

The VISITOR

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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am Service

Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Weeks

Sun. School/Bible Study 10:15 AM

Midweek Wednesday 2:00 pm

Voter's Meeting 11/12 After church service

THANKSGIVING!

Did you know that in the King James Version of the Holy Bible, the word "Thanks" appears seventy-three times? "Give thanks" appears thirty-four times, and "gave thanks" appears eleven times. Wow! That is a lot of thanksgiving! As Christians we have so much to be thankful for. We have our family and friends. We have our church family. We have material blessings in America that make us the envy of the world. Lord willing, we have our health. We have the right to believe and worship as we see fit, at least according to the Constitution of the United States.

Yes, we have so very much to be thankful for. Most importantly, though, we are thankful for Jesus! Colossians 1:12-14 sums up the reason we have for being thankful as well as any passage in Holy Scripture. There St. Paul writes, "...giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

That is awesome! No matter what, we have so much to be thankful for, because we belong to Jesus' kingdom. That means we are citizens of

heaven! That means no matter what we go through here on earth...the unbelievable blessings, and the difficult struggles, we have it made! Heaven is ours! Jesus came to make sure that all who believe in Him can be certain of eternal life in His kingdom because He has won the forgiveness for our sins on the cross. So, no matter what. No matter what comes our way, we can be thankful...thanks to Jesus! Now that is a lot of thankfulness! And that is what Thanksgiving is all about! Happy Thanksgiving everybody!

In Christ, Pastor Davis



Deaconess Intern

With November right around the corner, I have almost completed the first semester course at the Seminary, "Introduction to Deaconess Studies". We have just completed a brief study of Bible interpretation and Practical Theology! The more I learn, the more there is to learn! If you see me buried in work, my first two papers are coming due very quickly! It's been a bit since I had to write grad level papers, so I am a bit nervous.

Lori Dietmeier has started a part-time office assistant job which will allow me to devote more time to my internship. This will primarily be seen in confirmation teaching, shut-in visits, and starting a new visit program to follow up with members who have suffered a loss this past year. I will be calling members to schedule!

If you have a specific need that you would like to meet with Lisa, please call the office or my cell phone (605-467-3209).

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Date	Festival	1 st Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Nov. 5	All Saints' Day	Rev. 7:(2-8) 9-17	Psalm 149	1 John 3:1-3	Matt. 5:1-12
or	Twenty-third S. a. Pentecost	Micah 3:5-12	Psalm 43	1 Thess. 4:1-12	Matt. 23:1-12
Nov. 12	Twenty-fourth S. a. Pentecost	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Matt. 25:1-13
Nov. 19	Twenty-fifth S. a. Pentecost	Zeph. 1:7-16	Psalm 90:1-12	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Matt. 25:14-30
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day	Deut. 8:1-10	Psalm 67	Phil. 4:6-20 or 1 Tim. 2:1-4	Luke 17:11-19
Nov. 26	Last Sunday of the Church Year	Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	I Corin. 15:20-28	Matthew 25:31-46

Mission Sewing

Mission Sewing meets on November 2nd at 9:00 AM. Please consider joining us on the first Thursday of every month at 9:00 AM! There are tasks available to however you are comfortable!

A quilt was given to Orphan Grain Train for their silent auction that was held on Sun, Oct 22nd. Another quilt was given for another benefit.

LOE

The Ladies of Emanuel will meet on Tuesday, November 14 in the Fellowship Hall at 1 PM. Pastor Davis will lead the Bible Study from the Fall Quarterly, page 20, "Mission of Love". Phyllis Schultz and Mary Rethke will serve a light lunch. The November Focus will be to visit/send cards or letters/call the shut-ins of our congregation. Diann Dauwen, Karin Mueller, Phyllis Schultz and Judy Sackreiter will serve coffee on November 5th. All women in the congregation are invited to attend.

We will polish Brass on November 9 at 9 AM! All men and women invited to help!

