EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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News & Notes

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.

EMANUEL THRIVENT MEMBERS: On Tuesday, December 1, 2026, choose any enrolled organization in Thrivent's catalog and donate through the giving platform. Thrivent is making up to $3 million in grant funding available to boost online donations—up to $1 for every $1 given. *Please consider giving a gift to Emanuel on December 1st through Thrivent's online giving platform.* Your *gift could be matched dollar for dollar!*

LAST DAY TO SHOP THE CPH ONLINE BOOK FAIR at Emanuel through November 22 & receive 20% off your purchases plus free shipping to Emanuel! Visit bookfair.cph.org & use the "Find Your Book Fair" locator to select Emanuel Lutheran Church. Our Book Fair ID is BKFR26029.

ADVENT MEALS: The *Lutheran Lunch Ladies* will be providing meals on Wednesdays at 11:30am & 6pm on December 2, 9, & 16. The menu will be soup, salad, sandwich, & sweets for each date. If you'd like to help provide food, or have a suggestion or recipe, we would love to hear from you. A free-will offering will be donated to the LYFE Mission Trip. May this time together help us all relish the Advent season!

NEW HAVEN FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER NEEDED on Tuesday mornings (7-10am) to help with set-up. (Some moderate lifting is required.) **WE ALSO NEED HELP WITH** distribution on Tuesdays from 8:45-11:45 a.m. Come join our group & help keep this mission going! For details, please call Greg Peters or Tom Kneller.

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 October 31, 2026

	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget
Receipts	$744,768	$837,791	$ (93,023)
Expenses	835,382	858,755	(23,373)
Surplus (Deficit)	$(90,614)	$(20,964)	$ 69,650

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

5:00 p.m. = 76 8:00 a.m. = 123 10:30 a.m. = 128
Communion = 317 Gathering = 105 Visitors = 49

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY
Worship.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
No Sunday School or Confirmation Class
Adult Bible Class.....9:15 a.m.
The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.
Voter's Meeting.....Noon
EJY.....1:15 p.m.
Private Party in FH.....3:00 p.m.

MONDAY
Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.
LWR Quilters.....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
Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Thanksgiving Eve Service.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY ~ *Church Office Closed*
Thanksgiving Day Service.....10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY ~ *Church Office Closed*

SATURDAY
Worship Service.....5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY
Worship.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
No Sunday School or Confirmation Class
Adult Bible Class.....9:15 a.m.
The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.



IN OUR PRAYERS

† Family & friends of **Jim Purvis** who was called to his eternal home

† **Marilyn Herman** (Dupont)

† **Roger Hitzfield** (home)

† Those with health concerns:
Barb Schlegel
Michael Nahrwold
Carol Holle
Nathan Scheele (Roger & Jayne's son)



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, hosted by LYFE Mission Team is Saturday, December 12 from 8:30–11:30 a.m. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake & sausage breakfast with applesauce, orange juice, coffee, & hot cocoa, plus games, crafts, face painting, & a visit with Santa! Prices are $10 ages 13+, $5 ages 3–12, Free for ages 2 & under! All proceeds support the LYFE youth mission trip to Alaska in July.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION, the Emanuel Endowment Fund has provided more than $2,083,356.00 from its earnings to enhance Emanuel's ministry. Contributions to this fund are legacy gifts. Pamphlets explaining this giving opportunity are available on the narthex hallway bulletin board. **DID YOU KNOW?** During 2015, the Endowment Fund provided $1,963.00 for the purchase of new Youth Room carpeting & furniture. Please consider giving the Endowment Fund a year-end, tax-deductible gift as part of your annual, required minimum distribution.

PRESERVE & PROSPER food preservation group has ended its season. Thank you to all who helped us throughout! We look forward to starting back up in 2027! If you'd like to join us or have questions, please call Kathy Schaffer or Trish Schultz.

CHRIST CHILD FESTIVAL: Bring the whole family to ring in the Christmas season at the Christ Child Festival. One of the many festivities to enjoy during the downtown Fort Wayne Night of Lights on Wednesday, November 25, it will be at the Grand Wayne Center 5-9 p.m. Enjoy many free Christ-centered Christmas activities including crafts for kids and a live nativity.



EMANUEL COOKBOOKS continue to be offered for sale from our Preserve & Prosper group and the Ladies Society. They are currently on sale at ***buy 1 get 1 at half price!*** $30 for a single book, get a 2nd book for $15. If you've already purchased at the $30 price, we will honor your purchase of added copies for $15 each! Just in time for Christmas! Books are available in the Church Office during office hours.

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR NOVEMBER 22: Today, Jesus gives a divine perspective on our neighbors. Jesus identifies "the least of these" as His "brothers" and tells us that when we love and serve those least ones, we are actually serving Him! (Matthew 25:40). St. Paul also reminds us that because of Christ's own death and resurrection, all people will be raised on the Last Day, either to life or to death (1 Corinthians 15:21-22). Together, this means that every single person, no matter their size, age, or physical condition, is a person whom Jesus has died for, identifies with, and who will be raised to live eternally.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Stephen Ministry Leadership Team (Pastor Stecker, Jill Bulmahn, Elaine Fisher, Kathy Schaffer) are preparing to offer training for new Stephen Ministers, starting in January! We'll have a couple informational meetings on what's involved prior to the beginning of classes. If you have any questions, please reach out!

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

November 22: Daniel 2:24-49 / Revelation 19:1-21
November 23: Daniel 3:1-30 / Revelation 20:1-15
November 24: Daniel 4:1-37 / Revelation 21:1-8
November 25: Daniel 5:1-30 / Revelation 21:9-27
November 26: Daniel 6:1-28 / Revelation 22:1-21
November 27: Isaiah 1:1-28 / 1 Peter 1:1-12
November 28: Isaiah 2:1-22 / 1 Peter 1:13-25



DOES EMANUEL HAVE your family membership record correct? Here's your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory! It's time to update our database with any changes 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 your children still living at home & still attending Emanuel?

Please let the church office know of any updates you may have by emailing churchoffice@emanuelnh.org

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22: "Immanuel, God with us. How reassuring are those words?! The struggles of life, personally and professionally, often take us to the edge of an emotional cliff. Thankfully, there is One to whom we can reach out and call out for help. We are not alone—God is with us every step of the way in our personal and our professional lives." *Gayle Irwin, Pregnancy Help News*

SERVING AT EMANUEL

November 28:
Elder: John Colter
Ushers: S3 (Jay Melcher)



November 29:
Elder: Paul Niccum (8:00, 10:30); Jerry Schlund (Gathering)
Ushers: Grp 2 (Koeneman) (8:00); Grp 1 (Bender) (10:30)
December 2:
Elder: Mike Sweet (7:00)
Ushers: Group 1 (Sam Bender) (7:00)

LADIES SOCIETY



All ladies of Emanuel are invited to
Taste and see that the Lord is good. (Psalm 34:8)
at

A Christmas Tea

on Tuesday, December 8 at 1:30 p.m.
in the Family Life Room.

Please bring a friend & join us for an afternoon of food & fellowship. We'll enjoy good company, hot tea, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are $5 and will be sold at church on the weekends of November 15, 22, and 29. Tickets will also be available during Church Office hours.

Will you need a ride to/from this event? Please call Elaine Fisher or Kelly Blair and they will arrange transportation for you.

LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

Our grief support group meets 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 join us! Our next meetings:

- Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Noon at Concordia Theological Seminary (6600 N Clinton St)
- Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 6pm at ELC, downstairs in the Life Care Director's office

YOUTH GROUP

Call or text Youth Director Andrea Hoover with questions.
Follow us on Instagram at lyfe_ejy!
& Facebook under Emanuel Youth Group
EJY = **E**manuel **J**unior **Y**outh (Grades 6-8)
LYFE = **L**utheran **Y**outh **F**ellowship at **E**manuel (High School)

EJY



TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, is the CLHS production of Shrek, Jr. at Concordia Elementary + Marshmallow Madness! Meet at Emanuel at 1:15 PM and pick up from Emanuel at 5:30 PM. $5 for students and $7 for adults.