



September 2026 Newsletter

We are so ready to get back into activities this fall. School has started, confirmation classes have started, and soon it will be Rally Sunday and the kickoff for the rest of our Sunday School programming to begin! This year, we are working with our school and Sunday School to help raise funds to purchase snacks or accept donations of snacks to help stock the shelves. Please look at the flyers for more information and snack suggestions. Bring that Noisy offering in too as this month's change will be going towards this. We are also super excited to share that Coteau To Go will be in the parking lot on Rally Sunday! They will be available before and after church, serving up some fabulous drinks. We encourage all youth, children, leaders, and school teachers, be present for worship this day so that we may pray over them special blessings and celebrations for the year!

Also make sure to mark your calendars for our Confirmation Sunday, October 25th and our Mission Fest Sunday, November 15th!

The power of prayer is so great. Continue to keep all of those on our prayer list on your minds and in your hearts. Offer help if you can. Pray for those in our nursing homes or stop in for a visit. Send a card to make someone's day special.

If you are on Facebook, make sure you have liked our page, Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Stay up to date with the latest news and happenings at our church and in our communities. If you have something you would like to share, make sure to let us know. We share our newsletter on Facebook, email, or have hard copies available in the church narthex.

Bible verse of the month- "Let us not become weary in doing good.." Galatians 6:9

Peace and Blessings,

Sandi

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The Hope of the Resurrection

Hope is an interesting word. We use it so casually throughout our conversations. “I hope it rains.” “I hope we win the football game.” “I hope I got a good grade on that last history test.” “I hope the baby sleeps through the night.”

During these past few weeks, hope has taken on a whole new meaning as I think about the hope of the resurrection and what comfort that hope has brought and continues to bring to me...as it should for all of us as we remember that we belong to the God of all hope. Such hope is anchored to God’s promises we find in scripture. Such hope does not disappoint; it is steadfast, sure and certain. All because of who it is we place our hope in.

The apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Timothy 4:10 that “we have set our hope on the living God, who is Savior of all.” This is the hope we all need.

Our God is the one who loves us without our asking, who sent his only beloved Son into the world to die for us and for our salvation. God is the all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present ruler over all, who is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine. Our hope is in our victorious, resurrected Savior, who did not stay dead but conquered sin and death by rising again so we can have the assurance of everlasting life.

Jesus is our living hope. He is the one that gives us “new birth into a living hope.” (1 Peter 1:3) The resurrection of Jesus matters and is vital to our everyday faith. Resurrection hope is a hope for today and a future hope...it’s a hope for the now and the not yet. It is that living hope that brings comfort as we lose loved ones knowing that death does not hold us but that they are resting within the arms of a loving Savior who is faithful to his promises. Our hope in Jesus is a hope that never disappoints; it is a hope that frees us from guilt and shame and the power of sin. It is the hope that assures us that we will never be alone as God will never leave or forsake us.

Death is not the end for those who believe. We live with Christ for all eternity and there will be no more sickness, no more sin or sorrow, no more separation or grief. That, dear friends, is resurrection hope and oh, what comfort that hope gives!

May Christ’s resurrection hope strengthen and encourage you today as it continues to strengthen and encourage me.

Shar Gumke,
Synod Authorized Minister.



September/October Calendar of Events

September 4th- Coffee with kids at the school- 9am

September 6th- Worship Service with Communion 10:30am

September 7th- Labor day- No school

September 13th- Worship Service 10:30am- Rally Sunday- Noisy offering to help Snack drive, Coteau to Go in parking lot, Sunday School 9:45am, Potluck to follow worship

September 20th- Worship Service with Communion 10:30am, Sunday School 9:45am

September 27th- Worship Service 10:30am, Sunday School 9:45am

October 4th- Worship Service with Communion 10:30am, Sunday School 9:45am

October 11th- Worship Service 10:30am, Noisy Offering, Sunday School 9:45am

October 18th- Worship Service at 10:30am, Sunday School 9:45am

October 20th- Girl's Volleyball in Gackle

October 25th- Confirmation Sunday, worship service 10:30am

November 15th- Mission Fest Sunday- Guest speaker- Pastor Colin Neuharth

We want to continue to improve our monthly newsletter. Do you have something to add? Please let Haleigh know. Send her your information to her via email:

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Those in need of continued Prayer:

Gackle Care Center: Helen Elhard, Wilbert Denning, Arlyss Mertz

Edgewood: Quentin Mertz

Wishek Living Center: Violet Diede

Ave Maria: Gary Larson

Also in need of prayer: Dawn Veil-Stein, Nicole Olson, JD Dahl, Family of Kenny Gumke, Steve Moos, Paulette Kir, Jim Lewis (father of Haleigh Zenker), Summit Baker, Duane Suko

