

# The VISITOR

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& Christian Preschool  
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**Worship Schedule**

Sunday 9:00 am Service

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

Sun. School/Bible Study 10:30 AM

Midweek Wednesday 2:00 pm

Sunday livestreamed on YouTube

## Sounds of the Passion

**We have all heard the phrase, “Seeing is believing”. We get it, don’t we? After all, when we see something with our own two eyes, then we are certain it is real. That’s why we put so much stock in eyewitness testimony. This Lenten season, however, I propose another way of looking at things.... with our ears. Seeing might be believing, but hearing can help us better understand what we already know and believe. Sounds can help direct our attention to what is taking place. This year during Lent we will be examining the “Sounds of the Passion”. Each week, starting on Ash Wednesday and running through Good Friday, our mid-week and Holy Week services will focus on a different sound that magnifies and emphasizes the events surrounding our Lord’s Passion. We will listen to “Ripping Cloth” and “Clinking Coins”. We will think about “Crying Tears” and “Stomping Feet”. We will examine “Crowing Roosters” and “Shouting Mobs”. Finally, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we will take a closer look at - or listen to - “Sloshing Water” and “Pounding Hammers”. As**

**we listen closely to the Sounds of our Lord's Passion we just might see (pun intended) Jesus' love and grace - and our need for them - a little more clearly. Join us on Wednesdays in Lent, as well as during Holy Week, as we see and hear what "The Sounds of the Passion" are all about. Have a blessed Lent everybody!**

**In Christ,  
Pastor Davis**

**Official Acts**

**Funerals:**

Duane Seehafer



## **Deaconess Intern**

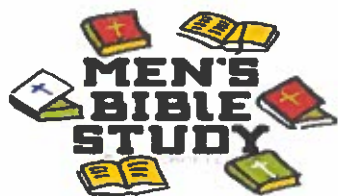
And just like that my Spring semester has begun. This class is on Christian Education. It is interesting how many things we do here at Emanuel weekly are part of Christian Education. We know the normal ones like Bible study, worship/sermons, Sunday school, and confirmation. However, there are so many other ways that education is done here. We can learn to see people at home or assisted living during visits. There is Christian Education in our missions that we participate in. Handbells and choir provide another way to receive Christian education of God's Word. The list goes on; many things are described in this newsletter.

We will be adding financial and council meeting bullet points in each newsletter. This will change shape as we add those sections. Please contact the office if you need more critical information in the newsletter. We are always happy to add things. We aren't tied to this format or the categories. We hope to provide a snapshot of all the Boards and activities that have happened or are upcoming. Lisa

Regular office hours: (Although this can change, which we try to post. Lisa has surgery on 2/28, so Lori's hours will be different in the first week of March, and Lori will be out of the office later in March. Please never hesitate to call my cell phone if you need something or have a question.)

Lori's hours: Tuesday 10-5, Wednesday 1-5, and Fridays 10-5.

Lisa's hours: Monday 10-5, Tuesday ODS, Wed 10-5, Thursday 10-4, Friday ODS



**The next Men's Bible Study will be on March 8th, 2025, will include coffee and donuts at 9 AM.**

**All Men Are invited!!!**



**Handbells and Choir**  
 Handbell is at 5:15 PM. The choir is at 6:10 PM.  
 All are welcome to join.



**READINGS FOR March 2025**

Date	Festival	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
March 2	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Deut. 34:1–12	Psalm 99	Heb. 3:1–6	Luke 9:28–36
March 5	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12–19	Psalm 51:1–13 (14–19)	2 Cor. 5:20b–6:10	Matt. 6:(1–6) 16–21
March 9	First S. in Lent	Deut. 26:1–11	Psalm 91:1–13	Rom. 10:8b–13	Luke 4:1–13
March 16	Second S. in Lent	Jer. 26:8–15	Psalm 4	Phil. 3:17–4:1	Luke 13:31–35
March 23	Third S. in Lent	Ezek. 33:7–20	Psalm 85	1 Cor. 10:1–13	Luke 13:1–9
March 30	Fourth S. in Lent	Isaiah 12:1–6	Psalm 32	2 Cor. 5:16–21	Luke 15:1–3, 11–32



The Ladies of Emanuel will meet on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 1 PM in the Social Hall. This month's lesson is on page 18 of the Winter Quarterly, "God Sees Our Story - Therefore Rejoice!"

Regina Rethke and Gloria Selchert will serve lunch. Our focus for this month is a donation to the youth camp fund. On Sunday, March 2, Joyce Johnson, Joyce Kasuske, and Karin Mueller will serve coffee, with the offering going to our missionary.

**Mission Sewing**



Mission Sewing will meet on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM. All are welcome, and we can always use extra hands to help tie quilts, cut squares, thread needles, etc.

