Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Enlightener



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www.be-lutheran.org



Sunday Worship begins at 9 a.m. through October.

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

Birthday Blessings

October 2~
Saima Kainulainen

October 5-Allie Sims

October 11-Marc Brinc

October 23-
Jenna Allegeyer

October 28-
Sarah Kimball

Anniversary Blessings

October 3~

Roger & Sarah Kimball





Thank you Roger & Sarah Kimball for sponsoring the October worship bulletins honoring family.

Thank you for serving during worship!

Date	Lector	Ushers
10/04	Barb Bach	Roger & Sarah Kimball
10/11	Sarah Kimball	Richard Cooke
10/18	Christie Johnson	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
10/25	Betsy Koski	Mark & Melissa Krans

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 October 2026

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. Matthew 21:33

This verse from Matthew's text starts out our Gospel reading for this 1st Sunday in October. It's harvest season now, and Thanksgiving is right around the corner. In ministry, harvest is the time of year when we take time to remember what we have been given responsibility for as we review the past year and plan for the next. In the rest of the verses that follow, Jesus tells this story about a vineyard that was owned by a man who lived too far away to take care of it, so he had someone else stay there to watch over it for him and take care of the vines. When the grapes were ripe and ready, the owner would give a share of the grapes to those tenants who had been taking care of them instead of the owner taking them all. It was part of their pay for taking care of the vineyard. The story goes that when the grapes were ready, the owner sent some of his servants to the vineyard to get the owner's grapes and leave the rest for the tenants. But instead of giving the servants the grapes, the tenants treated them badly and even killed one of them, but some ran back and told the owner what had happened. Then the owner sent another group of servants to the vineyard and the same thing happened. Finally, he sent his own son to the vineyard because he thought the tenants would treat him better. But they did not, instead the tenants were so mean they threw the owner's son over the fence of the vineyard and killed him too. Well, as you can imagine, the owner became angry and he went to the vineyard with some of his other servants. He threw the tenants out and took the vineyard away from them and found someone else to take care of the vineyard. And he paid the new tenants the money he was going to pay the first ones, and instead of just giving the new tenants their share of the grapes, the owner gave them his share too. The bad tenants lost everything because of the things they had and had not done. When Jesus told this story, he had been talking with some of the important leaders at the temple; the people who were supposed to be taking care of God's temple and God's people, just like someone takes care of a vineyard. But instead of taking care of everything, the leaders were being mean and cruel and were even stealing from God's temple.



Jesus told them this story to remind those leaders they weren't supposed to be doing those things. I think there is something that we can be reminded of by this story also as we enter into this harvest season. I think it's good for us to remember that we are like the people entrusted with caring for the vineyard in the story. It's good for us to remember that God has asked us to take care of his creation and his people and his world through our ministry. How have we done this over this past year? How can we do it together over the next? This story reminds us that God wants us to take care of each other the way God would take of us, and take care of the entire world the way God would take care of it. I bet in your family you have things that you are required to do just because you are a family member. You have to do things like help keep the house clean or help wash the dishes after a meal or take out the garbage each week or rake the yard. Your family, if it is like most families, probably expects you to share in the work of your home. As children of God, we too are expected to share in the work of God's kingdom and grow in our faith and knowledge of God. This is why over the years we go to Sunday school, attend Confirmation, participate in bible studies and attend worship. Like in our homes, we are to help support Jesus' church. That is why we give back to God and take an offering every Sunday in worship. We are to tell others about the forgiveness and love that God has for all people in Jesus Christ. That is why we invite others to join our family of faith. In the story of the wicked tenants Jesus observed that the temple leaders in his day were not being the kind of family members that God wanted. They were more concerned about themselves than doing what God wanted them to do. Jesus wants us to know that as a part of his family we have important responsibilities to tend to. With that in mind, I offer this prayer for us as we enter the harvest season together: Lord God, as children of your kingdom, guide and empower us to be about the work of your vineyard. Help us to forgive, love, and invite others into this family of faith. Help us to follow your Son's teachings and take care of each other the way that you take care of us. Amen.

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts today!

See you in church, +LLL



Intergenerational Sunday School

Sunday, October 11 – 10:30 a.m.

We had an outstanding turnout for our first meeting in September… many thanks to all who participated!

People of all ages are welcome to take part in our second meeting where we will look to answer the question *"The Bible…What's in It for Me?"* We won't be testing your Biblical knowledge (so have no anxiety…), but with story, games, craft and more we'll share together what makes this sacred book such an important part of life. This is meant to be a fun time for both adults and children as we grow in our faith together.

