



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

October 11, 2026

News & Notes

MISSION STATEMENT

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



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped to make the September Rummage Sale a success. We appreciate those who

generously donated items to be sold. Many volunteers helped by setting up & tearing down the sale, placed signs to advertise, folded & hung clothes & linens for hours, priced & displayed jewelry, organized & priced countless items in the tent & outside, served as a cashier, & made meals & treats to keep us going on our long days. We are truly grateful to all of you that helped to make this another record setting sale! We were blessed to raise \$12,276.16 to help support charities outside of Emanuel & where needed within our church. Please consider volunteering for our next sale scheduled for April 29 & 30, 2027. Sue Bunnell & Julie Stutzman



HELP BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH GROUNDS! We’re looking for volunteers to join our **Fall Landscaping Cleanup Crew** on **Saturday, October 17 at 9am.**

No professional experience is needed – just a willing pair of hands & a heart to serve. Bring work gloves & yard tools if you have them (especially weed cutters). Many hands make light work! Bring your family & let’s work together to keep our church looking welcoming for everyone. Please contact the Church Office if you’re able to attend.

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR OCTOBER 11:

The wedding feast is prepared, yet people have lots of reasons for not attending. However, the excuses given for rejecting God are as implausible as the excuses people give to defend abortion and assisted dying (Matthew 22:5). Still, as God invites us into His great wedding banquet, He reminds us that this feast has been prepared for all and that every person is still precious to Him (Isaiah 25:6-7). Therefore, we have the task of extending His gracious invitation to “as many as you find” (Matthew 22:9).

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

5:00 p.m. = 72 8:00 a.m. = 115 10:30 a.m. = 124
Gathering = 74 Communion = 293 Visitors = 47

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

TODAY ~ Blood Pressure Checks by Parish Health
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.
Mission Trip Parent Meeting.....5:45 p.m.
LYFE Night.....6:30-8:30 p.m.

MONDAY ~ Church Office Closed
Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.
LWR “Knotters”.....9:00 a.m.
Red Cross Blood Drive.....1:00-5:30 p.m.
Board of Christian Service.....2:00 p.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY
Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.
LWR “Toppers”.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Youth Mission Trip Parent Meeting.....7:00 p.m.

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

FRIDAY ~ No events scheduled.

SATURDAY
Fall Landscaping Cleanup.....9:00 a.m.
AGO in Sanctuary.....10:00 a.m.
Worship 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.
LYFE Bonfire at Oberlin’s.....6:30 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

† **Joel & Amanda Reed** on the birth of their daughter, Romy Blaine
† Family & friends of **Jim Stratton** who was called to his eternal home (father of **Krystal Schorey**)
† **Sandy Dyarman, Jack Cain, Jennifer Metzger** recovering from surgery
† Those with health concerns:
Darlene Elser
Rose Sweet
Carol Holle
Nathan Scheele (Roger & Jayne’s son)



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.

 **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.*

FALL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL: Join us for a moment of silent prayer for life after the 2nd service on Sunday, November 1. You can stay for as long as you like. Prayer prompts will be provided. We’ll be providing resources from Lutherans for Life to help you be a Gospel motivated voice for life in your home, workplace, & community. Diapers & wipes (sizes 3-6 are most needed) will be collected in support of the diaper bank at The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center. The Shepherd's Hand is a local LCMS ministry that reaches out with the love and mercy of the Good Shepherd to our neighbors in need in the SE Fort Wayne community with free programs such as a diaper bank, family playtime, senior fellowship, & health fairs.

WALGREENS PHARMACY STAFF will be administering **free flu shots at Emanuel** on Tuesday, October 20 from 9-11:45am. Bring your prescription insurance card or Medicare card (if applicable). Vouchers will be provided for underinsured or uninsured. *Flu shots are offered at no cost to you through most insurance plans.*

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11: “Whether the sin of aborting one’s child or the sin of remaining silent and not speaking on behalf of our unborn children, whether the sin of neglecting an aging parent or even—God forbid—encouraging them to consider physician-assisted suicide as an option, whether the sin of apathy toward the gross evil and immorality in the world—turn to Jesus! There is forgiveness to be found for every sin, but it is only found in Jesus. Only in that holy blood, shed for us on the cross, do we find the antidote for the poison of sin.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan*



EMANUEL IS HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE on October 12 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.



NEW HAVEN FOOD BANK needs your plastic shopping bags to replenish their supply! Please leave your bags in the donation bins inside Door 11. Thanks!

LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

Our grief support group meets 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 join us! Our next meetings:

- Tuesday, November 3 at Noon at Blueberry Pancake House (6736 E State Blvd)
- Tuesday, October 20 at 6pm at ELC, downstairs in the Life Care Director’s office

SERVING AT EMANUEL

October 17:

Elder: Ben Oberlin

Ushers: S1 (Dale Loshe)

Communion Assistant: Gary Nahrwold

October 18:

Elder: Mike Sweet (8:00, 10:30)

Steve Poling (Gathering)

Ushers: #4 (Bill Bremer) (8:00)

#3 (Mark Schuller) (10:30)

Choir: Adult Choir (8:00 & 10:30)

Communion Assistant: Randy Sommer (8:00)

Ryan Hellinger (10:30)

Thank You!!


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



MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING IS

TONIGHT 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 TONIGHT from 6:30-8:30pm. Games, prizes, food, & Bible study.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 6:30-8:30pm, is our *Faith Around the Fire Night* at Brody's! We'll have a bonfire with hot dogs, s’mores, games, and devotion. Bring a friend!

KENYA KORNER

Pastor Dennis & Lorna are asking for continued prayers for Point of Grace Academy (POGA), its students, & their families. POGA has ongoing needs, including funding for the boys’ dormitory & completing the security wall around the high school. Please prayerfully consider using your Joining Hands in Mission envelopes to support POGA. Every gift helps provide a safe, secure, nurturing place for students to learn & grow. As always, if you have questions about sponsoring, please email pastorstecker@emanuelnh.org or Corrie Oberlin at corrieas@hotmail.com

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

ST. JAMES CRAFT MARKET will be from 9am-3pm on October 24. (1720 SR 930E in New Haven)

MARTINI LUTHERAN’s Fall Rummage & Bake Sale will be 8am-3pm on Thursday, October 29. Come back on October 30 from 8am-Noon for the bag sale.

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

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

October 11: Deuteronomy 9:23-10:22 / Matthew 11:20-30

October 12: Deuteronomy 11:1-25 / Matthew 12:1-21

October 13: Deuteronomy 11:26-12:12 / Matthew 12:22-37

October 14: Deuteronomy 12:13-32 / Matthew 12:38-50

October 15: Deuteronomy 13:1-18 / Matthew 13:1-23

October 16: Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15 /
Matthew 13:24-43

October 17: Deuteronomy 15:19-16:22 / Matthew 13:44-58