

*Emanuel Lutheran Church*  
*August 2024*  
*Enlightener*



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**Emanuel Lutheran Church of Skandia , ELCA**



# *Congregational Leadership*

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Christie Johnson  
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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

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

Sunday Worship begins at 9 am  
through October.



**2024 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church  
July –October 9AM , November-February 11AM**

*Birthdays Blessings*

August 1-Sonny Robinson

August 4-Brian Heath

August 5-Becky Gygi

August 8-Landen Sims

August 10-Terri Torres

August 10-Barb Bach

August 14-Freddie Beauchamp

August 16-Valerie Jordan

August 17-Jolene Kokko

August 18-Pastor Jim Duehring

August 23-Emily Bach

August 23-Kathy Tuttle



*Anniversary Blessings*

August 3-Jesse & Leah Kainulainen

August 15-Eldon & Jean Contois

August 19-Brian & Ellen Heath

August 29-Dale & Nina Ingalls

August 30-Kenny & Sammy Duvall



*Thank you Mary Lou Behrens for sponsoring the August bulletins in memory of her parents and Clayton Johnson.*

*Thank you for serving during worship!*

Date

Lector

Ushers

08/04

Barb Bach

Bahrman Family

08/11

Sarah Kimball

Richard Cooke

08/18

Christie Johnson

Jesse & Leah Kainulainen

08/25

Betsy Koski

Roger & Sarah Kimball

## Bridges

It's summer and, among other things, summer means road construction in the UP. As we traveled across the peninsula on M-28 during our recent trip out west, Arlene and I encountered several places where traffic was stopped and we had to wait, either for a stoplight to change or for a pilot car to usher us along a one lane road.

At Trout Creek, for example, there was bridge work going on. It's a small creek, really, just a few feet wide, but rebuilding any bridge is a challenging project. It takes a lot of time and a lot of engineering expertise! Later, we encountered other bridges, including one over the raging, glacial torrent of the Athabasca River in Canada. There were people in wet suits and hard hats using a rubber raft to access the pilings below.

When you stop to think about it, bridges are practical marvels. What would we do without bridges across the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers? Or without the Mackinac Bridge linking Michigan's two peninsulas? Actually, we know what **that** was like: waiting for a ferry or taking a very, very long way around.

Bridges connect places. But of course, bridges also connect people. And at this time in our life as Americans—an election year—and not just any election year, but a supercharged and very tense election year, this is a time when bridges need building. We live in a divided country, in a divided world. It has always been so, but for the moment, it seems especially so. There are cries that we should be united, as Americans and as human beings. But unity is elusive.



It may help to think of the cross as a bridge, that connects groups of people to one another. God's grace has reconciling power. None of us is perfect, no one has all the answers. To put it biblically, "No one is righteous, no, not one," for "all have fallen short of the glory of God." But in Christ, all are received into God's mercy, forgiven, loved, and given the opportunity to grow into the purpose for which we were created. There is no distinction. We're all in the same boat. Or, to use the image above, we're can only cross the river on the same bridge.

Sometimes we think that all Christians should have the same opinions about things like taxes and Medicare and immigration and abortion. But people of conscience, who seek "to love God with their whole heart and their neighbor as ourselves," will nonetheless see different ways to make that happen. I don't think that will ever change. But we can still treat each other as sisters and brothers, redeemed by Christ, and beloved of God. We can try to understand each other. We can agree to disagree. The love of Christ breaks down human hostility.

Perhaps this is a good time to see yourself as part of God's construction crew, working on bridge repair. Christ is the solid foundation, but it's up to us to be doing the paving, the striping, and so on. Can you repair a bridge? Can you connect to someone you know on the other side of the divide, as your fellow human being for whom Christ died?

Sometimes people who are not Christian "get this" better when we do. While on our trip, my wife was walking down a street in Winnipeg, Manitoba, when a perfect stranger—and clearly an indigenous man—said to her: "Hello, cousin!" You can't say it any better than that.

Pastor Dave

## Join the Celebration!

Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, is the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Emanuel! Throughout the decades, our members have faithfully worshipped God, serving God by caring for each other and our community with generosity and joy. From our founding fathers and mothers and through the ensuing generations, we have been sustained by the grace of God who has blessed us over and over again.



We will remember some of these blessings and mark this very special day with a picnic following worship. The grill will be hot, and you are invited to bring your own meat to grill and a dish to share for the potluck. Cake will be provided. We also plan to take a congregational picture on the front steps of the church to add to our remembrance. Worship on this day will be led by our interim pastor, Rev. David Van Kley.

