

**EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*March 29, 2026*

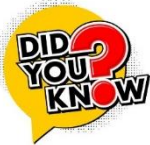


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**SATURDAY EVENING** - 5:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
**DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY** - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**THE GATHERING** – Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Central Lutheran’s Auxiliary Gym.

# News & Notes

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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



**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**

**29:** When Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, he gave up, washed his hands, called himself innocent, and let the Innocent One, our Lord Jesus Christ, be taken away and crucified (Matthew 27:24-26). As the world around us continues to call for the death of the innocent, it may seem that we are gaining nothing, and we will be tempted to wash our hands and give up like Pilate did. But the Lord, in His mercy, has given you a tongue to speak that you may sustain with His Word those who are weary (Isaiah 50:4). God grant us the strength to speak up on behalf of the innocent ones and let “every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:11).



**THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE** is hosting Easter breakfast this year! Join us for Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall following the 6am service as we celebrate our Risen Lord together! Food donations are being requested. There is a signup on Emanuel’s Facebook page. Drop-off: Easter Sunday, between 5-6am in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. All casseroles should be pre-cooked. If you need to drop off earlier, call the Church Office. Thank you for helping make this a joyful time of fellowship for our Emanuel 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 February 28, 2026 ~ Corrected**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>
Receipts	\$157,664	\$167,558	\$ (9,894)
Expenses	<u>171,157</u>	<u>171,752</u>	(595)
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$(13,493)</u>	<u>\$(4,194)</u>	<u>\$ 9,299</u>

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

Saturday = 98 Sunday = 255 Gathering = 195  
 Communion = 270 Visitors = 89

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

**TODAY ~ Palm Sunday**

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.

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

**THURSDAY ~ Maundy Thursday**

Quilters.....9:00 a.m.  
 Maundy Thursday Service with communion.....10:30 a.m.  
 Maundy Thursday Service with communion.....7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY ~ Good Friday**

Service of the Word.....1:00 p.m.  
 Tenebrae Service.....7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY ~ No evening service**

Altar Circle.....8:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY ~ Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service.....6:00 a.m.  
 Easter breakfast in Fellowship Hall.....7:00 a.m.  
 Festival Service with communion.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Bible Class....9:15 a.m.  
 The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.  
 Private party in FLR.....Noon

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

- † Dianne Vogtman (PRMC)
- † Steve Hormann (recovering from surgery)
- † Cinda Lambert (Ashton Creek)
- † Those with health concerns:
  - Aiden Bearman (Mary’s grandson)
  - John Bremer (Bill’s brother)
  - Emmy Scheele (Roger & Jayne’s granddaughter)
  - Sarah Heine (Kathy Schaffer’s daughter, Dave & Tammy’s daughter-in-law)



**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.



**EMANUEL IS HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE** on April 6 in the Fellowship Hall from 1-5:30 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: elcnh to schedule an appointment.

**ELIGIBLE THRIVENT CLIENTS WITH 2025 CHOICE**

**DOLLARS®:** Remember to direct before 3/31 and help support Emanuel Lutheran Church 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 representative with any questions.

**A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29:** "No place on earth should be a safer refuge for that tiny innocent child than the womb, the place of racham, the place of mercy. Abortion invades and destroys that refuge, that mercy, at its very source. Sadly, abortion has become a part of the brutalization of human life, a sad commentary on the cruelty of human nature." *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan*



**THE LADIES' SOCIETY SPRING PARTY** will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Room. After a short business meeting, Bingo will be played. Prizes will be awarded and snacks will be served. Hope to see you there! *Jayne Scheele & Laura Hargens, Program Committee Chairpersons*

**EASTER EGG HUNT** is on Easter Sunday during our Sunday School hour, starting at 9:15am! We'll gather in the sanctuary for an opening, then walk together to Central's playground for the hunt, which will happen in 3 separate areas based on age. Children under 4<sup>th</sup> grade should be accompanied by an adult.

**SERVING AT EMANUEL**

**April 2**

**Elders:** Dennis Herman (10:30)  
Wade Benjamin (7:00)  
**Ushers:** Group 4 (Bill Bremer) (7:00)  
**Communion Assistant:** Dave Van Spankeren (7:00)

**April 3**

**Elders:** Benjamin Castens (1:00)  
John Colter (7:00)  
**Ushers:** Group 1 (Sam Bender) (1:00)  
Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (7:00)

**April 5**

**Elders:** Benjamin Castens  
Steve Poling (Gathering)  
**Ushers:** Group 4 (Bill Bremer) (6:00, 8:00)  
Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (10:30)  
**Choir:** Adult Choir, Handbell Choir  
**Communion Assistants:** Ryan Hellinger (10:30)

**DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK**

**March 29:** Ex. 12:29-32; 13:1-16 / Heb. 6:1-20  
**March 30:** Ex. 13:17-14:9 / Heb. 7:1-22  
**March 31:** Ex. 14:10-31 / Heb. 7:23-8:13  
**April 1:** Ex. 15:1-18 / Heb. 9:1-28  
**April 2:** Ex. 15:19-16:12 / Heb. 10:1-18  
**April 3:** Ex. 16:13-35 / Heb. 10:19-39  
**April 4:** Ex. 17:1-16 / Heb. 11:1-29



**THE ENCHANTED GALA - CLS 2026 GALA:** You are invited to The Enchanted Gala—a joyful event honoring the many blessings God has given us through CLS. The Enchanted Gala is more than an event—it's a celebration of faith, community, and generosity. Your participation directly supports the students, teachers, and future of Central Lutheran School. Navigate to [cluth.org/gala](http://cluth.org/gala) to purchase tickets or contact the school office. We hope to see you there!

**CENTRAL STAGE PRESENTS BEAUTY & THE BEAST JR.** It is with deepest pride & greatest pleasure that we invite you to relax & pull up a chair as the junior high cast & crew proudly presents *Beauty & The Beast Jr.* on Friday, April 10 at 9:30am & 7:00pm, at Central Lutheran School. Free will donations accepted and concessions available.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Life Care Director's office. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21 at 6pm.

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (SOEST)** will be having their Spring Rummage & Bake Sale on Friday, April 17, from 10am-5pm and on Saturday, April 18, from 9am-noon. Bag Sale will be on Saturday.

**ON SATURDAY, MAY 2,** The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center will host its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community 5K Walk/Run, taking place in the neighborhood surrounding the center. Early bird registration is just \$20 per person through March 31 & guarantees a race T-shirt. Children 9 and under participate for free, making this a great event for the whole family.



**Holy Week**