

Emanuel Lutheran Church
August 2023
Enlightener



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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 11 a.m.

All are Welcome!

2023 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church
July-October 11AM/Nov-Feb. 9AM

Birthdays Blessings

August 1-Sonny Robinson

August 3-Stan Lindberg

August 4-Brian Heath

August 5-Becky Gygi

August 8-Landen Sims

August 10-Terri Torres

August 10-Barb Bach

August 14-Freddie Beauchamp

August 16-Valerie Jordan

August 17-Jolene Kokko

August 18-Pastor Jim Duehring

August 23-Emily Bach

August 23-Kathy Tuttle

Anniversary Blessings

August 3-Jesse & Leah Kainulainen

August 15-Eldon & Jean Contois

August 19-Brian & Ellen Heath

August 29-Dale & Nina Ingalls

August 30-Kenny & Sammy Duvall



Thank you to Mary Lou Behrens for sponsoring the August worship bulletins in memory of her parents.



Please let Michael or the church office know if you or a family member is hospitalized or ill. We want to be sure to keep in touch with support and prayers. If you can't notify Emanuel, please ask a family member to do so. Michael: (231)824-6757



With the engineered plan complete and blue prints received for the accessibility ramp to the sanctuary, bids are now being sought for its construction. With the proceeds from the *Plants, Pies and Summer Buys* event and designated giving, our ramp fund has a total of \$2,278! As other fundraising events happen we will continue to update the progress.

He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” Mark 6:31a

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, grace and peace to you from the Triune God.

For many people it is vacation time, all we have to do is look around us and we can see tourists everywhere. Children are out of school for the most part, extracurricular things are on a short hiatus as all find that a little rest and relaxation are in order. Many find it necessary to escape the routines of daily life and recharge their batteries.

I am on such a journey so this letter is considerably shorter than usual. I would suggest that all of you find time for a little R & R, it is good for your wellbeing and a great way to reflect upon the beauty found in creation. You may recall the Genesis passage when on the seventh day the Creator God rested. It is good to do so.

See you all soon.

Peace,

Michael



August Scriptures	Reading	Psalms	Gospel
August 6	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11,3:1-17	Psalms 148	Matthew 2:13-23
August 13	Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7	Psalms 45:10-17	Matthew 11:25-30
August 20	Dueteronomy 5:12-15	Psalms 81: 1-10	Matthew 12:9-14
August 27	Genesis 2:1-3	Psalms 98	Matthew 22:34-40

*Skandia Days
Parade 2023*



Allie and Jaylei



Christie, Jolene, Richard



Toni



Chuck and River



Sarah and Roger



Ordinary Time for Ordinary People

That's so boring! Look at this amazing thing that I can do! That's so awesome! You can be whatever you want to be! I didn't get anything out of that experience!

Much of life is peppered with hyperbole. Perhaps we humans have always been enticed by the “shining new object of the day.” I enjoy posting a good “selfie” on Facebook as much as anyone. But, has this gotten out of hand? Has our hunger for newness, novelty, coolness rendered us a slave to vanity? Do we only notice the spectacular sunset? Do we only look up at the sky when the Northern Lights are dancing? Do we only feel we have worshipped God when the preacher has delivered a soul-turning sermon? Do we only praise the first-place winner? We generally don't like reading from Ecclesiastes, “Vanity of vanities. All is vanity.”

In Western Christendom, the liturgical season, which is the longest, is considered Ordinary Time. Depending on how you count it—33 or 34 weeks. For us Lutherans, the long season of Pentecost can also be called Ordinary Time. The color of day is always Green.

Is there praise to be found in the “Ordinary?” So much of living is about the ordinary. We usually eat at the same time. We usually sleep at the same time. Our commuting routes usually are so routine that our smart phones tell us how far away we are from the office even before we start out.

But ordinary doesn't have to mean insignificant. Ordinary doesn't have to mean unimportant. Sleeping is a very ordinary thing to do, but it is crucial to our health and wellbeing. The ordinary, “Thank You,” and “You are Welcome,” exchanged between people might not solve world hunger, but it does matter.

So much of the ordinary in the world goes unnoticed. So much of the ordinary might not make the evening news. But ordinary matters.

Ordinary time doesn't have to leave us in a sedated stupor. Ordinary time doesn't have to leave us bored. Take a look around you. Notice all those people and things that "ordinarily" surround you! They all help make you who you are. Give thanks to God for the ordinary in your life.

Love, grace, mercy, spirit, death, resurrection, Jesus, rest, food, nature, music, gardens, pets, work, family, friends. These all make up my ordinary life. May we in all things give praise to the Lord who gives us everything!

