

Emanuel Lutheran Church

November 2023

Enlightener



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Barb Bach
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Office

Jolene Kokko ~
Office Assistant

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 9 a.m.

All are Welcome!

2023 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church
Nov-Feb. 9AM/Mar-June 11AM

Birthdays Blessings

November 9-Roger Kimball

*November 11-
Nichole Mackey*

November 11-Jane Sims

November 13-Tom Bach

*November 15-
Laurie Beauchamp*

November 19-Dave Pelto

*November 22-
Mary Alice Smith*

November 24-Bambi Swetich

November 29-Lois Kokko



Anniversary Blessings

*November 19-
Dave and Bonnie Pelto*



*Thank you to Iva Arnett for sponsoring the
November worship bulletins in memory
of her son Markie.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
11/05	Sarah Kimball	Richard Cooke
11/12	Christie Johnson	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
11/19	Betsy Koski	Roger & Sarah Kimball
11/26	Patti Bergdahl	Tom & Barb Bach



In case of inclement weather and our Sunday worship needs to be cancelled, our Facebook page will post it, an email will be sent to those online, Emanuel's phone message will state it and WLUC/TV6 will post closures. If the schools are closed during the week, the church office probably will be closed. Please call Emanuel before traveling during the week if questionable (906)942-7245.

“Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.”

Hebrews 13:15

God’s peace and grace be with you Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I think it is safe to say that the Fall season has come to an end. Most of the flights of geese, as well as other migratory birds, have headed south for the winter as they search out fresher food sources. The days are getting noticeably shorter and much to the dismay of some, snow has fallen.

We have had a good year for growing. There has been plenty of veggies to harvest and store up for the upcoming months. It has been a fantastic year for fruit of all kinds, lots of apple sauce, jams and jellies are lining the pantries of many. I’m certain that this abundant harvest will be reflected as we gather at the end of the month for a service of Thanksgiving and fellowship inviting the whole community to attend.

Perhaps this month of November, burr, is a perfect time to reflect upon the blessings that we have received along the way. We remember those saints who have gone before us, carving out a way for us to move forward. We can be thankful for the faithfulness of others as well as the faithfulness of our Creator God, Jesus the Christ and the Holy Spirit. We can give our thanks and praise for the hope that we find through our Lord. Thankfulness for the Spirit that remains with us through all the ups and downs of our busy lives.




The author of the letter that is cited above ask us to be thankful for our relationship with Christ, that we should live as he did, faithful, hopeful, loving and patient as we face the trials and tribulations of daily life. Again, I ask you to give thanks to God, the one who loves us dearly, who provides all that we need for life. As it is said in a rather famous hymn, Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart. May we all give glory to the one Who loves us. Blessings.

Peace,

Michael

September Scriptures	First Reading	Second Reading	Psalm	Gospel
November 5	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Psalm 50: 1-6	Mark 9: 2-4
November 12	Hosea 11:1-9	Hebrews 1: 1-4;2:5-12	Psalm 8	Mark 10:13-14
November 19	Isaiah 5:1-7; 11;1-5	Philippians 3:4b-14	Psalm 80: 7-15	Mark 12:1-3
November 26	2 Kings 22:1-19, 11-20; 23:1-3	Colossians 1: 11-20	Psalm 93	Luke 24:30-32



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.



Heart to Heart

Sit and Chat

All are invited to come for conversation and a potluck lunch as we gather to get to know each other and the joys and needs of our community better. We will also share plans for our Dec. 16th holiday event.

Thursday, November 9

12 Noon at Emanuel Lutheran Church



All are invited to attend the **Salvation Army's** first –ever Fundraising Gala on **Wednesday, November 9** at the NMU Center ballroom. Free to attendees, but tickets need to be reserved. They want you to see and hear about their impact the programming they provide is making and to see how , when come together, lives can be transformed! More information is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving food baskets will be given on **Tuesday November 21**. If you know of any one, or of a family in our community in need of one, please talk with Sarah or Michael. Along with other items in the baskets for a complete Thanksgiving meal, we will collect canned green beans, canned cranberry sauce and boxes of jello (any flavor) as donations before shopping on Tuesday, November 21. A special offering will be taken Sunday, November 19 during worship for the food baskets also.

Community Thanksgiving Worship



You are invited to join us for our Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on **Tuesday, November 21 at 2pm** followed by a pie fellowship. The sign up sheet for pies to share is on the kitchen counter. We hope you plan to join us for praise and pie, and please invite a friend too!



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 let the office know. Raffle tickets for the quilt (2) and handcrafted items are now available to sell/buy \$2 each or \$5 for three tickets. All proceeds go towards the indoor access ramp to the sanctuary.



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.



Thank you for your continued support of our outdoor food pantry! Now that the temperatures are getting colder, we cannot put canned items in the pantry since they will freeze. A winter seasonal list for ideas is available. Personal health items and paper products are always appreciated donations.



We continue to collect Econo Receipts to support World Hunger. The collection box is on the table near the far north window in the fellowship hall. Receipts over two years old cannot be accepted. Thank you for your support to the ELCA World Hunger Fund.





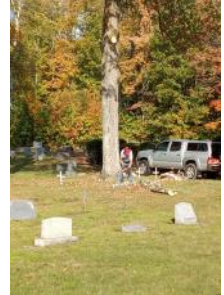
...Carol Wolf for purchasing three cushions for our metal folding chairs in the fellowship hall for better comfort! She found them at Walmart, reasonably priced, if anyone would like to add to the collection!



