

THE VISITOR

701 S. First Street - Milbank, SD 57252 // www.elcmilbank.org

Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 2:00 p.m.

Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th
weeks and every Wednesday

Sunday School 10:15-11:15

YouTube Live Streamed on Sunday or
Watch Replay

https://www.youtube.com/@emanuel_lutheranchurchelcmi4536



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PRINCE CASPIAN – OUR PALM SUNDAY MOVIE FOR THIS YEAR

On Palm Sunday we will be having our annual potluck after worship and will be watching a movie together as we transition in our Lenten journey to Holy Week and Easter. Our Palm Sunday movie this year will serve as our monthly movie for March. That movie will be *Prince Caspian*, based on the book by the same name in the "Chronicles of Narnia" series by C. S. Lewis. Lewis intended the Narnia books to be loose allegories of Holy Scripture, telling and teaching biblical narratives while also capturing our minds with wonderful characters and storytelling. Two years ago, we watched the first installment of the Narnia movies entitled *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. *Prince Caspian* picks up after Aslan (Jesus in the Chronicles of Narnia) and the children are absent from the lives of the Narnians for quite some time. People have forgotten about Him, and evil has spread throughout the land. As we watch this wonderful movie together, look for shades of the Parable of the Talents and the Exodus to reveal themselves in the story. As you do this, on the cusp of Holy Week, recall how, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus was talking to Moses and Elijah about His departure (His Exodus) to Jerusalem and the cross. Please make plans to join us, after worship, for our annual Palm Sunday movie and potluck. May God continue to bless your journey through Lent to Good Friday and Easter!

In Christ, Pastor Davis

Official Acts: Baptism: Benjamin Lee Radil 1/25/2026

Funeral: James Koepke 1/31/2026, Timmie Krause 2/20/2026

Helping during Worship Service

	Sound Radio Broadcast	Acolytes
March 1	Larry Underwood	Landon Athey
March 4	Tracy Pinkert	Finley Hunt, Hudson Hunt
March 8	Charles Schamber	Karlie Nies
March 11	Harlan Monson	
March 15	Dave Schamber	Bennett Schwandt, Braden Mueller
March 18	Larry Underwood	Sydnee Weyh, Whitney Weyh
March 22	Tracy Pinkert	
March 25	Charles Schamber	Sean Nicholson, Morgan Nicholson
March 29	Harlan Monson	Alyssa Henderson, Alyssa Rethke
April 2	SERVICE AT 6:30 Dave	
April 3	SERVICE AT 3:00pm Larry SERVICE AT 6:30pm Tracy	6:30pm Braden Mueller, Ethan Richardt
April 4	SERVICE at 6:30pm Charles	
April 5	SERVICE at 6:30am Harlan SERVICE at 9:00 am Dave	6:30am Sydnee Weyh, Whitney Weyh 9:00am Landon Athey, Ethan Richardt



Emanuel
Lutheran Church

Lent

SCHEDULE

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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY SERVICES HAVE SUPPER SERVED AT 5:00

- February 18 (Ash Wednesday 2pm, 7pm)
- February 25 - 7pm
- March 4 - 7pm
- March 11 - 7pm
- March 18 - 7pm
- March 25 - 7pm
- April 2 (Maundy Thursday 6:30pm)
- April 3 (Good Friday 3pm, 6:30pm)
- April 4 (Easter Vigil 6:30pm)
- April 5 (Easter Sunday 6:30am, 9:00am)

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The Ladies of Emanuel (LWML) invite you to join our monthly gatherings held on the **second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Our meetings begin with a Bible study, then a business meeting and fellowship.

We met on February 10th; the lesson was given by Linnea Schwandt. The topic was from our Winter Quarterly Page 19, "What is Happening." Hostesses were Joyce Kasuske and JoEllen Heffron. Valentine cards were given to our church Organists, Pastor, Custodians, and Secretary as a thank you for their service.

We will be serving for Winkel (Pastor Gathering) on March 3rd. Pastor will be making his ribs and the LOE will furnish coffee and lunch.

Brass cleaning will be coming up soon. Watch the announcement sheet for the date and time. This is something that all the church is welcome to assist with.

Join us for fellowship and coffee on March 1st after worship service.

