596
The Gathering.....	94
Visitors.....	65
Sunday School.....	132
Bible Study.....	190

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY
 Worship..... 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY
 Bible Study..... 6:45 a.m.
 Hand Bells 6:30 p.m.
 ESL..... 7:00 p.m.
 Friendship Class..... 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY
 Food Bank 9:00-11:45 a.m.
 Life Light Noon
 Elders..... 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
 CLS Chapel 8:15 a.m.
 Ladies Morning Bible Study..... 9:00 a.m.
 Life Light 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
 Quilters 9:00 a.m.
 Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY
 Family Fun Night..... 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
 United and Growing..... 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY
 Worship..... 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
 Gathering..... 10:30 a.m.

EMANUEL BUDGET SNAPSHOT

OFFERINGS NEEDED WEEKLY	\$ 19,993
OFFERINGS RECEIVED 1-29	\$ 21,703
THRIVENT CHOICE \$'S THROUGH 1-29	\$ 667
OFFERINGS NEEDED THROUGH 1-29	\$ 99,965
OFFERINGS RECEIVED THROUGH 1-29	\$ 91,431
DIFFERENCE	(\$ 8,533)

WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS: Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on WPTA-TV 21; Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on FIOS-TV 9, Comcast Satellite 252, and Digital 33.2; and Sundays and Mondays at 4:00 p.m. on Comcast Cable Channel 55 and FIOS Channel 25. This morning Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III will preach on Mark 1:29-39, **"Christ's Activity, and Our Life."**



FAMILY FUN NIGHT - This Friday, February 10, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall we will have our **PAJAMA PARTY!** Breakfast foods will be served for dinner; bring a dessert to share (think donuts, Danish, coffee cake). Wear your slippers and robe; bring your pillow, favorite blankie, and stuffed animal (you too adults!) Awards will be given out for best slippers, craziest pajamas, coolest stuffed animal, and more. Contact the Castenses or Zeckzers with questions. Also, you can "Like" us on Facebook and find out information about our activities by searching for "Emanuel Lutheran Church Board of Faith Nurturing."

STATEMENTS: 2011 Offering Statements are ready. You may pick them up in the Narthex, where they are filed in alphabetical order. Thanks to all of you for picking these up.

JUSTICE BREAD: The next Justice Bread order goes in by 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 13. Flavors are white, wheat and garlic bites. The bread will be delivered Sunday, February 19, at church. Justice Bread sales benefit Lutheran Social Service's *Cup of Kindness*.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- † **Imogene Schumm** (St. Anne's Rehab) and **Tony Dunaway** (Veterans Hospital Rehab)
- † **Karen Dailey**, who is recovering from surgery
- † **Family and friends of Mary Ann Keener** (sister of Greg [Cheryl] Umphrey), who was called home to heaven this week

NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank the many Emanuel friends who sent cards or memorials in memory of Oscar Larson.

Thank You

Thank you especially to Lois Zuercher and the Ladies Society for providing the wonderful meal at our home and to the many members who contributed delicious food. Thanks to Marlene Poling and Sandy Herman for serving our meal.

We are blessed in our sorrow through your kindness.
Helen Larson, Ruth Trzynka, and the Family of Oscar Larson

YOUR CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND provided \$4,635 to restripe and reseal the church parking lot in July 2011. Your contributions to the Endowment Fund help provide funding for these necessary expenditures to keep our Church property in good repair. Thank you for your part in maintaining God's House for our worship and spiritual welfare.

CLS News & Events

The **Call committee** that has been formed to fill open teaching positions at Central for the 2012-2013 school year is now accepting names for the **5th grade position**. The committee's first priority will be seeking candidates who are synodically trained and eligible to receive a Call. If you would like to submit a name to the Call committee to be considered for an interview or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Creutz at 493-2502 ext. 350 or kcreutz@cluth.org.

Standardized Dress Code: For the past few months, a dress code committee and the CLS School Board have been working to develop a new standardized dress code for the students of Central Lutheran School. The new dress code policies are intended to provide guidance for appropriate and modest student appearance at school. It is also intended to promote a positive school image to our congregations, the community, visitors, and potential students and their parents. The policy is being developed in a way that gives families flexibility and choice in where they purchase their clothes and what type of clothes they choose to purchase. By mid-February, after the policy is finalized, more information will be given to the parents regarding the policies and the implementation. If you have any questions regarding the new dress code, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Creutz.

The **Annual CLS Association Meeting** will be held on Sunday, February 26. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

Dates to Note:

- February 15 – 2nd grade to the Art Museum
- February 16 – 8th grade to the main branch of the library
- February 19 – K-8 Open House (12:00-3:00 PM)

SCRIP NEWS: We now stock **Meijer** in \$50 increments. **McDonald's** is now available in \$10 increments. **Buffalo Wild Wings** is now stocked in increments of \$25. We are liquidating the \$10 Buffalo Wild Wings cards, which will be available at CLS until we are sold out. If you haven't purchased your **Kroger reload** cards, please do so to start enjoying the benefits of having Kroger Scrip available to you at all times. Remember that you can purchase gas, groceries and prescriptions all at Kroger. Just reload your card with the form of payment you choose at the customer service desk at Kroger. It's that simple!



