

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 15, 2026



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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

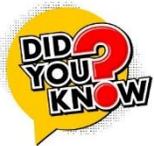
MISSION STATEMENT

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



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES: We as God’s people are in training. We’re running our own race called life. God has called us to be focused. The Book of Hebrews tell us of the saints who have run the race & are now encouraging us as we run. Their focus was on Jesus. We’ll learn from them to keep our focus on Jesus each Wednesday in Lent, beginning this week, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The *Lutheran Lunch Ladies*, together with the LYFE Higher Things Team, will be offering fellowship meals *after* each morning service and *before* each evening service. Each week we will enjoy SSSS: Soups, Salads, Sandwich, and Sweets!



DID YOU KNOW that you can give your offerings to Emanuel without using cash, checks or envelopes? Fill out the Vanco form (found on Emanuel’s website or available in the Church Office). Vanco allows you to decide:

- **WHERE** you’d like your offering taken from (a savings account, a checking account, a credit card)
- **WHEN** you’d like to give & how often (weekly, monthly...) and the date you’d like to start
- **HOW MUCH** you’d like to give each time

There are no fees involved when you use Vanco! Imagine never forgetting your offering envelope again! Call or email the Church Office if you have questions.

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR MARCH 15: Sin makes us blind to the things of God (Isaiah 42:16, 18). Not only do we often fail to recognize our neighbors and the many needs they have, but we also have a hard time seeing our own lack of love (John 9:41) and need for salvation. Thankfully, Jesus has come to open our blind eyes and turn our darkness into light (John 9:6, Isaiah 42:16). The Lord not only grants us faith to see Him and know His salvation, He also empowers us to “walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:8) to better see and serve our neighbors in need, from the least of them to the greatest.

BAPTIZED THIS MORNING AT EMANEL

Liam Jacob Gentz

Liam was born on February 27, 2026 to Jacob & Alexandria (McGraw) Gentz. His sponsors are Ava McGraw and Rebekah Gentz.

We welcome you into the Lord’s family!

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 January 31, 2026

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>
Receipts	\$68,868	\$83,779	\$ (14,911)
Expenses	80,628	85,876	(5,248)
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$(11,760)</u>	<u>\$(2,097)</u>	<u>\$ 9,663</u>

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Saturday = 85 Sunday = 268 Gathering = 81
 Visitors = 26

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

TODAY

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

MONDAY

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.

TUESDAY

Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.
 Board of Finance.....9:00 a.m.
 Grief Support.....6:00 p.m.
 Church Council.....7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.
 Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
 Lenten Midweek Service.....10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Lunch..11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Dinner..6:00 p.m.
 Lenten Midweek Service.....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

Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Worship.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Bible Class.....9:15 a.m.
 The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.
 Prayer Vigil in Sanctuary.....11:30 a.m.
 EJY Work Hard Play Hard.....4:00 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- † **Liam Jacob Gentz** who is baptized this morning
- † **Cinda Lambert** (home)
- † Those with health concerns:
 - Aiden Bearman (**Mary’s** grandson)
 - Tom Remenschneider (**Gary & Jon’s** brother)
 - John Bremer (**Bill’s** brother)
 - Emmy Scheele (**Roger & Jayne’s** granddaughter)



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 2025, the Endowment Fund provided \$18,900.00 for necessary repairs and upgrades to the church sanitary sewer line.

ELIGIBLE THRIVENT CLIENTS WITH 2025 CHOICE

DOLLARS®: Remember to direct before 3/31 and help support Emanuel Lutheran Church at thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. Contact your Thrivent representative with any questions.

PRESERVE & PROSPER will start meeting on the last Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Hall from Noon-4 beginning on March 28!



DONATIONS OF CANDY & QUARTERS REQUESTED for Emanuel's Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday! Candy must be individually wrapped & small enough to fit inside plastic Easter eggs (no suckers please)! Please bring donations to the Fellowship Hall kitchen by Sunday, March 22.

