

Emanuel Lutheran Church
June 2026
Enlightener



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www.be-lutheran.org



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

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

Birthday Blessings

June 1-Carlos Perez

June 2-Ronda Barr

June 2-Becca Bahrman

June 4-Sherri Jo Murphy

June 9-Pam Bahrman

June 9- Connie Ritter

June 15-Toni Peterson

June 16-Dale Ingalls



Anniversary Blessings

June 3-David & Christie Johnson

June 7-Dave & Sue Ridolphi

June 10 Paul & Betsy Koski

June 15-Bob & Bonnie Barr



*Thank you Betsy Koski for
sponsoring the June worship bulletins
honoring family.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Usher(s)</u>
06/07	Barb Bach	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
06/14	Jesse Kainulainen	Roger & Sarah Kimball
06/21	Barb Bach	Richard Cooke
06/28	Betsy Koski	Roger & Sarah Kimball

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**.

“[In Deuteronomy 30:8 Moses writes] ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.’ [And Joel 2:32 and Acts 2:21 says] ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written [in Isaiah 52:7] ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’ So, faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:8-9,13-15,17

The month of June, and therefore the beginning of the summer season, has a way of suddenly rolling up on us here in the Upper Peninsula! It seems that winter, especially this year, like a sad story, wants to hang on as long as possible, and so our spring season can be rather cool, cloudy and wet, and then like the boom of a thunderstorm, it suddenly gets warmer, even hot, with humidity, no-see-ums and mosquitoes filling the air and the sounds of crickets, frogs and other things filling our ears with sounds which have been so quiet for such a long time! I love to hear the sounds of the frogs and crickets in the evening this time of year! This makes me wonder, with all of the other noise going on in our social worlds and society these days...who and what are we listening to in our lives? Who are you listening to? Besides warmer weather and outdoor fun, the summer brings an assortment of sounds, noises, and voices. Faith has a lot to do with listening. In the passage above from Romans 10 the apostle Paul talks about how “faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.” Listening for this word then, is both important and beneficial to our faith, and our connection to Christ Jesus.

Some say that the word of the Lord is rare in our day and that visions are not widespread anymore. And to some extent it's true, we're not likely to see clouds parting and an old gray-haired guy offering advice from on high. So, when God does speak to us, how do we recognize his voice? I do not think that God ever meant for us to think of him as an old gray-haired guy in the sky. In one of her songs, the pop singer Joan Osborne asks “What if God was one of us?” When I hear this lyric, I recall that indeed in the person of Jesus from Nazareth we believe that God did come to be one of us. Joan's in song reminds us that God is found ordinary people and images.

So when I am intentional about listening for God, I discover that the word of the Lord is not all that rare, that indeed God is all around me - in the faces of people walking through the stores, in the sunshine on a cloudy day, in the laughter of children at play, in the babblish admonishment I receive from squirrels trying to get food from my birdfeeders, and in the wisdom of friends and acquaintances. In all these ways and many more, I hear the word of the Lord speaking in various ways. Not necessarily from a loud thunder clap disguising a deep-voiced old man from on high but by listening as others point out God's wonderful creation. Yes, the word of the Lord is all around us and there for the hearing! Our best response to this voice then is to listen to how God calls us to appreciate this life, to love those around us as best we can, and how not to be driven to the depths of despair by the un-healthy voices of popular culture and a disgruntled society and world seeking our attention and energy. And when we can do this, especially together as community in worship, our faith has the potential to reach new levels, insights and joys! I hope you have a great summer listening to God's word! If you have something to share with me, I am always ready to listen to you! Let's talk about our faith together this summer! See you in church! Grace and peace, +LLL



2026 Raffle Tickets Available !

This year we have two beautiful quilts, a “Cross Quilt” made by Connie Ritter and a “Patriotic Quilt” made by Sarah Kimball. Other raffle prizes include 3 framed art prints, a wooden quilt rack donated by Roy Shaw, a beaded necklace and earrings set made by Christie Johnson, a wool applique project by Sarah Kimball, and a fresh evergreen wreath. All proceeds will go toward the Digital Mapping Fund for the Emanuel and Haglund cemeteries. Tickets are \$2 each with the drawing on Saturday, November 21, 2026. See Jolene after Sunday Worship to pick up tickets to purchase or sell to others to help make this a successful fundraiser. Thank you!



