EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026

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News & Notes

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

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

HEADS UP EMANUEL THRIVENT MEMBERS: On Tuesday, December 1, 2026, choose any enrolled organization in Thrivent's catalog and make a donation through the giving platform. Thrivent is making up to $3 million in grant funding available to boost online donations—up to $1 for every $1 given.

Please consider giving a gift to Emanuel on December 1st through Thrivent's online giving platform.
Your *gift could be matched dollar for dollar!*

How the $3 million boost works →
Every eligible donation receives a share of the boost, up to a maximum $1-for-$1 ratio. The final ratio depends on the total donated across all participating organizations.
Examples:

- If up to $3 million is donated, the boost would be $1 for every $1 donated.
- If $6 million is donated, the boost would be $1 for every $2 donated.
- If $9 million is donated, the boost would be $1 for every $3 donated.

What donations qualify →

- The recipient organization must be listed in Thrivent's online catalog at the time of the campaign.
- The donation must be made online through Thrivent's giving platform during the campaign window.
- Checks, donor-advised funds, qualified charitable distributions and other offline methods are not eligible.
- Direct bank payments (ACH) won't be available on Giving Tuesday.
- Disputed, reversed or otherwise ineligible transactions won't receive a boost.

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. = 51 8:00 a.m. = 147 10:30 a.m. = 117
Gathering = 140 Communion = 319 Visitors = 47

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY ~ Blood Pressure Checks
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.
ROMEOs Bible Study.....11:30 a.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.

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

FRIDAY
Wedding Rehearsal.....6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
United & Growing.....8:00 a.m.
Kuraf/Ferrell Wedding.....2:30 p.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.....6:30 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

† **Natalie Reynolds, Ruth Seddelmeyer** (recovering from surgery)

† **Roger Hitzfield** (home)

† Those with health concerns:
Carol Holle
Nathan Scheele (Roger & Jayne's son)



DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

November 8: Jeremiah 20:1-18 / Matthew 24:29-51
November 9: Jeremiah 22:1-23 / Matthew 25:1-13
November 10: Jeremiah 23:1-20 / Matthew 25:14-30
November 11: Jeremiah 23:21-40 / Matthew 25:31-46
November 12: Jeremiah 25:1-18 / Matthew 26:1-19
November 13: Jeremiah 26:1-19 / Matthew 26:20-35
November 14: Jeremiah 29:1-19 / Matthew 26:36-56

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.



NEW HAVEN FOOD BANK now has MORE than enough plastic bags! Thank you for donating your grocery bags!



NEW HAVEN FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER NEEDED on Tuesday mornings to help with set-up from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (Some moderate lifting is required.) **WE ALSO NEED HELP WITH** distribution on Tuesday mornings from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Come join our group & help keep this mission going! For details, please call Greg Peters or Tom Kneller.

THE ROMEOS NOVEMBER LUNCHEON will held on Monday, November 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the New Haven Pizza Hut.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8: "And so, there's a stage for every age, a place to use the talents we're given and to see faith grow. Blessings to you all as you serve in the many ways God has prepared, as you see that we function together in one blessed Body. We will never tell Him that there's nothing for us to do." *Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"*



I am collecting gently used, clean, or new winter hats, gloves, and scarves for men, women, and children. These donations will be given to homeless people and families to show them God's love, and help to keep them warm when no beds are available to them. I will have a tote in the entrance of church for donations the first 3 weekends November. I will also have a donation box on Sunday mornings at The Gathering. I appreciate any & all donations. Thank You! *Victoria (& Brandon) Kline*

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, December 1 at Noon at Concordia Theological Seminary (6600 N Clinton St)
- Tuesday, November 17 at 6pm at ELC, downstairs in the Life Care Director's office

SERVING AT EMANUEL

November 14:
Elder: David Herman
Ushers: S3 (Jay Melcher)
Communion Assistant: Jay Melcher
November 15:
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)
Don Vogtman (10:30)





DOES EMANUEL HAVE your family membership record correct? Here's your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory! It's time to update our database with any changes that may have occurred in your family over the past year:

- Have you changed your phone number?
- Have you moved?
- Are you preparing to move soon?
- Are your children still living at home & still attending Emanuel?

Please let the church office know of any updates you may have by emailing churchoffice@emanuelnh.org

LADIES SOCIETY



All ladies of Emanuel are invited to *Taste and see that the Lord is good.* *(Psalm 34:8)* *at*

A Christmas Tea

on Tuesday, December 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Family Life Room.

Please bring a friend & join us for an afternoon of food & fellowship. We'll enjoy good company, hot tea, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are $5 and will be sold at church on the weekends of November 15, 22, and 29. Tickets will also be available during Church Office hours.

Will you need a ride to/from this event? Please call Elaine Fisher (438-3863) or Kelly Blair (704-0125) and they will arrange transportation for 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 = **E**manuel **J**unior **Y**outh (Grades 6-8)
LYFE = **L**utheran **Y**outh **F**ellowship at **E**manuel (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! Pick up from Emanuel at 5:30pm. 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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6:30-8:30 PM, is LYFE night at Emanuel with the return of the Grog, cereal night and Alaska mission trip registration deadline!

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