



# June 2025 Newsletter

We survived graduation and had a wonderful time! Such an exciting time to be free and moving on to the next phase of life. So many emotions. I am still cleaning up but I figure I didn't put all together in one day, I can take my time getting it back to normal! If anyone would like some help with event planning, let me know, it is definitely something I enjoy doing.

Our Vacation Bible School will likely be over before this newsletter goes out. It is so fun to have all the children actively learning about God's Love and utilizing the church. Very special thank you to Heather and all of her helpers, teachers, cooks, etc. that participate to make this happen.

The first weekend in June is the Synod Assembly gathering in Fargo. I have decided to take my turn and attend this year along with Joel and Shar. It is something that I have wanted to do. The time of year is difficult to be gone but I am going to take time to make it happen. Joel will be back to lead worship that Sunday. We plan to share the Bishop's special message during worship pending no technical difficulties.

We continue to have those named on our prayer list and in our nursing homes. Please let us know of any changes or additions. We know that prayer works!! Send cards or stop in to see someone you know that could use a moment of cheer.

Have you seen the new floors yet?? We are so thankful for the support of our congregation! It has taken a lot of patience to get to this point, but we are just about completed. We have some alterations being made to a few of the pews and need to get them all secured down. But know that we still have many items on our list that we would like to do to make Emmanuel even better. Do you have anything for us? Our next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11th at 8pm. Please let us know of any questions or concerns that you may have. We are here to serve.

Peace and Blessings,

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June 8<sup>th</sup> marks an important time in the life of the church as we together celebrate Pentecost or the giving of the Holy Spirit to those first apostles. We are each gifted by the Holy Spirit, and like those early followers of Jesus, we are invited to share the good news of God in Jesus Christ in word and deed. We all are needed in for the spreading of the gospel and we each should look for opportunities to share Christ with others and be Christ-like to those we meet.

The last week of May, we had the opportunity to share Christ with 48 young people, ages 3-13, from Gackle and surrounding areas with our Vacation Bible School, entitled Twists and Turns. We taught these young people these essential faith-building truths: Jesus is holy and that changes everything; Jesus is trustworthy even when we doubt; Jesus is forgiving even when we sin; Jesus is worth following even when it gets tough; and Jesus is for everyone! What a great week of singing, praying, telling bible stories, crafts, mission projects that they worked on together, and game-playing. We learned that even though life might have some interesting twists and turns, God is faithful and promises to be with us. We learned an important bible verse that these young people (and us older folks too) can use every day of their lives. "Make your ways known to me, Lord. Teach me your paths." (Psalm 25:4) Hopefully, they went away knowing that God is always present, listening when we call and ready to send us help as we try to navigate our ways through life. That's the promise we have from God; and what a promise it is! In addition to God's presence, God also promised to send us a helper in the Holy Spirit who gathers us, enlightens us, sanctifies us, and sends us out to share this good news. Finally, we fed this hungry group of little followers (thanks to the cooks/helpers in the kitchen) and sent them home, filled with good food AND the good news of God in Christ Jesus. These young people are such an essential part of the church, and we owe it to them to share how much Jesus means in our lives as well as help them see how important a relationship with Jesus is for their own lives.

My thanks to Heather Burkle and to all the volunteers who worked together to do this important mission work of the church. Vacation Bible School is certainly a team effort and could never be done by one person alone. It doesn't matter if you were part of the "faculty" or worked at the registration table or cooked the meals and cleaned up afterwards; you are all important to this work we do together. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside of you as together we continue to do God's work in the world.

Blessings,

Shar Gumke, Synod Authorized Lay Minister

## June Calendar of Events for our Church & Community

June 7 & 8- Synod Assembly in Fargo

June 11<sup>th</sup>- Church Council 8pm

June 15<sup>th</sup>- Noisy Offering- Father's Day

July 4<sup>th</sup>- Kid craft time at Emmanuel 10:30am-noon

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:

[haleighjlewis@gmail.com](mailto:haleighjlewis@gmail.com)

### Those in need of continued Prayer:

**Gackle Care Center:** Helen Elhard, Wilbert Denning, Wilbert Gutschmidt

**Wishek Living Center:** Violet Diede

**New Salem:** Karen Miller

Also in need of prayer: Dawn Veil-Stein, JD Dahl, Haleigh Hermanson, Joel Zenker, Dwight Wiest, David Brendal

Family of Darrel Dockter, Nedina Denning, George Koenig

## June Worship Support

Ushers	Grant & Summitt Baker and Family
Greeters	Jay Posselt
Altar Guild	Corne & Liezl Ferreira
Steward/Acolyte	Lisa Zenker

## July Worship Support

Ushers	Jeff & JD Dahl, Maureen Groth
Greeters	Maureen Groth
Altar Guild	Maureen Groth
Steward/Acolyte	Denise Wittmier

## WORSHIP SUPPORT LIST FOR 2025

As always the list will remain the same from year to year unless there's a request to change it. If you need a sub please refer to the list posted in the sacristy or contact stewards Lisa Zenker or Denise Wittmier.

Lisa- 701-368-9291 or [lisamzenker@gmail.com](mailto:lisamzenker@gmail.com)

Denise- 701-269-1475 or [denwitt@daktel.com](mailto:denwitt@daktel.com)

## 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 Barb Schmidt 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](http://www.eandsynod.org)

### **HELP WANTED: Church Caretaker**

Izabel is planning to leave for college in August and we will be in need of someone to take over. Please contact any council member if you are interested and we will be in touch!