September 2023 Treasurer Report

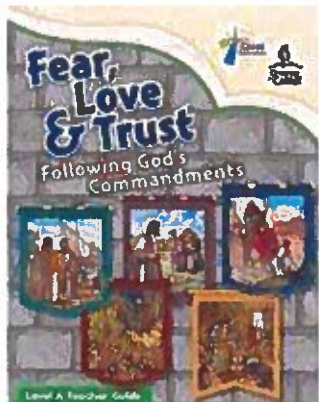
Sept 2023 Income:	\$ 22,566.05	YTD 2023 Income:	\$ 273,114.45
Sept 2023 Expense:	\$ 36,506.18	YTD 2023 Expense:	\$ 315,734.30
Difference:	\$ -13,940.13	Difference:	\$ -42,619.85

We currently have raised enough money to replace the boiler! It has been ordered and as the Trustees know about installation, we will let you know. Thank you to all those who have donated to this necessary project!

SPECIAL MISSION ENVELOPES

The Special Mission envelope contributions for November will go towards:
Emanuel Lutheran Preschool

Sunday School---Emanuel kids Preschool through 8th grade



Unit 1 started Sunday, September 10th, with the Ten Commandments.

God's love for us is no fairy tale, but all of our knights and princesses will learn how Jesus defeated sin once and for all! Our Ten Commandments unit follows a castle theme: Just like a castle protects those who live inside, God's Ten Commandments protect us when we live in their boundaries. We'll be using lessons, games, and crafts to learn the Ten Commandments and their meaning.

Unit 2 starts Sunday, January 7th, with The Lord's Prayer.

January might be a little nippy, but we'll be curled up in our tents while we learn the Lord's Prayer. Our Lord's Prayer unit follows a camper theme: We'll learn how God provides our daily bread and everything that means! Again, lessons, games, and keepsake crafts will help us learn the Lord's Prayer and its meaning as presented in Luther's Small Catechism.

Unit 3 starts Sunday, March 17th, with the Apostles Creed.

Secure in our salvation, it's all fun and games in our last unit, which follows a carnival theme. We'll learn about how our creed summarizes what we believe about our triune God. Our lessons, games, and keepsake crafts will help us memorize the Apostles Creed and its explanation from Luther's Small.

Stewardship Board Newsletter for November 2023

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed. Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more Diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

BELLS/CHOIR INFO

Bells and choir began in September! Please prayerfully consider joining to make a joyful noise to our Lord one Sunday a month. This is only an hour of your time once a week. If your child is at confirmation, this is a great place for you to participate while they are at confirmation class. For more information contact Linda Kolb 701-429-0838 or Max Athey 605-924-0934.

Practice schedule for Nov 22 to Dec 31

Adult handbells: 5:15 to 6:10PM

Choir schedule: 6:10 to 7:00PM



OGT IS ON TRACK

THANK YOU! A Huge Thank You to Emanuel Lutheran Church and the Milbank community for supporting Orphan Grain Train's Sausage Feed fundraiser! We are so thankful for the support from you to allow us to help the residents of Kentucky and Louisiana still suffering from tornadoes and flooding.

Also many thanks to all the many volunteers who helped us prepare for and serve the Sausage Dinner on Sunday. There are so many of you whose helping hands made this project so much easier and we so appreciate all of you! Thank you from the South Dakota Orphan Grain Train!



Coming Soon! Schermer's Pecans!
Plain, Milk Chocolate,
Dark Chocolate and Clusters
Same price as last year
Expected arrival early November!



Little Caesars
Fundraising

**LITTLE CEASAR'S LINK
TO SUPPORT
PRESCHOOL**

<https://www.pizzakit.com/fundraising-products?shop+1&t=landing>

Online ordering is open through 11/26/2023, with delivery to the church mid-December. Please enter fundraiser ID #426722 to give credit to the preschool. Be sure to choose "Ship my order to the group" and you will not have to pay shipping!

YOUTH GROUP IS WHERE IT'S AT

Oct 15th HAYRIDE was fantastic! Seventeen youth got together for hot dogs and a hayride. We stopped to throw rocks in the creek. After the chilly ride, we enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies/bars and outdoor games.



