

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



emmanuelutheran.org



Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“5 Loaves, 2 Fish, 5000+ People!”

AS WE GATHER

We often admire moments where people do a lot with so little! Injured athletes fight through the pain to deliver for their team. Schools' staff sacrifice and extend to meet the needs of their students and families. Business owners invest their lives to build their dreams from scratch. Yet, when our God does it, we're often less impressed. So much so that we'll deny God the chance to do His mighty work through little old us! Our sin and inability keep us from recognizing God's salvation and ability. Mercifully, our readings from Isaiah, Romans, and Matthew uncover for us again the gracious truth that our God can do and does so much with so little!

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 43:4; 136:1)

Leader: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

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

Leader: We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.

People: Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.

Leader: We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.

People: Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.

Leader: We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.

People: Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. You are counted as children of Abraham because of the faith God has planted within you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Come Unto Jesus"

Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary.

Come to the mercy seat; fervently kneel.

Here, bring your wounded heart, broken and needy.
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.
Joy of the comfortless, light for the straying,
hope of the penitent, peace in our strife;
here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
“My yoke is easy, my burden is light.”

(Chorus)

Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens; He is enough.
Come unto Jesus; rest in His love.

Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners;
drink from the cup of His promise made sure.
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters.
Brace overflowing is yours evermore. (Chorus)

Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking.
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for his kingdom unfading.
Come unto Jesus; take up your cross.
Come unto Jesus; take up your cross.

Life everlasting He offers to us! (Chorus two times)

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THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-13

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶But it is not as though the

word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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: “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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THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheafer

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: "When Peace Like a River"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (Chorus)

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Chorus)

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. (Chorus)**
Lutheran Service Book. Arrangement by Craig Dahlkamp

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Father, Your steadfast love is gracious and overflowing. Teach Your people to look to You in every need; to be thankful for everything that You give them; and to know that no danger, trouble or hardship can ever separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, we give You thanks that You have blessed us beyond what we deserve and given to us Your Church. Bless all church workers in their service to us in Your name, and bless those now considering and preparing for church work. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, Your Son miraculously fed the crowds and satisfied them. We thank You for all You provide to support our bodies and lives. Make us content with what You give, that we may not covet or turn elsewhere for what comes from Your hand alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, we are richly and daily surrounded with Your love and care. Give us eyes to see Your mercies new every morning, and grant us grateful hearts, that what we have received we may generously share with the needy and Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, visit us in Your compassion. Deliver the sick from their infirmity, the troubled from their afflictions, the grieving from their sorrow and the dying from their fear. May all who cry to You receive grace according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, Your steadfast love and mercy are forever, but our faith is daily tested and tempted. Give us strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in Your sufficient grace within Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: O Lord, let us seek You while You may be found, call upon You in the day of salvation and be prepared by Your mercy for the day of judgment; 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 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, who by His death and resurrection opened to all people Your gracious promises of eternal 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 (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

“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

“Come to the Fountain”

All who are weak, all who are weary
Come to the rock, come to the fountain.
All who have sailed on the rivers of heartache
Come to the sea, come on, be set free.

(Chorus)

If you lead me, Lord, I will follow,
Where You lead me Lord I will go.
Come and heal me Lord, I will follow,
Where You lead me Lord I will go.
I will go. I will go.

All who are weak, all who are weary
Come to the rock, come to the fountain
All who have climbed on the mountains of heartache
Reach to the stars, come on, give your life. (Chorus)

All who are weak, all who are weary
All who are tired, all who are thirsty
All who have failed, all who have broken,
Come to the rock, come to the fountain. (Chorus)

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “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 POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Job 38:4-18; Ps. 18:1-6; Rom. 10:5-17; Matt. 4:22-33

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in honor of the 55th Wedding Anniversary of Jim and JoAnn Wudy; in loving memory of Ben Davis from his family; in celebration of the Baptismal birthdays of Pastor Sheaffer and Everett and our 38th Wedding Anniversary from Rev. Mark and Jayne; and in love and honor of the birthday of David Tinsley from his family.

USHERS: Dale and Pat Bultemeier

COMMUNION: Gary Meredith

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 strength, healing, peace and comfort for Carlton Grotrian (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, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Melissa Henry (sister of Judy Huesner), Renee Bleke, Mark Wasson (brother of Cheri Maxwell), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Kevin Hoffman, Jeff Springer, Jodie Karrick

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Sally Schilf, Linda Barnes
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krantz (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, 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, 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), Vanita Engelbrecht (mother of Amy Rast)
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Karen Harkenrider
 - Dave and Judy Harkless
 - Paul and Faith Harless, Jersie
 - Wesley and Jen Harless, Zackery, Stephen, Haylee, and Austin
 - Jessica Harman, Elena and Carolina
 - Joel and Leslie Harman, Oakley and Blake
 - Carol Harper
 - Jeff Harper
 - John Harper, Dolores
 - Jeff and Julie Harper
- 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

- o Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
- o Lutherans For Life (LFL)
- o 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.

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	

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 Morning Bible Class: Abiding in the Vine, Leader: Stephen Bornheimer
Location: Brandt Hall, Time: 9:15 -10:15 a.m.

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Clay & Iron Devotion	Brandt Hall	Monday	6:30 a.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
@917 Bible Class	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

The News of the Church

Emmanuel Welcomes Charles Hedman from LifeWise Academy - On Sunday, August 2, Charles Hedman will introduce us to the ministry of LifeWise Academy and share how it is bringing Bible education to public school students and their families in Southwest Allen Community Schools. LifeWise seeks to support students, schools, and communities by reinforcing Biblical truth and positive character. Independent research highlighted by LifeWise has found encouraging results in schools where the program is offered, including improved attendance, fewer suspensions, and stronger

academic performance. Surveys also show broad support among participating families and educators. Most importantly, LifeWise celebrates the spiritual impact taking place as children encounter God's Word and learn about the love of Jesus. We look forward to hearing from Charles and learning more about this growing ministry and the opportunities it provides to share the Gospel with the next generation. Please give him a warm Emmanuel welcome!

