

Emanuel Lutheran Church
May 2023
Enlightener



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Barb Bach
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Jolene Kokko ~
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Committee Leaders

Barb Bach ~ Stewardship
Sarah Kimball ~ Outreach
Betsy Koski ~ Christian
Education
Jane Sims ~ Worship & Music
Pam Bahrman ~ Cemetery
Business Manager
Dale Weingartner ~
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Emanuel Lutheran Church has both a Facebook page and website! Catch up on upcoming and past events, our monthly calendar and Enlightener newsletters at

www.be-lutheran.org



Sunday Worship begins at 9 a.m.

All are Welcome!

2023 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church
March-June 9AM /July-October 11AM

Birthday Blessings

May 3~Micah Heath
May 3~Valerie Grange
May 7~Mary Lou Behrens
May 12~Bonnie Barr
May 13~Ellen Heath
May 15~Larry McCarthy
May 19~Scott Ritter
May 28~Sherry Robinson



Anniversary Blessings

May 7~David & Karen Bahrman
May 7~Todd & Ronda Barr
May 11~Tom & Barb Bach
May 13~Mike & Sandi Ruotsi
May 16~Scott & Connie Ritter



Thank you to Tom & Barb Bach for sponsoring the May bulletins in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Thank you for serving during worship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
05/07	Betsy Koski	Patti Bergdahl
05/14	Christie Johnson	Richard Cooke
05/21	Sarah Kimball	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
05/28	Jesse Kainulainen	Bahrman Family

During our Lenten Worship and Soup Supper in March, our community's offering went to the Harbor House serving Marquette and Alger Counties. See the entire thank-you letter posted on the bulletin board!

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Women's Center and its emergency shelter, Harbor House, I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$285. That is a wonderful gesture of kindness from you.

Andrea Numikoski

Development Director, Women's Center

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Risen Christ, grace and peace be with you always.

It is said that April showers bring May flowers and looking around the building I think that it is safe to say that is true (although you may have to brush a little snow away). Slowly but surely things are beginning to warm up and soon we will see nature in all its splendor. Our neighbors to the south have already mown their lawns and flowers bloom everywhere sure-fire signs that renewal is taking place. This is what we hope for year in and year out, that we will witness this renewal of creation as we celebrate new life.

As we celebrate the renewal of life through our risen Savior Jesus the Christ, there is much to think about. In the next few weeks we will hear about the Holy Spirit and what this means in our life. Jesus promise at the resurrection is that he will be with us always that the Spirit will come upon us to lead us and guide us along the way. In the meantime what are we supposed to do?



We will feel, see and hear the prompting of the Spirit as God's vision and mission continue to be revealed to us. Inspired by the amazing feats of courage and trust of those that have gone before us we hope that the fire will burn within each of us calling us to help in the work of restoring the creation to all its splendor. Once again feelings of doubt and fears of what lay ahead are replaced with trust and calm anticipating the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Being people of the resurrection of people living in the meantime we are reassured that the promise is true, that God is with us always in everything that we do, that God's love endures from age to age.

Enjoy this season of renewal, let peace rule your lives as you go about your daily routines sharing the love of Christ wherever you may go.

Peace,
Michael

May Scriptures	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
May 7	Hosea 5:15 -6:6	Psalm 33: 1-12	Romans 1: 1-17	Matthew 9: 10-13
May 14	Zechariah 9: 9-12	Psalm 45: 10-17	Romans [3: 28-30] 5: 1-11	Matthew 11: 28-30
May 21	Isaiah 49: 8-16a	Psalm 131	Romans 6: 1-14	Matthew 6:24
May 28 (Pentecost)	Genesis 1: 1-2:4a	Psalm 8	Acts 2: 1-4	Matthew 28:16-20

“One Life”

I’ve lived many places in my 63 years. I’ve met a lot of people. I’ve been a student, teacher, and pastor in several different communities. As I grow older, I reflect on those places and people. I sometimes go online to not only catch up on the local news but to also look at the obituaries to see if I recognize any familiar names. Sometimes I see a name that I vaguely recall and then read further.

Recently I came across a name and obituary that caught my attention. I won’t share the name, but this person died at a very young age. Immediately when you see the young age of someone in an obituary, your mind starts to wander. What happened that someone so young died?

Below are some redacted excerpts from one of the most honest and profound obituaries that I have ever read. It is an obituary of this person, this “One Life.”

“ _____ lost her ongoing battle with addiction. It’s impossible to capture a person in an obituary, especially someone whose life was largely defined by addiction. To some, _____ was just a “junkie”—when they saw her in addiction, they stopped seeing HER.

_____ had a hard life—one that most people can’t even imagine being real. She always tried to push forward and persevere. She made many good choices, but some bad ones too.

In 2022 _____ relapsed. She was so disappointed in herself, and she thought all her hard work had gone to waste. Her last relapse is what ultimately took her from us.

In honor of _____’s life, we ask that the truth be spread regarding this epidemic and awareness be raised. If you struggle with addiction and are reading this, please know that hundreds of thousands of families who have lost someone to this disease are rooting and praying for you. It is never too late. Let today be day one of the rest of your life.

If you have a hard time understanding addicts, please educate yourself about this disease. It does not discriminate. They need us, they need our support. Let's stop the epidemic AND the stigma."

The obituary concluded with the Bible verse from 2 Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."



