

Emanuel Lutheran Church
August 2025
Enlightener



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Emanuel Lutheran Church of Skandia , ELCA



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Barb Bach ~ Stewardship
Sarah Kimball ~ Outreach
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Education
Jane Sims ~ Worship & Music
Pam Bahrman ~ Cemetery
Business Manager
Roger Kimball ~
Building & Property

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www.be-lutheran.org



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

***2025 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church
August-October 11AM , November-February 9 AM***

Birthday Blessings

August 1-Sonny Robinson
August 4-Brian Heath
August 8-Landen Sims
August 10-Barb Bach
August 14-Freddie Beauchamp
August 16-Valerie Jordan
August 17-Jolene Kokko
August 18-Pastor Jim Duehring
August 23-Emily Bach
August 23-Kathy Tuttle
August 23-Fred Beauchamp
August 27-Amy Luedeman

Anniversary Blessings

August 3-Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
August 19-Brian & Ellen Heath
August 23-Pastor Lloyd & Amy
Luedeman
August 29-Dale & Nina Ingalls
August 30-Kenny & Sammy Duvall



*Thank you Carol Wolf for sponsoring the
August worship bulletins in honor of
her family.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Usher(s)</u>
08/03	Barb Bach	Roger & Sarah Kimball
08/10	Sarah Kimball	Richard Cooke
08/17	Christie Johnson	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
08/24	Betsy Koski	Roger & Sarah Kimball
08/31	Patti Bergdahl	Tom & Barb Bach

The Pastor's Piece for August 2025

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. Psalm 145:1-3

As part of a longer hymn written by King David, the opening verses from Psalm 145 above serve to remind us that since God is gracious, merciful, and abounding in steadfast love, that he is worthy of our praise (see also Ephesians 5:17-21 and Colossians 3:16). However, some may wonder what the immortal, invisible, almighty God, whose “greatness is unsearchable,” could possibly want with our psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs? But as David surely knew, we do not offer God our praise in this way because God needs it. We praise God because there is something within us that remains incomplete and unfulfilled unless we offer our praise, especially through hymns and songs. When we are away too long from the worship of God, there can be something in us that can become restless-and for many it is missing the joy of singing hymns and songs to God together with a group of other people. And so, this longing to be together in praise is a key thing that brings us to worship, and has brought many of us back to church after extended times away, in which we can become aimless and unfocused-bouncing erratically from one thing to another. Now, missing worship does not mean that we become unable to function-that we can no longer do our jobs, or raise our families, or enjoy life's pleasures. And in fact, there are millions of folks who are doing just that every day, with hardly a thought given to praising their Creator. But for those of us who have known the overflowing joy of God's presence and earthly blessings, there is something more for us to consider, and that something more is the celebration of our faith together in worship.



Because we all live in this heavily forested area of Michigan's upper peninsula, we see a lot of trees. And thinking of trees, I am reminded of the mighty redwood trees of California's Sequoia National Park, which are among the largest life-forms on earth. Did you know that it is a rare thing to see such a large redwood standing alone. This is because the roots of the Sequoia do not extend deep into the earth, as most tree roots that we are familiar with do. Instead, I'm told that



Sequoia roots snake along just beneath the surface of the soil, much like the giant white pines in our area do. So shallow are the redwood's roots that, when a tree is young, it is easily toppled by the wind. The redwoods that survive and grow to such astounding heights are the ones whose roots intertwine with those of other trees, forming a great interwoven mass of support. Then the storms that rage through the valleys of the Sierra Nevada cannot easily harm these trees for they stand strong and tall together in community. In our congregations, there are those who come to worship hoping to get something out of the sermon, some come seeking the pleasure of hearing the music, and for others, it is about being with good friends with whom they are accustomed to passing a Sunday morning with. Yet, this is not all of it, because in worship, as in life, we get by giving. And so it is not so much the song we hear with our ears that blesses us, as the song we offer together to God from our hearts, that when it comes to worship, there are many blessings to receive. So, whether you are attending worshipped regularly, or have worshipped sparsely or maybe not even at all this summer, remember, there is good food and drink for the body and the soul awaiting you in our worship and fellowship. Know that your presence is valued with us very much! So come and be with your friends once again this Sunday and be renewed and refreshed for the journey ahead as we offer God our praise together. Your presence in worship means a lot to God, and it means the world to all of the rest of us too! God's peace be with you-see you in church. +LLL

*The Church has elected a new
Presiding Bishop!*



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*The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop-elect of the ELCA*

We are pleased to announce the election of the Rev. Yehiel Curry as presiding bishop of the ELCA! Bishop-elect Curry was elected on the fifth ballot with 70.34% of the vote.

Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain Bishop-elect Curry, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people. Grant that together we may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



We have received another beautiful quilt 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 are available to purchase and to sell at \$2 each. Call the office at (906)942-7245 for any more information and thank you for your support of this annual fundraising project!

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.



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!!



Our annual world mission outreach project is now beginning with school supplies being seen and many on sale in our stores! School supply lists for Lutheran World Relief school bags are on the table near the windows in the fellowship hall. We will be collecting items and shipping them with the quilts this fall. Thank you!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

- 4 - 70 sheet spiral notebooks
- 1 - pair of blunt scissors
- 1 - 30 centimeter ruler
- 1 - pencil sharpener
- 5 - unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 - black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 - box of 16 or 24 crayons

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 !



During the summer season the quilting group is meeting once a month on the third Tuesday. You are invited to come **Tuesday, August 19 , 1-3pm.** We are always in need of new or gently used sheets and sewing thread for the Lutheran World Relief quilts. All are invited to join, no experience is needed and it is a fun time of fellowship with each other!



Emanuel outreach is supporting the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity by supplying lunch for the building crew on **Friday, August 15th.** If you can help by supplying some of the lunch items, please talk with Sarah. Thank you!



Please let Pastor Lloyd or the church office know if you or a family member is hospitalized, ill, home-bound 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.**

*Skandia Days
Parade 2025*



August 2025

Pastor Lloyd-Tuesdays 10am-2pm

Jolene-Fridays 2-5pm, Saturdays- Variable Hours



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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3 11am Worship	4 AA Meeting 7 pm	5	6	7	8	9
10 11am Worship	11 AA Meeting 7 pm	12	13	14	15 Lunch for Habitat Building Crew	16 Nichole Mackey & Zach Reuter Wedding
17 11am Worship	18 AA Meeting 7 pm	19 Quilting 1pm Council MTG 5:30 pm	20	21	22	23
24 11am Worship	25 AA Meeting 7 pm	26	27	28	29	30
31 11am Worship						

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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 11AM