

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1/6-1/17 Lisa has an intensive seminary class that meets Monday-Friday. Hours at church will be limited during these two weeks.</p>						
<p>5 9:00 AM—Service of the Word with Holy Communion 10:30 AM SS/Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>6 Epiphany 7:00 PM Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p>7 Winkel - Milbank</p>	<p>8 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 5:45 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Bells 6:30 PM Choir 7:15 PM Book Study 8:00 PM AA</p>	<p>9 1:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>10 3:00 PM Caitlyn Graf Kitchen 7:00 PM Archery at 4H Complex</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>12 9:00 AM—Service of the Word 10:30 AM SS/ Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>13 6:00 PM Scouts</p>	<p>14 1:00 PM LOE 4:30 PM Board of ED 5:15 PM NYG Parent 5:30 PM Youth Board 6:00 PM Evangelism 7:00 PM COUNCIL MTG 7:00 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM Trustee Mtg</p>	<p>15 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 5:45 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Bells 6:30 PM Choir 7:15 PM Book Study 8:00 PM AA</p>	<p>16 1:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>17 LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR COUPLES RETREAT!</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:00 AM—Service of the Word with Holy Communion 10:30 AM SS/Adult Bible Study 2:30 Vespers at St. Williams/Park/Avantara</p>	<p>20 7:00 PM Elder Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship with Holy Communion 5:45 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Bells 6:30 PM Choir 7:15 PM Book Study 8:00 PM AA</p>	<p>23 12:00 PM Vespers at Pleasant Pines 1:30 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am Service

Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th weeks

Sun. School/Bible Study 10:30 AM

Midweek Wednesday 2:00 pm

Sunday livestreamed on YouTube

SIGN UP FOR THE COUPLES' RETREAT

As we begin 2025, I would like to encourage all of you couples out there to sign up for the Couples' Retreat we will be holding at the Abbey of the Hills near Marvin, SD, on February 15th.

Just a few short miles west of Milbank, the Abbey is a beautiful spot to spend part of a day together. In that wonderful setting, we will be taking a closer look at what God intends for relationships between men and women. Is marriage just a social contract or does God intend something far bigger when he brings a couple together and joins them in holy marriage? Can we make marriage anything we want it to be, or does God have a specific plan in mind for us? Is marriage just about you as a couple, or does God use this blessed union for the benefit of those around you? How does God bless us through our husband or wife? How does God use us to bless our spouse?

All these questions, and more, will be discussed from a biblical perspective as we gather together in the picturesque confines of the Abbey of the Hills on February 15th. Lunch will be provided, and we will be on our way back home by 4 pm.

There will be free time to look around the Abbey as well, and to enjoy the company of the other couples.

Please NOTE: Because the Abbey needs to know how many to expect for lunch, and which conference room to set aside for us, PLEASE REGISTER BY JANUARY 19TH. WE WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME TOGETHER! HAVE A BLESSED 2025 EVERYBODY!

In Christ, Pastor Davis

Official Acts: Funerals:
Rodney Reil

Baptism:
Jaina Wellnitz



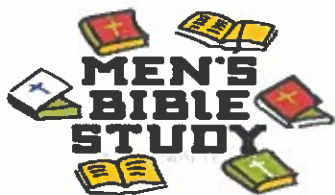
Deaconess Intern

My winter class starts the following Monday (1/6). It goes on for two weeks, and we essentially have a three-month course in that two-week time frame. I will have limited time in the office during those 2 weeks. You can always reach me by phone at 605-467-3209. I am grateful to all members of the congregation that I have been able to visit, ask questions, and survey for my class projects.

Thank you again for all your support over the last several months. I am grateful to have such a kind and caring church family. The deaconess training has been a consistent part of my previous couple of years, and I am glad I made it through thus far. Studying God's Word in a new way has been educational and extremely interesting. I always try to share what we are working on if you have any questions. Once I have completed the intensive class, I will have 10 classes left. Lisa

Lori's hours: Tuesday 10-5, Wednesday 1-5, and Fridays 10-5.

Lisa's hours: 1/6-1/17 Class The following is the expected schedule for the rest of January: Monday 10-5, Tuesday---School, Wed 10-5, Thursday 10-4, Friday--School



The next Men's Bible Study will be on January 11th, 2025, and will include coffee and donuts at 9 AM. All Men Are invited!!!



Handbells and Choir
Handbell is at 5:30 PM. The choir is at 6:30 PM.
All are welcome to join.



