Emanuel
Lutheran Church

Officers and Board Member Information

The following pages reference our Congregational Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Endowment Fund Bylaws. A full copy of the above may be obtained in the church office.

9/8/2026

Please use this information to prayerfully consider serving our congregation as an officer or board member. Included in this packet you will find our current board members and their terms.
Yellow highlighted names have a term ending 12/31/2026 and may run as incumbent on the 2027 ballot.
Gray highlighted names are ineligible to run for their current position. They may change to a different board or office position in 2027.
After reviewing this information, if you have questions please reach out to Pastor Davis, the office, or a current officer or board member.
Our annual meeting will be held on November 15, 2026, immediately after our church worship service. There will be a light meal served.

Thank you for your continued support.
-Emanuel Church Council Board Members

2026 Board Members and Terms
(January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026)
Term ends 12/31/2026 – May run as incumbent on 2027 Ballot
Ineligible to serve in 2027 at current position or on current board

Elders

(3)Darwin Wojahn	Term 2, Year 3
(1)Josh Radil	Term 2, Year 2
(2)John Weyh	Term 2, Year 1
(4)Dan Wagner	Term 1, Year 1
(2)Dave Schamber	Term 1, Year 3
(5)Dewey Athey	Term 1, Year 3

Education

Sunday School Superintendent

Tina Whitlow	Term 1, Year 1
Wanda Bohn	Term 1, Year 1

Vacant_____
(Supported by Misty Weyh Term 1, Year 1)

Evangelism

Kristin Tostenson	Term 2, Year 2
Joy Berry	Term 1, Year 1
Regina Rethke	Term 1, Year 3
Elizabeth Radil	Term 2, Year 2

Trustee

Curt Berkner	Term 2, Year 2
Dick Schwandt	Term 2, Year 1
Cheryl Pauli	Term 1, Year 3
Mike Bogenreif	Term 1, Year 1

Stewardship

Adam Hunt	Term 1, Year 2
Kim Kolb	Term 2, Year 1
Geoff Street	Term 1, Year 2

Youth

Brandy Blauert	Term 2, Year 1
Cydney Hunt	Term 1, Year 2
Misty Weyh	Term 1, Year 1

Endowment

Wayne Grabow	Term 2, Year 1
Jackson Schwandt	Term 2, Year 3
Wayne Dragt	Term 2, Year 3
Pat Blauert	Term 2, Year 2
Harlan Monson	Term 1, Year 1

President

Wayne Dragt	Term 1, Year 1

Vice President

Tyler Henderson	Term 1, Year 1

Secretary
Melissa Mueller
Treasurer
Howard Mueller
Financial Secretary
Diann Dauwen

Boards:
Term of 3 years
Boards must have at least 3 people (one elected each year)
Limited to two consecutive terms, off one year, then may run again

Officers:
No officer will be allowed to succeed himself or herself more than once, with the exception of the Financial Secretary, Secretary, Sunday School Superintendent and Treasurer.

Endowment:
Five Members plus the Treasurer and Pastor
Three terms of three years.

ARTICLE VII: TERMS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

1. **President**
   a. The term of office of the President will be one year.
   b. The President will:
      1) Preside at all meetings of the Voters' Assembly.
      2) Sign documents and papers such as pertain to property or legal matters of the congregation.
      3) Preside at the Church Council meetings.
      4) Serve as an ex-officio member of Emanuel Lutheran Church Endowment Fund committee.
      5) Be succeeded to the office by the Vice-President for the remainder of the term in the event of a vacancy in the office.
      6) Perform other duties as the need arises.

2. **Vice-President**
   a. The term of office of the Vice-President will be one year.
   b. The Vice-President will:
      1) Perform the duties of the office of President in his absence.
      2) Succeed to the office of the President for the remainder of the term in the event of a vacancy in the office.
      3) Perform other duties as the need arises.

3. **Secretary**
   a. The term of office of the Secretary will be one year.
   b. The Secretary will:
      1) Keep accurate minutes of the meetings of the Voters' Assembly and of the Council for the permanent records of the congregation.
      2) Sign documents and papers such as pertain to property or legal matters of the congregation.

