



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.

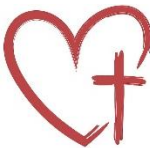
February 1, 2026

News & Notes

MISSION STATEMENT

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

**BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER:** Our theme this month is LOVE, not the Valentine’s Day kind of love, but *Agape* love. *Agape* is



- \*a Christian love, especially as distinct from physical love or emotional affection
  - \*a communal meal in token of Christian fellowship, as held by early Christians in commemoration of the Last Supper
- While we are blessed with a core of 20 to 25 attendees for our monthly luncheons, we would LOVE to commune with more of you. We wonder if where you’ll sit, or who you’ll sit with might be a concern for a newcomer. We’ll have a few friendly people looking for ways to be helpful, and they will help you find a table and introduce you to those already there. Or if you want, you can be the first to sit at a table, and we’ll bring others to join you.
- We hope you’ll give us a chance to share *Agape* love with you, as well as a delicious meal!
- The Lutheran Lunch Ladies*

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

- February 1: Zech. 11:4-17 / 2 Tim. 4:1-18
- February 2: Zech. 12:1-13:9 / Titus 1:1-2:6
- February 3: Zech. 14:1-21 / Titus 2:7-3:15
- February 4: Job 1:1-22 / John 1:1-18
- February 5: Job 2:1-3:10 / John 1:19-34
- February 6: Job 3:11-26 / John 1:35-51
- February 7: Job 4:1-21 / John 2:1-12

BIBLE CLASSES

- United & Growing:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 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

EMANUEL’S BUDGET SNAPSHOT

As of December 31, 2025

Emanuel’s Board of Finance would like to thank the members of Emanuel for their faithful giving and encourage all families to continue cheerfully supporting Emanuel with their gifts. In 2025, Emanuel’s total revenue was \$966,985 and total expenses were \$980,909. Your contributions in 2025 made it possible for us to pay expenses associated with our ministry. Every gift, large or small, was essential in making this happen. Because of your generosity, God’s Word was proclaimed, children were provided Christian education both here and abroad, hungry people were fed, and the body of Christ was sustained and supported. Thank you. We look forward to continuing the work of God’s Kingdom in 2026.

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Saturday = 75 Sunday = 143 Gathering = 71  
Communion = 155 Visitors = 35

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

- TODAY** ~ LWML Mites Collected
- 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.  
Higher Things Team Night.....6:30-8:30 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.  
ROMEOs.....11:30 a.m.  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
- Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.  
Board of Elders.....7:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**
- CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.  
Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Breaking Bread Together.....11:30 a.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Quilters.....9:00 a.m.  
Board of Youth.....7:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY** ~ No events scheduled.
- SATURDAY**
- Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
- SUNDAY** ~ Blood Pressure Checks by Parish Health
- 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

- † Steve Hormann, Chad Bauer, Cindy Bair, Luann Reichhart, Marilyn Herman, all recovering from surgery
- † Doris Sowers health concerns



**ROMEO’S LUNCHEON AND BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Monday, February 2 at 11:33 a.m. at the New Haven Pizza Hut. We’ll order food, then have a Bible Study. All men are invited, not just Retired Old Men.

**EMANUEL’S ENDOWMENT FUND:** 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 2021, the Endowment Fund provided \$1,500.00 to replace the facility sump pump.

**2025 GIVING STATEMENTS** have been mailed to your homes. Please email Christine ([churchoffice@emanuelnh.org](mailto:churchoffice@emanuelnh.org)) if you have any questions.

