



January 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the New Year! 2025!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season. It sure seems to me that the whole month of December flew by. There was something going on every day. I am certainly looking forward to a few days of winter down time before Lent season starts and spring arrives.

January is our annual meeting time for church. Please have your reports for the annual meeting submitted to me and Haleigh by Wednesday, January 8th. Please try to have these documents in Microsoft Word format to make it easier to work with. If you leave your report in one of our mailboxes at the church, please let us know as they are not checked regularly. If you have any questions or issues, please let me know. Our email addresses are: sraderma@hotmail.com and haleighjlewis@gmail.com

I strongly encourage your attendance at the annual meeting. I appreciate your trust in myself and council during the year to make decisions and keep things running smoothly, but we really do want your input. Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19th starting at approximately 12:30pm.

To begin the new year, we will be changing the spacing of the pews closer together. We will try this for a few weeks and would like the congregation to help us make a final decision at the annual meeting. We will also be discussing the completion of the flooring project in the church and voting on that.

Please continue to pray for all of those on our prayer list and let us know of any additions. Take time to do something special for someone else. We have so many people who are struggling or are missing someone special.

Our next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th at 8pm. Please let us know of any questions or concerns that you may have. We are here to serve.

Peace and Blessings,

Sandi

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January Calendar of Events for our Church & Community

January 1st- Gackle Senior Club Belgian Waffle Brunch 9am-1pm

January 5th- Worship Service with Communion 10:30am

January 8th- Annual Meeting reports due to Haleigh

Church Council meeting 8pm

January 12th- Worship Service 10:30am, Noisy Offering

January 19th- Worship Service 10:30am, First Communion, Potluck with Annual meeting beginning at about 12:30pm

January 26th- Worship Service 10:30am, Installation of Church Council

February 16th- Farewell Service for Vicar Andrew with Potluck following worship

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

Those in need of continued Prayer:

Ave Maria: Nedina Denning, Lavern Morlock, Melvin Muller

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, Craig Koenig, Joel Zenker, Haleigh Hermanson, Kenneth Gumke, Heidi Kleingartner, Gus, Madie Inscore, Nikki Olson, Pam Henke, Sharon Schlittenhard, Bruce Buck, Callan Dockter (grandson of Clydell & Mary Dockter), Family of Walter Presler

January Worship Support

Ushers	Mike & Chris Zenker, Taylor Lund, Derek Hust
Greeters	Chris & Christina Zenker Family
Altar Guild	Christina Zenker
Steward/Acolyte	Jamie Burkle

February Worship Support

Ushers	Ardell & Barb Schmidt & Wayne & MaryAnn Widmer
Greeters	Ardell & Barb Schmidt

Altar Guild	Barb Schmidt & MaryAnn Widmer
Steward/Acolyte	Lisa Zenker

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 Jamie Burkle.

Lisa- 701-368-9291 or lisamzenker@gmail.com

Jamie- 701-320-0056 or jamie.burkle@k12.nd.us

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.

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.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Financial Report

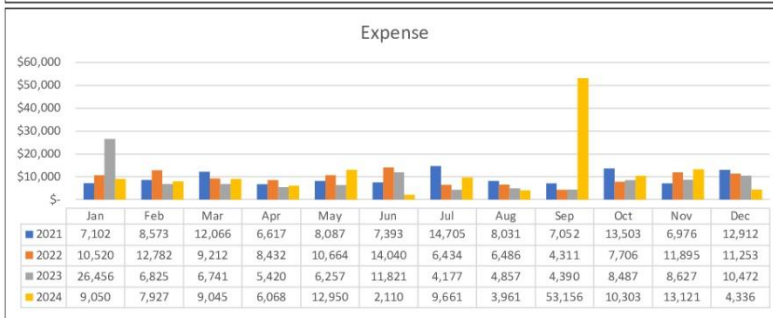
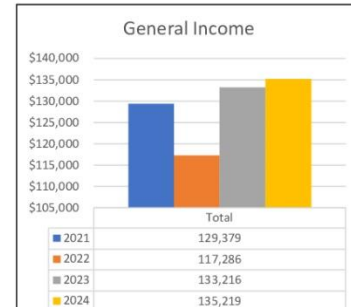
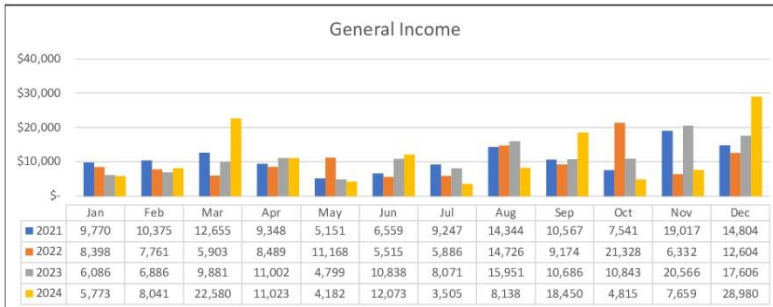
As of 12/26/2024

