

Emanuel Lutheran Church
January 2025
Enlightener



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Emanuel Lutheran Church of Skandia , ELCA



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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



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

***2025 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church
January-February 11AM, March-June 9AM***

Birthdays Blessings

January 1—Mark Arnett

*January 8—
Christie Johnson*

January 12—Angie Kremer

January 13—Judy Berglund

*January 30—
Melody Tremble*



*Thank you Lois & Jolene Kokko
for sponsoring the January worship bulletins
in memory of Sylvia Wiseman.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Usher(s)</u>
01/05	Christie Johnson	Richard Cooke
01/12	Betsy Koski	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
01/19	Patti Bergdahl	Roger & Sarah Kimball
01/26	Jesse Kainulainen	Tom & Barb Bach



With our winter season here, if inclement weather causes our Sunday Worship services to be cancelled we will have a message stating it at **906-942-7245 and on TV6**. We will also post it on our Facebook page. Please call if the roads and conditions are questionable before traveling. During the week, if schools are cancelled or conditions are questionable, the church office may be closed until conditions improve.



“Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’” Luke 3:21-22

In January we celebrate new things! These new things are highlighted in our life of faith together by a New Year, the season of Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord. As for the New Year, what can I say...time rolls on – may we all roll along gracefully with it! Hopefully you will not be too hard on yourself regarding any expectations you might have concerning New Year’s resolutions. As for the season of Epiphany, well God continues to make God’s self-known to us at Bethany/Negaunee and Emanuel/Skandia in new and unexpected ways, uniting us with Christ Jesus through our baptism into his baptism and challenging us all to explore some of the new and exciting ways God is revealing God’s self to us and leading us all to new places in ministry. Yes indeed, January is the month of new things! New beginnings and fresh starts! My hope is that you will experience a meaningful new start in your life, work, play and ministry, this year as well!

As far as our Interim transition process is going, we have completed the “Histogram” activity and now we will begin something new with a series of “Question Boards.” The question board will present a question, such as “My favorite part of coming to church is _____.” Your part would be to fill in the blank! Each question in the series will be available for several weeks in order to give everyone an opportunity to participate and to include all of our voices. I would anticipate that there will be around six to eight of these in the series, and then the responses will be recorded to use alongside the Histogram results and other possible exercises as part of your discernment in completing a Ministry Site Profile for each congregation. Thank you for participating in the Histogram and turning your attention now to these new tasks in our work together.

Also, as we consider new things for this coming year it would be a good idea to re-familiarize ourselves with our mission statement(s) in order to begin considering if they accurately reflect each congregations' priorities. This is important, because these brief words serve to ground us and remind us of what we are all about at each congregation and they provide a foundation for the people's work together. We see this concept reflected in Jesus' baptism, described above by the Gospel writer Luke, which provided a foundation for the beginning of his earthly ministry. Jesus knew the importance of relying on God the Fathers' guidance and wisdom. In his baptism, the Holy Spirit recognized and supported a journey of faith for Jesus that he valued and was committed to even unto death, for the sake of the world. Now as we venture into this New Year may we always remember that each of us is also a baptized child of God, equipped by God through this same Holy Spirit, with gifts for ministry together. With our baptism as our foundation reflected in the words of our local Mission Statement(s) we can better focus our resources, in perhaps new ways, to continue to make a meaningful difference in our communities and world. May 2025 be a year of fresh starts and new energy for our ministries and our lives! Happy New Year my friends! See you in church! +LLL



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. Please contact Pastor Lloyd directly at (906)202-5006 or Emanuel at (906)942-7245.

January Scriptures	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Jan. 5	Jeremiah 31: 7-14	Psalm 147: 12-20	Ephesians 1: 3-14	John 1: [1-9] 10-18
Jan. 12	Isaiah 43: 1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8: 14-17	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
Jan. 19	Isaiah 62: 1-5	Psalm 36: 5-10	1 Corinthians 12: 1-11	John 2: 1-11
Jan. 26	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6,8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a	Luke 4: 14-21



Christ In Our Home, the daily devotional following our liturgical readings is now available at each entry way of the sanctuary for the January-March readings, along with ***The Lutheran Message*** booklet with inspirational and uplifting articles and poems. If you would like any mailed to you, just let the office know; 906-942-7245.



