

**EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

June 28, 2026



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 Public Access Code: EmanuelNH  
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**SATURDAY EVENING** - 5:00 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
**DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE EACH SUNDAY** - 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary  
**THE GATHERING** – Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

# News & Notes

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
 Emanuel Lutheran Church furthers God's Kingdom by  
 connecting people, strengthening families, and proclaiming God's Word.



**PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE IN!** They are located on tables in the Fellowship Hall, in alphabetical order. Please find your label & enjoy your book. If you don't find your label, please email the Church Office ([churchoffice@emanuelnh.org](mailto:churchoffice@emanuelnh.org)) and one will be provided for you.

**BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER** will meet this week on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.! Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

**BAPTIZED THIS WEEKEND AT EMANUEL**



**Miles Jude Stecker**  
**Callum Lee Stecker**



Miles and Callum were born on May 28, 2026 to Benjamin & Molly (Chell) Stecker. Matthew & Hannah Ruppert are sponsors for Miles, Ryan & Brittney Chell are sponsors for Callum.  
*We welcome you both into the Lord's family!*

**BIBLE CLASSES**

**United & Growing:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 8-Noon  
Will Resume the week of July 6:  
**Monday Morning Bible Study:** Conference Room at 6:45  
**Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the FLR  
Will Resume September 13:  
**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 FLR

**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 May 31, 2026**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>
Receipts	\$411,603	\$418,895	\$ (7,292)
Expenses	<u>441,767</u>	<u>429,378</u>	12,389
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$(30,164)</u>	<u>\$(10,483)</u>	<u>\$ 19,681</u>

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

5:00 p.m. = 84 9:00 a.m. = 217 10:30 a.m. = 88  
 Communion = 275 Visitors = 36

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**TODAY**  
 Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.  
 The Gathering (in the Sanctuary) .....10:30 a.m.

**MONDAY** ~ No events scheduled.

**TUESDAY**  
 Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Breaking Bread Together.....11:30 a.m.

**THURSDAY** ~ No events scheduled.

**FRIDAY** ~ Church Office Closed.

**SATURDAY**  
 Divine Service.....5:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY** ~ LWML Mites Collected.  
 Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.  
 The Gathering (in the sanctuary) .....10:30 a.m.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

† Family and friends of **Lillian Kage** who was called to her heavenly home

† **Miles and Callum Stecker** (baptized this weekend at Emanuel)

† **Roger Benzinger** (Canterbury Rehab)

† **Sandy Dyarman, Cathy Mackin** (recovering from surgery)

† Those with health concerns:  
**Mary Jane Kline**  
**Elna Szink**  
**Victor Echartea**  
**Carol Herman**  
**Carl Zuercher**  
 Emerson Scheele (**Roger & Jayne's** granddaughter)  
 Dan Kimmel (Son-in-law of **Marilyn Messmann**)



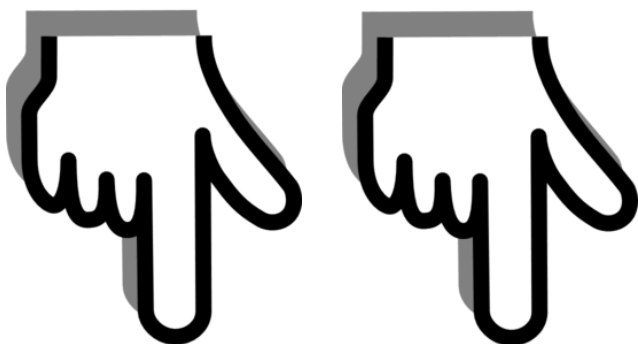
**A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR JUNE 28:** Jesus said: "And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward" (Matthew 10:42). God does not demand from us that we have success with everyone to whom we proclaim the Word of God. God knows the hearts of men. He knows that many have turned their hearts from hearing God's Word and desire death and not life. They desire to stay in their sins and not hear God's mercy and love for them. They will still kill their children, murder their elders, and seek to destroy life at every step because of who their father is. But we as God's children are to speak the truth even when it is received with hostility and even when it seems meager and worthless. For God says if we even give a cup of cold water, God will bless us. If we seek to save the life of a human being according to God's Word, God will bless us.

