

Emanuel Lutheran Church
July 2026
Enlightener



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Council Members

Barb Bach
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Committee Leaders

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

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 9 a.m.
July through October.

***2026/27 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church
July-October 9 AM November-February 11AM***

Birthdays Blessings

July 1-Melissa Krans

July 11-Mark Krans

*July 17-Pastor Lloyd
Luedeman*

July 19-Lee Whitaker

July 20-Mary Heath

July 23-Iandon DuVall

July 24-Leah Kainulainen



Anniversary Blessings

July 13-Dale & Sally

Weingartner

July 13-Mark & Iva Arnett



*Thank you Christie Johnson for sponsoring
the July worship bulletins
in honor of her family.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

Date

07/05

07/12

07/19

07/26

Lector

Gisele Duehring

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Patti Bergdahl

Jesse Kainulainen

Ushers

Richard C. & Dale W.

Jesse & Leah Kainulainen

Mark & Melissa Krans

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

You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. Matthew 5:38-42

A story is told of a Hebrew boy who lived in the first century C.E., who one day was tapped on the shoulder by the flat blade of a sword. Turning around, the surprised boy looked directly into the face of a detested Roman soldier, who said to him, "here, take my bag, and none of your lip, or I'll give you the boot!" In those days, under the occupying Roman forces right of impressment, the Roman soldier had the right to request that the boy carry his bag for a mile, to run an errand for a mile, or to guide him for a mile. So, knowing this and not wanting any trouble, the boy picked up the soldier's bag and carried it exactly one mile and not a foot beyond that! Then he then threw it down in the dust, muttered something under his breath, and ran off to his home. As we celebrate our nation's independence this year, the above story reminds me that it is also proper for us to celebrate God's Son, Jesus, another first century C.E. Hebrew boy, who went beyond the reasonable expectations of others, ending up on a Roman cross, and ultimately through his sacrifice, making it possible for all people to experience independence from those spiritual forces which occupy our minds and seek to keep us alienated from God and from each other.



In the verses above from the fifth chapter of Matthew's gospel, everyone in Jesus' audience understood the illustration he was using as he encouraged them to go beyond the normal expectations of the law. But I wonder how they reacted to his words? I think their reaction was very similar to what the majority of ours would be these days, "go two miles, no way!" In saying these things to the crowds gathered around him, Jesus sought to help the people understand that the gospel was not only a gift of grace to be enjoyed by them, but also the model for a life of grace to be lived, one calling us to go beyond what might seem reasonable in our love and care for those in need.

According to the story above, the Hebrew boy living under Roman rule was intentional about only doing the minimum of what was legally asked of him, and doing that reluctantly. Isn't it true that our human tendency is to do only the bare minimum of what we are asked to do by those in authority or in need, especially when it is something that we resent, or for people whom we do not agree with? This month, as we celebrate 250 years of our

country's freedom and independence from an occupying force, may we consider that loving God with our whole heart, mind and soul and loving our neighbor as ourselves means that we are to consider going beyond the bare minimum, both as citizens of our country and communities, but also as members of our congregation. During this month of July, may we all enjoy the warmth of summer but also remember to be cheerful givers as we take time to remember those who have gone beyond the call of duty in their service to us and our country, giving from what they had in their hearts, in order that others, like us, may now enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Jesus calls us to go beyond with him, like him, and for him, for the sake of the Gospel. My experience is that you do this very well! Keep up the good work! Looking forward to being with you in worship! +LLL

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Jeff and Bill Keane



"Okay, this is a fairy tale.
They HAVE to live happily ever after."

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com
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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!



Marquette County
Habitat
for Humanity®

Emanuel will be supporting the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity by supplying lunch for a building crew again in Jul and August, dates TBA. If you can help by supplying part of the lunch, please talk with Sarah Kimball for more information. Thank you for helping with this local outreach project each summer season.

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

Happy Birthday to the
United States of America!



250 Years of
God's Faithfulness



A big "THANK YOU"

to the folks that
painted the outside
of the fellowship
hall in June. It was

a perfect day weather-wise and we
are grateful for Roger, Sarah, Mark,
Melissa, Tom, Christie,
Richard and Jolene for a job well
done!

A BIG
Thank
YOU

**Special
Congregational Meeting**



“Let’s Raise the Temperature!”

A special congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, July 12** following the 9a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the estimate to install a new propane furnace to heat the sanctuary and offices. Currently the sanctuary is heated with an older oil furnace. All voting members are encouraged to attend this meeting! A copy of the proposal will be available at the meeting and is also available at the fellowship hall entrance. Along with fundraisers, we greatly appreciate any monetary gifts for the furnace. Please be sure to designate giving with “new furnace”. Thank you!



Skandia Days is Saturday, July 18!

Emanuel will be participating in the annual parade with our iconic float and giving out candy! All are invited to participate! Meet at Maple Lane Sports before the parade begins at 11 a.m.



A new **Christ In Our Home for July –September** is now available. It is a daily message of God’s amazing grace with reflections and prayers based on the lectionary daily readings. Please help yourself, found at the entrances or if you would like it mailed to you just let the office know,

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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 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 !

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., Scott

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

June Council Meeting Highlights

~Thank you note was received from the family of John Berglund for those who helped serve at the funeral.

~Treasurer Betsy Koski brought additional information regarding policies for church finances and handling funds. It is important for our church to set up financial policies. Richard Cooke has offered to help with the conciliation of the monthly bank statements with the checking account for Emanuel. A gift from the family of John Berglund was received and is in the church Memorial Fund. May Financial Secretary and Treasurer's reports were reviewed and accepted.

~Pastor Lloyd will be taking time off to move into their new house in Ishpeming . Betsy Koski will lead worship June 28. Sunday, August 9 there will be a joint service with Emanuel and Bethany in Negaunee at 10am followed by a potluck, which Bethany will do. Four baptisms at Emanuel this summer. June 27th Alice Anderson will be interned in the Emanuel cemetery with coffee & bars following.

~Betsy Koski recommended that as Intergenerational Sunday School be started in order to help educate the young children,. It will be once a month for all ages.

~Lunches for Habitat Building crews will be in July and august. Dates TBA.

~Roger Kimball received a Thrivent grant to purchase supplies to repaint the exterior of the fellowship hall. Three bids were received to replace the oil furnace in the church. Motion was made and accepted to hire B & G Heating and Plumbing to install the new propane furnace. A special congregational meeting will be held July 12 to vote on the bid.

~Betsy Koski recommended to have other congregational members trained to help count the funds in the offering plate after Sunday services. It requires two people to count.

~June local benevolence is to MQT Habitat for Humanity.

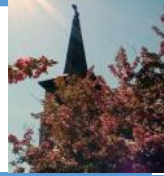
~Skandia Days is Saturday, July 18. 11AM. Emanuel will have their float and give candy.

~Next Council meeting is Tuesday, July 21, at 5:30 p.m.

July 2026

Pastor Lloyd ~Tuesdays 10am-2pm

Jolene~ Fridays 1:30-4:30pm & Sat. pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship 9AM	6 AA MTG 7 PM	7	8	9	10	11
12 Wor- ship 9AM Special Meeting	13 AA MTG 7 PM	14	15	16	17	18 Skand- ia Days 11AM
19 Worship 9AM	20 AA MTG 7 PM	21 Council Mtg 5: 30 PM	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 9AM	27 AA MTG 7 PM	28	29	30	31	

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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 9 AM