



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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News & Notes

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE: 5:00 in the sanctuary
DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICES at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

THE GATHERING – Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., held in the Auxiliary Gym at CLS

MISSION STATEMENT

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians, joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.



EASTER BREAKFAST

hosted by our Alaska Youth Mission Team, on Easter Sunday, starting right after the Sunrise Service

(around 7am). Monetary donations are welcome to help cover costs, with any extra proceeds going toward our youth mission trip this summer. Come hungry and support a great cause!



EASTER EGG HUNT, sponsored by our Alaska Youth Mission Team, is on Easter Sunday during our Sunday School hour, starting at 9:15am! We'll gather in the sanctuary for an opening, then walk

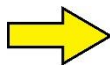
together to Central's playground for the hunt, which will happen in 3 separate areas based on age. Children under 4th grade should be accompanied by an adult. Donations will be accepted for our Alaska youth mission trip.



EASTER FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP

after 10:30 a.m. services today. The pots are marked with your name. Someone from the Altar Guild will help you find your plant(s). *Thank you to everyone who ordered!*

ARTICLES FOR THE MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER need to be emailed to the Church Office by April 22. *Thanks!*



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on April 24 & 25. Please call either of the Pastors on their cell phones if you need to get in contact with them.

BIBLE CLASSES

United & Growing: 2nd Sat. of each 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

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

RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE (attendance last week)

Saturday = 79 Sunday = 345 Gathering = 78
Visitors = 46

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY

Sunrise Service.....6:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast.....6:45 a.m.
Easter Festival Services.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class, Children's Easter Egg Hunt.....9:15 a.m.
The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.

MONDAY

Bible Study.....6:45 a.m.

TUESDAY

Food Bank9:00-11:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

CLS Chapel.....8:00 a.m.
Woman's Morning Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

THURSDAY ~ Church Office Closed

Quilters.....9:00 a.m.
Handbells and Adult Choir Rehearsals will resume 5-1-25

FRIDAY ~ Church Office Closed

Preserve & Prosper.....3:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Preserve & Prosper.....Noon
Saturday Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

Worship.....8:00, 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class, Confirmation.....9:15 a.m.
The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.
Voter's Meeting in Sanctuary.....Noon
Rummage Sale Set Up.....1:00 p.m.
Special CLS Association Meeting.....1:30 p.m.
AK Mission Team Night.....6:30 p.m.

IN OUR PRAYERS

† Steve David having surgery this week

† Nancy Jones (home)




EMANUEL’S ENDOWMENT FUND: Since its inception, the Endowment Fund has provided more than \$1,757,003 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 \$2,841 for lower-level bathroom repairs resulting from an ice maker failure.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP: Any graduate of Central Lutheran School who is planning on attending a Concordia University for the purpose of studying in the areas of Lutheran ministry may apply for our scholarship from CLS. Students studying to be pastors, teachers, DCE’s, Deaconess & other ministry related positions may apply. Applications can be picked up in the Church Office and must be returned by Monday, May 9.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED giving a gift to the Concordia University Scholarship at CLS? Donations are accepted at any time. They can be given in memory of loved ones or in thankfulness for present teachers & pastors. Your gift will be used to encourage our brightest students to enter professions in Lutheran ministry. The scholarship helps to reduce the costs of attending a Concordia University. Presently, we will have a scholarship for Lizzie Gatchell, Derek Carey, Paige Rebber, Evan Maloney, Andrew Castens, Emily Castens, Hannah Weber, Augie Hoover, & Caleb Zeckzer. Abby Wietfeldt, Amber Birkmire, Bethany Zeckzer, Kathryn Castens, Blaire Rebber, & Anna Werling are currently teaching in our Lutheran schools, & Bryan Stecker is a pastor. Derek Carey will be entering his final year at the Fort Wayne Seminary, & Caleb Zeckzer will be a 2nd year student. Paige Rebber will begin her final year in Deaconess studies at an internship site. Callie Hoover will be receiving her call this spring. Please consider a gift in the coming months as we prepare to award next year’s scholarships. Keep these students in your prayers as they become the next generation of Lutheran educators. If you have any questions, please call Phyllis Hockemeyer, Mary Potter, Jon Bolt, or Rebecca Van Spankeren.

- DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK
- April 20: Ex. 14:10-31 / Heb. 7:23-8:13
 - April 21: Ex. 15:1-18 / Heb. 9:1-28
 - April 22: Ex. 15:19-16:12 / Heb. 10:1-18
 - April 23: Ex. 16:13-35 / Heb. 10:19-39
 - April 24: Ex. 17:1-16 / Heb. 11:1-29
 - April 25: Ex. 18:5-27 / Heb. 12:1-24
 - April 26: Ex. 19:1-25 / Heb. 13:1-21

PRESERVE AND PROSPER: Our next class will be another 2-day class where we’ll be learning the process of making our very own Beef Tallow! The first part of this class will take place on Friday, April 25 from 3-5pm. The second part of this class will be Saturday, April 26 from Noon-4pm. All are welcome!



He is risen indeed! Alleluia! I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to my Emanuel family for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during and after my surgeries. My blessings abound! I still have some work ahead of me and I am very thankful for all your support. *Nancy Jones*

A LIFE QUOTE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 20: “Perhaps as our culture seems to be increasingly more challenging, it may help to think of hope as the complete opposite of despair. Hope is not optional for the believer. Our hope is secure because, as we all say again, ‘Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!’” *John Stonestreet*

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR APRIL 20: Lethal measures like abortion and assisted suicide claim to express autonomy, but they really embody surrenders to death. Jesus Christ, sacrificed and arising again, liberates from submission to this ultimate enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26). Neither we nor our neighbors need equate human worth with length of days or lack thereof (Isaiah 65:20). Who will tell them? Why not us?

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 March 31, 2025

	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget
Receipts	\$252,578	\$240,250	\$ 12,328
Expenses	227,535	269,882	(42,347)
Surplus (Deficit)	\$25,043	\$(29,632)	\$ 54,675

LIFECARE CONNECTIONS

OUR NEXT GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH OUTING will be Tuesday, May 6 @ 12pm at Wu's Fine Chinese Cuisine, 4411 Coldwater Rd. We welcome any newcomers to join us for great food and fellowship!

ELC’S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, in the Family Life Care Director’s office. The next meeting will be May 20, at 6pm.

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSIONARY LEAGUE

ATTENTION LADIES: On Saturday, May 3, Emanuel will be hosting women from the Fort Wayne area for an inspiring morning of faith & fellowship. Women of all ages are invited to join us from 9-Noon & enjoy a warm tea party atmosphere with delightful conversation, & a chance to strengthen your faith through worship. Doors open at 8:30am. Registration is \$7. Please RSVP to Renee Schuller by April 26. **WE ARE STILL IN NEED** of breakfast items for this gathering! If you're able to donate casseroles, breads, fruit & yogurt please reach out to Trish Schultz.

LADIES SOCIETY

IT'S TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS, cupboards, attics & garages. Your unused items may be someone else's treasure. Emanuel Ladies' Society Spring Rummage Sale will be held on

Thursday, May 1 from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, May 2 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (\$2.00 bag sale)

Please bring your donations (NO large appliances, furniture, or TVs) to the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, April 27, set up & sorting starts at 1pm. No donations will be accepted after Tuesday, April 29.

YOUR HELPING HANDS WOULD BE GREATLY

APPRECIATED! Volunteers are needed on Monday & Tuesday from 8am—7:30pm, & on Wednesday from 9am-5pm. **ALSO NEEDED:** **MEIJER PAPER GROCERY BAGS, AND 6&8 FOOT TABLES** to be delivered on Sunday, April 27. Please make sure they are marked with your name & be assured they will be used inside. Contact Colleen Peters at if you can assist the Ladies and how many tables you are able to temporarily lend. **THANK YOU!**

KENYA KORNER



It's shopping time for Kenya! Lorna has provided a list of items. We'll deliver them this summer. You can shop in person, or online. Scan the QR code for the list. Amazon items will be shipped to the Church Office. All gifts must be turned in by June 1.

*backpacks *teenage bras *boys' black belts
*marker pens *sewing kits *dish cloths
*pens & pencils *pencil sharpeners *card games
*crochet needs *craft work for special needs kids
*underwear for teenage boys *Scientific Calculators
*whiteboard marker pens *Hacco ruler 30 cm

REMINDER: Get your tickets now for our Kenya Mission Team Fundraiser & Silent Auction Event! Tickets (\$60) can be purchased at the church office. The deadline to purchase tickets will be May 1.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



Thursday, September 25 -

Tuesday, September 30 The Portrait Cafe will be here to take family photos for our church pictorial directory. Everyone who gets their photo taken will receive

a free 8x10 & pictorial directory with the option to purchase a photo package. We'll begin scheduling in July.

