

# EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 22, 2026

# News & Notes



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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.

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES: KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS

*Let us Fix our Eyes on Jesus,*

*the Founder and Perfecter of our Faith*

The Winter Olympics have started. The athletes have been training for many years - they’re focused. We as God’s people are in training. We’re running our own race called life. God has called us to be focused. The Book of Hebrews tell us of the saints who have run the race & are now encouraging us as we run. Their focus was on Jesus. We’ll learn from them to keep our focus on Jesus each Wednesday in Lent, beginning this week, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



The *Lutheran Lunch Ladies*, together with the LYFE Higher Things Team, will be offering fellowship meals *after* each morning service and *before* each evening service. Each week we will enjoy SSSS: Soups, Salads, Sandwich, and Sweets! If you have suggestions of any of the meals or a favorite recipe to suggest, please leave it at the Church Office & the *Lutheran Lunch Ladies* will take it from there. Proceeds from the freewill offering will help fund the LYFE trip this summer to the Higher Things Conference in St. Louis.

### BAPTIZED THIS WEEKEND AT EMANUEL



**Cecilia Lynn Rice**

Cecilia was born on November 16, 2025 to Cody & Taylor (Vachon) Rice.

Her sponsors are Nicholas & Erin Vachon.

*We welcome you into the Lord’s family!*



**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are placed to the glory of God in celebration of Kathy Meyer’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by her children & grandchildren. *Happy birthday Kathy!*

### WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| Todd Alexander                         | Diana Cozad             |
| Eric & Sherry Hitzfield                | Roger & Becky Hitzfield |
| Scott Huston                           | Madisyn Jackson         |
| Makenna Jackson                        | Elizabeth Robinson      |
| Carlos Stalling Jr.                    | Preston Wiersma         |
| Richard & Doris Zirkelbach             |                         |
| Brent & Allyse McKee (Madelyn, Emilia) |                         |
| Ryan Pankop (Ariya, Brielle)           |                         |

### 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 January 31, 2026**

|                   | Actual             | Budget            | Actual vs. Budget |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Receipts          | \$68,868           | \$83,779          | \$ (14,911)       |
| Expenses          | 80,628             | 85,876            | (5,248)           |
| Surplus (Deficit) | <u>\$ (11,760)</u> | <u>\$ (2,097)</u> | <u>\$ 9,663</u>   |

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

Saturday = 99 Sunday = 211 Gathering = 82  
 Communion = 286 Visitors = 26

### 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.  
 New Member Reception Luncheon.....11:30 a.m.  
 CLS Association Meeting.....1:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.  
 LWR “Knotters” in Fellowship Hall.....9:00 a.m.  
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.  
 Stephen Ministry.....7:00 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.  
 Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
 Lenten Midweek Service.....10:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship Lunch..11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Dinner..6:00 p.m.  
 Lenten Midweek Service.....7:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

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

#### FRIDAY

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

#### SATURDAY

Evening 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.  
 Private Party in FLR.....Noon

### IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Our new members being welcomed this morning
- † Geneva Brueck (hospice); Aiden Bearman (Mary’s grandson) (health concerns)
- † Cinda Lambert (recovering from surgery)
- † Family & friends of Rosemarie Scribner (mother-in-law of Barb Melin-Pierce) who was called to her heavenly home
- † Cecilia Lynn Rice who is baptized this weekend
- † Kathy Meyer celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday



**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 2022, the Endowment Fund provided \$5,000.00 of support for Emanuel youth to attend the national youth gathering *Higher Things*.

**CLS ASSOCIATION MEETING IS TODAY**, February 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the main gym. Please attend for important updates & votes:

- Elect & install new School Board members
- Update from the Principal & Preschool Director
- Presentation of the 2026-2027 school budget
- Update on school improvements over the last year
- Receive information about upcoming events and dates
- Presenting candidates for Calls to fill open positions

We need you there to meet our quorum and to be able to conduct the necessary business of the Association. Thank you!

**ELIGIBLE THRIVENT CLIENTS WITH 2025 CHOICE**

**DOLLARS®**: Remember to direct before 3/31 and help support Emanuel Lutheran Church at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. Contact your Thrivent representative with any questions.

**PLEASE ATTEND** the Central Lutheran School 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade operetta *JOY RIDE Cruisin' Through Philippians* on Thursday, February 26 (9am), and Friday, February 27 (9am & 7pm). You'll be learning about JOY as we journey through the book of Philippians. Our students are excited to share God's Word through song & word.

**WHITES SALE**: The following items are for sale in the Church Office. All proceeds will be donated to Shepherd's House, Cross Borders, and Charis House.

