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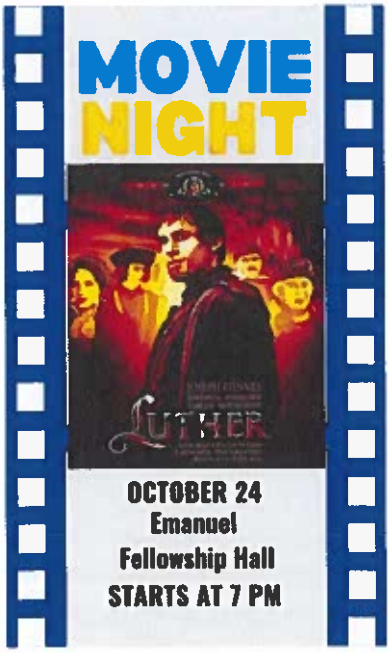


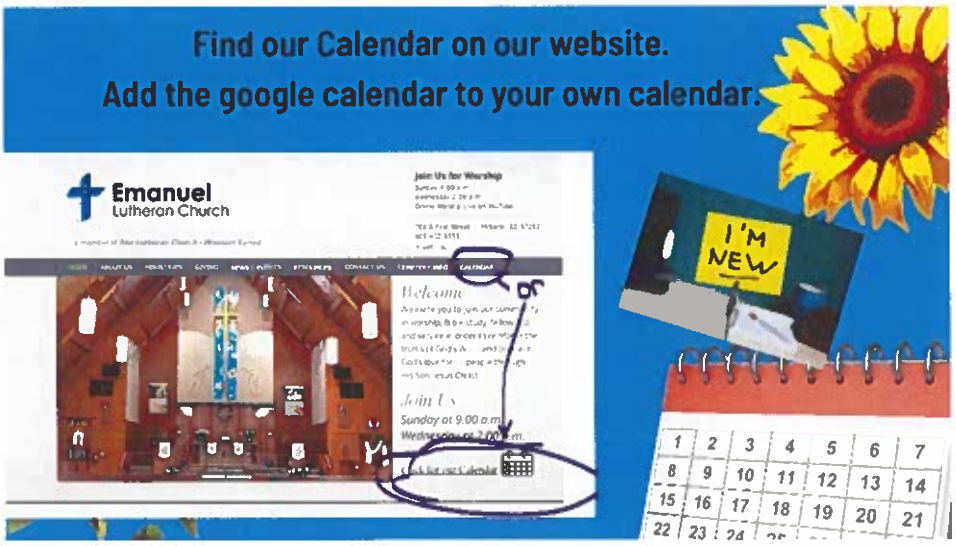
Luther

On October 24th, we will be watching the movie "Luther" for our family movie night. Joseph Fiennes plays Martin Luther in this wonderful film. Over the years I have occasionally had people ask why we spend so much time teaching the life of Luther in our church. My response is always the same, "When you learn about the life of Martin Luther you necessarily learn about the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That's because the struggles Luther went through and the ways in which God used him to bring the truth of the Gospel back to the Christian Church all point directly to our Lord. You see, it isn't really about Martin Luther at all, it's about Jesus, God's Word, and the Gospel. We are so blessed to have a major motion picture to depict the way the Lord used a lowly German Monk to fight for the Scriptures and help people know God's love. In the events of the Reformation and Luther's life the Church got the Gospel back. Come join us as we watch this fantastic movie and are reminded that Christ crucified and risen for the life of the world is the Gospel. In that Gospel all who belong to Him receive forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. A blessed Reformation to you all!

Soli Deo Gloria!

In Christ, Pastor Davis





Ladies of Emanuel (LWML) Meeting Highlights

September 8th Meeting Recap: The Ladies of Emanuel gathered in the church fellowship hall. Linnea Schwandt led the lesson, "God's Heart Changing 'NO'". The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and the Table Prayer. Refreshments were provided by Regina Rethke and Linnea Schwandt.

The Milbank Zone Fall Rally, hosted by the Emanuel Sisseton Ladies, was held on September 19th. We met at the Orphan Grain Train (OGT) building and packed Mercy Meals and boxes of clothing. Lunch was served by the Sisseton Ladies here in our fellowship hall. The ingathering was new underwear and socks to be distributed through the OGT.