4. **Treasurer**
   a. The term of office for the Treasurer will be one year.
   b. The Treasurer will:
      1) Pay all bills authorized by the congregation.
      2) Keep accurate records of the receipts and disbursements of the congregation.
      3) Submit these books for an annual financial review. A report of such financial review will be submitted to the congregation.
      4) Submit a report at each Church Council meeting and the annual Voters' Assembly, with a yearly report at the end of the fiscal year. Such reports will show actual receipts and disbursements.
      5) Serve on the Emanuel Lutheran Church Endowment Fund committee as set forth in their Bylaws.
      6) Shall be covered by a corporate fidelity bond, in a principal amount to be determined from time to time by the Emanuel Lutheran Church Board of Elders.

5. **Financial Secretary**
   a. The term of office of the Financial Secretary will be one year.
   b. The Financial Secretary will:
      1) Receive, record in books kept for such purposes, and deposit in the

congregation's designated depository, all congregational moneys, including offerings, contributions, special collections, loans, subsidies, bequests, etc.

2) Submit a report of all receipts to the Treasurer at each Church Council meeting and the Annual Voters' Assembly with a yearly report at the end of the fiscal year.

c. The Financial Secretary may appoint as many assistants as may be necessary.

d. All offerings will be counted in the presence of at least two members of this group.

6. Sunday School Superintendent

a. The term of office of the Sunday School Superintendent will be one year.

b. The Sunday School Superintendent will:

1) See that all activities of the Sunday school are conducted properly and that adequate and accurate records are kept.

2) In conjunction with the Board of Education, see that capable teachers are provided.

3) See that lesson materials are in agreement with the Holy Bible and Article II of the Articles of Incorporation.

4) See that the program of Sunday school includes mission effort.

5) Have authority to purchase adopted materials for the Sunday school.

6) Attend as a non-voting member of the monthly Board of Education meetings.

7) Present a report at Quarterly Council Meetings

8) Oversee the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School offerings.

B. DUTIES OF THE BOARDS

1. Board of Elders

The Board of Elders shall consist of five or more members. Their term of office will be three years. One third of the elders shall be elected each year. It will be the duties of the Elders to:

a. Organize annually and elect a chairman

b. Assist the pastor in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation.

c. Consider complaints and grievances of members of the congregation if Matt. 18:15, 16 has been fully observed, and they shall report to the congregation those which cannot be otherwise adjusted in accordance with Matt.18: 17, 18.

d. Make every effort to induce members who have been negligent in their attendance of services, in the use of the Sacraments, to amend their sinful ways and fully enjoy the rights and privileges of their membership.

e. See to it that all services are conducted in such a manner as to foster an attitude conducive to worship among those in attendance.

f. Assist the pastor in arranging for pulpit assistance, special services, and guest speakers.

g. Assist with distribution of communion, scripture reading, worship service, deliver the sermon, etc. as required.

h. Be an example of Christian conduct and conversation.

i. See to it that they, the Boards of Trustees and Education meet together prior to the annual budget meeting for the purpose of reviewing salaries of all workers of the congregation.

j. Determine from time to time the principal amount of a corporate fidelity bond for the Treasurer.

k. Be required to keep strictly confidential matter of a private nature discussed at their meetings

l. Supervise and participate in a continuing visitation program among the membership. They shall be assisted in this by the necessary number of Assistance

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m. They shall concern themselves with the needs of individuals in the congregation and the community, including the aged, the sick, and the poor. These needs may be brought to the attention of the Church Council with suggestions for action by the congregation
n. Prepare an annual budget in a timely manner and present it to the Board of Stewardship and Finance.
o. Perform other duties as the need arises.

