

# NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: APRIL 16, 2022

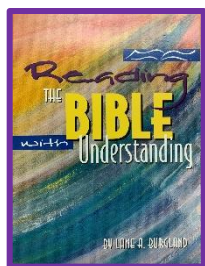
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

## Celebrating Easter at Emmanuel

Tomorrow morning, Emmanuel will join with the Body of Christ throughout the world as we proclaim and rejoice in the message that Christ has risen! Easter Sunday celebration services will be held tomorrow morning at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion will be offered in all services. Please note there will be extra bulletins available by the sound booth for those who will be sitting in the balcony.



## A New Sunday Morning Bible Study: "Keys to Unlocking the Bible"

On **Sunday, April 24**, Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheaffer will begin a 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., April 24-May 22.

## Congregational Meeting on April 24

On **Sunday, April 24**, we will hold a congregational voters' meeting. The agenda will include reports on the In All Generations campaign and Emmanuel—St. Michael School renovation, and a recommendation from the Youth and Family Call Committee. The meeting will take place in the Sanctuary following the 10:30 service.

## April Open Table Dinner

Open Table Dinners are offered every other month on the main level of Ebenezer Hall and promote fellowship between small groups of people. Each gathering offers an opportunity to take part in a meal with others who share an interest, experience, or place in life in hopes of bringing about a new connection!

This month's gathering is themed "Saturday Night Spring Fever." Emmanuel will provide side dishes, beverages, and desserts while guests are asked to contribute a favorite soup. On **April 23**, following Saturday evening worship, "There's an Open Table" for anyone who is ready for spring! If that's you, sign up at the Connections Counter or by [clicking here](#).



## Aid for Ukrainian Refugees



On April 2-3, Emmanuel members were given the opportunity to contribute to a door offering for the benefit of Ukrainian refugees being housed at the Lutheran Seminary in Oberursel, Germany. We are humbled to report that an offering of \$4,254 was received and has been distributed to the 13 refugees currently living at the seminary. Last week Cornelia was able to deliver this offering to grateful recipients. This is a picture of Pastor da Silva, who serves as a professor at the seminary, with his wife, and the refugees

being sheltered at the seminary. Join us in thanking God for the opportunity to provide relief in such a personal and immediate way.

## 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.



## LWML Spring Rally



Ladies of all ages are invited to join other local mission minded women at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) 3 Zone Spring Rally on **Saturday, April 23**, at Christ Lutheran Church, 4412 Park St., Woodburn. The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending around 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$6 which includes a continental breakfast.

The theme is "Using the Hymnal in the Home" based on Colossians 3:16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." The speaker will be Dr. Jon Eifert, Director of Parish Music at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Richville, Michigan. He led a very popular breakout session on the hymnal at the 2018 Indiana District Convention. He will speak about using the *Lutheran Service Book* in the home as a guide for personal and family devotions and prayers. He will also share his musical gifts with everyone in a short hymn sing.

An ingathering will be collected for Worship Anew and items will be collected for their care package ministry. Through this new ministry, individuals and congregations will be able to send care packages to others and share the love of Christ through their *Hope-Full Living* daily devotional booklets which will be included in each package. Items needed include blankets or quilts, warm socks, crossword puzzles, word search books or adult coloring books, colored pencils or fine tip markers, mints, gum, and hard candies.

Please pre-register to Jan Werth at 260.452.4769 or [jerryjanwerth@gmail.com](mailto:jerryjanwerth@gmail.com) by Sunday, April 17.

## Cross Connections Spring Thing



**When:** Tuesday April 26, 2022, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Parkview Mirro Center, 10622 Parkview Plaza Dr., Fort Wayne

Join us in celebrating the Biblical ministry of Cross Connections as we welcome our featured guest, New York Times best-selling author, Mr. Lee Strobel!

There will be a live auction, a beautiful meal, raffles, and live music. The cost is \$100 per person. There are sponsorship opportunities still available. Call today to

register at 260.373.0213, ext. 101, or visit our website: [crossconnectionsounseling.com](http://crossconnectionsounseling.com) and see our Events page. We hope you will join us!

## 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.

## 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.



## 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. Registration will be available after Easter. 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

**St. Michael's VBS Contact:** Carrie Gould, 937.641.9744 / [carrie.gould1137@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.clhscadets.com/summer).

Together in Christ,

Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheaffer