

Emanuel Lutheran Church
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Enlightener



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www.be-lutheran.org



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

***2024 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church
November-February 11AM, March-June 9AM***

Birthdays Blessings

November 9-Roger Kimball

November 11-

Nichole Mackey

November 11-Jane Sims

November 13-Tom Bach

November 15-

Laurie Beauchamp

November 19-Dave Pelto

November 22-

Mary Alice Smith

November 24-Bambi Swetich

November 29-Lois Kokko

Anniversary Blessings

November 19-

Dave & Bonnie Pelto

Thank you Todd & Ronda Barr

for sponsoring the November worship bulletins .

Thank you for serving during worship!

Date

Lector

Usher(s)

11/03

Barb Bach

Bahrman Family

11/10

Sarah Kimball

Richard Cooke

11/17

Christie Johnson

Jesse & Leah Kainulainen

11/24

Betsy Koski

Roger & Sarah Kimball

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, 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.

The Pastor's Piece for November 2024

"For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead." James 2:26

It wasn't too long ago that I had my eyes checked, with the result being a new pair of glasses for me. At the time I thought I was seeing just fine through my old lenses, but now I must admit that these new ones do provide better detail and a much clearer picture of what I am looking at. As he notes in writing the above verse, James—who was also the brother of Jesus, gained a new sense of clarity in his life as he witnessed the resurrected Christ. It wasn't too long before that time that James simply stood on the sidelines and watched as Jesus seemed to be making a nuisance of himself. The resurrection changed things for James. He not only became a believer; he became an active participant in growing and defining the early Church. And as one of the "pillars" (see Galatians 2:9) of the developing Church, James helped a lot of other people gain a sense of clarity in their relationship with God and grow in their lives of faith.

This is basically the goal that we are striving towards together during this transition period for the congregations of Bethany, Negaunee and Emanuel, Skandia. In our time together, through the work that we engage in, it is my hope that the folks of these two longtime communities of faith will gain a clearer vision and sense of purpose, clarity if you will, on where God is leading you in your ministries these days and into the discernable future. Now then is the time to re-hear your congregations' story; to celebrate and acknowledge it's past and present and to prepare for a new future. During this past month as your transition pastor, I have had the opportunity to worship with both congregations several times, I've been able to learn your names and hear some of your personal stories, I've met with each of your Councils, and am starting to gain a preliminary understanding of each of your unique communities and the mission's that you are engaged in. As we begin this month of November I will continue to join your communities of faith, however soon our work together, in addition to our ongoing ministries, will begin to focus on these five areas of transition ministry: Heritage, Mission, Leadership, Connections and the Future! These areas do not so much represent boxes for us to complete and check, as they

provide opportunities in our time together to engage in activities that will hopefully lead us to answer the larger question of “who do we say that we are,” and how will that information inform our mission and leadership needs for the future at each congregation?

Engaging the “heritage” piece will allow us to consider and celebrate your congregation’s history and the significant events in your lives of faith and how they may inform the future that is unfolding in both congregations. The “mission” piece will assist us in understanding who each congregation is in this present time and context and give each community some clarity on their mission statement and maybe update some of your governing documents as necessary. The “leadership” part will assist us in reflecting on the changes that come about with new leadership, as well as the patterns and procedures which may occur to welcome new participation and improved membership in each congregation. The “connections” piece will encourage each congregation to renew their relationship to the wider church and community, and to appreciate in new ways our heritage as Lutheran Christians in our communities and greater world. And finally, the “future” part will help you to prepare and to become committed to new pastoral leadership for your future ministry. In addition to our ongoing regular worship, prayer, fellowship and missions, there will be three primary ways that we will seek to reflect on your ministries, with the final goal being to complete a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which will aid your congregations and the Synod office in calling a settled pastor for you! So to accomplish this I am suggesting to each congregation Council that we develop and use a “histogram,” some “question boards,” and possibly some low-key “town hall” type conversations. All these and maybe some other ideas as well, will allow for everyone’s input and participation at your own comfort levels. The main thing is that we are intentional and have fun with this work of transition ministry together! And that God’s mission for each of these two congregations is clarified and made ready for some new “glasses of faith” to allow everyone to see the new things God is doing in your midst! Please feel free to ask me any questions you may have or to offer any suggestions that will help our work together to be more meaningful and productive. With that in mind I will conclude this piece and look forward to seeing you in church! May God’s grace, mercy, and peace be with you all! +LLL

Nov. Scriptures	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Nov. 3	Isaiah 25: 6-9	Psalm 24	Revelations 21: 1-6a	John 11: 32-44
Nov. 10	1 Kings 17: 8-16	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9: 24-28	Mark 12: 38-44
Nov. 17	Daniel 12: 1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10: 11-14 {15-18}	Mark 13 : 1-8
Nov. 24	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	Psalm 93	Revelations 1:4b-8	John 18: 33-37



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 (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 November 23.. 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 remember being reluctant to play “Monopoly” with my brothers. I had learned that the game quickly became a source of conflict, especially when my competitive siblings did not lose, or win, with grace. The game would often be fraught with tension and anxiety, and end with tears, yelling, and maybe even a punch or two thrown in for good measure. Maybe it only happened once, but I learned not to play that game.

