

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 27, 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.



OKTOBERFEST IS TODAY 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!

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR SEPTEMBER 27:

The consistent refrain of the foes of life is something like, “You are more significant than others” or “Look to your own interests.” This refrain seeps into the everyday routine of many because it resonates with our sinful nature. In fact, we grumble at the slightest infringements on our lives of convenience. The Apostle Paul instructs each of us to “look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4). The world tries to drum into our minds that raising up children, serving those in need, caring for the elderly, and tending to those who are dying are useless pursuits. But in Christ we see the value of each life and the joy that God provides in seeing people loved.



FALL LADIES’ SOCIETY MEETING will be at 6pm on Tuesday, October 6. A short meeting will be held, followed by BINGO, SNACKS & PRIZES! All ladies, young & old, are welcome!



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 vs.

	Actual	Budget	Budget
Receipts	\$611,066	\$670,233	\$ (59,167)
Expenses	686,429	687,004	(575)
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(75,363)	\$(16,771)	\$ 58,592

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

5:00 p.m. = 82 8:00 a.m. = 100 10:30 a.m. = 116
Gathering = 63 Communion = 281 Visitors = 38

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.
Oktoberfest.....11:30 a.m. – 1:30 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.

WEDNESDAY

CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

Quilters.....9:00 a.m.
Handbell Choir.....6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir.....7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY ~ No events scheduled.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY ~ LWML Mites Collected

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.
EJY Work Hard Play Hard.....4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

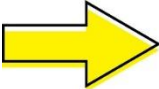
† Arnie & Joyce Danner who are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary this week
† Family & friends of Janice Gilreath who was called to her heavenly home
† Those with health concerns:
Rose Sweet
Joy Bradtmueller
Sharon Christianer
Pat Scott
Carol Herman
Marlene Poling
Carol Holle
Nathan Scheele (Roger & Jayne’s son)
Hank Helmke (Cindy Moore’s brother)



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are placed to the glory of God by Kathy Schaffer & her family, in loving memory of Bob Schaffer.

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 2024, the Endowment Fund provided \$ 47,907.00 to have the church basement windows removed & new windows installed.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: “Grief is not a sign of weak faith; it is the natural response to love and loss. But for those in Christ, grief is always shaped by hope. We do not mourn as those who have no future, no promise, no Savior (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We mourn with the certainty that our loved ones in the faith are with the Lord and that we will see them again.” *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC)*



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.* 😊

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER meets again on Wednesday, October 7 & will be a feast of *Soups, Salads, and Sweets*. (The essential food groups.) We’ll have a special guest: a representative from the League for the Blind & Disabled will be presenting information on their services! The League for the Blind & Disabled assist individuals of all ages with physical, sensory, or cognitive disabilities. Key services include individual advocacy, blind/low-vision training, & sign language interpreting through DeafLink. They’ll have a table of adaptive equipment available to browse. If you or anyone you know may be interested in attending this free event, please plan to attend & share with others! The meal begins at 11:30am and the brief presentation will begin at 12pm. Hope to see you there for great food & fellowship! We love seeing you come through the door! *The Lutheran Lunch Ladies*

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 27:** Malachi 3:6-4:6 / Matthew 4:12-25
- September 28:** Deuteronomy 1:1-18 / Matthew 5:1-20
- September 29:** Deuteronomy 1:19-36 / Matthew 5:21-48
- September 30:** Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15 / Matthew 6:1-15
- October 1:** Deuteronomy 2:16-37 / Matthew 6:16-34
- October 2:** Deuteronomy 3:1-29 / Matthew 7:1-12
- October 3:** Deuteronomy 4:1-20 / Matthew 7:13-29

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

- October 3:**
Elder: Ben Oberlin
Ushers: S1 (Dale Loshe)
Communion Assistant: Gary Nahrold
- October 4:**
Elder: Mike Sweet (8:00, 10:30)
Steve Poling (Gathering)
Ushers: #4 (Bill Bremer) (8:00)
#3 (Mark Schuller) (10:30)
Communion Assistant: Randy Sommer (8:00)
Ryan Hellinger (10:30)



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)
EJY



NEXT SUNDAY, October 4, is our October EJY Work Hard Play Hard. Meet at Emanuel at 4pm 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 9pm. Cost is \$20 for both attractions plus 37 individually wrapped items (1 for each college student) to go in the care packages.

LYFE
MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING is Sunday, October 11 at 5:45 p.m. for all interested high school youth & their parents. We’ve been asked by LCMS Alaska Mission for Christ to return to Anchorage, Alaska! The dates are July 10-19. You must attend one of the information meetings (Oct 11 or 14) in order to sign up for the trip.
LYFE HALLOWEEN is Sunday, October 11, 6:30-8:30pm. Games, prizes, food, & Bible study.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

All women are invited to the LWML Fort Wayne East Zone fall gathering Saturday, October 10 at Ascension Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Fellowship & breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by a faith-filled program of devotions, singing, & a presentation from Rev. Mike & Cathie Wakeland. 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 October 4.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

LUTHERAN SINGLES WEEKEND: Advent Lutheran Church in Zionsville is hosting a Lutheran Singles Weekend October 9-11 for single adults ages 21-40. Last year’s event had 70 attendees, resulting in several marriages, they expect that number to grow with this year’s event. Reduced cost or free lodging is available. Visit <https://adventlutheran.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/81/responses/new> for a detailed schedule & the registration link.

ST. PETER (FUELLING) is celebrating their 181st anniversary with a dinner on October 11 from 10am-12:30pm. Adult tickets are \$12, children 6 and under are \$6.00

ST. JOHN FLATROCK’s Fall Rummage Sale will be October 23 from 8am-5pm; and October 24 from 8am-Noon. Saturday’s bag sale will be \$3 for a brown paper bag, \$6 for a 13 gallon kitchen garbage bag, and ½ off all priced items.

ST. PAUL PREBLE’s Bake Sale & Bazaar will be on November 14 from 10:30am-1pm.