

**EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

November 19, 2023



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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 Auxilliary Gym.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**BIBLE CLASSES**

**United & Growing** - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
**Life Light Bible Study** - meets on Monday nights at 7.  
**Sunday Mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m.**  
**Adult Bible Class** in Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday School** for 3 years – 7<sup>th</sup> grade begins in the sanctuary, then heads downstairs to classrooms.  
**Confirmation Class** for 8<sup>th</sup> graders & their parents in the Family Life Room  
**High School Bible Class** in the youth room  
**Stephen Ministry Training** in Conference Room

**RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE** (attendance last week)

Saturday = 108 Sunday = 288 Gathering = 77  
 Visitors = 57

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY**

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.  
**Voter’s Meeting.....Noon**

**MONDAY**

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.  
 “Sanctity of Marriage, Sex and Gender” .....7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.  
 Grief Support.....6:00 p.m.  
 Stephen Ministry Training.....6:30-8:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Ladies Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
 Quilters in FH.....1:00 p.m.  
 Thanksgiving Eve Service.....7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY** ~ Church Office Closed.

Thanksgiving Day Service.....10:00 a.m.

**FRIDAY** ~ No events scheduled / Office will close early.

**SATURDAY**

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

**SUNDAY** \*No Sunday School or Confirmation Class\*

Worship.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Class.....9:15 a.m.  
 The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.  
 Private Party in FLR.....11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
 Higher Things Team Night.....6:30 p.m.

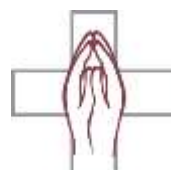
**EMANUEL’S BUDGET SNAPSHOT**

*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*

<b>NEEDED WEEKLY FOR OPERATIONS BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 19,979</b>
OFFERING RECEIVED 11/6– 11/12	\$ 22,452
BUDGET EXPENSES THROUGH 11/12	\$ 767,890
BUDGET RECEIPTS THROUGH 11/12	\$ 815,073
DIFFERENCE	\$ (47,214)

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

- † **Becky Hansen** recovering from surgery
- † **Anita Wise** (Adams Heritage)
- † **Jon Gillespie, Sue Bandt, Barb Schlegel** (health concerns)



**DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK**

- November 19:** Jer. 38:1-28 / Matt. 27:57-66
- November 20:** Dan. 1:1-21 / Matt. 28:1-20
- November 21:** Dan. 2:1-23 / Rev. 18:1-24
- November 22:** Dan. 2:24-49 / Rev. 19:1-21
- November 23:** Dan. 3:1-30 / Rev. 20:1-15
- November 24:** Dan. 4:1-37 / Rev. 21:1-8
- November 25:** Dan. 5:1-30 / Rev. 21:9-27



**KENYA MISSION TRIP!**

Here we go Emanuel! It’s time to assemble another Mission Team to serve at Point of Grace Academy. If you are interested and would like to sit down

with me for more information, let me know! We are going to move a bit faster than usual because this team is going in July of 2024! In Christ, *Pastor Stecker*

**A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19:** “For it can be easy on Thanksgiving to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!’ and falls on its face at Jesus’ feet, giving thanks to Christ.” *Rev. Cody Cooper, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour”*



**IF YOU HAVE DONATED** a salad or dessert for a funeral dinner, THANK YOU! Please check the Fellowship Hall kitchen for your dish. There’s quite a collection!



**IT’S NOT TOO LATE** to sing or ring with the choirs for Christmas! Please consider joining us! Additionally, do you or someone in your family play an instrument? Talk to Nicole Busarow (920-360-3487) about playing for Christmas.

**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 2021, the Endowment Fund provided \$758.00 to purchase a backup sanctuary sound board.

**MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** is tackling a very important subject matter for us to contemplate in our crazy upside down world. It is called "The Sanctity of Marriage, Sex and Gender." We'll try to make sense of the rapid changes in our world & how Satan is behind it all, attempting to destroy the fundamental truths about God, creation & our roles as male & female. Class will meet Mondays at 7pm.

