

Emanuel Lutheran Church
September 2026
Enlightener



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Emanuel Lutheran Church of Skandia , ELCA



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Betsy Koski ~ Christian
Education
Jane Sims ~ Worship & Music
Pam Bahrman ~ Cemetery
Business Manager
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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 9 a.m.
September through October

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

Birthday 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*



*Thank you Mary Lou Behrens for
sponsoring the September worship
bulletins in memory of Clayton Johnson Sr.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

Date

09/06

09/13

09/20

09/27

Lector

Barb Bach

Jesse Kainulainen

Barb Bach

Betsy Koski

Ushers

Jesse & Leah Kainulainen

Mark & Melissa Krans

Richard Cooke

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**.

The Pastor's Piece for September 2026

“The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.” Mark 6:30

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you!

As I returned to Emanuel Lutheran church of Skandia on this Tuesday morning during the last week of August to begin my office hours, I took a few moments to first walk around the perimeter of the cemetery. I have been meaning to do this, and since it was a beautiful summer morning, I thought it would be a great way to stretch my legs after the drive here, to fill my body with some fresh air, and to center my thoughts on the writing I needed to do this morning. As I stood on the backside of the cemetery near the woods, looking towards the church building, my gaze was captured by the rows of mature trees and grave markers, and the accent of the little yellow flowers filling the mostly green grass against the back drop of the church silhouette. My mind was filled with the fullness of the scale of memories that are contained in those graves and the lives which they touched while their occupants were living and practicing their faith on this earth. It's one of the things I most appreciate about performing celebration of life services-the memories that are shared between the people gathered on each of those occasions, and the way in which those memories will serve to hold all of them together in relationship for years to come! Now, during this last week of August, as I reflect on all of those lives which once, each in their own way, were connected to the larger community here and perhaps were a part of the ministry of this congregation, my mind goes to the ways in which we all will return back to our Fall routines as September comes to claim us. And as I think of the memories of our dearly departed and the ways in which we cling to them so dearly, I wonder what kind of memories we will be clinging to from our summer adventures? How will those memories hold people together in relationship?

In what ways did they teach us about God and the blessings and challenges of this earthly life? How will they prepare us for the future? And other such questions like these. The above verse from Mark's Gospel tells of the time when Jesus' disciples returned back to where Jesus was after having been sent out by him in pairs to preach the Good News and offer healing to the people. It was a time of great enthusiasm for them as they returned to share their stories of ministry with each other and especially with their Lord and teacher Jesus. Imagine the things they shared about their experiences; the people they met, the things that were said, the prayers that were offered, the healings that took place, the food that was eaten, the places they slept, the mistakes they made, the ways in which they kept themselves motivated, and how each of them came to realize in an even deeper way of the depth of love that God has for each of them and the world. What great memories were surely made! What a precious time of transformation and growth it must have been for each of them and for all of them as a whole community. How many times were those memories shared in conversations with one another and with visitors and new people that came to be assimilated in their groups. This makes me realize how I love to hear stories of people doing ministry. I'm sure Jesus was excited to hear how it went for those he had sent out. The bible is full of stories of the lives of God's people and how they came to know God in a more personal and meaningful way. Sharing our memories with one another almost always has an immense uplifting effect on us. Even if the memories are not that pleasant there are always things to learn from them. The stories of our faith-the memories of our history serving as God's hands and feet in the world have a lot to offer besides just the moments in which they were lived. Now, as we enter into this September, we will all be returning to church in various ways, and what better time to share some of our memories with one another and with our larger community? Maybe we could find a way to share some of the memories we have made recently about how God has been at work in our lives and ministry with others who might visit our church or social events or media pages? What do you think? What are your ideas on how this could happen? Think of it as a homework assignment and a possible way for others to get to know us better! See you in church, +LLL.



A New Program Year Begins!

Sunday, September 13 – 10:30 a.m.

With the beginning of fall comes the beginning of a new year of Christian education at Emanuel. While we won't have our traditional Sunday School for children, we welcome people of all ages – 3 to 95 – to join us Sept. 13th for our first **Intergenerational Sunday School**. Our theme for this first event is *"What's in a Name?"* and through stories, games and crafts we will look at many of the names given to Jesus. This is meant to be a fun time for both adults and children as we grow in our faith together.

Intergenerational Sunday School is an attempt to rebuild our Sunday School program. Do you know a child who might enjoy spending time with you here at Emanuel? Invite them to join you! We hope to hold these special Sundays once a month.



Quilting for Lutheran World Relief continues on **Mondays in September, 1-3pm**. We are always in need of new or gently used sheets and sewing thread for making the quilts. All are invited to join, no experience is needed and it is a fun time of fellowship with each other!

**Learn more about the variety of classes offered
through the Northern Great Lakes Synod's
Fall Lifelong Faith Formation**



Registration is Open!
Visit the Synod website for the
class information and registration:



<https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation/>



Emanuel will be supporting the Marquette County Habitat for Humanity by supplying lunch for a building crew on **Tuesday, September 15**. 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, September 14. Thank you for helping with this local outreach project this fall season.

