

# EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# News & Notes

**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.

### MISSION STATEMENT

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



**THE MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER** will be mailed out at the end of April. Please have all articles to the Church Office by April 22! *Thank you!*

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

Saturday = 78 Sunday = 311 Gathering = 69  
Visitors = 43

### 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.  
LYFE.....6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.  
LWR Quilters.....9:00 a.m.  
Board of Trustees.....7:00 p.m.

#### TUESDAY \*VBS Registration Opens!\*

Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.  
Stephen Ministry.....4:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.  
Ladies Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

#### THURSDAY

Hand Bells.....6:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir.....7:15 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Newsletter Mailing.....9:00 a.m.

#### SATURDAY

Private Party in the FLR  
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.  
**Voter’s Meeting.....Noon**  
EJY.....10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



**THE LENTEN MEAL TEAM** would like to thank all who participated in Lenten meals! Thank you, Mrs. Gerken and the Central Lutheran students, who set up our tables and chairs each week. We had many hands assist in the preparation, setup, cleanup, and provision of recipes for salad, soup and dessert. All of the food was donated, and the free will offerings were appreciated. So far, we have given a donation to the Altar Circle to add to the flowers enjoyed by everyone at Easter services. An additional donation was made to the Youth group in support of their upcoming Higher Things conference in July. As a result, we'd like to continue these meal offerings in the future! **Breaking Bread Together** will be our focus and we hope this will entice you to continue to enjoy some good and fellowship! We will have our 1<sup>st</sup> one on Wednesday May 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More details will be found in the next newsletter. We are targeting a monthly offering at this time and hope you will give it a try! You can talk to Nancy Losher, Sandy (Jim) Herman, or Kathy Schaffer if you have any questions.

**A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 21:** “Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life*



**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed to the glory of God in celebration of James and Nancy Barker’s 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

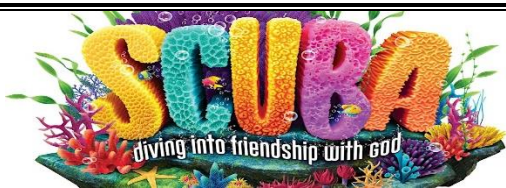
### IN OUR PRAYERS

- † **Becky Hansen** having surgery this week
- † **Bill Kline** (PRMC)
- † **Betty Paterson, Marlene Poling, Sue Bandt** (health concerns)
- † **James and Nancy Barker** who are celebrating their 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary

### BIBLE CLASSES

**United & Growing:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each 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** will resume in the Fall  
**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  
**High School Bible Class** in the youth room





**VBS REGISTRATION OPENS TUESDAY, APRIL 23** for ages 3 years – current 4<sup>th</sup> graders! Register online at [www.myvbs.org/emanuelnh](http://www.myvbs.org/emanuelnh) for *Scuba: Diving into friendship with God*, which will take place Sunday, June 23 – Wednesday, June 26!

**EMANUEL'S ENDOWMENT FUND:** Since its inception, the Endowment Fund has provided more than \$1,373,721 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 2023, the Endowment Fund provided \$3,154.00 for emergency water cleanup and mold prevention in the church basement.

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED** giving a gift to the Concordia University Scholarship at CLS? Donations are accepted at any time. They can be given in memory of loved ones or in thankfulness for present teachers & pastors. Your gift will be used to encourage our brightest students to enter professions in Lutheran ministry. The scholarship helps to reduce the costs of attending a Concordia University. Presently, we will have a scholarship for Callie Hoover, Lizzie Gatchell, Derek Carey, Paige Rebber, Evan Maloney, Andrew Castens, Hannah Weber, Augie Hoover & Caleb Zeckzer. Abby Wietfeldt, Amber Birkmire, Bethany Zeckzer, Anna Werling, Alexa Hoover and Kathryn (Castens) Pennington are currently teaching in our Lutheran schools & Bryan Stecker is a pastor. Derek Carey will be entering his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at the Fort Wayne Seminary, and Caleb Zeckzer will be a 1<sup>st</sup> year student. Paige Rebber will begin her 2<sup>nd</sup> year in Deaconess studies at the FW Seminary. Blaire Rebber has accepted a position at St. Paul Fort Wayne. Please consider a gift in the coming months as we prepare to award next year's scholarships. Keep these students in your prayers as they become the next generation of Lutheran educators. If you have any questions, please call Phyllis Hockemeyer, Mary Potter, Jon Bolt, or Rebecca VanSpankeren.

**A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR APRIL 21:** The Gracious Savior brings a delightful clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10:11). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord's every last little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voice and our goods (1 John 3:17), may we "come that they may have life and have it abundantly!"

**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)  
**CAFE** = College Aged Fellowship of Emanuel

**EJY**

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28, IS OUR LAST**

Work Hard Play Hard of the school year! Meet at Central at 10:30 am for The Gathering. Afterwards, we'll have pizza

& help with CLS auction cleanup! Then get ready for NERF WARS! You may bring your own blaster or use one of ours. Darts will be provided. Pick up from Central at 3pm.

**LYFE**

**TONIGHT** is Grilled Cheese and Soft Pretzel Night at our last LYFE of the school year, which is from 6:30-8:30 pm!



**CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**



**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY**

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Any graduate of Central Lutheran School who is planning on attending a

Concordia University for the purpose of studying in the areas of Lutheran ministry may apply for our scholarship from CLS. Students studying to be pastors, teachers, DCE's, Deaconess, and other ministry related positions may apply. Applications can be picked up in the school office and must be returned by Monday, May 6, 2024. You must be a graduate of CLS.

**SERVING AT EMANUEL NEXT WEEK**

**April 27:**

**Elder:** Wade Benjamin  
**Ushers:** Group S1 (Dale Loshe)  
**Communion Assistant:** Ben Oberlin

**April 28:**

**Elder:** Benjamin Castens (8:00, 10:30)  
**Ushers:** Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (8:00)  
Group 1 (Sam Bender) (10:30)  
**Communion Assistant:** Randy Sommer (8:00)  
Ryan Hellinger (10:30)

**Gathering:** Steve Poling

**LIFECARE CONNECTIONS**

**OUR NEXT GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH** outing will be Tuesday, May 7 @ Noon at Wu's Fine Chinese Cuisine, located at 4411 Coldwater Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. We welcome any newcomers to join us for great food and fellowship!

**ELC'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will continue meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be May 21 at 6pm downstairs in the Life Care Director's office.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Our recent February graduates of our Stephen Ministry training program are up and running! Three of our four graduates have already been paired with new care receivers and are assisting those individuals through their challenging times. The Stephen Ministry program currently has four active relationships that our ministers are serving. This brings our total number of caring relationships since the reintroduction of the program to eight. We have a team of nine active Stephen Ministers and three active Stephen Ministry Leaders who are ready and willing to serve YOU in your time of need. If you or anyone else you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please reach out to our church office and you will be contacted.

We are also seeking more men to join our ministry team, to assist in serving our male congregation members in need. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please reach out to Kathy Schaffer or Pastor Stecker.

**DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK**

- April 21:** Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36 / Luke 9:1-17
- April 22:** Lev. 9:1-24 / Luke 9:18-36
- April 23:** Lev. 10:1-20 / Luke 9:37-62
- April 24:** Lev. 16:1-24 / Luke 10:1-22
- April 25:** Lev. 17:1-16 / Luke 10:23-42
- April 26:** Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8 / Luke 11:1-13
- April 27:** Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37 / Luke 11:14-36