

**EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*March 23, 2025*



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**SATURDAY EVENING** - 5:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
**DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY** - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**THE GATHERING** – Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Central Lutheran’s Auxiliary Gym.

# News & Notes

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Emanuel Lutheran Church furthers God’s Kingdom by connecting people, strengthening families, and proclaiming God’s Word.**

**MAKE IT YOUR HABIT TO COME TO MID-WEEK LENT SERVICES** and be challenged! We’ll be looking into the Passion of the Christ through the perspective of: Mary, The Criminal on the Cross, and The One who Pierced Him. Will you resemble any of these perspectives? Services on Wednesdays at 10:30am and 7:00pm.

**THE LUTHERAN LUNCH LADIES** will serve a meal each Wednesday during Lent to be served twice: at 11:30am (after the morning service) and at 6pm (before the evening service). Members of the LYFE Alaska Mission Team will be serving the evening meal! A free will offering will be collected to support their trip to Alaska in July.

**THE HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDS** 1 more musician to ring the 2 very high bells. Weekly rehearsals are Thursdays from 6-7pm, and the Choir rings about once a month. Talk to Doug Reynolds today!

**ELIGIBLE THRIVENT CLIENTS WITH 2024 CHOICE DOLLARS:** Remember to direct before 3/31 and help support Emanuel at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” at the prompt. Contact your Thrivent rep. with any questions.

**A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 23:** “Think of how important we as human beings must be in the eyes of God, if He—as the almighty creator and Lord of the entire universe—was willing to take on human flesh and become one of us. God loves the human race so much He decided to become our brother.” *Thomas P. Nass, CELC President*

**THRIVENT CARD NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING DONUT/COFFEE FELLOWSHIP!** If anyone has an extra Thrivent Action Team grant, (Thrivent members get 2 per calendar year), please let Andrea know ASAP. Our youth provide donuts & coffee every Sunday morning and a Thrivent card would help cover costs until we break for the summer. Funds will be used to pay for donuts, coffee, and supplies (creamer, paper products, etc.).

**THE US POSTAL SERVICE FOOD DRIVE** will be on Saturday, May 10. Please volunteer to help out from noon - 5 pm.

**RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE** (attendance last week)

Saturday = 92 Sunday = 265 Gathering = 150  
 Lenten Midweek = Communion = 352 Visitors = 53

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

**TODAY**  
 Worship.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Class, Confirmation, Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.  
 The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.  
 AK Mission Team Night.....6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
 Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.  
 LWR Quilters.....9:00 a.m.

**TUESDAY**  
 Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.  
 Stephen Ministers.....7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.  
 Ladies Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
 Midweek Lenten Service, meal afterwards.....10:30 a.m.  
 Midweek Lenten Service...(supper @ 6pm).....7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
 Quilters.....9:00 a.m.  
 Handbells.....6:00 p.m.  
 Adult Choir.....7:15 p.m.

**FRIDAY** ~ No events scheduled.

**SATURDAY**  
 Preserve & Prosper.....Noon  
 Saturday Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
 Worship.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Class, Confirmation, Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.  
 The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.

**BIBLE CLASSES**

**United & Growing:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 8-Noon  
**Monday Morning Bible Study:** Conference Room at 6:45  
**Women’s Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the FLR  
**Sunday Mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m.**  
**Adult Bible Class** in Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday School** for 3 years – 7<sup>th</sup> grade begins in the sanctuary, then heads downstairs to classrooms.  
**Confirmation Class** for 8<sup>th</sup> graders & their parents in FLR

**EMANUEL’S BUDGET SNAPSHOT**

*Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**As of February 28, 2025**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>
Receipts	\$149,558	\$160,167	\$ (10,609)
Expenses	<u>150,263</u>	<u>179,921</u>	<u>(29,658)</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (705)	<u>\$(19,754)</u>	<u>\$ 19,049</u>

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

- † Family and friends of **Helen Miller and Lucille Meyer** who were called to their heavenly homes
- † **Tammy Cheviron, David Herman, Nancy Jones, Colleen Peters** all recovering from surgery
- † **Larry Fenton, Rosina Bradtmueller** (health concerns)
- † **Grace Adams** who’s been extended a call to teach at CLS

**DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK**

- March 23:** Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-22 / Mark 9:1-13
- March 24:** Gen. 29:1-30 / Mark 9:14-32
- March 25:** Gen. 35:1-29 / Mark 9:33-50
- March 26:** Gen. 37:1-36 / Mark 10:1-12
- March 27:** Gen. 39:1-23 / Mark 10:13-31
- March 28:** Gen. 40:1-23 / Mark 10:32-52
- March 29:** Gen. 41:1-27 / Mark 11:1-19

**HISTORICAL EMANUEL ENDOWMENT FUND SUPPORT:**

Since its inception in 1995, the Endowment Fund has provided in excess of \$1,757,002.91 from its capitol earnings. Donations to this fund are legacy gifts. Pamphlets explaining this giving opportunity are available in the narthex hallway. Historic, annual support from the Endowment Fund is listed below:

95-15...\$653,837.63	2020....\$116,059.97
2016.....\$68,143.59	2021.....\$89,060.68
2017.....\$90,223.66	2022....\$166,000.00
2018.....\$134,527.09	2023.....\$86,777.00
2019.....\$63,477.29	2024....\$288,896.00
TOTAL...\$1,757,002.91	

**THANK YOU FOR GIVING HOPE!** On behalf of A Hope Center, I would like to extend a great big Thank You to everyone who gave hope to local moms, dads, & babies by contributing to the recent baby bottle campaign fundraiser. Together you raised \$1,141.44! You have another opportunity to support the ministry of this local Christian pregnancy care center by attending their spring banquet on Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Coliseum. The banquet is free, but there will be an ask at the end of the meal and presentation. The presenter this year is Amy Ford, founder of Embrace Grace, a ministry to single pregnant women focused on connecting them to a church family and supporting them in their pregnancies. To register to sit at Emanuel's table, please contact Renee Schuller.

