

Emanuel Lutheran Church
May 2025
Enlightener



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Barb Bach ~ Stewardship
Sarah Kimball ~ Outreach
Betsy Koski ~ Christian
Education
Jane Sims ~ Worship & Music
Pam Bahrman ~ Cemetery
Business Manager
Roger Kimball ~
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 9 a.m.
through June.

***2025 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church
May-June 9AM, July-October 11AM***

Birthday Blessings

May 1~Charlie Bahrman
May 3~Micah Heath
May 3~Valerie Grange
May 7~Mary Lou Behrens
May 12~Bonnie Barr
May 13~Ellen Heath
May 15~Larry McCarthy
May 19~Scott Ritter
May 28~Sherry Robinson



Anniversary Blessings

May 7~Todd & Ronda Barr
May 11~Tom & Barb Bach
May 16~Scott & Connie Ritter



*Thank you Todd and Ronda Barr
for sponsoring the May worship bulletins in
honor of their wedding anniversary May 7.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Usher(s)</u>
05/04	Barb Bach	Bahrman Family
05/11	Sarah Kimball	Richard Cooke
05/18	Christie Johnson	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
05/25	Betsy Koski	Roger & Sarah Kimball

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.

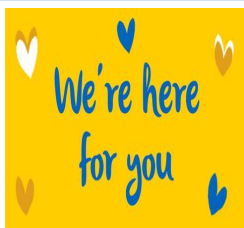
The Pastor's Piece for May 2025

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

Psalm 23

As I was reviewing the readings for our upcoming services for the month of May, I noticed that Psalm 23 has been selected as the psalm of the day for May 11th, which is Mother's Day. And I thought, what better way to celebrate the shepherding grace of our mother's love this May than by reflecting on this most favored of Psalms in our time together. So, I wondered, what more can be said about the 23rd Psalm than we have already heard? How many of us were required to memorize it over the years? How often have we heard it read or how often have we recited it? How often have we lifted it up to God as our own personal cry of the heart in times when it seemed as if all else had failed us and we could not see our way forward very clearly? Well, quite often, I would say, and there is a good reason for this, which I think is because the 23rd Psalm promises us so much. And now as we enter these heartwarming days of May, yearning for the promise of warmer temperatures and the renewal which true springtime brings in the U.P. after our long cold winter, the promises found in this Psalm seem to rest even more firmly upon our hearts and minds as summer approaches. In my opinion, none of the Psalms express more eloquently or with such warmth the great news that God cares for us - for each of you, in a very special way. Like the mothers who gave us birth, who nurtured and provided for us, the shepherd image is primarily an image of caring - for the shepherd cares for his flock with a steadfastness known to few other vocations. Even now as we continue to walk our way together through these seven weeks of Easter, we remember how those first followers of Jesus could surely lay claim

to the statement, "The LORD is my shepherd," as they could do nothing on that first Easter, but hide away in a locked room, when suddenly, the risen Lord, Jesus - the Good Shepherd, was there among them, comforting them with his peace, showing them his hands and his side, then sending them forth to proclaim the Good News of salvation to a world hungry for it. This Good News transformed their lives! Now, these days, in a world in which everything happens so much and we are quickly overwhelmed, we need a God who calms us, restores our souls and leads us in the right paths, providing us with green pastures, quiet waters, and a table of food complete with an overflowing cup. So yes, for us, especially this month, the promise of Psalm 23 is rest, refreshment, guidance and protection of our persons in a chaotic and threatening world. And since the Lord is our Shepherd, in all that we are dealing with, we have everything we need. This has never been truer than today. Because God gives us everything we need, we are invited to put our trust in God, lean on God, rely on God, have faith in God, and find joy in the ministry that God has given us together. In his way and time our Risen Lord through the Holy Spirit continues to give us what we need for life, and to show us that life is a gift to be accepted and shared with all people in our community and world. And so, this best-loved Psalm is a great story of faith. But more than that, it is our personal thanksgiving for God's amazing love for us. I pray that everyone has a meaningful Mother's Day and a fantastic month of May. Hope to see you in church! God's peace to you, +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 contact Emanuel at **(906)942-7245**.



We are planning to have our annual ***"Plants, Pies and Summer Buys"*** on Saturday, June 7, 9am-1pm. **To make this a**

successful, community event, we need your help! Our sale will have plants; now is the time to divide your house plants, dig up perennials soon, and any other veggie or flowers you plan to start! We will be selling pies, so your donations of delicious pies the day of the sale are deeply appreciated! We will have summer buys to include gently used gardening tools & equipment: planters, pots, outdoor summer gardening books, outdoor ornamental décor, seeds you may have collected, vases, etc. Just be aware, if items you donate do not sell, you need to take them home the following day or soon after. We will also be selling our quilts and any crafts, so please consider donating or making crafts! We hope to have our annual quilt raffle available with additional handcrafted prizes, with the drawing in November. Be aware, we are not selling rummage, just items that are related to our event! A sign up sheet for helping is on the kitchen counter. We need extra hands setting up and pricing items too! You can bring items days before the event, just put them in a place out of the way, please ask if you need help to know where or have any questions! THANK YOU!