Have you ever noticed the ripples in the water when you throw a rock? Jesus wants our lives to be like this. What are your ripples showing about you? Are those ripples building up your neighbors or hurting them? Jesus wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves and do unto others as you want them to do unto you. Let your ripples show what Jesus tells us to do.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 12th – 11:30 am after church/Sunday School – Pizza at the church then head to the Orphan Grain train building for packing Mercy Meals. Pick up your kids at the Orphan Grain Train building at 1:30 PM. Thanks to Leanna Schwandt for helping set this up for us.

NOV 24th THERE WILL BE NO PIE BAKING THIS YEAR DUE TO SADIE HAWKINS DANCE

Nov 28th – Decorate the church for Christmas at 9AM. Please let Max Atthey know you will be coming to help. Call or Text 605-924-0934

Dec 2nd (Saturday) 3PM – Meet at the building west of Dewey's Lawn Care to decorate a trailer for the parade and then to walk with the trailer on the parade route to hand out Hot Chocolate packets. Come with Ideas!!!

Dec 10th 3PM – Church activity – Caroling to the Nursing home and return for soup and fellowship after caroling.

Warm Hands, Hearts, and Heads



Clean out your winter drawer

**We are collecting Hats,
Gloves, and Scarves for the
Cold Winter Season.**

**Watch for a donation
area in November**

Preschool News
by Karen Tillma

This month, as we were on the letter K, we have been talking a lot about kindness. I bought some flowers and wrapped them individually in tissue. The children made cards and we walked to the homes in the area and to the library. We shared our gifts and wished them a great day. It was wonderful to see the smiles on the givers and the receivers! I had a great turnout for conferences! It was wonderful to be able to touch base with parents about their child's progress and to see if they had any concerns.

We have already started practicing Christmas songs as we prepare for the programs which will be held on December 3rd. A big thank you to Bob and Sandy Schell for the pumpkins and stickers to decorate them, and to Brandy and Patrick Blauert for the little white pumpkins. We also had a visit from Steve and Gail Bogenrief with a box of goodies. (napkins, ornaments and a large container of M & M's) It is such a blessing to see the support from the members of the congregation! Your gifts are so appreciated!

BYD GROUP for November is GROUP 3, Elder—Darwin Wojahn

Please refer to the sign-up sheets outside of the sanctuary as there are several open spots at this time for Usher and Greeter. Thank you!!!! You can call the office to volunteer at any time. 605-432-9555

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Holtquist, Ella M.	1-Nov
Pond, Alana	1-Nov
Pond, Riley N.	1-Nov
Leddy, Korbin R.	3-Nov
Schamber, Ginger	3-Nov
Spanton, Jessica M.	3-Nov
Bloom, Nikolas	4-Nov
Linngren, Austin W.	4-Nov
Pinkert, Kimberly	4-Nov
Dietmeier, Martin C.	5-Nov
Myers, Tom	5-Nov
Schell, Jennifer K.	6-Nov
Schell, Parker B.	6-Nov
Ehlebracht, Alyssa C.	7-Nov
Hofhenke, Joyce	7-Nov
Hunt, Hudson L.	7-Nov
Bolin, Ricky	8-Nov
Bohn, Wanda	10-Nov

Haliburton, Timothy J.	10-Nov
Street, Kris	11-Nov
Gabriel, Rachelle L.	13-Nov
Garcia, Noah E.	13-Nov
Koch, Dalton L.	13-Nov
Henderson, Tyler C.	14-Nov
Pinkert, Sharon	14-Nov
Zubke, Eleanor G.	14-Nov
DiNatale, Eliza J.	15-Nov
Graf, Margaret L.	15-Nov
Haigh, Luke H.	16-Nov
Martell, Mia M.	17-Nov
Angerhofer, Edna	18-Nov
Loeschke, Tracy L.	18-Nov
Mueller, Jacob	18-Nov
Priebe, Alivia A.	19-Nov
Barse, Corbin M.	20-Nov
Bauer, Braydon A.	22-Nov
Schumacher, William	22-Nov

