

Emanuel

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Good News!

August 2024

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Emanuel United Church of Christ

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Emanuel United Church of Christ—304 E. Adams, Jackson, Missouri 63755
Founded in 1867—Incorporated as German Evangelical Emanuel Church in 1891

Church Leadership

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Sam Roethemeyer

Organist: Christy Shinn

Choir Director: Kelly Crawford

Office Staff: Debra Hoffmann, Cathy Sievers

Council President: Jimmy McCormack

Head Usher: Layton Beggs



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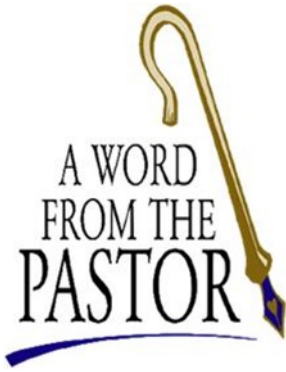


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God is still speaking,
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Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.



Dear Friends in Christ:

As I sit here in my office, I am reflecting on these last couple weeks and how blessed I am to be called by you to be your Pastor. You have opened your arms to Alyssa and I and have said, “Welcome Home”, thank you for that. I am so excited about what God has instore for Emanuel. We together are going to continue the mission and ministry, worship together, proclaim God’s word together and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.



I wanted to take a few moments to tell you a little about who I am. I grew up in northern WI right on Lake Superior. I spent my time either in church or the music room at school. I have been a musician for over 30 years. I was very active in all aspects of music growing up, I was in orchestra, choir, band, show choir, and theater. I was principal bass for the Duluth Superior Youth Orchestra, my high school orchestra and after graduation I served as principal bass for Dakota Valley Symphony in Burnsville, MN. I was in several choirs in jr. and sr. high school as well as the church choir. I continued my music after graduation when I started directing church choirs which I did for almost 19 years. I have a strong knowledge and passion for the music and liturgy of the church. I believe in the liturgical style of worship and feel that it brings so much meaning to our worship time and life.

I obtained my EMT certification in 2004 and have been active in both full time and volunteer service ever since. I hope to be able to give back to the community as an EMT in the future. I served in Law Enforcement for about 4 years as well.

In my years in church music ministry, I always felt a call to lead, not knowing that one day it would lead me to the pulpit. I was asked several times to fill in on a Sunday and it just really continued to weigh on my heart and when I was given the opportunity to look at Synodically Authorized Minister I felt that it was time to answer the call. I have a passion for the church, for serving others and for proclaiming the word of God. As I am called here to Emanuel as your pastor, I also feel the call into Ordained Ministry and hope to soon become ordained in the UCC.

On September 11, 2021, Alyssa and I were married. Together we have a blended family of 6. I have three girls Olivia, Caylen, and Marisa. Alyssa has three boys, Taygen, Hunter, and Wyatt. Alyssa’s son Hunter has 2 children and is expecting another in January. My two younger girls you will see during the summer months. Alyssa is a flight paramedic, a career she served with honor and pride for many years. Due to her recent illness she is no longer able to fly as a medic.

I want to express my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Rev. Sam Roethemeyer for his service to this congregation and his continued commitment to Emanuel’s ministry. He truly has been and will continue to be a mentor, friend, and true colleague. I am so honored to have him serve us as Pastor Emeritus.

It is my hope that I will get to visit with all of you either at the church or in your homes or wherever we can meet so that we can get to know each other and continue the ministry of Emanuel UCC. I will be in the office each morning at 9 am unless I am needed elsewhere. My day off will be on Friday’s. I can be reached at any time, for any reason, via my cell phone: 715-294-0157 (texting is ok) or my email is pastor-joshuarau@gmail.com.

Thank you again for calling me to be your new Pastor and I look forward to ministering with you.