Join us March 10th at 1:00 p.m. Pastor will give topic devotion from the *LWML Winter Quarterly page 22, Ester – A Faithful Woman of God*, hostesses will be Karin Mueller and Regina Rethke.

We would love to see you, everyone is welcome!

**Good Luck to the Emanuel
Dartball Team at State!**

March 7th!



Stewardship Section:

As a kid, I remember my Grandma and Grandpa Diepholz' home with extraordinary joy. Family fun. Great food. A legacy of faith. One of my lasting memories of that house was the table that sat between their twin beds. It contained a lamp, a Bible, a catechism and a hymnal. These were well-worn, as Grandpa read to Grandma every night before they went to sleep! What a treasure these tools of faith are! Let us spend some time this month in the hymnal to help us better understand our life as Christian stewards! To do this, we will use LSB 785 "We Praise You, O God."

*We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tributes we bring.
We lay it before You, and kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

Stewardship is an act of worship. It flows from the grace and mercy we have received in Jesus! Faithful stewardship can never start with us. Our sinful nature will make us and our desires the center of our worship. Our tributes, our giving and our serving only flow from how the Lord Jesus has given of Himself for our sake! When we have this in clear view, our knees bow and our praises flow freely! All this flows from the Name that has been placed on us in Holy Baptism!

*We worship You, God of our Fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

Our stewardship that flows from what God has done for us in Jesus Christ is rooted in history. Passed from one generation to the next, stewards of the Gospel connect God's provision in the past to His continued care in the present.

So often, the struggles we face are self-inflicted. While there are indeed perils that can shake us from outside of ourselves, we are more likely enduring the suffering that comes because of our own choices that are outside the Word and will of God! But even in these situations, the Lord who loves us will never forsake us. When we become selfish, self-serving and self-destructive, the Lord NEVER abandons! The Lord helps us to overcome the struggles in faith and win the victory the steward rejoices in!

*With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great redeemer, forever be praise!*

Stewardship is more than just an individual thing. There is a corporate nature to our steward life. We see this in the Divine Service. There, stewards of all ages, all economic strata and all languages are joined in the singular task of praise. This stewardship of praise flows from the altar to us, out into the world and then back to the altar! God's strong arm leads us in this stewardship 24/7. This makes stewardship, in all times and places, a matter of worship. We praise our Redeemer who has entrusted us with this great stewardship of the Gospel which forgives our sins, grants us new life and salvation. And this treasure we freely share for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor!

Our **Emanuel Bible Bowl Team** will travel to Faith Lutheran in Pierre on March 21, 2026.

Team members: Teaneashea & Alanna Vogel, Evan & Alyssa Henderson, and Bryton Blauert