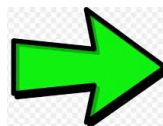
CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

CLS CALL COMMITTEE: CLS is seeking a junior high English teacher for the 25-26 school year. Candidates should hold a valid teaching license & be qualified to teach English to 6-8 grade students. If you would like to submit a name for consideration, please send your recommendation to David Van Spankeren - dvanspankeren@cluth.org or 260-493-2502 ext. 350. Thank you.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY -

CLS 2025 GALA! We would love to have you join us for this evening of fellowship, fun, and celebration of the many blessings God has given us through Central Lutheran School. Ticket sales will close on April 21. Get your tickets today! We hope you will join us! You can purchase tickets at cluth.org/gala.

CLS 6TH & 7TH GRADERS ARE HELPING YOU GET READY for the grilling season with Proline Propane refill tickets for \$15 each. Students will be selling them now until May 12. Tickets are also available in the school office.



A SPECIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING IS

SCHEDULED for Sunday, April 27, at 1:30 in the main gym. A teaching candidate for the 5th-grade position will be presented to the Association for a Call. Please plan to attend.

SERVING AT EMANUEL

April 26:

Elder: John Colter

Usher: Group S3 (Jay Melcher)

Communion Assistant: Ben Oberlin

April 27:

Elder: Mark Schuller

Ushers: Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (8:00)

Group 4 (Bill Bremer) (10:30)

Communion Assistant: Steve Hormann (8:00)

Ryan Hellinger (10:30)

Gathering: Steve Poling

Choir: CLS Junior High Choir (8:00)

The flowers in the chancel this morning are presented to the glory of God by these members of Emanuel:

TO GOD'S GLORY AND IN HONOR OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD:

Benjamin & Christine Castens Mark & Renee Schuller Pastor & Carla Stecker Pastor & Deb Zeckzer

GIVEN BY:

Thomas Bandt
Doug & Dawn Bontrager
Bill & Debbi Bremer
Ronald Bulmahn
Sharon Christianer
Deloris DeLong
Mark & Twila Doenges
Shawn & Tonya Fisher
Karen Fuelling
Ben & Christina Gatchell
Barb Gongaware
Ryan & Sarah Hellinger
Tom & Dianne Kneller
Ruth Knoblauch
Cindy Louis
Deb Meyer, Kathy Sovine
Kathy Meyer
Cindy Moore & family
Greg & Colleen Peters
Dave & Joellyn Petry
Doug & Natalie Reynolds
Kathy Schaffer
Roger & Jayne Scheele
Stan & Debbie Scherer
Barb Schlegel
Jerry & Paula Schmidt
Karen Short
Randy & Angela Sommer
DeWayne & Julie Stutzman
Debbie Vaughn
Charlene Vondran

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Dave & Joellyn Petry
Doug & Natalie Reynolds
Kathy Schaffer
Stan & Debbie Scherer

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Susan Bandt
Barbara Bontrager & Bud Christianer
Diana Kneller, Bob & Betty Swanson, Allen & Margret Bremer
Janet Bulmahn
Bud Christianer and my parents
Ron DeLong
Wayne & Phyllis Doenges
Terry & Trudy Johnson, Hobie Griffin
David Tonkel and Jeff Tonkel
Ted Murray
Parents and grandparents
David & Bonnie Hellinger
Harold & June Kneller, Frank Hormann
Ronald Knoblauch
My parents and husband
Ross & Lucille Meyer
Paul Meyer
Thom Moore and Shanon Luna
Our parents
Ed Vondran, Elwood & Luetta Messmann
Natalie's Mom, Dorcas
Bob Schaffer
Our loved ones
Don & Louena Scherer, Gray & Marilyn Mitchell
Parents and grandparents
Our parents
Ken, Kristin & Noelle Short
Glendon & Hazallee Sommer, Roger & Lois Klinker
Dan & Lucille Stutzman, Bud Christianer
Chuck Vaughn
Ed Vondran, Elwood & Luetta Messmann

IN THANKSGIVING FOR AND HONOR OF:

Doug Reynolds, our music director
Lora Hormann
Our children and grandchildren
Charlene Vondran
Doug's Mom, Helen, and grandsons Ezra & Michael
My children and grandchildren
Our 27th wedding anniversary