CHECK OUT THE SPRING FLYERS from Concordia Publishing House on the information desk in the Narthex. As a CPH Resource Program member, we receive 25% off these items, and group orders of \$60 or more will ship free to Emanuel. Order by Sunday, March 22 to ensure delivery before Easter. See Andrea Hoover to place orders or ask questions.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL will be hosting a **Concordia University System Fair** on Sunday, March 15 from Noon-3pm. 2 Concordia Higher Education representatives will be present to answer questions about admissions, scholarships, & campus life. Also enjoy the Lutheran School's Fine Arts Festival. Food trucks will be ready to serve throughout the event.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15: "Never will a time come when the most marvelous recent invention is as marvelous as a newborn baby." *Carl Sandburg*

SERVING AT EMANUEL NEXT WEEK

March 21,22

Elders: John Colter (5:00)

Mike Sweet (8:00, 10:30)

Jerry Schlund (Gathering)

Ushers: Group S2 (Gary Nahrwold) (5:00)

Group 5 (Mike Schultz) (8:00)

Group 6 (Don Lambert) (10:30)

Communion Assistants: Jay Melcher (5:00)

Kurt Bremer (8:00)

Josh Pankop (10:30)

Choir: Adult Choir (8:00, 10:30)

CLS Angel Chorus (Gathering)

March 25

Elders: Dennis Herman (10:30)

John Colter (7:00)

Ushers: Group 5 (Mike Schultz) (7:00)

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

March 15: Gen. 47:1-31 / Mark 13:24-37

March 16: Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26 / Mark 14:1-11

March 17: Ex. 1:1-22 / Mark 14:12-31

March 18: Ex. 2:1-22 / Mark 14:32-52

March 19: Ex. 2:23-3:22 / Mark 14:53-72

March 20: Ex. 4:1-18 / Mark 15:1-15

March 21: Ex. 4:19-31 / Mark 15:16-32

EMANUEL WILL BE PARTICIPATING in the Fort Wayne area 40 Days for Life. We'll hold a vigil to pray for life in our Sanctuary on Sunday, March 22 after the 2nd service until 12:30 p.m. Please join us in silent prayer for life. Prayer prompts will be provided. You may pray for as long as you choose. Materials on various life issues will be available for you to take home. We'll also collect diapers & wipes for A Hope Center. You can donate to A Hope Center anytime. There is a collection bin in the donation cabinet under the coat rack where you can at any time give diapers, wipes, or other baby items.

THANK YOU TO ALL who contributed food for funeral lunches in the past few weeks. Please check the Fellowship Hall kitchen to pick up your dishes. Please take care to make sure it's *your* dish you're taking... we've had some mix ups lately with people picking up someone else's dish.

Be Our Guest at The Enchanted Gala
Saturday, April 18, 2026

BE OUR GUEST AT THE ENCHANTED CLS GALA on Saturday, April 18. Go to www.cluth.org/gala to order your tickets!

LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

ELC'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will meet for lunch on Tuesday, April 7 at The Blueberry Pancake House 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 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Life Care Director's office. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17 at 6pm.

YOUTH GROUP

Call or text 260-222-1434 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)

EJY



NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22 is

EJY Work Hard Play Hard! Meet at 4:00 p.m. to help fill eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt, followed by pizza and Sky Zone!

Pick up at Emanuel at 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$23 cash only for a 120 minute jump session. Sign up by March 18 at:

<https://tinyurl.com/26EJYEasterSkyZone>

LYFE

LATE NIGHT LYFE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 27!



Get ready for a night of Mission-Based Laser Tag and Axe Throwing at Combat Ops! We'll play 1 hour of laser tag & 1 hour of axe throwing, staying until they close at 11:30 p.m., then cap off the

night with midnight food at IHOP! Meet at Emanuel at 8:15 p.m. We'll be back about 1:00 a.m. Cost: \$30 for Combat Ops (\$12 savings) plus money for IHOP (including tip). Additional high school siblings from the same family are \$25 each. Optional arcade & concessions would be extra. Sign up by Monday, March 23 at: <https://tinyurl.com/LateNightLYFECombat>

