

Emanuel Lutheran Church

September 2023

Enlightener



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Jolene Kokko ~
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Committee Leaders

Barb Bach ~ Stewardship
Sarah Kimball ~ Outreach
Betsy Koski ~ Christian
Education
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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 11 a.m.

All are Welcome!

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

Birthdays Blessings

September 1-Robert Yearicks

September 4-Sue McCarthy

September 7-Todd Barr

September 10-Dan Bahrman

September 10-David Bahrman

September 12-Andrea Kass

September 12-Kim Oliver

September 13-Jean Peiffer

September 20-Thomas Yearicks

September 23-Vincent St. John

September 24-Bonnie Pelto

*September 26-
Luke Kainulainen*



Anniversary Blessings

*September 13-
Sonny & Sherry Robinson*

*September 15-
Kathy & Kurt Tuttle*

*September 26-
Larry & Sue McCarthy*

*September 29-
Fred & Laurie Beauchamp*



*Thank you to Carol Wolf for
sponsoring the September worship bulletins
honoring her family.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

Date

09/03

09/10

09/17

09/24

Lector

Betsy Koski

Patti Bergdahl

Sarah Kimball

Jesse Kainulainen

Ushers

Needed

Richard Cooke

Jesse & Leah Kainulainen

Bahrman Family

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Psalm 85:12

Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus our Lord, grace and peace be with you always,

It seems that this year is rushing by quickly. Each year seems to get faster and faster yet a recall that in my youth time dragged on and on, especially as the school year was in play. For some the school year is upon us changing the way we have spent our time throughout the summer months.

There are new schedules to follow and new things to learn, how exciting is that. Others see this as an opportunity to switch gears as we look toward the harvest.

For some months now sunshine and warmth as well as timely rains have made gardens flourish. What started as tiny seeds have grown into plants full of fruits and vegetables. In many cases the harvest is so abundant that the surplus is eagerly given away that none would be wasted. Hours of labor are rewarded with the fruits of this earth. Our creator has put these things into motion, the miracle of seeds, the weather cycles that are favorable, and the good soil to nourish it all. We too benefit from all of this as all that we need, God has provided and given us the ability to share that which is good.

We celebrate this change in time as we give our thanks and praise for the beauty that surrounds us and the good that we have received. There is much more to be thankful for and as the psalmist records in earlier verses of this psalm “steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.” Yes we have much to celebrate, be sure to share that which you have that all may know of God’s amazing grace and peace.

Shalom,

Michael



September Scriptures	First Reading	Second Reading	Psalm	Gospel
September 3	Deuteronomy 15:1-2,7-11	none	Psalm 85: 8-13	Mark 8:14-21
September 10	Genesis 2: 4b-25	Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2:5-12	Psalm 26	Mark 10:6-8
September 17	Genesis 18: 1-15, 21:1-7	Hebrews 4: 12-16	Psalm 90: 12-17	Mark 10:27
September 24	Genesis 32: 9-13, 22-30	James 3:1-12	Psalm 116: 1-9	Mark 14: 32-36



Please be advised, beginning September 15 the spring and summer cemetery decorations will be removed to begin preparation for the fall and winter seasons. If you would like to keep your current decorations please remember to remove them by **September 15**.

Thank you to Roger Kimball for all of his volunteered time and effort with the up keep of both Emanuel and Haglund cemeteries this season and to our cemetery committee for their continued efforts of managing the cemeteries. Two mowers were recently purchased with a storage building needed at Haglund yet, and trees will be cut and trimmed this fall in both cemeteries.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have many hand made Prayer Shawls available for those in need. Prayer shawls are given to those who are experiencing a difficult time, are in need of comfort and healing, to let them know they are not alone and to provide them with a sense of God's peace and healing. Please let the office know if you would like one, or know of someone in need of a prayer shawl.



If you know of anyone interested in snowplowing for Emanuel for the 2023-24 winter season, please let the office know. There are specifications that must be followed. Contact the office for more information at (906)942-7245 or emanuel@tds.net.



School supplies are available and many on sale in our stores! School supply lists for Lutheran World Relief school bags are on the table near the windows in the fellowship hall. We are in need of children's blunt scissors. Thank you for helping with this annual world mission outreach project.



We need handcrafted items to include with Emanuel's annual quilt raffle. If you can donate an item (\$25 minimum value) know of someone who may, or have any questions, talk with Jolene. Proceeds will go towards the indoor access ramp to the sanctuary.



FALL FEST 2023: QUILT & FINE ARTS AUCTION FUNDRAISER **Saturday, October 7**

Mark your calendars! Our Sisters of the Cloth and other generous artisans and quilters are hard at work to provide the beautiful, high quality items you have come to expect from this event. Join us in support of the ministry of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp! Continental breakfast and bake sale, beautiful quilts for auction, draffle tickets & hand-crafted items for sale. Can't attend? Online Auction opens September 26, www.fortunelake.org



Skandia Lions Club/West Branch Township Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 8, 9am-1pm/Skandia Township Community Center
Come out, enjoy a home cooked breakfast and help raise money for the West Branch Recreation Fund!





Heart to Heart Ministries

All are invited to come for conversation and refreshments as we gather to get to know each other and the joys and needs of our community better.