Like me, I suspect that you could fill in the blanks above with the name of someone you lost because of an addiction. Thanks be to God that God sees all of us, even when we see only part of each other.

God never stops seeing us just as we are. May we have an attitude of humility and compassion for all those struggling with addiction. In the words of the obituary, "Let's stop the epidemic AND stigma."

Pastor Jim Duehring
Assistant to the Bishop/DEM



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is offering many camp opportunities this summer. Registration is open now for anyone interested. See their website for more information:

www.fortunelake.org

Information is also posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall at Emanuel. Scholarships are also available through Emanuel.



Join people from across the Synod for a fun and interesting series of short programs from Monday, May 15 – Wednesday, May 17. Enjoy time together as you explore different aspects of life in the church. Please visit our website www.nglsynod.org

for all the topics, promotional videos and details. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us online in May!



*Bring your Spare Change for a Noisy Offering
During Worship Services
May 7 & 14*

*Supporting the World Hunger Offering
at our Synod Assembly 2023*

Working with and through congregations, Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Proceeds from our Econo We Share program also go to the ELCA World Hunger campaign.



Plants, Pies and Summer Buys is coming again **Saturday, June 3** at Emanuel! This event will have veggies, annual & perennial flowers and houseplants as well as used gardening tools/summer items, crafts and pie for sale. Soon will be the time to start some plants that we

can sell or thinking about a special pie to make ! More information coming soon along with sign up sheets to help make this a successful event with proceeds going towards the indoor ramp!





May Mobile Food Pantry Trucks

(according to their website)

Wednesday, May 3, 12 Noon at

Eden Lutheran Church, 1150 M-28, **Munising**

Thursday, May 4, 9AM, North Iron Church, 910

Palms Ave., **Ishpeming**

Wednesday, May 10, 12 Noon at Building 604 at Avenue C and

Third, (Corner of Ave. C and Third Street) , **KI Sawyer**

Thursday, May 11, 10AM at Silver Creek Church Thrift Store

219 Silver Creek Road, **Harvey**

Wednesday, May 17 , 12 Noon at NMU Berry Event Center

1401 Presque Isle , **Marquette**

Wednesday, May 24, 4pm at Grace Lutheran Church

558 W. M-35, **Gwinn**

Remember in Prayer ...



*Our members, family, and friends who are ill,
have health concerns, are grieving, or are in need...*

*our members and friends who are absent from wor-
ship. Prayers for Al, Iva Arnett, John Berglund*

*Michael Holman, Carol Mattson, Tom Mattson, Carol Wolf,
Vernon Haglund, Sally Weingartner, Clayton Johnson Sr.,
Toni Peterson, Rick Peterson, Jack Holliday, Janet Click.*

*If you have a prayer request, for yourself or others, or
would like to be on the prayer team, please let the office*

know by calling or by leaving a message at

906-942-7245, or by emailing the office at:

Emanuel@tds.net

April Council Meeting Highlights

~Welcome new council members: Barb Bach, Ronda Barr, Christie Johnson and Leah Kainulainen.

~It is good to have Michael with us considering his current health concerns. Prayers continue for the upcoming intervention. It is a joy that Micah Heath is the Marquette Kiwanis Police Officer of the Year.

~Thank you letters received from; Gwinn Community Schools for the 2 Thanksgiving and 2 Christmas meal baskets, Room At The Inn for our January benevolence, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp for our 2022 benevolence, Lutheran Social Services for our 2022 benevolence, the family of Donna Oliver, and from 2 Easter food basket recipients. A letter announcing the upcoming May Marquette County Community Baby Shower.

~Nineteen Easter meal baskets were given with a Thrivent Community Action Grant, a monetary offering in April and \$470 from Emanuel. We will support the Marquette Habitat for Humanity by supplying lunches for the building crews in July, August and September. The cemetery clean-up will be in May, waiting for the date to help promote.

~Emanuel's Constitution was updated with corrections from the NGLS Constitution Review Committee. Other changes will be voted on by the council and then the congregation. The Synod-Wide Family Hike is at the AL QUAL Recreation Area on May 13.

~Richard and Roger met with Rainy Creek Construction. We are waiting for a plan and estimate.

~Local Benevolences: February-Habitat for Humanity, March-Upper Peninsula Teaching Family Homes, April-Marquette County Community Baby Shower, and May-Pink Power.

~"Plant, Pies and Buys" event will be held Saturday, June 3 at Emanuel.

~January, February and March Financial Secretary Reports were reviewed and found in order. January & February Treasurer's reports were reviewed and found in order with no outstanding bills.

~The next Council meeting is Tuesday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m.

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Jolene~Wed. & Fri. 10:30am-2:30 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
	1 AA Meeting 7pm	2	3	4	5 	6 Adopt a Highway thru May 14th
7 9am Worship	8 AA Meeting 7pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 9am Worship	15 AA Meeting 7pm	16 Council- Meeting 5:30pm	17	18 Synod	19  Assem- bly	20 MQT
21 9am Worship	22 AA Meeting 7pm	23	24	25	26	27
28 9am Worship 	29 AA Meeting 7pm	30	31			

**The May Enlightener
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*Emanuel Lutheran Church is a people centered
in Christ, rich in heritage and beauty; living out
Christ's openness to all. Our ministry is to
spread the Word of God in our community
through service, education and fellowship,
creating a sense of family as we break bread
together in the company of Christ.*

Join Us for our Sunday Services at 9 AM