

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 Light of the Lord"

AS WE GATHER

When Jesus returns on the last day, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord. When Jesus returns on the last day, every grave will be opened and the dead will be raised. When Jesus returns on the last day, the perishable will be clothed with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality, and there will be no more night, and we will not need the light of a lamp or moon or sun because the Lord God Himself will give us light. But today, that light comes in the form of a promise. And that is the meaning of Advent.

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 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE PROPHECY CANDLE

Leader: As we light the first candle on our Advent wreath, we recall with thanksgiving the vivid and courageous words and actions of the prophets. Called by God and overtaken by the Word, they spoke forth God's truth and pointed to the coming of the Messiah. Their words still call us to faith and to action. We pray:

People: Lord Christ, come among us, and by Your Spirit, grant us courage to speak and to act as those who have been called to carry Your Word to our world. Raise up among us wise and faithful messengers of your grace and peace. In Your name we pray, Amen.

THE GATHERING SONG: "Light of the World"

O Jesus, Son of God, so full of grace and truth,
The Father's saving Word; so wonderful are You.
The angels longed to see, and prophets searched to find
The glory we have seen revealed.

You shone upon the earth, but who would understand?
You came unto Your own, but who will recognize?
Your birth was prophesied, for You were the Messiah
Who came and walked upon the earth; Your glory we have seen

The One and Only King, and now You're living in our hearts.

(Chorus)

Light of the world, Light of the world, Light of the word,
You shine upon us.

Light of the world, Light of the world, Light of the word,
You shine upon us.

In You, all things were made, and nothing without You,
In heaven and on earth all things are held in You.
And yet You became flesh, living as one of us
Under the shadow of the cross, where through the blood You shed
You have made peace again – peace for the world that God so loves.

(Chorus two times)

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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 AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Leader: Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Almighty God,

People: we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.

Leader: 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: "The Advent of Our King"
(Chorus)

Rise up, the Lord is coming! Rise up, this is the day;
Rise up, and see the Light! O, Rise up, O Church of Faith!

The advent of our King our prayers must now employ,
and we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy. (Chorus)

O Zion's daughter, rise to meet your lowly King,
nor let your faithless heart despise the peace He comes to bring. (Chorus)

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again
and His true members all unite with Him in Heav'n to reign. (Chorus)

(Interlude)

All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one through all eternity. (Chorus)

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THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"

All of creation, all of the earth,

Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord. Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,

Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame. Jesus is coming soon.

(Chorus)

Like a bride waiting for her groom,

We'll be a church ready for You.

Ev'ry heart longing for our King,

We sing, "Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.

Even so come, Lord Jesus come."

There will be justice, all will be new.

Your name forever, faithful and true.

Jesus is coming soon. (Chorus)

So we wait, we wait for You.

God, we wait; You're coming soon.

So we wait, we wait for you.

God, we wait; You're coming soon. Oh! (Chorus)

"Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.

Even so come, Lord Jesus, come."

God, we wait, we wait for You.

God, we wait; You're coming soon.

So we wait, we wait for You.

God, we wait; You're coming soon. (Chorus)

"Even so come, Lord Jesus, come."

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THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

(Chorus)

Rejoice, rejoice. Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Chorus)

(Interlude)

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. (Chorus, two times)

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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 the peace from above, that our Lord's advent might kindle in us a love for His name, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For faithful pastors and teachers, that they may boldly proclaim God's Law and Gospel so that we might be prepared for the day of Christ's appearing, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For God's kingdom on earth, that the Church may be a beacon to all nations, teaching them to walk in the light of His peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For Christian homes, that God would defend husbands, wives and children from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness, clothing them with the armor of light, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our president, governor and all in temporal authority, that godly wisdom would guide policy and lead nations into the way of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who are sick or in need of our prayers, that God would visit them during these Advent days with His hand of healing, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who feast upon the body and blood of Christ this day, that our faith might be strengthened and our sins forgiven, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O loving Father, You alone know the day and the hour when our Lord, Jesus Christ, will come again in glory. Keep us steadfast in the one, true faith, that we may ever be ready for His reappearing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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 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. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. 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

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a Child and yet a King:
Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne!

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"Come to the Fountain"

All who are weak, all who are weary
Come to the rock, come to the fountain.
All who have sailed on the rivers of heartache
Come to the sea, come on, be set free.