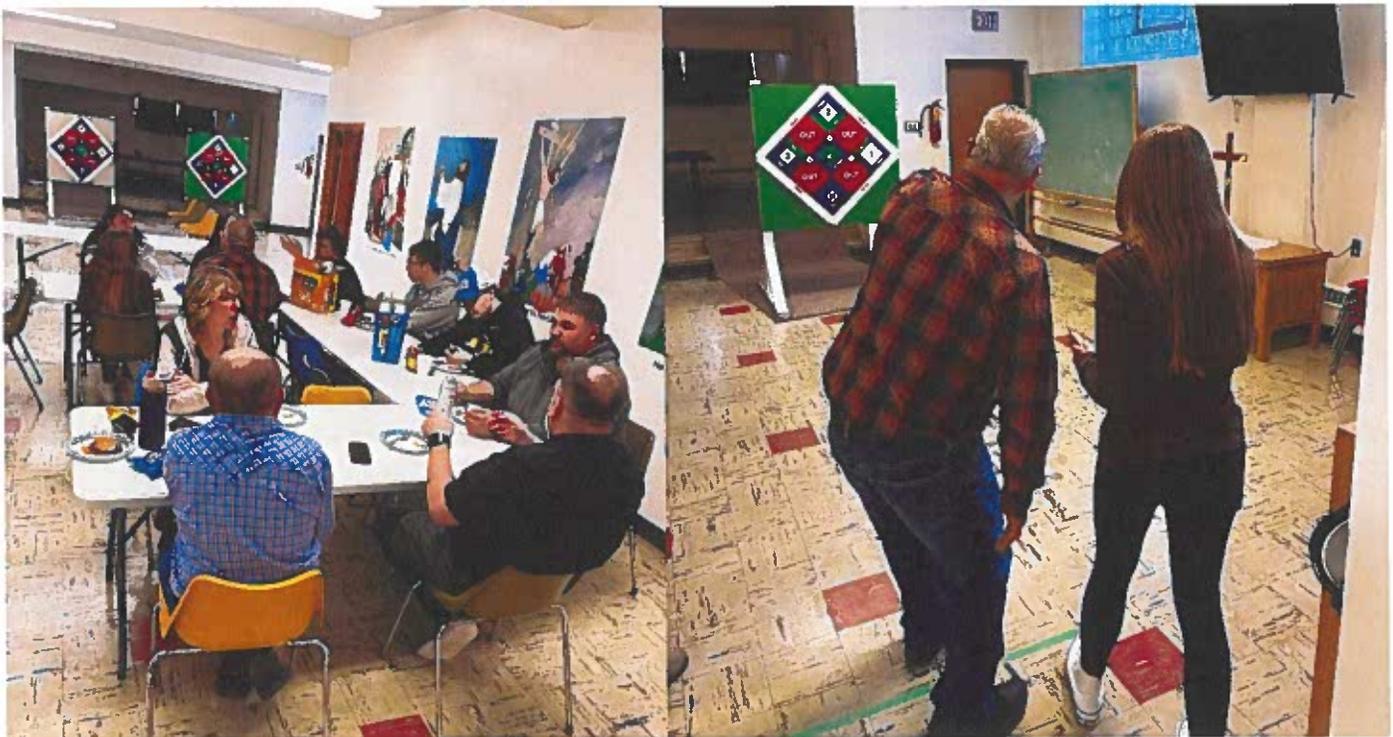
We wish them good luck and safe travels.

Emanuel Families will pay the \$150 deposit when you register. The Board of Youth will pay the balance due once we have been notified of your child's registration and deposit has been paid.

Camp Minneboji
June 21 – June 27, 2026



KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADE 4 through 8 during the 2025-26 school year. Register before April 1 to receive early bird discount!



Our Youth Group met on February 22nd and played dartball against the dartball team. We played two games, the youth won one and the professionals won one. Thanks for letting us play!



We are lucky to have the “Grace Notes” group blessing us with their talents from God.

Listen for them again on March 1st. Members of the group include: Brytten Schmieg, Whitney Weyh, Sydnee Weyh, Alyssa Henderson, and Alyssa Rethke.



From our Friends at The Visiting Neighbor Program is designed to assist the elderly and disabled of Grant County. Services include assistance with personal care, laundry, and light housekeeping duties which gives residents the ability to remain independent in their homes. If you would like to learn more about the program or are in need of assistance, please contact coordinator Marie Loutsch 605-949-0510.



On the OGT bulletin board outside the fellowship hall is the story of OGT volunteers and brothers from North Dakota. These men have traveled to Ukraine a couple of times. They work with the Ukraine Lutheran church and a designated woman to help establish and support a couple of orphanages. With the ongoing fighting, many children have become orphans. The collections of various items donated to OGT go to many places- the Ukraine is one. Mercy meals also are needed. In Milbank we have the ability to pack these meals. Can most of us even fathom having a cup of rice for food for the day?!!?

We are truly thankful for the support for Milbank's Collection center. Right now we are in need of monetary donations so we can keep securing the ingredients for Mercy Meals.

As I write this note on 2/22, I want to share what I know about the upcoming week-- Tuesday, a man from Wheaton is delivering 38 boxes/bags. Wednesday the 53 foot semi is coming to take our 25 pallets and a few bikes to Norfolk, Nebraska. Friday, Mt Calvary in Huron will be bringing 150 already packed OGT boxes. Earlier this month, Margaret Skoog arrived from Billings Montana with a car and UHaul full of "stuff". So blessed that we have many sharing with us.