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: Please keep Sunday, April 22, in mind as the day we will be giving thanks for Nancy Jones and her 36 years of teaching ministry! Dinner will be served at Goeglein Homestead, and tickets will be on sale after church services March 25, April 1, and April 15, as well as at CLS weekdays beginning March 26. Adult cost is \$18.00. Children's tickets are \$9.00. Plan to celebrate with Nancy!

BLOOD DRIVE: Emanuel will host a Red Cross Blood Drive **tomorrow**, Monday, February 6, from 2-7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcrossblood.org to schedule your blood donation appointment, or drop in during donation hours.

FISH FRY: Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 California Road, will host their 53rd Annual Fish Fry and Bake Sale Saturday, February 11, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Carry out is available. Adults: \$8.00, children 5-12 \$4.00, children 4 and under are free.

END OF LIFE SEMINARS: Fort Wayne Area Lutherans for Life and others will present three free two-hour seminars from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Meeting Room C of the Allen County Public Library (downtown). The first seminar is this Thursday, February 9. Presenting will be **Heidi Adair**, a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church on West Jefferson, an attorney who often speaks on estate planning and elder law. She will be speaking about advance directives including a Christian version of the power of attorney for health care. Registration at the door. Sponsored by Cross Connections, Lutherans For Life, St. Michael Stephen Ministers, and Allen County Right to Life.



YOUTH NEWS

FAMINE MEETING: High School sign-ups for the 30-Hour Famine are tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.



PIE CONTEST: Vote TODAY! Four youth are willing to take a pie in the face to help feed hungry kids. Only one will "win" this honor—YOU DECIDE! Check out the display in the Narthex to see your choices. One dollar feeds a hungry child for a day, and that's exactly what it costs to place your vote. Vote as many times as you want. Good luck to our contestants! ☺

FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE: The Youth are collecting peanut butter and cereal to donate to the Food Bank. These are two staple foods that are always in high demand. Youth of all ages (and others) are encouraged to bring peanut butter and cereal to Sunday School in February. Sunday morning donations can go to the Youth Room, or drop them off at the office any time, and we'll be sure they get to the right place.

All Aboard the StewardSHIP



A movie entitled Wall Street advanced the idea that "greed was good" -- that it was a necessary ingredient to becoming rich.

However, Jesus warned people about greed: "Be on guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). While Scripture warns us about greed, God is not against prosperity. In fact, Proverbs 8:21 states, "The Lord may bestow wealth on those who love Him and make their treasuries full." God blesses us in many ways. To some, He chooses to give material blessings. The key is what we, who are materially blessed, do with our riches. As God-pleasing stewards, we are to hold onto our money loosely so we can use it to help extend the Kingdom of God. "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed" (Proverbs 11:25).

EMANUEL TRAVELING CRUSADERS EVENT: On Sunday, February 12, we will be taking the church bus to Ceruti's Summit Park, have dinner, and attend the Summit City Chorus program. We will leave the church parking lot at 11:45 a.m. and return around 4:15 p.m.

The cost for dinner/program is \$25. Please make your check payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church, and write "Summit City Chorus" on the memo line; either bring or mail it to the church office. The deadline is Monday, February 6. For reservations, call Laura Hargens. If you plan to drive yourself and only attend the program, call Al Schumm for tickets. Cost: \$15.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF: On Saturday, March 3, the church bus will be driving to Van Wert, OH and have lunch at the Willow Bend Country Club (on your own), then drive to the Niswonger Performing Arts Center to see the play, "Fiddler on the Roof," which is a major production.

We'll leave the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$40. For reservations, call Laura Hargens by Monday, February 13. Please make your check payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church, write "Fiddler on the Roof" on the memo line, and either mail or bring it to the church office.

FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH: Plan to join us for Sunday Brunch this morning, **February 5**, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in Katherine Luther Dining Hall. Tickets are \$16.00/adults; \$15.00/age 60+; and \$5.00/children 5–12; no charge/children 4 and under. The next brunch will be Sunday, March 4.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Come and bring family and friends to get a "Taste of Italy" at the Central Lutheran School Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 17, from 4:30 – 7 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to dine at CLS while listening to harmonious dinner music provided by our band students. Carry-out is also available. Enjoy spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, beverage, and dessert. Adults: \$7; children 3-11: \$5; children 2 and under free. Tickets may be purchased from any 5th or 6th grade student in the school office or between services at church. Proceeds go towards our 5th & 6th grade trip to Washington D.C. in 2013. *If you would like to donate a dessert, please bring it to the school cafeteria on Friday, February 17.*