



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

October 18, 2026

News & Notes

MISSION STATEMENT

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

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR OCTOBER 18:

The Lord provides laborers in His harvest field. We pray for our pastor and for more pastors in the Church of Christ (Luke 10). We, the harvest, will receive the crown of righteousness on the Last Day. There will be suffering between now and then, but we endure knowing that God provides (2 Timothy 4). The Lord turns everything on its head and provides for His people healing, restoration, life today, and life everlasting (Isaiah 35).



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed to the glory of God by Josh & Amanda Werling in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

WALGREENS PHARMACY STAFF will be administering **free flu shots at Emanuel** on Tuesday, October 20 from 9-11:45am. Bring your prescription insurance card or Medicare card (if applicable). Vouchers will be provided for underinsured or uninsured. *Flu shots are offered at no cost to you through most insurance plans.*

ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER / DECEMBER NEWSLETTER need to be turned in to the Church Office by Monday, October 26. *Thanks!*

PASTOR ZECKZER & PASTOR STECKER will be attending the Indiana District Fall Pastors Conference this week on October 19 & 20 (Monday & Tuesday). They’ll be back in the Church Office on Wednesday.

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

- October 18: Deuteronomy 17:1-20 / Matthew 14:1-21
- October 19: Deuteronomy 18:1-22 / Matthew 14:22-36
- October 20: Deuteronomy 19:1-20 / Matthew 15:1-20
- October 21: Deuteronomy 20:1-20 / Matthew 15:21-39
- October 22: Deuteronomy 21:1-23 / Matthew 16:1-12
- October 23: Deuteronomy 24:10-25:10 / Matthew 16:13-28
- October 24: Deuteronomy 25:17-26:19 / Matthew 17:1-13

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 August 31, 2026

	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget
Receipts	\$611,066	\$670,233	\$ (59,167)
Expenses	686,429	687,004	(575)
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$(75,363)</u>	<u>\$(16,771)</u>	<u>\$ 58,592</u>

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

5:00 p.m. = 74 8:00 a.m. = 142 10:30 a.m. = 151
Gathering = 76 Visitors = 42

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

TODAY

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 Bonfire at Oberlin’s.....6:30 p.m.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.
Board of Finance.....9:00 a.m.
Grief Support Group.....6:00 p.m.
Church Council.....7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Quilters.....9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY ~ No events scheduled.

SATURDAY

Private Party in Fellowship Hall.....1:00-4:00 p.m.
Worship Service.....5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

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.



IN OUR PRAYERS

- † **Josh & Amanda Werling** celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary
- † **Mel & Arlene Krueckeberg** celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary
- † Family & friends of **Rose Sweet** who was called to her heavenly home
- † **Joy Bradtmueller** (Lutheran)
- † **Sandy Dyarman, Jack Cain, Jennifer Metzger** recovering from surgery
- † Those with health concerns:
Darlene Elser
Carol Holle
Nathan Scheele (Roger & Jayne’s son)

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 2024, the Endowment Fund provided \$ 47,907.00 to have the church basement windows removed & new windows installed.

FALL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL: Join us for a moment of silent prayer for life after the 2nd service on Sunday, November 1. You can stay for as long as you like. Prayer prompts will be provided. We’ll be providing resources from Lutherans for Life to help you be a Gospel motivated voice for life in your home, workplace, & community. Diapers & wipes (sizes 3-6 are most needed) will be collected in support of the diaper bank at The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center. The Shepherd's Hand is a local LCMS ministry that reaches out with the love and mercy of the Good Shepherd to our neighbors in need in the SE Fort Wayne community with free programs such as a diaper bank, family playtime, senior fellowship, & health fairs.



NEW HAVEN FOOD BANK needs your plastic shopping bags to replenish their supply! Please leave your bags in the donation bins inside Door 11. Thanks!

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18: “Do not be silent. You have the most positive, powerful, life-giving, and life-affirming message in the universe! It is a message of love for every sinner, i.e., everyone! It is a message of forgiveness for everyone and every sin. It is a message of the certain hope of a paradise whose reality surpasses the most beautiful of words.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans for Life*

SERVING AT EMANUEL

October 24:
Elder: Ben Oberlin
Ushers: S1 (Dale Loshe)
Communion Assistant: Gary Nahrwold
October 25:
Elder: Mike Sweet (8:00, 10:30)
Steve Poling (Gathering)
Ushers: #3 (Mark Schuller) (8:00)
#4 (Bill Bremer) (10:30)
Communion Assistant: Randy Sommer (8:00)
Ryan Hellinger (10:30)



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, November 3 at Noon at Blueberry Pancake House (6736 E State Blvd)
- Tuesday, October 20 at 6pm at ELC, downstairs in the Life Care Director’s office

IN OUR COMMUNITY

ST. JOHN FLATROCK’s Fall Rummage Sale will be October 23 from 8am-5pm; & October 24 from 8am-Noon. Saturday’s bag sale is \$3 for a brown paper bag, \$6 for a 13 gallon kitchen garbage bag, & ½ off all priced items.
ST. JAMES CRAFT MARKET will be from 9am-3pm on October 24. (1720 SR 930E in New Haven)
MARTINI LUTHERAN’s Fall Rummage & Bake Sale will be 8am-3pm on Thursday, October 29. Come back on October 30 from 8am-Noon for the bag sale.
ST. PAUL PREBLE’s Bake Sale & Bazaar will be on November 14 from 10:30am-1pm.

YOUTH GROUP

Call or text 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)
EJY



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, is Marshmallow Madness + Shrek, Jr.! Meet in the Family Life Room after the 10:30am services for pizza, Marshmallow Dodgeball, & more marshmallow madness before heading to Wolf Arena at Concordia Elementary for the CLHS production of Shrek, Jr. We’ll return around 4pm. Cost is only \$5 for students! Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/EJYShrek> by Tuesday, November 17, so we can reserve seats! *Cast members from Emanuel: Brody Oberlin as Shrek; Jude Peters as Big Bad Wolf; Annie Hellinger as Wicked Witch; Viv Hernandez as Storyteller; Lily Hernandez as Baby Bear; Liam Herman as Knight; Luke Melcher as Guard; Brooke Schorey as Fairytale Creature*



LYFE
TONIGHT, OCTOBER 18, beginning at 6:30pm, is LYFE Venture at Brody’s! We’ll have a bonfire with hot dogs, s’mores, games, and a devotion. Bring a friend & a chair!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 is LYFE Venture at Famous Monster Pizza in Decatur! We’ve rented this iconic monster-themed restaurant exclusively for LYFE! Meet at Emanuel at 5:15pm; we’ll return at 8:30pm. Cost is \$15 for our private event with a pizza buffet, popcorn, soft drink with free refills, & a movie chosen by the group. Sign up by Friday, October 30, at <https://tinyurl.com/LYFEmonster>

KENYA KORNER

Pastor Dennis & Lorna are asking for continued prayers for Point of Grace Academy (POGA), its students, & their families. POGA has ongoing needs, including funding for the boys’ dormitory & completing the security wall around the high school. Please prayerfully consider using your Joining Hands in Mission envelopes to support POGA. Every gift helps provide a safe, secure, nurturing place for students to learn & grow. As always, if you have questions about sponsoring, please email pastorstecker@emanuelnh.org or Corrie Oberlin at corrieas@hotmail.com

CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

John Weber, the former principal of CLS, was a beloved figure in our community. His dedication to Lutheran education & his unwavering commitment to the well-being of our students left an indelible mark on our hearts. In honor of his memory we have organized the John Weber Memorial Tournament, an event that will not only celebrate his life but, more importantly, the work that he so fervently sought after - sharing God’s love with others.
The John Weber Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held November 13-15, bringing in Lutheran schools from outside the New Haven & Fort Wayne area for 3 days of fun & competition. As a sponsor of this event, we’ll promote your business through a printed program advertisement & other recognition throughout the tournament.
Here are ways you can contribute to this noble cause:
\$200+: Full-page recognition in our tournament program
\$100: ½ page recognition in our tournament program
\$50: ¼ page recognition in our tournament program
\$25: 1/8 page recognition in our tournament program
Please email iwellman@cluth.org by Friday, October 30. Your support is invaluable to us, and we genuinely appreciate any assistance you can provide.