

Emanuel Lutheran Church
June 2023
Enlightener



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Jolene Kokko ~
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Committee Leaders

Barb Bach ~ Stewardship
Sarah Kimball ~ Outreach
Betsy Koski ~ Christian
Education
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Pam Bahrman ~ Cemetery
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Dale Weingartner ~
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www.be-lutheran.org



Sunday Worship begins at 9 a.m.

July Worship begins at 11 a.m.

All are Welcome!

2023 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church
March-June 9AM /July-October 11AM

Birthday Blessings

June 1-Carlos Perez

June 2-Ronda Barr

June 4-Sherri Jo Murphy

June 7-Tom Mattson

June 9-Pam Bahrman

June 9- Connie Ritter

June 15-Toni Peterson

June 16-Dale Ingalls

June 23-John Berglund



Anniversary Blessings

June 2-Andy & Becca Bahrman

June 3-David & Christie Johnson

June 7-Dave & Sue Ridolphi

June 10 Paul & Betsy Koski

June 15-Bob & Bonnie Barr

June 16-Todd & Karen Maki

June 26-Chuck & Patti Bergdahl



*Thank you to Todd and Ronda Barr
for sponsoring the June worship bulletins.*

Thank you for serving during worship!

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Lector</u> | <u>Ushers</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 06/04 | Betsy Koski | Tom & Barb Bach |
| 06/11 | Barb Bach | Roger & Sarah Kimball |
| 06/18 | Patti Bergdahl | Richard Cooke |
| 06/25 | Betsy Koski | Needed |



PLANTS, PIES & SUMMER BUYS!

Saturday, June 3 ~ 10am-2pm

Veggie & flower seedlings, along with perennials and house plants, gardening equipment, summer crafts and homemade pies! We hope you can stop in or donate your items! All proceeds will be going to the indoor handicap accessible ramp from the fellowship hall to the sanctuary. Please stop in for pie and coffee and many summer buys!

Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Dueteronomy 31:6

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, God's grace and peace be with you.

Fear can be such a debilitating emotion, it can leave you paralyzed, questioning whether it is safe to move forward or not. Fear might also keep us from trying new things worrying about what consequences one might have to bare. We worry if the rains will come to make crops grow, we worry also that the rains will not stop, choking off the seeds that we have sown. We wonder what our neighborhoods will be like as others move in and we fear that things will change. Fear also however keeps us from doing really foolish things like jumping off a cliff, or driving too fast. The question might be then; how do I cope with fear?

I'm reasonably sure that there are many methods to deal with fear. If we take the time to research whatever it is that frightens us, relief might be discovered. The counsel of someone who has had a similar experience just might be the ticket to finding a way forward. No matter which method is used there is a commonality to the methods that might help us to lower our anxiety, that being trust.

The prospect of a new leader and a new land to live in had the Israelites feeling fearful. Moses reminded them as well as us that we should fear not. That the Lord journeys with us and will not forsake us.



Trust that all we need God provides. We are asked to be bold, to enter new territory assured that God is along side of us. We need not worry about that which is to come, for God goes before us making sure our way. We trust that when the time comes, we will have the words needed to smooth our path. We are faithfully able to trust that the Lord has the words of eternal life, life for us all. These are the words that we are asked to share in this world full of uncertainties, that all have life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be strong be bold, let God carry you into the world comforting you in God's love and peace.

Peace be with you,

Michael

| June Scriptures | Reading | Psalm | Gospel |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| June 4 | Isaiah 6:1-8 | Psalm 3: 1-5 | Matthew 4: 18-22 |
| June 11 | Isaiah 9:1-7 | Psalm 96 | Matthew 1: 20-23 |
| June 18 | Isaiah 55: 1-13 | Psalm 145: 8-9 | Matthew 14: 13-21 |
| June 25 | Isaiah 5:1-11 | Psalm 146: 5-10 | Matthew 11: 7-10 |



Prayer Shawl
Ministry

We have many beautiful hand made Prayer Shawls available for those in need. Prayer shawls are given to those who are experiencing a difficult time, are in need of comfort and healing, to let them know they are not alone and to provide them with a sense of God's peace and healing. Please let the office know if you would like one, or know of someone in need of a prayer shawl.

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

Grace and peace to you!