LWML Sunday (October 4 at 9:00 a.m.): Our ladies will serve as greeters and share information about our organization. Remember to wear purple! Our official colors are purple (symbolizing royalty) and gold (symbolizing value and integrity).

October Meeting (October 13 at 1:00 p.m.): Joyce and Rona will serve as hostesses. The topic will be "Humble Service" from page 17 of the Fall Quarterly. Please contact the church office if you need a copy of the Quarterly Magazine.

What is Lutheran Women's Missionary League? Established in 1942, the LWML (now also known as Lutheran Women in Mission) is the official women's organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It is active across every district. Every confirmed woman in the congregation is automatically considered a member. All women are encouraged to participate through event assistance, missions, and mite collections.

Our Mission: We are dedicated to supporting, encouraging, and uplifting one another. Through Bible study, worship of our Triune God, and fellowship, we share Christian love and fulfill the mission work of the LWML to joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to serve others.

Current Officers: Judy Sackreiter (President), Linnea Schwandt (Vice President), Donna Zubke (Secretary), and JoEllen Heffron (Treasurer).

Stay Informed: In addition to the church announcements. Check out the bulletin board located right outside the kitchen door for monthly updates on local, Milbank Zone, South Dakota District, and national LWML news. You can also watch the church Facebook page in early October for interesting information and "did you knows".

What are our service opportunities that we often take care of here at church?
Filling candles and changing paraments, managing the library including napkins and greeting cards for special occasions, cleaning linens (altar, table, robes), special meals and kitchen care.

We Need Your Help!

Church Brass Cleaning (Tuesday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m.): Mark your calendars to help polish and preserve our church brass fixtures. This event is open to the entire congregation, both men and women are welcome to help. All cleaning supplies will be provided.

Sunday School Information – Sunday Morning 10:30-11:30

Hello!
Sunday, September 13th kicked off the year with Family Day (Rally Sunday). The kids met with pastor, and their teachers, played games, did a craft and had a light lunch. The 3-year-olds and 2nd graders were given their Bibles. It was great to see all their smiling faces!

Sunday, September 20th was the first day of Sunday School class. The Gospel lesson for the day was Matthew 20: 1-16.

Upcoming lessons will cover:
Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32) - September 27
Matthew 21: 33-46 - October 4
Matthew 22:1-14 - October 11
Matthew 22: 15-22 - October 18

The schedule for Sunday School starts at 10:30 with opening devotions with pastor, music, lessons, memory work, and then activity/game/or craft. The 4th Sunday of the month is craft day for the kids and also when they make a trip to the awards store for the points they earn. Some of the ways they can earn points are with attendance, bringing their Bibles, memory work, and bringing a friend.

We are excited and looking forward to all that God has in store for the upcoming Sunday School year!

Thank you to our teachers and helpers. We appreciate your service.

Please reach out to the Board of Education if you have any questions or concerns.

Tina Whitlow
Wanda Bohn
Misty Weyh





Learn about life in the Mission Field. Webinar – Saturday, October 24, 2026

Join a panel of current LCMS missionaries for a webinar on Saturday, Oct. 24, 10–11 a.m. Central Daylight Time, as they share how they spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran churches and show mercy around the world.

Learn more and register: thelc.ms/missionary-myths-webinar



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Warehouse Location:

101 @ 12th Ave Milbank, SD 57252

Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays 3-5pm

Wednesdays & Saturdays 10-Noon

Mercy Meals:

Packing first Wednesday of month 9am

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Elders' Retreat

Our annual Elders' Retreat was held at The Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center on September 18th & 19th. We were blessed to have Our Savior's and Trinity Lutheran join us this year. Our study focused on the Healthy Congregation. Thank you for your support and prayers.

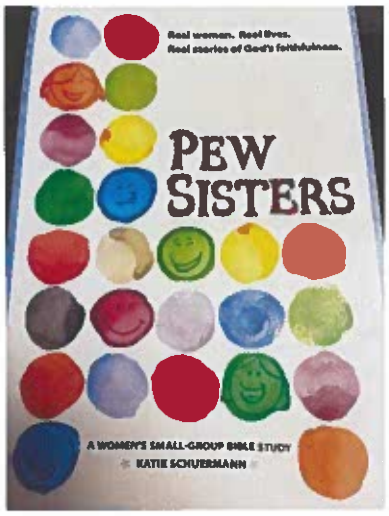




Confirmands in 7th and 8th Grade –

Plan to attend the October 24th movie, Luther. This is a required event.