*Wednesday, September 20
7:00 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church*

*We hope to meet monthly, setting a time that's best for all. Please join us for a fun and relaxing time!
Call 906-942-7245 if you have any questions!*



Saturday, December 16, 9am-1pm

Holiday Bake Sale/Basket Raffle/Quilt and Handcrafted Items Raffle

We are planning to have our annual quilt and homemade craft raffle along with a bake sale and basket raffle too! We hope you can stop in for a warm drink and enjoy this opportunity to visit with others and take a chance on winning many beautiful raffle baskets! Start thinking now on what kind of basket you can create for the raffle. There is a list of ideas near the entrance to the sanctuary. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please the office know. More information will be available soon!





U.P. Home Health and Hospice will be offering a grief support group this fall in Marquette. The grief support group is open to anyone who is grieving a loss – they do not have to have been hospice patients to attend.

We will be holding the West End group every other Thursday from 3-4:30 pm in the Dandelion Cottage Room at the Peter White Public Library. Please call Kelly West with any questions (906)225-4545 for more information or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Fall Classes Now Open for Registration

Registration is quick and easy for the interesting variety of classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Join the bible studies and conversations on topics that are important to your congregation, your community, and the church. Beginning in September and October, Lifelong Faith Formation courses will meet online via Zoom. Two of them are also meeting in-person. Go to the synod website -- <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation> -- for details and to sign-up for classes by September 15. Contact Deacon Lori Ward at 615-519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynd.org if you have any questions.



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 Matthew, Mary Heath, Bonnie Pelto, Allie, Ronda Barr, Rosie Howard, Al, Michael Holman, Carol Mattson, Tom 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, by leaving a message at 906-942-7245, or by emailing the office at: Emanuel@tds.net

September Mobile Food Pantry Trucks

(according to their website)

Wednesday, September 6, 12 Noon at Eden Lutheran Church,
1150 M-28, **Munising**

Thursday, September 7, 9AM, North Iron Church, 910 Palms
Ave., **Ishpeming**

Wednesday, September 13, 12 Noon at Building 604 at Avenue
C and Third, (Corner of Ave. C and Third Street) , **KI Sawyer**

Thursday, September 14, 10AM at Silver Creek Church Thrift
Store 219 Silver Creek Road, **Harvey**

Wednesday, September 20, 12 Noon at NMU Berry Event
Center 1401 Presque Isle , **Marquette**

Wednesday, September 27, 4pm at Grace Lutheran Church
558 W. M-35, **Gwinn**



The final Adopt-A Highway Cleanup for the year is Saturday, September 23 through Sunday, October 1. The sign-up board will be located in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions talk with Roger Kimball and thank you for helping to keep our Upper Peninsula roadways beautiful throughout the seasons!



Thank you for your continued donations to our outdoor micro food pantry. Donations of paper products and personal hygiene items are always in demand and welcomed. You can place items in the pantry yourself and we keep them in the office also .

August Council Meeting Highlights

~ **Dwelling in the Word Initiative** of the Northern Great Lakes Synod was introduced by Michael . Each month a designated Bible reading is read aloud and discussed afterward at every church meeting. All are then invited to join the Synod Council as they dwell in the word, via zoom starting Thursday, September 7 at 7:30pm. The zoom link is available on the NGLS website.

~Congratulations to both Connie Ritter (Arnett) and Sarah Kimball for their quilt entries and ribbons received in recent fairs!

~ Thank you letters received from the Camp New Day for our July local benevolence to their summer camp; from Bishop Katherine for Emanuel's giving to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, Lutheran Social Services and World Hunger.

~Confirmands will again attend classes collaboratively with other churches. New Orleans is the location of the annual Youth Gathering in 2024.

~We will be supplying lunch for the Habitat for Humanity Building crew on August 29. We continue to collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief.

~A section of flashing was replaced on the roof that had blown off. The cross memorial in the front was repaired. The back door was replaced along with a new threshold. Railings in the front entrance need to be replaced.

~Tree cutting and trimming will be done in September by the Potter Tree Service with a bid of \$3,800. We still are in need of a shed/building to house the used mower we purchased for the Haglund cemetery.

~The building plans for the accessibility ramp to the sanctuary have been emailed to various construction companies for bids.

~We will promote getting additional bids for the 2023/24 snow plowing of our parking lot, besides Spodeck.

~Motion was made and carried to give \$500 from Emanuel's Mission Fund to support the Feeding America U.P. Challenge.

~Our local benevolence for August is Area 36 Special Olympics.

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



~The next Council Meeting is Sunday, September 17 at 12:30 p.m.

September 2023

Michael: Tues 1-5 p.m. & Thurs. 9am-2pm

Jolene: Wed. & Fri. 10:30=2:30p.m.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 11 AM Worship	4 AA Meeting 7 PM	5	6	7	8	9
10 11 AM Worship	11 AA Meeting 7 PM	12	13	14	15 Ceme- tery Decora- tions Removal	16
17 11 AM Worship Council Meeting 12:30pm	18 AA Meeting 7 PM	19	20 Heart To Heart Ministry 7 pm 	21	22 	23 Adopt-A- HWY Clean Up Sept 24- Oct.1
24 11AM Worship Adult Forum 10AM	25 AA Meeting 7 PM	26	27	28	29	30

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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.,