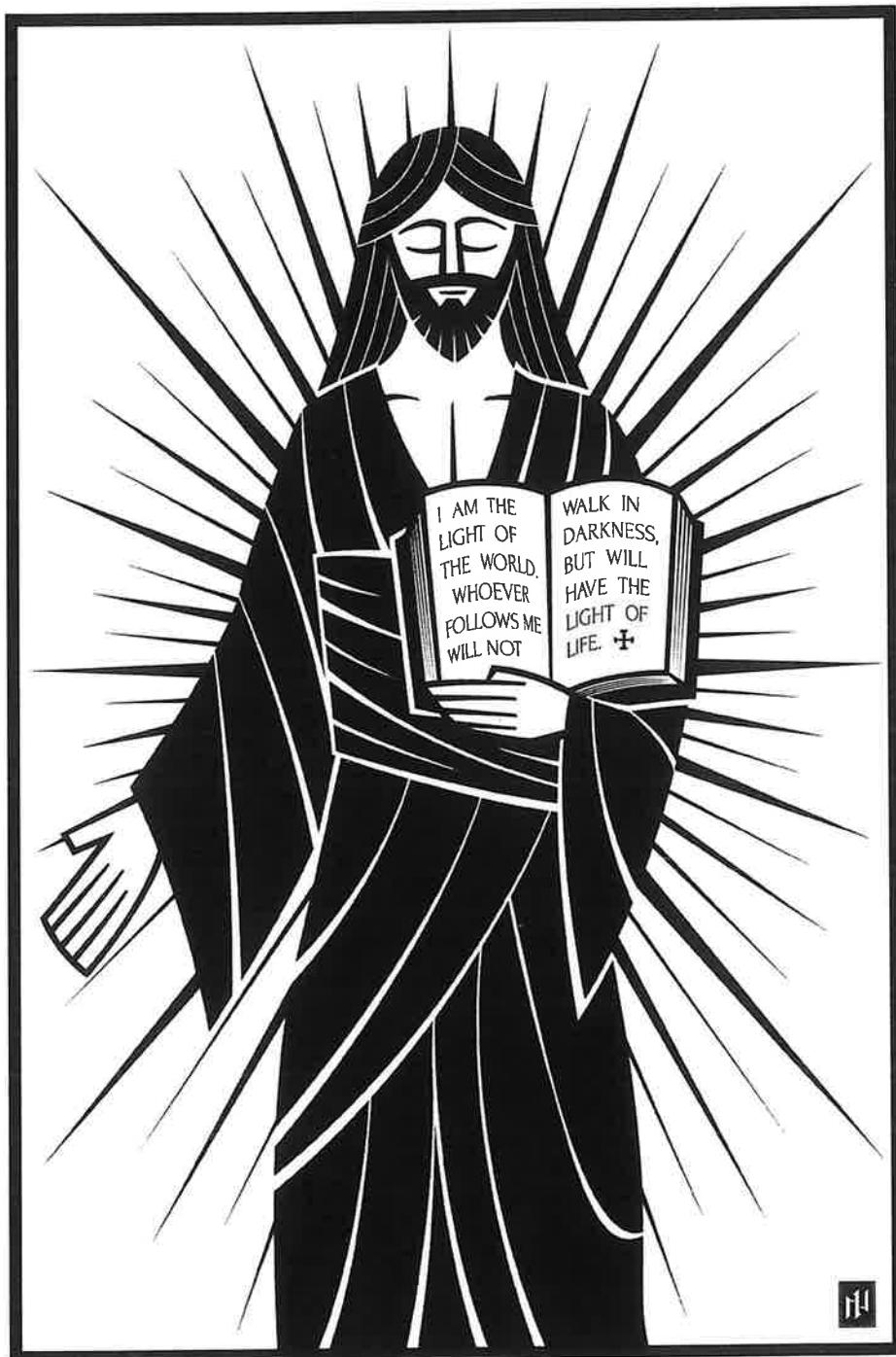


Divine Service at 5:00



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!

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

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.

“Light Dawns on You”

AS WE GATHER

The Epiphany season proclaims and celebrates the salvation of God coming into the world as a light shining in a dark place. Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah predicting the dawning of that light into the darkness of unbelief, separation from God, sin, and “the shadow of death” (Matthew 4:16). That light was and is Jesus and His message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (v. 17). This weekend, the light of Jesus and His message dawns on us.

