

Divine Worship 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.

EMMANUEL APP



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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“God’s Righteousness”

AS WE GATHER

In the sixteenth century, many held that even though Jesus is God, He alone cannot save us. We need to help Him by doing our part. And so the Lutheran reformers were compelled to build upon Peter’s confession and the Early Church’s creeds by confessing that God declares us righteous and adopts us as His children by grace alone, for Christ’s sake, through faith alone ... Today, the Church continues to confess Jesus as both our Creator (who made human life to function a certain way) and our Redeemer (who has redeemed and restored us to Himself and His purposes for us). [Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation (2018), pp. 352–353]

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 GATHERING SONG: “Across The Lands”

You’re the Word of God the Father,
From before the world began;
Ev’ry star and ev’ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice:
Let the skies declare Your glory,
Let the land and seas rejoice!

(Chorus)

You’re the author of creation,
You’re the Lord of ev’ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands,

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of the cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
With a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free. (Chorus)

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home. (Chorus)

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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 OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 46:1, 8-11)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,

People: a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord.

People: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.

Leader: He will be exalted among the nations.

People: He will be exalted in the earth.

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: God indeed is our refuge and strength, our help and our fortress. Yet we often choose to flee from the refuge of the Lord. We abandon the strength and safety of God, trusting in our own strength and power. The apostle Paul writes that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. And Jesus says that everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. As we enter the house of the Lord and call upon Him for His good and gracious gifts, let us consider our enslavement to sin and our continued shortcomings as God's people.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned as individuals and as a community. We have ignored neighbors in need. We have caused divisions among Your people. We have sought refuge in the things of this world and not in You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, our refuge and strength.

Leader: While we have indeed all fallen short of the glory of God, we are all also justified by God's grace as a gift. Though we have been slaves to sin, God has set us free in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. As a

called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. The Son has set us free, and we are free indeed. Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: “How Rich a Treasure we Possess”

How rich a treasure we possess, In Jesus Christ our Lord. His blood,
our ransom and defense; His glory, our reward.

The sum of all created things Are worthless in compare,
For our inheritance is Him Whose praise angels declare.

How free and costly was the love displayed upon the cross!
While we were dead in untold sin, The Sov'reign purchased us.
The will of God, the Father demonstrated through the Son.
The Spirit seals the greatest work – the work which Christ has done.

For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory.
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory. Amen.

How vast and measureless the flood of mercy unrestrained!
The penalty was paid in full; The spotless Lamb was slain.
Salvation, what a priceless gift, received by grace through faith.
We stand in robes of righteousness; We stand in Jesus' Name.

For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory.
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory. Yours is the Kingdom and the
power and the glory. Amen.

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THE FIRST READING: Revelation 14:6–7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For

there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE RESPONSE: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant one Whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord. And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain, Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With his good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our victory has been won;
The kingdom's ours remaineth!

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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 OFFERING: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine!
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home —
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Filled with God's grace, founded in faith, and nourished by the Word, let us offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, that we faithfully use our freedom in the Gospel to love and to serve both God and neighbor. Preserve the Church from discord and strife. Let the world see that we are Yours, O Lord, by our love for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those entrusted to govern our nation, state, and local community: Guide them and help them to care justly and mercifully for all the people they serve. For the members of our armed forces, for victims of warfare and violence, and for our enemies, we pray that peace may prevail for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for those who are suffering, those we have named and those we name silently in our hearts. We pray that their pain and anxiety be relieved according to God's will. For those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray that God calm their troubled hearts and give them peace to face the days ahead in the confidence that He will never forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for those who visit this congregation, that they may find here a hospitality that bears witness to the kingdom of heaven. For all who travel, we pray that they arrive safely at their destinations. For all the households of this congregation, grant that they be havens of peace and places where Christ is proclaimed and lived. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for this holy assembly, that together we use our Gospel freedom responsibly. By the Holy Spirit, grant that we all undergo ongoing reformation of our hearts and minds and in the proper stewardship of our time, talents, and money, continuing to be faithful partners in ministry. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us give thanks for those who have gone before us and are with the Lord, including Martin Luther and all reformers of the Church. Sustain us in this earthly journey so that, trusting in the promises of Jesus, we, too, will know the joy of all those who have died in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Holy God, hear these prayers of Your faithful people. By Your grace, grant us those things You see that we need for the sake of our Redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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 good, 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, whose perfect righteousness is given to us freely through faith in Him. 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

“Communion”

(Chorus)

This is the body and this is the blood
Broken and poured out for all of us.
And in this communion, we share in His love.
This is the body and this is the blood.

