

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...

Guests in Worship—Each week, we have the opportunity to welcome new people to our fellowship. While ushers have the important job of helping guests find seats and sharing information, we all play a role in embracing and welcoming guests to Emmanuel. Please look for new faces, extend a helping hand whenever possible, and encourage guests to visit the **Connections Counter** in Ebenezer Hall.

Children in Worship—The presence of children at Emmanuel is a great blessing and the worship service can be a wonderful opportunity to teach them about God's love. Please bring children forward during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing, and help them to participate in the responses and prayers throughout the service. Age appropriate **Children's Bulletins** are available on the tables located at the back of the church. **Tot Bags** are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. If a child becomes restless or disruptive during the service, a **Church Nursery** for children three years of age and younger is located in the lower level hall just down the stairs near the northwest entrance to the church. If you need help finding the Church Nursery, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

Prayer Requests—If you have a prayer concern that you would like included in the worship service, please ask an usher for a prayer request card. You may drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at the back of the sanctuary or hand it to an usher.

Special Needs—We offer a number of aids designed to enhance your worship experience including a **Hearing Loop**, **Large Print Bulletins** and **Printed Copies of Today's Sermon**. If any of these items would be helpful to you, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

The Gathering Time—Each Sunday, after the early service and before Sunday School and Bible Classes begin, we congregate in Ebenezer Hall for The Gathering Time. During this time, members and guests have the opportunity for fellowship together, while enjoying a beverage and donut.

Emmanuel App—The Emmanuel App is a wonderful tool for ministry and will put access to worship resources, devotional helps, congregational information, video announcements, as well as our church calendar at your fingertips. The Emmanuel App can be accessed by going to your app store and searching for "Emmanuel Fort Wayne." Search results will show you the app which features our logo.

The mission of Emmanuel is the mission Christ gave His Church when He said, "go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). If you are interested in finding out more about Emmanuel, you can contact Pastor Eggold at taeggold@hotmail.com, or Pastor Sheaffer at pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org, or call either of us at (260) 423-1369. We would love to talk with you.

“The King Takes His Throne”

AS WE GATHER

Ascension Day is an opportunity for God’s people to celebrate Christ the King taking His throne in glory, honor, and authority at God the Father’s right hand. Like the ancient believers, who clapped their hands and shouted praises to God at the coronation of their king, we rejoice in the victory King Jesus earned for us, His people, by means of His death and resurrection. Our praises keep rolling from our Easter celebration some forty days ago, all the way to today and even beyond, as we witness Jesus now seated in glory and majesty. Shout your praises to God! The same King who is exalted over all things in heaven and on earth is the King who stoops to serve us as we gather to worship Him!

THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other 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: “Let It Rise”

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

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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 (Based on Colossians 1:15-19)

Leader: Let us come before our Lord and King in a time of confession so that we may receive assurance of His mercy and forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection and confession)

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

People: All things have been created by You: things in heaven and things on earth, visible and invisible.

Leader: All things are Yours, including us. We have been created by You and for Your glory.

People: Yet our sinfulness separates us from You and Your will for our lives. By what we do and what we fail to do, we fall apart without You holding us together.

Leader: Lord Jesus, in all things You reign supreme. You are the King of all, the Sovereign of our souls. God the Father dwells fully in You.

People: By Your blood, You have reconciled us to the Father. By Your cross, grant us Your forgiveness and peace. Amen.

Leader: Our merciful God is pleased to have all His fullness dwell in His crucified, risen, and ascended Son, Jesus Christ. He alone is the image of God, and in Him all things hold together. Through faith in Christ, you and I have been reconciled to God and stand renewed in His presence. As a called and ordained servant of Christ the King, 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: "Way Maker"

You are here moving in our midst. I worship You, I worship You.
You are here working in this place. I worship You, I worship You.

(Chorus)

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness. My God, that is who You are. (Repeat)

You are here turning lives around. I worship You, I worship You.
You are here healing ev'ry heart. I worship You, I worship You. (Chorus)

That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are.

Even when I don't see it, You're working.
Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working.
You never stop, You never stop working. (Repeat, then sing chorus)

**That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are.**

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THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me;⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Up through Endless Ranks of Angels"

Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears,
To His heav'nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears,
Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.

Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need,
Now for us before the Father As our brother intercede;
Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!

To our lives of wanton wand'ring Send Your Spirit, promised guide;
Through our lives of fear and failure With Your pow'r and love abide;
Welcome us, as You were welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.

