



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 5, 2025

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News & Notes

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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



FOOD BANK - OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: We are looking for 2 or 3 couples to help at the Food Bank Warehouse on Thursdays for 1 hour approximately once every 5-6 weeks.

This is where we fill the bags that are distributed from the food bank trailer. Time flexible - training provided - some lifting (5 to 20 lbs.). Spend some quality time with spouse or good friend and serve your community! Interested parties should contact the Church Office or Greg Peters at 402-2658. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

4KENYASKIDS: If you are a sponsor or interested in becoming a sponsor of a child at Point of Grace – please contact Cheryl Brockmann 4kenyaskids@gmail.com or call 260-341-0167. There is a mailbox located at the church office area that you can leave letters for your student or any other information. Thank you for your help!

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR JANUARY 5:
No human life—and no human pregnancy—ever goes unplanned or unwanted by Almighty God. Ephesians’ first chapter makes clear the Heavenly Father conceived each precious person “before the foundation of the world” (Ephesians 1:4). And the coming of Christ Jesus incorporates male and female, old or young, into heaven’s household by adoption. Children come as Gospel gifts!

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

- January 5: Is. 65:8-25 / Luke 3:1-20
- January 6: Is. 66:1-20 / Luke 3:21-38
- January 7: Ezek. 1:1-14, 22-28 / Rom. 1:1-17
- January 8: Ezek. 2:1-3:11 / Rom. 1:18-32
- January 9: Ezek. 3:12-27 / Rom. 2:1-16
- January 10: Ezek. 18:1-4, 19-32 / Rom. 2:17-29
- January 11: Ezek. 33:1-20 / Rom. 3:1-18

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 7pm in the FLR

Sunday Mornings from 9:15-10:15 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

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 November 30, 2024

	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget
Receipts	\$807,989	\$916,667	\$(108,678)
Expenses	761,865	913,946	(152,081)
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 46,124	\$ 2,721	\$ 43,403

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Saturday = 72 Sunday = 233 Gathering = 96
Visitors = 80 NYE = 97 NYE Communion = 79

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

TODAY ~ LWML Mites Collected

Worship.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class, Confirmation, Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.
LYFE.....6:30-8:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.
ROMEOs Bible Study.....11:30 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.
Grief Support Lunch Outing to Zianos.....Noon
Board of Elders.....7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.
Ladies Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Breaking Bread Together.....11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

Quilters.....9:00 a.m.
Endowment Committee.....4:00 p.m.
Board of Evangelism/Missions.....4:00 p.m.
Handbells.....6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir.....7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY ~ No events scheduled.

SATURDAY

Saturday Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY ~ Blood Pressure Checks by Parish Health

Worship.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
LYFE Ski Trip.....8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Class, Confirmation, Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS



- † Mike Mackin (Rehab)
- † Rick Salyer, Vicky Schmidt, Marlene Poling (health concerns)
- † Aiden Bearman and Michael Shaffer (Mary Bearman’s grandson and nephew) both with health concerns



BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER:

When I think of events in January, I think of the Super Bowl! We're going to use a

Super Bowl theme and you are invited to wear (or bring) any signs of your support of a specific team. (Any team, not just the ones in the Super Bowl.) We'll have a retiree-friendly selection of games to play, if you wish. If not, you can be a sideline coach or cheerleader for those who DO participate. Come and enjoy game-day snacks and cheer on the competitors (or be one!). No cleats aloud – too hard on the floors. See you at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday!

EMANUEL'S ENDOWMENT FUND: Since its inception, the Emanuel Endowment Fund has provided in excess of \$1,566,833.00 from its earnings to enhance Emanuel's ministry. Contributions to this fund are legacy gifts. Pamphlets explaining this opportunity are available in the narthex hallway. DID YOU KNOW? During 2024, the Endowment Fund provided \$934.00 for paraments which will be used to enhance the altar area during The Gathering worship services.

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: 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, additions, or deletions 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 all of your children still at home and are they all still attending Emanuel? Please let the church office know of any updates you may have by emailing us at churchoffice@emanuelnh.org.

GIVE HOPE: At the beginning of January, you'll get the chance to give hope by supporting our local Christian crisis pregnancy center, A Hope Center. On January 4&5, we'll be handing out baby bottles for you to fill with coins, cash, or checks and return to the box in the narthex or the church office by Sunday, January 19. When Jesus came down from heaven & became flesh, Mary's womb was His home for 9 months. When the angel Gabriel 1st came to Mary, she was overwhelmed at the surprise announcement that she, a virgin, was to give birth at all, let alone to the Son of God. Joseph could've left her when he found out she was pregnant. Yet, they both trusted God's word & anticipated Jesus' birth in hope. There are many women who are told of their surprise pregnancy, are scared & feel hopeless. A Hope Center shares the hope of God's love by caring for moms and their babies before and after birth.

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 5: "Let the peace of Christ change how you live—clothing yourself with godly virtues reflecting a thankful heart. Carry this peace that the angels proclaimed and Simeon saw. It sets the tone for the coming year, another year you get to live as God's child in the peace of Jesus." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*



Emanuel Family,
My family and I want to thank each and every one of you for all the prayers, cards, visitations, memorials, and food for Kenny's funeral. It was a wonderful day as Kenny is with the Lord, just waiting for all of us. May you all have a blessed New Year.
Marilyn Messmann and Family

SERVING AT EMANUEL

January 11::

Elder: Wade Benjamin

Ushers: Group S3 (Jay Melcher)

January 12:

Elder: Benjamin Castens

Ushers: Group 5 (Mike Schultz) (8:00)

Group 6 (Don Lambert) (10:30)

Gathering: Jerry Schlund

LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

OUR NEXT GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH OUTING will be Tuesday, January 7 @ Noon at Zianos, 10520 Maysville Rd. We welcome any newcomers to join us for great food and fellowship!

YOUTH GROUP

Call or text 260-222-1434 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

TONIGHT FROM 6:30-8:30 PM is

our New Year's kickoff! Who will be crowned the King or Queen of 2024 trivia? Also watch your text messages to vote for our specialty pizzas to try!



SKI TRIP TO SWISS VALLEY in

Jones, MI, is Sunday, January 12. We will attend the 8:00 AM service together and then leave right after. Cost is \$75 and includes your lift ticket, equipment (skis, boots, poles OR snowboard

and boots and helmet), and a lesson for our group! Please bring a sack lunch and money for fast food dinner. We will be back at Emanuel by 8:00 PM. You must register at <https://tinyurl.com/LYFESki25>, turn in your money, and medical/permission slip by Friday, January 3.

The LORD *delights*
in those WHO fear him,
who put their *hope*
in his unfailing *love*

Psalm 147:11