Emanuel Lutheran Church
November 2026
Enlightener



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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 11 a.m. through February

New Email Address Nov. 1
emanuelskandia@gmail.com

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

Birthday Blessings

November 9
Roger Kimball

November 11
Nichole Reuter

November 11
Jane Sims

November 13
Tom Bach

November 15
Laurie Beauchamp

November 22
Mary Alice Smith

November 29
Lois Kokko





Thank you Jane Sims for sponsoring the November worship bulletins.

Thank you for serving during worship!

Date	Lector	Ushers
11/01	Patti Bergdahl	Tom & Barb Bach
11/08	Barb Bach	Jesse & Leah Kainulainen
11/15	Jese Kainulainen	Mark & Melissa Krans
11/22	Barb Bach	Richard Cooke
11/29	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**.

The Pastor's Piece for November 2026

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion,
and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11 NIV

I think our sense of anticipation increases during the month of November. I'm sure this is related to a variety of reasons, such as the changing of the seasons and the coming snowfall, or perhaps it's having just celebrated Halloween and now we are looking forward to the Christmas shopping season, or maybe we are preparing for the upcoming deer hunting season, or perhaps it's the fall sports schedule with the World Series having just ended and football in full swing and basketball and hockey just getting started, or it could be that church is on our minds and the Thanksgiving holiday is just around the corner and we are getting ready for Advent and involved in organizing and participating in many outreach ministries for this year's giving season? What would your sense of this growing anticipation be?

This year our congregations of Emanuel and Bethany will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a Prayer and Pie worship service in which other local congregations will be celebrating with us. I am looking forward to these services at each location (check the weekly bulleting for more information) and I hope you will be able to attend also! So, while all of these possibilities for November interest me, this year, I think I am mostly filled with anticipation for these Thanksgiving services! Perhaps this is because Thanksgiving has a deep and rich legacy, not only in our society, but in the church also. While Thanksgiving Day is a time set apart for family, food, football, and counting our blessings among other things, for Christians, every day has an element of thanksgiving in it where we can feel free to respond graciously to God for the way that God has been generous to us in our lives. As the Apostle Paul writes above in the verse from his second letter to the Corinthian congregation, we too have been *enriched* in every way, and our generosity allows for others to show thanksgiving to God also through their efforts empowered by ours.

Thinking of this I am reminded that stewardship is another area of anticipation which becomes more prevalent during this month of November as we start to plan for our ministry in 2027. It is often said that stewardship is just about paying our bills at church? And I wonder if this is true then why are there so many other things that we have to worry about at church all year long, like who will be our readers, ushers, and worship assistants, and who will provide fellowship goodies each week, or who will serve on our Council, or at our funerals, or provide music in worship, or visit our homebound, or organize fellowship and outreach events and who will make sure our building is in good working order, and all the other countless things that need to happen for our ministries to continue to be what they are? This is why I think stewardship is more than just about paying our bills each month and worrying about what we can or cannot afford. Over the last 20 years or so that I have been involved in congregational ministry I have learned to talk about our *stewardship* in terms of our *discipleship*, because stewardship is more than just giving money and funding budgets. I have come to learn that stewardship is a way of life – a way of life that Jesus taught and modeled for us, and encouraged us to participate in with the gifts that God had entrusted to us, and therefore it is how we are found to be faithful to God everyday as disciples of his Son. Maybe that's why I am anticipating and looking forward to our Thanksgiving services this year? Besides all the tasty pies and ice cream and wonderful singing and fellowship that we will enjoy together on those evenings, it will be a special time where I can be intentional about giving thanks to God for all the ways that mine and Amy's lives have been enriched by being a part of our ministries and communities at Emanuel and Bethany Lutheran churches! Thank you for being generous with all that you share and do!

Happy Thanksgiving! May God continue to bless you and your family in the days ahead!

Pastor Lloyd

Adult Forum



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 concluded 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 time of learning – everyone is welcome!

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!



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, much needed ,community outreach project.



Snow plowing bids for Emanuel are now being accepted . 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 emanuelskandia @gmail.com for the specifications.



Thanksgiving food baskets will be given on **Monday , November 23**. If you know of any one, or of a family in our community in need of one, please talk with Sarah or Pastor Lloyd. Along with other items in the baskets for a complete Thanksgiving meal, we will collect canned green beans, canned cranberry sauce and boxes of jello (any flavor) as donations before shopping on Monday, November 23. A special offering will be taken **Sunday, November 22** during worship for the food baskets also.

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 ever-green 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!

Sign up sheets to help with this event, donate bake sale items, and flyers to take to post in the community are available on the kitchen counter. Thank you for helping to make this a successful community event!



Emanuel Lutheran Church

9812 US HWY 41 ~ Skandia

"Holiday Crafts, Quilts & Bake Sale"

Saturday, November 21, 9AM-1PM

- Handmade Quilts and Crafts
- Bake Sale
- Soup
- Raffle Items: Two Handmade Quilts, Wool Applique, Beaded Necklace and Earrings Set, Framed Sunset Print, Framed Terry Redlin Print, Framed Paul deMarrais Print, Wooden Quilt Rack, Fresh Christmas Wreath
- **Raffle Drawing at 1:30 PM**

All proceeds will go towards the Digital Mapping Fund for the Emanuel and Haglund Cemeteries of Skandia.

For more information: (906)942-7245 www.be-lutheran.org

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Please join us at Emanuel Lutheran church on

Wednesday, November 25th, at 6:00 pm for a

Thanksgiving Prayer and Pie Service





The service will be held in Emanuel's fellowship hall.

We will celebrate together by enjoying a Pie and Ice cream meal.

while we worship together with Thanksgiving readings, songs, and prayers!

Emanuel will provide the ice cream, and liquid refreshments and some pies.

We ask that other congregations also brings some pies to share also!

Hope to see you there!



Tuesdays (1-3PM) in November we will be creating fresh wreaths at Emanuel for the Holiday Event. With an extra wreath making machine available only on November 3-5, besides each day 1-3 pm, we will be making wreaths Wednesday evening, November 4, from 5-7pm. Bring hand cutters and gloves. The sign up sheets are on the counter to help the day of the event, bake sale items and soup. **Thank you** for helping to make this a successful community event with proceeds going towards the digital mapping project of the cemeteries.

Emanuel Lutheran Church has a new email address since TDS is no longer is offering email services November 1. If your email address is changing, please let our office know.

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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 & Sherry Robinson, Dan Hakala, Korry.

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.

November 2026

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship	2 AA Mtg 7pm	3 Wreath Making 1-3pm	4 Wreath Making 1-3pm 5-7pm	5 Wreath Making 1-3pm	6	7
8 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship	9 AA Mtg 7pm	10 Wreath Making 1-3pm	11	12	13	14
15 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship	16 AA Mtg 7pm	17 Wreath Making 1-3pm **Council 5:30pm**	18	19	20 	21 **Holiday Event 9am-1pm**
22 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship	23 AA Mtg 7pm **Food Baskets**	24 	25 **Thanks-giving Prayer & Pie 6pm**	26 	27	28
29 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship	30 AA Mtg 7pm					

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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 11 AM

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