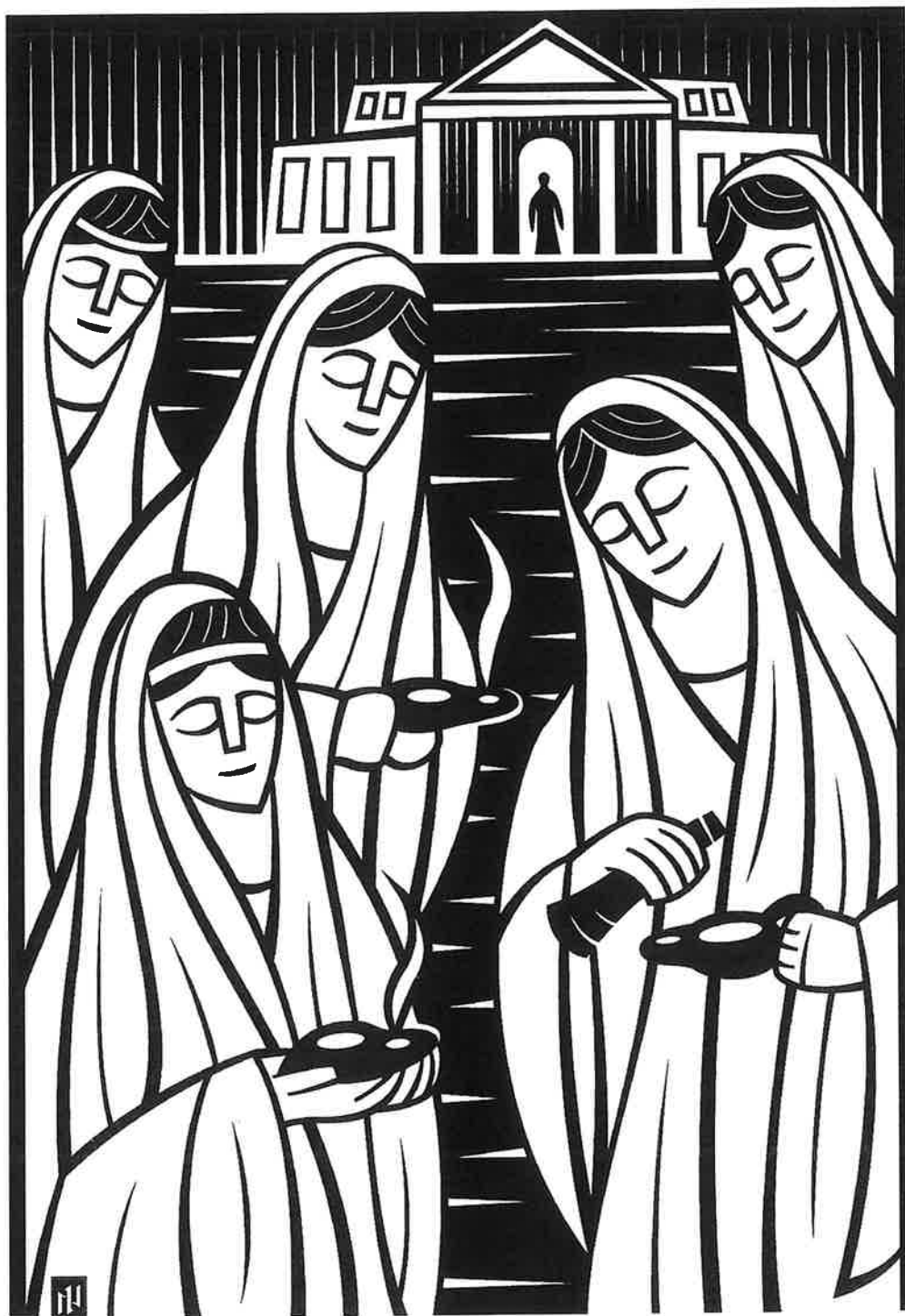


Divine Service at 5:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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



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!

SPECIAL NEEDS



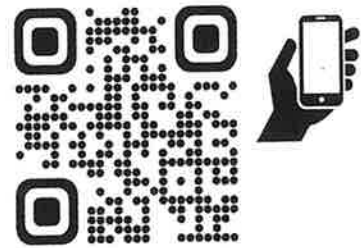
We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

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

“The Day of the Lord”

AS WE GATHER

It's not a big surprise that no one has accurately predicted the end of the world—not that it hasn't been attempted. From religious sects to cult leaders to apocalyptic predictions made when we entered a new millennium, a fascination grows around those who claim they have it all figured out. We are wise though to take the Lord at His word concerning the Last Day. From Amos in the Old Testament proclaiming the day of the Lord, to Paul writing the Thessalonians about Christ's return, to Jesus' parable of the ten virgins, the Lord does not give us a date or a time of the end of this world as we know it. What He continues to give us, though, are promises of His faithfulness, His continued care and providence, and His assurance that when that day comes, it will usher in a glorious blessedness in His perfect presence that will last forever.

