

*Emanuel Lutheran Church*  
*February 2024*  
*Enlightener*



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# *Congregational Leadership*

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## Council Members

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## Office

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  
Business Manager  
Richard Cooke ~  
Building & Property

*Emanuel Lutheran Church has both a Facebook page and website! Catch up on upcoming and past events, our monthly calendar and Enlightener newsletters at*

***[www.be-lutheran.org](http://www.be-lutheran.org)***



Sunday Worship begins at 9 a.m.  
through February.

***2024 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church***

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

## *Birthdays Blessings*

*February 7—Carol Wolf*

*February 9 -  
Sally Weingartner*

*February 10-Jacob Mackey*

*February 14-Betsy Koski*

*February 14-  
Michael Holman*

*February 15-Jon Berglund*

*February 17-  
Vernon Haglund*

*February 19-David Ridolphi*

*February 23-Sandi Ruotsi*

*February 25-Nina Ingalls*

*February 25-Cindy Shelton*

*February 28-Patti Bergdahl*



## *Anniversary Blessings*

*February 4-  
Dan & Pam Bahrman*



*Thank you Tom & Barb Bach for  
sponsoring the February bulletins  
in honor of family.*

*Thank you for serving during worship!*

### Date

2/04

2/11

2/18

2/25

### Lector

Barb Bach

Sarah Kimball

Christie Johnson

Betsy Koski

### Ushers

Bahrman Family

Needed

Jesse & Leah Kainulainen

Roger & Sarah Kimball

***“I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.” 1 Corinthians 9: 22b-23***

God’s grace and peace be with you Sisters and Brothers in Christ, In our day to day living we offer all sorts of information to those that we know. We share who has the best prices on gas or groceries. We share warnings about who might have the flu or some other disease that we don’t get ill also. Telling others of traffic delays or other things that might make our travels a little more wearisome are often greatly appreciated. When we have a passion for some type of activity it usually finds a way into conversation in the hope that someone might discover the joy that you have experienced. Advice doesn’t end there though.

We grumble about the weather regardless of what type is preferred. Talk about climate change is often times a divisor as discussion is often centered around what is or is not fact. For years I have heard the expression to never talk politics or religion when you are not certain of your surroundings. Clean energy, electric transportation, immigration, what is being taught in our schools can lead to heated debates.

As we head into this season of Lent, a time to reflect upon what Jesus has done in your life, we may want to discover our own passion. In this section of Pauls’ letter to the people in Corinth there are no instructions screaming at them or us as to what to do. It is possible however that what is being said is worth following. Be all things to all people.



Does that tell us that we are to be wishy washy, caving in to whatever the fad is of the one you are addressing? I think not. Perhaps what this means for us is that we too should find our hearts desire in our Lord Jesus. That we discover that what Christ does for you can be done for everyone. That we develop a passion so deep that we cannot help but share that passion with all we meet. We learn from our Savior that compassion can conquer all. That our differences do not have to be divisive rather an opportunity to learn and grow in love for each other and this wonderful creation that has been given to us to enjoy. May the gospel free you to share its good news wherever you go.

Peace be with You,

Michael

<b>February Scriptures</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
February 4	Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24	Psalm 131	Mark 5:21-43
February 11	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Psalm 27: 1,4-9	Mark 8:27-9:8
February 18	Hebrew 4:12-16	Psalm 19	Mark 10:17-31
February 25	Ephesians 5:15-20	Psalm 34:11-14	Mark 10:32-52



*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.

## **CARING for CREATION**

**By: Chuck Thomas, NGLS Vice President**

The land region of the Northern Great Lakes Synod is plentiful in trees, streams, lakes, wildlife, and gorgeous scenery; all providing countless opportunities for outdoor recreation and enjoyment. This wondrous gift from God needs our care. Indeed, it seems that today it is critical that we embrace the challenge to protect and restore God's creation. A recent response to this challenge is a small step taken by Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. This past October, they passed a "Rights of Nature" resolution supporting the movement to protect nature.

Protecting creation is foundational to our existence. It states in Genesis 2:15 (NIV): "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care it." The study note in my NIV study bible says by this action man has been charged to responsibly govern the earth under God's sovereignty. So how does Genesis 2:15 apply to us as Christians today?

There is an ELCA advocacy study guide titled "Why Lutherans Care for Creation" that speaks directly to the question posed above. I encourage everyone to read the study guide and learn about key aspects of Lutheran theology and practice regarding "creation-justice."

As you read, you will explore the concepts of God the Creator, how humans fit in God's creation, and how worship, sacraments, justification, and vocation all tie together with God's creation. The study guide also explores how the Church is caring for creation through our various justice advocacy and worldwide ministry endeavors. The guide closes with a challenge for all of us to renew and re-form our church to embrace "the





### ***Living Lutheran Publication***

Living Lutheran is a publication that has been printed monthly for many years. They are no longer printing this publication starting in 2024. They have this announcement though to find it online: The content will now be available at [livinglutheran.org](http://livinglutheran.org) at no cost to our readers. No login information is needed to access the website. Feel free to sign up at [livinglutheran.org/subscribe](http://livinglutheran.org/subscribe) for the magazine's free e-digest, where you can get links to stories based on your preferences delivered to your inbox weekly, biweekly or monthly.