Despite the occasional violence and fighting over a board game, even as children we all knew, without having the language to say so, that our relationship as a family was always the priority. We were not allowed to be angry for long. Often, whatever lingering ill will there was dissipated after a snack, a nap, or shifting to another game that was far more fun.



This priority of relationship over the power of disagreement has continued into our adult life. We do not agree on everything. We have differing views and perspectives...on money, parenting, what shows are worth watching, what sports teams to support, and most markedly of late - politics. While this grieves me, it does not threaten the love I have for my siblings. I know that whoever wins the presidential election, the occupant of the oval office will not stop me from loving my siblings and holding that relationship as a priority.

The same goes for my neighbors and friends. The relationship is the priority, not any disagreement concerning our political opinions or affiliations.

Granted, the relationship can be strained by such disagreements. We can feel sad that people we know and love can have different convictions. When we feel strongly, there is a real challenge as to how to interact, converse, and continue the focus on the relationship and the common ground we do share.

But when the relationship is the priority, the rest feels less important, even as it continues to be important.

I am hopeful that the same can be true of our families of faith. It is worth noting that our congregations continue to be one of the few places in society that continues to hold and defend space to disagree, even as we are unified in our desire and our efforts to serve the work of Christ. Without taking a poll, I would guess that each and every one of our congregations reflects the general division of our nation into the separate groups of Republicans, Democrats, Independents, non-voters, etc. And yet, we continue to gather and be in proximity to each



other. As the body of Christ, we worship together, share coffee fellowship, partner in ministry, and get the work of Christ done. In our families of faith, we are reminded again and again how our relationship with a loving God shapes **who** we are and **how** we are with our siblings in Christ and community neighbors, even and especially with those with whom we disagree. This is no small thing.

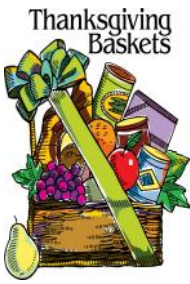
As the election results become apparent, as there may be discord and even violence, as some may not win, or lose, with grace, I put my trust in the power of Christ to bind us together in love. Relationship is the priority. Let us work for the good of all... together, no matter how we have voted or who occupies the oval office. Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, following Jesus our Lord and Savior every step of the way.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan



Our outdoor food pantry is in need of donations! With the winter season approaching only non-perishable, non-canned items are kept outdoors, along with personal hygiene items are safe. There is a list of seasonal items with ideas in the shopping cart located in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your continued support of this community outreach project.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving food baskets will be given on **Tuesday November 26**. If you know of any one, or of a family in our community in need of one, please talk with Sarah or Pastor Lloyd. Along with other items in the baskets for a complete Thanksgiving meal, we will collect canned green beans, canned cranberry sauce and boxes of jello (any flavor) as donations before shopping on Tuesday, November 26. A special offering will be taken Sunday, November 24 during worship for the food baskets also.



You are invited to join us for our Thanksgiving Worship Service on **Tuesday, November 26 at 2:30 p.m.** We hope you can join us and please invite a friend too!



Thank you Roger Kimball for your many hours of volunteer time caring for the Emanuel Cemetery this year and to Michelle B. who cared for the Haglund Cemetery. **We and our community truly appreciate you both and all of your time caring for our cemeteries this season.**



With our winter season soon here, if inclement weather causes our Sunday Worship services to be cancelled we will have a message stating any cancellations 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.

October Council Highlights

~ Thank you letters from the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity for Emanuel's support of lunches for the building crews this season and from the family of Vernon Haglund for his funeral service support by Pastor Dave Van Kley.

~Saima Kainulainen will continue to attend youth events with others in Negaunee & to Wisconsin Dells. Emanuel's Youth Fund will support her.

~Council will survey congregation concerning Thanksgiving and Advent worship services.

~A total of 18 quilts and 46 school bags were sent to Lutheran World Relief.

~Pastor Lloyd shared 5 tasks of congregations during pastoral transitions: Heritage, Mission, Leadership, Connections and Future.

~ Our November local benevolence will go to the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity.

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

~The next council meeting is Tuesday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m.



Welcome Pastor Lloyd and Amy Luedeman!



Landon DuVall receives his Bible on Reformation Sunday.

November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
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3 10AM Adult Forum 11Am Worship	4 AA Mtg. 7 p.m.	5 Quilting 1 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10 10AM Adult Forum 11AM Worship	11 AA Mtg. 7 p.m.	12 Quilting 1 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17 10AM Adult Forum 11AM- Worship	18 AA Mtg. 7 p.m.	19 Quilting 1 p.m. Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23 Michigan Quilt Raffle Drawing 1:30 p.m.
24 10AM Adult Forum 11AM Worship	25 AA Mtg. 7 p.m.	26 Quilting 1p.m. Thanks- giving Worship 2:30 p.m.	27	28 <i>Thanks- giving Day</i>	29	30

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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