Please help keep our building clean by signing up to clean an area when needed. There is a sign up with poster board and photos of each areas and what is needed to be done there. There is also a sign up for the flower beds to care for now that that season is near! Thank you to Todd & Ronda for their many hours of deep cleaning this winter and spring and thanks to Roger, Richard, Tom and Mark for shampooing the fellowship hall carpeting in April. If you notice anything that is need of repair or needs replacing, inside or outside Emanuel, please let Roger know. Thank you!

Thank you to all that contributed to the purchase of the lilies and fresh flowers for our sanctuary on Easter Day!



Did you know the Northern Great Lakes Synod has a daily devotion that you can access at **prayfaithfully@nglsynod.org**?

It also has a monthly prayer calendar to follow with prayers listed for each day. Our Sunday bulletin includes a Breath Prayer for the Week which is from their website also. We encourage you to explore and implement the resource; *A Year of Prayer, A Lifetime of Praying* in your faith journey. (also available from our bulletin board)

Breath Prayer for the Week

"Direct my way, Lord; give me courage to follow."

From www.nglsynod.org/prayfaithfully

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.

Amy Luedeman, Paul Johnson, Jeff, Mary Heath, Sally Weingartner, Lois Kokko, Valerie, Sonny Robinson, Richard Erickson, the Family of David Bahrman.

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.



The Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly will be held Thursday, Saturday, **May 15-17, 2025**. Check in opens at 3 pm on May 15 at Bethel Lutheran Church, 333 E. Ridge St., Ishpeming. Opening worship will begin at 7pm. All are invited to opening worship. For all those registered, Friday and Saturday sessions will be held at Northern Michigan University at the University Center, 1401 Presque Isle Ave, Marquette. As the synod gathers, we invite you consider how your church, your congregation, and the Synod together, nurtures seeds of faith. 1 Corinthians 3:6, **“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth”**, speaks to an arc of growth where the Apostle Paul planted seeds of faith and that is all. It was Apollos who watered them, nurtured those seeds, and witnessed some growth, he did not cause the growth. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. We invite you to find ways to nurture and provide opportunities, space, and encouragement for faith to grow.

The Synod Assembly Live Stream will begin May 15th at 9:15am
Connect on the Northern Great Lakes Synod website:

www.nglsynod.org

Adopt-A-Highway is here already, a good sign of spring and summer



coming. As always this is a team event. We divide our section of highway into four sections so no one has to give up a Saturday morning unless you want to. Most sections only take a couple of hours to do. Please sign up with a spouse, son or daughter (must be 12 years or older), or friend. Spring cleanup dates are **May 10-18**. Thanks for doing what you can.

Roger



You are invited to celebrate Mary Lou Behren's 80th birthday (May 7) with a party given by family on Saturday, May 17th, 1-4pm here at Emanuel. A light meal will be served.



Quilting for Lutheran World Relief continues on Tuesdays, 1 p.m. 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!



We continue to collect Econo Receipts for the ELCA World Hunger Fund with an offering collected at the Synod Assembly May 16. 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.



A new sign up sheet is on the kitchen counter for bringing treats for fellowship following our Sunday worship service. Coffee is available and usually half & half. If you need help setting up or cleaning up afterwards, there is help! Goodies do not need to be elaborate, just something to enjoy along with a cup of coffee and good fellowship! Thank you !

April Council Minute Highlights

~Thank you letters received from: Adam Johnson for local benevolence after his car accident, the Care Clinic for donation during “Diaper Dash”, Area 36 Special Olympics for local benevolence, and St. Vincent De Paul of Gwinn for the donation from our Eccumenical Lenten Service. Letter received from Oscar G. Johson Veteran Home looking for people who would open their homes to care for a veteran, invitation from Bethany in Ishpeming for “Day of Renewal” event on April 27th for women, more information for both on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

~March Financial Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports reviewed and found in with no outstanding bills.

~A two question insert will be given to the congregation regarding the Transition process in May. 1) What ideas do you have in helping to attract new members to attend our church 2) What ideas do you have in getting our existing/current members to return to church?

~Easter basket of food were given out to 20 families. Prayer Partners will be revealed on Sunday, May 4th with new prayer partners chosen at that time.

~Carpeting will be shampooed in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the parking lot gravel that was pushed around while clearing snow over the winter. The cemetery was cleaned up last fall and will not need cleaning at this time.

~Accessible ramp to sanctuary build vote will be taken at Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 27 following worship.

~“Adopt a Room” posters with sign up for cleaning the church will be used again to keep the church/fellowship hall cleaned. Also “Adopt-a – Flower-bed for the growing season.

~The local benevolence for May is the Marquette County Community Baby Shower.

~The next Council Meeting is May 20 at 5:30 p.m. Complete minutes and financial reports are posted on the bulletin boards.

Pastor Lloyd ~Tuesdays, 10am-2pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
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4 9AM Worship 10:30AM Adult Forum	5 AA Meeting 7 PM	6 Quilting 1-3PM	7	8	9 	10 Adopt-A Highway May 10-18
11 9AM Worship 10:30AM Adult Forum	12 AA Meeting 7 PM	13 Quilting 1-3PM	14	15 Synod Assem- bly May 15-17 	16	17 Mary Lou's Birthday Celebra- tion 1-4 PM
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25 9AM Worship 10:30AM Adult Forum	26 AA Meeting 7 PM	27 Quilting 1-3PM	28	29	30 Saturday, June 7 "Plants, Pies & Summer Buys" 9AM-1PM	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