In paraphrasing and expanding on I Corinthians 10:31, "Whether you are eating or drinking, laughing or daydreaming, sleeping or singing, cleaning or making messes, listening or speaking, fishing or dreaming about fishing, sewing or reaping, may we recognize God's presence in all aspects of our lives and give God praise for all things ordinary!"

Pastor Jim Duehring
Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp welcomes you back to our 5th **Wellness Retreat** in partnership with Pam Roose of Inspiring Roots, LLC., September 15-17. This year we will revisit the theme of "Nature Inspired" in order to further explore and connect with the beauty of the nature surrounding Fortune Lake.

Join us for either 3 days or 4 days to refresh, center yourself, and learn more about you and your body! See our website: www.fortunelake.org for more information.



We will be supporting the Marquette County Habit for Humanity this summer by supplying lunches for the building crews in August and September. Please let me

know if you will be able to supply any items. We will support Lutheran World Relief with our annual Book Bag school supply effort.

Thank you for your support,

Sarah Kimball



We have another beautiful hand-made quilt made by Connie Arnett for our annual holiday raffle. We need other homemade items to offer also for the raffle! After looking at the number of available folks

to help make crafts etc. for a "bazaar", we have decided not to have one this year, but we will have a meeting to share ideas on a possible event to have other than a bazaar. **We need your ideas**, so please plan on coming to share them, we will meeting shortly after fellowship on **Sunday, August 13**. Thank you!



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 worship. Prayers for Ronda Barr, Al, Michael Holman, Carol Mattson, Tom Mattson, Dan Mattson, Carol Wolf, Vernon Haglund, Sally Weingartner.

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:

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**Matching Challenge Appeal for
Feeding America in the U.P. Goal: \$100,000
Eligible for \$10,000 Matching Gift**

Feed the hungry and join the efforts of:

- The Northern Great Lakes Synod (ELCA)
- The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan
- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Marquette
- Northern Skies District of the United Methodist Church
- Temple Beth Shalom Synagogue

You can make a difference to address the ever-present issue of food insecurity in the Upper Peninsula. The M.E. Davenport Foundation has pledged \$10,000 to establish a matching gift. Any amount will help us reach our goal of \$100,000.

To contribute, use the Feeding America West Michigan give button

at: **U.P. Mobile Pantry Fundraiser – Feeding America West**

Michigan (feedwm.org) As you donate online, there is a box for you to indicate that you are part of a Northern Great Lakes Synod faith community. If by check, please write, **“UP Mobiles”** in the memo line.

Mail your check to: Northern Great Lakes Synod 1029 N. Third St.

Suite A Marquette, MI 49855. Please make your donation by September 1, 2023 to be eligible for the matching challenge.

**Every \$1 donated provides 30 nourishing meals.
Together, we can feed a hungry neighbor!**

July Council Meeting Highlights

~It was wonderful to have Emanuel's presence in the Skandia Day's parade with our church float, candy and walkers and riders! We are very appreciative to Bishop Katherine for allowing Melissa Salminen to give communion while leading worship July 23 & 30 during Michael's vacation.

~Thank you letter received from the Trillium House for our June Local Benevolence to their respite program.

~We are still waiting to hear from the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity the dates we will provide lunches for their building crews in July, August and September.

~We will be getting enlarged blueprints for the accessibility ramp to the sanctuary and meeting to discuss the plans. Contact Roger Kimball for the meeting date.

~We have a quilt made for our annual holiday raffle, but whether to have a bazaar is still to be decided. We will let the congregation know of our plans and when a meeting will soon be held for further discussion and ideas to share.

~The June Financial Secretary and Treasurer's reports were reviewed and found in order with no outstanding bills.

~The next Council Meeting is Sunday, August 20 at 12:30 p.m.

Complete minutes and financial reports are posted on both bulletin boards to the entrances of the sanctuary.

Special Congregational Meeting



Bids have been received for the tree services in both Emanuel and Haglund Cemeteries; tree trimming and removal. There are copies of each bid available at the entrance to the sanctuary from the fellowship hall for you to preview. A special congregational meeting will be held to vote on the bid to be used, following worship on **Sunday, August 6.**

August 2023

Michael: Tuesdays 1-5pm, Thursdays 9am-2pm

Jolene: Wednesdays 10:30am-2:30pm



Sunday	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thu	Friday	Sat
		1 (Michael	2 On	3 Vacation	4 Thru	5 Today)
6 11am Worship Congre- gational Mtg	7 AA Meeting 7 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13 11am Worship	14 AA Meeting 7 pm	15	16	17	18	19
20 11am Worship Council Mtg. 12:30	21 AA Meeting 7 pm	22	23	24	25	26
27 11am Worship	28 AA Meeting 7 pm	29	30	31		

**The August 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 11 a.m,