Well, I will remember ev’rything Lord,
That You’ve done for me.
I won’t take for granted the sacrifice that set me free.
I hunger and thirst for You, Lord.
Come fill me today. (Chorus)

We hunger and thirst for Your love.
And Your righteousness.
We long for Your presence here, Lord.
Be with us again. (Chorus)

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“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.

Lutheran Service Book

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Your Grace Is Enough"

Great is Your faithfulness, O God,
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead me by still waters and to mercy,
and nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus)

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice God. You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God. (Chorus two times)

So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God. (Chorus)

Your Grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.

God, I see Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me.

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Rev. 7:9-17; Ps. 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt. 5:1-12

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Eddie and Marilyn Krueckeberg from Rex and Cathi Counterman; in loving memory of Stephen Fisher from his family; and in loving memory of Barry Franklin from Sandy Ely and family.

USHERS: Laura Miller, Andy and Jennifer Barnes

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: 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 the family of Pastor Art Klausmeier 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 Carlton Grotirian (father of Karla Neeld), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Faith Behling, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Renee Bleke, Mark Wasson (brother of Cheri Maxwell), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Kevin Hoffman, Jeff Springer, Jodie Karrick, Jen Harless, Matt Bennett (Ty Bennett's brother), William Kieser (godson of Caleb and Hannah Swor)
- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Linda Barnes, Caroline Eber, Renee Bleke, Mary Gynn, Bob Dietrich, Pam Bryan, Edna Heckber, Bob Klausmeier
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Sherry (friend of Barb and Gary Lesh), Ed and Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Dennis McFadden, 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, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Linda Raatz, Jeff Dunham (brother-in-law of Scott and Christi Everson), Doug Bennett (father of Ty Bennett), Sean Breininger, Herb Schumm, Karen Bickhart (daughter of Barry Doege), Tara Bustos (sister of Sean Breininger), Jeff Bennett (father of Faith Harless), Carol Yeoman (friend of Dave and Joni Scheppele), Amy (daughter of Bruce and Linda Novak), Mark Schmotzer (father of Jacob Schmotzer), Tyrone Woods (friend of Chris Smith)
- 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 Christopher.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Kevin and Gale Kilcline
 - Colin and Madeline King
 - Joe and Amy Kissinger
 - Barbara Klaehn
 - Susie Klausmeier (and thanksgiving for Pastor Art Klausmeier)
 - Bob Klausmeier
 - Tim and Mallory Klausmeier, Max, Lucy, and Jack
 - Kurt and Linda Kleinrichert
 - Bob and Jan Kleinschmidt

- Mary Kleinschmidt
- 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 at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260.616.0679.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2026:

Callaghan Miller	Austin Hayward	Calvin Chess	Michael Flanagan
Sean Flanagan	Morgan Flanagan	Mordecai Austin	Theodore Vachon
Emerson Ross	Esther Burns	Cameron Etzler	Niyanni Berry
Callum Dan	Natalie Sheaffer	Jacob Wiehe	Shaylee Epperson
Willow Hoffman	Endsley Gabet		

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)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room A4
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 Confirmation	School Room D3
8 th Grade Confirmation	LL Ebenezer
High School	Loft

Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Ephesians	Sanctuary

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Clay & Iron Devotion	Brandt Hall	Monday	6:30 a.m.
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Monday	5:30 p.m.
Lifelight	Ebenezer	Tuesday	3:30 p.m.
David - The Anointed One	LL Ebenezer	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesday	8:45 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
@917 Bible Class	Ebenezer Hall	Thursday	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Friday	6:30 a.m.

NEW Sunday Morning Class: Faith, Life, and Worship - Teachers: Pastor Mark Sheafer & Matt Johnston; Location: Lower Level of Ebenezer; Dates: November 1 – December 13 (9:15 - 10:15 a.m.) - Come learn about the Biblical roots for our worship practices and the ways that our worship life can impact everyday of our life.

The News of the Church

Grief Share “Surviving the Holidays” - Holiday grief can be tough, emotionally, relationally, physically and spiritually. In this two-hour gathering, we will explore how the holidays can be both manageable and meaningful...

- how to respond to social invites
- how to balance solitude and fellowship
- how to remember your loved one
- how to be grateful for blessings

“Surviving the Holidays” will take place on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in LL Ebenezer. Please RSVP to Lana Hille at 260.417.5639 or you can sign up at the Connections Counter by Sunday, November 8. A brunch will be provided, and books will be gifted by Thrivent. Feel free to bring a Christmas culinary treat of your own to share.