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: “Glory to God Forever

Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be.
You were the King of kings, yeah, You were, yeah, You were.
And now You're reigning still, enthroned above all things.
Angels and saints cry out; we join them as we sing:

(Chorus)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!

Creator God, You gave me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless Name all my days, all my days.
So let my whole life be a blazing offering,
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King! (Chorus)

Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory.
Take my life and let it be Yours.
Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory.
Take my life and let it be Yours. We sing: (Chorus)

We sing: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!

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THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(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 temporal and eternal punishment. 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.

Leader: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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: "We Believe"

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,
There is only one foundation: we believe, we believe.

In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see.
There is only one salvation; we believe, we believe.

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again. We believe.

So let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing,
And in our weakness and temptations we believe, we believe!

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again.

Let the lost be found, and the dead be raised; In the here and now let love
invade. Let the church live loud! Our God, we'll say "We believe! We believe!"
And the gates of hell will not prevail, For the pow'r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back,
He's coming back again! He's coming back again. We believe.
We believe!

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THE FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. ²⁰Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe

that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Living Hope"

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus, Christ, my living hope.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me! You have broken ev'ry chain.
There's salvation in Your name. Jesus Christ, my living hope.
(Repeat chorus)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory! (Chorus twice)

Jesus, Christ, my living hope. O God, You are my living hope.

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THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

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: "Goodness of God"

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

(Chorus)

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. (Chorus)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. (Chorus)

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Heavenly Father, grant to us all things needful and dissuade us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that together we as Your Church may confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, keep us ready for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. As we wait, keep us from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory on the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, give comfort and hope to those who grieve. For those who struggle with health of mind or sickness of body, grant healing according to Your will. For all whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day, grant patience. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, we, are filled with emotions and anxiety at the frightening events occurring in the world around us. We do not understand everything that we see happening and we long for speedy and complete solutions to the increasing conflicts. Lord, as we run to You for answers and action, please strengthen our faith with the knowledge that You remain in control. Give us patience with Your timing, trust in Your eternal plan, hope in Your faithfulness, and peace in Your ongoing presence, even in these troubled times. Anchor us in Your Word, give us courage to proclaim the good news of the Gospel and guide us to best serve our neighbors in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

During the Lord's Prayer, the church bell tolls three times to encourage those outside the sanctuary to join with the church in corporate prayer.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

(Chorus)

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant David, Building a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord. (Chorus)

There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah,

There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah.
There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah,
There's no god like Jehovah, there's no god like Jehovah. (Chorus)

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Zeph. 1:7-16; Ps. 90:1-12; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Roger and Doris Pflughaupt from their children and grandchildren; and in celebration of the birthday of Ashlee (Davis) Middendorf from her mom and dad; and in loving memory of Rosalie Miller Howe from her family.

USHERS: Gary Curtis

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 Violet Louise Hoffman on the occasion of her Baptism. We ask God to strengthen Violet as she grows and to bless her parents, Luke and Jacquee (Bowman) Hoffman, and her sponsors, Leah Fultz and Robin Kovacs, as they raise and nurture Violet in her Baptismal faith.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Kathy Schweyer, Tammy Bair, Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Joe Lathers (brother of Connie Hoyer), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Janine Wiard (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Alycia Merkler, Rachel and Josh (family of Sarah Schwantz), Deb Bryan (sister-in-law of Steve and Pam Bryan), Julie Harper, Dewey Senger, Margie Domenichelli, Carly Robbins (friend of the Brown family), Phyllis Tittman, Dick Reinking, Ed Braun, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Jerry Kanning, Maury Springer, Curt Rees (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Pennell, Colleen Walker, Mike Reuille, Cathi Schenkel, Randy Kammeyer, Stan Payne, Gavin Wedeven, Melissa Harring.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Gavin Wedeven, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Jeannine Felabom and Ruth Walters (friends of Janet Bircheff), Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Rod Teeple (cousin of

Ruth Anne Teeple), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Sue Doepner, Jamie McConnell, Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Karen Bickhardt (daughter of Janet Doege), Ronald Knepper (son of Janet Doege), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Jamie McConnell, Beth Woodward, Lois Howe (aunt of Bob Frye), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).

- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Aaron Bloomfield
 - Adam Bloomfield
 - Brad and Janice Bloomfield
 - Trevor and Becca Bly, Beverly and Brooklyn
 - Gary Bohrer
 - Troy and Courtney Bohrer, Alaska and Houston
 - Claire Bollinger
 - Zack Bonar, Bentley, Hunter and Zachary
 - Melodie Bonar
 - Bria Booker, Aliyah
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Rev. Aaron Spratt - Alaska Mission for Christ
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - 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.

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 Classes 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	School Room A5 (Extended Care, Day)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room A3 (Miss Kanning's)
K-1 st Grade	School Room B3 (Mr. Eggold's)
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B4 (Mrs. McCoy's)
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5 (Mrs. Palmreuter's)
6 th -7 th Grade Confirmation	School Cafeteria
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
High School	The Loft

Adult Sunday Bible Classes 9:15 - 10:30 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Exodus	School Rm B2	9/10-11/19	Wes Williams
Large Catechism	School Rm C3	9/10-11/19	Pastor McFadden
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	9/10-11/19	Eggold, Sheaffer, Hille
Sunday School for Grown Ups	School Rm C4	9/10-11/19	Pastor Mark Sheaffer

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
LifeLight - Psalms	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
Mom's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	7:30 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study on the Book of John	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Sanctuary	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Christian Approach to End of Life	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays (10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13)	11:30 am
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Upcoming Congregational Meeting - There will be a Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 19, following the 10:30 a.m. service. Childcare will be available by registering through the link provided in the weekly newsletter email.

6th-8th Grade Visual Faith Event - Have you heard of Emmanuel's Visual Faith Ministry? It's not just for adults! Faith is invisible so how do we show that we

know Jesus, love Jesus, and follow Jesus? How do we share Jesus? Come and find out what Visual Faith is all about! All 6th-8th graders are invited to this event! We will meet in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall on Sunday, November 19, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to make Thanksgiving cards for our Emmanuel shut-in members who are not able to make it to church. They miss coming to church and would love to hear from you! We need to know how many attendees are coming so we have enough supplies. Please use the link provided in the weekly newsletter email to register.

Emmanuel Serves - The next event is Saturday, November 25. We will start at church at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast (optional), then projects start at 9:00 a.m. We'll likely focus on leaf raking, but we're also looking for additional opportunities. Please reach out to Brett Meyer (brett@impactupgrade.com or 260-349-5732) if you're interested in helping. Anyone can participate, regardless of skill or physical abilities. Even having folks available to simply spend time with the homeowners is a huge need. Emmanuel Serves meets the needs of vulnerable homeowners in local neighborhoods around church. Although projects typically look like volunteer yard work and home improvement, the ultimate goal is building long-term relationships and display the love of Christ for our neighbors.

Washington Elementary School's Santa Shop Is Back - This shop offers the students at Washington School the opportunity to "shop" for items that they can gift to family members for Christmas. They are seeking donations of \$1-\$5 gift items for men, women, boys, and girls. Donations of wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift tags, and bows are needed too. Please bring your donations to Emmanuel church no later than Friday, December 8. There will be bins labeled "Washington School Santa Shop" in the Welcome Center and Ebenezer Hall for your donations. Gift wrappers are also needed on Thursday and Friday, December 14 and 15, and Tuesday and Wednesday, December 19 and 20. For each day, the time to wrap is 8:45-11:30 a.m. Please call or text Diane Witzenman at 260-249-1307 to volunteer to help wrap gifts. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Christmas Giving Tree Families - You may have noticed Christmas trees containing gift tags at the church entrance near Ebenezer Hall and at the back of church. You can help Emmanuel, ESM, Lutheran Social Services' Christmas families, and the men and women of the Byron Health Center by taking a gift tag, purchasing the item listed on the tag, and returning the unwrapped gift with the tag to the church office by Monday, November 28. Cash donations to purchase additional gifts and food items are also welcome, and can be given using your offering envelope. Please mark the "other" line of your envelope with "Christmas Giving Tree." If you have questions, please contact the church office at 423-1369. Thank you for helping this outreach ministry.

Give Your Input on the Future of CLHS - All members of our Lutheran Church and School families, as well as everyone from our entire community, is invited to participate in the Concordia Lutheran High School Mission, Vision, and Campus Facility Master Plan Town Hall sessions on November 12, 13 and 14. In these meetings, stakeholders will hear from CLHS leadership regarding the progress of the current discovery process, including potential renovation and construction options available at our current location. Participants will have the opportunity, both in small group settings and as a large group, to provide opinions and feedback which will inform our school's future. We invite YOUR church and school members to register (see the link in Emmanuel's weekly email) for one of the three CLHS Town Hall meetings held in the CLHS cafeteria. You will walk away with a better understanding of CLHS's mission and vision and you will also have a hand in shaping the future of our high school.

