

# EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 22, 2026



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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.

# News & Notes

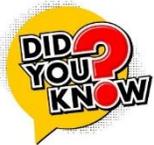
## MISSION STATEMENT

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



**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES:** 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!



**DID YOU KNOW** that you can give your offerings to Emanuel without using cash, checks or envelopes? Fill out the Vanco form (found on Emanuel’s website or available in the Church Office). Vanco allows you to decide:

- **WHERE** you’d like your offering taken from (a savings account, a checking account, a credit card)
- **WHEN** you’d like to give & how often (weekly, monthly...) and the date you’d like to start
- **HOW MUCH** you’d like to give each time

There are no fees involved when you use Vanco! Imagine never forgetting your offering envelope again! Call or email the Church Office if you have questions.

## BAPTIZED THIS MORNING AT EMANEL

**Susanna Hope Hunt**

Susanna was born on February 11 to Trevor & Amie (Patton) Hunt. Her sponsors are Ryan & Amy Patton.

*We welcome you into the Lord’s family!*

**A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR MARCH 22:** Jesus is the “resurrection and the life” (John 11:25), the one true God who raises the dead from their graves and gives them new life (Ezekiel 37:5-6). Everything Jesus has said and done testifies that He gives, sustains, and loves life. It is inconceivable to think that Jesus, who raised Lazarus from the tomb and who died to “give life to our mortal bodies” (Romans 8:11), would approve of the murder of any innocent person, regardless of their size or condition.

## 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 February 28, 2026**

	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget
Receipts	\$157,664	\$83,779	\$ 73,885
Expenses	171,157	85,875	85,282
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(13,493)	\$(2,096)	\$(11,397)

## RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Saturday = 62 Sunday = 277 Gathering = 98  
 Communion = 311 Visitors = 55

## THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

**TODAY ~ Easter candy donations due for Easter Egg Hunt**  
 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.  
 Prayer Vigil in Sanctuary.....11:30 a.m.  
 EJY Work Hard Play Hard.....4:00 p.m.

### MONDAY

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.  
 LWR “Knotters” in Fellowship Hall.....9:00 a.m.

### TUESDAY

Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.  
 Stephen Ministry.....7:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.  
 Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
 Lenten Midweek Service.....10:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship Lunch..11:30 a.m. / Fellowship Dinner..6:00 p.m.  
 Lenten Midweek Service.....7:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY

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

**FRIDAY ~ CLS Spring Break March 27 – April 5**

### SATURDAY

Preserve & Prosper in Fellowship Hall.....Noon-4:00 p.m.  
 Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY ~ Palm 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.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

† **Susanna Hunt** who is baptized this morning

† **Cinda Lambert** (home)

† Those with health concerns:

Aiden Bearman (**Mary’s** grandson)

Tom Remenschneider (**Gary & Jon’s** brother)

John Bremer (**Bill’s** brother)

Emmy Scheele (**Roger & Jayne’s** granddaughter)

† Family and friends of Gene Bennett (**Nancy’s** husband) who was called to his heavenly home



## THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR AT THE

**GATHERING** are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Lucille Meyer by her family.

**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 2025, the Endowment Fund provided \$18,900.00 for necessary repairs and upgrades to the church sanitary sewer line.



**EMANUEL IS HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE** on April 6 in the Fellowship Hall from 1-5:30 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: elcnh to schedule an appointment.

**ELIGIBLE THRIVENT CLIENTS WITH 2025 CHOICE**

**DOLLARS®:** Remember to direct before 3/31 and help support Emanuel Lutheran Church at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. Contact your Thrivent representative with any questions.

**PRESERVE & PROSPER** will start meeting on the last Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Hall from Noon-4 beginning on March 28!



**DONATIONS OF CANDY & QUARTERS**

**REQUESTED** for Emanuel's Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday! Candy must be individually wrapped & small enough to fit inside plastic Easter eggs (no suckers please)! Please bring donations to the Fellowship Hall kitchen by March 22.

