

Emanuel Lutheran Church
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Enlightener



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Emanuel Lutheran Church of Skandia , ELCA



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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 am
through October.



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

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 Roger & Sarah Kimball for
sponsoring the October bulletins
honoring their family.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Usher(s)</u>
10/06	Christie Johnson	Richard Cooke
10/13	Betsy Koski	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
10/20	Patti Bergdahl	Roger & Sarah Kimball
10/27	Jesse Kainulainen	Tom & Barb Bach

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, Sally Weingartner,
Lois Kokko, Nina Ingalls, Sonny Robinson.*

*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 updated with names added or removed. Thank you.*

The Pastor's Piece

"The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught." Mark 6:30

Greetings to you dear friends in Christ at Bethany and Emanuel Lutheran churches! My name is Pastor Lloyd and I wanted to introduce myself and my wife Amy and our four dachshunds: Layla, Leelu, Lambeau, and Lupa, and share some of our story with you. But first of all, we want to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation for your invitation to join you in ministry during this time of transition in your congregations.

Amy and I are excited to be back in the Negaunee-Skandia area of Marquette County. It was back in the summer of 1997 that we moved from our home on Midway Drive in Negaunee to Pueblo, Colorado. This move eventually led us on a path to candidacy and seminary and eventually ministry as a parish pastor in the ELCA.

A little bit about us. Amy and I just celebrated our 39th wedding anniversary in August. We have three adult children: Amanda, Lucas and Lance. Amanda and her husband Jeff and their three children live in Sands Twp; Lucas and his wife Meredith live in West Ishpeming; and Lance and his spouse Tassy and their two sons live in Negaunee Twp. They all love animals and between them is quite a gang of cats and dogs! More on our four dogs later. Anyway, through our children we have been blessed with five grandchildren who range in age from 9 to 21 years of age. They are all very active in various schools and other youthful activities and pursuits in the Marquette area. I have recently celebrated my 16th year of ordination serving congregations in the Upper Peninsula and Northern and East Central Wisconsin. My wife Amy works remotely from home for a company that manages the revenue cycle and patient records for major hospitals and clinics across the country. Amy has always been my faithful partner in ministry and she is delighted for the opportunity to be involved in ministry in her hometown area again.

I do want to thank pastor Dave for his leadership in your congregations as your Administrative Interim pastor, and for his wonderful introductory article and for all the help he is giving me getting settled into your ministry. Amy and I look forward to meeting all of you and learning about your ministry and how it has been and currently is impacted by your common and individual stories in both your urban and rural settings. As Pastor Dave said, I will offer more in upcoming articles and conversations about what “Intentional Interim” or “Transitional” ministry is all about and what that might possibly look like for all of the people of Bethany and Emanuel and their communities.

In closing, the above verse from Mark’s Gospel tells of the time when the disciples returned back to where Jesus was after having been sent out by him in pairs to preach the Good News and offer healing to the people. It was a time of great enthusiasm for them as they returned to share their stories of ministry with each other and especially with their Lord and teacher Jesus. Imagine the things they shared about their experiences; the people they met, the things that were said, the prayers that were offered, the healings that took place, the food that was eaten, the places they slept, the mistakes they made, the ways in which they kept themselves motivated, and how each of them came to realize in an even deeper way of the depth of love that God has for each of them and the world. What great memories were made! It is my prayer that this time we spend together in the transition of your ministry will bring similar enthusiasm, joy and hope for both of your congregation’s futures. Until we meet in person, remember pastor Dave’s words: “Fall is a season of transition. Not all that comes with the transition is bad!” See you in church!

Grace and peace to you,

+LLL

Rev. Lloyd Leo Luedeman

Oct. Scriptures	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Oct. 6	Genesis 2: 18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1: 1-4,2:5-12	Mark 10: 2-16
Oct. 13	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalm 90: 12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Oct. 20	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91: 9-16	Hebrews 5: 1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Oct. 27	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3: 19-28	John 8:31-36

Please let Pastor Lloyd 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 Lloyd directly at (920)740-2523 or Emanuel (906)942-7245.

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!

Dear People of the Northern Great Lakes Synod,

I have heard it said, "If nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies." What I hear in this quote is the promise of better, the hope of beauty, and the surprise of blessing that can come from change.

Our world, our society, our climate, our culture, our Church – all are in the midst of change, transition, and maybe even transformation.

But we are not so keen on change. People like to sit in the same pew, go to the same place for coffee, sit in the same place at the dinner table, observe traditions and rituals that give order, structure, and meaning to our days. Sure, we might rearrange the furniture or put up new curtains, but these changes are of our own making. We choose the change and we can change it back if we want to. It's when changes are imposed upon us that we may balk, resist, or resent what another has decided or how the flow has shifted.



