

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Enlightener



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Barb Bach
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Office

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 ~
Building & Property

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

October 2~

Saima Kainulainen

October 5-Allie Rae Sims

October 11-Laurie Kass

October 23-Jenna Shelton

October 28-Sarah Kimball



Anniversary Blessings

October 3~

Roger & Sarah Kimball

October 31~

Tim & Jean Peiffer



Thank you to Roger & Sarah Kimball for sponsoring the October worship bulletins honoring their family.

Thank you for serving during worship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
10/01	Christie Johnson	Richard Cooke
10/08	Betsy Koski	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
10/15	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen	Roger & Sarah Kimball
10/22	Jesse Kainulainen	Tom & Barb Bach
10/29	Barb Bach	Bahrman Family

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 Jon, 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

“Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.” 2Timothy 1:14

My dear friends of the risen Christ, grace, peace and mercy from God be with you always,

Change is in the air well, it should be. Seems we are in a little bit of a heat wave yet there is no denying that the days are getting shorter. The trees are almost at their peak of color dazzling us with brilliant flashes of red, gold, yellow mixed against the green background of the pines. In a few weeks it will be all gone as the leaves fall from the trees returning to the soil. That’s true with an exception, the mighty oak. Oaks it seems have the peculiar habit of hanging onto many of their leaves throughout the winter months. I have often wondered why this happens yet really have not done the research to find an answer. Instead, I envision that they hold on to offer a little extra protection for the animals and birds that hang around all year.

We all know a little something about hanging on. Perhaps it is a childhood memory of a super fun vacation with the family or a trip to the church camp for a week-long adventure. We recall our favorite holidays spent with family and friends or perhaps the great time you had at a football game. Some among us keep track of how the garden performed year after year in hope that we might improve our harvest. We hold in our hearts the friends and family that have gone before us recalling all that we have done together in this world. It can be painful at times, this hanging on, yet we know that there is life on the horizon.



While there is joy to be found in our memories, we must not let longing for the past keep us from moving forward. Often times the good old days that we recall were full of struggles that we file away somewhere so they cannot rid us of the good times. Like the oak though there comes a time to let go that new life can spring forth. We have been given the greatest gift of all from the Creator, life! The gift of salvation that we have received by the grace of God is truly a treasure to hang onto as Jesus saves us from the power of sin and death. Going forward we hang onto the knowledge that we have been given life to be in the abundance that surrounds us sharing and inviting others to partake of this treasure. Live well as we move toward the unknown, trusting that the best is yet to come, looking toward the Glory of God.

Shalom,

Michael

September Scriptures	First Reading	Second	Psalm	Gospel
October 1	Exodus 1: 8-14, 3:1-15	Romans 12: 9-21	Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26	Mark 12: 26-27a
October 8	Deuteronomy 5:1-21;6:4-9	Hebrews 9:11-14	Psalm 81: 1-10	Mark 12:28-31
October 15	Ruth 1:1-17, 4:13-17	2nd Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Psalm 130	Mark 3:33-35
October 22	2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 6:1-5	Revelation 1:4-8	Psalm 150	Mark 11:8-10
October 29	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Romans 3:19 -28	Psalm 46	John 8:31-36



Many thanks to Roger and Richard for the hard work it took to replace the rotting front entrance hand railings and Roger for the paint job too! In the future we will be building a storage shed at the Haglund Cemetery for a riding mower. We will keep you posted for the needed help! Also thank you to Gisele for the beautiful mums that adorn the front entrance and also for the pumpkins from the Kimball garden!



The ***Christ in Our Home*** Daily devotional for October through December is now available at both entrances to the sanctuary. Please help yourself and take one for a friend! If you would like one mailed to you, let the office know, (906)942-7245.



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 with the collection date of October 23 at Messiah. Thank you for helping with this annual world mission outreach project.



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

Sit and Chat

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.

Thursday, October 12

6:00 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church

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 and a sign up sheet on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please the office know. Raffle tickets for the quilt and handcrafted items coming soon!





“Be the Best Neighbors”

Back during the pandemic year of 2020, I, along with several adults from the Northern Great Lakes Synod, participated in a webinar from the

ELCA on “Growing Young”. It featured presenters from the Fuller Youth Institute and their research which led to a book, *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church*, by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin, 2016, Baker Books.