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be **Sunday, January 26** following our Sunday worship with a potluck lunch. If you are a committee chair person please have your yearly report to the office by Sunday, January 12 as Emanuel's 2024 Annual Report will be given to our members on January 19. Two new council members are needed for three year terms. Talk with a nomination committee member: Barb, Christie or Ronda, if you are interested in serving on the council or have any questions. Thank you!



Synod's Winter Classes Now Open for Registration

Registration is quick and easy for the interesting variety of classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Beginning in January and February, Lifelong Faith Formation courses will meet online via Zoom. One class is also meeting in-person. Go to the synod website for details and to sign-up for classes at nglsynod.org/lifeline-faith-formation. Contact Deacon Lori ward at 615-519-1969 or email Lori at lori.ward@nglsynod.org if you have any questions. A list of the classes and more information is posted on the bulletin board in Emanuel's fellowship hall.



Your 2024 Giving Statements along with new offering envelopes are in your mailboxes at Emanuel. Thank you financial secretary Jane Sims for all of the work you do keeping our financial records in order at Emanuel!

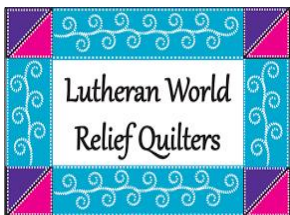


The sign up sheet for sponsorship of our weekly bulletins including the Celebrates used each Sunday is at the entryway to the sanctuary from the fellowship hall. Please note if you would like to sponsor the monthly bulletins in honor or in memory of someone. Thank you .

Digital Monthly Newsletter

Would you like to receive the Enlightener via email instead of the mail?

Please send an email to the office: emanuel@tds.net and request your Enlightener to be emailed. If you would like the weekly ***Celebrates*** with the readings and prayers either mailed or emailed also, let the office know at 906-942-7245 or email us an message.



Quilting for Lutheran World Relief will begin again on Tuesday, January 7 at 1PM and will continue to be held throughout the winter. All are welcome with no experience needed. We are always in need of gently used sheets that are used for the tops and bottoms of the quilts. We are also always in need of sewing thread for the edges that are machine sewn and heavier cotton thread for tying the tops. If you have any questions please talk with Christie. Come and join us!



Adult forum is our Sunday morning adult education series led by Betsy Koski. **All are welcome** at 10 a.m.. Join us, enjoy a cup of coffee and learn more by reading and discussing the Bible together! We will start up again Sunday, January 12 through the winter season.



With the winter season our outdoor food pantry uses food items that will be safe even by freezing; pasta, dry cereal, dry soups, crackers, granola bars, etc. A new winter list of items is available for ideas of food items that can be stored outside in the colder temperatures. Paper products and health and beauty products are also always in need during any season! Thank you for your continued support of this valuable community resource.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have many beautiful 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.



We continue to collect Econo Receipts for the ELCA World Hunger Fund. The collection box is near the window in the north end of the fellowship hall. Thank you Christie Johnson for organizing , totaling the amount, taking them to the Econo Grocery store in Marquette and following up with the final donation to Emanuel.



The ***Souper Bowl of Caring*** began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina: “Lord, even as we enjoy the **Super Bowl** football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a **bowl** of soup to eat.” Each year Emanuel takes part in this annual event. **Sunday, February 9** bring a can of soup, or a dry mix for our winter supplies in the outdoor food pantry and cash donations will go towards the ELCA World Hunger Fund. Thank you for your support.

*Christmas Season
at Emanuel*



*Landon and Patti
decorating the tree!*



Christmas carolers to our home bound.



Christmas Eve Worship

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, Sonny Robinson, Dave.*

*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.*

January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs.	Friday	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship 11am	6 AA Meeting 7 pm	7 Quilting 1 pm	8	9	10	11
12 Adult Forum 10am Worship 11am	13 AA Meeting 7 pm	14 Quilting 1 pm	15	16	17	18
19 Adult Forum 10am Worship 11am	20 AA Meeting 7 pm	21 Quilt- ing 1 pm Council Meeting 5:30 pm	22	23	24	25
26 Adult Forum 10am Worship 11am Annual Meeting/ Potluck follows Worship	27 AA Meeting 7 pm	28 Quilting 1 pm	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 11 am