

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 14, 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.

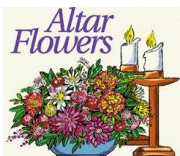
MISSION STATEMENT

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



THE MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER will be mailed out at the end of April. Please have all articles to the Church Office by April 22! *Thank you!*

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14: “So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-workers understand the value that God places on all human life.” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed to the glory of God by Justin & Jennifer Renninger in loving memory of their aunt, Ruth Ford.



THE LENTEN MEAL TEAM would like to thank all who participated in Lenten meals! Thank you, Mrs. Gerken and the Central Lutheran students, who set up our tables and chairs each week. We had many hands assist in the preparation, setup, cleanup, and provision of recipes for salad, soup and dessert. All of the food was donated, and the free will offerings were appreciated. So far, we have given a donation to the Altar Circle to add to the flowers enjoyed by everyone at Easter services. An additional donation was made to the Youth group in support of their upcoming Higher Things conference in July. As a result, we’d like to continue these meal offerings in the future! **Breaking Bread Together** will be our focus and we hope this will entice you to continue to enjoy some good and fellowship! We will have our 1st one on Wednesday May 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More details will be found in the next newsletter. We are targeting a monthly offering at this time and hope you will give it a try! You can talk to Nancy Losher, Sandy (Jim) Herman, or Kathy Schaffer if you have any questions.

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Saturday = 94 Sunday = 220 Gathering = 69
Communion = 292 Visitors = 39

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

SUNDAY ~ Blood Pressure Checks with Parish Health
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.
EJY Work Hard/Play Hard.....Noon-4:15 p.m.
Rummage Sale Set Up.....1:00 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.
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 Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Rummage Sale Set Up.....9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Spring Rummage Sale.....9:00a.m.-7:00p.m.
Hand Bells.....6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir.....7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY
Spring Rummage Sale.....9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
Saturday Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.

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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.
LYFE.....6:30-8:30 p.m.

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: 7:00 p.m. in FLR
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
High School Bible Class in the youth room

IN OUR PRAYERS



† Bill Kline (PRMC)
† Marlene Poling, Sue Bandt, Helen Miller (health concerns)

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 \$3,154.00 for emergency water cleanup and mold prevention in the church basement.

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR APRIL 14: With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as "Author of life" (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

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 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.

YOUTH GROUP

Call or text 260-222-1434 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)
CAFE = College Aged Fellowship of Emanuel

EJY

TODAY IS EJY WORK-HARD-PLAY-HARD! After church we will have lunch provided by the ladies and help set up for the spring rummage sale. *At 1:30 p.m. we will go to Georgetown Entertainment! Cost is \$20. We will be back at 4:15 p.m.

LYFE

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. is the last LYFE of the school year and its grilled cheese night!

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.

RUMMAGE SALE

IT'S TIME TO CLEAN OUT your closets, cupboards, attics & garages. Your unused items may be someone else's treasure. The Ladies' Society Spring Rummage Sale will be held on Thursday, April 18th from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. & Friday, April 19th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. A \$2.00 bag sale will be on Friday. **Please bring your donations** (NO Large appliances or furniture – including TV's) to the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, April 14, setting up & sorting starts at 1:00p.m. No donations will be accepted after April 16. **YOUR HELPING HANDS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.** Volunteers are needed on Monday & Tuesday from 8 a.m.—7:30 p.m., & Wednesday from 9-5. **ALSO NEEDED:** 6 & 8 foot tables to be delivered Sunday, April 14 for temporary use on the 18th & 19th. Please make sure they are marked with your name & be assured they will be used inside. Call Coleen Peters (260-402-4336) if you can assist the Ladies. THANK YOU!

SERVING AT EMANUEL NEXT WEEK

April 20:

Elder: Wade Benjamin

Ushers: Group S1 (Dale Loshe)

Communion Assistant: Ben Oberlin

April 21:

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

Ushers: Group 1 (Sam Bender) (8:00)

Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (10:30)

Communion Assistant: Randy Sommer (8:00)

Ryan Hellinger (10:30)

Gathering: Steve Poling

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 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be April 16 at 6pm in the Family Life Room.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

EASTER EVENING PRAYER: The Schola Cantorum and Kantorei of Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne will present Bach Cantata 67 for the Easter season, "Hold in Remembrance Jesus Christ," in a service of Evening Prayer on Sunday, April 14 at 4pm in Kramer Chapel. The choirs, directed by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra and joined by soloists Dr. Charles Brown (CUC), Ashlee Bickley, Emily Bird, and Jonathan Busarow. Music by Heinrich Schutz and Carl Schalk will also be included, as well as congregational hymns and canticles.

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

April 14: Ex. 32:15-35 / Luke 6:39-49

April 15: Ex. 33:1-23 / Luke 7:1-17

April 16: Ex. 34:1-28 / Luke 7:18-35

April 17: Ex. 34:29-35:21 / Luke 7:36-50

April 18: Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31 / Luke 8:1-21

April 19: Ex. 39:32-40:16 / Luke 8:22-39

April 20: Ex. 40:17-38 / Luke 8:40-56