READINGS FOR JANUARY 2025

Date	Festival	1 st Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Jan. 1	Circumcision and Name of Jesus (<i>New Year's Day</i>)	Num. 6:22–27	Psalm 8	Gal. 3:23–29	Luke 2:21
Jan. 5	Second S. after Christmas	1 Kings 3:4–15	Psalm 119:97–104	Eph. 1:3–14	Luke 2:40–52
Jan. 6	The Epiphany of Our Lord	Isaiah 60:1–6	Psalm 72:1–11 (12–15)	Eph. 3:1–12	Matt. 2:1–12
Jan. 12	The Baptism of Our Lord	Isaiah 43:1–7	Psalm 29	Rom. 6:1–11	Luke 3:15–22
Jan. 19	Second S. after the Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1–5	Psalm 128	1 Cor. 12:1–11	John 2:1–11
Jan. 26	Third S. after the Epiphany	Neh. 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10	Psalm 19:(1–6) 7–14	1 Cor. 12:12–31a	Luke 4:16–30



The Ladies of Emanuel will meet on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, in the Social Hall at 1 PM. Pastor Davis will give the topic, CHRIST'S STEADFASTNESS, pg. 22 in the Winter Quarterly.

Judy Sackreiter will serve lunch. ALL WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. Our Focus for January is Missions - TBD. Serving coffee on January 5th will be JoEllen Heffron, Joyce Kasuske, and Karin Mueller.

Mission Sewing



Mission Sewing will not meet in January; please consider joining us on Thursday, February 6th, at 9:00 AM. All are welcome, and we can always use extra hands to help tie quilts, cut squares, thread needles...etc.

Couples Retreat at the Abbey of the Hills one-day event on February 15th, 2025. Join us for a wonderful day of study, discussion, and time together at the beautiful Abby of the Hills near Marvin, SD. We will look at and discuss marriage from God's perspective and see how He uses marriage to strengthen our faith, bring us joy, help us grow, and benefit society. We will gather at the Abby around 8:30 on Saturday, February 15th. There will be coffee and refreshments. We will study and discuss until noon (with periodic breaks for looking around and spending time together). We will enjoy lunch together at the Abby and more free time to look around. We will get back together for study and discussion after lunch and finish up around 4 in the afternoon. Please join us for a great day at the Abby of the Hills. Please sign up by January 19, 2025; the sign-up is by the south bulletin board.



Relief for Human Need Worldwide

**OGT IS ON TRACK :
South Dakota Orphan Grain Train
Collection Center**

***"Praise God from whom ALL
Blessings Flow"***

As we begin the year 2025, 1 Peter 4:10 comes to mind:

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace".

The volunteers of OGT are good stewards. So many worldly goods are shared via OGT. As well as monetary gifts. Soon, monetary gifts will be received by Wilmot and Milbank School Lunch programs, Milbank Police, Roberts County Sheriff's Office, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. As the year ended, 16 teacher kits, 16 layette kits, and 44 hygiene kits were assembled in the last week of December. We need Colored pencils, school folders, pencil sharpeners, and new or used school backpacks for school kits.

We pack Mercy Meals at the Milbank site every month on the 1st Wednesday at 9:15 AM. Anyone is welcome to join the group. Please contact Duane Folk at 605-924-6831 to schedule a group for Mercy Meal packing.

We continue to ask you to remember OGT in your prayers, memorials, and charitable giving. Hours of operation: Tuesday 3-5 pm, Wednesday 10 am-12 pm, and Saturday 10 am-12 pm

SPECIAL MISSION ENVELOPES

For January, the Special Mission envelope contributions will go towards:
Emanuel Lutheran Preschool

EMANUEL LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM PICTURES



SOUND/RADIO BROADCAST JANUARY

Jan 1 10 AM Dave Schamber
Jan 5 9 AM Larry Underwood
Jan 6 7 PM Tracy Pinker
Jan 12 9 AM Charles Schamber
Jan 19 9 AM Dave Schamber
Jan 26 9 AM Larry Underwood

ACOLYTES FOR JANUARY

Jan 1 10 AM Alyssa Rethke; Alyssa Henderson
Jan 5 9 AM Finley Hunt; Karlie Hunt
Jan 6 7 PM Eliana Richardt; Alanna Vogel
Jan 12 9 AM Sydnee Weyh; Whitney Weyh
Jan 19 9 AM Maxine Peiker; Leeah Schwandt
Jan 26 9 AM Sean Nicholson, Alyssa Henderson

EMANUEL YOUTH GROUP

January 14th, 5:15 PM – Meeting for the parents and youth going to the National Youth Gathering. Time is running out for fundraising. We need all hands on deck!