September Worship Support

Ushers	Warren Zenker Family
Greeters	Katy Ruff
Altar Guild	Linda Zenker
Steward/Acolyte	Denise Wittmier

October Worship Support

Ushers	Archie Koenig & Robin Iszler
Greeters	Denise Wittmier
Altar Guild	Patty Moos
Steward/Acolyte	Liezl Ferreira

Visitations and Personal Communion

We are committed to looking into new options and the best ways to serve our congregation. Are you not able to make it to communion and wish to receive? We want you to know that we can serve you communion anytime. Would you like a personal visit? Let us know and we will schedule a time to get together. Know of anyone that hasn't been able to come to church that could use a visit? Let us know and we will give them a call and check in. We are still looking for people that would like to help with visits too. All you need is the ability to talk, we can help with the rest.

Offering Envelopes:

If anyone does not have or is in need of offering envelopes, please let Bonnie Denning know. She will get them to you!! Thanks.



Our synod website has so much information to share with us about events happening in our area, training courses that we can attend or participate over Zoom, and so many more resources. They also have a newsletter that you can subscribe to through email. Please take a look!

www.eandsynod.org



Online Donations

Forget to bring your offering to church, haven't made it in for a while, or just want an easier way to donate to our church? You are able to donate online. Just a few clicks and you can share funds with us. Go to the address listed below, click on the donate button on the top. Select contribute under select support a specific congregation, click on another partner congregation, and then you can select Emmanuel Lutheran from the listed congregations.

www.ndchristiansact.org

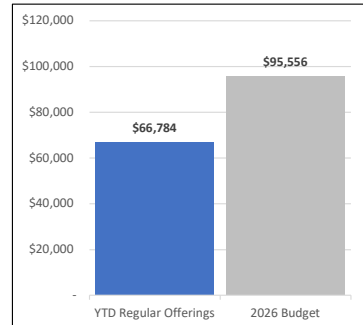
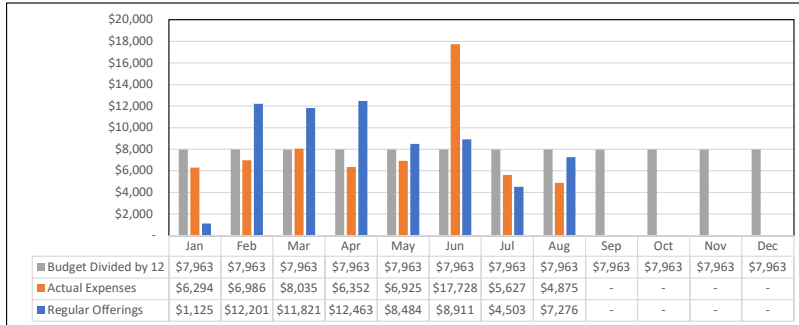
Those members who bank at Dakota Heritage can also donate easily by setting up regular transfers between accounts. Contact the bank directly and see how they can help set this up for you.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Financial Report

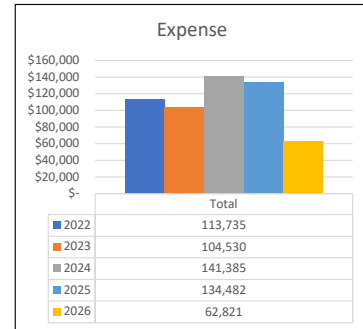
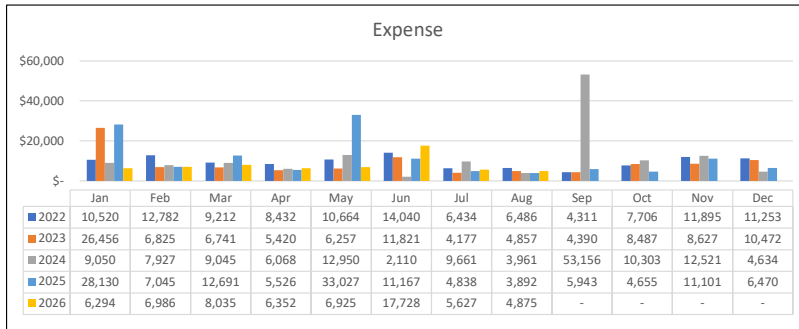
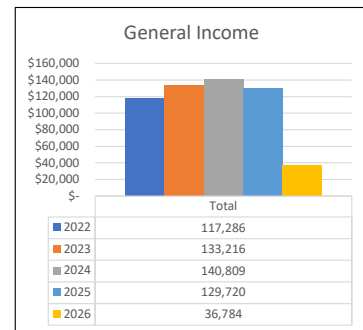
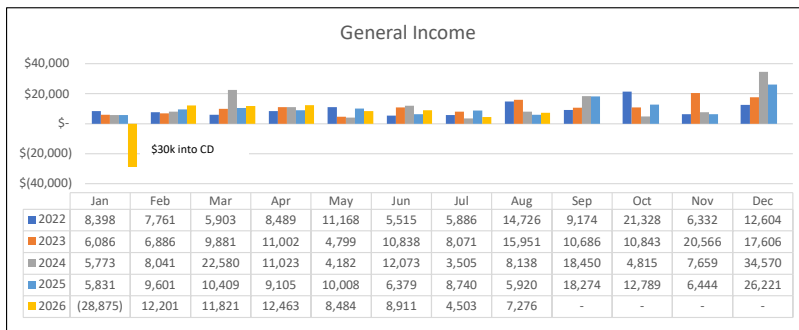
As of 08/28/2026

2026 Year to Date

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Regular Offerings	\$1,125	\$12,201	\$11,821	\$12,463	\$8,484	\$8,911	\$4,503	\$7,276	-	-	-	-	\$66,784
Actual Expenses	\$6,294	\$6,986	\$8,035	\$6,352	\$6,925	\$17,728	\$5,627	\$4,875	-	-	-	-	\$62,821
Balance	(\$5,169)	\$5,215	\$3,787	\$6,112	\$1,559	(\$8,817)	(\$1,124)	\$2,401	-	-	-	-	\$3,964



Year over Year



If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Marella Sebring.
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Memorials to Emmanuel Lutheran Church for

Edna Mertz

Karen Miller

Ken Gumke

Clifford and Dolores Klundt
Curtis and Janet Janke
Darvin and Marcella Becker
Derek Hust
Esther Maier
Karen Miller Family
Trent Dockter
Wayne and MaryAnn Widmer

This is to show our appreciation and eliminate the need for the church to send individual thank you cards.

We apologize if anyone is inadvertently missed.

CIA–September 2026

“For everything there is a season.”

It's that time of the year again! Fall! We are back to school, Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Studies, Youth events and a variety of other activities. CIA congregations do all these things, some independently, some together. These opportunities are a gift for each and every one of us. Have you thought about the benefits of what we do together?

Book studies: These occur online and give everyone an opportunity. The Book of the Month for September *The Journey of God*, by UJ Professor Jonathan Lyonhart. The discussion is on 9/29 @ 7pm. And as a special treat, the author will be joining in on the discussion.

281 Bold: Have you checked out 281 Bold yet? What a great time to start or a great time to share this online ministry with others. On 281 Bold, you will see your friends and neighbors share about their faith. You will see our pastors share their sermons around different themes. It's harvest time and sometimes we find it hard to leave the combine, the tractor, or the truck. Maybe you or someone you know is on the go and needs a way to connect to church, 281 Bold is a great way to do it.

Coming up! The CIA Advent devotional. Soon your CIA representative will have the information and may ask you to write a devotion. Please consider saying, "yes!" The Advent devotional is used by many of us for the holy season, it is a wonderful way to spend a few minutes every day.

It's Fall! It's a great time to look for ways to connect; in your congregation, your community, or shared CIA ministries. Blessings as you start the season.

Sunday School/Younger Youth Schedule: *Lessons only apply to the younger youth group.

September 13 – Isaac's Blessing
September 20- Free From Slavery
September 27 – Red Sea
October 4 – Ten Commandments
October 11– Battle of Jericho
October 18 – Naomi and Ruth
October 25– NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
November 1 – David and Goliath
November 8– NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
November 15 – Elijah and the Widow
November 22 – Jonah and the Big Fish
November 29 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 6 – Jesus is Born
December 13 – Wise Men
December 20 – Jesus' Baptism
December 27 & January 3– NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
January 10 – The Disciples
January 17 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
January 24 - The Lord's Prayer
January 31 – Woman at the Well
February 7– A Storm
February 14 – Centurion Servant
February 21 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
February 28 – Jesus Blessed Children
March 7- Greatest Commandments
March 14 – Holy Week
March 21– NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
March 28 (Easter Sunday)– NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
April 4– Easter/Great Commission
April 11 – Doubting Thomas
April 18 – The Ascension
April 25– Holy Spirit
May 2 – Philip and Ethiopian
May 9 – Saul and Paul



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RALLY SUNDAY!

Sunday, September 13th



HELP KICK OFF
THE BEGINNING OF
Sunday School
AT 9:45AM



WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 10:30AM

*with Noisy
Offering!*



BRING YOUR CHANGE OR
FAVORITE SNACKS
to help stock the supply
for the year at church and school.



WILL HAVE SPECIAL BLESSING OF
Leaders, Teachers, and Children
DURING SERVICE

Potluck
TO FOLLOW!



Let's come together in faith, fellowship, and fun!

WONDERING WHAT ARE *some great* **SNACK IDEAS?** TO DONATE?

Individually wrapped is best!

CHIPS



Single serve bags

RICE CRISPS



Crispy & delicious!

BEEF STICKS



High in protein & on the go!

PRETZELS



Salty crunch everyone loves

FRUIT SNACKS



Sweet & fruity favorites

FRUIT CUPS



Easy & refreshing!

PROTEIN BARS



Fuel for busy days

BREAKFAST BARS



Great for mornings

COOKIES



A sweet treat!

CRACKERS



Perfect small snack

DRINKS



Hydration & fun

WATER & JUICE BOXES



Always appreciated!



ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF
at the church anytime.



STILL NOT SURE WHAT YOU COULD DONATE?
Bring your loose change
 FOR NOISY OFFERING AND
 ALL DONATIONS WILL BE USED
 TO PURCHASE ITEMS.

Thank you
 FOR SUPPORTING
 OUR CHURCH &
 OUR COMMUNITY!



Every snack makes a difference!



September Member Life Events			
Day	Birthday	Baptism	Marriage
1	Pat Rivinius	Paige Kleingartner	
2	Briggs Baker, Jayce Rivinius Stacy Ruff		
3	Jessica Coreson		
4			
5			
6	Alan Kleingartner, Kip Veil		
7			Pat & Sandi Rivinius 2003
8			
9	Amy Holmstrom		
10		Linda Zenker	
11			
12			
13	Derek Hust		Jon & Miriah Widmer 2025
14	Darcy Lehr, Lloyd Veil		
15	Jeff Dahl, Calvin Lehr Steve Muller		
16			
17	Clydell Dockter, Lloyd Elsner Mike Martin	Leah Monson	Michael & Heather Burkle 2016 Jennifer & Justin Haadem 2016
18	Katie Kuhn		Gerry & Marilyn Roaldson 1971
19		Border Baker	
20			
21			
22		Jessica Coreson	
23			
24		Michael Burkle, Cory Burkle	
25	Maci Griffith	Jeremy Nitschke	
26			
27	Allyson Meyer		
28		Kelly Fischer	Corne & Liezl Ferreira 2019
29	Chad Remboldt	Candace Kuhn	Marvin & JoAnne Miller 1968
30	Wanita Titus, Christina Exner		

Church Records

We are updating our Church records. Lots of information is missing.

Please fill out a sheet for each family member with the following information to assist with the records.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: Home _____ Cell: _____

Birth: _____

Date: _____ Where: _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Brothers: _____

Sisters: _____ Baptism: _____

Date: _____ Where: _____

Pastor: _____

Sponsors: _____

Confirmation: _____

Date: _____ Where: _____

Pastor: _____

Marriage: _____

Date: _____ Where: _____ To Whom: _____

_____ Pastor: _____

Children: _____

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Duties of the Ushers

(reviewed on 3/2022)

1. Arrive at church 30 minutes prior to service.
2. Turn Sanctuary lights on and off before and after service.
3. Raise and lower shades on windows before and after service.
4. Put up hymn numbers (numbers are in room to left of altar in cupboard).
5. Turn on the Cross at altar (switch is labeled in room to the right of altar).
6. Turn lamps on for the Lectern and Pulpit. Turn off after service.
7. Fill ceramic pitcher with water and place on baptismal font along with silver bowl that goes in the baptismal font (pitcher and bowl are located in room to the left of altar on the counter by sink).
8. Hand out bulletins, newsletters, etc.
9. Ring church bell at least 3 times just before beginning of the service.
10. Count the number of people attending the service (easily done from the balcony sometime after service has begun) (number in attendance is to be written in the book which is in the fellowship hall).
11. Receive offering plates, gathering offering, and bring offering forward when pastor signals.
12. Usher people forward for Holy Communion (one usher stands towards the front to allow worshipers to advance to front).
13. Usher people out when church service has concluded.

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