Adult Forum

Beginning September 20 – 10:30 a.m.

All adults are welcome to experience the joy of learning – and often laughing – at Adult Forum. We will begin the year with a study on *Anxiety*...no, we won't make you anxious, we will talk about how when we are feeling weighed down with worry or anxious over things in our everyday lives, God offers us peace.



Anxiety comes with life, but it doesn't have to dominate it. Join us for what we hope will be a time of helpful, hopeful discussion.

We are strengthened in our faith and in our ability to handle the journey of life when we share it with others who believe. Add your thoughts and questions to this informal time of learning – everyone is welcome!

Financial News

Furnace Fund

We look forward to the installation of the new church furnace this fall! B & G Heating and Plumbing will be doing the work at a cost of \$11,100. Through August 26th, we have raised \$5,829 toward the purchase, **leaving a balance of \$5,271**. Your special gift, in addition to your general fund offering, is very much needed and appreciated! Simply mark "Furnace Fund" on your offering envelope so that it can be accurately recorded. Thank you to all who have given so generously – and to all who will prayerfully consider a future gift. Working together, we will worship in warmth this winter!

Cemetery Mapping



The contract amount that Emanuel entered into with TriMedia to complete the cemetery mapping project was \$34,150. To date, \$15,206 has been raised, **leaving a balance of \$18,944** needed to fund the project.

You can help address this deficit. Proceeds from our fall/holiday bazaar and raffle in November will go toward this project. Your donations of handmade crafts of any kind, as well as homemade baked goods will be very much appreciated! See Jolene to pick up some raffle tickets to sell, and be sure to watch your bulletins and newsletter for more information on the event.

Another way to help is by telling others who may have family buried in either the Emanuel or Haglund Cemeteries about the project. Encourage them to visit the website and make a donation if able.

General Fund

Thank you to all for your continued weekly and monthly gifts to the general fund which enable Emanuel's ministry to remain strong. It is what we do today – whether it be in time, talents or treasures given – that ensures a future for our congregation. May all our gifts be given with a joyful heart, in gratitude for God's many blessings.



....we are getting closer to our goal of 50 school kits for Lutheran World Relief, with 31 complete! We need **spiral notebooks** (4 are in each bag), **blunt point children's scissors**, and **blue/black** ink pens (5 in each bag.)

Thank you for your donations!

...we are looking for glass baby food jars for an upcoming Inter-generational Sunday School project!

...we are in need of large cardboard boxes for shipping the Lutheran World Relief quilts and school kits in mid October.

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, Scott, Jane Sims, Connie Ritter .*

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.

August 18, 2026 Council Meeting Highlights

~Thank you letter received from Marquette County Habitat for Humanity for the lunches provided this summer. Letter received Bishop Katherine Finegan thanking Emanuel for the donations to World Hunger, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and Lutheran Social Services. The Marquette Women's Center sent a thank you for the May benevolence received.

~Treasurer Betsy Koski answered questions regarding financial reports. Emanuel will borrow funds from our Scholarship fund to help pay the upcoming large bill for the cemetery mapping instead of from the Cemetery Reserve Fund as it is invested and earning interest at a higher rate that is no longer available. The down payment of \$5,500 for the new furnace has been made to B & G Plumbing & heating.

~ Betsy Koski will start Sunday School on September 13 with an Intergenerational Sunday School at 10:30 AM for all ages. The Adult Forum will begin the following Sunday at 10:30 AM.

~The McGuire family had two granddaughters baptized August 18. The baptism of baby Vincent Ledy will be held during the Sunday service on August 23 with a special cake during fellowship.

~Next Habitat building crew lunch will be Tuesday, September 15th. Still collecting items for school bags with notebooks, ink pens, and blunt scissors needed.

~Printed aerial maps have been made for both Emanuel and Haglund cemeteries. The Emanuel cemetery website is up and running and Haglund should be finished soon. TriMedia will attend October's council meeting to answer questions.

~Emanuel will be selling raffle tickets at the West Branch Community Tailgate Party on September 12, 11am-4pm.

~Emanuel will need help collecting greens and making wreaths for our November 21st event

~Complete minutes and financial reports are posted on the bulletin boards at sanctuary entry ways. Next council meeting is Tuesday, September 15, 5:30 p.m.

September 2026

Pastor Lloyd-Tuesdays, 10am-2pm

Jolene-Fridays~2-5:30-pm , Saturdays-pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9am Worship	7 Quilting 1-3pm AA Mtg. 7 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13 9am Worship Inter-generat ional Sunday School 10:30 am	14 Quilting 1-3pm AA Mtg. 7 pm	15 Lunch for Habitat Crew Council 5:30pm	16	17 	18	19 Adopt-A- High- way Clean- Up thru Sept. 27
20 9am Worship Adult Forum 10:30 am	21 Quilting 1-3pm AA Mtg. 7 pm	22	23	24	25	26
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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