

*Emanuel Lutheran Church*  
*June 2024*  
*Enlightener*



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# *Congregational Leadership*

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## Council Members

Barb Bach  
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Christie Johnson  
Leah Kainulainen  
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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  
Richard Cooke ~  
Building & Property

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**[www.be-lutheran.org](http://www.be-lutheran.org)**



The Season after  
**Pentecost**

YEAR B

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

**2024 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church**

**Mar-June 11AM**

**July –October 9AM**

## *BirthDay Blessings*

*June 1-Carlos Perez*

*June 2-Ronda Barr*

*June 4-Sherri Jo Murphy*

*June 7-Tom Mattson*

*June 9-Pam Bahrman*

*June 9- Connie Ritter*

*June 15-Toni Peterson*

*June 16-Dale Ingalls*

*June 23-John Berglund*



## *Anniversaries Blessings*

*June 2-Andy & Becca Bahrman*

*June 3-David & Christie Johnson*

*June 7-Dave & Sue Ridolphi*

*June 10 Paul & Betsy Koski*

*June 15-Bob & Bonnie Barr*

*June 26-Chuck & Patti Bergdahl*



*Thank you Lois Kokko for sponsoring the  
June bulletins in memory of her  
wedding anniversary.*

*Thank you for serving during worship!*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
06/02	Patti Bergdahl	Tom and Barb Bach
06/09	Sarah Kimball	Jesse & Lea Kainulainen
06/16	Jesse Kainulainen	Bahrman Family
06/23	Barb Bach	Richard Cooke
06/30	Betsy Koski	Roger & Sarah Kimball

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## **Best Part is That It's True**

“Consider the lilies of the field; they neither toil nor spin, but Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.”

--Matthew 6:28-29

I suppose every family has their share of favorite stories. Here is one of ours. Back in the nineteen eighties, when my wife, Arlene and I were still in our thirties, on a gloomy, drizzly fall day here in the central UP, we went for a walk in the woods. Because of the rain, we didn't attempt our planned hike and opted instead to amble down a two-track road in northern Marquette County. Suddenly, we heard a crashing sound behind us. Turning around, we saw an RV with Ohio license plates approaching. It was way too large for the tiny road and was clipping off branches of overhanging trees as it lumbered along. Stepping aside, we waited for it to pass.

When the vehicle reached us, the driver rolled down his window.

“Seen any moose?” he asked.

“Moose?” we responded; a bit taken aback. This was just a few years after the DNR first airlifted moose from Ontario to the UP to reestablish a viable population. Very few people had been so fortunate as to see a moose in the wild.

“No,” we said. “That's a pretty rare thing.”

“Well, I came an awfully long way to see one,” he said. Shaking his head, he rolled up the window and drove off. To us, it seemed a bit crazy that someone would come from Ohio to look for moose especially while driving a huge RV, making all kinds of racket.

And then. Not one minute later, a huge bull moose strolled across the road within yards of where we were standing.

I'm not kidding!

The best part of this story is that it is true.

Of all the things to happen! I've thought a lot about the experience over the years since. I don't know how Providence works, but I can't believe that moose's arrival at that time and in that place was coincidental. It told me this for sure: God has a spectacular sense of humor! And was so gracious enough to share the joke with my wife and I!

It also suggests that, much as we may wish to assert our control over the natural world, that's not how it works. I don't really know what was going on in the tourist's brain, but it certainly seemed as if he felt the moose owed him an appearance. As if he were entitled to it. But you can't conjure up a moose on demand. We are part of the creation, not in charge of it.

As the "merry, merry month of May" gives way to June, nature's glory is in full display. If not for the bugs, it would be just about perfect! Mild temperatures, warm sunshine, trillium and marsh marigolds, rolling streams and emerging blossoms. What an amazing and wonderful time of the year! A time to give thanks and praise to God for all that fills our senses.

It's also a time to consider our role within the whole of creation. As humans, we've been given remarkable abilities! Therefore, God has called us to be nature's stewards, uniquely set apart to protect and nurture all God has made. But we are neither more nor less than stewards. We are not in charge. We are not superior to the animals, or to the trees and plants. We are fellow creatures with them. Part of the same ecosystem, in which each of plays a certain role (yes, even those maddening bugs have a role and a place!).



Native Americans have always known this. Animals, plants, human beings—we are all related. We are materially and spiritually connected to one another. Co-dependent, in the best sense of that word. Because all of us are fashioned by the one Creator.

It may seem strange to put it that way. Imagine: we are related to coyotes and black bear, asparagus, and milkweed! It's an amazing thought! And the best part about it is that it's true!

Let us treasure and nurture the creation! Let us give thanks to God and make room for all our relatives.