**A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR MARCH 23:** If Almighty God has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezekiel 33:11), how much more does death of innocents grieve Him? Why then should the people of God ever tolerate the killing of unborn sisters and brothers? And if the Lord of all only deals in death when human iniquity does not allow Him to avoid it, will not the same love move us to warn others against dealing in death?

**PRESERVE AND PROSPER:** Our next class will be March 29. We'll be making our very own Vanilla Extract & Vanilla Sugar. These items will then be donated to the Kenya fundraising event for the silent auction.

**THE LADIES SOCIETY WILL BE HOSTING** the 2025 LWML Tri-Zone Gathering here at our church on Saturday, May 3. We've been given an estimate of roughly 80-100 LWML attendees, and we need your help! We'll be providing breakfast & are asking for donations of breakfast casseroles, bread items, fruit salads, yogurt and granola. If you can help, please reach out to Trish Schultz.

**LIFECARE CONNECTIONS**

**OUR NEXT GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH OUTING** will be Tuesday, April 1 @ Noon at Zianos (10520 Maysville Rd). We welcome any newcomers to join us for great food and fellowship!

**SERVING AT EMANUEL**

**March 26:**

**Elder:** Dennis Herman (10:30); John Colter (7:00)

**Ushers:** Group 2 (Ben Koeneman)

**Choir:** CLS Robinette (10:30)

**March 29:**

**Elder:** Mike Sweet

**Ushers:** Group S1 (Dale Loshe)

**March 30:**

**Elder:** Benjamin Koeneman

**Ushers:** Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (8:00)

Group 1 (Sam Bender) (10:30)

**Gathering:** Jerry Schlund

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Thursday, September 25 - Tuesday, September 30** The Portrait Cafe will be here to take family photos for our church pictorial directory. Everyone who gets their photo taken will receive a free 8x10 & pictorial directory with the option to purchase a photo package. We'll begin scheduling in July.

**CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

**CLS IS SEEKING** a junior high English teacher for the 25-26 school year. Candidates should hold a valid teaching license & be qualified to teach English to 6-8 grade students. If you'd like to submit a name for consideration, please send your recommendation to David Van Spankeren - [dvanspankeren@cluth.org](mailto:dvanspankeren@cluth.org). Thank you.

**WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS** for both live & silent auction items. Donations can be brought to CLS. If you have any questions, contact the CLS office. Be a Gala sponsor! Different sponsorship opportunities are available, including Teacher Sponsors. Help us thank our CLS teachers by sponsoring their tickets to the gala. Or if you're unsure how to donate, check out our Amazon wish list. This list contains a list of needs for auction baskets. Just select an item to purchase from the readymade list. Scan the QR code or use the web address: [tinyurl.com/44aaywvr](https://tinyurl.com/44aaywvr)



**KENYA KORNER**



It's shopping time for Kenya! Lorna has provided a list of items. We'll deliver them this summer! You can shop in person, or online! Scan the QR code for the list.

Amazon items will be shipped to the Church Office. All gifts must be turned in by June 1.

- \*backpacks
- \*teenage bras
- \*boys' black belts
- \*sewing kits
- \*dish cloths
- \*pens & pencils
- \*card games
- \*craft work for special needs kids
- \*Scientific Calculators
- \*underwear for teenage boys
- \*marker pens
- \*whiteboard marker pens
- \*Hacco ruler 30 cm
- \*pencil sharpeners
- \*crochet needs

**KENYA MISSION TEAM FUNDRAISER & SILENT AUCTION**

**When:** June 7, 2025, doors open at 6 PM, silent auction starts at 6:30 PM, dinner service will be at 7 PM

**Where:** Emanuel Lutheran Church Family Life Room.

This is an authentic Kenyan meal that includes:

- 2 entrees** (Kenyan beef stew, rice pilau)
- 3 sides** (Kachumbari: tomato & onion based salad; Samosa: braised collard greens with tomatoes, onion, and ginger; Sukuma: stuffed with a mixture of potato, onions, green peas, lentils, ginger, spices and green chili)
- Dessert:** Mandazi (African donut)
- 2 Dawa adult beverages** (vodka, brown sugar, lime and creamed honey)

**Non-alcohol drinks:** (Chai Tea, lemonade) Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased after today's service or during office hours. The deadline for tickets will be May 1.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Call or text Youth Director Andrea Hoover with questions.

Follow us on Instagram at [lyfe\\_ejy/](https://www.instagram.com/lyfe_ejy/)

& Facebook under Emanuel Youth Group

**EJY** = Emanuel Junior Youth (Grades 6-8)

**LYFE** = Lutheran Youth Fellowship at Emanuel (High School)

**EASTER FRIED PIE SALE STARTS TOMORROW** and will run through April 13! Our Alaska Mission for Christ Team will be selling freshly made fried pies just in time for an Easter treat. Choose from 12 flavors! Get yours for \$4 each or 3 for \$10!

**EJY**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19** is EJY Work Hard Play Hard! Meet at 4:30 PM to help fill eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt, followed by pizza and Sky Zone! Pick up at Emanuel at 9PM. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/25EJYEasterSkyZone> by April 12.

**LYFE**

**PARENT MEETING TONIGHT AT 6:00 PM** for Alaska Mission for Christ team, followed by our 1<sup>st</sup> mission team night, 6:30-8:30 PM.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 6:30-8:30 PM**, is our last LYFE of the school year.