

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: APRIL 30, 2022

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Worship and Bible Class this Weekend

This weekend Holy Communion will be offered in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday. Due to the Confirmation Witness service on Saturday, Holy Communion will not be offered.

On Sunday morning, we also offer Bible class for adults and high school youth, confirmation for grades 6-8, and a Sunday school program for children from birth through grade 5. For a complete listing of all current classes and locations, [click here](#).



Confirmation at Emmanuel This Weekend



Tomorrow, in our 10:30 a.m. worship service, a wonderful group of young people will be confirmed at Emmanuel. For the past nine months, Mr. Martin, Pastor Sheaffer, and Pastor Eggold have had the privilege of meeting with these young people and their parents each week as we studied God's Word together in preparation for their Confirmation day. In our time spent with the youth of our congregation,

it clear that God has richly blessed us with these young brothers and sisters! They are an asset to our fellowship. Their presence among us is a wonderful example of God's promise to abide with His Church and their participation in our church family is critically important to our fellowship.

Please look for opportunities to welcome these young brothers and sisters as fellow members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church:

- Cilicia Anderson
- Ryan Anderson
- Makinzie Bay
- Briar Deacon Beckett
- Christian Behling
- Milla Bercot
- Adam Bible
- Ben Bible
- Jacob Bible

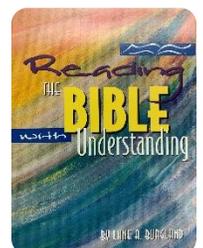
- Isabelle Burns
- Hannah Clark
- Joey Dennison
- Clayton Goodman
- Alden Greider
- Hudson Kraft
- Charlie Lang
- Isabel Madden
- Keylee McMahan
- Eli Merkler
- Mitchell Miller
- Beckett Moellering
- Jillian Paetz
- Lexi Parker
- Ellie Rose
- Max Rose
- Hayden Sievers
- Nick Starnes
- Olivia Steffen
- Ryan Warner

The confirmands will each present a witness of their faith this afternoon as a part of our 5:00 p.m. worship service. Please pray for them and consider tuning in online to join in this important event in the life of our congregation.

As the school year comes to an end, remember and thank God for the gift of our youth. Please pray for them as they struggle with many of the same spiritual issues that face each of us and look for ways to personally encourage them as they become the people God has chosen them, in Christ, to be.

A New Sunday Morning Bible Study: “Keys to Unlocking the Bible”

Tomorrow morning, Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheafer will continue their five-week class on interpreting the Bible. Based on Dr. Lane Burgland’s book, Reading the Bible with Understanding this Bible class will provide basic principles for interpreting the Bible that everyone can use. “Keys to Unlocking the Bible” will meet in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall on Sundays, 9:15-10:15 a.m., through May 22.



Communion Services on Wednesdays

We continue to offer a special service of Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to attend one of these communion services, please register by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 by noon on the Tuesday before you plan to attend. If you are unable to attend one of these special Communion services, and desire to receive the Sacrament, please contact the church office to schedule a communion visit.

Emmanuel Calls Pastor Sam Troemel



Following the vote of the congregation on February 13, to approve a full-time, called position for Youth and Family Ministry, Congregational President Dave Smith worked with our pastors to form and appoint a call committee. The committee was chaired by Matthew Konow and included the following members of Emmanuel: Richie Cummins, Shelly Habecker, Lana Hille, Ike Imler, River Johnson, Tim Lanckenau, Bradley Murphy, Anna Pennekamp, Sarah Pennekamp, and Jenny Scheiderer. Pastor Eggold,

Pastor Sheaffer, and Dave Smith all served as ex-officio members of the call committee.

Working with the ministry description approved by the congregation, the call committee began their task by gathering names through the Synod's Commissioned Minister Information Form (CMIF) database. Applying filters to the CMIF database a list of more than a hundred names was generated. A list of 11 candidates suggested by congregation members was added to the names taken from the CMIF database creating a master list of 126 names.

The committee then began the vetting process by contacting the office of the Indiana District President to gather information about call eligibility. The list was then narrowed to less than 10 after prayerful study and discussion of the eligible candidates. After personally contacting each of the remaining candidates, eight candidates declined invitations to formally interview. The two remaining candidates participated in a brief interview with Mrs. Pennekamp and Pastor Eggold. Following these conversations, one of the two asked to be removed from consideration.

The remaining candidate was interviewed on April 12, by a group which included eight of the committee members. Following the discussion with the candidate, the committee processed the interview, prayed, and voted unanimously to present Pastor Sam Troemel to the congregation for consideration and issuance of a Divine Call to serve Emmanuel Lutheran Church as Youth and Family Pastor. On Sunday, April 24, the congregation approved the recommendation of the call committee and voted to extend a divine call to Rev. Troemel. Rev. Troemel currently serves Calvary Lutheran Church in Indianapolis, in the same specific ministry pastoral role for which Emmanuel is calling. Sam has been at Calvary since 2017. While originally called as the Youth and Family Director, Sam was ordained through his training in the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) program and has been serving as the Youth and Family Pastor since 2021. A West Lafayette native, Sam attended Concordia University Chicago where

he studied Christian Education and Elementary Education. It was in Chicago where he met his wife, Molly (Peterson), who is a daughter of Emmanuel and currently serves as Calvary's junior high social studies teacher. Sam and Molly have been married since 2015 and have a son named Levi. Please pray for Sam and Molly as they seek the Lord's will for their continued service in His Church.