### ***Lifelong Faith Formation 2024 Winter Classes***

In its fourth year, Lifelong Faith Formation is one way for people of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, and beyond, to be church together. Join the conversation. Enjoy the fellowship and discover new ways to share the light of Christ with the world. All classes are held online via Zoom. Contact Deacon Lori Ward if you have questions at (615)519-1969 or [lori.ward@nglsynod.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynod.org).

***Visit [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org) to register.***



### ***Indoor Accessible Ramp***

We continue to look for bids for the indoor accessible ramp to be built from the fellowship hall to Emanuel's sanctuary. If you know of a licensed, insured builder that may be interested, please have them contact Emanuel's office (906)942-7245 or email us at [emanuel@tds.net](mailto:emanuel@tds.net). Plans are available to see or be emailed, and they are always welcome to come to visit the site. Thank you helping to get the word out !



The ***Souper Bowl of Caring*** began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina: "Lord, even as we enjoy the **Super Bowl** football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a **bowl** of soup to eat." Each year Emanuel takes part in this annual event. Sunday, February 11 bring a can of soup, or a dry mix for our winter supplies in the outdoor food pantry and cash donations will go towards the ELCA World Hunger Fund. Thank you for your support.



Please join us Tuesday, February 13 for our "Heart to Heart" monthly get together for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake lunch at 12 Noon. "Shrove Tuesday" (sometimes referred to as "Fat Tuesday"), the last day of Mardi Gras. It is the day before Lent officially begins. "Shrove" is based on the past tense of an old English verb "shrive," which means absolution from sins through confession. Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom of Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent. The feast before Ash Wednesday comes exactly 47 days before Easter Sunday. We will hold a Pancake lunch for Shrove Tuesday!



### ***6th Annual Skandia Lions***

#### ***Winter Carnival to Fight Hunger***

Saturday, Feb. 24~ 10am-3pm at Maple Lane (weather permitting) Archery and Ski Center 124 Kreiger Dr. ~ Skandia

Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing,  
Sledding and Concessions

\$5 Donation Supports Local Food Pantries!



**Ash Wednesday** is the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice that many Lutheran congregations have found to be a very meaningful part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence. Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence:

- Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).
- Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were used anciently in the absence of soap. Even on Ash Wednesday, this most penitential day, we receive ashes in the form of the cross, the same symbol placed on our bodies with water in our baptism. Even in this ashen mark of death, we anticipate the new life of Easter.
- Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried into the ground or as ashes are placed in a columbarium .
- Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God.

***Emanuel's Ash Wednesday Worship is Wednesday, February 14, 7 p.m.***



Wednesday, February 21– Community Covenant Church  
Worship Service 6 p.m. followed by Soup Supper

Wednesday, March 6– Hope Methodist Skandia  
Worship Service 6 p.m. followed by Soup Supper

Wednesday, March 20– Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Worship Service 6 p.m. followed by Soup Supper

*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.*

*The Family of Lee Berglund, Jr. , Mary Lou Behrens, Jon, Matthew, Mary Heath, Allie, Oscar, Rosie Howard, Al, Carol Mattson, Tom Mattson, Carol Wolf, Vernon Haglund, Bonnie Pelto, Sally Weingartner.*

*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, by leaving a message at 906-942-7245, or by emailing the office at:*

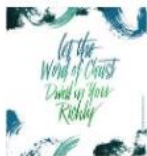
*Emanuel@tds.net*

*Please let us know when our prayer list needs to be updated with names added or removed. Thank you!*

Dwelling

In the

**Word**



You are invited to join the whole Northern Great Lakes Synod in **Dwelling** in the **Word**. Please use the resource that has

been sent to each congregation (also available on our website, [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)), at each meeting of the congregation, in your home, at your Council meetings. You are also welcome to join a Zoom Dwelling in the Word the first Thursday evening of every month at 7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT. Let us Dwell in the Word together! Zoom Link available on the Northern Great Lakes Synod Facebook page.



Please let Michael or the church office know if you or a family member is hospitalized, ill, homebound or in need of help. We want to be sure to be here for you, with support, prayers and visits. If you can't notify Emanuel, please ask a family member to do so. Contact Michael directly at any time at

(231)824-6757 or Emanuel (906)942-7245.

## February 2024

Office Hours: Michael: Tues. 1-5 pm, Thurs. 10am-2pm

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



Sunday	Mond	Tuesday	Wed	Thu	Friday	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9am Worship Adult Forum 10:30am	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9am Worship Adult Forum 10:30am	12	13 "Heart to Heart" Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch 12 Noon	14 <b>7PM</b> <b>Worship</b> 	15	16	17
18 9am Worship Adult Forum 10:30am	19	20 <b>Council Meeting</b> <b>5:30PM</b>	21 Lenten Worship & Soup Supper Community Covenant Church 6PM	22	23	24
25 9am Worship Adult Forum 10:30am	26	27	28	29		

Sunday, March 3 our  
Sunday Worship begins  
at 11am.

**The February Enlightener  
Emanuel Lutheran Church, ELCA  
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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 9am***