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 OPENING SONG: “I Know a Name”

I know a Name that can silence roaring waves.

I know a Name that can empty out a grave.

I know a Name. It’s the only Name that saves, and it’s worthy of all praise.

(Chorus)

I call You Jesus. I call You, I call You Healer, risen and reigning in power.

Something comes out of the grave ev’ry time I call You Jesus.

I call You, I call You Savior worthy of glory forever.

Something comes out of the grave ev’ry time I call Your Name.

I have a King with dominion over death.

He holds the keys in His holy nail-scarred hands.

He is the hell that has crushed the serpent’s head, resurrected Great I AM.

(Chorus)

Chains break, dry bones wake.

Ev’ry time I call Your Name the gates of hell shake.

Ev’ry time I call Your Name chains break, dry bones wake.

Ev’ry time I call Your Name. Ev’ry time I call Your Name.

Where, oh death, is now your sting? And where, oh grave, your victory?

Where, oh death, is now your sting? And where, oh grave, your victory?

Dead things come alive, dead things come alive,

dead things come alive in the name of Jesus.

Dead things come alive, dead things come alive,

dead things come alive in the name of Jesus.

Chains break, dry bones wake.
Ev'ry time I call Your Name the gates of hell shake.
Ev'ry time I call Your Name. Dead things come alive,
Dead things come alive in the Name of Jesus. (Chorus)

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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 OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 43:4; Matthew 4:16)

Leader: I will go to the altar of God,
People: to God my exceeding joy.

Leader: The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,
People: on them a light has dawned.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION (Psalm 22:22)

Leader: Today Jesus Christ comes to you with an invitation, saying, "Repent" and "Follow Me." Let us prepare to receive His Word, leave our sin behind, and follow Him in the power of His forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

Leader: Lord God,
People: Open our ears to hear Your call of salvation and life. Enable us to hear the voice of Your Son, Christ our Lord, that His Word may move us to turn from our ways and our walk without You, and follow Him in faith, that we may learn and live in the light of Your love.

Leader: Lord Jesus, "I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You." Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "The Potter's Hand"
Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior, I know for sure
all of my days are held in Your hand,
Crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me into Your presence guiding me by
Your Holy Spirit; teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life
Through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your holy calling.
Set me apart; I know You're drawing me to Yourself.
Lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me;
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me;
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

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(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.¹² What I mean is that

each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-25

When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Confidence"

1. I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose.

I feel unqualified for what You're calling me to do.

But Lord with Your strength I've got no excuse

'cause broken people are exactly who You use.

(Chorus)

So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den.
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.
Give me a heart like David. Lord, be my defense
So I can face my giants with confidence.

You took a shepherd boy and made him a king.
So I'm gonna trust You and give You everything.
I'll be a conqueror 'cause You fight for me.
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory (Chorus)

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the wall.
Won't stop until I see 'em fall.
Gonna stand up, step out when you call. Jesus, Jesus.
I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the wall.
Won't stop until I see 'em fall.
Gonna stand up, step out when You call. Jesus, Jesus. (Chorus)

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THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Psalm 23"

Phil Wickham

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Lord of all nations, Your Son became flesh to enlighten a world darkened by sin with His grace. Visit us with His gifts of forgiveness and life, that our way may be glorious with His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty Lord, Your Son's cross and crucifixion is folly to the world, but it is the source of repentance and forgiveness. Preserve the preaching of the cross in our midst, that from this life-giving tree we would continue to receive Your faith-preserving gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, You have called us to be united in the same mind and judgment in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Preserve us from divisions and quarreling, and fix our eyes on the Word of the cross. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might

remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, the fame of Your Son spread everywhere as people witnessed His miracles and wonders. As He has wondrously saved us from sin and death, so open our mouths to speak of Him to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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 LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Lead On Good Shepherd"

Well, I've been turned 'round, but I've never been lost.

Seen the water get troubled, but we walked across.

When my knees were shaking, You held my hand,

Turning my problems to a promised land.

(Chorus)

Lead on, Good Shepherd, I'll follow all my days.

There ain't nothing sweeter than to watch You make a way.

You've walked me through the valley, but You never steered me wrong.

So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Seen some mighty deep canyons that You brought me through.

Seen some mighty big mountains that just up and moved.

