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November 29, 2026

News & Notes

SATURDAY EVENING - 5:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE EACH SUNDAY - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
THE GATHERING – Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Auxiliary Gym at CLS

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

EMANUEL THRIVENT MEMBERS: On Tuesday, December 1, 2026, choose any enrolled organization in Thrivent's catalog and donate through the giving platform. Thrivent is making up to $3 million in grant funding available to boost online donations—up to $1 for every $1 given. *Please consider giving a gift to Emanuel on December 1st through Thrivent's online giving platform.* Your *gift could be matched dollar for dollar!*



ADVENT MEALS: The *Lutheran Lunch Ladies* will be providing meals on Wednesdays at 11:30am & 6pm on December 2, 9, & 16. The menu will be soup, salad, sandwich, & sweets for each date. If you'd like to help provide food, or have a suggestion or recipe, we would love to hear from you. A free-will offering will be donated to the LYFE Mission Trip. May this time together help us all relish the Advent season!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, hosted by LYFE Mission Team is Saturday, December 12 from 8:30–11:30 a.m. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake & sausage breakfast with applesauce, orange juice, coffee, & hot cocoa, plus games, crafts, face painting, & a visit with Santa! Prices are $10 ages 13+, $5 ages 3–12, Free for ages 2 & under! All proceeds support the LYFE youth mission trip to Alaska in July.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29: "Christmas means we are not alone; the Child who was born to die for us then is with us now as we walk through all the joys and sorrows of life." *CMDA Weekly Devotions, Christian Medical & Dental Associations*

BIBLE CLASSES

United & Growing: 2nd 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
Monday Night Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in the FLR

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall
Sunday School for 3 years – 7th grade begins in the sanctuary, then heads downstairs to classrooms.
Confirmation Class for 8th graders & their parents in FLR
High School meets with Pastor Stecker in the youth room

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 October 31, 2026

	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget
Receipts	$744,768	$837,791	$ (93,023)
Expenses	835,382	858,755	(23,373)
Surplus (Deficit)	$(90,614)	$(20,964)	$ 69,650

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

5:00 p.m. = 61 8:00 a.m. = 135 10:30 a.m. = 105
Communion = 236 Gathering = 75 Visitors = 66

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY
Worship……8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
No Sunday School or Confirmation Class
Adult Bible Class……9:15 a.m.
The Gathering……10:30 a.m.

MONDAY
Bible Study……6:45 a.m.
Bible Study……7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY
Food Bank……9:00-11:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
CLS Chapel……8:00 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study……9:30 a.m.
Advent Midweek Service……10:30 a.m.
Advent Luncheon……11:30 a.m.
Advent Supper……6:00 p.m.
Advent Midweek Service……7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Quilters……9:00 a.m.
Funeral in Sanctuary……10:30 a.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal……6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal……7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY ~ *NHFB Food Drive using Fellowship Hall.*

SATURDAY ~ *NHFB Food Drive using Fellowship Hall.*
Worship Service……5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY ~ *LWML Mites Collected*
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.
LYFE Night……6:30 p.m.



IN OUR PRAYERS

† **Marilyn Herman** (recovering from surgery)

† **Roger Hitzfield** (home)

† Those with health concerns:
Barb Schlegel
Michael Nahrwold
Carol Holle
Nathan Scheele (Roger & Jayne's son)

SINCE ITS INCEPTION, the Emanuel Endowment Fund has provided more than $2,083,356.00 from its earnings to enhance Emanuel's ministry. Contributions to this fund are legacy gifts. Pamphlets explaining this giving opportunity are available on the narthex hallway bulletin board. **DID YOU KNOW?** During 2015, the Endowment Fund provided $1,963.00 for the purchase of new Youth Room carpeting & furniture. Please consider giving the Endowment Fund a year-end, tax-deductible gift as part of your annual, required minimum distribution.



EMANUEL COOKBOOKS continue to be offered for sale from our Preserve & Prosper group and the Ladies Society. They are currently on sale at ***buy 1 get 1 at half price!*** $30 for a single book, get a 2nd book for $15. If you've already purchased at the $30 price, we will honor your purchase of added copies for $15 each! Just in time for Christmas! Books are available in the Church Office during office hours.

