

*Emanuel Lutheran Church*  
*January 2023*  
*Enlightener*



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# *Congregational Leadership*

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## Council Members

Dan Bahrman  
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Jolene Kokko  
Sarah Kimball

## Committee Leaders

Barb Bach ~ Stewardship  
Sarah Kimball ~ Outreach  
Betsy Koski ~ Christian  
Education  
Jane Sims ~ Worship & Music  
Pam Bahrman ~ Cemetery  
Business Manager  
Dale Weingartner ~  
Building & Property

## Office

Jolene Kokko ~ Office Assis-  
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***[www.be-lutheran.org](http://www.be-lutheran.org)***



Sunday Worship begins at 11 a.m.  
through February.

***2023 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church***

***Dec-Feb 11AM Mar-June 9AM***

*January 1—Mark Arnett*

*January 8-  
Christie Johnson*

*January 9—Bettie Ahola*

*January 12—Angie Kremer*

*January 13—Judy Berglund*

*January 29—Todd Maki*

*January 30-  
Melody Tremble*



*Thank you to Christie Johnson for  
sponsoring the January bulletins in honor of  
her family.*

*Remember in Prayer ...*

*Our members, family, and friends who are ill, have health concerns, are grieving, or are in need... our members and friends who are absent from worship and unable to attend. Prayers for Sally Weingartner, Carol Mattson, Tom Mattson, Carol Wolf, Vernon Haglund, Clayton Johnson Sr. Jack Holliday, Jeff D'Valentine, Dennis & Susan*  
*Our Thanks and Praise to God. If you have a prayer request, for yourself or others, or would like to be on the prayer team, please let the office know by calling or by leaving a message at 906-942-7245 or by emailing [emanuel@tds.net](mailto:emanuel@tds.net).*

*“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.” Isaiah 60:1-3,6b*

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, God’s grace and mercy be with you.

Friday the sixth was the day of Epiphany, a high church day in many parts of the world. This celebration marks a couple of things for one it is the twelfth day of Christmas, it also marks when the Christ child was revealed to all the nations. At the birth of Jesus we heard about the shepherds and the angles proclaiming the birth of the Savior of the world. At the Epiphany the following of a star to the place where Jesus lay is told by Wise men of the East who bring gifts for the newborn King proclaiming Jesus as Lord of Lords, King of Kings for all people and nations.

This season of Epiphany is a time when Jesus the light of the world is revealed to us time and time again. Just in our physical world where we witness our daylight hours increasing so is more light cast upon Jesus and his mission to the world. During this time we to are asked to proclaim what is being revealed to us. That we take what we have seen and share that with a world desperately in need of the Prince of Peace.

So watch carefully as our paths are enlightened, observe what has been shown to us that we might witness to the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord to all that we encounter.

Peace,  
Michael



Our Annual Meeting will be **Sunday, January 22** following our 11am worship with a potluck lunch. Emanuel has **three** council positions available for 2023 along with two Synod representatives. The 2023 Synod Assembly will take place May 18-20 in Marquette at NMU . If you have any questions or would like to serve on the council, please talk to Michael or Jolene, and **thank you** for considering to serve with this very important part of Emanuel.

January Scriptures	Reading	Psalm	Gospel
January 8	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Matthew 3:1-17
January 15	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 91: 9-12	Matthew 4:1-17
January 22	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 1: 1-3	Matthew 5: 1-20
January 29	Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 20: 7	Matthew 6:7-21; 25-34



*A special thank you to all who provided donations for the poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary this Christmas season. Please take them home with you!*

*Betsy Koski~In Memory of Lewis & Eleanor Ingalls  
 Roger & Sarah Kimball~In Honor of Our Family  
 Mary Lou Behrens~In Honor of David  
 Christie Johnson ~ Honoring Our Family  
 Tom & Barb Bach- Honoring Our Family  
 Lois Kokko ~ In Memory of Sylvia  
 Carol Wolf ~ In Honor of Her Family  
 Toni Peterson ~ In Memory of Keith  
 Todd & Ronda Barr*

***“Physician, heal thyself.”***

***~Luke 4:23***

PHYSICIAN  
HEAL  
THYSELF



One of my favorite books is Viktor Frankl's, *Man's Search for Meaning*. Recently I saw that familiar quote from his book, "When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." I recall my campus pastor at Wartburg College, Larry Trachte, who often quoted from Frankl and did special studies on Logotherapy. How do I find meaning during so many challenges in my church duties as Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission? There are more and more situations regarding local churches, the national church, and society in general that I simply cannot change. To what degree do I accept those things I cannot change and instead focus on my functioning and reflecting on my emotional relationships to these varied tasks and roles? All of this is a work in progress for me.