American Heritage Girls Open House on November 2 - Looking for faith, service, and fun for your daughter? Come learn about American Heritage Girls (AHG), a Christ-centered program where girls from ages 5-18 grow in faith, build friendships, develop leadership and life skills, serve others, and enjoy outdoor adventures! Open House: Monday, November 2, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in LL Ebenezer. Girls and parents are invited to learn about troop meetings, activities, and registration. Questions? Contact Kirsten Moravec at KMoravec8@gmail.com.

Mission Task Force is looking for a volunteer for Neighborhood Outreach, in which we provide a welcoming presence to our West Central neighbors. Our objectives: Include: hosting quarterly prayer walks in West Central, identifying people moving into the neighborhood, and providing welcome packets to new neighbors. Contact Tina Bruce @ tmb4sons@gmail.com if interested or need additional information.

Visual Faith Ministry - Join us for our Visual Faith workshop: 2027 Gratitude & Prayer Journals on Tuesday, November 3, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. What can we learn from our pastors about growing in prayer and drawing closer to God? **Join us for a special evening with Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheaffer** as they share insights into their personal prayer lives and practices. Then, we'll get creative as we begin putting together our 2027 Gratitude & Prayer Journals! Come explore this meaningful practice, enjoy fellowship, and discover a fresh way to grow in your faith. All supplies are provided! Please sign up at the Connections Counter. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!

Veterans Luncheon Invitation - To all veterans: The Life Team at Emmanuel warmly invites you to a luncheon in your honor on **November 11 at 11:30 a.m.** as we thank you for your service to our country. The luncheon will be held in Lower Level Ebenezer, with elevator access available. You are welcome to bring a guest. Please RSVP by **November 8** by calling the church office. Thank you for your service. We hope to see you on November 11!

Donation Opportunities:

Washington School is in need of winter coats ,gloves, hats, and pants for both boys and girls, sizes of 5 to12. Thank you for your generosity!

Wellspring's Child's Full Plate Initiative - For many local children, winter break means losing access to the breakfast and lunch they receive at school. Wellspring's Child's Full Plate initiative helps fill that gap by providing free boxes of nutritious, kid-friendly food that children can prepare themselves. Just \$50 provides a box of food for one child, helping ensure they have meals throughout winter break. Please consider supporting this important ministry and helping make sure no child goes hungry this holiday season. Donations can be made online at Child's Full Plate or by mailing a check to Wellspring, 1316 Broadway, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

ESM November Dine-to-Donate Night - Save the date! Join us at Portillo's on Coliseum Blvd. from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on November 12 and support ESM 8th graders fundraising for their Washington, D.C. trip. Present the flyer or use code PORTILLOS63 when ordering online or in the app. Enjoy dinner while supporting our students!

Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night! - Get ready for a night of food, fun, and friendly competition at Emmanuel's Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night on Saturday, November 21, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the gym! The evening begins with an hour of chili sampling, with sides, hot dogs, and desserts, followed by Bingo for gift card prizes. This family-friendly event is sponsored by the Emmanuel Youth Group, with proceeds supporting the 2027 Servant Event to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Get involved by entering

a chili into the competition or donating a \$10 gift card(s) for a Bingo prize. Gift cards may be dropped off at the church office or the Connections Counter on Sunday mornings.

Save the Date! ESM is hosting their annual Grandparents' Day celebration on November 20. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the connections that ESM students have across generations. They are looking for volunteers to "adopt" a student for a day who does not have a grandparent or special guest to attend the event. Save the date now and look for more information to come! If you would like to help in this way, please contact Joy Kreider at the school office 260.422-6712 or email at office@esmeagles.com.

Pictorial Directory Update - We are pleased to report that all our directory materials have been submitted to Universal Church Directories and are in the production phase. Their design team will use the information, photos, and content we provided to create a proof copy for review before the directory goes to print. Thank you for your patience as this process moves forward. We look forward to sharing the finished directory with our church family in the coming months.

Bridge 20/30 is a Christian group for adults in their 20s and 30s focused on building community, friendships, faith, and fellowship through social events, devotion, and activities throughout the Fort Wayne area. New participants are always welcome! The next event is on October 27 at 7:00 p.m.: Fall Costume Party & Pumpking Carving at The Garden.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,852,381	Anticipated Need Through October: \$2,020,764
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$530	Year to Date: \$12,075
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$155	Year to Date: \$4,357
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,995,650	Mortgage Balance: \$491,950	Total Cost* \$7,474,989
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, October 26

6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotion
8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Moms
6:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 27

3:30 p.m. Lifelight
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, October 28

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel
8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
9:30 a.m. ESM Preschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
5:00 p.m. Junior Chorale Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, October 30

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

Saturday, October 31

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

Sunday, November 1

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
5:00 p.m. Mission Meeting
6:00 p.m. SNA



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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