Glory, glory, hallelujah, yeah, that's my song,

Walking with my Father into the great unknown. (Chorus)

Step by step, day by day, lead me on, Lord, I pray.

Road gets dark, walk by faith, lead on, Good Shepherd.

Step by step, day by day, lead me on, Lord, I pray.

Road gets dark, walk by faith, lead on, Good Shepherd.

Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on Good Shepherd.

Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on, Good Shepherd.

Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Micah 6:1-8; Ps. 15, 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Matt. 5:1-12

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar today were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Hilda Wiehe from her family; and in loving memory of Jackie Springer and Helen Springer from Larry Springer and Shelly Springer.

USHERS: Jan Hoffman and Laura Miller

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 the family of Dick Reinking, as they mourn the passing of their loved one. Ask God to comfort them in their grief, give them His peace, and assure them of the victory over death that is ours through Christ.
 - 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, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Laurn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Lynn Auman (father of Kim Faley), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and Aprel Cornyn), Michaela Procise (daughter of Renee Procise)
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jan Reche, Anne Kelly, Wes Harless, Jim Layman, Bob Klausmeier, Jim Bennett, Amy Konow, Chuck Adams, Molly Keltsch, Larry Von Gunten, Dave Huffman
 - 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 Hamrock, 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, 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), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett)

- Prayers for PALS – PALS is a program in which Emmanuel members partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. Each week we will pray for some of our Washington School PALS or helpers, and we encourage you to join us in the ministry. This week, we are praying for all our generous volunteers who help make this program happen.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Ed and Edna Braun Sr.
 - Deb Braun
 - Jim and Marge Braun
 - Charles Bredemeyer, Chloe
 - Jim and Angela Bredemeyer, Graham, Brent, Anissa and Alena
 - Steve and Sue Bredemeyer
 - CJ and Sara Brenner, Lily, Everly and Christopher
 - Marilyn Brenner
 - Nathan Bresler
 - Craig Brigman
- 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.

The Teaching of the Church

Want Help Growing in the Word? Regularly visit Pastor Brunow's website <http://www.genesbrunnotes.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. (Starting January 4)

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 D2
8 th Grade	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Galatians	LL Ebenezer
Living Faithfully in a Fallen World	Sanctuary

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.

Monday Morning Moms - Hey, mama! We hope you'll join us every other Monday morning as we journey through the salvation story of the Old Testament using Chad Bird's book "Hitchhiking with the Prophets". Drop your kids off in LL Ebenezer with our amazing caregivers. Then, head upstairs to the Loft to enjoy fellowship, a cup of coffee, and study with other moms. The dates are: February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org.

Friends in the Word meet every other Thursday morning, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m., in the Loft. Here are the scheduled dates: January 29, February 12 and 26, March 12 and 26, April 16 and 30, and May 14. We hope to see you there!

The News of the Church

Emmanuel Food Pantry Drive – For more than 17 years, Emmanuel's food bank has served families in our church and community, assisting an average of 40 families each month with food, personal hygiene items, and household supplies.

The Food Pantry is open on the third Thursday of every month, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. It is supported almost entirely by donations and volunteers and currently requires \$16,000 in monetary support each year. During February, we invite you to help support this ministry by donating non-expired food, hygiene, or cleaning items, or by making a designated monetary gift for the food pantry. Donations may be placed in the marked bins in Ebenezer Hall. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors in need throughout the year.

Middle School Youth is Back! - All 6-8 graders are invited to our Middle School Youth gatherings! Our first event will be Sunday, January 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Georgetown Bowl. The cost is \$10 and includes two hours of bowling, pizza, pop, and shoe rental. Please scan the QR code to register for the event. If you have any questions, please reach out to Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org.



Emmanuel Church Office Closed for February Conference - From February 10-14, the staff members of Emmanuel will be attending the Best Practices in Ministry conference in Phoenix, Arizona. This is an unprecedented opportunity for professional development as our staff spends four days learning, worshipping, and growing together. Since it involves the majority of our staff, the church office will be closed from Tuesday, February 10, through Friday, February 14. If a special need for pastoral care arises during this time, you can still reach Pastor Eggold at (260) 414-8691 or Pastor Sheaffer at (260) 416-2590, and arrangements will be made to provide you with the pastoral assistance you need.

Lutherans for Life - On January 25 at 12:00 p.m., join us with Fort Wayne Right to Life's March for Life at the Tin Caps Stadium.