**PASTOR BRYAN STECKER** has started a podcast called "On The Line." On the Line presents daily Lutheran insights, drawing from expert voices, addressing the intersection of Christianity and culture today. Culminating in a detailed weekly long-form interview, our discussions offer listeners a unique blend of intellectual exploration and spiritual insight. Youtube link: [https://www.youtube.com/@otl\\_podcast](https://www.youtube.com/@otl_podcast)  
Website link: [https://trinitywaconia.org/otl\\_podcast/](https://trinitywaconia.org/otl_podcast/)

**A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR NOVEMBER 19:** Many around us despair because the world pressures them into the violence and fraud (Zephaniah 1:9) of viewing death as a solution to difficulty. In the sanctity of every human life, we have riches to spare (Matthew 25:15). Gospel hope and joy are not just for us to possess. Jesus brings us faith and life to proclaim and put into practice.

#### IN OUR COMMUNITY

**THE CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN'S CLUB** will once again be selling Christmas trees & wreaths. The tree lot is located at 4245 Lake Avenue. Sales will begin on Saturday, November 18. The lot will be open 2-8pm on weekdays; 9am-8pm on Saturdays; & Noon-8pm Sundays. Proceeds are used to support various projects & functions at Concordia. A selection can be made from Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, & Blue Spruce. Decorated wreaths are also available. Your patronage would be greatly appreciated.

#### LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

**OUR NEXT GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCHEON** will be Tuesday, December 5 @ Noon at Cheddars @ 305 W Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. We welcome any newcomers to join us for great food and fellowship!

**NEW MEETING DAY:** ELC's Grief Support Group will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be November 21 at 6pm in the Family Life Room. Hope to see you there!

#### SERVING NEXT WEEKEND AT EMANUEL

**November 22:**

**Elder:** Benjamin Castens

**Choir:** CLS 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir

**Ushers:** Group 2 (Ben Koeneman)

**November 23:**

**Elder:** Benjamin Castens

**Choir:** Adult Choir, Bell Choir

**Ushers:** Group 1 (Sam Bender)

**November 25:**

**Elder:** Ben Koeneman

**Communion Assistant:** David Herman

**November 26:**

**Elder:** Benjamin Castens

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

**Communion Assistants:** Neal Wissman (8:00)

Don Vogtman (10:30)

**Gathering:** Jerry Schlund

#### LADIES SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ladies Society Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 5. Doors will open at 5:30, and dinner will be served at 6pm. This is open to all ladies of the congregation, their mothers, daughters and friends.

Dinner will include chicken marsala, ham, glazed baby carrots, green beans with almonds, red skin potatoes, spinach salad, rolls & butter, assorted cream & fruit pies.

Kyle & Audrey Harden will be the entertainment. They have performed at Disney World & other venues in Orlando, FL for over 18 years. They will sing a variety of Christmas music.

This year we would like to go back to the past and have you bring a favorite Christmas memory. You can bring a picture from when you were growing up, dating or first married... whatever is memorable for you. No worries if you can't remember or don't have a picture! Please come enjoy dinner and share the joy of Jesus!

Tickets are \$13 per person and will be available on Sundays, November 19 & 26, and December 3. They are also available in the Church Office (see Christine). If you have any questions, please call Jane Patton (312-0002).

#### 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

*Thank You!*

**THANK YOU** to all who supported our chili cookoff at Central! The proceeds were \$785.49 and will go towards our trip to the LCMS Higher Things youth conference in Clarksville, AR in July.

#### CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

We're very excited to add some new items to the CLS playground on November 27&28! We've been blessed with great support & donations from the 2023 CLS Gala as well as a previous CLS Gala. In order to maximize our purchase to get as many new & exciting playground items for our students as possible, we signed up for what is called a "community build." Rather than pay Sinclair Recreation to do the installation for us, they'll be sending a supervisor & CLS volunteers will be doing the work to get the new playground installed. This allowed us to be better stewards of the funds given for this project.

We need your help! We have equipment rented & several individuals with construction experience scheduled to be here for both days, but we need more help. There are many tasks with varying levels of skill needed. All kinds of help & experience are appreciated!

Please review the CLS Playground Installation Sign-Up. We need all-day volunteers for both November 27 & 28. If you can volunteer for just a half-day, that would be wonderful. If you're able to sign up for a full day or both full days, that would be great too. We appreciate your help in any capacity. Please feel free to sign up for as many spots as you are able to fill.

Each day, coffee & donuts will be provided for the morning shift & lunch will also be provided. Thank you for your help! Click here to see the CLS Playground Installation Sign-Up.

**SCRIP NEWS:** We will not be selling scrip on December 24 or December 31. Also Special/Big orders should be in by Sunday December 10 to assure delivery by Christmas.