Christmas at the Library - Parents and grandparents, Lutherans for Life invite you to attend Christmas at the Library (formerly known as the Christ Child Festival). Make memories with your child or grandchild! Explore the Crimson thread displays that reveal the biblical narrative of God's love and provision from Eden to Eternity. Make crafts related to the Crimson thread. Take home a goodie bag with reminders of God's love. Enter prize drawings every 30 minutes, and enter the FREE grand prize drawing for two tickets to the Creation Museum at the Allen County Public Library Nov. 22, 3:00-8:00 p.m. and or November 24, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information go to ChristChildFest.org.

Women's Retreat in February - Save the date for Emmanuel's Women's Retreat that is scheduled to take place February 24-25, 2024, at the Blue Gate Garden Inn in Shipshewana! Watch for details in the coming weeks.

Christmas Donations Needed - Will you help us collect items for the Children's Christmas Eve Service? We are in need of Amazon gift cards (any amount), and NEW Crayola crayons (any count). Please drop off donations at the church office by Sunday, November 12. Questions? Contact Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org or 260-615-6493 (call or text).

The Lutheran Witness - If you would like to subscribe to the Lutheran Witness magazine for 2024 at \$23.16 per subscription, please email Becki at becki@emmanuellutheran.org or call her at the church office at 260-423-1369. Deadline to order is Wednesday, November 15. To pay for your subscription, you can use the other line on your contribution envelope and be sure to mark it Lutheran Witness. Or you can send or bring your payment to the church office. If paying by check, please make payable to Emmanuel. Thank you.

Emmanuel Food Bank Drive - Our Food Bank is running a food drive in November. To participate, please consider donating pantry items and placing them in the bins marked "Food Bank" in Ebenezer Hall. Donation suggestions

include cereal, peanut butter, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, canned soup, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, bar soap, razors, facial tissues, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, household cleaners, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper and paper towels. *Please note that we cannot distribute any items that are expired.* In addition, you can make monetary donations through your weekly tithe envelopes by designating your donation to “Food Bank” on the “other” line of your envelope. We also welcome new volunteers! If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, please contact Anita Kuker at 260-414-2258. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Sunday School Collecting for Food Bank - Our Kindergarten-Fifth Grade Sunday school students will be collecting non-perishable food items during the congregations November food drive (see the related article in the *Get Involved* section). We hope many of our families will be able to participate in this effort!

“Stars and Promises” Christmas Concert Returns to Emmanuel - On Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m., recording artist Peter Mayer will return to Emmanuel for a special Christmas concert of traditional Christmas carols and original Christmas songs entitled, “Stars and Promises.” The son of Lutheran missionaries, Peter Mayer is a guitarist, vocalist, songwriter, touring musician, and recording artist. With his unique writing style, distinctive voice, and virtuoso musicianship, Mayer creates compelling and soulful music for an electrifying live performance. Mayer has released 25 albums to date, tours year-round with the Peter Mayer Group, and was the lead guitarist in Jimmy Buffett’s band for more than 30 years. See the weekly email to watch a promotional video and to purchase tickets.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,607,578	Anticipated Need Thru November, 2023: \$1,740,040
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Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$524	Year to Date: \$14,765
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$195	Year to Date: \$5,886
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Received: \$3,645,911	"IN Gratitude" Received (before ESM match): \$59,580	Total Received (before ESM match): \$3,705,491	Projected Cost: \$6,966,818
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, November 13

- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Caregivers' Support Group
- 5:30 p.m. LifeLight
- 6:00 p.m. Handbells Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Task Force Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. West Central Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

- 11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch
- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, November 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Home School Religion
- 9:15 a.m. ESM Joint Chapel at Getz Rd.
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 11:30 a.m. Christian Approach to End of Life Class

Thursday, November 16

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 3:30 p.m. Food Bank

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

- 3:30 p.m. Praise Team
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service

Sunday, November 19

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Junior High Visual Faith - Card Making



My Worship Notes

Today is: _____

The preacher is: _____

Today I ...

Encourage

_____ Brought a friend to Church.

_____ Brought my Bible.

_____ Said "hello" to two people.

Today's Bible passages

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Words I don't understand ...

Questions I have about
what was said ...

How many times did I hear these words? (make a tally mark)

Heaven	Declare	Voice	Angel
Trumpet	Clouds	Hope	

This Visual Faith resource is designed to help visual and tactile learners take worship into the week. You can find more Visual Faith resources at <https://www.visualfaithmin.org>.

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.

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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