(Chorus)

If you lead me, Lord, I will follow,
Where You lead me Lord I will go.
Come and heal me Lord, I will follow,
Where You lead me Lord I will go.
I will go. I will go.

All who are weak, all who are weary
Come to the rock, come to the fountain
All who have climbed on the mountains of heartache
Reach to the stars, come on, give your life. (Chorus)

All who are weak, all who are weary
All who are tired, all who are thirsty
All who have failed, all who have broken,
Come to the rock, come to the fountain. (Chorus)

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Not to Us"
The cross before me, the world behind, no turning back,
raise the banner high. It's not for me, it's all for You.
Let the heavens shake and split the sky,
let the people clap their hands and cry.
It's not for me, it's all for You.

(Chorus)

Not to us, but to Your name be the glory;
Not to us, but to Your name be the glory.

Our hearts unfold before Your throne, the only place for those who know
It's not for us, it's all for You.
Send Your holy fire on this offering,
let our worship burn for the world to see.
It's not for us, it's all for You. (Chorus)

The cross before me, the world behind, no turning back,
raise the banner high. It's not for me, it's all for You.

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 11:1-10; Ps. 72:1-7; Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 3:1-12

THE CHRISTMAS GREENS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Nina Vorich and Jeff Peterson from Larry and Becky VonGunten, Jason Lester and Jacob Lester; and in loving memory of D'arcy Wyss from his father, David Wyss.

USHERS: Dave and Tammy Bair

COMMUNION: Steve Bredemeyer

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:
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Dick Reinking, 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), Lynn Williams (mother of Steve Williams), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Jan Werth, Jan Rathge, Steve Mueller, Myra Schmidt
 - 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, Herb Schumm, 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)
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Sherry Baker
 - Tim and Pam Bangert
 - Ben and Katie Banta, Ruth, Holden and George
 - Carolyn Banta
 - Andy and Jennifer Barnes, Sophie
 - Linda Barnes
 - Theresa Barnfather
 - Austin Barron
 - Randy and Cindy Barron, Eric
 - Don and Beth Bartelt

- 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 2025.

Dolores Harper	Parker Schultheis	Mason Gilliom	Atlas Arnold
Renae Smith	Rafael Alberto	Lois Altheide	Lincoln Griffin
Virginia Miller	Amelia Adair	Forrest Clarke	Brandon Cirilo
Charlotte Schmotzer	Lilyth Tittman	Anna Vandercar	William Vogt
Bennett Hoyle	Liam Hill	Rowen Lomont	Owen Light
Kollin Vanderford	Klaire Vanderford	Khloe Vanderford	Walter Vanderford
Wilma Vanderford	Vada Gillum	Valerie Miller	Gary Keller
Terry Buffington	Desirae Rider	Payton Caudill	Benjamin Rider
Alice Gynn	Quinn Brimmer	Parker Hall	Kirstin Lobozzo
Jordyn Christlieb	Devon Jewell	Izaiah Christlieb	Iyla Christlieb
Elyjun Christlieb	Amira Christlieb	Nevaeh Christlieb	Atreus Layman
Theodora Kendrick	Salem Lee Hilty	Austin Dillion	Nova Dillion

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 D3
8 th Grade	LL Ebenezer
High School	Loft
"The Kingdom of God is Coming"	Sanctuary
"I Believe"	Brandt Hall

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.

The News of the Church

Mission Sunday with Suzie and Tao - Deaconess fieldworker Qian Su "Suzie" and her husband Tao will serve as our Mission Sunday speakers on Sunday, November 30, at 9:15 in the Sanctuary. Christians from Beijing, China, Suzie and Tao have an amazing story of how the Lord brought them to faith through the work of the Holy Spirit, led them to each other, and is preparing them to proclaim the Gospel through Concordia Theological Seminary here in Fort Wayne. Don't miss this unique opportunity to grow in your understanding of the Church and see how God continues to make disciples of all nations through His saving Gospel.

Holy Land Christians Visit -Join us on December 13 and 14, during all services, to hear from Christian families of Bethlehem and view their handmade olivewood carvings in the Narthex. Proceeds support Christian families in the Holy Land.

