

Divine Worship at 5:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...



SPECIAL NEEDS



We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

CONNECTIONS COUNTER



Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!

GATHERING TIME



Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“New Birth”

AS WE GATHER

“Born again” has become a catch phrase in our age. It is not merely that Jesus says one must be born again but born from above. This new birth happens not from human will or desire but solely from the love and act of God working by the Spirit. The Spirit calls us to the font, gathers the baptized around His Word and Table, delivers us from the darkness of unbelief, and makes holy those who belong to the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE GATHERING TIME

We encourage our members to greet each other with God’s peace and to warmly welcome visitors into our fellowship. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE GATHERING SONG: “God So Loved”
Come all you weary, come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.
Come all you sinners, come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, find what you’re looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting here with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The pow’r of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well, I’m walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love.
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Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love.

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The pow'r of hell forever defeated.
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Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
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(Please stand as able)

THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 121:1-2, 8)

Leader: From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The LORD will preserve your going out and your coming in,

People: from this time forth and forevermore.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

Leader: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Here's My Heart, Lord"

Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.

Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.

'Cause I am found, I am Yours; I am loved, I'm made pure.

I have life, I can breathe; I am healed, I am free. (Repeat from beginning)

'Cause You are strong, You are sure; You are life, You endure

You are good, always true; You are light breaking through.

Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.

Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.

Here's my life, Lord; here's my life, Lord.

Here's my life, Lord, speak what is true.

Speak what is true, speak what is true.

'Cause I am found, I am Yours; I am loved, I'm made pure.

I have life, I can breathe; I am healed, I am free.

'Cause You are strong, You are sure; You are life, You endure

You are good, always true; You are light breaking through.

You are more than enough; You are here, You are love.

You are hope, You are grace; You're all I have, You're ev'rything.

Here's my heart, Lord; here's my heart, Lord.

Here's my heart, Lord, speak what is true.

Here's my life, Lord; here's my life, Lord.

Here's my life, Lord, speak what is true.

Speak what is true, speak what is true.

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THE FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-9

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Sophia Herber

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . . ¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him

should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.

There is no more for heaven now to give.

He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.

For my life is wholly bound to His.

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,

For by my side the Savior, He will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,

For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.

Through the deepest valley He will lead.

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,

The future sure, the price, it has been paid.

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,

And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.

Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.

Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev'ry breath I long to follow Jesus,

For He has said that He will bring me home.

And day by day I know He will renew me

Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.

All the glory evermore to Him.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "What an Awesome God"

God is great, give Him all the praise, Hallelujah, Name above all Names.

Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins, everywhere His glory on display.

Take a look at those stars, He can name them all.

Before His throne every knee falls.

The demons have to run, the angels have to praise,

Even the wind and waves obey.

(Chorus)

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God.

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God.

And even when I ran He didn't run away.

He came and put death back in its place.

Friday on a cross, broken for my shame,

Sunday morning rose up from that grave.

Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet.

He saved our souls for eternity.

Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King.

Oh let all the saints and the angels sing. (Chorus)

Eyes on the sky. There will be a day, He will come and wipe our tears away.

No more fear, no more pain, No more sorrow sin or shame.

The King is coming back again, a reign of love that will never end

For everything You've done and everything You do

And everything You are, I'll sing to You.

My God, You're an awesome God. You're great in all You do.

I'm made to worship You. My God, You're an awesome God. (Chorus)

Our God is an awesome God. Our God, what an awesome God..

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(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For hearts to remember the gracious works of God in Christ, that we would proclaim His name to the world He has loved, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For faith unto eternal life, that we may receive God's promised inheritance not because of His law but because of His promise to Abraham and to us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all parents, who are given the calling to hand down the faith, that their hearts would be filled with the words of Christ; and that they would show forth His mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our nation and its leaders, that God would bless all who make, administer and judge our laws; and that He would enable us to be good and responsible citizens, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the sick and the suffering, that God would comfort them with His divine promises and grant healing according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For faith to hear the word of Jesus; to trust in His death on the cross; and to receive His body and blood for forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the comfort of Christ as we wait to join the saints in heaven and in the life of the world to come, that we would stand ever confident in Him who gives life to the dead, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE PREFACE (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

THE PROPER PREFACE

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

“SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)”

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts,

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes,

Blessed is he who comes, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER (spoken together)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Served by stations)

When Jesus said, “This is My Body...This is My Blood,” He really meant it. As Lutherans, we believe in the real bodily presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. This means that Jesus’ body and blood are actually present in the bread and wine received in Holy Communion. In this meal our faith is strengthened and forgiveness is assured. This gift is an act of God’s love, which we don’t deserve, cannot explain, and don’t even fully understand. We humbly believe it. It is a request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us would share this faith. If you are not receiving the Lord’s Supper today but desire a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your heart. The individual cups located in the center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those having that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if you have this dietary need.

