

Emanuel Lutheran Church
September 2025
Enlightener



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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***

Birthdays Blessings

September 4-Sue McCarthy

September 7-Todd Barr

September 10-Dan Bahrman

September 12-Kim Oliver

September 23-Vincent St. John

*September 26-
Luke Kainulainen*

Anniversary Blessings

*September 13-
Sonny & Sherry Robinson*

*September 26-
Larry & Sue McCarthy*

*September 29-
Fred & Laurie Beauchamp*



*Nichole Mackey and Zachary Reuter
August 16, 2025*

*Jenna Shelton and Trevor Allgeyer
August 30, 2025*



*Thank you Roger & Sarah Kimball for
sponsoring the September worship
bulletins.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

Date

09/07

09/14

09/21

09/28

Lector

Barb Bach

Jesse Kainulainen

Barb Bach

Betsy Koski

Usher(s)

Jesse & Leah Kainulainen

Roger & Sarah Kimball

Richard Cooke

Tom & Barb Bach

The Pastor's Piece for September 2025

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
1 Timothy 2:1-4

How is your prayer life going these days? Daily prayer is one of the primary practices of our faith as Lutheran Christians. Our Lord Jesus set the example of the importance of prayer in our lives and after he instructed the early disciples in the words of the Lord's prayer (Luke 11:2-4), he went on to use the example of the parable about asking a friend for some loaves of bread at midnight to encourage them, and therefore us today, to persevere in prayer (Luke 11:5-23). And so, as we anticipate the end of summer and the beginning of Autumn during this month of September, my thoughts are finding me thinking about our lives our prayer and how prayer is such an important practice for us, and that as much as we do it, that our prayer lives can easily be taken for granted. And so, who or what should we pray for regularly? In the verses above from 1 Timothy 2:1-4, the writer is talking to Timothy about his prayer life and encouraging him to pray for everyone. In these verses it is interesting to note that his call to prayer isn't just limited to people that Timothy likes. The writer's advice is not limited to those seen as good people, religious people or deserving people; it doesn't favor those with a certain social standing or those with a certain intensity of need. One exception in these verses that is mentioned is that we ought to pray for persons in power because of their influence on all the rest of us. And so, Timothy, and therefore us today, are simply encouraged to pray for everyone.

So, why pray for everyone? The writer gives us the answer saying that “this is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” So, we should pray for everyone because God wants us to, because God wants everyone to be able to benefit from the power of prayer and to experience the blessings that God has available for all people. Be-

sides that, prayer is good for us, it is one of the blessings that God provides for us. Why, because regular prayer can ease our stress, fill our life with meaning, and create a happy connection with us and God wherever we are. Jesus knew this and it is one reason why he taught his disciples the Lord’s prayer. He wanted them to pray in a way that drew them closer to God’s will and gave them a sense of peace, and I’m confident that he wants the very same for us. So, in giving the words to use in the Lord’s prayer Jesus is teaching that

prayer creates a personal connection to the God who is as close to us as a loving parent. But this parent is not trapped in the world that we live in, as our earthly parents are. Instead, in the opening verse of the Lord’s prayer, Jesus reveals that God rules eternally in heaven from an infinite spiritual kingdom, compassionately caring for those of us who live in this finite physical world. And so, in closing, my prayer is that your prayer life is doing well and that through a regular practice of prayer, that your relationship with God is in a good place also. And as we pray, let us remember to pray for the leaders of our Church-especially our Presiding and Synod Bishop’s and their staff, as well as our Council leaders on every level, who are tasked with discerning and guiding our efforts in ministry. And please pray for me, even as I continue to pray for all of you. Looking forward to seeing you in church this September! +LLL

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bil Keane



“I’m done. Do you need me to put in a good word for you ‘bout anything?”

from JoyfulNoiseLetter.com
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Day of Renewal Fall 2025

Superior Central Cluster 8

Northern Great Lakes Synod Women of the ELCA



Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 28, 2025**

Come and join the Women of Grace Lutheran of Gwinn and attend an afternoon of fellowship and dinner to learn about::

Resources for Aging: Finding your way through the maze of service and funding for them.

Sue DeGroot, MSW, LMSW has 40 plus years of experience as a Social Worker working in Healthcare and as a Mental Health speciality.

Presentation will include:

Home Care: What is it? How to get it? How to pay for it?

Hospice Care: What is it? Who qualifies? How to pay for it?

Assisted Living and Nursing Home care: Who qualifies and how is it paid for?

Special assistance available for Veterans and their spouses.