2026 Contribution Envelopes are available to pick up in Ebenezer Hall. They are stacked in alphabetical order. If you contribute electronically or with pew envelopes (found in the black "friendship folders"), you may not have an envelope packet assigned to you. If you would like an envelope packet, please

call or see Jen Tweedy in the church office, or email her at jennifer@emmanuel Lutheran.org.

Visual Faith Workshop - Join us on Tuesday, December 2, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for a special evening of creativity and fellowship in Ebenezer Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to put finishing touches on your Advent journal and begin crafting your 2026 gratitude and prayer journal. Whether you're a seasoned journaler or just beginning, you'll find inspiration and guidance in a relaxed, encouraging setting. Supplies will be furnished, so come ready to create and reflect as we journey through Advent and look forward to a new year of praising God. Please sign up at the Connections Counter or use the QR code. We look forward to seeing you there!



Middle School Youth Christmas Party! - 6-8th grade youth are invited to join us in Lower Ebenezer at Emmanuel from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 7. We will be enjoying lunch together before the rest of the festivities. ****If your child has any dietary restrictions, please reach out to Liz Bejot.**** We will also have a white elephant gift exchange. Please plan to bring a gift that does not exceed \$10. Ideas for gifts include: random things found around your house (with candy or a gift card added to sweeten the deal), funny ornaments, random items found at Five Below or other discount stores, etc.

Beer and Hymns Christmas Singalong - Join us on Sunday, December 21 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Chapman's for an afternoon of fellowship and singing with members from area LCMS congregations. All ages are welcome. Please bring a snack or potluck item to share.

Emmanuel's LWM/LWML - Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 4 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Lower Level Ebenezer. Our Bible Study will be "Equipped" and our service projects will be for Lutheran Social Services. We will be collecting and collating disposable diapers to give to LSS for distribution to those in need. Please bring diapers to the church office by December 2.

ESM's Vespers Service is on Thursday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for free, general admission. Earlier that day, we will have a rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. that will be open to the public, and you are all invited to attend! The morning open rehearsal and evening service will both be at Purdue University Fort Wayne in the Auer Performance Hall (Rhinehart Music Center). Please call the office with any questions. We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior with you!

Clay and Iron: Men's Ministry at Emmanuel - Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another . . ." Therefore, men of Emmanuel, please take this opportunity to share your



interests and give us some feedback on our men's ministry "Clay & Iron" where we seek to find ways to help connect, build, and sharpen ourselves for service to Christ and the world. You can take the survey here:

The Piecemakers were able to deliver 60 quilts to the Lutheran World Relief this year. Thank you to those who sewed the tops of the quilts. We are now looking for those who are willing to sew together squares for this year's quilts. The squares are provided. If you are willing, call Jan Werth at 260.452.4769.

Christmas Giving Tree - A huge thank you for the tremendous response to our Christmas giving project this year. The tags were all taken this first weekend! Enjoy selecting gifts and gift cards for our families these next two weeks and bring them into church, unwrapped, with the tag by December 1. If you are able, we would love to have you join us on Friday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer for our wrapping party.

Donations Needed - Washington Elementary is in need of clothing for their students. Their most desired items are sweatpants, underwear, socks, and pullover shirts in sizes 4/5 through 10/12. Please bring these items into the church office. Thank you for your consideration!

Celebrating A Successful Capital Campaign with Peter Mayer - The Lord has provided more than \$6 million of the \$7.4 million it cost us to renovate our Union Street school building. On December 15, we will celebrate this remarkable blessing with a special Christmas concert in our sanctuary by recording artist Peter Mayer. We'd like to make this unique experience available to anyone who contributed to the "In All Generations" campaign. If you would like to reserve a free ticket (\$39.50 value) for this special concert at no cost, please scan the QR code.



Santa Shop for Washington Elementary School - Santa Shop offers students at Washington School the opportunity to "shop" for items that they can gift to family members for Christmas. The shop is seeking donations of \$1 to \$5 gift items, as well as all wrapping supplies. Please bring your donation(s) to the church by Friday, December 5. To sign up to help wrap gifts, please contact Diane Witzman at 260.249.1307. Thank you for your support, kindness and generosity for Washington Elementary School!

The Friends of Wyneken will host a Christmas open house at the historic Wyneken House on Sunday, December 7 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. The house will be decorated for the holiday season with a variety of themed Christmas villages including a Victorian town, an alpine village and a Thomas Kinkadee neighborhood. (11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, IN)

Bridge 20/30 is a space for post-high school young adults (single or married) to connect, grow, and have fun in community with others who share similar values.

We are doing a 3-Week Advent Series: "What Are You Waiting For?" with Pastor Chad Vanmeter (Dates: December 2, 9, 16 at 7:00 p.m.; Location: The Greenhaus, 3504 N Anthony Blvd)

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$2,020,821	Anticipated Need Thru November, 2025: \$1,967,648
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$170	Year to Date: \$13,356
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$10	Year to Date: \$4,107
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,222,241	Mortgage Balance: \$1,342,790	Total Cost* \$7,424,176
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, December 1

8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Moms

6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, December 2

1:00 p.m. Game On

4:30 p.m. Mission Meeting

6:00 p.m. Stephen Training

6:00 p.m. Visual Faith

6:00 p.m. Study the Psalms at Chapman's

7:00 p.m. Clay and Iron: Men's Fellowship

Wednesday, December 3

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

8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Communion Service
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Friends in the Word
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
1:00 p.m. LWML Service Project and Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's

Friday, December 5

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

Saturday, December 6

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

Sunday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:15 a.m. Bible Classes and Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
6:00 p.m. EYG Christmas Party

MATTHEW 24:44



YOU
ALSO MUST
BE READY;
FOR THE

**Son
of Man**
is coming at
an unexpected hour

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, 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.

Church Staff

Thomas A. Eggold, Senior Pastor
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Lana Hille, Dir. of Congregational Care
Sarah Pennekamp, Dir. of Discipleship
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Jennifer Tweedy, Dir. of Admin.
& Finance
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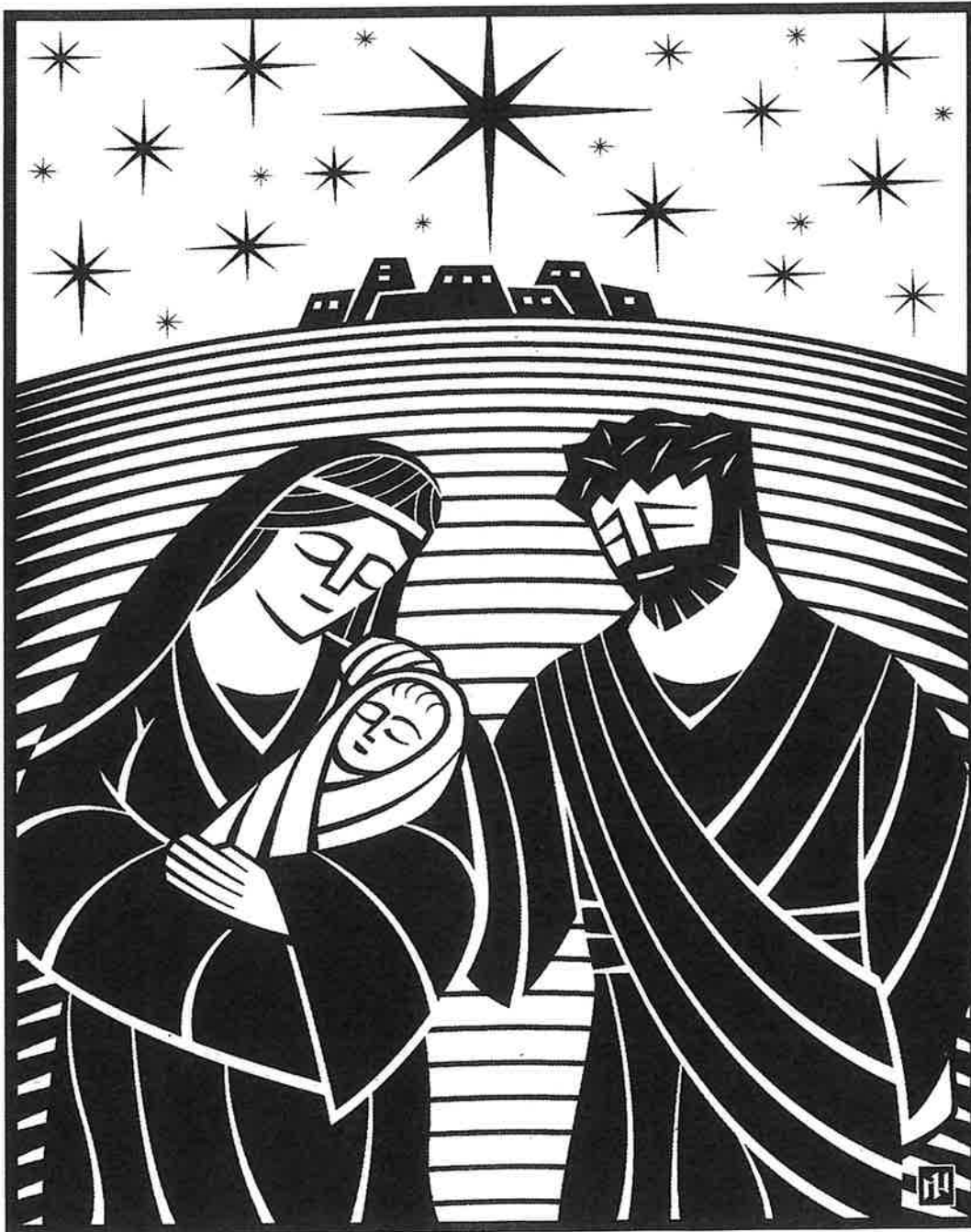
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Advent at Emmanuel