THE DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“The Stand”

You stood before creation, eternity in Your hand.

You spoke the earth into motion, my soul now to stand.

You stood before my failure, and carried the cross for my shame.

My sin weighed upon Your shoulders, my soul now to stand.

So what can I say, and what can I do;

But offer this heart, Oh God, completely to You.

So I’ll walk upon salvation, Your Spirit alive in me.

My life to declare Your promise, my soul now to stand.

So what can I say, and what can I do;
But offer this heart, Oh God, completely to You.
So what can I say, and what can I do;
But offer this heart, Oh God, completely to You.

So I'll stand with arms high and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all
I'll stand, my soul Lord to You surrendered, All I am is Yours.

So I'll stand with arms high and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all
I'll stand, my soul Lord to You surrendered, All I am is Yours.

So I'll stand with arms high and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all
I'll stand, my soul Lord to You surrendered, All I am is Yours,
All I am is Yours, All I am is Yours.

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“No Longer Slaves”

You unravel me with a melody.
You surround me with a song of deliverance from my enemies,
‘Til all my fears are gone.

(Chorus)

I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.

I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.

From my mother's womb You have chosen me.
Your Love has called my name. I've been born again into Your family.
Your blood flows through my veins. (Chorus two times)

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing, “I am a child of God.”
You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing, “I am a child of God.”
“I am a child of God.” “I am a child of God.” (Chorus)

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “Build Your Kingdom Here”
Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek your Kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captive's heart released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor, at peace.
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause.
We are Your church. We pray, revive this earth.

(Chorus)

Build Your Kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your Kingdom here, we pray.

Unleash Your Kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this.
Awake the Kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are Your church. We are the hope on earth. (Chorus)

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ex. 17:1-7; Ps. 95:1-9; Rom. 5:1-8; John 4:5-26

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Vern and Esther Miller and Linda Rowlett from their families; in loving memory of our parents from John and Donna Hofrichter and family; and in loving memory of Doug Richey from Lori Richey and family.

USHERS: Dale and Pat Bultemeier

COMMUNION: Gary Meredith

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
 - We pray for Calvin Paul Chess on the occasion of his Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Calvin as he grows and to bless his parents, Zachary and Tori, and his sponsors, David and Taylor Yoder, Blake Bontrager, and Kaitlyn Chess, as they raise and nurture Calvin in his Baptismal faith.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of

Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Lynn Auman (father of Kim Faley), Michaela Procise, Melissa Henry (sister of Judy Huesner)

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jim Bennett, Larry Von Gunten, Catherine Peterson, Kathy Lash, Becki Elonzae, Ruth Ann Hernandez
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Marsha Sappenfield, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and Aprel Cornyn)
- Prayers for PALS - PALS is a program in which Emmanuel members partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. Each week we will pray for some of our Washington School PALS or helpers, and we encourage you to join us in the ministry. This week, we are praying for Kennedy.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Karen Buuck, Tony, Samantha, and Megan
 - Mitchell Buuck
 - Peg Buuck
 - Mike and Janel Byers, Christian
 - Brandon and Brook Caldwell, Malachi and Anakin
 - Denise Caldwell
 - Justin and Krystal Calloway
 - Diane Campbell
 - Jason Carpenter
 - Lauren Carpenter
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:

- Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf – Ponce, Puerto Rico
- Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
- Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
- Heidi Wilkinson – Ethiopia
- The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
- Luther Academy
- Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
- Lutherans For Life (LFL)
- Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260-616-0679.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2026:
 Callaghan Miller Austin Hayward Calvin Chess

The Teaching of the Church

Want Help Growing in the Word? Regularly visit Pastor Brunow’s website <http://www.genesbrunotes.com>. The website offers notes on each chapter of Scripture, Bible studies, tips for preparing for worship, and a weekly devotion based on the Gospel reading for the coming week. You can find these devotions under the “Sermon Notes Plus” option.

Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth – Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)
4-5 Year Olds	School Room A3
K-1 st Grade	School Room A1
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B3
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5
6 th -7 th Grade	School Room D2
8 th Grade	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Galatians	LL Ebenezer
Genesis	Sanctuary

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	3:30 p.m.
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Study the Psalms	Chapman's	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Moms - Hey, mama! We hope you'll join us every other Monday morning as we journey through the salvation story of the Old Testament using Chad Bird's book "Hitchhiking with the Prophets". Drop your kids off in LL Ebenezer with our amazing caregivers. Then, head upstairs to the Loft to enjoy fellowship, a cup of coffee, and study with other moms. The dates are: March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuel.lutheran.org.

