

Emanuel Lutheran Church
June 2025
Enlightener



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Education
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Pam Bahrman ~ Cemetery
Business Manager
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www.be-lutheran.org



Sunday Worship begins at 9 a.m.
through June.

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

Birthdays Blessings

June 1-Carlos Perez

June 2-Ronda Barr

June 4-Sherri Jo Murphy

June 9-Pam Bahrman

June 9- Connie Ritter

June 15-Toni Peterson

June 16-Dale Ingalls

June 23-John Berglund



Anniversary Blessings

June 2-Andy & Becca Bahrman

June 3-David & Christie Johnson

June 7-Dave & Sue Ridolphi

June 10 Paul & Betsy Koski

June 15-Bob & Bonnie Barr

June 26-Chuck & Patti Bergdahl



*Thank you David and Christie Johnson
for sponsoring the June worship bulletins
in honor of their June 3rd wedding
anniversary.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Usher(s)</u>
06/01	Patti Bergdahl	Tom & Barb Bach
06/08	Barb Bach	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
06/15	Jesse Kainulainen	Bahrman Family
06/22	Barb Bach	Richard Cooke
06/29	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 June 2025

"By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and 'he was not found, because God had taken him.' For it was attested before he was taken away that 'he had pleased God.' And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:4-6
NRSVue

One Sunday, a certain lady named Gladys Dunn, decided to visit a new church in hopes of growing in her faith. Well, the sermon seemed to go on and on and a few people in the congregation fell asleep. After the service, to be friendly, she approached a sleepy-looking gentleman, extended her hand, and said, "Hello-I'm Gladys Dunn." "You're not the only one," the man replied. "I'm glad it's done too!"

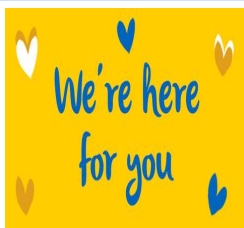
Well, I hope this June finds you exploring your faith more intentionally. As you know, faith is one, if not the most important aspect of our lives, for without it, as the verses from Hebrews Eleven above points out, it is impossible to please God. At its essence, faith is an act of trust by which we commit ourselves to someone or something. Faith is believing! Believing in the object of our trust-believing in ourselves, in another person, and ultimately, believing in God.

The New Testament term for faith in the biblical Greek is *pistis* which has the sense of "firm persuasion." *Pistis*, or faith is a conviction of firm persuasion based on God's promises and love for us and all of creation. Likewise, the Old Testament term for faith is *'aman* which means to "establish" or "confirm." *'Aman* is the basis for the word "amen," which comes from the same root. And so, some of the central elements of faith involve a recognition of God's revealed truth and a personal surrender to God and his ways.

The key to our Christian life together is our faith in Jesus Christ and his sacrificial and atoning death for our sins. The Christian church on earth, what we often refer to as the “Body of Christ,” not only confesses belief that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, empowering us to be his witnesses through the earth, and specifically in our communities. Faith then is the key that unlocks our relationship with God and with one another.

The writer of James 2:14-24 reminds us that a saving faith and righteous works go hand in hand. Like many people of faith, after many years of wrestling, perhaps like Mrs. Dunn above, to understand how these two aspects of our life in Christ on this earth operate together, I have come to understand that faith is the basis of our salvation, while good works are the product of our salvation; in other words that faith and good works go hand in hand. The evidence of such an opinion is that both faith and good works are the ingredients which transform or change our lives and the way that we live together with other people. And so, as we continue to meet together on Sunday’s and engage our communities in helpful ways through the week, we become more fully witnesses to our Lord’s life, grace and salvation. My prayer is that you will continue to explore your faith in this month of June and look for ways to become involved as witnesses in the church at work in the world. Blessings on your summer!

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 contact Emanuel at **(906)942-7245**.



Add to the Joy of the Day!

On Saturday, August 16, our very own Nichole Mackey and Zachary Reuter will be joined in marriage at Emanuel. As part of the celebration, Nichole has expressed her wish to have the parish hall filled with wedding memorabilia such as we had at our church anniversary wedding reunions.

If you have a wedding dress, veil, cake topper, picture, garter, or other items we could use in the decorations, please contact Betsy Koski (bakoski@nglsynod.org). You don't need to have been married at Emanuel to display these items! Please know that dresses don't have to be ironed or "made new" – wrinkles are just fine! This is meant to add to the joy of the day. Contact Betsy if you have any questions. Thank you!!

COFFEE
&
fellowship



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 !



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 summer season is near! If you notice anything that is need of repair or needs replacing, inside or outside Emanuel, please let Roger know. Thank you!



We have received another beautiful quilt to be raffled, made and donated by Connie Arnett Ritter. The name of the quilt is "Cottage Braid" and the size is 104" X 95". Other handmade items are also included in the raffle. Tickets will be available at our June 7th **"Plants, Pies and Summer Buys"** event with the drawing in November. Tickets are \$2 each. Call the office to purchase tickets too, (906)942-7245. Thank you for your support!

