



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 Auxiliary Gym.

February 15, 2026

News & Notes

MISSION STATEMENT

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

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES: KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Let us Fix our Eyes on Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our Faith

The Winter Olympics have started. The athletes have been training for many years - they’re focused. We as God’s people are in training. We’re running our own race called life. God has called us to be focused. The Book of Hebrews tell us of the saints who have run the race & are now encouraging us as we run. Their focus was on Jesus. We’ll learn from them to keep our focus on Jesus each Wednesday in Lent, beginning this week, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



The Lutheran Lunch Ladies, together with the LYFE Higher Things Team, will be offering fellowship meals after each morning service and before each evening service. Each week we will enjoy SSSS: Soups, Salads, Sandwich, and Sweets! If you have suggestions of any of the meals or a favorite recipe to suggest, please leave it at the Church Office & the Lutheran Lunch Ladies will take it from there. Proceeds from the freewill offering will help fund the LYFE trip this summer to the Higher Things Conference in St. Louis.

ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH/APRIL newsletter should be turned into the Church Office by February 20. Thanks!

BAPTIZED THIS WEEKEND AT EMANUEL



Preston Lake Wiersma
Preston has finished taking our United & Growing classes and will be received as a member of Emanuel next Sunday!

We welcome you into the Lord’s family!

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15: “The message of Jesus’ transfiguration—the fact that Jesus is God and Savior—has the power to transfigure you, to give you metamorphosis, to transform you from a bug to a butterfly! That’s what metamorphosis means. So, this week—and forever!—live a new life, one worthy of Christ, in whose sunshine and light, in whose transfiguration, you now bask.” Rev. Paul Marggraf

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
Sunday Mornings 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

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

February 15: Job 11:1-20 / John 5:19-29
February 16: Job 12:1-6, 12-25 / John 5:30-47
February 17: Job 13:1-12 / John 6:1-21
February 18: Gen. 4:1-26 / Mark 2:18-28
February 19: Gen. 6:1-7:5 / Mark 3:1-19
February 20: Gen. 7:11-8:12 / Mark 3:20-35
February 21: Gen. 8:13-9:17 / Mark 4:1-20

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Saturday = 98 Sunday = 288 Gathering = 73
Visitors = 40

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 Night.....6:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.
Viewing.....9:30 a.m.
Funeral.....10:30 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.
Board of Finance.....9:00 a.m.
Grief Support.....6:00 p.m.
Church Council.....7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY + Ash Wednesday +

CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Ash Wednesday Service with communion.....10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Lunch..11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Dinner..6:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service with communion.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY ~ No events scheduled.

SATURDAY

Private Party in FLR.....11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

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.
New Member Reception Luncheon.....11:30 a.m.
CLS Association Meeting.....1:30 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

† Family & friends of Norm Davis who was called to his heavenly home
† Geneva Brueck (hospice)
† Cinda Lambert (recovering from surgery)
† Rose Marie Scribner (mother-in-law of Barb Melin-Pierce) (Randallia)
† Preston Wiersma who is baptized this weekend
† Trevor & Amie Hunt on the birth of Susanna Hope

EMANUEL’S ENDOWMENT FUND: 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 \$5,000.00 of support for Emanuel youth to attend the national youth gathering *Higher Things*.

CLS ASSOCIATION MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, February 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the main gym. Please plan to attend. At the annual Association meeting, important updates & votes take place.

- Elect & install new School Board members
- Receive an update about the school from the Principal & Preschool Director
- Presentation of the 2026-2027 school budget
- Update on school improvements over the last year
- Receive information about upcoming events and dates
- We are anticipating presenting candidates for Calls to fill our open positions

We need you there to meet our quorum and to be able to conduct the necessary business of the Association. Thank you!

PLEASE ATTEND the Central Lutheran School 2nd & 3rd grade operetta *JOY RIDE Cruisin’ Through Philippians* on Thursday, February 26 (9am), and Friday, February 27 (9am & 7pm). You’ll be learning about JOY as we journey through the book of Philippians. Our students are excited to share God's Word through song & word.

WHITES SALE: The following items are for sale in the Church Office. All proceeds will be donated to Shepherd's House, Cross Borders, and Charis House.

- Queen Sheet Sets.....\$7.00
- King Sheet Sets.....\$9.00
- 3 wash cloths.....\$.50
- Hand towel & 2 wash cloths.....\$1.00



A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR FEBRUARY 15: In the Transfiguration of Jesus, we see that the glory of the Almighty God was hidden in the human flesh of our Lord. What a great reminder that God can work remarkable and glorious things through that which the world views as normal and ordinary. God, who can bring about the restoration of the fallen world through human flesh and blood, can also do wonderful and amazing things through surprise pregnancies, people born with severe disabilities, and those with terminal illnesses. Instead of turning to death in these cases, we should look for the ways that God might be hiding His good and gracious will in them.

SERVING AT EMANUEL NEXT WEEK

February 18
Elders: Dennis Herman (10:30); Benjamin Castens (7:00)
Communion Assistant: Josh Pankop, Mike Sweet (7:00)
Ushers: Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (7:00)
Choir: CLS Charger Choir (10:30); Handbell Choir (7:00)
February 21, 22
Elders: Ben Oberlin (5:00)
David Herman (8:00, 10:30)
Steve Poling (Gathering)
Ushers: Group S3 (Jay Melcher) (5:00)
Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (8:00)
Group 1 (Sam Bender) (10:30)
Communion Assistant: Gary Nahrwold (5:00)
Nick Gehl (8:00)
Dave Van Spankeren (10:30)
Choir: CLS Angel Chorus (10:30)
February 25
Elders: Dennis Herman (10:30)
Wade Benjamin (7:00)
Ushers: Group 1 (Sam Bender) (7:00)



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: The elevator has been built and delivered to Emanuel. As the construction crews are in the process of installing the elevator, we might again have some areas of church blocked off at certain times. Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this process ~ we’re on the home stretch!

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)

LYFE

PANCAKES & PJS NIGHT is TONIGHT, 6:30-8:30 PM! Show up in your pjs for pancakes, games, and special guests Pastors Zeckzer & Peters!

LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

THE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will meet for lunch on Tuesday, March 3 at Noon at Zianos (10520 Maysville Rd.) This is a social outing! Please feel free to join us for some great food and fellowship!
ELC’S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP continues to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Life Care Director’s office. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17 at 6pm.

EMANUEL’S EASTER GARDEN

Help beautify the chancel & altar on Easter Sunday by ordering a beautiful plant! All plants can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please complete this form & return it to the church office *no later than Monday, March 9*.
Make checks payable to EMANUEL ALTAR CIRCLE.

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Easter Lilies		Mums 6" Pot \$17	
\$12	Quantity		Quantity
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		White	<input type="text"/>
		Yellow	<input type="text"/>
Hyacinths 7" Pot \$11		Azalea 6" Pot \$30	
	Quantity		Quantity
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White	<input type="text"/>	Hydrangea 6" Pot \$30	
Purple	<input type="text"/>		Quantity
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Tulips 6" Pot \$11		Daffodils 7" Pot \$11	
	Quantity		Quantity
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Orange	<input type="text"/>		
Yellow	<input type="text"/>	ZZ Plant 6" Pot \$21	
Purple	<input type="text"/>		Quantity
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