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR NOVEMBER 29: Isaiah reminds us that every person is created by God. We are all the work of His hands: "we are the clay and He is our potter" (Isaiah 64:8). Not only does this teach us that each life is precious, it instructs us that our lives and our bodies are not ours to do with as we please. It is God alone who determines each life's beginning and end and how we are to use our bodies to glorify Him. Thankfully, we can rest securely in His care, upholding His gift of life, because "God is faithful" and "sustains you to the end" (1 Corinthians 1:8).

NEW HAVEN FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER NEEDED on Tuesday mornings (7-10am) to help with set-up. (Some moderate lifting is required.) **WE ALSO NEED HELP WITH** distribution on Tuesdays from 8:45-11:45 a.m. Come join our group & help keep this mission going! For details, please call Greg Peters or Tom Kneller.

CHRISTMAS ADOPTION PROGRAM: Each year, Emanuel adopts our field workers from the seminary. A tree has been set up in the narthex for you to select gift ornaments. We ask members to take a tag (or 2), purchase the gift(s), wrap with the tag affixed to the gift, & return them under the tree. We need to have the gifts NO LATER THAN Thursday, Dec. 17 because we want to deliver them before students travel home for Christmas! Our congregation is blessed to have these students serve & learn here. Thanks to all who make this a joy filled time for our seminary field workers & their families. If you have any questions, please call Gary or Renita Nahrwold.

LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

Our grief support group meets each month on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays. This group offers a caring, supportive place for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones to find encouragement, understanding & fellowship. Please join us! Our next meetings:

- Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Noon at Concordia Theological Seminary (6600 N Clinton St)
- Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 6pm at ELC, downstairs in the Life Care Director's office

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

November 29: Isaiah 5:1-25 / 1 Peter 2:1-12
November 30: Isaiah 6:1-7:9 / 1 Peter 2:13-25
December 1: Isaiah 7:10-8:8 / 1 Peter 3:1-22
December 2: Isaiah 8:9-9:7 / 1 Peter 4:1-19
December 3: Isaiah 9:8-10:11 / 1 Peter 5:1-14
December 4: Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33-34 / 2 Peter 1:1-21
December 5: Isaiah 11:1-12:6 / 2 Peter 2:1-22



DOES EMANUEL HAVE your family membership record correct? Here's your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory! It's time to update our database with any changes that may have occurred in your family over the past year:

- Have you changed your phone number?
- Have you moved?
- Are you preparing to move soon?
- Are your children still living at home & still attending Emanuel?

Please let the church office know of any updates you may have by emailing churchoffice@emanuelnh.org

SERVING AT EMANUEL



December 5:
Elder: David Herman
Ushers: S2 (Gary Nahrwold)
Communion Assistant: Ben Oberlin

December 6:
Elder: Mike Sweet (8:00, 10:30)
Steve Poling (Gathering)
Ushers: Group 5 (Mike Schultz) (8:00)
Group 6 (Don Lambert) (10:30)
Communion Assistants: Ryan Abbott (8:00)
Brian Lepper (10:30)

December 9:
Elder: Ben Oberlin (7:00)
Ushers: Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (7:00)

LADIES SOCIETY



All ladies of Emanuel are invited to
Taste and see that the Lord is good. *(Psalm 34:8)*
at

A Christmas Tea

on Tuesday, December 8 at 1:30 p.m.
in the Family Life Room.

Please bring a friend & join us for an afternoon of food & fellowship. We'll enjoy good company, hot tea, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are $5 and will be sold at church on the weekends of November 15, 22, and 29. Tickets will also be available during Church Office hours.

Will you need a ride to/from this event? Please call Elaine Fisher or Kelly Blair and they will arrange transportation for you.

YOUTH GROUP

Call or text Youth Director Andrea Hoover with questions.
Follow us on Instagram at lyfe_ejy!
& Facebook under Emanuel Youth Group
EJY = **E**manuel **J**unior **Y**outh (Grades 6-8)
LYFE = **L**utheran **Y**outh **F**ellowship at **E**manuel (High School)

LYFE

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 (St. Nicholas Day) is LYFE Christmas from 6:30-8:30 PM! We'll have Christmas cookies & cocoa, a white elephant gift exchange, play the saran wrap ball game and other Christmas games, and have Bible Study. Wear Christmas PJs or other Christmas attire and bring a wrapped white elephant gift!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Stephen Ministry Leadership Team (Pastor Stecker, Jill Bulmahn, Elaine Fisher, Kathy Schaffer) are preparing to offer training for new Stephen Ministers, starting in January! We'll have a couple informational meetings on what's involved prior to the beginning of classes. If you have any questions, please reach out!