

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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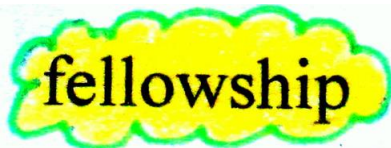
News & Notes

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

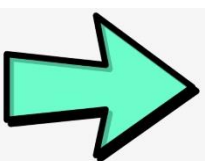
Emanuel Lutheran Church furthers God’s Kingdom by connecting people, strengthening families, and proclaiming God’s Word.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 28: “It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives.” *Deaconess Bethany Stoever, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas*



BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER! We, the *Lenten Lunch Ladies*, were very happy with the results of the fellowship meals offered during the Lenten season. It was the first time a Noon meal had been offered, and the great turn-out pleasantly surprised & inspired us. (268 served at the 12 meals!) What we noticed was that those who attended at Noon, having already attended church, tended to sit and visit after eating. So, we’re going to test the waters for a **monthly lunch with visiting and cards on the 1st Wednesday of each month, starting at 11:30 a.m.** We hope you’ll join us on May 1 for the start of Breaking Bread Together! We’re planning on serving meat loaf.
In Christ, *The LLL (Lenten Lunch Ladies)*

THANK YOU! Thank you to ALL the people that helped with the spring rummage sale in any way last week. Whether you donated items to sell, brought food for the workers, delivered tables to display items, helped set up (especially the youth group), sorted items, cashiered, helped tear down (especially the CLS students)... because of your hard work, we netted \$8,370 for local charities! We tallied over 123 workers who volunteered 2 to 33 hours during the week. We had a lot of fun, fellowship, and tired people. 😊 Thanks be to God for the wonderful weather He provided for the sale days. Blessings, *The Rummage Sale Committee*



THE PASTORS AT EMANUEL WILL NEVER (we repeat, NEVER) contact you and ask for gift cards or cash. There are many scammers in the world who will attempt to change your mind. Stand firm, dear members.

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Saturday = 67 Sunday = 249 Gathering = 76
Communion = 302 Visitors = 34

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.
Voter’s Meeting.....Noon
EJY.....10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.
Ladies Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Breaking Bread Together.....11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Confirmation Presentation Rehearsal.....8:00 a.m.
Saturday Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.

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The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.
Confirmation Presentations.....7:00 p.m.

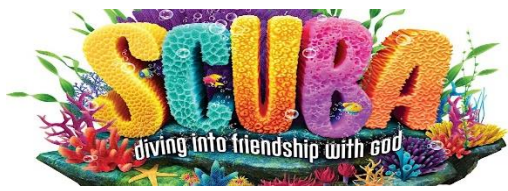
IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Family and friends of **Lyle Elser** who was called to his heavenly home
- † **Becky Hansen** recovering from surgery
- † **Bill Kline, Glenn Witte, Betty Paterson, Marlene Poling, Sue Bandt** (health concerns)

BIBLE CLASSES

United & Growing: 2nd 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 – 7th grade begins in the sanctuary, then heads downstairs to classrooms.
Confirmation Class for 8th graders & their parents in FLR





SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God

VBS REGISTRATION is now open for both participants and volunteers at <https://www.myvbs.org/emanuelnh>. *SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God* takes place Sunday, June 23 - Wednesday, June 26 from 5:30-7:45 pm and is open to children who are ages 3 years* - 4th grade (current school year). We need lots of adult volunteers but also welcome youth who are in 5th grade and older! *Registered children must be out of diapers and able to use the toilet independently or a parent must stay with the child.

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 3rd year at the Fort Wayne Seminary, and Caleb Zeckzer will be a 1st year student. Paige Rebber will begin her 2nd 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 28: It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

YOUTH GROUP

Call or text 260-222-1434 Youth Director Andrea Hoover with questions.
Follow us on Instagram at 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



TODAY 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.

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

May 4:

Elder: Ben Koeneman
Ushers: Group S3 (Jay Melcher)
Communion Assistant: David Herman

May 5:

Elder: Benjamin Castens (8:00, 10:30)
Ben Koeneman (7:00)
Ushers: Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (8:00)
Group 4 (Bill Bremer) (10:30)
Communion Assistant: Neal Wissman (8:00)
Don Vogtman (10:30)

Gathering: Jerry Schlund
Choir: CLS 6-8 Grade (8:00)
Handbell Choir (10:30)

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 28:** Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27 / Luke 11:37-54
- April 29:** Lev. 21:1-24 / Luke 12:1-12
- April 30:** Lev. 23:1-22 / Luke 12:13-34
- May 1:** Lev. 23:23-44 / Luke 12:35-53
- May 2:** Lev. 24:1-23 / Luke 12:54-13:17
- May 3:** Lev. 26:1-20 / Luke 13:18-35
- May 4:** Lev. 26:21-33, 39-44 / Luke 14:1-24