2. Board of Trustees

This board shall consist of three or more members whose term of office shall be three years. At least one Trustee shall be elected each year. It will be the duty of the Trustees to:

a. Organize annually and elect a chairman.
b. Administer all property belonging to the congregation.
c. Receive reports and oversee the activities of the cemetery committee.
d. Make at least one survey per year of all congregational property including the parsonage and any other building or property which the congregation may own, in order that none of these properties may ever continue in poor repair.
e. Have the authority to make expenditures for emergency and necessary repairs of the above mentioned property; such expenditures, however, shall not exceed an amount set by resolution of the congregation.
f. Prepare an annual budget in a timely manner and present it to the Board of Stewardship and Finance.
g. Perform other duties as the need arises.

3. Board of Evangelism and Christian Care

This board shall consist of three or more members whose term shall be three years. At least one member shall be elected annually. It will be the duty of this board to:

a. Organize annually and elect a chairman.
b. Promote an awareness of the need for sharing our Lord's Good News within our congregation and in the community.
c. Promote and maintain a welcoming congregational atmosphere.
d. Promote an awareness of the congregation and its programs and activities in the community.
e. Develop and promote a program to respond to interest from visitors in our congregation, and its programs and activities.
f. Develop and promote a program for receiving new people and involving them in the ministries of the congregation.
g. Develop and promote programs that involve all of our members in Christian care, addressing the physical needs of our members and people in our community.
h. Prepare an annual budget in a timely manner and present it to the Board of Stewardship and Finance.
i. Perform other duties as the need arises.

4. Board of Education

This board will consist of three or more members, who will be elected for a term of three years. At least one new member is to be elected each year. The board will:

a. Organize annually and elect a chairman.
b. Direct and supervise all education agencies of the congregation, including Religion Classes, Sunday School and Bible Classes, Vacation Bible School, Church School, Emanuel Christian Pre-School, etc.
c. In conjunction with the Sunday School Superintendent, see that capable teachers are provided.

d. Strengthen the Christian home and help equip all members, parents, young people and children for Christian family living.
e. Do all within its power to encourage members of the congregation to make use of the agencies for Christian Education
f. Prepare an annual budget in a timely manner and present it to the Board of Stewardship and Finance.
g. Perform other duties as the need arises.

5. Board of Stewardship and Finance

This board shall consist of the Financial Secretary, the Treasurer, and three additional members who will be elected for a term of three years, at least one new member being elected each year. The board will:

a. Organize annually and elect a chairman. The Financial Secretary or the Treasurer may not serve as chairman of this board.
b. Consider, plan and direct a stewardship program for the entire congregation
c. Promote a life of Christian Stewardship on the part of every member by encouraging participation in the organizations of the congregation, the use of talents in the service of Christ, and Christian giving.
d. Consider all special appeals for contributions and collections which come to the congregation and submit recommendations to the Church Council or Voters' Assembly
e. Promote a love for missions and the work of the Church at home and abroad in close cooperation with the Stewardship offices of the District and Synod.
f. Promote and supervise the financial welfare of the congregation.
g. Prepare an annual budget for the board in a timely manner.
h. Oversee the preparation of the budget requests of each Board and compile a budget presentation for the congregation.
i. Perform other duties as the need arises.

6. Board of Youth

This board shall consist of three or more members, who will be elected for a term of three years. At least one new member is to be elected each year. The board will:

a. Organize annually and elect a chairman.
b. Promote, cultivate, and encourage a sound ministry to the youth of the congregation.
c. Review and evaluate the youth program of the congregation periodically and make suggestions for its improvement.
d. Make decisions of policy on behalf of the Congregation for the youth program and report such decisions to a subsequent meeting of the Church Council or Voters' Assembly.
e. Meet periodically to supervise the youth leaders of the congregation and bring concerns of the youth to the Church Council or Voters' Assembly.
f. Prepare an annual budget in a timely manner and present it to the Board of Stewardship and Finance.
g. Perform other duties as the need arises.

Endowment Fund – Taken from Emanuel Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Bylaws 9/24/06

This board shall consist of the Treasurer, Pastor, and five members of the congregation, who will be elected for a term of three years. The board will:

a. Organize annually and elect a chairman.
b. Maintain complete and accurate minutes.
c. Maintain accounts with financial institutions.
d. Meet quarterly.
e. Provide continuing education to the congregation regarding the fund.