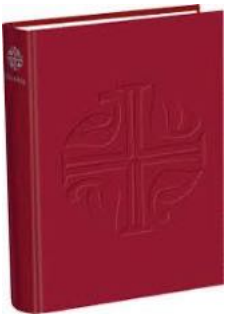
The foundation that we give children through Sunday School is invaluable. Our Intergenerational Sunday School is one way to rebuild our Sunday School program so that when the little ones now among us are old enough, they have a place to come to learn about Jesus. Thank you for helping make that happen!



Snow plowing bids for Emanuel are now being accepted **until October 15, 2026**. There is an updated document with specifications available. Please help share the word! Specifications are available by calling (906)942-7245 to have it mailed or emailing emanuel@tds.net for the specifications.

Adult Forum

Sundays in October at 10:30 a.m.
Sundays in November and December at 10:00 a.m.



All adults are welcome to experience the joy of learning – and often laughing – at Adult Forum. We'll conclude our study on anxiety in October and take a couple weeks to look in depth at our hymnal – the ELW – and talk about worship rituals and traditions. Your thoughts and ideas are welcome!!

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



We are hoping to have fresh wreaths available at our **November 21 Holiday Event Sale !** That being said, we need help to make this possible! Can you help by collecting fresh boughs (by October 31) pine cones, or help make the wreaths at a time that works for you, here in Emanuel's basement? We have one wreath making machine but having an additional one would be so helpful! If you know of any we could borrow please let us know. More information coming with details as needed, but first we need to know and hoping we can depend on help with this fundraising project. Please let Sarah or Jolene know if you are able to help in any way before we commit to having wreaths available. Thank you for helping to make this community event a success!

Financial News

Furnace Fund

As of this writing, our new furnace is almost installed! Many thanks to B & G Heating and Plumbing for their hard work, and to Roger Kimball for the hours spent preparing the space and doing countless other tasks. Cost for the new furnace is $11,100, and through September 30, we have raised $6,513, **leaving a balance of $4,587**. 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. Through September, $19,340 has been received, **leaving a balance of $14,810** 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. Our annual stewardship campaign will take place in November. Please prayerfully consider how you can respond to the blessings God has given you through your giving to Emanuel. Thank you!



Quilting for Lutheran World Relief changes to **Tuesdays beginning October 6, 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 too. Hope you can join us!

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 blanket stand 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.

September Council Meeting Highlights

~Thank you received from the Ledy family who had baby Vincent baptized at Emanuel in August.

~August Financial Secretary & Treasurer's Reports reviewed and accepted.

~Pastor Lloyd's office hours on Tuesdays are 12 N –3pm.

~Crop Walk for Hunger is Sunday, October 4.

~Marquette County Habitat for Humanity is holding a "Veteran's Build" day Monday, October 12, from 8:30am-4pm with lunch provided to volunteers at noon. Veterans are encouraged to volunteer for this event. A total of 54 school bags are being packed for Lutheran World Relief. On Sunday, November 1st, Emanuel will hold a baby shower for Sammy Duvall. They are expecting a boy and are registered at Target.

~Propane furnace to be installed beginning September 21st. A new snowplowing contract is needed for this winter with the deadline October 15 and with new specifications available.

~ Cemetery Board is hoping to do a Croation Chicken Dinner fundraiser at the end of April or early May 2027. Ken Kaiser from Trimedia will attend the October Council meeting to answer questions regarding the Cemetery Mapping project. A cost increase for cemetery plots and each cemetery service will be put on the Annual congregational Meeting agenda in January 2027.

~The local benevolence for September 2026 is for the Women's Center in Marquette.

~Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, October 20 at 5:30 pm. Complete minutes and financial reports are posted on bulletin boards at entrances.



Now that the seasons are getting colder, we will need more non-canned items for the outdoor food pantry. We are always in need of paper products and personal hygiene products as well as food. Lists of ideas are available on the wooden book shelf in the fellowship hall. Thank you for supporting this ongoing, community outreach project.

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Pastor Lloyd-Tuesdays 12N-3pm
Jolene~Fridays 2-5:30 pm & Sat. pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9am Worship 10:30 Adult Forum	5 AA Mtg 7pm	6 Quilting 1-3pm	7	8	9	10
11 9am Worship 10:30 Multi-Genera-tional SS	12 Veter-an's Build Day Habitat for Human ity AA Mtg 7 pm	13 Quilting 1-3pm	14	15	16	17
18 9am Worship 10:30 Adult Forum	19 AA Mtg 7pm	20 Quilting 1-3pm **Council Mtg 5:30**	21	22	23	24
25 9am Worship-Berglund Baptism 10:30 Adult Forum	26 AA Mtg 7pm	27 Quilting 1-3pm	28	29	30	31

Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 1 Clocks fall back 1hour.

Ault Forum beings at 10:30 am and Sunday Worship at 11am November 1st thru February.

DuVall Baby Shower Sunday, Nov. 1 following worship.

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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