



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 25, 2026

News & Notes

MISSION STATEMENT

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

ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER / DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

need to be turned in to the Church Office by Monday,
October 26. Thanks!

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR OCTOBER 25:

Our freedom from slavery to sin comes through the Son of God being nailed to a tree (John 8). The righteousness of God has come to us by faith. This sets us free from sin and also sets us free to love God and love our neighbors. The life we have from God, we live for the benefit of others (Romans 3). In so doing, we give glory to God for all that He has done for us (Revelation 14).

ARE YOU FREE ON FRIDAY MORNING TO HELP get the November/December newsletter ready to be mailed? This involves folding the newsletters in half, using 3 wafer seals (circle stickers) to keep it folded, then finally placing the address label on. If this is something you could help with, please meet in the Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. There’s a fun group of ladies who gather to do this 6 times per year, but are always looking for more help! Christine will have everything ready for you!

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

October 25: Deuteronomy 27:1-26 / Matthew 17:14-27
October 26: Deuteronomy 28:1-22 / Matthew 18:1-20
October 27: Deuteronomy 29:1-29 / Matthew 18:21-35
October 28: Deuteronomy 30:1-20 / Matthew 19:1-15
October 29: Deuteronomy 31:1-29 / Matthew 19:16-30
October 30: Deuteronomy 31:30-32:27 / Matthew 20:1-16
October 31: Deuteronomy 32:28-52 / Matthew 20:17-34

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 September 30, 2026

	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget
Receipts	\$675,309	\$754,012	\$ (78,703)
Expenses	758,642	772,880	(14,238)
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(83,333)	\$(18,868)	\$ 64,465

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

5:00 p.m. = 70 8:00 a.m. = 114 10:30 a.m. = 123
Gathering = 61 Communion = 282 Visitors = 27

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.

MONDAY

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.
LWR Quilters.....9:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.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.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Newsletter Mailing.....9:00 a.m.
Altar Circle.....1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Worship Service.....5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY ~ Daylight Saving Time Ends

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.
LYFE.....5:15 p.m.



IN OUR PRAYERS

† Roger Hitzfield (Lutheran)
† Dick Zirkelbach (home)
† Those with health concerns:
Joy Bradtmueller
Darlene Elser
Carol Holle
Nathan Scheele (Roger & Jayne’s son)

SINCE ITS INCEPTION, the Emanuel Endowment Fund has provided more than \$2,083,356.00 from its earnings to enhance Emanuel's ministry. Contributions to this fund are legacy gifts. Pamphlets explaining this giving opportunity are available on the narthex hallway bulletin board. **DID YOU KNOW?** During 2012, the Endowment Fund provided \$9,230.00 for needed boiler & air conditioning repairs. Please consider a tax saving gift from your IRA to the endowment fund before the end of this calendar year.

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.



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!

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25: "Today God continues to defend and aid His people, those who trust in His Son as their Savior. God is ever with us. He preserves His Word and Church despite the constant attack of the devil, the unbelieving world, and false teachers. God provides for all our needs of body and soul, even in times of great need and conflict. God is our refuge. His Word endures forever. His grace and power never fail." *From "Meditations on Favorite Scriptures: Devotions for a Year"*

SERVING AT EMANUEL

October 31:
Elder: Ben Oberlin
Ushers: S1 (Dale Loshe)
Communion Assistant: Gary Nahrwold
November 1:
Elder: Benjamin Castens (8:00, 10:30)
Jerry Schlund (Gathering)
Ushers: Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (8:00)
Group 1 (Sam Bender) (10:30)
Communion Assistant: Nick Gehl (8:00)
Kurt Bremer (10:30)
Choir: CLS Cherubim Choir at The Gathering

Thank You !!
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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, November 17 at 6pm at ELC, downstairs in the Life Care Director's office

IN OUR COMMUNITY

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.

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)
EJY



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, is Marshmallow Madness + Shrek, Jr.! Meet at Emanuel at 1:15pm, we'll head to Wolf Arena at Concordia Elementary for the CLHS production of Shrek, Jr.! Afterwards we'll come back to Emanuel for Marshmallow Dodgeball, more marshmallow games, and end with pizza! Pick up from Emanuel at 6pm. Cost is only \$5 for students! Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/EJYShrek> by Tuesday, November 17, so we can reserve seats! *Cast members from Emanuel: Brody Oberlin as Shrek; Jude Peters as Big Bad Wolf; Annie Hellinger as Wicked Witch; Viv Hernandez as Storyteller; Lily Hernandez as Baby Bear; Liam Herman as Knight; Luke Melcher as Guard; Brooke Schorey as Fairytale Creature.

LYFE

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 is LYFE Venture at Famous Monster Pizza in Decatur! We've rented this iconic monster-themed restaurant exclusively for LYFE! Meet at Emanuel at 5:15pm; we'll return at 8:30pm. Cost is \$15 for our private event with a pizza buffet, popcorn, soft drink with free refills, & a movie chosen by the group. Sign up by Friday, October 30, at <https://tinyurl.com/LYFEmonster>

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

CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

John Weber, the former principal of CLS, was a beloved figure in our community. His dedication to Lutheran education & his unwavering commitment to the well-being of our students left an indelible mark on our hearts. In honor of his memory we have organized the John Weber Memorial Tournament, an event that will not only celebrate his life but, more importantly, the work that he so fervently sought after - sharing God's love with others.

The John Weber Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held November 13-15, bringing in Lutheran schools from outside the New Haven & Fort Wayne area for 3 days of fun & competition. As a sponsor of this event, we'll promote your business through a printed program advertisement & other recognition throughout the tournament.

Here are ways you can contribute to this noble cause:
\$200+: Full-page recognition in our tournament program
\$100: ½ page recognition in our tournament program
\$50: ¼ page recognition in our tournament program
\$25: 1/8 page recognition in our tournament program
Please email iwellman@cluth.org by Friday, October 30. Your support is invaluable to us, and we genuinely appreciate any assistance you can provide.