God’s Peace,

Pastor Josh

Pastor Emeritus Post

Church Council and Members of Emanuel United Church of Christ

As Pastor Emeritus of Emanuel I want to express my sincere thanks for allowing me to serve you these past two years since Pastor Rodger Kiepe retired as our interim pastor. I have had a wonderful renewed experience of pastorally serving—leading worship, taking communion to our shut-ins, making hospital calls, conducting funerals and baptisms.

It has been an honor to help the church stay together, work together and worship together! You have been very patient with this Veteran of the Cross and I am truly grateful for your cooperation in our mission and ministry.

I am very happy for the calling of Pastor Josh Rau to be our new pastor and teacher to lead us in the future growth of serving our community, sharing the Good News of God’s love in Christ and reaching out to those less fortunate.

May God bless all of you. Marilee and I will continue to serve as members of Emanuel: participating in worship, serving in church activities and singing in the choir. We wish you all the very best. God be with all of you!

Sincerely

Pastor Emeritus Sam and Marilee

Church Council Notes

The Church Council held its regular monthly meeting on July 14, 2024. These are highlights from the unapproved minutes. Minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.

Meeting Highlights:

1. Washer, dryer and refrigerator were installed in the parsonage. Internet will be added to Spectrum bill for parsonage. Light bulbs, smoke detector batteries and fire extinguishers will be checked. Possible move in date(s) July 19-20.
2. Audit committee will meet the week of July 15.
3. Rental property—the one year lease ends in August.
4. Plans for the Candidate Weekend were finalized.
5. Approved the EUCC Reimbursement Policy for Employees and Volunteers as presented.
6. Nominating Committee will be all members of the Church Council.
7. Budget Committee will remain the same as last year. The organization’s proposed budgets need to be sent to the Budget Committee for review.
8. August 11—Back to School Children’s message by Catheryn Hartle. Possibly a special breakfast coordinated by Heather Beggs.

Next meeting will be August 11, 2024.

Geoff Shinn, Secretary



Upcoming Events

Thurs.	Aug. 1	Bethany Circle 7pm in church parlor
Sat.	Aug. 3	Fellowship Hall reserved—private event
Sun.	Aug. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School 9am • Worship 10:10am • Spice of Life meeting following worship • CBE meeting after worship
Sat.	Aug. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing Closet open 9-11am • Fellowship Hall reserved—private event
Sun.	Aug. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Council Meeting 8am • Sunday School Breakfast 9am—everyone welcome • Worship 10:10am • Women’s Fellowship Meeting after worship <p>Light snacks will be served. Bring school supplies donations</p>
Sun.	Aug. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School 9am • Worship 10:10am
Sun.	Aug. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School 9am • Worship 10:10am
Tues.	Aug. 27	Confirmation Meeting with Parents and Students 7pm

Weekly Use of Church Facilities	
Every Monday	TOPS 11am
Every Tuesday	Guitar Lessons 1:30-6:30 pm

Greeters--August

August 4	Barb Chaney Mark Statler
August 11	Ann Fields Susan Brown
August 18	Keagan & Macklain Zschille
August 25	Marcie & Lanie Brown
If you would like to serve as a greeter, please contact Louise St. John to get on the schedule.	

MEDITATIONS FROM EMANUEL
with Pastor Jesh



Posted online Wednesday mornings on our Facebook and YouTube

Altar Flowers—August

August 4	Catheryn Hartle
August 11	Diana Roethemeyer
August 18 & 25	Kelly Crawford

Women's Fellowship Meeting

**Sunday, August 11
Following Worship**

- * Light snacks will be served.
- * All women of the church are encouraged to attend.

The due date for submissions for the September newsletter is August 23, 2024. Please send submissions to: office@euccjackson.org or call 573.243.3323.



