

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 20, 2026

News & Notes



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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

MISSION STATEMENT

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



Carol and I would like to thank our church family for all the prayers and cards received. And thank you pastors Zeckzer and Stecker for your visits. You are all appreciated.

Denny and Carol Herman

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

5:00 p.m. = 70 8:00 a.m. = 190 10:30 a.m. = 173
Gathering = 80 Visitors = 62

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.
VOTER’S MEETING IN SANCTUARY.....NOON
Rummage Sale Set Up.....1:00 p.m.
EJY Work Hard Play Hard.....11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.
Rummage Sale Set Up.....8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.
Rummage Sale Set Up.....8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry.....7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.
Rummage Sale Set Up.....9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

Rummage Sale.....9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir.....6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir.....7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY

Rummage Sale.....9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Preserve & Prosper.....Noon – 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.
Oktoberfest.....11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

† Ben & Corrie Oberlin celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary

† Those with health concerns:

- Joy Bradtmueller
- Sharon Christianer
- Pat Scott
- Carol Herman
- Marlene Poling
- Carol Holle
- Nathan Scheele (Roger & Jayne’s son)
- Hank Helmke (Cindy Moore’s brother)
- Rachel Dekoninck (Bob & Sue Crowl’s granddaughter)



EMANUEL LADIES’ SOCIETY FALL

RUMMAGE SALE will be held on
Thursday, September 24 (9am-7pm)
& Friday, September 25 (9am-1pm)
(\$3 bag sale). Please bring your

donations to the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, September 20! Setting up & sorting starts at 1pm on Sunday, September 20! (NO Large appliances or furniture – including TV’s) No donations will be accepted after Tuesday, Sept. 22. Your helping hands would be greatly appreciated! Volunteers are needed on Monday & Tuesday from 8am—7:30pm, and on Wednesday from 9-5. Also Needed: 6 & 8 FOOT TABLES for our Rummage Sale to be delivered Sunday, September 20 for temporary use on the 24 & 25 of September. Please make sure they are marked with your name and be assured they will be used inside. THANK YOU!



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed to the glory of God by Ben & Corrie Oberlin in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW FIELD WORKER, Seminarian Aaron Rumerfield. He’s in his first year of classes at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. We look forward to getting to know you!

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)	\$(75,363)	\$(16,771)	\$ 58,592



OKTOBERFEST IS NEXT SUNDAY, Sunday, September 27, after the 10:30 services! This FREE themed church picnic is for the whole congregation, so plan to stick around after worship to enjoy food, beer, yard games, Masskrugstemmen (stein-holding) competition and more! Win your dessert at our Cake Walk for ALL AGES! **Want to help?** We are looking for donations for the Cake Walk. Cookies, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, and other treats are welcome for this popular event! Please bring goodies to the Fellowship Hall by the start of the 10:30 AM service on Sunday!

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 2023, the Fund provided \$2,700.00 in support of repainted church parking lot striping.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: "I firmly believe that the sanctity of human life is the most important issue of our day and that by means of informing and educating the public, as well as by applying Christian love and compassion to those directly affected by the trauma of abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia, the pro-life position will prevail, and our nation will again uphold the dignity and sanctity of human life." *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan*

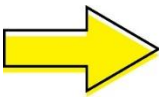
A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR SEPTEMBER 20: Thanks be to God for faithful servants of God who have lifted up the truth of God's Word in their times. Believers who recognize the difficulties of this life often yearn to be with the Lord as Paul says, "...for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). So, today, we need not fear death or any enemy, but we can rejoice and stand firm in the Holy Spirit, speaking the truth about God's gifts of life, eternity, and forgiveness. The Lord's Word makes clear that He wants people everywhere to repent and be cleansed of their sins that they may dwell with Him forever (Psalm 27:4).

KENYA KORNER

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

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

September 20: Nehemiah 4:7-23 / 1 Timothy 3:1-16
Sept 21: Nehemiah 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16 / 1 Timothy 4:1-16
September 22: Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18 / 1 Timothy 5:1-16
September 23: Nehemiah 9:1-21 / 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2
September 24: Nehemiah 9:22-38 / 1 Timothy 6:3-21
September 25: Malachi 1:1-14 / Matthew 3:1-17
September 26: Malachi 2:1-3:5 / Matthew 4:1-11



EMANUEL'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE IS SELLING a 61 inch Scag mower with low hours. If you're interested or have questions, please call Jeff Brockmann at Pro Line Rental and Sales (493-2535). *Please don't call the Church Office, Christine won't be able to help you.* 😊

LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

Our grief support group meets twice 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 feel free to join us!

Our next meetings:

- Tuesday, October 6 at Noon at Manny's Dream Restaurant, 717 Broadway St in New Haven
- Tuesday, October 20 at 6pm at ELC, downstairs in the Life Care Director's office

SERVING AT EMANUEL

September 26:

Elder: John Colter

Ushers: S2 (G. Nahrwold)

Communion Assistant: Jay Melcher

September 27

Elder: Benjamin Castens (8:00, 10:30)

Jerry Schlund (Gathering)

Ushers: #5 (Mike Schultz) (8:00)

#6 (Don Lambert) (10:30)

Communion Assistant: Kurt Bremer (8:00)

Josh Pankop (10:30)

Thank You!!
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YOUTH GROUP

Call or text Youth Director Andrea Hoover with questions.

Follow us on Instagram at [lyfe_ejy/](https://www.instagram.com/lyfe_ejy/)

& Facebook under Emanuel Youth Group

EJY = Emanuel Junior Youth (Grades 6-8)

LYFE = Lutheran Youth Fellowship at Emanuel (High School)

EJY



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, is our October EJY

Work Hard Play Hard. Meet at Emanuel at 4:00 p.m. to assemble care packages for Emanuel/St Paul college students and pizza before we head out to the Haunted Castle & Black Forest! We'll be back by 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 for both attractions plus individually wrapped items to go in the care packages, 1 for each student (TBD).

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

All the women of Emanuel are invited to the annual LWML Fort Wayne East Zone fall gathering Saturday, October 10 at Ascension Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. This year's theme is "You Will Be My Witnesses" based on Acts 1:8. The gathering will begin with fellowship & breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a faith-filled program including devotions, singing, and a presentation from Rev. Mike & Cathie Wakeland. Come hear about their missionary experiences in Liberia, Venezuela, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and Mexico. The gathering should conclude before Noon. There is a \$7 registration fee. An ingathering of notebooks, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, backpacks or monetary gifts will be collected for schools in Liberia. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Renee Schuller by Sunday, October 4.