First Impressions - Is the "sandwich generation" ready for dessert? Join us on Wednesday, February 4, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as Susan Imler shares insights on balancing career and caregiving. Homemade pie included!

Visual Faith Workshop: Words from the Upper Room - Join us on Tuesday, February 3, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as we prepare our hearts for Lent. Together, we'll create a devotional featuring opportunities to scribe passages from the Gospel of John. All materials are provided—bring a friend and join us. Sign up at the Connections Counter or scan the QR Code.



Euchre Night - Calling all card players! Emmanuel's Senior High Youth Group (EYG) will host its annual Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 21, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall. The entry fee is \$10 per participant. Snacks and beverages will be provided, and all proceeds will help cover the cost of shipping care packages to Emmanuel's college students. Register with a partner or sign up individually and we'll pair you with someone when you arrive.



iLead 2026 - iLead is a collaborative initiative of several local congregations working together to develop leaders in the church. iLead 2026 churches are Emmanuel, Holy Cross, Promise, St. Michael, St. Peter's, and Suburban Bethlehem. Our last event will take place on February 7 at Emmanuel, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. This event is free to all participants, thanks to generous funding from The Lutheran Foundation. Please register by scanning the QR code.



Trivia Night: Save the Date! The EYG hosted Trivia Night will take place Saturday, March 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Lunch Bunch (60+) - will be on Tuesday, February 17. Our special guests will be from Fairhaven Funeral Home, as well as an elder law attorney. They look forward to sharing how to make necessary arrangements before you need them. They will offer information about preplanning protections as well as address any questions you might have, helpful information even if you have already completed some preplanning. Lunch reservations are required by calling the church office or by signing up at the Connections Counter by Friday, February 13th. The lunch cost is \$10.00 per person payable that day.

Eagles Rise 2026 - Now collecting donations! Please contact either of our auction coordinators if you have something to give! Erin Neuenschwander at 260.417.8373 or Lisa Terrell 260.710.1949. All items should be gathered by Thursday, February 26. And if you, your employer, or other organizations would like more information on supporting ESM's students by sponsoring Eagles Rise, scan the QR code to learn more. Thank you!



The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$117,698	Anticipated Need Through January, 2026: \$201,962
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$140	Year to Date: \$640
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$160	Year to Date: \$335
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,558,596	Mortgage Balance: \$950,000	Total Cost* \$7,438,997
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, January 26

6:30 a.m. Iron & Clay Weekly Devotion
8:30 a.m. Mom's Playdate
3:30 p.m. Lifelight
5:30 p.m. Lifelight
6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, January 27

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
6:00 p.m. Psalms at Chapman's

Wednesday, January 28

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
3:30 p.m. PALS
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 29

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
8:30 a.m. Friends in the Word
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, January 30

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:15 a.m. Joint Chapel at Emmanuel

Saturday, January 31

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

Sunday, February 1

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/
Communion

What was my favorite part of church today?

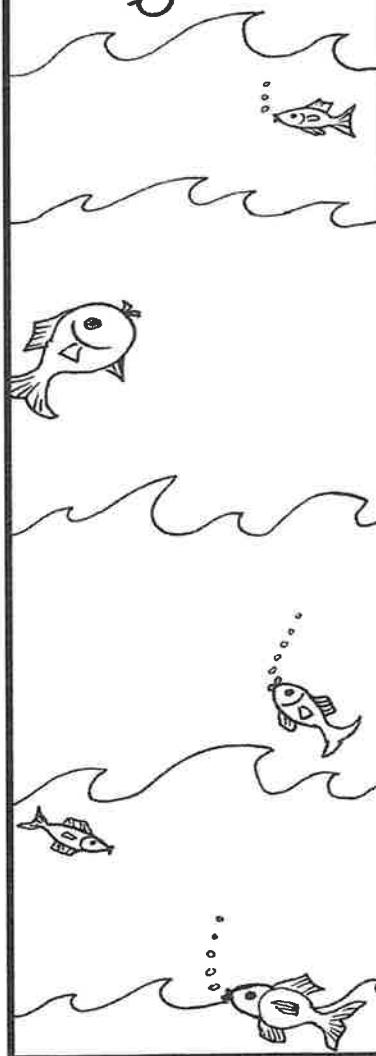


How can I use this in my life?

Songs we sang:



Prayers



Who can you pray for this week?

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.

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