

# EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 31, 2026

# News & Notes



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**SATURDAY EVENING** - 5:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
**DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE EACH SUNDAY** - 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**THE GATHERING** – Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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



**VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN** for children from preschool\* through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (2026-27 school year)! The theme is Rome: Paul & the Underground Church, and takes place Monday, June 22 - Thursday, June 25, from 5:30-7:45 PM, and is FREE!  
 Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/EmanuelVBS26>

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** June 22-25, 5:30-7:45 p.m.  
 Volunteers should arrive by 5:10 p.m. Sign up by June 8.  
 Youth Volunteers (6<sup>th</sup> grade-high school):  
<https://tinyurl.com/26YOUTHvbsvolunteer>  
 Adult Volunteers (post high school):  
<https://tinyurl.com/26ADULTvbsvolunteer>

**BIBLE CLASSES**

**United & Growing:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 8-Noon  
**Will Resume the week of July 6:**  
**Monday Morning Bible Study:** Conference Room at 6:45  
**Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the FLR  
**Will Resume September 13:**  
**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 April 30, 2026**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>
Receipts	\$321,592	\$335,116	\$(13,524)
Expenses	340,260	343,502	(3,242)
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$(18,668)</u>	<u>\$(8,386)</u>	<u>\$ 10,282</u>

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

Saturday = 90 Sunday = 174 Gathering = 68  
 Communion = 198 Visitors = 41

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**TODAY**  
 Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.  
 The Gathering (in the Sanctuary) .....10:30 a.m.

**MONDAY** ~ No events scheduled.

**TUESDAY**  
 Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Breaking Bread Together.....11:30 a.m.

**THURSDAY** ~ No events scheduled.

**FRIDAY** ~ No events scheduled.

**SATURDAY**  
 Divine Service.....5:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY** ~ LWML Mites Collected  
 Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.  
 The Gathering (in the sanctuary) .....10:30 a.m.

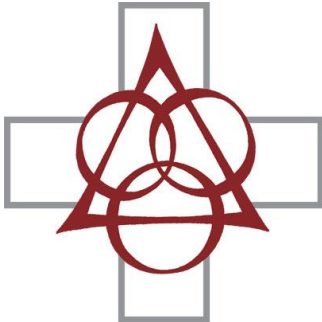
**IN OUR PRAYERS**

† Belinda Dunbar (Lutheran)  
 † Joy Bradtmueller (Randallia)  
 † Those with health concerns:  
 Ron Bulmahn  
 Victor Echartea  
 Carol Herman  
 Carl Zuercher  
 Aiden Bearman (Mary's grandson)  
 Jeff Grubb (son-in-law of Warren Perkins)




**DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK**

**May 31:** Num. 13:1-3, 17-33 / Luke 18:1-17  
**June 1:** Num. 14:1-25 / Luke 18:18-34  
**June 2:** Num. 14:26-45 / Luke 18:35-19:10  
**June 3:** Num. 16:1-22 / Luke 19:11-28  
**June 4:** Num. 16:23-40 / Luke 19:29-48  
**June 5:** Num. 16:41-17:13 / Luke 20:1-18  
**June 6:** Num. 20:1-21 / Luke 20:19-44



**A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR MAY 31:** “O Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8:1). The Triune God who made heaven and earth and all things, and who breathed into Adam the breath of life (Genesis 1), is the same God into whose name we are baptized—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20). This Jesus, who was crucified by men, but whom God raised from the dead (Acts 2:23-24), brings hope and courage to those who have lost their way in life. Through the forgiveness of sins in Christ, the past can no longer haunt us, and we are free to live in the light of God’s Word. Whether the woman facing an unexpected pregnancy, or the person who has received a terminal medical diagnosis, or the one who feels as though their life no longer has purpose or value, Jesus—the Lord of Life—will not forsake us. The promise of Christ stands: “I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

**SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE ENDOWMENT FUND** has provided more than \$2,083,356 from its earnings to enhance Emanuel’s ministry. Contributions to the Fund are legacy gifts. Pamphlets explaining this opportunity are available in the narthex hallway. DID YOU KNOW? During 2022, the Endowment Fund provided \$3,072.00 to have the church carpeting and pew cushions professionally cleaned.