Gratefully yours,

Pastor Dave

<b>June Scrip- tures</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
June 2	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Psalm 81:1-10	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
June 9	Genesis 3: 8-15	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 16	Ezekial 17: 22-24	Psalm 92: 1-4,12-15	2 Corinthians 5:6-10[11-13] 14-17	Mark 24:26-34
June 23	Job 38:1-11	Psalm 107: 1-3,23-32	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
June 30	Lamentations 3:22-33	Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43

## **Worship Leaders for the Month of June**

June 2 – Pastor Don Ludemann, Holy Communion

June 9—Deacon Jennifer Elsenbroek

June 16—Pastor Dave Van Kley, Holy Communion

June 23—Deacon Jennifer Elsenbroek

June 30—Pastor Don Ludemann, Holy Communion

## **Pastoral Care for June**

Pastor Dave will be out of town June 19-July 11. The Van Kley's, their children, and their families, will be celebrating Dave and Arlene's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Montana and some time in western Canada after that.

Pastors Jim Duehring, Steve Solberg, and Bishop Emeritus Tom Skrenes will be on call during this time if an emergency arises which requires pastoral care. Their telephone numbers are as follows:

Pastor Jim Duehring 906-251-0247

Pastor Steve Solberg 906-458-2145

Bishop Emeritus Tom Skrenes 906-362-5212

Please let Pastor Dave 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. Contact Pastor Dave directly at (906)250-1720 or Emanuel (906)942-7245.

Congratulations Luke Kainulainen on your High School Graduation! Luke was presented with a quilt made by Emanuel's quilters, prayers were said with Pastor Dave and the congregation and a special cake was shared by all during fellowship!



## PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Heavenly Father,  
Surround those who are graduating with your grace.

Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.

Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.

Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties.

As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.



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# Plants, Pies and Summer Buys!

*Saturday, June 1*

*9 a.m.-1 p.m.*

Emanuel Lutheran Church, ELCA  
9812 US HWY 41 in Skandia



Veggie & flower seedlings, perennials, house plants and summer buys;  
along with handmade crafts, quilts, kitchen towels, potholders and  
Homemade Pies! Quilt Raffle drawing November 23.



Michigan Quilt Raffle ~ \$2 ticket  
83"x 92" by Connie Arnett Ritter  
Drawing November 23, 2024



Proceeds will go towards the indoor accessible ramp to Emanuel's sanctuary.

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**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp** has several programs with spaces still available this summer! **Victory Camp** for Adults with disabilities June 9-14. **Youth Camp** for kids grade 1-12, multiple dates and program options. **Evergreen Camp** for Adults age 55+ July 14-17 with Pastor Keith Kolstad as the Camp Pastor. See their website with more information, [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org).

## May Council Highlights

~Thank you cards received from the Family of Ruth Baldwin and monthly benevolence receivers; The Women's Center, Habitat for Humanity, Room at the Inn, and from the Marquette County Community Baby Shower. Also a thank you card for an Easter meal basket.

~Michelle Barret has volunteered for the up keep of the Haglund Cemetery this season.

~ Christie Johnson, Giselle Duehring and Richard Cooke will be trained in Eucharist Ministry to administer communion to our shut-ins from Emanuel.

~Our May Local Benevolence is to U. P. Pink Power. Through various community supported fundraising events throughout the year, U. P. Pink Power is able to help those fighting the fight, whether it be disease tragedies or illness of any kind, see [www..uppinkpower.com](http://www..uppinkpower.com) for more information.

~ April Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were reviewed and accepted with no outstanding bills.

~The next council meeting is Tuesday, June 18 at 5:30p.m.



We have received another beautiful quilt made and donated by Connie Arnett Ritter. The quilt depicts the state of Michigan, hand sewn and professionally quilted. Tickets will be available at our June 1st "Plants, Pies and Summer Buys" event with the drawing in November. Tickets will be \$2 each with proceeds going towards the indoor accessibility ramp to Emanuel's sanctuary. We need everyone's help selling tickets to make this raffle successful. You can call the office to purchase tickets also, (906)942-7245. Thank you for your support!

## June 2024

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
						1 "Plants, Pies & Summer Buys" 9am-1pm
2 11am Worship	3 AA Meeting 7pm	4 Quilting 1 pm	5	6	7	8
9 11am Worship	10 AA Meeting 7pm	11 Quilting 1 pm	12	13	14	15
16 11am Worship	17 AA Meeting 7pm	18 Quilt- ing 1 pm Council Mtg. 5:30 pm	19	20	21	22
23 11am Worship	24 AA Meeting 7pm	25 Quilting 1 pm	26	27	28	29
30 11am Worship						July 7 Worship 9am

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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*