

Emanuel Lutheran Church
March 2024
Enlightener



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www.be-lutheran.org



Sunday Worship begins at 11 a.m.
through June.

2024 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church

Mar-June 11AM

July –October 9AM

Birthdays Blessings

March 1—

Johnny Bergdahl

March 5- Mark Shelton

March 14-Lani Yearicks

March 16-

Richard Cooke

March 20—

Karen Bahrman

March 23-Jeff Sims

March 27-Dean Wilson

March 28-

Sammy DuVall



Anniversary Blessings

March 10-

Mark & Melissa

Krans



*Thank you Becca Bahrman for
sponsoring the March bulletins in honor of
Ron & Carol Goike .*

Thank you for serving during worship!

Date

03/03

03/10

03/17

03/24

03/31

Lector

Patti Bergdahl

Jesse Kainulainen

Christie Johnson

Barb Bach

Sarah Kimball

Ushers

Tom & Barb Bach

Bahrman Family

Tom & Barb Bach

Richard Cooke

Jesse & Leah Kainulainen

“and as he watched Jesus walked by, he exclaimed, Look, here is the Lamb of God!” John 1:36

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, grace, peace and love from God our Father,

The old adage is something like this, if March comes in like a lion goes out like a lamb. For some reason which I have never been able to figure out this saying was/is used to reflect upon the weather we will experience as we head into the vernal equinox. Blustery winds, sleet, snow, rain and more wind are signs of things coming in like the lion, roaring its way onto the scene. There is some fun associated with this type of weather as it can be a hoot to go out and fly a kite. On the other hand, this lion like pattern can be a source of destruction as storms cause severe damage. In reply to the lion, we have the lamb. Peaceful, serene almost calming as the temperature warms and we watch new life come into being. Gentle breezes that have a fresh odour to them remind us of the sweetness that is to come. We eagerly await the arrival of new flora and fauna, getting a break from the darkness of winter. Of course, the opposite scenario can happen as March may arrive like a Lamb and go out like a Lion. Either way is fine as we know that spring will arrive in all its splendor.

One thing is for certain this year however as we know that at the end of this month the Lamb who was slain will rise from death that we might have new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. We will be witness to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and leads us into a life abundant and full, sharing the peace we find in our Lord.



Excitement will fill the world as this Lamb leads us into a peaceable world full of goodness and mercy. The Lamb who will lead us into a way of community with all, trusting that all that we need will be provided. What then are we to think if at the end of this month the Lion will be the one raised from the dead. I assure you that all we know of the Lamb is true of the Lion, the Lion of Judah, who will be raised that all might know of the peaceable kingdom to which we all long to be a part of.

That swords will be beaten into plowshares and that the lion and the lamb will sleep together. A new way has entered into our lives guided by the Holy Spirit, that we will know the LOVE God has for all.

Peace be with you always,

Michael

March Scriptures	Reading	Psalm	Gospel
March 3	Romans 8:12-25	Psalm 86: 11-17	Mark 12:1-12[13-17]
March 10	Hebrews 9:11-14	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Mark 12:28-44
March 17	Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25	Psalm 16	Mark 13:1-8,24-37
March 24	Mark	Psalm 31:9-16	Mark 11:1-11
March 31	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 118:1-2,14-24	Mark 16:1-8

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Dear People of the Northern Great Lakes Synod,

At the risk of getting too personal, I share with you that my mother joined the Saints Triumphant on February 11. As the deadline for this article is February 12, I cannot help but approach this task with thoughts of my mother at the forefront.

In this year, as together we as a synod consider what it means to be a Seed Sower and what it means to plant, and as I make plans with my siblings to celebrate the life of my mother, I can think of no better example of one who planted seeds and one who witnessed the yield of seeds planted by others long ago.

My mother was born in India in July 1932, the daughter of missionaries. She, along with her four siblings, was brought up in the faith. She was taught the love of Jesus, the value of compassion, and the expectation of sharing the love of God in a way that makes a difference.

The seeds of faith planted in her bore fruit as she became a nurse, the wife of a seminary professor, the mother of five children, and a generous giver of time, talents, and treasure. She sang in choirs, kissed scraped knees, worked church funerals and became a matriarch of her community of faith. She was a parish nurse at Luther Seminary and her church library was named after her in honor of the hours invested in cataloging, arranging, and gathering literature.

I could go on. But of course, it is the rare mother that doesn't inspire the accolades of her children. My mother was no exception. But in this season of Seed Sowers, I am grateful for the seeds of faith, and the example of generosity, that my mother gave me and all who knew her.

She not only planted seeds but enjoyed the fruit of seeds planted by others. She witnessed the seeds planted by missionaries when years later, she returned to India to visit the church and seminary founded by my grandfather and others. She saw how many pastors, native to India, had graduated from that seminary and students that are attending.

