

# THE VISITOR

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 2:00 p.m.

Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>  
weeks and every Wednesday

YouTube Live Streamed on  
Sunday or Watch Replay

<https://www.youtube.com/@emanuellutheranchurchelcmi4536>



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## **Submitting to One Another in the Shadow of Easter**

The other day, during a pre-marital class the couple and I were discussing Ephesians 5:21-33 which talks about wives submitting to their husbands and husbands loving their wives. What is taught here about Christian husbands is often overshadowed by the instructions for wives to be submissive. Two things always become clear when this passage is actually studied and discussed. First, husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her. In other words, a husband is called upon to put the interest and well-being of his wife and family ahead of his own. Second, submission isn't demeaning it is loving. What wife wouldn't willingly and gladly submit to a husband that always puts her and the kids first? What wife wouldn't want a husband that lives his life for her? One of the keys to understanding this passage is verse 21, that tells us as Christians we are to submit to "one another out of reverence for Christ." Did you catch that? All of us are to submit to the other people in our lives out of reverence for Christ. Or as Paul puts it in Philippians 2:3, we are all to "count others as more significant than yourselves." Putting the best interest and well-being of others ahead of your own is one of the results of living in the shadow of Easter. As Christians we are never to live our lives out of Easter's reality. Christ put our interest and well being first when He died and rose again for us. Because He did this to bring us forgiveness, life, and salvation, we are now free to submit to one another out of reverence for Him. When I discuss this with people, I like to use examples that pertain to everyday living. For example, if you are too cold but other people in the room are too warm, submit to them so they can be comfortable. If you can't hear a movie or show because it isn't loud enough, but others think it is too loud, submit to them. If you want something to eat, but the people you are with don't like that or really want something else, submit to them. You get the point. These are simple examples. Often submitting to one another is much more difficult because the issues are

more serious. Yet that is how we are called to live in the shadow of Easter. Imagine how things would look in this world if we all submitted to each other out of reverence for Christ? What would life look like if we always put other people's interest ahead of our own? One caution here. As Luther wrote in his commentary on Galatians, submitting to one another is about life not doctrinal truths. When it comes to matters of Scriptural truth – things that have eternal significance and point to Jesus – we aren't to give an inch, ever (see Galatians 1:9, for example). But in matters of life – day to day living with each other in this world, we can and we are called to submit to each other and put other people's interests first. We can gladly and joyfully do this because we are reconciled to God in Christ Jesus. Put another way, we can now submit to each other because we live every day in the shadow of Easter.

In Christ, Pastor Davis

**Funeral: Audrey Harms**

**Helping during Worship Service**

	Sound Radio Broadcast	Acolytes
May 3	Harlan Monson	Bennett Schwandt, Andrew Karges
May 10	Dave Schamber	Landon Athey, Ethan Richardt
May 13	6:30 PM Larry Underwood	
May 17	Tracy Pinkert	
May 24	Charles Schamber	
May 31	Harlan Monson	



**Ladies of Emanuel invite you to join our monthly gathering held on the second Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the fellowship hall. We met last on April 14, 2026. Pastor Davis led the topic in the Quarterly intitled Overflowing in Comfort. Hostess's were Mary Rethke and Joan Smith. We will be hosting the confirmation kids and their families on May 6<sup>th</sup> with a meal at 5pm. Invites have been sent to each family and the Elders. We will be serving BBQ's. Brass cleaning was done on April 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving morning coffee on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, those serving will be Joyce Kasuske and Judy Sackreiter. Our next meeting will be May 12<sup>th</sup> Joellen Heffron and Donna Zubke. It will be held at 1pm, come join us.**

## **Stewardship Section:**

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you" (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job is already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus' generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: "The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity" (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each "as he has decided in his heart," as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love "in deed" (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord's work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry Article – May 2026

## **May Mission of the Month**

Our May Special Mission of the Month  
is Lutheran Family Service.

<https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/>



**FFTP** FOOD FOR  
THE POOR

We will take a door offering after church on  
May 17<sup>th</sup>

We welcome Pastor Weinhold

with "Food for the Poor"



THANK YOU to our EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH FAMILY for your generous support of Milbank ORPHAN GRAN TRAIN COLLCTION CENTER though our Special Mission Offering. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference for those in need.

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

We are truly grateful for your partnership and faithful support.

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### Upcoming Events & Recent Highlights

Beyond our regular Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday volunteer days, we have plenty of exciting news and upcoming events to share:

- **Mission Accomplished (April 21):** Volunteers successfully loaded a 53-foot OGT truck! The shipment included 11 bikes, 40 sleeping mats, two pallets of Mercy Meals, suitcases, canes and walkers. We even sent our driver off toward Norfolk with some local VQ cheese for the road.
- **April 25:** Joyce and Linnea represented our center at the ELCA Women’s Zone Rally in Milbank.
- **May 7:** We look forward to welcoming a group of women from Herman, MN, who are visiting to learn more about OGT and lend a hand.
- **June 3:** A team of women from Brookings will be joining us specifically to help pack Mercy Meals.
- **June 5–6:** Joyce and Linnea will be at the SD LWML State Convention in Rapid City. We’ll be hosting a booth to spread the word about our mission.

**A Special Note:** Our collection center is officially on the ballot for a Mission Grant! This funding would be a massive help for some much-needed building repairs. We appreciate your prayers and support as we hope for a favorable vote.