Movie runtime is 2 hours.



We have around 20 women interested in joining our **Pew Sisters Bible Study Group**! Because our group is so large, email will be our main way of communicating instead of a text chain, so please keep a close eye on your inbox for updates. Here are the details for our first official gathering:

- Wednesday, October 14th at 6pm.
- Future Schedule: While Wednesday at 6pm was the most popular survey choice, we will discuss our official meeting schedule and frequency during this first meeting. Please bring your calendars!
- Books & Reading: I have already ordered physical books. If you plan to read an electronic version instead (like Kindle), please let me know.

Thank you all, and I can't wait to get started on October 14th! Brandy



October 11th
Pastor Appreciation Sunday



- **Door offering for Pastor Davis**
- **Join us after church for Fellowship and Bible Study**





Little White Farmhouse Creations

PAINTING WORKSHOP

Emanuel Lutheran Church

10-21-2026 6PM

$40/PERSON

We are excited to partner with Daria Liebe with Little White Farmhouse Creations for a social painting workshop.

Join us October 21, 2026 at 6pm. in the Fellowship Hall.

Pre-registration is required before October 11th
Sign up with Brandy in the church office.



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There are four designs to choose from. $40/person
Payment Types: Cash, Check, Venmo @lwfcreations
Payment can be turned into the church office or paid the night of the event.

If you want the kit to paint on your own at home please let us know in advance. Cost of kit without joining us is $30.

TOGETHER IN MISSION
CONGREGATIONS + MISSIONARIES

October Mission of the Month

Together In Mission invites congregations, groups and organizations to partner with LCMS missionaries serving around the world. By partnering with missionaries in their global ministry each LCMS member has the opportunity to journey with them and share God's Word with all the nations.
Please use the "Special Mission Offering" envelope or make mention on your form of payment that you wish to contribute to the mission. Thank you for your support.

https://www.lcms.org/togetherinmission

Happy Birthday Wishes in October	
Whiting, Mary J.	1-Oct
Bogenreif, Sharon J.	1-Oct
Meeker, Ryan	1-Oct
Giessinger, Holden Jon	1-Oct
Dragt, Kathryn A.	2-Oct
Vogel, Alanna	2-Oct
Hyatt, Teresa E.	3-Oct
Wagner, Daniel	3-Oct
Greiner, Brian A.	4-Oct
Pinkert, Alicia M.	4-Oct
Krause, Rita J.	5-Oct
Berkner, Charles P. (Chuck)	6-Oct
Bloom, Jaime L.	6-Oct
Stemsrud, Shawn R.	6-Oct
Koch, Clifford L. (Kip)	7-Oct
Weyh, John	7-Oct
Gilbertson, Abby	7-Oct
Gilliland, Damien J.	7-Oct
Schellberg, Rueben F.	7-Oct
Zemlicka, Trent A.	8-Oct
Poel, Leone	9-Oct
Peiker, Heather L.	9-Oct
Tesch, Arelee	9-Oct
Spanton, Ryan P.	10-Oct
Henderson, Jamie L.	12-Oct
Gapp, Evan	12-Oct
Angerhofer, Zachary B.	13-Oct
Dietmeier, Micah M.	13-Oct
Toft, Lilly M.	14-Oct
Pinkert, Scott R.	15-Oct
Skovbo, Philip A.	15-Oct
Wittrock, Hallie E.	15-Oct
Morton, Jesse R.	16-Oct
Bordt, Nora	16-Oct
Kasuske, Joyce R.	17-Oct
Underwood, Larry A.	17-Oct
Hofhenke, Trent L.	17-Oct
Wagner, Benjamin M.	17-Oct
Rudebusch, Hanna E.	17-Oct
Dexter, Logan L.	18-Oct
Schwandt, Kylynn M.	18-Oct
Henderson, Naomi R.	19-Oct
Hilbrands, Kennedy L.	20-Oct
Dexter, Jacy J.	20-Oct
Rudebusch, Clara G.	20-Oct
Schwandt, Richard R. (Dick)	21-Oct
Smeins, Rhonda	22-Oct
Lee, Shelby K.	24-Oct
Newman, Olivia R.	24-Oct
Schweer, Kayla	24-Oct
Koch, Lois	26-Oct
Bogenrief, Steven J.	26-Oct
Wieber, Ramsey T.	27-Oct
Wittrock, Emily E.	28-Oct
Mueller, Devon E.	28-Oct
Smith, Joan M.	29-Oct
Schwandt, Linnea M.	29-Oct
Smeins, Michael	29-Oct
Newman, Isabel E.	29-Oct
Schell, Peyton D.	30-Oct
Heffron, Robert H.	31-Oct
Koch, Todd E.	31-Oct
Schell, Heidi	31-Oct
Skovbo, Kaja R.	31-Oct
Happy Anniversary in October	
Pinkert, Tracy E. and Kimberly	1-Oct
Berkner, James (Jim) and Patricia (Pat)	5-Oct
Spanton, Ryan P. and Jessica M.	5-Oct
Skovbo, Lee R. and June M.	9-Oct
Rethke, Leslie E. and Regina A.	11-Oct
Fish, Richard J. and Kerry L.	11-Oct
Graf, Jackson P. and Caitlyn K.	12-Oct
Berens, Tom and Linda	13-Oct
Koch, Jacob M. and Brittany	14-Oct
Lee, Amber and Brandon	15-Oct
Morton, Jesse R. and Nicole	15-Oct
Bowen, Daniel L. and Angela M.	20-Oct
Staehling, Christina L. and Nicholas	22-Oct
Haigh, Jessica L. and Ross Haigh	26-Oct
Grabow, Wayne L. and Rita	27-Oct