### **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.

### **New Members**

Are you interested in becoming a member of our church and we haven't asked you yet, please let a pastoral leader know or any council member. We are looking to plan a new member Sunday in the near future.

### **Free Items**

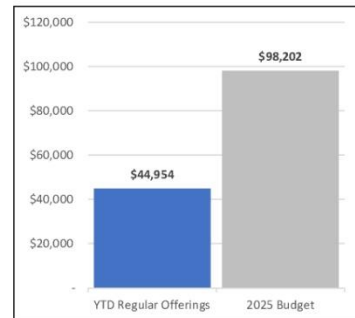
We have an area in corner of our Church Entryway with items free for anyone to enjoy. Many Thrivent tshirts of all different sizes and colors, Christmas ornaments and coffee cups.

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church Financial Report

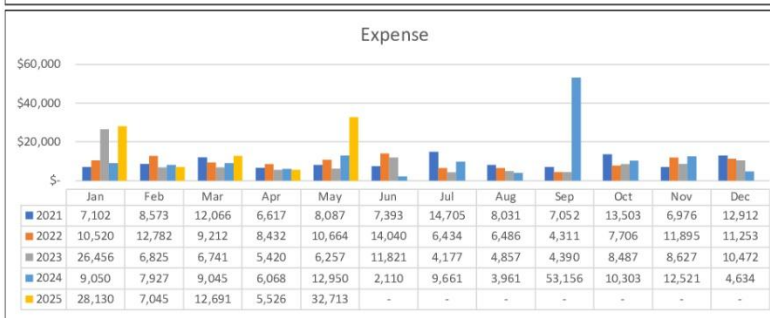
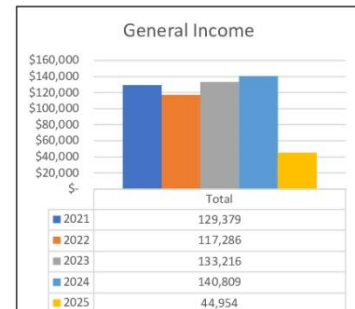
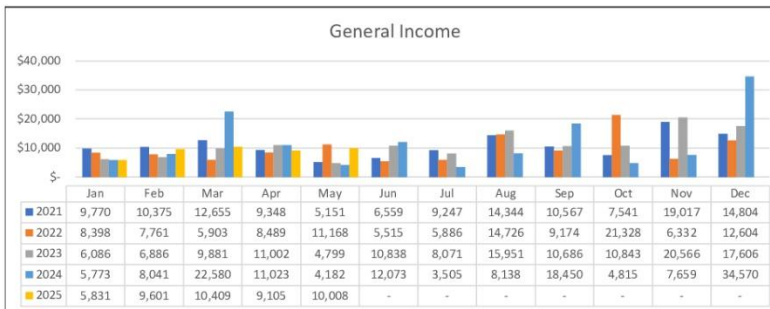
As of 05/28/2025

### 2025 Year to Date

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Regular Offerings	\$5,831	\$9,601	\$10,409	\$9,105	\$10,008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$44,954
Actual Expenses	\$28,130	\$7,045	\$12,691	\$5,526	\$32,713	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$86,103
Balance	(\$22,299)	\$2,556	(\$2,282)	\$3,579	(\$22,704)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(\$41,149)



### Year over Year



If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Marella Sebring.  
marellasebring@msn.com  
763-228-0599

# Memorials to Emmanuel Lutheran Church for **Alvin Mertz**

Quentin and Arlys Mertz



## Church Records

### We Need Everyone Please Fill Out!

Have you filled out and submitted your information yet?  
Bonnie has been working very hard to collect information.  
She still has some more work to do.

It has been on our "To Do List" for quite some time to review our Church records and make updates and corrections. Bonnie has begun the process and needs our help. We specifically need all information updated from 2014 to present. Any Marriages, Births, Baptisms, Confirmations, and Deaths we need to know so that we can make sure that it has been properly documented. Any transfers into our church or out of our church would be helpful too. Please take a look at the following form, fill out, and return to Bonnie in person, her mailbox by office, or by emailing her at [sports@daktel.com](mailto:sports@daktel.com). We very much appreciate your help!

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.

2025  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Council Members

President:	Sandra Rivinius	2nd term/1 <sup>st</sup> year 2-year term ~ Jan 2025– Jan 2027
Secretary:	Tina Nitschke	1 <sup>st</sup> term/2 <sup>nd</sup> year 2-year term ~ Jan 2024 – Jan 2026
Treasurer:	Marella Sebring	2nd term/2 <sup>nd</sup> year 2-year term ~ Jan 2024 – Jan 2026
Financial Secretary:	Bonnie Denning	1 <sup>st</sup> term/1 <sup>st</sup> year 2-year term ~ Jan 2025 – Jan 2027
*Steward:	Lisa Zenker	2 <sup>nd</sup> term/2 <sup>nd</sup> year 2-year term ~ Jan 2024 – Jan 2026
Steward:	Denise Wittmier	1 <sup>st</sup> term/1 <sup>st</sup> year 2-year term ~ Jan 2025 – Jan 2027
*Trustee	Steve Moos	1 <sup>st</sup> term/1 <sup>st</sup> year 2-year term ~ Jan 2025 – Jan 2027
*Trustee	Taylor Lund	2 <sup>nd</sup> term/1 <sup>st</sup> year 2-year term ~ Jan 2024 – Jan 2026

\*Indicates Head Steward/ Head Trustee  
(member closest to finishing current term)

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