

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 16, 2025

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.

PICTURES ARE IN! If you had your picture taken by Picture Café, please come pick up your pictures. They’re available during Church Office hours, or in the Fellowship Hall over the weekend.



CALLING ALL 3RD-8TH GRADE MEMBERS OF EMANUEL:
We would love you to join the youth choir for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6pm. Rehearsals will be held in the church balcony from 2:15-3:15 on November 19, December 3, December 10, and December 17. Interested or have questions? Email Mr. Reynolds! (music@emanuelnh.org)

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR NOVEMBER 16:
As the days draw closer to Christ’s return, we have witnessed people brought before kings and governors for the sake of Jesus’ name and the truth that every life is precious in God’s sight, just like Jesus warned (Luke 21:10-12). But don’t be afraid! “This is your opportunity to bear witness” (Luke 21:13)! We can go out “leaping like calves from the stall” (Malachi 4:2), proclaiming the sanctity of all life because we know that God promises to “give you a mouth and wisdom” (Luke 21:15) and that the “sun of righteousness” shall soon “rise with healing in its wings” (Malachi 4:2).



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed to the glory of God by Natalie Reynold’s family, in celebration of her 60th birthday.

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

- November 16: Jer. 31:1-17, 23-34 / Matt. 27:1-10
- November 17: Jer. 33:1-22 / Matt. 27:11-32
- November 18: Jer. 37:1-21 / Matt. 27:33-56
- November 19: Jer. 38:1-28 / Matt. 27:57-66
- November 20: Dan. 1:1-21 / Matt. 28:1-20
- November 21: Dan. 2:1-23 / Rev. 18:1-24
- November 22: Dan. 2:24-49 / Rev. 19:1-21

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
Sunday Mornings 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

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 September 30, 2025

	Actual vs.		
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Receipts	\$656,491	\$720,750	\$(64,259)
Expenses	736,780	828,792	(92,012)
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(80,289)	\$(108,042)	\$ 27,573

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Saturday = 211 Sunday = 230 Gathering = 88
Visitors = 33

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.
Concordia Lutheran High School Presentation.....11:45 a.m.
LYFE.....5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

MONDAY
Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.
Christian Mission Circle.....9:00 a.m.
LWR Quilters.....9:00 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.....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.
Hand Bell Choir.....6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir.....7:15 a.m.

FRIDAY ~ No events scheduled.

SATURDAY
Private Party in FLR
Preserve & Prosper.....Noon
Saturday Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY
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

IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Robin Patton (recovering from surgery)
- † Norm Davis, Rose Sweet, Victor Echarte, Dale Hermann (health concerns)
- † Natalie Reynolds celebrating her 60th birthday this week

TODAY at 11:45 AM is Concordia Lutheran High School’s A Bold Step Impact Event at Emanuel. Come learn how Concordia’s capital campaign will renew its aging facility and enhance safety, security, and learning spaces for students. Hear from school leadership, see the exciting vision for the future, and discover ways you can be part of this meaningful effort! Learn more at cadetsboldstep.org.

EMANUEL’S ENDOWMENT FUND: Since its inception, the Endowment Fund has provided more than \$1,757,003 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 \$8,044 for the purchase & installation of a new church telephone system.

 **THE LADIES SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be Tuesday, December 9. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with warm, spiced cider & light appetizers being served. At 6:00 p.m. dinner will be served with an Italian style meal from Zianos. The meal will be lasagna, salad, breadsticks and a variety of delicious desserts. Gluten-free pasta and dessert options will be available. Our theme this year is “Let There be Light” as we look to Jesus, the Light of the World and how we can let His light shine through us. A highlight of the evening will be Kyle Harden singing a variety of Christmas music. Tickets will be sold before, after & in between services on Sunday Nov. 23, Nov. 30, and Dec. 7 and will be \$12. They’ll also be available in the Church Office (see Christine). As always, all ladies from Emanuel are invited and are encouraged to bring guests! Any questions, please call Angie Sommer or Kelly Blair.

NEW HAVEN FOOD BANK IS IN NEED OF:

Canned fruit	Ramen Noodles	Ketchup
Canned soup	Canned vegetable	Mustard
Canned pasta	Spaghetti sauce	Pickles
Mayonnaise	Mac & Cheese	Noodles
Canned meat	Rice/Pasta mixes	

** Emanuel will be hosting a Food Drive for NHFB next week when we gather for Thanksgiving services. Tables will be set up in the narthex for donations. **

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16: “When life around us is dark and despairing, when troubles are real and overwhelming, when our hurts outweigh our joys, take a moment to think about God’s beautiful creation given for us as a ‘good and perfect gift.’ Take a moment to remember that we have another Light in our world—our Lord Jesus Who is the Creator of all things and is the light of men.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life*

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven’t already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

- Have you changed your phone number?
- Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon?
- Are all of your children still at home and are they all still attending Emanuel?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 749-2163. Thank you for your help!

PENNE PALOOZA FUNDRAISER DINNER returns Friday, December 5 from 5:30–7:30pm (open house)!
All-you-can-eat (dine-in only):
penne pasta* with red sauce & meatballs
Zianos breadsticks
salad, dessert & beverage
Tickets (available Nov. 22):
Adults \$15 • Ages 6–10 \$8 • 5 & under Free
Carry-out available.

Raffle baskets at the door! Proceeds support our youth trip to the LCMS Higher Things Conference in St. Louis.
*Gluten-free pasta available upon request.

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)



ST. LOUIS, HERE WE COME! Our Higher Things Youth Conference Trip is June 28-July 3, 2026!
Pack your bags for the ultimate summer experience - faith, friends, and unforgettable memories! From worship and Bible study to late-night laughs and epic adventures, this is one week you won’t want to miss. *Registration and \$150 non-refundable deposit is due at LYFE on Sunday, November 16.

LYFE

TONIGHT is Duckpin Bowling & Urban Golf Night at The Fairfield (Fort Wayne)! Meet at Emanuel at 5pm. Cost: \$30 (includes food)

CEMETERY NEWS

The cost of cemetery plots at Emanuel will increase from **\$400.00 to \$600.00** beginning **January 1, 2026**. Our Cemetery Trustees have noted that most neighboring churches are now charging at least \$1,000.00 per plot, and Emanuel has not raised prices in over 15 years. If you are interested in purchasing a plot before the price increases, please contact John Bremer.

SERVING AT EMANUEL NEXT WEEK

November 22:
Elder: Ben Koeneman
Ushers: Group S3 (Jay Melcher)
Communion Assistant: Jay Melcher
November 23:
Elder: David Herman
Ushers: Group 5 (Mike Schultz) (8:00)
Group 6 (Don Lambert) (10:30)
Communion Assistant: Nick Gehl (8:00)
Don Vogtman (10:30)
Gathering: Jerry Schlund
November 26, 7pm:
Elder: Benjamin Castens
Ushers: Group 3 (Mark Schuller)
Choirs: Central Lutheran School Choirs, Handbell Choir
November 27, 10am:
Elder: Paul Niccum
Ushers: Group 6 (Don Lambert)
Choir: Adult Choir

LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

OUR NEXT GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH will be Tuesday, December 2 at 12pm at Casa Grille (6340 Stellhorn Rd). We welcome any newcomers to join us for great food & fellowship!
ELC’S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, downstairs in the Family Life Care Director’s office. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18, at 6pm.