Registration: 2:30 pm cost \$5.00 (checks payable to NGLSWO)

The program starts at 3pm, with a business meeting and dinner to follow.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in Emanuel's fellowship hall or call by call September 22, 2025 for planning purposes. (906-346-3156)

See you there!

Women of Grace



Donations of food & personal health items for our outside mini pantry are greatly appreciated! A list of ideas are available in the fellowship hall. Items can be placed on the wooden bookcase in the fellowship hall, or directly into the outdoor pantry. Thank you for supporting this project!



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 fund-raising 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.



Now that our seasons are changing the quilting group is meeting each Tuesday again at Emanuel. You are invited to come **Tuesday, September 2, 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 **Monday, September 15th.** If you can help by supplying some of the lunch items, please talk with Sarah. Thank you!



Our annual world mission outreach project for collecting school supplies is now! School supply lists for Lutheran World Relief school bags are in the fellowship hall. We will be collecting items and shipping them with the quilts October 18! Thank you for helping us reach our goal of 50 kits!



Sunday, September 7 –
Superior Conference Youth Group Kick-Off Party
Superior Conference youth between 6th-12th grades are invited to a Kick-Off Party at Hart's Camp for food, yard games, swimming, sauna, s'mores, and fun! Participants will meet at Bethel Lutheran in Ishpeming and carpool to Hart's Camp. Contact

Stacy McEachern with questions or to RSVP by September 5.

Location: Meet at Bethel Lutheran, Ishpeming – 333 E. Ridge Street, Ishpeming, MI

Time: 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. Eastern

Contact: Stacy McEachern - (906) 361-9123

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 !



All artificial flowers should be removed in both the Emanuel and Haglund cemeteries by September 15 so fall clean up can begin.



Adopt-A Highway Fall clean-up dates are September 20-28. If you can help out please talk with Roger. Thank you for helping keep our U.P. beautiful!



Construction of our accessible ramp into Emanuel's sanctuary will begin Monday, September 8. **Thank you** all that have supported the funding of the ramp with your donations and by supporting our various raffles and previous community events!



*We're here
for 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**.

August Council Meeting Highlights

~ Emanuel's participation in the Skandia Day's Parade in July was fun! Emanuel was awarded 2nd place in the category of "Organizations."

~ Thank you note received from the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity for the lunches provided for the building crew in July.

~Financial and Treasurer reports submitted and reviewed for the months of June and July were accepted.

~Pastor Lloyd shared transition paperwork needs to be completed by October. About 72% of the Congregation Systems Inventory were completed and returned and results will be shared soon. Council will fill out the Ministry Site Profile September 23 at 5:30 p.m. Emanuel's mission statement needs to be updated. Liturgy will be changed to setting 10 beginning September 7.

~Leah Kainulainen will lead the CROP Walk for Emanuel held Sunday, October 12.

~ Emanuel will supply lunch for the Habitat for Humanity building crew on Monday, September 15. Quilting for Lutheran World Relief will begin weekly, on Tuesdays starting September 2.

~Building & Property Report by Roger Kimball. **Projects Completed:** Outside windows of fellowship hall washed, church steps patched & painted, hand rails for church painted, basement storage under office area cleaned, first classroom in basement cleaned out for new ramp construction. **Projects that Need to be Done:** furniture, piano moved for ramp construction, paint the three crosses in the front of the church, more brick work on north side of church. **Projects for the Future:** New furnace for the sanctuary, painting outside of fellowship hall, replace fellowship hall windows (large windows on east side.)

~Cemetery Manager Pam Bahrman met with representative regarding mapping the church cemeteries, Tri Media makes an app for computers that can be purchased. Pam is attending a cemetery conference next week.

~Local Benevolence given to "Project: Keep Kids Warm" for June, July and August.

~Church accessibility ramp construction begins September 8.

~Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 5:30 p.m.

September 2025

Pastor Lloyd~ Tuesdays 10am-2pm

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1 AA Mtg. 7 PM	2 Quilting 1-3PM	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 11AM	8 AA Mtg. 7 PM	9 Quilting 1-3PM	10	11	12	13
14 Worship 11AM	15 Habitat Lunch AA Mtg. 7 PM	16 Quilting 1-3PM Council Mtg. 5:30PM	17	18 	19	20 Adopt-A- Highway Clean- Up thru Sept. 28
21 Worship 11AM	22 AA Mtg. 7 PM	23 Quilting 1-3PM	24	25	26	27
28 Adult Forum 10AM Worship 11AM	29 AA Mtg. 7 PM	30 Quilting 1-3PM				

**The September Enlightener
Emanuel Lutheran Church, ELCA
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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