Vicarage Assignment and Call

Two of our families were involved in the placement services at Concordia Theological Seminary this week. Fieldworker Thompson Marin was assigned to serve a vicarage at Lutheran Life Villages here in Fort Wayne, and Charles Nemecek has received a call to serve Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lubbock, Texas. Please pray Thompson and Erika, and Charles and Christianna as they look forward to these new challenges in ministry.

Cookies for the Connections Counter

Each weekend we plan for guests and visitors at Emmanuel. Our Connections Counter serves as a central location for making conversation, sharing information, and providing a warm welcome. When first-time guests come to the Counter, we provide a small box of cookies. If you enjoy baking and would like to be part of this ministry of hospitality, please sign up to contribute cookies. Use [this link](#) to select the date(s) of your choosing.



Greeting Card Ministry

In the Welcome Center there is a beautiful cabinet that displays a variety of greeting cards and special occasion cards (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Confirmation, and Graduation). Along with the special occasion cards, there are also birthday, get well, anniversary, marriage, thank you, praying for you cards, and more. These cards are beautiful with scripture included on each one. The best part is each card sells for only 50-cents/ each. Please consider stopping by the card display and see what is available for you.

Emmanuel Golf League



There has been growing interest from those connected to Emmanuel to have a golf league. This year we are looking to continue to build on the previous year's momentum. **Emmanuel's 2022 Golf League will begin the first Tuesday in May (May 3) and will run weekly until September or October.** We will be playing at Brookwood Golf Course starting at 5:30 p.m. For a round of 9 holes, the weekly cost to play in the league will be \$24 (riding) and \$16 (walking). This league is open to both men and women and we are seeking to have at least 12 people each week of play. If you are interested or have further questions,

please feel free to contact Fred Peterson (260.437.2885) or Mike Huesner (260.416.1380) who are helping to organize this league at Emmanuel.

Lutherans for Life Monthly Meeting

Lutherans for Life will have their monthly meeting on Friday, May 13, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Brandt Hall Meeting Room. Special speaker, Carol Terkula, a deaconess from Lutheran Ministries, will speak on the topic “Looking Up Is Your First Step to Seeing Past Your Struggles.” Mental and behavioral health issues can be a silent battle, but there’s always hope on the horizon. Whether you want to raise awareness, reduce stigma, find help or assist others, it’s time to “look up.” All are invited to attend.

Lunch Bunch

Our “Over Sixty” Lunch Bunch will meet on **Tuesday, May 17**, and will feature Bruce Novak, a historian, adjunct faculty at Purdue Fort Wayne and Emmanuel member. He will share a very engaging presentation on Civil War Trivia. Fellowship hour begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon, followed by our featured speaker at 12:45 p.m. Please make reservations by Friday, May 13, at the Connections Counter or by calling the church office at 260.423.1369. The cost of the meal is \$9.00.



Employment Opportunity at ESM

Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM) Lutheran School is seeking qualified candidates for the position of financial manager. Working under the supervision of the school principal, the financial manager will see to the day-to-day financial procedures and transactions and ensure the accuracy and integrity of ESM’s financial management system. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, a Bachelor’s degree in Finance or Accounting, 5–10 years work experience, the ability to work and effectively communicate with administrators, staff, and families, and a good working knowledge of Excel, Word, and Power Point.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to managing the day-to-day financial operations of the school (payroll, employee benefits, accounts payable, etc.), preparing and presenting monthly, quarterly, and annual nonprofit financial reports, working with the Finance Committee to establish an annual budget, maintaining long-term trends and projections for the school’s finances, processing scholarship application and facilitating meetings with families as required, ensuring compliance with accounting principles and regulatory requirements, and other duties as required.

For a complete job description and an employment application, please call the school office at 260.422.6712 or email Kathy Lash at klash@esmeagles.com.

Vacation Bible School



Due to the work that will be happening with the school renovation project this summer, Emmanuel will not be able to hold VBS on our campus. Instead, Emmanuel will be participating in St. Michael's VBS program. We will resume our VBS program in the future once the school renovations are completed.

Emmanuel VBS participants and volunteers are encouraged to join in St. Michael's VBS this year. Here are the details:

Theme: *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

Dates and Time: July 25-29, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Culminating Service and Party: July 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church

To register [click here](#)

To volunteer [click here](#)

St. Michael's VBS Contact: Carrie Gould, 937.641.9744 / carrie.gould1137@yahoo.com

Register for Summer Camp at Concordia Lutheran High School

Summer Camp and Summer Class registration is now open! Summer Camps are available for K-12 grade students and feature something for all interests, including sports, computers, band, drama, and rocket science! We also offer summer classes for students in grades 8-12 (during the 2021-22 school year). Learn more and register at www.clhscadets.com/summer.

Together in Christ,

Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheafer