

Emanuel Lutheran Church
October 2025
Enlightener



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Sarah Kimball ~ Outreach
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Education
Jane Sims ~ Worship & Music
Pam Bahrman ~ Cemetery
Business Manager
Roger Kimball ~
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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 11 a.m.
through October.

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

Birthdays Blessings

October 2~

Saima Kainulainen

October 5-Allie Rae Sims

October 23-

Jenna (Shelton)

Allegeyer

October 28-

Sarah Kimball



Anniversary Blessings

October 3~

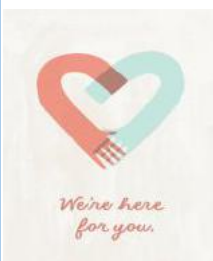
Roger & Sarah Kimball



*Thank you Jane Sims for sponsoring the
October worship bulletins.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Usher(s)</u>
10/05	Christie Johnson	Richard Cooke
10/12	Betsy Koski	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
10/19	Patti Bergdahl	Roger & Sarah Kimball
10/26	Jesse Kainulainen	Tom & Barb Bach



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. Contact Pastor Lloyd directly at (906)202-5006 or Emanuel (906)942-7245.

The Pastor's Piece for October 2025

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore, we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.
2 Thessalonians 1:2-4

This month we are celebrating the 508th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation which began on October 31, 1517. It was a day in which Martin Luther felt called to speak up! These days we hear of many folks, who for one reason or another, feel that they have to speak up, and just the same we probably do not hear from many who should speak up, but do not. Whatever the case, there are moments in life when you just have to speak up. There are moments when so much is at stake, when something so obviously mistaken is taking place, that the option of keeping your mouth closed and your opinion to yourself is impossible to justify. In these specific moments, you think, "I know someone is going to be upset, but I just have to say something!" So, you muster the courage and speak your piece! Have you ever felt this way? Have you ever taken this kind of action? And then, just as you feared, once you say what is on your mind, your words spark a much bigger conversation than you'd ever intended. If you can relate, then you know exactly how a little-known pastor and college professor in the humble town of Wittenberg, Germany, felt after tacking his 95 Theses to the main doors of the local Catholic church. The man was Martin Luther. The day was All Hallow's Eve, the forerunner to what we celebrate today as Halloween. Luther knew that on this day the villagers, students and fellow college faculty would file through those church doors for a special Mass and that, while entering, some would stop to read his pastoral thoughts on problems in the church at large. Today, Luther would probably have posted his theses on a blog and pointed his peers to them via one of the other social media outlets. I'm sure this was not a first time for Luther-he probably wasn't doing anything that hadn't done many times before, and he must have known that his voice would eventually get the attention of some people in power. But Luther certainly couldn't have imagined his actions would spark a revolution that's still ringing loud and strong over 500 years later. In the above verses from Second Thessalonians, we hear the writer, attributed by church tradition to be the Apostle Paul, commending the Christians gathered in Thessalonica.

He applauds their growing faith in Christ and their visible love for one another. Faith and love are blossoming despite intense persecution and public scorn over their devotion to Jesus. And their steadfastness in the fight of faith has drawn the writer, Paul to pray even harder for his friends. In particular, Paul prays that they would continue to mature in the faith, that God would enable all their faith-filled efforts to succeed, that his power would be put on display through their good work and that, as a result, Jesus Christ would get massive amounts of glory-both in their believing hearts and in their town. And in these few words, from one church-planting pastor to his persecuted people, we can hear the very message that Martin Luther feared was forgotten in the church of his day, which was basically that we humans are fragile and unable to do what's right, but God, in his goodness, provides us with power and showers us in grace which none of us can earn. Therefore, Jesus Christ has claimed it for us through his death on the cross. Here God does all the work and we reap all the reward, and Jesus gets every ounce of the glory. Our right standing with God as members of his spiritual family is given to us as a gift and not as a result of our voices, actions, or opinions. So in considering all of this for our purposes today, reflecting on this point in history should give us pause, as we ask ourselves, are we the kind of church in which people feel safe to share their opinions? To speak up about what is on their minds? Are we a safe place for members and guests to raise their hands and ask "why" do we teach certain things, why we worship in a certain way or what we believe about a particular topic or issue? How would we, as a church community, respond if someone pointed out flaws in our ministry or our preaching? Would, we be able to welcome constructive criticism with dialogue? Or would we shut it down out of pride? Likewise, it's good for us to use these words and our Reformation Day celebrations to examine how well we've personally absorbed and live in the gospel ourselves. Yes, there are moments in life when we just have to speak up, even though someone might be mad or disagree. And we should be able to do that in our Christian freedom knowing that as Luther writes in his commentary on the book of Romans, that "faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace so sure and certain that the believer would stake his life on it a thousand times. This knowledge of and confidence in God's grace makes people glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and all other creatures without compulsion, that a person is ready and glad to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, out of love and praise to God who has shown him his grace." May we be a church that welcomes those moments when they arise in others. May we be people who can't sit still in the face of injustice, error and oversight. Most of all, may the unwavering confidence we have in God's grace drive us to do good, loving, selfless, joyous, Jesus glorifying things. Let it free us to serve our neighbors, share our goods and, when necessary, speak our minds. Why? Because sometimes doing so can change the world! Looking forward to being with you in church, Pastor Lloyd.

ELCA GATHERING EXPEDITION

The ELCA is hosting [ELCA Gathering Expeditions](#) throughout the country to help keep momentum going in-between Youth Gathering years. Expeditions are for 8th-12th grade youth and the adults who walk beside them and are designed to create sacred space to step away from everyday life and dive into questions of faith, purpose, identity, and calling.