Just a few days ago, we gathered as a Synod at Northern Michigan University. Here is a brief recap with highlights and actions taken.

*216 voting members registered along with 50 or so visitors.

WORSHIP

Thursday: The assembly began with a Spirit-filled Opening Worship. Using the space at NMU, we used two ballrooms to accommodate a bell choir, a vocal choir, a pastor band, vested clergy, deacons, and LLM's, a children's worship play space, and many NGLS voting members and guests gathered as Church to worship.

We used gluten free bread for all, compliments of baker and retired pastor, Rev. Dave Van Kley.

Saturday: We began with the liturgy for Morning Prayer from the ELW. Thanks to Pr. Brenda Greenwald and Pr. Steve Gauger for leading the worship.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity!

- World Hunger: \$23,165.60
- Equipping the Saints Endowment Ministry: \$2344.00 (reflects an additional designated gift)
- Youth Gathering 2024: \$2244.00

BIG BEAR AND BREAD BASKET AWARDS

1. Big Bear Awards: to Bethany, Escanaba and to the Copper Country "Let's Eat" program.
2. Bread Basket: to Penny Streeter of Messiah, Marquette.

ELECTIONS

Friday morning, I was honored to be granted a second six-year term to serve as the Bishop of this synod. I am sincerely grateful for your affirmation and this chance to continue this journey of being Church together.

1. Chuck Thomas was elected to a second four-year term as Synod Vice President.

Other elections:

1. Synod Discipline Committee: Pam Durbin, Bill Hartman, Pr. Scott Ehle and Pr. Catie Ford.
2. Synod Consultation Committee: Charlotte Strom, Molly Luty and Pr. Sarah Semler Smith.

Thank you to all who were willing to stand for election!

1. How can I abstain? There was some conversation about adding an “abstention” option to the electronic ballot. A reluctance was expressed that voters may not want to vote for someone they did not know. Since it is unlikely that in a synod of 20,000 people that we will all know each other, the process provides a brief description of those nominated with a paragraph offering insight into why the person accepts the nomination. It is the responsibility of voting members to review these paragraphs, included in the Pre-Assembly Report, prior to the assembly. This provides all nominees equal space for expression for voters to consider them.

CHAPLAINS

Throughout the assembly, Chaplains serving in our Synod offered prayers and briefly described their area of service. We are grateful for the efforts of:

- Rev. David Murphy – Naval Reserve Chaplain
- Rev. Peter Vorhes – Michigan State Police Chaplain
- Rev. Keith Kolstad – Chaplain at Northland Lutheran Retirement Community
- Deacon-elect Jen Elsenbroek - Chaplain at Great Lakes Recovery.

RESOLUTIONS OF NOTE

1. Given our changed financial reality and the desire for funding for Synod ministry projects, we voted to rescind a 2017 Resolution that established a policy that any funds in excess of \$150,000 be sent on to our Churchwide partners.
2. At Synod Assembly 2023, 31.3% of the voting members were clergy. This is well within the parameters required by our constitution that at least 60% of voting members be of the laity. However, the time may come in the future when the combined voting members

of retired and serving clergy exceeds 40%. A resolution was passed to ensure the constitution requirement of at least 60% lay voting members at future synod assemblies. Know that for the foreseeable future, the 20 – 25 or so retired clergy who register will receive both voice and vote.

3. We passed a deficit budget.
4. Approved the Clergy Compensation Guidelines for 2024.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

1. Pastor Doug Norquist on the piano.
2. Our first Seed Sower Lunch, thanking those who have made a planned gift or who are interested.
3. Robust and harmonic congregational singing.
4. Display Tables with tons of information.
5. Synod Ministry and Partnership Reports: LSS, Youth Ministry, Stewardship Committee, Lifelong Faith Formation, Candidacy, Endowment ministry, Fortune Lake Camp, Faithful Innovations, Portico, Christ's Kaleidoscope, etc.
6. Table conversations and Conference small group sessions.
7. Pre-assembly workshops! Prayfaithfully Devotions!
8. Friday night banquet honoring ordination and congregation anniversaries, and retirements. Entertainer Troy Graham who loved that we sang along to the gospel tunes.

NEXT YEAR

Synod Assembly 2024 will be Conference-based hybrid. Voting members and visitors will meet at a host church in your conference and we will be connected through Zoom. In anticipation of Synod Assembly 2025, please set aside the additional funds that will be needed to support your voting members and pastoral leaders for an in-person assembly.