No one decided that the Church or culture should change, but it has. And because I believe the Holy Spirit knows how much we resist change, we, as the Church, are being pushed in a direction that we would not go in willingly but is God's will nevertheless. So here we are, and already I see the promise of better, the hope of beauty and unexpected blessing.

In July, 27 lay people who provide preaching in their own and neighboring congregations met for a Preaching Seminar. The goal was to further equip them for the ministry they are already doing - using their gifts in ways that perhaps would not happen if there were enough pastors to go around. These gifted, spirited, and conscientious leaders invested their time and effort to learn more in order to do better. Efforts will continue to support and equip lay leaders and preachers for the work of ministry alongside pastors and administrative interims.

I see congregations becoming more collaborative, partnering together with neighboring congregations for ministry and education, supporting each other, becoming more aware of each other, learning from each other.

I see us becoming more mindful of the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Our classes on spirituality, prayer, and discernment offered through Lifelong Faith Formation continue to be well attended. I see a heightened tolerance for discomfort as people have the courage to engage in conversations around race, politics, gender issues, and more. More and more, people in our congregations are lowering their defenses to learn something new. Book studies, the Kaleidoscope Challenge, and study of ELCA social statements provide ongoing opportunities for deeper engagement and conversation concerning issues that do not have a sound bite answer.

I am proud of us for the innovation I see, the resilience, the adaptability, and the commitment to ministry and congregational life, even in the face of uncertainty and civil division.

Be aware that in our world, and in our congregations, anxiety can present as anger, negativity, and a desire to blame or demonize when really there is no one to blame. Change is simply happening. And our calling as disciples of Jesus is to respond in a way that is life giving, compassionate, and in alignment with Jesus' command to love God and neighbor.

Change is afoot...even in the Synod office. Courtney Wehmeier, our Synod Office Administrator for the last year, was accepted into a graduate program in Leeds, England to pursue a degree in Marketing Analytics. Her last day was in July. Pastor Jim Duehring, our Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission for the last seven years, has joined the ranks of the retired as of August 31. As of this writing, the search for new staff continues.

In the meantime, Betsy Koski, our Synod bookkeeper and fill-in-the-gap-gal, and myself will do our best to meet the demands of Synod ministry. And of course, in this staff transition, there is opportunity. Perhaps circumstances will necessitate inventing a new way of doing things. Perhaps we will be blessed with new staff that provide unique perspectives and a skill set that we didn't know we needed.

Whatever the future brings - in our country, in our world, in our congregations, in our synod, God is at work...in you and your community of faith. Together, we will strive to respond to change in a way that proclaims that we are disciples of Jesus and children of God, united in mission and planting seeds for future hope, beauty, and blessing.



Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan



Bids for snowplowing this winter season are now being sought. If you would like more information, we have a specification document from Emanuel available. If you would like a hard copy, have it mailed or emailed, just let Jolene know (906)942-7245 or emanuel@tds.net



Our outdoor food pantry is in need of donations! Along with non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items are always in need. There is a list of items with ideas in the shopping cart located in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your continued support of this community outreach project.



FALL FEST 2024: QUILT & FINE ARTS AUCTION FUNDRAISER Saturday, October 5

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 25, www.fortunelake.org



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, just let the office know, (906)942-7245.

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

September Council Meeting Highlights

- ~ Thank you cards received from Habitat For Humanity for the meals supplied for the building crew in September and from the 906 Warrior Relief Fund for receiving our local benevolence .
- ~Outreach Report- There are 43 Lutheran World Relief School Bags packed with our goal of 50 to be shipped October 19. We need spiral notebooks and crayons to complete. There are 14 quilts completed also.
- ~Building & Property Report -Fall Adopt-A-Highway cleanup runs September 23-29. Seasonal flowers have been removed from the cemetery.
- ~ Pastor Dave will lead his last worship service at Emanuel on September 29 and will attend Sunday, October 6 when Pastor Luedeman leads his first worship service at Emanuel.
- ~After a discussion it was unanimously voted to table the indoor accessible ramp project for now.
- ~Local benevolence will go to Skandia resident Alex Lehtomaki who is recovering from an automobile accident.
- ~ July and August Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were reviewed and accepted with no outstanding bills.
- ~The next council meeting is Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Thank you Pastor Dave for being with us these past six months!



October 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
		1 Quilting 1 pm	2	3	4	5 Crop Hunger Walk 1:30 pm
6 9am Worship Adult Forum	7 AA Mtg. 7 pm	8 Quilting 1 pm	9	10	11	12
13 9am Worship Adult Forum	14 AA Mtg. 7 pm	15 Quilting 1 pm Council Meeting 5:30 pm	16	17	18	19 Lutheran World Relief Collection @ Messiah 10am - 12N
20 9am Worship Adult Forum	21 AA Mtg. 7 pm	22 Quilting 1 pm	23	24	25	26
27 9am Worship Adult Forum	28 AA Mtg. 7 pm	29 Quilting 1 pm	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