Some people in our synod have already read this book and discussed its implications. I encourage everyone to read this book. The research of this book showed that some of our assumptions about youth ministry are probably wrong. You don’t have to be a big church with a young and cool youth leader to have an effective youth ministry. You don’t even have to have a lot of money to be on the right path to growing younger.

This book is the result of research from a broad range of denominations and churches of many sizes. Six key strategies emerged from the research by Fuller. One of those strategies was:

“Be the Best Neighbors: Loving and Shaping Your World Well.”

Young people need to be guided by the example of adults from our churches to be good neighbors. The world is watching how our churches interact with our “neighbors.” Here are some quotes from that chapter of the book about being the best neighbors:

“Christianity is about the restoration of how it is all supposed to be.”

Isaiah, age 20, p. 234

“We’ve always had a heart to get out of the church building and serve the world—but sometimes we also want to bring positive parts of the world into the church.”

A Pastor, p. 243

“Anyone can show up to this church on their worst day and it will turn your life around.

Alejandro, Young Adult, p. 244

“No matter where churches growing young fall on the theological spectrum, they place emphasis on essential beliefs that can be shared rather than exaggerating various differences.”

A High School Junior, p. 245

“Churches that want to be the best neighbors seem especially aware of their ministry to, and inclusion, of the poor.”

Authors’ observation, p. 251

“My friends and I need more than the cynicism we’re offered by the world and wider culture. Our church offers more.”

A Young Adult from the Northeast, p. 253

“At our church, everybody has something they care about, and the church doesn’t need to rubber-stamp your passion before you can do it.”

Justin, age 23, p. 255P

Pray for your own church to be the best neighbor, not simply to attract more youth, but because that’s what Jesus wants us to be.

Pastor Jim Duehring

Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission



Please let Michael or the church office know if you or a family member is hospitalized, ill, homebound or in need of help. We want to be sure to be here for you, with support, prayers and visits. If you can’t notify Emanuel, please ask a family member to do so. Michael: (231)824-6757 Emanuel (906)942-7245



Welcome Charles Roland Bahrman newly baptized, son of Andy and Becca Bahrman. We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world!

September Council Meeting Highlights

~ Silver Creek Thrift Store is currently collecting winter outdoor wear for adults and children. Emanuel will support with a collection of gently used items (coats, boots, snowpants, hats, etc.) and take them to the Harvey store.

~Thank you letter received from the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity for the lunches Emanuel supplied for the building crew in August. Wesley Church of Ishpeming shared the results of Project Warm last winter season with serving 370 children.

~Emanuel will have a Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, November 21 at 2pm with a pie social to follow. Advent services will be held on Tuesdays, December 5, 12 and 19 at 2pm with fellowship to follow. Christmas Eve we will be having two services; 9am celebrating the Fourth Sunday in Advent and at 5pm we will have a traditional Christmas Eve service.

~School supplies for Lutheran World Relief school bags continue with the collection day at Messiah on October 23.

~We are looking for a storage building for the used lawn mower Emanuel purchased for the Haglund Cemetery. Building a shed may be a possibility too.

~The fellowship hall carpeting was steam cleaned as a community service project. Emanuel received a \$500 donation for the indoor accessible ramp to the sanctuary. Michael will be attending the 3 day Northern Great Lakes Synod Theological Conference at Fortune Lake September 18-20.

~Bid requests with the plans included were emailed to 5 construction companies for the indoor accessibility ramp to the sanctuary. No bids have been received yet with a deadline of October 15.

~The first of our Heart to Heart Ministries is being held Wednesday, September 20 at 7 pm. Times may change for future gatherings.

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

~The next council meeting is Sunday, October 22 at 12:30 pm. Complete council minutes are posted on the bulletin boards in the fellowship hall and the main entrance to the sanctuary.

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*Office Hours: Michael~Tues. 1-5 pm and
Thurs. 9am-2:30pm Jolene: Wed. & Fri. 10:30am-2:30 pm*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 11am Worship	2 AA Meeting 7 pm	3	4	5	6	7
8 11am Worship	9 AA Meeting 7 pm	10	11	12 Heart to Heart Sit & Chat 6pm	13	14
15 11am Worship	16 AA Meeting 7 pm	17	18	19	20	21
22 11am Worship Council Mtg 12:30pm	23 AA Meeting 7 pm	24	25	26	27	28
29 11am Worship	30 AA Meeting 7 pm	31		<p style="text-align: center;"> <i>Thankful</i> GRATEFUL and BLESSED </p>		

**The October 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.,