Friends in the Word meet every other Thursday morning, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m., in the Loft. Here are the scheduled dates: March 12 and 26, April 16 and 30, and May 14. We hope to see you there!

The News of the Church

Easter Flowers - Easter is on Sunday, April 5 and the deadline to order your flower(s) is Monday, March 9. Order forms can be picked up from the Connections Counter in Ebenezer, the Welcome Center, or you can print one from the email newsletter. Please submit your form along with payment to the church office. If paying by check, please make it payable to Emmanuel. Your flowers will be available for pick up after the 11:00 service on Easter Day.

GriefShare: 13-Week Grief Support Group - GriefShare is a Christ-centered support group for adults grieving the loss of a family member or friend. We will be meeting Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., March 31 - June 23 in Ebenezer Hall. To register (so books can be ordered), contact Lana Hille at lanah@emmanuel.lutheran.org or 260.417.5639.

"The Story Continues" in 2026 - We are excited to announce that Emmanuel has officially launched a planning process designed to seek the Lord's direction for a renewed congregational vision. Led by our ministry staff, Elders, Church Council, and a Vision Team representing different groups within our church family, in the coming months, we will be listening to the congregation, analyzing pertinent data about our community, and discerning a concise vision for the future of the ministry we share. Building on our "I Love to Tell the Story" journey last fall, the goal of this process is to present a clear vision to the congregation for approval in the

November congregational meeting. Please pray for this planning process and take advantage of opportunities to contribute to it as “The Story Continues.”

Visual Faith Workshop: Words from the Upper Room (Continues!) - Join us, March 3, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as we continue our ‘Words from the Upper Room’ project during Lent. We’ll create a devotional with opportunities to scribe passages from the Gospel of John, and we’ll also have Easter cards available to make and send to anyone God brings to mind. All materials are provided—bring a friend and join us.



Game On - We will meet on Tuesday, March 3, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. Please join us for fellowship and food. Bring a friend. We love to meet new people. Sign up is located at the Connection’s Desk. If you forget to sign up, come anyway. If you have any questions text Diane Campbell at newmoon312@gmail.com.

Emmanuel’s LWM/LWML - Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 5, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in LL Ebenezer. We will be having a bible study and doing a service project. We hope to see you there!

EYG Trivia Night! Get ready for an exciting evening of fun, food, and friendly competition at Emmanuel Youth Group’s Trivia Night! Gather a team of 6–8 players and join us Saturday, March 21, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the gym. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with pizza, snacks, and beverages available. Trivia begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Show off your creativity by choosing a team theme—costumes, props, and table decorations are encouraged! Prizes will be awarded throughout the night, including one for the best-themed table. Cost is \$10 per participant, and childcare is available. All proceeds support our high school youth’s summer servant event in Pikeville, KY.



Lunch Bunch - We welcome all of our members around 60 or over to join us for our next Emmanuel Lunch Bunch activity on Tuesday, March 17. Our special guest speaker and member Bill Weaver will join us to share his most memorable experiences as an FBI agent and how that came to influence his early book writing. Fellowship begins at 11:00 a.m. in LL Ebenezer Hall and lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. Lunch reservations are required by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 or by signing up at the Connections Counter by Friday, March 13. The lunch cost is \$10.00 per person payable that day.

Save the Date for Emmanuel’s VBS - Join us June 22-26, as we walk the streets of Rome! Explore the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, and so much more! Mark your calendars and invite a friend! Interested in being a part of the planning team? It’s forming NOW! Reach out to Liz Bejot for more information. LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org

ESM Position Open - ESM is in need of morning help with our Extended Care from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m., Monday - Friday at either Getz or Union. Individual days available if

you're willing to help but can't do every day of the week. Please contact Analicia Nunez at anunez@esmeagles.com if you're interested or able.

Bridge 20/30 is a young adult ministry for those in their 20s and 30s, offering Christ-centered community and fellowship at rotating locations around Fort Wayne. Our next meetup is on Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. at The Club Room at The Clyde. All are welcome.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$363,575	Anticipated Need Through March: \$625,714
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$736	Year to Date: \$2,401
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CUP OF KINDNESS

Distributed by Lutheran Social Services to local families who have crisis needs.

Last Week: \$20	Year to Date: \$630
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,598,452	Mortgage Balance: \$884,311	Total Cost* \$7,450,365
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, March 2

3:30 p.m. Lifelight
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6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, March 3

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
6:00 p.m. Stephen Training
6:00 p.m. Psalms at Chapman's

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
3:30 p.m. PALS
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
8:30 a.m. Friends in the Word
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, March 6

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, March 7

5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

Sunday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son, Jesus.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Worship Services are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

Saturday Evening Divine Service—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Divine Services—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

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