

EMANUEL CHURCH

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FROM DANI

Sunday School will return on Sunday, January 4th.

Bible Study, Fun in the Son and Youth Group will start up again on Wednesday, January 7th.

Fun in the Son will be in the book of Psalms

We're using emojis (yep, those little faces kids love!) to help them talk about their big feelings — and we're connecting it all to one of the most emotional Bible heroes ever: King David! 🙌

David went through all the ups and downs, and he poured his heart out in the Book of Psalms. Through his rollercoaster of emotions, kids will see that it's totally okay to feel a lot — and they're never alone when they do.

In this series, we'll explore how to find God in these emotions: 😊 Happy, 😞 Sad, 😲 Surprise and ❤️ Love

We welcome all kids K-5th grade to join us on Wednesdays starting 1/7, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Youth Retreat

Emanuel's Youth Group will be heading to Fort Wilderness in Rhinelander for our winter retreat. Thank you to all who supported us at Pizza Ranch and during our bake sale. We appreciate you so much. If you would like to join us for prayer as we depart, swing by the bottom doors of Emanuel on Friday, January 23rd at 11:45 am. We will depart at 12 noon.

Lent Study

Lent Study: "Marked by Grace"

Join us for a Lenten Evening of Soup and Testimony starting Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 (6 weeks). Free dinner 5:15 pm & testimony to follow at 6 pm in the sanctuary.

Men's and Women's Bible Study will break during this time. There will be a sign up in the narthex soon for ways to help.

FROM THE TREASURER

Church Finance: General Fund

Unrestricted Gifts & Expenses

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
Offerings	\$24,356	\$238,025	\$281,339
Expenses	<u>\$22,676</u>	<u>\$279,593</u>	<u>\$291,461</u>
	\$ 1,680	\$(41,568)	\$(10,122)

ITEMS FOR SALE

The boiler room has recently undergone a thorough cleaning, and the Trustees have determined that several items are no longer needed. The Trustees have approved the sale of the following items. These items will be offered first to the congregation and will be made available to the public in two weeks. Individuals interested in any of the items should contact Casey McGann or the church office.

Table Lamp \$5

Metal Folding Chairs

- free will offering, a suggestion of \$5 each
- There are 116 metal chairs

Chest Freezer \$50. SOLD!

YOUTH GROUP FROM MICHELLE & JOSH

Hello Emanuel Family. Youth group has enjoyed some great holiday time together. We had a wonderful friendsgiving and bingo night and are now off for a few weeks for the holidays. Big Thank you to Dani, Kristin, Brittany and Kyla for filling in while Josh and I were adjusting to life with Baby Henry. We are gearing up for a great trip to Fort Wilderness at the end of January. The kids did a bake sale and shared a night at pizza ranch to help raise funds for the trip. We have our biggest group ever going this year! Happy Holidays and we will see you all next year!

FROM PASTOR RON

"I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father. I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
(John 16:28, 33)

Each December 31st at midnight, as the world (in its many time zones) ushers in the new year, people, communities, and nations go into a mad frenzy of celebration and promising themselves amazing changes to personal habits to live a better life. Shortly after the confetti is swept up, aspirin is consumed for hangovers, and the world goes back to the way it was, resolutions are quickly abandoned and the world seems to be exactly the same. The reason? Because it is exactly the same.

"Why is that?" you ask. The Apostles John and Paul remind us of a hard truth, that in Jesus' absence and until his return the world is subject to "the prince of the world," "the ruler of this world," "the god of this age." Regretfully, this is Satan and not Christ.

At Christmas, Christ came to save the world from their sins. When Jesus died on the cross, our sins were forgiven and at his resurrection we were offered eternal life . . . this by faith. The gift of Christ is that our penalty for our sins has been eliminated. But sin and evil, through the great "tempter" and "the father of lies," as we still see and experience, remains. And will not be eliminated until Christ's return to claim his kingdom.

So, do we give up? Do we look only to ourselves? "Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die?" To quote the Apostle, "By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?" (Romans 6:1-2).

As we enter the New Year, the world will continue to struggle and suffer, we as Christians will face challenges. The difference? Our hope is sure and certain. For Christ has overcome the world. So let us continue on as Jesus began and as we have been called by Christ, to be His Church- His hands and feet in a troubled world.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

In January we return to Paul's Letters, finishing up with 2 Corinthians and moving on to his letter to the churches in Galatia.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Message</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan 4 th	<i>Equipped to do Christ's Work</i> ONE SERVICE- w/Holy Communion	Fellowship Hall 10:30a
Jan 11 th	<i>The Legitimacy Of Paul</i> ONE SERVICE -	Fellowship Hall 10:30a
Jan 18 th	<i>Justified Through Faith</i> w/Adult Choir	Sanctuary 8a & 10:30a
Jan 25 th	<i>Freedom & Obedience</i>	Sanctuary 8a & 10:30a

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS RESUMES

The Adult Disciple Class, led by Pastor Ron, will resume on Monday, January 26th at 6:00 p.m. The upcoming five-week course, Prayer, will be followed by Wesleyan Theology, a ten-week course beginning Monday, March 9th. All adults are welcome to attend. Sign up sheet located in the narthex.

There may be an option to offer these classes during the day. Please let the church office know if you are interested, as a daytime class may be offered based on interest.

AED TRAINING CLASS

The AED, located by the sanctuary doors, has been returned to working order with new batteries and charging pads. A brief training class on the correct use of the unit will be offered in partnership with Baraboo EMS. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending. The date and time of the class will be determined based on interest.

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