4	Cameron Crawford
5	Laura Quigley
7	Jonathon Jones
8	Jarrett Benton
8	Pam Brown
8	Dale Myers
8	Mandy Peetz
10	Laurie Hency
11	Pastor Joshua Rau
11	Doug Mayfield
14	Cole Craven
14	Olivia Craven
15	Lanie Brown
15	Jimmy McCormack
17	Josh Holcomb
17	Bill Nekula
19	Lori Quade
20	Keira Brothers
23	Paige Lutes Kester
25	John Smith
26	Harper Jean Drew
28	Cathy Sievers
30	Eric Friedrich

August Anniversaries



4	Jerry & Melba Bailey, 45th
6	Lance & Samantha Trankler, 19th
7	Katie & Nick Biri, 20th
7	Barbara & Craig Floyd, 48th
11	Austin & Sarah Bock, 12th
16	Heather & Layton Beggs, 27th
18	Dale & Judy Myers, 62nd

Church Record Updates

Deaths:

Valeria E. "Val" Tuschoff
November 28, 1934-July 11, 2024

Recommended Scripture for August

August 4 <i>Bread of Life</i>	2 Samuel 11:26-12 Psalm 51:1-12 John 6: 24-35
August 11 <i>Shaping Community</i>	2 Samuel 8:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6: 35, 41-51
August 18 <i>Wisdom Quest</i>	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 Psalm 111 John 6: 51-58
August 25 <i>At Home with God</i>	1 Kings 8:1,6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 John 6: 56-69

Please pray for the following and their families:

Mary Lou Abernathy, Pat Abernathy, Alice Benton, June Borgfield, Robert Loos, Junior Peetz, Marvin Peetz, Helen Poston, Alice Quigley, Emilie Wendel, Marilyn Whitmore

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Confirmation Informational Meeting

Those interested in confirmation are invited to join Pastor Josh for an informational meeting in the upstairs meeting room.

Tuesday ~ August 27, 2024
7:00 pm



Choir News



The choir will begin practicing soon in preparation for Sunday Services. Our first Wednesday evening practice will be on August 21 at 6:00 p.m. We will begin our Sunday Anthems on Sunday, September 8th.

We always welcome new members to join us!

If you have any questions, contact Kelly Crawford at (573) 986-3344.



COFFEE WITH PASTOR JOSH

PASTOR JOSH WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT WITH ALL OF YOU. PLEASE EMAIL, TEXT OR CALL PASTOR JOSH TO SET UP A TIME TO GET TOGETHER.

Email: pastorjoshuarau@gmail.com
Cell: 715-294-0157

Stewardship

We are doing great on our Dime-a-Day Project. We are over half way to our goal of \$5,000. Just a reminder that the process is to give the church a dime a day for 365 days. That is \$36.50 per person (or for this year \$36.60)

We are hoping to reach our goal of \$5,000 by the end of the year.

Thanks to everyone who has already donated. We are wanting to use the fund to help repair our beautiful pipe organ which is showing some age.

*Thanks for all you do!
The Stewardship Committee*

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

Women's Ministries



Bethany Circle

Bethany Circle took a vacation month during July. Next meeting will be Thursday, August 1 in the church parlor at 7:00 p.m.



Spice of Life

The Spice of Life met on July 7 following the morning worship. We discussed the upcoming pastoral weekend. On Saturday, July 13 at 3:00 p.m. appetizers will be served and Pastoral Candidate, Joshua Rau will meet with church leadership. At 4:00 p.m. appetizers will be served and a full congregational meet and greet. At 5:00-7:00 p.m. there will be an all church dinner and continued meet and greet. Please Bring a dish to share. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

On July 13 Clothing Closet will be open from 9-11 a.m.

There will be a Women's Fellowship meeting on August 11 following worship—finger food will be served. School supplies will be collected that day. "Back to School" program will be during the Children's Message portion of the worship service

We made plans to sell "Butter Braid" items in October and they will be delivered in November. Money will be used to buy a new organ cover.

Barb Chaney gave a devotion entitled "Are You Listening" using scripture reading of Proverbs 12:15.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Chaney, Secretary



Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship meets quarterly. The next business meeting will be August 11 following worship.



