

Emanuel Lutheran Church
May 2026
Enlightener



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www.be-lutheran.org



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

Pentecost Sunday is May 24.

***2026 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church
May-June 11AM, July-October 9 AM***

Birthday Blessings

May 1~Charlie Bahrman
May 3~Micah Heath
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 Mark Krans for
sponsoring the May worship bulletins
in honor and memory of loved ones.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Usher(s)</u>
05/03	Barb Bach	Roger & Sarah Kimball
05/10	Sarah Kimball	Richard Cooke
05/17	Christie Johnson	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
05/24	Betsy Koski	Roger & Sarah Kimball
05/31	Patti Bergdahl	Tom & Barb Bach

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**, Emanuel is **(906)942-7245**.

The Pastor's Piece for May 2026

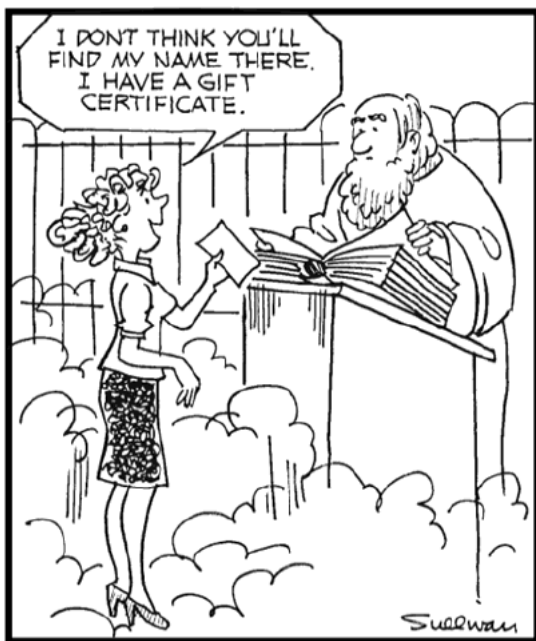
Forty days after Easter morning, church tradition holds that Jesus ascended back to God the Father in heaven. This year we celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday, May 14th. The Ascension of our Lord is a festival day in our liturgical tradition that we generally do not give much attention to or celebrate in worship much. I think that this is because that it always falls on a Thursday leading up to the last week of Easter and the Sunday for that seventh week always has its own worship texts, which are not related to the Ascension. For some reason, Thursday festivals, consider also Maundy Thursday, do not seem to get much play in our church schedules, even though they contain some of the most important events which we confess in our faith. So I thought that I would reflect this month on one of the texts assigned for the Ascension of our Lord which contains these verses from the letter to the Ephesian's:

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power." Ephesians 1: 17-19

When I think of our Lord's ascension, I think of a wonderful dance taking place. A dance involving first his disciples on earth, and continuing then with God our Father in heaven. In the imagery of this dance the resurrected Christ has been dancing with his followers on earth for forty days after his resurrection and now God the Father "taps" them on the shoulder, effectively cutting in, to reclaim his Son whom ascends back to the heavenly dance floor with him. It's a wonderful scene! Speaking of dancing, have you ever seen a child's eyes dance? I bet you have seen it at a parade or on Christmas morning or at an amusement park, or in a grandchild's photo. This dancing of the eyes comes when a child's world is full of joy! And so it was for those early disciples that with eyes full of joy and astonishment they observed the risen Christ ascending back to where his earthly journey had begun with the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary and then his birth on Christmas morning. In the above verses from the first chapter of Ephesian's the writer talks about the "eyes of our hearts" dancing in a similar fashion.

Eyes, which are full of an amazing joy inspired by hope. And it's not just our eyes that are filled with this wonder, but the "eyes of our hearts" – the seat of our emotional aptitude. So then, it is with "seeing hearts" that the faithful recognize hope, salvation, and the great power of God, which is uniquely revealed in the savior called Jesus Christ.

And now as he ascends back to his Trinitarian dance partners, God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, it is there upon the heavenly throne that God the Son-Jesus Christ, rules over every earthly and cosmic power, now and forever. So, my friends, as we dance together into this new month of May, may the "eyes of our hearts" continue to sparkle with joy and hope through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, whose sending



we will celebrate on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. Let us revel in joy for warmer weather and in hope for the longer days of sunshine. Let us delight in joy and hope for our loved ones. Let us make merry in joy and hope for the ministry we have together. And let us rejoice in joy and hope in the potential that exists for the future as we faithfully wait for our own journey to heaven to be realized. May joy and hope be our dancing partners in all of our circumstances and relationships leading into this summer season, as we see with the "eyes of our hearts" the blessings of God's salvation. I look forward to worshipping with you each Sunday! May God's mercy, peace and love fill your hearts and lives, +LLL





Prayer Partners is a very special program in which you make the commitment to pray for your Prayer Partner each day. As a Prayer Partner, you don't know who is praying for you; you just know that you are being uplifted in prayer. It's a truly comforting feeling knowing this. An added bonus is that you get to strengthen your own prayer life by praying for someone else. The only thing you are asked to do is pray daily. If you would like, you can leave little cards or messages in your Prayer Partner's mailbox here at Emanuel or send one to their home. It's often the high point of the day when these thoughts and messages are received. Previous prayer partners will be revealed and new ones chosen on **Sunday, May 17** during fellowship. Forms to fill out are on the kitchen counter.