2024 Year to Date

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Regular Offerings	\$5,773	\$8,041	\$22,580	\$11,023	\$4,182	\$12,073	\$3,505	\$8,138	\$18,450	\$4,815	\$7,659	\$28,980	\$135,219
Actual Expenses	\$9,050	\$7,927	\$9,045	\$6,068	\$12,950	\$2,110	\$9,661	\$3,961	\$53,156	\$10,303	\$13,121	\$4,336	\$141,687
Balance	(\$3,277)	\$114	\$13,535	\$4,955	(\$8,768)	\$9,963	(\$6,156)	\$4,177	(\$34,706)	(\$5,488)	(\$5,461)	\$24,644	(\$6,468)

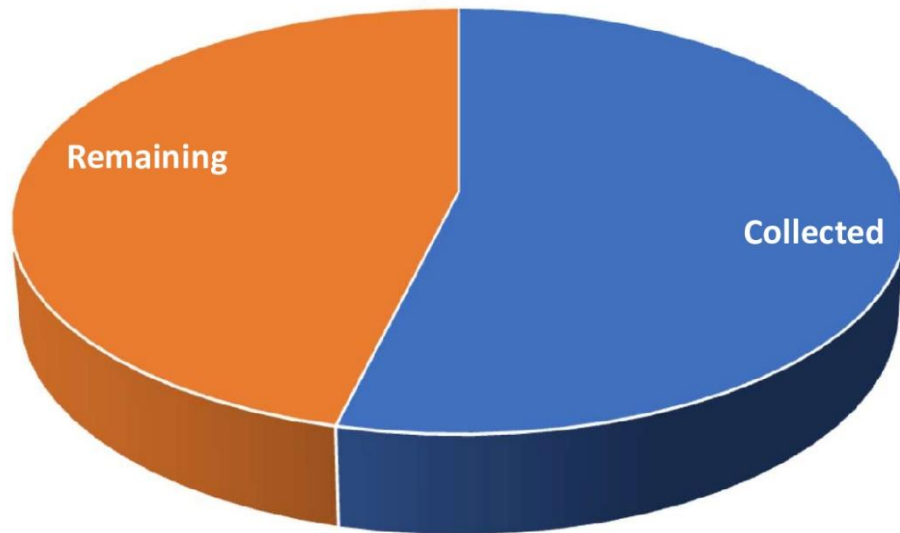


Year over Year



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

Sanctuary Repair Funds



To better track additional contributions you would like to give for sanctuary repairs, please note their designation on your check or with a note.

We will not be sending special "Thank You" cards for your generosity in helping with these additional expenses, but please know that they are greatly appreciated.

We are very excited about this possible opportunity for our youth. Please consider and you can contact Liezl or Susie with any questions and they will try to get the answers

Summer Youth Trip Opportunity

Are you interested in a summer youth trip? We are looking at partnering with Lutherock and/or Lutheridge Bible camps in the Carolinas to help with hurricane cleanup. This trip would be sometime in June or July 2025 for youth in grades 9-12th. We pick a week one choice and then a week two choice as we are not guaranteed to get our top choice. If you are at interested in this trip or want to know more, please contact Deacon Tara at deacontara@ndchristiansact.org or at 701-659-1226.

Sunday School Schedule 2024-2025

September 8	Rally Sunday
October 20	No Sunday School
November 10	No Sunday School
December 1	No Sunday School
December 15	Christmas Program
February 23	No Sunday School
February 23	No Sunday School
March 23	No Sunday School
April 20	No Sunday School
May 11	Last day of Sunday School

Church Records

We Need Everyone Please Fill Out!

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. 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: _____

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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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