**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 2022, the Endowment Fund provided \$115,411.00 to purchase the residential property located directly east of the church in order to enlarge Emanuel's parking lot.

**A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28:** "God always makes life, and He always makes life worth it. The Good Giver of Life also accompanies each one as the Almighty Lord of 'my power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Corinthians 12:9). The crucifixion forgiveness of Jesus Christ proves that He constantly populates the adversities themselves with delights." *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life*

Dear Emanuel family,  
On behalf of Aiden and his family, I would like to, once again, express heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of this family with your prayers, cards, and words of concern and encouragement. Please know we are grateful to all of you for everything you have done to sustain us during this journey! Aiden continues to heal and his health is improving daily. Physical therapy is helping to increase his strength and stamina. With much love and gratitude,

*Aiden, AJ, Andrea, Andy and Mary Bearman*



### CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**CLS OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2026-2027:** The most recent call extended by CLS has been returned. Central Lutheran School is seeking the following positions for the 2026-2027 school year. Interested applicants should contact Dave Van Spankeren - 260-493-2502 ext. 350 or [dvanspankeren@cluth.org](mailto:dvanspankeren@cluth.org). Thank you!

- 5<sup>th</sup>-Grade Teacher - Full-time
- Music & Band Teacher - Full-time
- Teacher Aide(s) - Part-time
- Reading and Math Interventionist - Part-time
- Beyond the Bell aftercare worker - Part-time

### LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

**THE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will be meeting for lunch on Tuesday, July 7 at Noon at McAlister's Deli, 5552 Meijer Dr. Please feel free to join us for some great food and fellowship!

**ELC'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** continues to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Life Care Director's office. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 21 at 6pm.

### SERVING AT EMANUEL

#### July 4:

**Elders:** Mike Sweet

**Ushers:** Group S1 (Dale Loshe)

**Communion Assistant:** Jay Melcher

#### July 5:

**Elders:** David Herman (9:00)

Jerry Schlund (10:30)

**Ushers:** Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (9:00)

**Communion Assistant:** Tom Trzynka (9:00)



### DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

**June 28:** Joshua 3:1-17 / Acts 9:1-22

**June 29:** Joshua 4:1-24 / Acts 9:23-43

**June 30:** Joshua 5:1-6:5 / Acts 10:1-17

**July 1:** Joshua 6:6-27 / Acts 10:18-33

**July 2:** Joshua 7:1-26 / Acts 10:34-48

**July 3:** Joshua 8:1-28 / Acts 11:1-18

**July 4:** Joshua 10:1-25 / Acts 11:19-30

### BRIDGE 20/30

Bridge 20/30 is a Christian young adult group for adults in their 20s and 30s focused on building community, friendships, faith, and fellowship through social events, devotion nights, and activities throughout the Fort Wayne area. New participants are always welcome! Follow us on Facebook: Bridge 20/30 Group Ft. Wayne and Instagram: @thebridge2030 for updates and upcoming events or contact [dschuller@clhscadets.com](mailto:dschuller@clhscadets.com)

## JULY EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE | INSTAGRAM: THEBRIDGE2030

<b>7</b> JULY 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY</li> <li>• GRAB YOUR PADDLES &amp; JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OF PICKLEBALL</li> <li>• 7 PM</li> <li>• ZOLLNER STADIUM TENNIS COURTS</li> <li>• 3500 N. ANTHONY BLVD</li> </ul>
<b>14</b> JULY 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PORCH NIGHT: 1/4 LIFE CRISIS SERIES</li> <li>• 7 PM</li> <li>• HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER</li> <li>• 3420 N. ANTHONY BLVD</li> </ul>
<b>21</b> JULY 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAND VOLLEYBALL NIGHT</li> <li>• FREE PLAY - CASH BAR</li> <li>• 7-9 PM</li> <li>• EMPOWERED SPORTS CLUB</li> <li>• 12124 LIMA ROAD</li> </ul>
<b>28</b> JULY 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ANCHOR DEVOTION NIGHT WITH BRIAN LOESEL</li> <li>• 7 PM</li> <li>• THE GARDEN</li> <li>• 3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD</li> </ul>