Come VISIT To God Be The Glory - Linnea Schwandt

Our Special Mission of the Month in March is the Orphan Grain Train

<https://www.ogt.org/>

Warehouse Location: 101 W. 12th Ave – Milbank, SD

Hours of Operation: Tuesdays 3-5pm

Wednesdays & Saturdays 10-Noon

Contact: Linnea Schwandt, 605-924-0021 or schwandt1951@gmail.com

Mercy Meals packing the first Wednesday of each month.

Please use the "Special Mission Offering" envelope or make mention on your form of payment that you wish to contribute to this mission. Thank you for your support.

Birthday Wishes - March	Day
Bear, Larry L.	1-Mar
Korstjens, Jayden	1-Mar
Myers, Tanner J.	1-Mar
Schweer, Kevin L.	1-Mar
Sharp, Julie	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
Kruger, Keith W.	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
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
Morton, Preston D.	13-Mar
Mueller, Gary	13-Mar
Seehafer, Brady	13-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
VanHoorn, Addyson	19-Mar
Adelman, Alicia A.	20-Mar
Hofer, Isabella	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, Elizabeth A. (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
Thompson, Gregory P.	31-Mar
Anniversary Wishes - March	Day
Ehlebracht, Jeffrey G. (Jeff) and Frieda	1-Mar
Christians, Keith A. and Natalie	7-Mar
Rethke, Dale and Sharon Gemieke	9-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

March 2026

March Special Offering
Mission of the Month:
Orphan Grain Train

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9am Service of the Word w/ Holy Communion 10:15—11:15 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship followed by Bible Study PM DartBall Travels to Brook- ings</p>	<p>2 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Elders Mtg</p>	<p>3 9:15am Winkel (Emanuel-Milbank)</p>	<p>4 9am Mercy Meal Packing at OGT Bldg PreK Chapel Service 2pm Worship w/ Holy- Comm. 5pm Supper by Youth 5:30 Bells 6:10 Choir 7:00 Lenten Service 8pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>5 9am Mission Sewing 11am Communion at St. Williams 1pm Bible Study</p>	<p>6 7 State Dartball Tournament</p>	
<p>8 9am Service of the Word 10:15—11:15 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship followed by Bible Study 10:30 Board of Ed(BOE) Mtg 11:15 BOE Teacher Mtg 6pm Bible Study-Couples</p>	<p>9 6pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>10 1:00 LOE(LWML) 5:30 Youth Board 6:00 Evangelism 6:00 Stewardship</p>	<p>11 7am High School Breakfast PreK Chapel Service 2pm Worship w/ Holy- Comm. 5pm Supper by Trustees 5:30 Bells 6:10 Choir 7:00 Lenten Service 8pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>12 1pm Bible Study 11am Service at Park Place</p>	<p>13 14 9am Bible Study— Men's Group</p>	
<p>15 9am Service of the Word w/ Holy Communion 10:15—11:15 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship followed by Bible Study 3:30-5pm Leadership Mtg 6pm Bible Study-Couples</p>	<p>16 6pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 PreK Chapel Service 2pm Worship w/ Holy- Comm. 5pm Supper by LOE 5:30 Bells 6:10 Choir 7pm Lenten Service 8pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>19 1pm Bible Study 4pm Christian Service Council Meets</p>	<p>20 21 Bible Bowl Team competes in Pierre</p>	
<p>22 9am Service of the Word 10:15—11:15 Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship followed by Bible Study 6pm Bible Study-Couples</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 PreK Chapel Service 2pm Worship w/ Holy- Comm. 5pm Supper by Elders 5:30 Bells 6:10 Choir 7pm Lenten Service 8pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>26 1pm Bible Study</p>	<p>27 Newsletter Arti- cles Due.</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Palm Sunday 9am Service of the Word w/ Holy Communion Sunday School sings 10:30 Potluck and Movie 2:30 Vespers St. Williams 3:15 Vespers Park Place 4:00 Vespers Avantara</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>April 1 PreK Chapel Service NO 2pm Worship Service 5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir 8pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>2 Maundy Thursday 9am Mission Sewing 11am Service at St. Wil- liams Noon Vespers Peaceful Pines 1pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Worship Srv.</p>	<p>3 Good Friday 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm Worship Services</p>	<p>4 Easter Vigil 9:00am Easter Egg Hunt 6:30 pm Worship Service</p>