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THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During the offering, please take the binder, located at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage members to greet our visitors.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "There Is a Redeemer"

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
(Chorus)

Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh for sinners slain. (Chorus)

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. (Chorus)

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THE MINISTRY MINUTE

VBS and Sunday School

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For eyes of faith fixed on Jesus, who is seated at the Lord's right hand, ruling in the midst of His enemies, that we may have no fear of them but abide in Christ's peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Church, over which Christ is head, that God would give pastors and all church workers wisdom to hold fast to the message of repentance and the forgiveness of sins; and that He would open the ears of all who hear to rejoice in the fullness of Him who fills all in all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For an increase of faith, knowledge and wisdom, that God would open our minds to understand the Scriptures and see Christ proclaimed throughout His Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our homes, that God who established Jesus at His right hand would give Him as companion and consolation for those who live alone, strengthen the love of husbands and wives, and bless parents and children as they gather around His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the rulers, authorities, powers and dominions of this world, that mindful of Christ who reigns far above them, they might govern with wisdom and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who despair of possessing forgiveness, that God would comfort them with the news that Christ is their High Priest forever, full of grace and life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who mourn, that our risen and ascended Lord would console them with the certainty of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE PREFACE (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

THE PROPER PREFACE

Leader: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. 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

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 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

“What Is This Bread”

What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead:
This bread we break This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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“Beautiful Savior”

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I’d love Thee, truly I’d serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer, than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be Thine!

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "This Is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty, and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory the King above all kings.

(Chorus)

This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. (Chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy, worthy, worthy! (Chorus)

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Num. 11:24-30; Ps. 25:1-15; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Carl and Wanda Wilcoxson from Marsha Wilcoxson-Renner and Tom Wilcoxson and families; and in loving memory of Steve Sappenfield on their 60th Wedding Anniversary from Marsha Sappenfield and family; and in loving memory of Don Polley from Nadine Polley and family.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Eric Dirig

USHER AND ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Lash, Catherine Peterson

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 give thanks with Alec Thatcher-Lomont and Julia Greene who were united in marriage yesterday afternoon. We ask the Lord to bless their relationship with a love for each other that is based on His perfect love. Pray that He will guide their life together and keep them always grounded in the faith that they may be a blessing to each other and to those around them.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Cheryl Smith, Phyllis Tittman, Dick Reinking, Bertha Jackson (mother of Kris Tinsley), Joy (friend of Emmanuel Lutheran Church), Ellie Dahlkamp, Ed Braun, Alycia Merkler, Cheryl Huesner, Marcille Burtch, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Jerry Kanning, Vickie Tufley (sister of Judy Huesner), Maury Springer, Taylor Hogan (son of Arlan and Robin Hogan), Curt Rees (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler, Kristy Fitzgerald.
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jeanette McFadden, Roland Preuss (father of Nancy Maier), Darlene Lankenau, Peg Buuck, Carolyn Banta, Kathy Schweyer, Carson Hall, Peg McFadden, Gillian Vachon, Troy Sargent.
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Karen Bickhardt (daughter of Janet Doege), Ronald Knepper (son of Janet Doege), Ed Terry, Rob Howe, Tom Weick, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Jamie McConnell, Beth Woodward, Tom Eggold, Lois Howe (aunt of Bob Frye), Jenny Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Greg Tackwell
 - Shirlee Tackwell
 - Cory and Audrey Taing
 - Ty and Ky Taing
 - Colin and Eileen Taylor
 - Kermit and Karen Taylor
 - Stephan Taylor, Alex
 - Ruth Anne Teeple
 - Paul and Brenda Tein
 - Nick and Lisa Terrell, Haley and Kinley

- 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)	Room 5 (Lower Level, School)
3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)
K-1 st Grade	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)
2 nd -3 rd Grade	Room 4 (Lower Level, School)
4 th -5 th Grade	Room 3 (Lower Level, School)
6 th Grade Confirmation	D1 (Top Floor, School)
7 th Grade Confirmation	D2 (Top Floor, School)
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
9 th -12 th Grade	The Loft

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

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Sunday School for Grown Ups	Mrs. Frerking's Rm (Top floor, School)	4-16-5/21	Pr. Mark Sheafer
Life in Two Kingdoms:			

How God Take Care of Us	Sanctuary	4/16-5/21	Rev. Dr. MacKenzie
The Bible in 5 Hours	Mr. Staub's Rm (Top floor, School)	4/16-5/21	Rev. Dr. Tietz

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
FWYA (Ft. Wayne Young Adult) Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Sundays	6:00 pm
Women's Book Study	The Loft	Mondays	8:30 am
LifeLight - Gospel of Matthew	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Women's Book Study (Beth Williams 402-803-5303)	Ebenezer Hall	Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd)	7:30 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study on Luke	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Homeschool Religion Class	Choir Room	Wednesdays	9:00 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Thank You! - We have come to the end of another Sunday School season. Thank you to all of our teachers, assistants, subs and their families! You have been awesome this year! Our program relies on volunteers and without them Emmanuel's Sunday School program wouldn't work! This Sunday School season we've had over 20 volunteers serving over 50 children and their families - such a tremendous blessing to Emmanuel's ministry! Join us in prayers of thanksgiving for this year's program and volunteers!