During the month of August, Spice of Life will be collecting school supplies to donate to area schools. School supplies may be placed in the box in the vestibule or brought to the church office. Monetary donations are also welcomed and appreciated. Cash donations can be given to a Spice of Life member or placed in the offering plate in an envelope labeled "School Supplies". Checks should be made payable to Spice of Life with School Supplies written on the Memo line. The children's message on Sunday, August 11 will be a brief "Back to School" devotion.



*Blessings
of the
Backpacks*

If you are a student in any grade or college, we invite you to bring your backpack to have it blessed as you begin this new school year.

**August 11, 2024
during worship**

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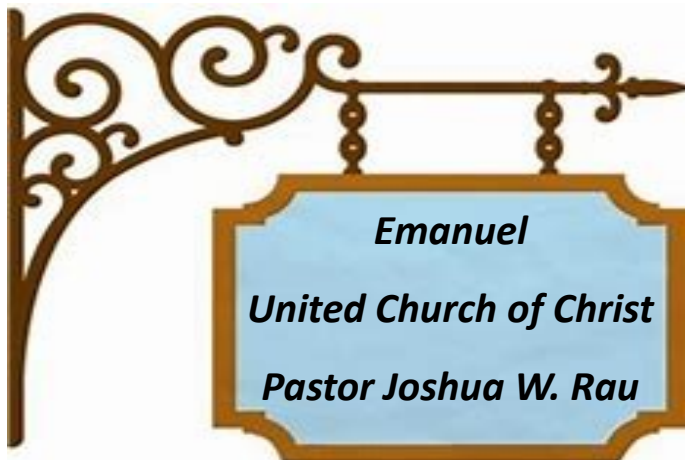
6/30/24			
COMPARISON TO PRIOR YEAR			
YTD CONTRIBUTIONS			
	JUNE 2023	JUNE 2024	CHANGE
Regular Offering	\$82,102.77	\$67,007.46	(\$15,095.31)
Other Offering (Initial, Easter, Christmas, Love Offerings)	\$945.00	\$0.00	(\$945.00)
Sunday School	\$409.11	\$298.99	(\$110.12)
Total Offerings	\$83,456.88	\$67,306.45	(\$16,150.43)
Designated Offerings			
UC Fund	\$1,200.00	\$4,374.30	\$3,174.30
Special Offerings	\$1,820.79	\$1,683.00	(\$137.79)
	\$3,020.79	\$6,057.30	\$3,036.51
Apartment Rent	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
Room/Hall Rent	\$425.00	\$415.00	(\$10.00)
Interest Income	0	1047.12	\$1,047.12
	\$2,825.00	\$3,862.12	\$1,037.12
TOTAL INCOME	\$89,302.67	\$77,225.87	(\$12,076.80)
YTD EXPENSES			
Personnel* (Worker's Comp Ins up \$1,050 from 2023 due to large refund in 2023)	\$18,933.01	\$20,502.41	\$1,569.40
Worship	\$1,421.18	\$942.99	(\$478.19)
Education	\$1,325.39	\$775.31	(\$550.08)
Mission (Increased church giving to Feed My Starving Children) and increased expenditures for member funeral meals)	\$3,930.23	\$5,953.56	\$2,023.33
Office (Purchased functional office furniture)	\$2,641.62	\$6,550.94	\$3,909.32
Facility	\$38,075.18	\$37,639.61	(\$435.57)
Other (Pastor Search)	\$0.00	\$384.72	\$384.72
	\$66,326.61	\$72,749.54	\$6,422.93
*Worker's Comp premiums are estimated by insurance company based on prior year's salaries paid. The premium is adjusted the year following payment after completion of a premium audit. The 2022 premium audit conducted in 2023 reflected a large overpayment and generated a large premium refund in 2023 creating a negative expense amount. The large downward adjustment to the premium was due to not having a pastor salary in 2022.			

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship 10:10 a.m.

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Worship and Ministry		
Sunday School	9:00 A.M.	Sundays
Worship	10:10 A.M.	Sundays
Communion	10:10 A.M.	Monthly 1st Sunday and Special Church Holidays

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