It was wonderful to be together! I heard over and over again that people valued being in person. The worship, the conversations, the witness of how we are church together was both moving and meaningful. As the next six years begin, the synod council will meet for a visioning retreat in June to help clarify our goals and give direction. We pray for the Spirit's guidance as we discern next steps and future efforts.

Thank you again for privilege of serving as your bishop. We move forward in faith, together.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan



Please let Michael or the church office know if you or a family member is hospitalized or ill. We want to be sure to keep in touch with support and prayers. If you can't notify Emanuel, please ask a family member to do so.



Thank you for your donations going towards the ELCA World Hunger Fund collected at the Synod Assembly. Along with Econo Food receipts and our May noisy offerings, Emanuel contributed \$261.79 to the total of \$22,445.86 collected from our Synod congregations. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gift to

ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, solutions that get a the root cause of hunger and poverty.



ANSWER THE CALL is an annual campaign of the Northern Great Lakes Synod to request financial support for both seminary students and current pastors still paying off the debt of their seminary degree. **ANSWER THE CALL SUNDAY** is **Sunday, June 11**

at Emanuel with a special offering being taken for this endowment fund.

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. Prayers for Toni Peterson & Family,

Laurie Beauchamp, Al, Iva Arnett, John Berglund Michael Holman, Carol Mattson, Tom Mattson, Dan Mattson, Carol Wolf, Vernon Haglund, Sally Weingartner, Clayton Johnson Sr., Jack Holliday, Janet Click.

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 the office at:

Emanuel@tds.net

May Council Meeting Highlights

Council Members Present:: Barb Bach, Ronda Barr, Richard Cooke, Christie Johnson, Leah Kainulainen, Sarah Kimball, Jolene Kokko, Michael Holman, LLM

It was a joy to see Tiffany & Hailey Ridolphi perform at their senior recital at Dawn Dot Dance Studio. It is a joy that Micah Heath's wedding is June 10. Prayers for Toni Peterson and family, Laurie Beauchamp, and Richard's sister Debbie.

Thank you letters received from the Women's Center for our Lenten Worship Service community offering, Marquette County Habitat for Humanity for our February local benevolence, and Teaching Family Homes of the U.P. for our March Benevolence.

Outreach supplied a Mother's Day Cake for fellowship and will supply a cake for Father's Day in June.

Outdoor sign lighting is being adjusted for our increase in daylight hours. Handicap accessible electric unit will also be used with our new door to the fellowship hall.

We paid the retainer of \$450 for the engineered drawing plan of our handicap accessible indoor ramp to the sanctuary to Jurmu Engineering.

Plants, Pies & Summer Buys event on Saturday, June 3, 10am-2pm sign-up sheets are now posted. Proceeds will go towards the indoor ramp.

Discussed each recommendation from the Northern Great Lakes Synod Constitution Review Committee of Emanuel's 2013 Constitution and made changes. It now will be submitted to the NGLS Constitution Review Committee and then to the congregation for voting.

Answer The Call Sunday (Annual campaign of the Northern Great Lakes Synod for financial support for both seminary students and current pastors paying off the debt of their seminary degree) will be Sunday, June 11 at Emanuel.

Local Benevolences: June-Trillium House respite care program., July-Camp New Day (U.P. summer camp for children with incarcerated family members.)

April Financial Secretary's Report and March & April Treasurer's reports reviewed and found in order.



Next Council Meeting is Tuesday, June 20 at 5:30 p.m.

June 2023

Office Hours: Michael ~Tuesday 1-5 pm, Thursday 9am-2pm

Jolene ~Wed. & Fri. 10:30am-2:30pm



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wed | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
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|  <p><i>Cemetery Clean-Up</i></p> | | | May 31 Haglund Cemetery Clean-Up 6 pm | 1 | 2  | 3 Plants Pies & Summer Buys 10am- 2pm |
| 4 9am Worship | 5 AA Meeting 7pm | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9am Worship | 12 AA Meeting 7pm | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9am Worship | 19 AA Meeting 7pm | 20 Council Meeting 5:30pm | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9am Worship | 26 AA Meeting 7pm | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | July 2 Worship 11am |

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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 9 AM thru
June, 11am beginning in July.*