....Gisele Duehring for the beautiful mums and the Kimballs for the pumpkins that adorn the main entrance this fall season!



Thank you Roger Kimball for your many hours of volunteer time caring for both Emanuel and Haglund Cemeteries this year! Thank you for over seeing the tree trimming and removal this September and doing the follow-up landscaping needed..... and the leaf collection this fall!

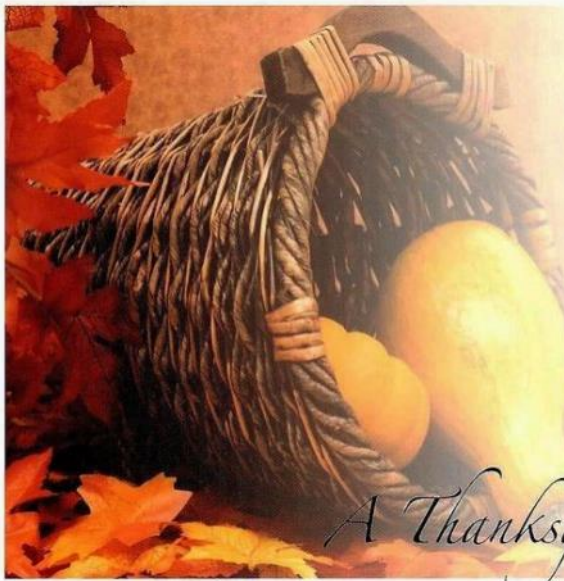


We truly appreciate you and all of the work you do!



To Roger Kimball, Tom Bach, Richard Cooke and Dave & Christie Johnson for building the storage shed in October that will store the riding mower at Haglund Cemetery. Two Thrivent Community Action Grants helped with the material costs. Thanks to Andy Bahrman for leveling the area prior to the build and to Roger for the many hours of prep work! We are so very grateful and blessed to have their building skills and hands to get this job professionally completed in one day!





Heavenly Creator,
In this season of
gratitude and abundance,
we give You thanks
for our many blessings
as we pray for all who struggle
with hunger and want.
Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.
Keep their faith strong
as they await relief.
And let Your goodness flow
through our hearts and hands
as we reach out to one another
in the full, true joy
of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

A Thanksgiving Prayer

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 Mary Lou Behrens, Kathy, 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



ELCA Good Gifts provides more than 50 different gift-giving options that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. These gifts, starting at just \$10, provide direct support for the churchwide ministries of the ELCA. The 2023

catalog is now available near the book shelf in the fellowship hall or visit their website www.ELCA.org/goodgifts

October Council Highlights

~Devotions led by Michael with "Dwelling in the Word" reading of Ezekiel 37 and reflection followed with provided questions. All are encouraged to read the monthly readings supplied by Northern Great Lakes Synod and joining them via zoom for follow-up discussion, all information found on their website:

www.nglsynod.org

~Pastor Dave Van Kley, Michael's supervisor, shared the revised policy for licensed lay ministers, expectations and guidelines, and evaluations. A copy of the revised document is available. Council members shared personal experiences of Michael as our lay minister at Emanuel.

~Joy shared for the completed storage building for the riding mower at Haglund Cemetery. Ronda thanked all for continued prayers during her shoulder surgery recovery and her return to work .

~Thank you letter received from the 906 Warrior Relief Fund as our September local benevolence, and for Emanuel's \$261.79 donation to the EICA Hunger Fund at the Synod Assembly in May.

~Adult Forum continues to meet, time changing to after Sunday fellowship come November. Collaborative confirmation is now being held with students from local churches including Emanuel.

~Community Thanksgiving Worship will be Tuesday, November 21, 2pm with a pie fellowship to follow.

~34 school bags for Lutheran World Relief will be brought to Messiah in Marquette for further shipping. Please talk to Sarah or Michael if you have a name of a family or individual in need of a Thanksgiving food baskets given Tues. Nov. 21 Donations accepted of canned green beans, cranberry sauce and jello and a special offering taken November 19. An annual stewardship letter along with a giving/time/talent forms will be going out .

~Michael at Continuing Ed. Oct. Oct. 23-27, on vacation November 12-19, with Jennifer Elsenbroek leading worship November 19.

~No bids received yet for indoor accessibility ramp to the sanctuary.

~"Every Season Property Maintenance" awarded bid for snowplowing .

~Superior Watershed Heating Fund as our local benevolence for October.

~Both the financial secretary and treasurer's September reports reviewed and found in order with no outstanding bills.

~Next Council meeting is Sunday, November 12, 1 PM.

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Michael: Tues & Thurs. 10am-3pm

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9AM Worship All Saints Sunday 10:30AM Adult Forum	6 AA Mtg. 7 PM	7	8	9 Heart to Heart Sit and Chat 12 N Noon	10	11
12 9AM Worship 10:30AM Adult Forum Council Mtg 1 pm	13 (Michael	14 On Vaca	15 tion	16 Through	17 Nov.19)	18
19 9AM Worship 10:30AM Adult Forum	20 AA Mtg. 7 PM	21 Thanks giving Worship 2 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26 9AM Worship 10:30AM Adult Forum	27 AA Mtg. 7 PM	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 9 a.m.,