



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

December 7, 2025

News & Notes

MISSION STATEMENT

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

ADVENT MIDWEEK ~ TO WHOM DOES JESUS COME?

Join us at either 10:30am or 7pm to learn each week about *who it is* that Jesus comes for:
December 10: To the one who needs clarity - Mary
December 17: To the one who doesn’t understand - Joseph
The *Lutheran Lunch Ladies* will be serving Soup, Salad, Sandwiches, & Sweets each week after the 10:30am service, and working with the youth to serve before the 7pm service.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7: “Children brightly signaled hope in our sin-infested world of old—consider the births of Seth, Isaac, Moses, Samson, Samuel, John, and, finally, of course and paramount, Jesus. And we, too, must become as children.” *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James*

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’d like to have all the gifts NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th (to deliver them before students travel home for Christmas). Our congregation is blessed to have these students serve & learn here. Thanks to all who will be able to help make a joy filled time for our seminary field workers & their families. If you have any questions, please call Gary & Renita Nahrwold.

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

- December 7: Is. 24:1-13 / 1 John 1:1-2:14
- December 8: Is. 24:14-25:12 / 1 John 2:15-29
- December 9: Is. 26:1-19 / 1 John 3:1-24
- December 10: Is. 26:20-27:13 / 1 John 4:1-21
- December 11: Is. 28:14-29 / 1 John 5:1-21
- December 12: Is. 29:1-14 / Jude 1-25
- December 13: Is. 29:15-30:14 / Rev. 1:1-20

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
Sunday Mornings 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

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, 2025

	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget
Receipts	\$733,205	\$800,833	\$(67,628)
Expenses	814,856	920,880	(106,024)
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(81,651)	\$(120,047)	\$ 38,396

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Thanksgiving = 294
Saturday = 20 Sunday = 140 Gathering = 59
Visitors = 33

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

TODAY ~ LWML Mites Collected
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.
Confirmation Christmas Party.....6:30 p.m.

MONDAY
Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.
LWR Quilters.....9:00 a.m.
Board of Christian Service.....2:00 p.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY
Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.
Ladies Society Christmas Party.....5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Midweek Advent Service.....10:30 a.m.
Advent Luncheon.....11:30 a.m.
Children’s Christmas Choir Rehearsal.....2:15-3:15 p.m.
Advent Supper.....6:00 p.m.
Midweek Advent Service.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Quilters.....9:00 a.m.
Handbell Choir.....6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir.....7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY
Private Party in FLR.....5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
United & Growing.....8:00 a.m.
Saturday Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY ~ Blood Pressure Checks with Parish Health
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.
Private Party in Fellowship Hall.....1:00-6:00 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Eric and Lauren Richeson on the birth of their son, Christian Timothy
- † Paul Moloney, Robin Patton (recovering from surgery)
- † Norm Davis (health concerns)



EMANUEL’S ENDOWMENT FUND: Since its inception, the Endowment Fund has provided more than \$1,757,003 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 \$2,569 for the removal of the former entry/exit step at church door #13 and replaced it with an ADA complicit entry/exit ramp.



THE LADIES SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Tuesday, December 9. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with warm, spiced cider & light appetizers being served. At 6:00 p.m. dinner will be served with an Italian style meal from Zianos. The meal will be lasagna, salad, breadsticks and a variety of delicious desserts. Gluten-free pasta & dessert options will be available. Our theme this year is “Let There be Light” as we look to Jesus, the Light of the World and how we can let His light shine through us. A highlight of the evening will be Kyle Harden singing a variety of Christmas music. Tickets (\$12) will be sold before, after & in between services this morning. They’ll also be available in the Church Office (see Christine). All ladies from Emanuel are invited & are encouraged to bring guests! Any questions, please call Angie Sommer or Kelly Blair.

PICTURES ARE IN! If you had your picture taken by Picture Café, please come pick up your pictures. They’re available during Church Office hours, or in the Fellowship Hall over the weekend.



CALLING ALL 3RD-8TH GRADE MEMBERS OF EMANUEL: We would love you to join the youth choir for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6pm. Rehearsals will be held in the church balcony from 2:15-3:15 on December 10, and December 17. Interested or have questions? Email Mr. Reynolds! (music@emanuelnh.org)

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR DECEMBER 7: We rejoice that God Himself defends the cause of the poor and needy (Psalm 72:4) and that He does this primarily through us, His saints. We must be careful, however, that we don’t fall into self-righteousness and become a pharisaical “brood of vipers” (Matthew 3:7), always pointing out the sins of others while neglecting our own. Instead, as children of Abraham, we are all to “bear fruit in keeping with repentance” (Matthew 3:8), remembering that the things of God’s Word were “written for our instruction” (Romans 15:4), as well as for the instruction of others.



ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER need to be turned in to the Church Office by Friday, December 19. *Thanks!*

SERVING AT EMANUEL NEXT WEEK

December 10:
Elder: Dennis Herman (10:30); Ben Oberlin (7:00)
Ushers: Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (7:00)
December 13:
Elder: John Colter
Ushers: Group S2 (Gary Nahrwold)
December 14:
Elder: Benjamin Castens
Ushers: Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (8:00)
 Group 1 (Sam Bender) (10:30)
Choir: Handbell Choir
Gathering: Steve Poling



NEW HAVEN FOOD BANK would like to thank the members of Emanuel who donated during November!

LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

ELC’S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, downstairs in the Family Life Care Director’s office. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 16, at 6pm.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING

We’re in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, call the Church Office.
Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven’t already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions 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 all of your children still at home and are they all still attending Emanuel?

If you’ve not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 749-2163. Thank you for your help!