The closest event for Northern Great Lakes Synod participants will take place October 31 – November 2, 2025 in Elkhorn, WI. Additional details and registration information can be found on the [ELCA's web-site](#). Please contact Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org if you have youth in your congregations who would like to participate.



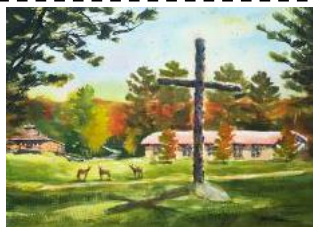
Christ in Our Home, October-December, brings you a daily message of God's amazing grace. Reflections and prayers are based on our scripture readings. Each day offers a Bible verse, a personal commentary or meditation, a suggested prayer concern, and a unique prayer. Copies are available at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you would like one mailed to you, just let the office know at (906) 942-7245.



The 2025 Marquette County Crop Walk is October 12, beginning at the Hope Connection Center in Marquette. Registration 1:30 pm, walk begins at 2 pm. Marquette County joins together with some 1,000 other communities nationwide to end hunger. To donate, walk or sponsor a walker, talk with Leah Kainulainen. Twenty-five percent of the money raised stays in local food banks.



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! So far 237 tickets have been sold!



FALL FEST 2025: QUILT & FINE ARTS AUCTION FUNDRAISER **Saturday, October 4**

Mark your calendars! Our Sisters of the Cloth and other generous artisans and quilters are hard at work to provide the beautiful, high quality items you have come to expect from this event. Join us in support of the ministry of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp! Continental breakfast and bake sale, beautiful quilts for auction, draffle tickets & hand-crafted items for sale. Can't attend? Online Auction opens September 25, www.fortunelake.org



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!

"Holiday Bake Sale, Bits and Pieces"

Emanuel will be having a bake sale with other items for sale along with the raffle drawing for the quilt and other handmade items **Saturday, November 22, 10am-1Pm.** We are depending on help from our congregation by baking homemade cookies, quick breads, cakes and pies, etc. to make it a success. This will not be a bazaar as in the past but a much smaller event. More information coming and we appreciate everyone's help!



PrayerShawl
Ministry

We have many beautiful hand made Prayer Shawls available for those in need. Prayer shawls are given to those who are experiencing a difficult time, are in need of comfort and healing, to let them know they are not alone and to provide them with a sense of God's peace and healing. Please let the office know if you would like one, or know of someone in need of a prayer shawl.

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.*

*Mark Arnett, Amy Luedeman, Paul Johnson, Jeff,
Mary Heath, Sally Weingartner, 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

Emanuel will have a table at the Skandia Lions Craft Show with our raffle tickets available for the quilt and other items Saturday, October 18, 10am-3pm. Please share with your friends and family and invite them to stop by!

SKANDIA LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

FALL & WINTER

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW




Saturday, October 18, 2025

Skandia Township Hall – 224 Kreiger Dr, Skandia

10am – 3pm

Come out and support LOCAL Vendors

Homemade Crafty Creations for both adults and children

Wood Crafting, Jewelry, Kids Toys, Yummy Treats, Yarn & Bead Crafts & MORE...

Skandia Lions Club will be hosting a Bake Sale

Soup & Sandwiches will be available!







We continue to collect Econo Receipts for the ELCA World Hunger Fund. The *We Share Program* donates 1% of the total of receipts that we turn in . The collection box is near the window in the north end of the fellowship hall. Thank you for your continued support of the World Hunger Fund!

September Council Meeting Highlights

~A thank you note was received from the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity for the lunch Emanuel provided for the building crew in August.

~August Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were reviewed and accepted with no outstanding bills.

~A Thanksgiving worship service will be held Tuesday, November 25 at 6 pm. Advent mid-week services will be on Tuesdays, December 2, 9 & 16th at 3:30 p.m.

~A new mission statement will need to be approved by the congregation. A special working council meeting will be held September 23 at 5:30 p.m. to complete various paperwork.

~Adult Forum will begin on September 28 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

~The last lunch for Habitat for Humanity building crew was September 15. We have 38 school bags for Lutheran World Relief and a goal of 50 bags. Quilts and School bags will be collected October 18 at Messiah Lutheran Church. Fortune Lake's annual Fall Fest is Saturday, October 4., online auction is also available.

~The building of the access ramp to the sanctuary has begun and is on schedule. Roger has been working with the contractor with the ramp.

~There was a recent burial at Haglund Cemetery. Pam Bahrman attended a Cemetery conference and learned what work needs to be done regarding our cemeteries.

~Two new electric ranges in the kitchen will be purchased and installed with the funds raised from our spring "Plant's, Pies & Summer Buys" event.

~The September local benevolence is designated to the Women's Center in Marquette.

~A bake sale & small sale of items will be held along with our raffle drawing Saturday, November 22, 10am-1pm. More information coming.

~Tuesday, October 21, 5:30 p.m. is the next council meeting. The complete August minutes and financial statements are posted on the bulletin board.

October 2025

Pastor Lloyd~Tuesdays, 10am-2pm Jolene ~Fridays:2-5pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Adult Forum 10am Worship 11am	6 AA Mtg 7pm	7 Quilting 1PM	8	9	10	11
12 Adult Forum 10am Worship 11am Crop Walk 1:30pm	13 AA Mtg 7pm	14 Quilting 1PM	15	16	17	18 Lutheran World Relief Collection @ Messiah 10am - 12N
19 Adult Forum 10am Worship 11am	20 AA Mtg 7pm	21 Quilting 1PM Council Mtg. 5:30pm	22	23	24	25
26 Adult Forum 10am Worship 11am	27 AA Mtg 7pm	28 Quilting 1PM	29	30	31	

**The October Enlightener
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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