

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 5, 2024



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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.



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.**

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.


THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed to the glory of God by Jaime & Jennifer Renninger in loving memory of her father, Max McNeal.

THE BUD VASE ON THE ALTAR is placed to the glory of God by Ardis Behrendt in honor of her grandson, Max DeSalvo’s, baptism birthday.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5: “The Ascension assures us that Jesus has finished His work of salvation and now rules ALL things in this world for the good of His Kingdom and His Church: that is, you and me! What is Christ’s goal that the song highlights? Jesus wants His Body, us, to be with Him where He is in paradise, in heaven.” *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

THE ROMEO’S LUNCHEON AND BIBLE STUDY will meet on Mon, May 6th at 11:33 a.m. at the New Have Pizza Hut. We’ll order food, then have a Bible Study. All men are invited, not just Retired Old Men!

BATIZED THIS MORNING AT EMANUEL

 **Scarlett Cristine Wilson**
Scarlett was born on February 19, 2024 to Jake & Emily (Vetter) Wilson.
Her sponsors are Troy & Elizabeth Hileman.

We welcome you into the Lord’s family!

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Saturday = 73 Sunday = 248 Gathering = 139
Communion = 255 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 Presentations.....7:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.
ROMEOs Bible Study.....11:30 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.

THURSDAY

Endowment Committee.....4:00 p.m.
Board of Evangelism & Missions.....4:00 p.m.
Hand Bells.....6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir.....7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY ~ No events scheduled.

SATURDAY

United & Growing.....8:00 a.m.
LWR Quilters.....9:00 a.m.
Private Party in FLR.....1:00 p.m.
Saturday Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY ~ Blood Pressure Checks by Parish Health

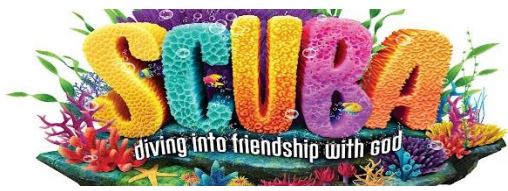
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IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Sue Bandt (LLV), Marlene Poling (PRMC), Marj Myers (Lutheran)
- † Bill Kline, Glenn Witte, Betty Paterson (health concerns)
- † Scarlett Wilson who is baptized this morning, and Max DeSalvo (Ardis Behrendt’s grandson) who celebrates his baptismal birthday
- † Ryan Meyer as he considers the call to be the Director of Parish Music at Emanuel

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.

THERE IS A NEW BANNER hanging on the West Wall of the sanctuary about halfway up the aisle. It is the banner created for the 2024 LWML Indiana District Convention June 21-in Danville, IN. The theme of the Convention is "Rooted in Christ." This is the 3rd congregation that has displayed the banner. Watch for more information and the banner's return to Emanuel.

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 \$5,500.00 for construction and installation of the handrail beside the walkway leading to/from the northeast church entrance.

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 MAY 5: Surprise pregnancy does involve difficulties too great for our abilities. Terminal diagnosis indeed comes with insurmountable obstacles. Taking life-and-death matters into one's own hands only compounds the problems. Instead, trust the Son of God to overcome and deliver out of every threat (1 John 5:4). Cry out to Jesus in repentance and prayer, for the Father above will not fail to supply immediate and eternal salvation (John 15:16).

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We are 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.



MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION PROJECT:

Celebrate moms, grandmoms, and all those that embody the calling of motherhood with a beautiful carnation this Mother's Day. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Right to Life of Northeast Indiana and help continue our life-saving work in our region. Look for these flowers next weekend! To learn more visit: www.ichooselife.org/carnations

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 11:**
Elder: Ben Koeneman
Ushers: Group S3 (Jay Melcher)
- May 12:**
Elder: Benjamin Castens (8:00, 10:30)
Ushers: Group 4 (Bill Bremer) (8:00)
Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (10:30)
- Gathering:** Jerry Schlund
- Choir:** CLS 3rd-5th Grade Choir @ The Gathering

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.

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

- May 5:** Num. 3:1-16, 39-48 / Luke 14:25-15:10
- May 6:** Num. 8:5-26 / Luke 15:11-32
- May 7:** Num. 9:1-23 / Luke 16:1-18
- May 8:** Num. 10:11-36 / Luke 16:19-31
- May 9:** Num. 11:1-23, 31-35 / Luke 17:1-19
- May 10:** Num. 11:24-29; 12:1-16 / Luke 17:20-37
- May 11:** Num. 13:1-3, 17-33 / Luke 18:1-17

KENYA KORNER

There is great news to share with you: the box for Kenya that we started filling with gifts, letters, and pictures last fall has safely arrived! Lorna Meeker sent two pictures of the box. You've been doing a great job of sending the most creative things in business-size envelopes. The children who receive them are sure to be smiling as they open them. The "Secret Sewers" continue to create very pretty & definitely sturdy cloth bags that will be given to the ladies at Point of Grace when we visit. THANK YOU!