 **EMANUEL JOINS LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TINCAPS** on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:05 PM! Tickets are only \$14! Pick up an order form in the Narthex, Church Office, or at The Gathering. Please put Emanuel Lutheran, New Haven for the school/church name on the form.

**A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 31:** “If we want to save more Trinitarian-valued lives, then we need to knock a Humpty Dumpty way of thinking about words off the wall. We need to speak of the reality behind the word ‘abortion’ and use such a time as this to speak of the reality behind the Word made flesh to dwell among us and in us and for us. You have been called for such a time as this.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life*

### YOUTH GROUP

Call or text Youth Director Andrea Hoover with questions.

Follow us on Instagram at lyfe\_ejy!

& Facebook under Emanuel Youth Group

EJY = Emanuel Junior Youth (Grades 6-8)

LYFE = Lutheran Youth Fellowship at Emanuel (High School)

EJY

**EJY LATE NIGHT** is Friday, June 12, 7:00-11:30 PM at Emanuel! Games, snacks, devotion, and GROG! Cost: One snack per family to share! Sign up by Tuesday, June 8.

### LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

**ELC’S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will meet for lunch on Tuesday, June 2 at Wu’s Fine Chinese Cuisine (4411 Coldwater Rd.) at Noon. This is a social outing, feel free to join for great food & fellowship!

**ELC’S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** continues to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Life Care Director’s office. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16 at 6pm.

### SERVING AT EMANUEL

**June 6:**

**Elders:** John Colter

**Ushers:** Group S2 (Gary Nahrwold)

**Communion Assistant:** Gary Nahrwold

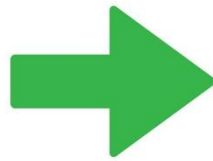
**June 7:**

**Elders:** Benjamin Castens (9:00)

Steve Poling (10:30)

**Ushers:** Group 5 (Mike Schultz) (9:00)

**Communion Assistant:** Ryan Abbott (9:00)



### CLS SPECIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING:

A Special Association Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the CLS main gym. A teaching candidate for 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be presented to the Association for a Call. Please plan to attend. We need your participation in this important task of the Association. We prefer your in-person attendance, but if you are unable to attend in person, here is a QR code with the meeting link. Thank you!



### OUR IDENTITY, OUR PURPOSE, OUR SECURITY

As Christians, we know our identity, purpose, and security are not rooted in circumstances or routines—they are grounded in who we are in Christ and whose we are. Scripture reminds us that we are in the world but not of the world (John 17:14–16). When life feels uncertain, we do not look to temporary anchors; we look to the eternal One who never changes.

The Bible prepares us for suffering and upheaval: “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Our Lord Himself suffered, and we share in His sufferings (Romans 8:17). Therefore, when major changes shake us, we do not despair—we turn our eyes to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

### Our True Anchors According to Scripture:

**Identity in Christ:** “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession” (1 Peter 2:9). Our worth is not tied to jobs, relationships, or health.

**Purpose in God’s glory:** “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31). Even in transition, our calling remains to glorify Him.

**Security in His promises:** “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1). When the world feels unstable, His Word is our firm foundation.

### How We Respond in Times of Change:

**Fix our eyes on Christ:** “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things” (Colossians 3:2).

**Stand on God’s Word:** “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105).

**Pray without ceasing:** “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

**Lean on the body of Christ:** “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).

Life changes may shake our routines, but they cannot shake the Kingdom of God. Our hope is not in stabilizing the present moment – it is in the eternal security we have in Jesus Christ. When the world feels uncertain, we cling to the truth: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure” (Hebrews 6:19).

*By Deaconess Chrissie Gillet, LifeDate Spring 2026*