**A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1:** “You may have a messy story. Your family may have a dysfunctional past. Your past (or present) may be filled with greed, sexual immorality, or other idols. But Jesus won’t let that stop Him from reaching out to you with the message of His unconditional love. You might be far from good, but you are not too far gone for God.” *Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace*

**A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR FEBRUARY**

**1:** Tragically there are many people who do in fact sacrifice the fruit of their bodies for the sins of their soul (Micah 6:7), killing their own children to undo or cover up the sinful choices they’ve made. How foolish is the so-called “wisdom” of the world (1 Corinthians 1) that calls death life! And though the Lord could rightly bring an indictment against His people for this evil (Micah 6:2), He instead shames the “strong” and “wise” among us by sacrificing His only begotten Son to cover the sins of the entire world (1 Corinthians 1:27-28). In Christ crucified, all who believe will inherit the kingdom of heaven, and those who mourn the wanton destruction of life will be comforted forevermore (Matthew 5:3-4).



**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** The elevator has been built and delivered to Emanuel. As the construction crews are in the process of installing the elevator, we might again have some areas of church blocked off at certain times. Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this process ~ we’re on the home stretch!

**BRIDGE 20/30** is a growing young adult ministry serving individuals in their 20s & 30s throughout the Fort Wayne area. Started in 2025 by members of local Lutheran churches, Bridge 20/30 provides a welcoming space for young adults (single, dating, or married) to grow in faith, build friendships, and find meaningful community. The group meets every Tuesday for devotions, service opportunities, & social gatherings. Young adults are warmly invited to attend and bring a friend.

**February Schedule:**

- February 3, 7pm:** Bowling Bash at Georgetown Bowling (6770 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne). Cost is \$10 per person and includes shoe rental & 3 hours of bowling.
- February 10, 5:45pm:** Social meetup at Country Heritage Singo Social featuring Taylor & Friends and Women of R&B (185 Country Road 68, Laotto).
- February 17, 7pm:** “The Porch Night” devotion series: Vanity — A Study of the Book of Ecclesiastes, held at The Holy Cross Youth Center (3420 N Anthony Blvd.)
- February 24, 7pm:** "Lenten Experience" with Pastor Chad at The Greenhaus (3504 N. Anthony Blvd.)



**SUPER BOWL WING FUNDRAISER  
LAST WEEKEND TO ORDER!**

This is the final weekend to order wings for Super Bowl Sunday. Get ready for the big game with smoked wings from Nolt’s Marketplace while supporting our youth attending the Higher Things Conference in St. Louis this summer. These crowd favorites are perfect for your game day table. Wings are served with Ranch, Blue Cheese, BBQ, or Buffalo on the side. Order after church services, in the church office, or online at <http://emanuel-lutheran-church-youth.square.site>. Orders close Monday, February 2. Pickup options are Saturday, February 7 after church or Sunday, February 8 by noon

**Pricing:**

- 6 wings – \$9.00
- 12 wings – \$18.00
- 18 wings – \$27.00
- 24 wings – \$36.00
- 30 wings – \$45.00
- 36 wings – \$54.00
- 50 wings – \$75.00
- 100 wings – \$150.00

Order your wings, share with friends,  
and help our youth get to Higher Things!

**SERVING AT EMANUEL NEXT WEEK**

**February 7, 8**

- Elders:** Ben Oberlin (5:00)  
Paul Niccum (8:00, 10:30)  
Steve Poling (Gathering)



- Ushers:** Group S3 (Jay Melcher) (5:00)  
Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (8:00)  
Group 1 (Sam Bender) (10:30)

**Choir:** CLS Cherubim Choir (10:30)

**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**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6** is a special EJY Work Hard Play Hard organized by 8<sup>th</sup> grader Viviana Hernandez for her capstone project! Join us at Central for a Blizzard Bash from 6:00-10:00 PM. We'll be in the CLS gym and play volleyball, 9 Square in the Air, and basketball! We'll also make cards for our military troops, have pizza, and watch a movie!

**LYFE**



**TONIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,** is our 1<sup>st</sup> Higher Things team night for all youth & adults going on the Higher Things trip this summer!

**PANCAKES & PJS NIGHT** is Sunday, February 15, 6:30-8:30 PM! Show up in your pjs for pancakes, games, and special guests Pastors Zeckzer & Peters!