Day of Renewal Spring 2026 (aka Spring Cluster 8 Meeting)

Women of the ELCA

Saturday, May 30 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey

Registration 9:45 a.m. Program & Business Meeting 10 a.m.

Lunch will be served at 12 Noon Cost \$5 payable upon registration

We are inviting all women to attend a morning of fellowship and lunch to learn about various types of Pilgrimages. A Pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place that can lead to personal transformation or have moral significance.

A reservation list (**by May 25**) and more information is posted on Emanuel's bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Hope you can join us!

Women of Prince of Peace.

**Pentecost
Sunday**



We will celebrate the festival of **Pentecost** on **Sunday, May 24**. Along with wearing red, we will also decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums picked up by the Altar Guild. If you would like to



purchase a red geranium and take it home with after worship, a sign up sheet is available on the kitchen counter. Cost is \$6 per plant.



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 posted near the kitchen. 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!



A 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 !

Interested in Electronic Giving?

Not everyone is able to be at our worship service every Sunday, but our mission and the expenses to make ministry happen are a daily and weekly reality. One way you can help make a more consistent donation and deepen your spiritual practice of giving is through electronic donations. Emanuel uses Vanco Services, which allows you to choose to make a gift weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. It is a safe and secure method of supporting the congregation's ministry. If you are interested in finding out more about this method of giving, please contact Pastor Lloyd or Betsy Koski.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Pray that through associated events and activities we raise awareness of trauma and the impact it may have on the physical emotional, and mental well being of children, families, and communities.

Skandia Community Center Happenings

**Free Chair Exercise Classes ~ Mondays at 9 a.m. also held on
Wednesdays & Fridays at 10 a.m.
Senior Lunches –Mondays 11 a.m.**

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.

*Paul Johnson, Jeff, Mary Heath, Sally Weingartner,
Sonny Robinson, Theresa, Tom Bach,
The Family of Charles Bergdahl Sr.*

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.



Quilting for Lutheran World Relief meets on Tuesdays at Emanuel 1-3 pm.

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 for a great time of fellowship while meeting the need for this worldwide outreach project!

If you have any used gardening equipment, houseplants, homemade crafts, canning & preserving equipment, gardening books, summer lawn décor, please let us know, (906)942-7245. Thank you!



Plants, Pies and Summer Buys!

Saturday, May 30

9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church, ELCA

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 hand made quilts and handcrafted items with the drawing in November.



Quilt made & donated by
Connie Arnett.
Drawing is November 21

Proceeds will go towards the digital mapping of Emanuel and Haglund Cemeteries.

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April 21 , 2026 Council Meeting Highlights

~Thank you letter received from the Beacon House for the March benevolence.

~Prayer Partners will be revealed on Sunday, May 17 and new Prayer Partners will be chosen on that day too during fellowship following worship.

~We will be changing to Setting 10 during the summer worship service beginning with the Holy Trinity Sunday, May 31.

~The proceeds from the upcoming “Plants, Pies and Summer Buys” May 30th, event will be used to help repay the loan for the Cemetery mapping project.

~ An estimate for a new propane furnace to heat the sanctuary from B & G Heating will be done along with another estimate from a HVAC business.

~The local benevolence for April 2026 will be given to the Care Clinic in Marquette.

~Dale Weingartner brought information from a recent workshop on NGLS Congregation Council Training with handouts. The Council will look over the information and bring ideas and questions to the next Council meeting.

~The annual Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly is Saturday, May 16 from 8:30am-4 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming.

~The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

~Complete council meeting minutes and financial reports are posted on both bulletin boards at the entrance of the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall.

May 2026

Pastor Lloyd~ Tuesdays: 10am-2pm

Jolene Fridays 1:30-5:30 pm , Saturdays pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship	4 AA Mtg 7 pm	5 Quilting 1-3 pm	6	7	8	9 Adopt - A - Highway May 9-17
10 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship	11 AA Mtg 7 pm	12 Quilting 1-3 pm	13	14	15 John Berglund Service 1 pm	16
17 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship	18 AA Mtg 7 pm	19 Quilting 1-3 pm Council 5:30 pm	20	21	22	23
24 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship	25 AA Mtg 7 pm 	26 Quilting 1-3 pm	27	28	29 	30 Plants Pies & Summer Buys 9am -1 pm
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*Emanuel is rich in heritage,
Spreading the Word of God through service,
education and fellowship as we break bread
together in the company of Christ*

Join Us for our Sunday Services at 11AM