Come out and share your special Emanuel memories! Invite a friend to come along! Learn a little bit more about the history of the congregation throughout the last century plus. Be encouraged in your faith and ministry as you hear the stories of those who sat in these pews before us. Give your thanks and praise to God for the blessing Emanuel has been to those in the past and is still to those now present. Mark your calendars and join the celebration!

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.

August Scriptures	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
August 4	Exodus 16: 2-4,9-15	Psalm 78: 23-29	Ephesians 4: 1-16	John 6: 24-35
August 11	1 Kings 19: 4-8	Psalm 34: 1-8	Ephesians 4: 25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
August 18	Proverbs 9: 1-6	Psalm 34: 9-14	Ephesians 5: 15-20	John 6: 51-58
August 25	Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18	Psalm 34: 15-22	Ephesians 6: 10-20	John 6: 56-69



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 are available now, with the drawing in November. Tickets are \$2 each with proceeds going towards the indoor accessibility ramp to Emanuel's sanctuary. We need everyone's help selling tickets to make raffle successful. You can call the office to purchase tickets also, (906)942-7245. Thank you for your support!

Would you like to receive the Enlightener via email instead of the traditional mail? Please send an email to the office: [emanuel@tds.net](mailto:emanuel@tds.net) or call the office at (906)942-7245, The newsletter is also available on our website [www.be-lutheran.org](http://www.be-lutheran.org)

### **Worship Leaders for August**

August 4-Pastor Don Ludemann with Holy Communion

August 11-Pastor Dave Van Kley with Holy Communion

August 18-Deacon Jennifer Elsenbroek , Service of the Word

August 25-Pastor Dave Van Kley with Holy Communion



Our annual world mission outreach project is now beginning with school supplies being seen 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 will be collecting items and shipping them with the quilts this fall. Thank you!

### **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

- 4 - 70 sheet spiral notebooks
- 1 - blunt scissors
- 1 - 30 centimeter centimeters
- 1 - pencil sharpener
- 1 - eraser, approx.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long
- 5 - unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 - black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 - box of 16 or 24 crayons



You are invited to

# PEACE CAMP

"WE ARE CONNECTED EVEN AS WE DIVIDE,  
WE LIVE IN CIRCLES AND SPIRAL THROUGH TIME"

August 9-12, 2024

Fortune Lake Camp

138 Fortune Lake Camp Road

Crystal Falls Mi

All ages, family-style camp

\$100 per person

covers cost of housing and food.



Co-directed by Dr.  
Martin Reinhardt  
and Tina Moses

Sponsored by the  
Episcopal Diocese of  
Northern Michigan



In collaboration  
with Title Track



Scan QR code or email [lydia@upepiscopal.org](mailto:lydia@upepiscopal.org) for  
more information and registration.



Using the medicine wheel as a guide to peace education, together we will explore the four directions of east, south, west and north and how they relate to our understanding of and search for peace.

Activities will include a coming of dawn ceremony, a walk to connect to the history and present of the land, a shared art piece depicting what peace is or is not to us, a chance to cook and share a meal together, a water protector training presented by leaders from Title Track, waterfront activities, arts and crafts, and more.

## July Council Highlights

~ Pastor Dave led devotions from Ephesians 2:11-22

~We appreciate Pastor Dave's sermons. Prayers continue for Lois Kokko.

~Thank you letter from UP Pink Power for our local benevolence for May.

~We participated at the Skandia Day's Parade with a float, candy handed out and by selling raffle tickets for our Michigan Quilt.

~We soon will begin our annual world outreach project of collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief with a goal of 50 school bag kits completed.

~Emanuel will supply lunch for the Habitat for Humanity building crew on July 23.

~Roger Kimball painted the shed at the Haglund Cemetery.

~July local benevolence is the 906 Warrior Relief Fund.

~August local benevolence is Camp New Day.

~ Both the June Financial Secretary and Treasurer's reports were reviewed and accepted with no outstanding bills.

~The next regular council meeting is Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m and a Joint Council meeting is Thursday, August 15, 5:30 p.m at Emanuel.

*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.*

*Paul Johnson, Bill, Mary Heath, Rosie Howard,  
Vernon Haglund, Sally Weingartner, Lois Kokko,  
Sherry Jo Murphy.*

*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.*

August 2024

Office Hours: Fridays, Variable Hours



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9am Worship	5 AA Meeting 7 pm	6	7	8	9	10
11 9am Worship	12 AA Meeting 7 pm	13	14	15 Joint Council Meeting 5:30 pm at Emanuel	16	17
18 9am Worship	19 AA Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
25 9am Worship 130th Anniver- sary Picnic after worship .	26 AA Meeting 7 pm	27	28	29	30	31

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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 am*