Your Thoughts are Appreciated

In conversations with several members and friends of Emanuel, the idea of a fall/holiday Bazaar in November has been raised. While it may not be as big or beautiful as it was pre-COVID, and while we have no expectation that everyone who has been involved in the past will be able to do so now, we think it's important to renew some of the activities that show both our members and the community that we are a vital congregation. Would you be willing to share your creative talents at a Bazaar – and encourage others to share theirs, as well? We are not looking at having weekly crafting sessions (unless they are requested); it would primarily be things you make on your own time at home. Sewing, knitting, crocheting, jewelry making, candle making, woodworking, baking, canning, etc. We have some wonderfully talented people in our congregation – and we need you to make a Bazaar a success. Share your thoughts about having a Bazaar with Pastor Lloyd or any Council member. If you have any questions, contact Betsy Koski.



Appollos Watered: 2025 Synod Assembly in Review

The 2025 Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly was held on May 15-17, 2025. Opening worship and dinner (benefitting Marquette County youth) was at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming. Pastor Sharolyn Swenson was installed as Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission and the worshipping assembly was reminded of their baptism as each Conference brought water from a local source to the font. Friday and Saturday were at Northern Michigan University's Northern Center. There were 182 lay and clergy voting members gathered for the work of the synod. There were over fifteen display tables from ELCA and supporting organizations. There were eight workshops presented. The plenary session keynote speaker was the Rev. Jon Anderson, who offered perspective on rural ministry, especially contextualizing the UP of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin.

There was a banquet on Friday evening, where retiring pastors were honored. Additionally, the World Hunger Big Bear awards were presented to Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming for going out into their community delivering meals to the hungry, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Eagle River, Wisconsin for their steady community feeding of children through their backpack lunch ministry. The Bread Basket award was presented to Mary Lou Blomquist (Messiah, Marquette) for her steadfast support of efforts across the whole church for the work of ELCA World Hunger. On Saturday, our Synod passed a Truth and Healing resolution supporting a [National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools](#). Also, the Assembly commissioned the Churchwide Assembly (August 2025 in Phoenix) voting members: Bishop Katherine Finegan, Charlotte Strom, Pastor Alex LaChapelle, Hayley Smith, Chuck Thomas, Pastor Scott Ehle, and Adam Matyska. Throughout the Assembly, attendees were invited to contribute their artistic skills to a butterfly mural to be shared by Christ's Kaleidoscope at Marquette Pride in June. The Synod Assembly closed with the election of new Synod Council members: Gabe Lannet (Conf 1), Pastor Jared Howard (Conf 2), Pastor Scott Ehle (Conf 5), Cindy Sjoquist (Conf 6), and Robert Lake (Conf 8), and the installation of the whole Synod Council. All were sent in blessing, with trees to plant and reminded of the waters of our baptism.

The Synod will re-assemble on May 16, 2026 in our hybrid settings across the synod. The 2025 voting members will continue serving until the 2026 Assembly convenes. All congregations are invited to add to the agenda of their Annual Congregation Meetings the election of their 2026 Assembly voting members.



"Happy Birthday"

Mary Lou

Many enjoyed an 80th birthday party given by Mary Lou Behren's family in May at Emanuel. May many blessing be upon you Mary Lou!

**Pentecost
Sunday**



We will be celebrating **Pentecost Sunday, June 8** along with the confirmation of Allie Sims! We invite you to wear red on Pentecost Sunday to remind us of the fire of the Spirit!

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.*

*The Family of Richard Baldwin, Amy Luedeman,
Paul Johnson, Jeff, Mary Heath, Sally Weingartner,
Lois Kokko, Sonny Robinson, Richard Erickson*

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



If you have any plants, houseplants, perennials, gently used gardening tools or equipment, canning supplies, crafts, etc. you would like to donate, we welcome them! Call the office for a time Emanuel will be open (906)942-7245 or we will be setting up Friday, June 6, beginning at 10 a.m.



Plants, Pies and Summer Buys!

Saturday, June 7

9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

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9812 US HWY 41 in Skandia



Veggie & flower seedlings, perennials, house plants, homemade pies and summer buys; handmade crafts, quilts, gently used gardening tools & equipment, gardening décor, artwork, vases, and a raffle for a hand made quilt and handcrafted items with the drawing in November.



Quilt made & donated by
Connie Arnett.
Drawing is November 22.

Proceeds will go towards new stove/oven appliances in Emanuel's kitchen.

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June 2025

Pastor Lloyd ~Tues: 10am-2pm

Jolene ~Fridays: 1-5pm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1 Worship 9am	2 AA Meeting 7 pm	3	4	5	6 	7 "Plants Pies & Summer Buys" 9am-1pm
8  Worship 9am	9 AA Meeting 7 pm	10	11	12	13	14
15 Worship 9am 	16 AA Meeting 7 pm	17 Quilting 1pm Council Mtg. 5:30 PM	18	19	20	21
22 Worship 9am	23 AA Meeting 7 pm	24 Cemetery Meeting 7 PM	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 9am	30 AA Meeting 7 pm				Sunday, July 6 Worship at 11 AM thru October.	

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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