February 8th at 6:00 PM – Sweetheart Dinner – Early Valentine Dinner – Meal of some chicken, potato, and vegetable with dessert. A signup sheet will be out about a month before the event date. Please watch the Yellow sheet for more updates in January!

March – Possible Krispy Crème fundraising event. Hopefully, this will work out, and we can have this event.



...a fun place to
play and learn!

Preschool News by Karen Tillma

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with their loved ones. My family celebrated the Saturday after Christmas. I remember the first program that I directed at Emanuel, and at that time, my children were ages 5, 7, and 9! Now my boys (ages 29 and 33) are married with their children. My daughter (31) will be married on July 13th in Fargo, where she lives.

The Christmas programs were held on Dec. 8th with good attendance. I was pleased with how well the children did. It is so frightening to perform in front of so many people! We had planned to go to Peaceful Pines before our break to sing for them, but we had so many children with bad coughs that we didn't feel it was wise. Hopefully, they will return healthy, and we can make a visit soon.

The children return to the classroom on January 2nd and 3rd. Having 2 days of class before the weekend is funny, but it is best for them. They have been out of the routine of things for the last 2 weeks and having class for two days and then the weekend break tends to work well. I've spent a few days in the classroom in preparation for their return, taking down Christmas decorations and resetting the classroom. We have reviewed the letters once, introducing each and their sounds. This week, we start at the beginning again, working on writing the lowercase letters and reviewing the sounds once more. I was very pleased with this method last year as it seemed that most of the children could identify all the letters before kindergarten.

May all of you be blessed in the new year! Please continue to pray for the staff and families of Emanuel Preschool

*****If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed monthly or if names aren't spelled correctly, it means the office does not have your required information—please call us to update our records.*****

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lindberg, Matthew	1-Jan
Peiker, Joann	1-Jan
Peschong, Shannon	1-Jan
Bray, Daniel	2-Jan
Koepke, William G.	2-Jan
Weinkauf, Mackenzie R.	2-Jan
Opitz, Sheila	3-Jan
Peiker, David M.	3-Jan
Bates, Jennifer	6-Jan
Graf, Jackson P.	7-Jan
Sackreiter, Bryan R.	7-Jan
Schmieg, Brytten M.	7-Jan
Seehafer, Eleanore R.	7-Jan
Wiedrick, Taylie	7-Jan
Berkner, Diane R.	9-Jan
Christians, Natalie	9-Jan
Lee, Amber	9-Jan
Bilben, Morgan A.	10-Jan

Bloom, Conrad D.	10-Jan
Schell, Rylee M.	10-Jan
Poppen, Richard P.	12-Jan
Gabriel, Lisa	13-Jan
Myers, Nathan L.	13-Jan
Steffen, Stella M.	13-Jan
Rethke, Diane	14-Jan
Berkner, Cara J.	15-Jan
Bowen, Shirley M.	16-Jan
Graf, Mona J.	16-Jan
Loeschke, Alexander W.	16-Jan
Riley, Holly A.	16-Jan
Pinkert, Jesse E.	17-Jan
Weissenfluh, James D.	17-Jan
Tietjen, Logan R.	18-Jan
Bolin, Cole	19-Jan
Bowen, Daniel L.	19-Jan
Karges, Zackary E.	19-Jan

Rethke, Evan J.	21-Jan
Berry, Justin L.	22-Jan
Schamber, Charles	22-Jan
Ackerman, Angela M.	24-Jan
Lee, Tyler D.	24-Jan
Linnngren, Veronica S.	24-Jan
Hofhenke, Irma R.	25-Jan
Rudebusch, Emma	25-Jan
Peiker, Maxine S.	26-Jan
Bogenrief, Gail R.	27-Jan
Hunt, Landrie J.	27-Jan
Jibbens, Debra J.	28-Jan
Mueller, Braden	28-Jan
Athey, Dewey	29-Jan
Klemm, Kasey M.	29-Jan
Hilbrands, Alexander L.	30-Jan
Meyer, Anieta A.	30-Jan
Stemsrud, Tatiana R.	31-Jan

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Smith, Brian and Sandra	8-Jan
Mertens, Jim and Darlene G.	11-Jan
Holtquist, Robert A. (Bob) and Brenda	16-Jan

Rethke, Mark P. and Niki	27-Jan
Linnngren, Travis and Veronica S.	28-Jan

BYD SIGN UP-- BYD Group for January--Group 2, Dave Schamber

Please refer to the sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary. There are several open spots currently for Usher, Greeter, and Communion Set-up/Clean-up. Thank you!!!!