- Queen Sheet Sets.....\$7.00
- King Sheet Sets.....\$9.00
- 3 wash cloths.....\$ .50
- Hand towel & 2 wash cloths.....\$1.00



**A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR FEB. 22:** Satan tempts us to turn away from God by appealing to the desires of our flesh and our egos. The devil twists God's Word to make us think that things like abortion, sex without marriage, suicide, and assisted suicide will give us pleasure, self-fulfillment, and an end to our suffering. But, like our first parents did, those who give in quickly find that the devil's words are nothing but empty promises which end in pain and suffering. Thankfully, by withstanding the devil's temptations, Jesus both defeats that old Satanic foe for all sinners and reminds us that the way to true joy and happiness is found in trusting the unfailing promises of our Heavenly Father.

**SERVING AT EMANUEL NEXT WEEK**

**February 28, March 1**

**Elders:** Ben Oberlin (5:00); Mike Sweet (8:00, 10:30)  
Jerry Schlund (Gathering)

**Ushers:** Group S3 (Melcher) (5:00)  
Group 6 (Lambert) (8:00)  
Group 5 (Schultz) (10:30)

**Communion Assistant:** Gary Nahrwold (5:00)  
Kurt Bremer (8:00)  
Josh Pankop (10:30)

**March 4**

**Elders:** Dennis Herman (10:30); David Herman (7:00)  
**Ushers:** Group 6 (Don Lambert) (7:00)

**DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK**

- February 22:** Gen. 11:27-12:20 / Mark 4:21-41
- February 23:** Gen. 13:1-18 / Mark 5:1-20
- February 24:** Gen. 15:1-21 / Mark 5:21-43
- February 25:** Gen. 16:1-9, 15-17:22 / Mark 6:1-13
- February 26:** Gen. 18:1-15 / Mark 6:14-34
- February 27:** Gen. 2:1-21 / Mark 6:35-56
- February 28:** Gen. 22:1-19 / Mark 7:1-23



**THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated food for funeral luncheons, and who have helped by working. The families are always so appreciative!

**HELP NEEDED:** We're always in need of more volunteers to donate food for funeral luncheons or to help work. We're especially in need of several ladies who'd be willing to be "callers" for the luncheons - this involves making phone calls during a specific month from our list of volunteers. If you're willing to help in any way, contact Sandi Herman (414-9320).



**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!

**LIFECARE CONNECTIONS**

**THE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will meet for lunch on Tuesday, March 3 at Noon at Zianos (10520 Maysville Rd.) This is a social outing! Please feel free to join us for some great food and fellowship!

**ELC'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** continues to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Life Care Director's office. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17 at 6pm.

**EMANUEL'S EASTER GARDEN**

Help beautify the chancel & altar on Easter Sunday by ordering a beautiful plant! All plants can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please complete this form & return it to the church office *no later than Monday, March 9.*

**Make checks payable to EMANUEL ALTAR CIRCLE.**

|                                |   |                              |   |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| <b>NAME:</b> _____             |   | <b>Phone #</b> _____         |   |
| <b>Easter Lilies \$12</b>      |   | <b>Mums 6" Pot \$17</b>      |   |
| <b>Quantity</b>                |   | <b>Quantity</b>              |   |
| 6" (1 stem)                    | - | Purple                       |   |
|                                |   | White                        |   |
|                                |   | Yellow                       |   |
| <b>Hyacinths 7" Pot \$11</b>   |   | <b>Azalea 6" Pot \$30</b>    |   |
| <b>Quantity</b>                |   | <b>Quantity</b>              |   |
| Blue                           | - | Pink                         |   |
| Pink                           | - |                              |   |
| White                          | - |                              |   |
| Purple                         | - |                              |   |
| <b>Tulips 6" Pot \$11</b>      |   | <b>Hydrangea 6" Pot \$30</b> |   |
| <b>Quantity</b>                |   | <b>Quantity</b>              |   |
| Pink                           |   | Pink                         |   |
| Red                            | - | Blue                         |   |
|                                |   |                              |   |
| Orange                         |   |                              |   |
| Yellow                         | - |                              |   |
| Purple                         |   |                              |   |
| <b>Snake Plant 6" Pot \$21</b> |   | <b>Daffodils 7" Pot \$11</b> |   |
| <b>Quantity</b>                |   | <b>Quantity</b>              |   |
| Assorted                       |   | Dwarf Yellow                 |   |
|                                |   | Standard Yellow              | - |
| <b>ZZ Plant 6" Pot \$21</b>    |   | <b>ZZ Plant 6" Pot \$21</b>  |   |
| <b>Quantity</b>                |   | <b>Quantity</b>              |   |
| Green                          |   |                              |   |
| <b>Total Plants Ordered =</b>  |   | <b>Total Money =</b>         |   |
| _____                          |   | _____                        |   |
| <b>In Memory of</b> _____      |   |                              |   |
| <b>In Honor of</b> _____       |   |                              |   |