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Monday–Friday, December 1–19 at 7:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 3, at 7 p.m.

Advent Worship Service

Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Advent Worship Service

Thursday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

ESM Christmas Vespers at the Auer Performance Hall, Purdue Fort Wayne

Wednesday, December 17, at 7 p.m.

Advent Worship Service with Special Music from our Handbell Choir

Wednesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service
Special Christmas Music

Wednesday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Service
Special Music with an Orchestra and Festival Choir

Wednesday, December 24, at 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service
Celebration of Holy Communion
Festival Choir, Handbells and Orchestra

Thursday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Festival Service
Celebration of Holy Communion with Festival Choir

Wednesday, December 31, at 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Worship Service
Celebration of Holy Communion

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, November 30, we begin a new church year with the penitential season of Advent.

We will celebrate God's greatest gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, in many unique ways. On Saturday, November 29, we will decorate the sanctuary beginning at 8:30 a.m., and all are invited to help. Throughout the Advent season, we will host many special opportunities for worship.

This year, our Advent preparations will feature an Advent daily devotional from 1517.org entitled, "Coming Home for Christmas." You can access this daily devotional through Emmanuel's website and app. If you would like a paper copy of "Coming Home for Christmas," please reach out to Becki in the Church Office. We will also be broadcasting a weekly Advent devotion for our families with Ms. Liz that can also be found on the website and app.

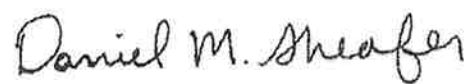
We will also be offering an opportunity for individual spiritual preparation by holding a Morning Prayer service on Mondays through Fridays at 7:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. This brief devotional service will provide us with time in God's Word and feature hymns, Scripture readings, and a time of spoken and silent prayer. Morning Prayer at Emmanuel will conclude around 7:45 a.m. The first day for Morning Prayer will be Monday, December 1.

On the next two pages, you will find a complete Advent and Christmas schedule listing of all of our special Advent and Christmas activities, including the Emmanuel-St. Michael School Christmas Vespers, which will be held on Thursday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Auer Performance Hall, on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne, 2101 E Coliseum Blvd. May God bless you with His peace as together we prepare our hearts for the coming of His Son.

In Christ,



Pastor Thomas A. Eggold



Pastor Daniel M. Sheafer

Advent Family Devotions



Join the Emmanuel community as we journey together through the season of Advent. This year, Pastor Eggold, Pastor Sheaffer, and Ms. Liz will lead us through the three weeks leading up to Christmas. Together with students from ESM and CLHS, they will model what family devotions can look like in your own home, whatever your setting may be.

Beginning the first Tuesday of Advent, weekly family devotions will be available on Emmanuel's website, app, and social media.

As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, may these devotions help us experience what it truly means to come home for Christmas – home to the love, peace, and presence of Jesus, our Emmanuel.