January Group #2 Dave Schamber

Adler, Keo
Bauer, Braydon A.
Bauer, Peyton R.
Berens, Linda
Bogenrief, Cynthia M.
Bogenrief, Michael
Bowen, Angela M.
Bowen, Daniel L.
Christians, Cassidy L.
Christians, Keith A.
Christians, Kellie J.
Christians, Natalie
Christians, Shirley K.
Dietmeier, Lori A.
Dietmeier, Martin C.

Dietmeier, Micah M.
Ebsen, April
Ebsen, Crystal
Ebsen, Gary W.
Frickson, Mark
Gilbertson, Abby
Gilbertson, Troy
Grabow, Rita
Grabow, Wayne L.
Hanson, Renae
Hilbrands, Kelly L.
Hilbrands, Ryan
Krause, Gary L.
Leddy, Donnie R.
Leddy, Kadon R.

Leddy, Korbin R.
Leddy, Krecia L.
Lindberg, Matthew
McCowien, Anna
McCowien, Dakota
Mielitz, Richard R.
Mielitz, Tammy
Mueller, Angel
Mueller, Howard W.
Mueller, Karin L.
Mueller, Kevin
Pauli, Cheryl
Pauli, Jerald M.
Purcell, Maria
Rethke, Mary L.

Riley, Holly A.
Riley, Mason M.
Riley, Michael J.
Schamber, David M.
Schwandt, Leeah A.
Schwandt, Linnea M.
Schwandt, Louis R.

Schwandt, Roger E.
Settje, Christopher M.
Settje, Laurie J.
Weinkauf, Dale
Weinkauf, Derek D.
Weinkauf, Dominic J.
Weinkauf, Mackenzie R.

Weinkauf, Stacey M.
Wieber, Sharon M.
Wilde, Susan K.
Zubke, Christopher R.
Zubke, Natasha M.

February Group--#3 Darwin Wojahn, Elder

Berkner, Charles P. (Chuck)
Berkner, Corley M.
Berkner, Curtis (Curt)
Berkner, Diane R.
Berkner, Shelly M.
Bogenrief, Gail R.
Bogenrief, Steven J.
DiNatale, Karmen A.
Ehlebracht, Alyssa C.
Ehlebracht, Frieda
Ehlebracht, Jeffrey G. (Jeff)
Ehlebracht, Kimberly K.
Ehlebracht, Wayne A.
Graf, Caitlyn K.
Graf, Jackson P.
Heffron, JoEllen
Heffron, Robert H.
Ivers, Marie (Reenie)

Johnson, Michelle
Karges, Michelle
Kasuske, Joyce R.
Larson, Connie L.
Larson, Kevin G.
Mielitz, Barbara A. (Barb)
Monson, Carolyn M.
Monson, Harlan
Mueller, Gary
Mueller, LaVonne
Nies, Brenda E.
Nies, Karlie M.
Nies, Krista M.
Polkinghorne, Barb
Polkinghorne, Dick
Poppen, Richard P.
Reil, Ryker W.
Rudebusch, Courtnie M.

Rudebusch, David
Schell, Sandra K. (Sandy)
Schultz, Lyle
Schultz, Phyllis I.
Schwandt, Janice
Seehafer, Brady
Seehafer, Jimmie R.
Smith, Joan M.
Staehling, Christina L.
Staehling, Nicholas (Nick)
Underwood, Daniel W.
Underwood, Hailey R.
Underwood, Larry A.
Underwood, Ray Ann
Underwood, Steven M.
Underwood, Susan R.
Will, Ann H.
Wojahn, Darwin N.

From all Emanuel Lutheran Church and Preschool staff, we wish you the happiest new year!

Please contact Lisa Miller exclusively if you have suggestions for any of our documents (bulletins/newsletters/etc.). It is my job to make sure things are proofed and reviewed accurately. If I am not in the office, please leave a note or call me at 605-467-3209.