## SPECIAL MISSION ENVELOPES

For March, the Special Mission envelope contributions will go towards:  
**Emanuel Lutheran Preschool**

### Stewardship for the month of February

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERINGS</u>
<b>2/2/2025</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>\$5490.37</b>
<b>2/9/2025</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>\$5982.00</b>
<b>2/16/2025</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>\$5141.00</b>
<b>2/23/2025</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>\$5481.00</b>
<b>Online Offerings</b>		<b>\$4565.00</b>

<u>INFORMATION FROM FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING—February 11, 2025</u>	
Trustee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dishwasher quotes were around \$5500. We currently have \$4600 that has been donated. Looking for some additional employment options. The new boiler has been working well.</li></ul>
Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May 9-10<sup>th</sup> is youth camping trip.</li></ul>
Evangelism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will work with Lisa to have a new member welcome date to honor all those who have joined in the last year.</li></ul>
Elder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nothing new to report</li></ul>
Education/Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education questioned where Thrivent funds went. Treasurer advised that it was decided in a 2024 Council meeting by the Education Board that it was to go towards paying Laurie's salary as we had to commit to full days for her to stay on as an employee this school year.</li></ul>
Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Report</li></ul>
Pastor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Theme for Lent will be Sounds of the Passion. The Palm Sunday Movie and potluck will be the movie "Hoovie".</li></ul>
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Envelopes ordered for next year. Year-end statements are out.</li></ul>
Preschool area proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One proposal was received as of this meeting.</li></ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was requested to add attendance and offering to the yellow sheet or newsletter. This will be in March newsletter.</li></ul>

## **EMANUEL YOUTH GROUP**

### **Future dates for the youth to put on their calendars:**

March 29<sup>th</sup> - Bible Bowl in Pierre

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Serve Lenten Supper - Bars & Cookies will be needed

April 20<sup>th</sup> - Easter breakfast

May 9-10 - Youth Camping at Pickeral

There will be signup sheets for these dates. We hope to have the Book of the Bible for the Bible Bowl before March 29<sup>th</sup> so we can start studying soon. I would like to get a list of kids who want to go so that we can get rooms for Friday night. Then, we will be home on Saturday evening.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, we will need youth to serve, and each youth should bring a dozen bars or cookies for dessert at the Lenten supper. On Easter morning, April 20<sup>th</sup>, the youth will serve pancakes, sausage, and fruit from 7:30 to shortly after 8:30 a.m. Please come for breakfast and support the youth. More will come regarding the May 9-10, Youth Camp Out. It will be at Pickeral Lake this year. We hope to have many youths join in the fun!

### **Camp Minneboji - June 15-21, 2025**

- **Christian Summer Camp led by pastoral and lay volunteers from the SD LCMS District for 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Honors camp is available for those who have just finished 9<sup>th</sup> grade.**
- **The registration website has changed this year. Registration is open and will be done through the SDDL CMS.ORG website:**

**<https://sddlcms.org/service-areas/youth-service-area/#camp-minneboji>**

- **The family contribution per camper is \$150 for Emanuel Lutheran Members and must be paid while registering. The Emanuel Youth Board pays the remainder of the bill!**
- **Brandy is available by phone or email anytime - 605-467-1542 or [brandyblauert@hotmail.com](mailto:brandyblauert@hotmail.com)**
- **There are pamphlets available at the back of the church.**



**ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 5TH—NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES, 3/5/25-4/16/2025. Pastor expects that confirmation students attend Lent services!! There will be meals each week at 5:00 PM.**




**Relief for Human Need Worldwide**

## OGT IS ON TRACK : South Dakota Orphan Grain Train Collection Center

Mercy Meals—Fortified Rice meals—are needed all over the world. Please consider getting a group together for about two hours. (Men's club, LOE, Singers, Emanuel's boards, youth groups, your friends, your family.) Contact Duane Folk at 605-924-6831 to set up a time.

Hours - Tuesday 3-5 pm, Wednesday, and Saturday 10 am -noon. Please stop out during our hours. The volunteers would love to show you around and have a coffee break 😊 You may find something that interests you.

Mercy Meal monthly packing is the first Wednesday of the month. Just for fun, we are adding this word find. These words are all incorporated into OGT. We are blessed to be a blessing to others. Thank you. Linnea and Joyce.



### + Church is Fun +

Word Search

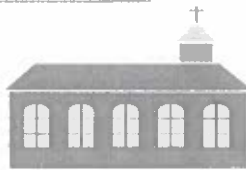

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Word list:

- BELIEF
- BLESSINGS
- CHRIST
- CHURCH
- COMPASSION
- COURAGE
- ETERNAL
- FAITH
- FATHERHOOD
- FORTHRIGHTNESS
- FORGIVENESS

- FRIENDSHIP
- GIVING
- GOD
- GRACE
- GUIDANCE
- HEALING
- HEAVEN
- HOLY
- HOPE
- JESUS

- JOY
- LOVE
- MERCY
- OBEDIENCE
- PATIENCE
- PEACE
- SALVATION
- SPIRIT
- TRUTH
- WISDOM

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Bear, Larry L.	1-Mar
Myers, Tanner J.	1-Mar
Schweer, Kevin L.	1-Mar
Hein, Nancy A.	2-Mar
Graf, Caitlyn K.	3-Mar
Krause, Kaitlyn L.	3-Mar
Larson, Zander C.	3-Mar
Athey, Landon D.	4-Mar
Berkner, Curtis (Curt)	4-Mar
Campbell, Grace	4-Mar
Wendland, Mikayla M.	4-Mar
Angerhofer, Todd J.	5-Mar
Bray, Taylor A.	5-Mar
Smith, Rodney	5-Mar
Negen, Kay	6-Mar
Watkins, Vernita M.	6-Mar
Larson, Rachel M.	7-Mar
Mork, Clayton S.	7-Mar
Schamber, John	7-Mar
Schmieg, Jada C.	7-Mar
Wright, Ryan A.	7-Mar
Garcia, Samuel L.	8-Mar

Hunt, Bennett A.	8-Mar
Zubke, Jerald A. (Jerry)	8-Mar
Grabow, Wayne L.	9-Mar
Wendland, Anita M.	9-Mar
Zubke, Isaac T.	10-Mar
Berry, Tyra A.	11-Mar
Davis, Shepherd	11-Mar
Harms, Amy	11-Mar
Morton, Jessica L.	11-Mar
Coomes, Delaney R.	12-Mar
Karels, Isabelle V.	13-Mar
Morton, Preston D.	13-Mar
Mueller, Gary	13-Mar
Seehafer, Brady	13-Mar
Krause, Tim W.	14-Mar
Myers, Stephanie L.	14-Mar
Strege, Matthew S. (Matt)	15-Mar
Berens, Linda	16-Mar
Schweer, Richard A.	16-Mar
Pinkert, Kaylee R.	17-Mar
Zubke, Timothy J.	17-Mar
Monson, Carolyn M.	18-Mar

Heisinger, Vayda M.	19-Mar
Adelman, Alicia A.	20-Mar
Whitlow, Sophia E.	20-Mar
Will, Ann H.	20-Mar
Berkner, Shelly M.	21-Mar
Bowen, Kylene M.	22-Mar
Weyh, Misty	22-Mar
Bloom, Ava N.	23-Mar
Fischer, Wendy M.	24-Mar
Koepke, Bailey M.	24-Mar
Karges, Andrew J.	25-Mar
Bloom, Izzy	26-Mar
Leddy, Donnie R.	26-Mar
Garcia, Betsey	27-Mar
Hunt, Austin L.	27-Mar
Schwandt, Anita M.	28-Mar
Gores, Jaxon T.	29-Mar
Monson, Harlan	30-Mar
Boerger Jr., Taylor L. (TJ)	31-Mar
Mueller, Mya J.	31-Mar

**\*\*\*If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed monthly or if names aren't spelled correctly, it means the office does not have your required information—please call us to update our records.\*\*\***

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Ehlebracht, Jeffrey G. (Jeff) and Frieda	1-Mar
Christians, Keith A. and Natalie	7-Mar
Mueller, Eric and Melissa	11-Mar
Ehlebracht, Wayne A. and Kimberly K.	12-Mar
Stemsrud, Steven C. (Steve) and Robin	14-Mar

Zubke, Timothy J. and Darla R.	16-Mar
Pauli, Jerald M. and Cheryl	17-Mar
Monson, Harlan and Carolyn M.	24-Mar
Sackreiter, Robert G. and Judy	24-Mar

## SOUND/RADIO BROADCAST MARCH

Mar 2	9 AM	Larry Underwood
Mar 5	7 PM	Tracy Pinkert
Mar 9	9 AM	Charles Chamber
Mar 12	7 PM	Harlan Monson
Mar 16	9 AM	Dave Chamber
Mar 19	7 PM	Larry Underwood
Mar 23	9 AM	Tracy Pinkert
Mar 26	7 PM	Charles Chamber
Mar 30	9 AM	Harlan Monson

## ACOLYTES FOR MARCH

Mar 2	9 AM	Sydnee Weyh; Whitney Weyh
Mar 5	7 PM	Maxine Peiker; Leeah Schwandt
Mar 9	9 AM	Karlie Nies; Alyssa Henderson
Mar 12	7 PM	Brytten Schmieg; Braden Mueller
Mar 16	9 AM	Jaxon Gores; Alyssa Rethke
Mar 19	7 PM	Finley Hunt; Sean Nicholson
Mar 23	9 AM	Eliana Richardt; Alanna Vogel
Mar 26	7 PM	Sydnee Weyh; Whitney Weyh
Mar 30	9AM	Maxine Peiker; Leeah Schwandt

## **BYD SIGN UP-- BYD Group for MARCH--Group 4, Charles Schamber**

**Please refer to the sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary. There are several open spots currently for Usher, Greeter, and Communion Set-up/Clean-up. Thank you!!!!**

### **March Group--#4 Charles Schamber, Elder**

Bear, Larry L.
Berry, Gary
Berry, Joy
Blauert, Brandy K.
Blauert, Bryton O.
Blauert, Patrick A.
Bogenrief, Casey A.
Bohn, Donald
Bohn, Wanda
Cummins, Diane K.
Cummins, Noel V.
Dragt, DeeAnn K.
Dragt, Wayne A.
Essington, Cindy L.
Essington, Kevin M.
Geyer, Lindsey M.
Gibson, Susan K.
Giossi, Dakota J.
Giossi, June
Giossi, Shyenne
Henderson, Alyssa K.
Henderson, Duane L.
Henderson, Evan T.
Henderson, Jamie L.
Henderson, Tyler C.
Hilbrands, Mary E. (Liz)

Hilbrands, Steven L.
Karels, Karissa L.
Karges, Jacob D.
Karges, Michael R.
Karges, Zackary E.
Krause, Carla
Krause, Jason L.
Krause, Rita J.
Meister, Phyllis J.
Meister, Ronald J. (Ron)
Morton, Addison L.
Morton, Hillary A.
Morton, Jessica L.
Morton, Stacy G.
Nicholson, Derrick R.
Nicholson, Joett A.
Nicholson, Sean K.
Pinkert, Alexis L. (Lexi)
Pinkert, Jennifer (Jenny)
Pinkert, Jesse E.
Pinkert, Kaylee R.
Pinkert, Kimberly
Pinkert, Scott R.
Pinkert, Tracy E.
Rethke, Leslie E.
Rethke, Regina A.

Sackreiter, Judy
Sackreiter, Robert G.
Schamber, Charles
Schell, Parker B.
Schumacher, William A.
Schwandt, Breanna L.
Schwandt, Jackson R.
Schwandt, Julie
Schwandt, Kytlynn M.
Schwandt, Richard R. (Dick)
Stemsrud, Marilyn L.
Stemsrud, Robin
Stemsrud, Steven C. (Steve)
Wagner, Benjamin M.
Wagner, Beth E. (Beth)
Wagner, Daniel
Wagner, Jacob H.
Wagner, Mitchell D.
Wellnitz, Jessica R.
Weyh, John
Weyh, Misty
Weyh, Sydnee M.
Zubke, Darla R.
Zubke, Donna M.
Zubke, Jerald A. (Jerry)
Zubke, Timothy J.

**Please contact Lisa Miller exclusively if you have suggestions for any of our documents (bulletins/newsletters/etc.). It is my job to ensure that things are edited and reviewed accurately. If I am not in the office, please leave a note or call me at 605-467-3209.**



# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 9:00 AM—Service of the Word with Holy Communion 10:30 AM SS/Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Winkel - Watertown</p>	<p>5 9:15AM Mercy Meals OGT 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 Lenten Supper - Confirmation 5:15 PM Bells 5:45 PM NO Confirmation 6:10 PM Choir 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 PM AA</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM Mission Sewing 11:00 AM Communion at St Williams Nursing Home 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Archery 4H Complex</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM Men's Group Bible Study</p>
<p>9 9:00 AM—Service of the Word 10:30 AM SS/ Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 1:00 PM LOE 4:30 PM Board of ED 5:30 PM Youth Board 6:00 PM Evangelism 7:00 PM COUNCIL MTG 7:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Trustee Mtg</p>	<p>12 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 PM Lenten Supper—Elders 5:15 PM Bells 5:45 PM NO Confirmation 6:10 PM Choir 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00 PM AA</p>	<p>13 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Archery 4H Complex</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9:00 AM—Service of the Word with Holy Communion 10:30 AM SS/Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>17 7:00 pm ELDERS MTG</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 PM Lenten Supper—LOE 5:15 PM Bells 5:45 PM NO Confirmation 6:10 PM Choir 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00 PM AA</p>	<p>20 1:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 Christian Service Council 7:00 PM Archery 4H Complex</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9:00 AM—Service of the Word 10:30 AM SS/ Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 PM Lenten Sup. Preschool 5:15 PM Bells 5:45 PM NO Confirmation 6:10 PM Choir 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00 PM AA</p>	<p>27 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Archery 4H Complex</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:00 AM—Service of the Word with Holy</p>	<p>31</p>		<p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 5TH—No Confirmation Classes: 3/5/25-4/16/2025. It is Pastor's expectation that confirmation students attend Lent</b></p>			