So many of our natural emotional desires are to control and influence the other. I was never a biological parent, but I see parents wishing to influence their children in a manner that results in behavior in line with their own values. As a math teacher for 12 years, I saw the amazing "dances" of parents dealing with their child and teacher. Often at a parent/teacher conference I would hear: "Oh, I wasn't good at math either." While acknowledging that this attitude could be consciously or unconsciously influencing their child to under function in their math classes, I needed to work from my standards and individualize instruction as much as reasonably possible. If my preconceived notion of pedagogy didn't work well for a child, I had the power to change my approach. I worked hard at not cutting myself off from the student. Yet, at the end of the day, I tried not to feel as if the learning process was entirely up to me.

When we see fewer people coming to worship services and volunteering to serve parish ministries, do we automatically seek to change them? Do we actually believe that we can “fix” others?

Rabbi Ed Friedman offers this perspective: “There is the ultimate spiritual concept, which is: ‘Unless you are focusing on the spiritual side of you, there is just no way you can promote it in others.’”

What are you working on to change about yourself and thereby grow spiritually? How are you avoiding the emotional trap of trying to change everyone else, but not working on your own functioning?

Jesus said that I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly. Perhaps by not obsessing about changing others, we might find more “life” that is ultimately more abundant and thus attractive to others. We likely will not “debate or argue” others into the Kingdom of God. Let the work of God begin with us as we each seek to better ourselves as followers of Christ the Lord.

Pastor Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission



**Thank you** for your continued support of our outdoor food pantry! Now that the winter season is here, we cannot put canned items in the pantry since they will freeze. A winter seasonal list of dry foods and personal items is now available, and thank you for this much appreciated community resource!

We continue to collect Econo Receipts to support World Hunger. The collection box is on the table near the far north window in the fellowship hall. Thank you to Toni Peterson for tabulating and submitting the receipts!



**Thank you** all that donated food items and donated monetarily for the 20 Christmas food baskets! Also thank you to those that purchased Christmas gifts for the children of those families. We are collecting new or gently used socks, hats, mittens/gloves and sweatpants for the **Clothes Closet** at the Gwinn Elementary Schools for children in need and for those needing change of clothes while at school. We will collect them in the fellowship hall near the piano. Thank you for helping with this outreach opportunity!

Sarah Kimball

A **big thank you** to all that helped with the sale of raffle tickets (670!) collected greens, make & decorate almost 50 wreaths, make and sell many quilts and crafts and to those that donated handcrafted items for the raffle! Proceeds went to the brick replacement project on Emanuel's sanctuary.

#### ***Raffle Winners***

Handmade Quilt (Chartered Course) made by Connie Ritter-  
Clayton Johnson

Handmade Quilt (Upper Michigan Falls) made by Connie Ritter-  
Iva Arnett

Stained Glass Piece by Donna Oliver– Bonnie Arkens

Wool Applique made by Sarah Kimball-Iva Arnett

Driftwood Mirror donated by Toni Peterson-Iva Arnett

Handmade Rug made by Sarah Kimball-Clayton Johnson

Wooden Cutting Board made by Lee Berglund-Joan Hill

Floral Door Basket made by Sandi Seppanen-John Strom

Knitted Woolen Hats made by Judy Berglund-Rob Sims

Holiday Center Piece made by Sherry Robinson-Iva Arnett

Cozy & Comfy Basket donated by Emanuel Quilting Ladies-Mary Lou Behrens

Coffee & Tea Basket donated by Sarah Kimball-Jane Sims

Movie Themed Basket donated by Sherri Jo Murphy-Mary Alice Smith

Fresh Christmas Wreath-Paul Koski





**January/Early February Mobile Food Pantry Trucks** (according to their website)

Wednesday, January 11, 12 Noon at NMU Berry Event Center at 1401 Presque Isle , **Marquette**