We give thanks for the churches that were planted and the people who came to know Jesus through their efforts. And now? I invite you to consider what seeds of faith you are planting. Whether you are working to pass on the faith to the next generation, or enjoying the fruit of seeds planted long ago, I invite you to intentionally plant seeds for future faith, future ministry. This can happen in many ways:

- Volunteer
- Share your story of faith with a stranger, doubts and all
- Support a ministry effort with your financial gift.
- Share your story of faith with a loved one.
- Remember THE Church or Your church in your will.
- Work on your own discipleship. Take a class, go to church, invite a friend.

In this time of great change, I am grateful for the seeds of faith planted long ago, and the seeds of faith planted now which will bear fruit in the future. We are part of a great cycle of life, this shape of the Christian life that involves dying and rising, Good Friday and Easter, death and resurrection, planting and harvesting.

The spirit of my mother lives on in those who remember her, and the Spirit of the Living Christ lives as only the son of God can - to call, enlighten and sanctify those who gather and are sent in his name, to plant seeds that someone else will water, and someone else will harvest.

I give thanks for the blessing of my mother, and for all who have planted seeds of faith.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan



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.



You are invited to contribute to the purchase of fresh flowers for the altar and sanctuary Easter Sunday, March 31. Please designate the donation as "Easter Flowers" when giving. The Altar Guild will purchase and pick up the flowers and thank you for helping us adorn our sanctuary as we celebrate our Risen Christ!



With the Easter season approaching, we will be supplying an Easter meal to those in need. Donations include canned peas, corn, cranberry sauce and jello of any size or flavor. A special offering will be taken March 24 during worship too. Thank you for supporting this outreach giving project. Also on Sunday, March 24 we will be revealing our current Prayer Partners and choosing new prayer partners! As a Prayer Partner, you don't know who is praying for you, you just know that you are being uplifted in prayer. The form to fill out is on the kitchen counter, or we can mail you a form too, just let the office know and return it by Sunday, March 24.



Wednesday, March 6-
Hope Methodist Skandia
Worship Service 6 p.m. followed by
Soup Supper



Wednesday, March 20- Emanuel Lutheran Church
Worship Service 6 p.m. followed by Soup Supper (Sign up sheet on the
kitchen counter for soups, bread/crackers and desserts)



We are planning to begin quilting for Lutheran World Relief Tuesday, March 19, 1 p.m. at Emanuel. We are in need of gently used sheets for the backing of the quilts, so please keep an eye out at thrift stores or if you may have any at home that you are no longer want or need. We always take donations of sewing thread or the stronger, cotton type for tying the quilts too. All are welcome to attend and no experience needed!

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.

Cheryl, Mary Lou Behrens, Matthew, Mary Heath, Allie, Rosie Howard, Al, Carol Mattson, Tom Mattson, Carol Wolf, Vernon Haglund, Bonnie Pelto, 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

Please let us know when our prayer list needs to be updated with names added or removed. Thank you!

February Council Highlights

~Devotions led by Michael with “Dwelling in the Word” reading of Matthew 25:31-46 “Judgement of the nations”, reflection followed with provided questions. All are encouraged to read the monthly reading supplied by the Northern Great Lakes Synod and join them via zoom for follow-up discussion , all information found on their website:
www.nglysnod.org.

~ Officers elected : President-Richard Cooke, Vice President– Sarah Kimball, Secretary-Barb Bach, Treasurer-Betsy Koski, and serving as Financial Secretary– Jane Sims .

~Thank you letters received for Christmas meal baskets, Carol Wolf for her birthday fellowship, and information from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp with the summer camp offerings. Marquette County Community Baby Shower will be in May.

~Plants, Pies and Summer Buys event will be held at Emanuel on Saturday, June 1.

~Prayer Partners will be revealed and chosen on Sunday, March 24.

~Emanuel will cover registration and airfare for Saima and Leah Kainulainen while they attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer.

~Still looking for more bids for the indoor accessible ramp to the sanctuary.

~Discussion about Emanuel’s local benevolence each month. Should it be designated to one organization for more than one month? Currently we give \$125 each month to an individual or organization that is in need. Please share your thoughts with any council member or Michael.

~ Lutheran World Relief Quilting will begin at Emanuel in March. Supplies of gently used or new sheets, fabric, thread, tying thread are all needed.

~ Both the financial secretary and treasurer’s January reports were reviewed and found in order with no outstanding bills.

~Next council meeting is **Tuesday, March 19** at 5:30 p.m.

March 2024



Office Hours: Michael~Tues. 1-5pm, Thurs. 10am-2pm

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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3 11am Worship Adult Forum 10am	4 AA Meeting 7 pm	5	6 Lenten Worship & Soup Supper 6pm Hope Methodist	7	8	9
10 11am Worship Adult Forum 10am	11 AA Meeting 7 pm	12	13	14	15	16
17 11am Worship Adult Forum 10am	18 AA Meeting 7 pm	19 Quilting 1 pm Council Meeting 5:30 pm	20 Lenten Worship Soup Supper 6pm at Emanuel	21	22	23
24 11am Worship Adult Forum 10am	25 AA Meeting 7 pm	26 Quilting 1 pm	27	28 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 pm	29 Good Friday Worship Time TBA	30
31 11am Worship	 Easter Sunday					

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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 am