



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

December 29, 2024

News & Notes

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.



EMANUEL IS HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE on Monday, December 30 in the Fellowship Hall from 1-6 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: elcnh to schedule an appointment.

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!

DAILY LECTIONARY FOR THIS WEEK

- December 29: Is. 55:1-13 / Luke 1:1-25
- December 30: Is. 58:1-59:3, 14-21 / Luke 1:26-38
- December 31: Is. 60:1-22 / Luke 1:39-56
- January 1: Is. 61:1-11 / Luke 1:57-80
- January 2: Is. 62:1-12 / Luke 2:1-20
- January 3: Is. 63:1-14 / Luke 2:21-40
- January 4: Is. 63:15-65:7 / Luke 2:41-52

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 = 430 Sunday = 221 Gathering = 68
Visitors = 30 Communion = 293
Christmas Eve = 857 Christmas Day = 136

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

TODAY

Worship.....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class.....9:15 a.m.
The Gathering.....10:30 a.m.

MONDAY ~ Church Office Closed

Red Cross Blood Drive.....1:00-6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Food Bank.....9:00-11:45 a.m.
New Year’s Eve Service.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY ~ Church Office Closed

THURSDAY ~ No events scheduled.

FRIDAY ~ No events scheduled.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

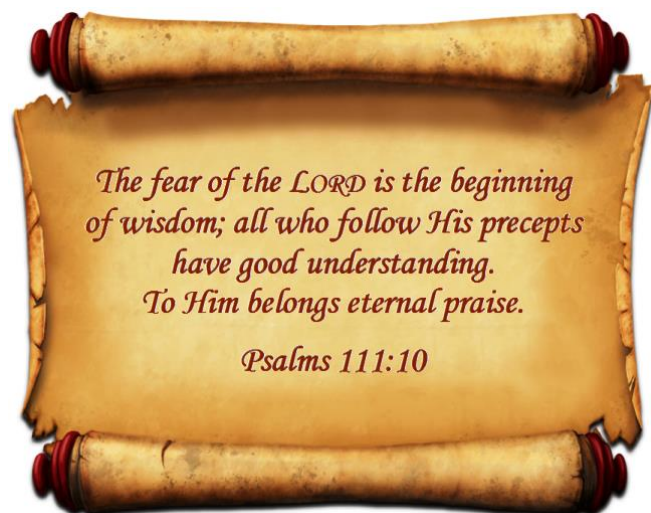
“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
Colossians 3:17

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, DECEMBER 29: "We long to hear those words from the master, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! Come! Share your master's happiness!' Someday you will hear them as He welcomes you into eternal dwellings. But for now, there is much to do for Jesus. So, as you go to live for Him, let those words echo in your mind and spur you on to be faithful and fruitful servants in His kingdom." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls



DEAR EMANUEL FAMILY, I would like to share a heartfelt thank you for the prayers and kind words of concern on behalf of my grandson, Aiden, and my nephew, Mike. Although both are continuing to struggle with health issues, we are so grateful for your prayers. These prayers are a wonderful source of comfort, support and encouragement. May each of you be blessed with the joy and peace of Christmas! *Mary Bearman and the families of Aiden Bearman and Mike Schaefer*

BETTY PATERSON THANKS EVERYONE for remembering her birthday by sending cards and well wishes. 😊

A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR DECEMBER 29: The Old Testament ritual of redeeming firstborns clearly declares that the Lord lends us our children, but they belong to Him (Exodus 13:11-12). Little ones are gifts and privileges, not property, preferences, accessories, or rights. The coming of Christ extends this designation to every neighbor, including those of advanced age (Luke 2:25-26, 36-38). Let us not neglect to teach and admonish one another about it (Colossians 3:16)!

SERVING AT EMANUEL

December 31:

Elder: Benjamin Castens

Choir: Adult Choir

Ushers: Group 1 (Sam Bender)

Communion Assistant: Nick Gehl

January 4:

Elder: Wade Benjamin

January 5:

Elder: Benjamin Castens

Communion Assistant: Steve Hormann (8:00)
Tom Trzynka (10:30)

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/](https://www.instagram.com/lyfe_ejy/)

& Facebook under Emanuel Youth Group

EJY = Emanuel Junior Youth (Grades 6-8)

LYFE = Lutheran Youth Fellowship at Emanuel (High School)

LYFE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 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.