Thursday, January 12, 10AM at Silver Creek Church Thrift Store  
219 Silver Creek Road, **Harvey**

Wednesday, January 25, 4PM at Grace Lutheran Church,  
558 W. M-35, **Gwinn**

Wednesday, February 1, 12 Noon at Eden Lutheran Church,  
1150 M-28, **Munising**

Thursday February 2, 12 Noon at Building 604 at Avenue C and  
Third, (Corner of Ave. C and Third Street) , **KI Sawyer**

*Thank you for serving during worship!*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
01/01	Sarah Kimball	Jesse & Lea Kainulainen
01/08	Christie Johnson	Bahrman Family
01/15	Jesse Kainulainen	Roger & Sarah Kimball
01/22	Patti Bergdahl	Tom & Barb Bach
01/29	Betsy Koski	Dale Weingartner/Richard Cooke



In case of inclement weather and our Sunday worship needs to be cancelled, our Facebook page will post it, an email will be sent to those online, Emanuel’s phone message will state it and WLUC/TV6 will post closures. A big thank you Todd Barr for shoveling the entrances and to the micro food pantry after the latest snowfalls!



## ***December Council Meeting Highlights***

~We are grateful for the Thanksgiving Worship Service held at Emanuel and its attendance, held during the afternoon of the day. We are very grateful for the beautiful tree donated by Carol Wolf and a many thanks to all that helped with getting it and decorating the tree.



~Correspondence: The Care Clinic is in need of a director. Thank you cards received from Thanksgiving basket recipients. The ECLA announced disability grants.

~ Twenty Thanksgiving basket were given this year to our community. Due to the increase of the price of groceries, 3 Thrivent Grants were obtained for the Christmas baskets along with both monetary donations and donations of food will be utilized. Sarah Kimball will be the Outreach Committee Chairperson with other committees being formed to run fundraising events in 2023.

~Ten pledges were received after a stewardship letter was sent with pledge cards and time/talent forms in November.

~Our Sunday worship service attendance is increasing slightly each week. We will replenish the gas vouchers with \$100 from the pastor's discretionary fund this year. Since the readings have changed from Celebrates to the narrative lectionary, we will continue to offer sponsorship for the reading's bulletin at \$20 month to help cover the initial program charge and the paper/ink used to print them.

~We are hoping to have construction contractor Chris Korn from Harvey, give an estimate for an indoor ramp to the sanctuary from the fellowship hall.

~The 2023 budget was reviewed line by line with our Treasurer Betsy Koski.

~The Annual Meeting Date is Sunday, January 22 following worship. Annual reports will be available Sunday, January 15.

~There are 3 positions available on the council along with 2 Synod Assembly voting delegates, with the Assembly being held May 18-20 at NMU in Mqt., 2 extra conference delegates in the fall, 3 for the nominating committee and 3 for the auditing committee.

~December local benevolence for a local fire victim's family.

~The November Financial Secretary & Treasurer's reports were reviewed and found in order with no outstanding bills.

# January 2023

Office Hours Michael Tues. 1-5pm, Thurs. 9am-2pm  
 (Please Call First) Jolene: Wed. & Fri. 10am-2pm.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 11am Worship	2 AA Mtg. 7pm	3	4	5	6	7
8 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship <b>Council Mtg. 12:30</b>	9 AA Mtg. 7pm	10	11	12	13	14
15 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship	16 AA Mtg. 7pm	17	18	19	20	21
22 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship <b>Annual Mtg.</b>	23 AA Mtg. 7pm	24	25	26	27	28
29 10am Adult Forum 11am Worship	30 AA Mtg. 7pm	31				

**The January Enlightener  
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*Emanuel Lutheran Church is a people centered  
in Christ, rich in heritage and beauty; living out  
Christ's openness to all. Our ministry is to  
spread the Word of God in our community  
through service, education and fellowship,  
creating a sense of family as we break bread  
together in the company of Christ.*

*Join Us for our Sunday Services at 11 a.m.*