Greeting Card Ministry - Located in Emmanuel's Welcome Center is a beautiful cabinet that displays a variety of greeting cards, and when the occasion arises, we also offer Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as, Confirmation and Graduation cards. Along with the cards mentioned, we also offer birthday cards for men, women, and children, get well, new baby, sympathy, wedding, anniversary, praying for you, encouragement and more. These cards are beautiful with scripture included in each one, and the best part is these cards sell for only \$.50 each. Please consider stopping by the card display cabinet to see what is available for you. Your support of this ministry allows us to continue to offer these cards to you at a great price.

VBS with St. Michael's Lutheran Church - Due to the continued renovations at Emmanuel, we plan to join St. Michael's for their VBS on June 26 through June 30. Links to register your child and to sign up to help are available in the weekly email from the pastors.

Emmanuel's Visual Faith Ministry - You are invited to join us for our next Visual Faith Gathering on Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Our project will be *Prayers For My...* where you will create a tool to help you pray for your spouse, children, grandchildren, teachers, students, friends, aunts, uncles, or anyone you would like to pray for. Your Visual Faith Team will supply all you need and some snacks too! We will meet in the gym so please use the Welcome Center door for entrance into the gym. Sign up at the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall by Sunday, May 14.

Calling Fort Wayne Poets and Performers - As part of our summer art festival, *BE NOT AFRAID, A Celebration of Faith*, Emmanuel Lutheran Church invites local poets and performers to submit a poem, short story, or dramatic reading to present in a Spoken Word Performance. These may be original or authored by someone else. In keeping with the festival's theme, presentations should reflect promises of hope and courage found throughout the Bible and in Christian tradition: *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God (Isaiah 41:10); I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20)*. Selections need not be specifically Christian, but should express an assurance of courage and hope for a fearful world. Performances will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes and will be presented from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, 2023.

Information and Submission Guidelines:

- Printed submissions plus key information—your name, title and author of submission, genre (poem, short story, dramatic reading), and performance time—must be submitted electronically by Sunday, July 9, to emmanuelspokenword23@gmail.com.
- Because of time constraints, performances will be limited to 3 minutes in length and one per person. A maximum of 15 submissions will be chosen.
- A jury of readers will review each entry on the basis of the quality of writing, how well it reflects the theme, and the length of performance time.
- Notification of acceptance for each entry will be provided by July 23, 2023.

For more information on Emmanuel's art festival, including this Spoken Word Performance, please check the home page of Emmanuel's website: <http://www.emmanuel Lutheran.org/> or our Facebook page: Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Building Faith in the City

ESM Now Enrolling for 2023-24 School Year - Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM) Lutheran School, in partnership with our churches and families, is raising up the next generation of students who know the love of Christ and are prepared to serve Him in their families and communities. We are now accepting applications for Preschool-8th grade. Schedule a visit today! Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions | 260.422.6712 | eclark@esmeagles.com | www.esmeagles.com.
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CLHS Sermon Report Forms - In case your Concordia High School student forgets to bring a "Growth in Worship" sermon report to church, we have extras at the Connections Counter.

News from CLHS

Alivia Perkins Competes at Junior Olympics - Emmanuel member and junior at Concordia Lutheran High School, Alivia Perkins, recently competed in the Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs. She did very well in the Smallbore Rifle Competition, making the finals with the top eight female athletes from all over the United States. She finished with a Gold Medal in U18, earned a third-place spot on the USA Shooting Junior National Team, and received her Team USA jacket. She will be competing in the Junior World Cup and Junior World Championships taking place in Germany in June and Korea in July. May God bless and keep Alivia as she travels and represents the United States this summer.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$745,897	Anticipated Need Thru May, 2023: \$801,632
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$242	Year to Date: \$6,480
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$225	Year to Date: \$2,815
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

Received: \$2,927,752	Projected Cost: \$6,966,818
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, May 22

- 5:00 p.m. LifeLight
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, May 23

- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, May 24

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Wednesday Playgroup
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 12:00 p.m. Grief Support

Thursday, May 25

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 8:45 a.m. New Construction Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

Friday, May 26

- ESM Last Day of School
- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation at St. Michael's

Saturday, May 27

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

Sunday, May 28

- 7:45 a.m. Recognition of High School Graduates (Gather in Ebenezer Hall)
- 8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion



My Worship Notes

Today is: _____
The preacher is: _____

Today's Bible passages

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Words I don't understand ...

Questions I have about what was said ...



What did you learn about God today?

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

Alleluia	Earthquake	Guards	Crucified
Sabbath	Faith	Angel	Peace

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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