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!*

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 September 30, 2026

	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget
Receipts	$675,309	$754,012	$ (78,703)
Expenses	758,642	772,880	(14,238)
Surplus (Deficit)	$(83,333)	$(18,868)	$ 64,465

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

5:00 p.m. = 196 8:00 a.m. = 129 10:30 a.m. = 100
Gathering = 55 Visitors = 53

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.
LYFE.....6:30 p.m.

MONDAY
Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.
Christian Mission Circle.....9:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY
Board of Finance.....9:00 a.m.
Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.
Grief Support Group.....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.
Endowment Committee.....4:00 p.m.
Handbell Rehearsal.....6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY ~ No events scheduled.

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.
Voter's Meeting.....Noon
EJY.....1:15 p.m.
Private Party in FH.....3:00 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

† Family & friends of Phyllis Petry **(Dave's Mom)** who was called to her heavenly home

† **Natalie Reynolds, Ruth Seddelmeyer** (recovering from surgery)

† **Roger Hitzfield** (home)

† Those with health concerns:
Jim Purvis
Barb Schlegel
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 2026 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.



I'm collecting gently used, clean, or new winter hats, gloves, & scarves for men, women, & children. These donations will be given to homeless people & families to show them God's love, & help keep them warm when no beds are available to them. I'll have a tote in the entrance of church for donations the first 3 weekends November. I will also have a donation box on Sunday mornings at The Gathering. I appreciate any & all donations. Thank You! *Victoria (& Brandon) Kline*

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.

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 15: Jeremiah 30:1-24 / Matthew 26:57-75
November 16: Jeremiah 33:1-17, 23-34 / Matt. 27:1-10
November 17: Jeremiah 33:1-22 / Matthew 27:11-32
November 18: Jeremiah 37:1-21 / Matthew 27:33-56
November 19: Jeremiah 38:1-28 / Matthew 27:57-66
November 20: Daniel 1:1-21 / Matthew 28:1-20
November 21: Daniel 2:1-23 / Revelation 18:1-24

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, Nov. 17 at 6pm at ELC, downstairs in the Life Care Director's office



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

SERVING AT EMANUEL



November 21:
Elder: John Colter
Ushers: S3 (Jay Melcher)
Communion Assistant: Jay Melcher
November 22:
Elder: Benjamin Castens (8:00, 10:30)
Jerry Schlund (Gathering)
Ushers: Group 1 (Sam Bender) (8:00)
Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (10:30)
Communion Assistant: Nick Gehl (8:00)
Don Vogtman (10:30)
November 25, 7pm:
Elder: Benjamin Castens
Ushers: Group 2 (Ben Koeneman)
November 26, 10am:
Elder: Paul Niccum
Ushers: Group 3 (Mark Schuller)

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.

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



NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, is Marshmallow Madness + Shrek, Jr.! Meet at Emanuel at 1:15pm, we'll head to Wolf Arena at Concordia Elementary for the CLHS production of Shrek, Jr.! Afterwards we'll come back to Emanuel for Marshmallow Dodgeball, more marshmallow games! Pick up from Emanuel at 5:30pm. Cost is only $5 for students! Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/EJYShrek by Tuesday, November 17!

LYFE

TONIGHT, NOVEMBER 15, 6:30-8:30 PM, is LYFE night at Emanuel with the return of the Grog, cereal night and Alaska mission trip registration deadline!