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October Special Mission is Together in Mission (TIM) *Door Offering for Pastor Davis Appreciation October 11th*				*1* 9am Mission Sewing 11am Worship Service at St. Williams Care Center 1pm Bible Study	*2*	*3* 9am Fellowship Hall Reserved by H. Lingbeek 5pm Worship Service at Trinity Corona
4 ***LWML Sunday*** 9am Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30-11:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship followed by Bible Study **11:30 Youth Group Hayride meet at church/return to church**	*5* 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Elders' Mtg	*6*	*7* 9-Noon Mercy Meal Pack at OGT Bldg 101 W 12th 2pm Mid-week Worship with Holy Communion 3:30-5:00 Confirmation Class 5:30 Handbell Practice 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA Meeting	*8* 11am Worship Service at Park Place 1pm Bible Study	*9*	*10* 9am Bible Study—Men's Group 5pm Worship Service at Trinity Corona
11 ***Pastor Appreciation Sunday*** 9am Worship Service 10:30-11:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship followed by Bible Study	*12 Fall Pastors Conference Rapid City*	*13 Fall Pastors Conference Rapid City* 1pm - LOE (LWML) Mtg 5:30pm - Youth Board 6pm - Evangelism, Education, Stewardship Meetings 7pm - Church Council Mtg	*14 Fall Pastors Conference* **No Midweek Worship** 3:30-5:00 Confirmation Class 5:30 Handbell Practice 6:00 Bible Study Pew Sisters 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA Meeting	*15* 1pm Bible Study 2:30 Worship Service at Wilmot Care Center 4pm Christian Service Council Meeting	*16*	*17* Orphan Grain Train Supper Set Up in Fellowship Hall 5pm Worship Service at Trinity Corona
18 9am Worship Service with Holy Communion **No Fellowship or Bible Study** 10:30-11:30 Sunday School **11:00-1:00 Orphan Grain Train German Meal**	*19*	*20*	*21* 2pm Mid-week Worship with Holy Communion **NO CONFIRMATION** 5:30 Handbell Practice 6:00 Painting Workshop 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA Meeting	*22* 1pm Bible Study	*23*	*24* 5pm Worship Service at Trinity Corona **7pm Movie Night Fellowship Hall 7-8th grade confirmands required to attend**
25 9am Worship Service 10:30-11:30 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship followed by Bible Study	*26*	*27*	*28* 2pm Mid-week Worship with Holy Communion 3:30-5:00 Confirmation Class 5:30 Handbell Practice 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA Meeting	*29* 1pm Bible Study	*30*	*31* 5pm Worship Service at Trinity Corona **TRICK OR TREAT AT CHURCH PARSONAGE**