# Confirmation Banners

A big thank you to the many people who helped with the banners hanging in the sanctuary. Thanks to Dusty Mueller who sewed the banners for many years; Diane Berkner, who took over this year; and Lori Dietmeier, who cut over 800 letters to put on the banners. Special thanks to Bob Schell, who cut crosses, numbers, and punctuation and assembled the dowels. He also laid out each banner to make sure all pieces were accounted for! Additionally, thank you to the family members who helped their confirmands assemble their banners! They are a great keepsake memory of their confirmation day and a wonderful guiding verse for life.

Thanks for all your help! Sandy Schell



## Birthday Wishes

Myers, Dominic	1-May
Street, Charlotte J. (C.J)	1-May
Ebsen, Gary W.	2-May
Anderson, Jenelle	3-May
Athey, Talia B.	3-May
Bogenrief, Cleo	3-May
Davis, Christopher	3-May
Larson, Theodore J.	3-May
Holtquist, Robert A. (Bob)	4-May
Toft, Tommi L.	4-May
Loeschke, Austin A.	5-May
Rethke, Jason L.	5-May
Hanson, Calvin D. (Cal)	6-May
Jibbens, Randolph H. (Randy)	7-May
Schultz, Austin L.	7-May
Pies, Judy	8-May
Rethke, Alyssa V.	8-May
Anderson, Hali J.	10-May
Pinkert, Ronald E.	10-May
Berkner, James (Jim)	11-May
Fish, Richard J.	11-May
Morton, Troy A.	11-May
Underwood, Steven M.	11-May
Wagner, Beth E. (Beth)	11-May
Zemlicka, Allison	11-May
Bray, Heather N.	12-May
Hamann, Alicia	12-May
Wittrock, Nora R.	12-May
Mueller, Karin L.	13-May
Pinkert, Tracy E.	13-May
Pinkert, Jennifer (Jenny)	15-May
Rethke, Ryker J.	15-May
Giossi, Shyenne	16-May
Morton, Scott W.	17-May
Staebling, Kate	18-May
Ebsen, April	20-May
Harms, Gary	20-May
Myers, Peyton D.	20-May
Nies, Brenda E.	20-May
Peiker, Angel E.	20-May
Smith, Brian	20-May
Grabow, Rita	21-May

Mielitz, Craig A.	21-May
Smith, George	21-May
Mielitz, Barbara A. (Barb)	23-May
Priebe, Chloe J.	23-May
Wellnitz, Jessica R.	23-May
Goetschius, Sterling R.	24-May
Jutting, Gerald E. (Jerry)	24-May
Staebling, Claire	24-May
Robinson, Alex	25-May
Pinkert, Justin L.	26-May
Rethke, Niki	26-May
Angerhofer, Vernon L.	27-May
Essington, Cindy L.	27-May
Leddy, Kiera L.	27-May
Fischer, David P.	28-May
Stemsrud, Marilyn L.	28-May
Bogenrief, Michael	30-May
Karges, Olivia M.	30-May
Lingwall, Ardell M.	31-May

## Anniversary Wishes

Leddy, Donnie R. and Krecia L.	1-May
Koch, Clifford L. (Kip) and Kea K.	10-May
Kolb, Kim and Linda	14-May
Dexter, Brandon L. and Hilary	15-May
Ivers, Marie (Reenie) and	15-May
Gulley, Douglas (Doug) and Vickie K.	16-May
Schell, Robert and Sandra K. (Sandy)	17-May
Dexter, Douglas L. and Ardetle A.	20-May
Smeins, Michael and Rhonda	26-May
Mueller, Gary and LaVonne	28-May

# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May Special Offering Mission of the Month: Lutheran Family Service					1	2 5pm Worship Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Wilmot
3 9am Service of the Word with Holy Communion. Senior Recognition Sunday 10:30-12:00 Sunday School (last day movie/pizza) 10:30 Fellowship followed by Bible Study	4 7pm Elders' Meeting	5	6 PreK Chapel 9am Mercy Meal Packing 2pm Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 Confirmation Supper and Questioning 8:00 AA Meeting	7 9am Mission Sewing 11 am Worship Ser- vice at St. Williams 1:00 Bible Study	8	9 9am Bible Study— Men's Group  5pm Worship Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Wilmot
10 9am Service of the Word with Holy Communion. Confirmation Sunday 10:30 Fellowship followed by Bible Study	11 6pm Cub Scouts	12 1:00 LOE(L,WML) 5:30 Youth Board 6:00 Evangelism 6:00 Stewardship	13 6:30 pm Ascension Eve Service with Holy Com- munion 2pm NO Mid-Week Wor- ship Service 8:00 AA Meeting	14 No Bible Study  4pm Christian Service Council Meets	15	16 10am Worship Ser- vice at Park Place 5pm Worship Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Wilmot 7pm Family Movie "Running the Bases"
17 9am Service of the Word with Holy Communion Door Offering 10:30 Food for the Poor Presentation Fellowship Hall Reserved for Brenda Nies	18	19	20 2pm Worship with Holy Communion 8:00 AA Meeting	21 1:00 Bible Study  2:30 Worship Service at Wilmot Nursing Home	22	23  5pm Worship Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Wilmot
24 9am Service of the Word 10:30 Fellowship followed by Bible Study	25	26	27 2:00 Worship with Holy Communion 8:00 AA Meeting	28 1:00 Bible Study	29	30  5pm Worship Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Wilmot
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