**A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 22:** "Grief is a road no one chooses, yet in this fallen world, it is a path we must all tread. There are no words that can fully capture the sorrow of losing someone we love—no explanations that can make death seem natural or right. It wasn't meant to be this way. Death is the great intruder, a bitter consequence of sin's curse. And yet, even in the depths of sorrow, the Lord gives us this promise: He is near." *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church—Canada (LCC)*

**SERVING AT EMANUEL NEXT WEEK**

**March 28, 29**

**Elders:** John Colter (5:00)

Paul Niccum (8:00, 10:30)

Jerry Schlund (Gathering)

**Ushers:** Group S2 (Gary Nahrwold) (5:00)

Group 6 (Don Lambert) (8:00)

Group 5 (Mike Schultz) (10:30)

**Choir:** Handbell Choir (8:00, 10:30)

**April 2**

**Elders:** Dennis Herman (10:30)

Wade Benjamin (7:00)

**Ushers:** Group 4 (Bill Bremer) (7:00)

**Communion Assistant:** Dave Van Spankeren (7:00)

**April 3**

**Elders:** Benjamin Castens (1:00)

John Colter (7:00)

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

Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (7:00)

**DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK**

**March 22:** Ex. 5:1-6:1 / Mark 15:33-47

**March 23:** Ex. 7:1-25 / Mark 16:1-20

**March 24:** Ex. 8:1-32 / Heb. 1:1-14

**March 25:** Ex. 9:1-28 / Heb. 2:1-18

**March 26:** Ex. 9:29-10:20 / Heb. 3:1-19

**March 27:** Ex. 10:21-11:10 / Heb. 4:1-16

**March 28:** Ex. 12:1-28 / Heb. 5:1-14



**THE LADIES' SOCIETY SPRING PARTY**

will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Room. After a short business meeting, Bingo will be played. Prizes will be awarded and snacks will be served. Hope to see you

there! *Jayne Scheele & Laura Hargens, Program Committee Chairpersons*

**EMANUEL WILL BE PARTICIPATING** in the Fort Wayne area

40 Days for Life. We'll hold a vigil to pray for life in our Sanctuary today after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service until 12:30 p.m. Please join us in silent prayer for life. Prayer prompts will be provided. You may pray for as long as you choose. Materials on various life issues will be available for you to take home. We'll also collect diapers & wipes for A Hope Center. You can donate to A Hope Center anytime. There is a collection bin in the donation cabinet under the coat rack where you can at any time give diapers, wipes, or other baby items.



**BE OUR GUEST AT THE ENCHANTED CLS**

**GALA** on Saturday, April 18. Go to

[www.cluth.org/gala](http://www.cluth.org/gala) to order your tickets!

**LIFECARE CONNECTIONS**

**ELC'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** will meet for lunch on Tuesday, April 7 at The Blueberry Pancake House at Noon. This is a social outing, feel free to join for great food & 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, April 21 at 6pm.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Call or text Youth Director Andrea Hoover with questions.

Follow us on Instagram at [lyfe\\_ejy!](https://www.instagram.com/lyfe_ejy/)

& Facebook under Emanuel Youth Group

**EJY** = Emanuel Junior Youth (Grades 6-8)

**LYFE** = Lutheran Youth Fellowship at Emanuel (High School)

**LYFE**

**LATE NIGHT LYFE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 27!** Get ready for a night of Mission-Based Laser Tag and Axe Throwing at Combat Ops! We'll play 1 hour of laser tag & 1 hour of axe throwing, staying until they close at 11:30 p.m., then cap off the night with midnight food at IHOP! Meet at Emanuel at 8:15 p.m. We'll be back about 1:00 a.m. Cost: \$30 for Combat Ops (\$12 savings) plus money for IHOP (including tip). Additional high school siblings from the same family are \$25 each. Optional arcade & concessions would be extra. Sign up by Monday, March 23 at: <https://tinyurl.com/LateNightLYFECombat>

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**ST. JOHN FLATROCK'S SPRING RUMMAGE SALE** will be Friday 3/27 from 8-5, with a bag sale Saturday 3/28. The bag sale will be \$3 for a brown paper bag, \$6 for a 13 gallon kitchen garbage bag, and ½ off all priced items.

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (SOEST)** will be having their Spring Rummage & Bake Sale on Friday, April 17, from 10am-5pm and on Saturday, April 18, from 9am-noon. Bag Sale will be on Saturday.

**ON SATURDAY, MAY 2,** The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center will host its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community 5K Walk/Run, taking place in the neighborhood surrounding the center. Early bird registration is just \$20 per person through March 31 & guarantees a race T-shirt. Children 9 and under participate for free, making this a great event for the whole family.