Nies, Krista M.	23-Nov
Rethke, Regina A.	23-Nov
Hunt, Karen F.	24-Nov
Reil, Trey A.	24-Nov
Hanson, Laci	25-Nov
Mielitz, Tammy	25-Nov
Frickson, Mark	26-Nov
Gabriel Sr., Ray	26-Nov
Tietjen, Larry L.	27-Nov
Bloom, Lincoln J.	28-Nov
Pinkert, Paul D.	28-Nov
Sackreiter, Judy	28-Nov
Weyh, Whitney	29-Nov
Johnson, Joyce	30-Nov
Keller, Rhonda L.	30-Nov
Leddy, Krecia L.	30-Nov
Schweer, Michelle	30-Nov

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dragt, Kenneth D. and Kathryn A.	4-Nov
Mielitz, Craig A. and Brooke Johnson	7-Nov
Morton, Gary and Sheila A.	7-Nov
Davis, Christopher and Karrie	8-Nov
Schwandt, Richard R. (Dick) and Julie	8-Nov
Behrens, James and Karen J.	10-Nov
Meister, Ronald J. (Ron) and Phyllis J.	12-Nov
Bogenreif, Daniel L. and Sharon J.	20-Nov
Schweer, Richard A. and Michelle	20-Nov
Greiner, Brian A. and Peggy	23-Nov

Please note:

If you notice that you or a family member is not on the birthday or wedding anniversary lists, PLEASE contact the office. That means that something in our computer is wrong or missing. We are trying to keep updated so it is very helpful to be made aware of mistakes!

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA Meets at Emanuel every: Wednesday at 8 PM Basement Thursday at 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall	Upcoming Worship Services November 22-Thanksgiving 7 PM Wednesdays starting November 29—Advent suppers 5:30 PM Advent services 7 PM Christmas Eve: 9 AM and 4 PM Christmas Day: 10 AM		1 9:15 AM Mercy Meals at OGT 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship 5:30 PM Handbells 5:45 PM—Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Book Study	2 9:00 AM Mission Sewing 12:00 PM Vespers at Peaceful Pines Assisted Living 1:30 PM Bible Study 3:30 PM Communion at St. Williams	3	4
5 9:00 AM—Service of the Word w/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM—SS/Adult Bible class	6 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	7 Lisa and Pastor—Winkle 6:00-7:30 PM New Member Class	8 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship- with Holy Communion 5:30 PM Handbells 5:45 PM—Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Book Study	9 9:00 AM Brass Cleaning 1:00 PM Bible Study	10	11
12 9:00 AM—Service of the Word 10:15 AM—Sunday School 10:15 AM VOTERS' Meeting 11:15 AM Bible Study	13 2:00 Cub Scout Turtle Races—Basement	14 1:00 PM—LOE 4:00 PM—Stewardship Board 4:30 PM—Board of Ed 5:30 PM—Youth Board 6:00 PM—Evangelism 6:00 PM New Member Class 7:00 PM—Trustee Mtg	18 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship 5:30 PM Handbells 5:45 PM—Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Book Study	16 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM—Elder Board	17	18 9:00am Caitlyn Graf— Fellowship Hall
19 9:00 AM—Service of the Word w/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Donuts and Coffee to celebrate Edna Angerho- fer's 90th Birthday 10:15 AM—SS/Adult Bible class	20 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	21 Newsletter items Due 6:00-7:30 PM New Member Class	22 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship- with Holy Communion 5:15 PM Handbells NO CONFIRMATION 6:10 PM Choir 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service Pie Social to follow	23 NO PRESCHOOL Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner 11:00 AM-1:00 PM	24	25
26 9:00 AM—Service of the Word 10:15 AM—Adult Bible Study	27 NO PRESCHOOL	28 6:00-7:30 PM New Member Class	29 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship 5:00 PM—Advent Meal 5:15 PM Handbells NO CONFIRMATION 6:10 PM Choir 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Advent Service	30 1:00 PM Bible Study	No Confirmation November 22- January 3rd so families are free to attend the Advent meals and worship services!	