There are still rooms and flower beds to adopt here at Emanuel! See the sign –up posters with photos of the areas on the storage unit near the kitchen. Many thanks to those that adopted a room/ area during the last time period. Your time and energy is very much appreciated!

Emanuel and Haglund Cemetery News

Monetary donations for the recent cemetery mapping project (website to be released soon and updated maps for kiosks) and maintenance are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made by check to Emanuel Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 160 Skandia, Mi 49885 or via Venmo and PayPal by searching for the below names. Please be sure to indicate "cemetery" on all donations.



Please contact Pamela Bahrman the Cemetery Business Manager at 906-869-2403 or emanuelhaglundcemetery@gmail.com for further information.

Thank you!

Venmo: @SkandiaEmanuel

PayPal: Emanueltds.net



Emanuel will be supporting the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity by supplying lunch for a building crew on Tuesday, June 16. If you can help by supplying part of the lunch, please talk with Sarah Kimball for more information. Supplies need to be brought by Emanuel by Monday, June 15. Thank you for helping with this local outreach project each summer season.



Quilting for Lutheran World Relief meets on Mondays 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!



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 !



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!



Grace Lutheran Church in Gwinn is inviting all children ages 4-11 to ***Vacation Bible School June 24-26. , 9am-12 noon.*** Crafts, games, music and dance, snacks, bounce house and take home lunch each day. For more information call 906-

346-3156, office hours at Grace Lutheran are 8am-1 pm.

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.

A BIG
Thank
YOU 

....to Roger Kimball for installing a new propane hot water tank for Emanuel. We are very grateful for Roger's experience and willingness to help maintain the property and church building of Emanuel. Thank you Roger!

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, Mary Heath, Sally Weingartner,
Sonny Robinson, Theresa, Andy O., Mary Ellen, Scott,
Tom Bach*

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

May Council Meeting Highlights

~Treasurer Betsy Koski explained the Financial Secretary and Treasurer monthly reports. A Financial Policy draft was given to the Council to review and will be discussed at the June Council meeting. Someone from the Congregation is needed to do bank reconciliations every month (review the bank statements) for the protection of the Congregation. Insurance for the church was also discussed. Currently Emanuel is insured by “Guide One” and is very expensive. The Council will need to do an insurance review.

~ Pastor Lloyd shared Bethany Lutheran Church in Negaunee has invited the Emanuel Congregation to worship together with them on August 9 at 10am at Bethany. There may be a potluck after worship.

~There is youth minister retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp this summer, cost \$25. The next youth gathering will be held in Minneapolis June 28-July 2, 2027.

~Volunteers needed for May 30th event. Beginning June 1st, quilting is moving to Mondays, 1-3pm .

~Three heating companies have been contacted for estimates of a propane furnace to heat the sanctuary and the offices with a separate zone. Paint colors were discussed for the outside painting of the fellowship hall.

~Pam Bahrman reported ***Trimedia*** may have the mapping of the cemeteries finished in about a month. The cemetery Board will be revisiting the cemetery rules/policies. A possible fundraiser of Croation Chicken in September will need volunteers. Dale Weingartner volunteered to set up QR codes for donations to the cemeteries and make posters with the information to be posted on the outdoor kiosk and in the cemetery brochure.

~The local benevolence for May 2026 will be given to the Women’s Center in Marquette.

~The next council meeting is Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m.

June 2026

Pastor Lloyd~Tuesdays, 10am-2pm

Jolene-Fridays, 12:30-5:30 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 11am	8 Quilting 1-3pm AA- 7pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 Worship 11am	15 Quilting 1-3pm AA- 7pm	16 Lunch for Habitat Building Crew Council Meeting 5:30 pm	17	18	19	20
21 Worship 11am	22 Quilting 1-3pm AA- 7pm	23	24	25	26	27 Alice Anderson Service 10 am
28 Worship 11am	29 Quilting 1-3pm AA- 7pm	30				

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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