Supporting Ministry to the Deaf at Emmanuel - This Sunday, August 2, American Sign Language students from the Church Interpreter Training Academy (CITA) will interpret our 10:30 a.m. Divine Service. CITA is operated by the Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society for the Deaf and is led by Pastor Thomas Dunseth, an LCMS missionary and pastor to the Deaf. CITA trains interpreters to communicate the Lutheran Divine Service and the Word of God in American Sign Language. Participants learn to interpret the *Lutheran Service Book*, deepen their understanding of Lutheran theology and worship, and develop skills for inviting Deaf people into the life of the Church and sharing the Gospel in ASL. This ministry is especially important because an estimated 96 percent of Deaf people are unchurched. We are grateful to welcome these CITA students and to support their training as they help make the Gospel accessible to Deaf people in their own language.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for Emmanuel's 41st Annual GOLF OUTING set for Saturday, August 22 at the Eel River Golf Course in Churubusco, IN. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$90 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, coffee/donuts, snacks and beverages, a delicious lunch, and prizes. To participate, be a sponsor, or financially donate, scan the QR code, which will take you directly to the registration page.



You can pay digitally when you register online, or with cash the day of the outing. Deadline to participate is Friday, August 14. For questions or help registering, contact Becki or Pastor Sheaffer. Emmanuel's Golf Outing serves as the sole source to The Heidbrink Scholarship fund which offers financial assistance to students who are pursuing careers in church work. Last year, after expenses, we raised \$8,653.95. What a blessing and show of support for this outing.

DONATIONS: One of the ways you can help support Emmanuel's Golf Outing is through donations. Your donations help offset the cost of purchasing supplies. For the outing, we purchase food for lunch, snacks, drinks, and prizes. Each year the committee makes sure that the Heidbrink Fund receives as much as possible of what the outing raises. One way you can help is by donating your \$250 Thrivent Action Team card (available once each year to eligible Thrivent members) to help cover outing expenses. Monetary donations of any amount are also greatly appreciated. If you would like to help offset the cost, use the "Other" line on your Contribution envelope and write "Supplies-Golf Outing." Thank you for your generosity and support in making this event a success.

LWML - Our next Lutheran Women in Mission meeting will be on Thursday, August 6; 1:00-3:00 p.m. in LL Ebenezer. Our Bible Study will be led by Judy May and we will conclude with a service project. We hope to see you there!

Visual Faith Workshop - Join us on Tuesday, August 4, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall as we create “Prayer Hug” cards for Emmanuel–St. Michael teachers to share with their students as special notes of prayer and encouragement. What is Visual Faith? It is a simple, creative way to slow down with God’s Word through prayer, Scripture, journaling, and hands-on activities. No artistic experience is needed, all supplies are provided. See you soon!

Playground Playdates - Join us for playground playdates at Krueckeberg Corner playground on Sundays, August 2 and 16 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. We can’t wait to see you there!

First Impressions – Enjoy fellowship and get to know other women at our First Impressions social gatherings this summer! Our last summer gathering is Wednesday, August 5, 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Vinland Reserve Winery (4494 Provision Parkway). We hope to see you there!

Summer Bible Study for Women - Our last session will take place in LL Ebenezer at Emmanuel from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on August 11.

Lutherans for Life – August 14th - Have you ever wondered how to talk to someone effectively about Pro-Life issues? Our guest speaker will be Jordyn Garcia from Right to Life. She will talk to us about Pro-Life apologetics. Pro-life apologetics uses reason and logic to speak about pro-life issues. The purpose is to examine the logic and science in pro-choice statements, with the hope of presenting life affirming truths. We meet at 9:30 AM and all are welcome to join.

ESM is Hiring for multiple part-time positions for the 2026-2027 school year. Positions include Kitchen staff (20 hours a week) and Extended Care staff (Mon, Tues, and/or Thurs afternoons at Union & Monday - Wednesday mornings at Getz Rd. campus). Depending on availability, multiple candidates can be hired for these positions. Please contact hswor@esmeagles.com with any questions.

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 August 4, 7:00 p.m. – Porch Night: 1/4 Life Crisis Series at the Holy Cross Youth Center (3420 N. Anthony Blvd).

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,296,281	Anticipated Need Through August: \$1,587,456
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$170	Year to Date: \$8,281
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$10	Year to Date: \$2,787
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,940,174	Mortgage Balance: \$495,820	Total Cost* \$7,472,268
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, August 3

6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotion

5:30 p.m. LifeLight Book Review

Tuesday, August 4

4:30 p.m. Mission Meeting

6:00 p.m. Visual Faith

Wednesday, August 5

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

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Communion Service

6:00 p.m. First Impressions at Vinland Winery

Thursday, August 6

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

1:00 p.m. LWML

7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, August 7

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

9:00 a.m. Lutherans for Life

Saturday, August 8

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, August 9

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

9:15 a.m. Bible Class – Abiding in the Vine

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Notes

Find Words from the Scripture Readings

Z O M D P F D B F Z
 C O M P A S S I O N
 R O Z F H Z P H O P
 O Z V G N S L F D J
 W H J E B E J Y U K
 D N U Z N V E G G L
 S G P Z D A D E E Y
 D H S I F O N D D N
 A Z A F K L C T S O
 E T T G F P B P S I
 R H I T V L N G E T
 B A S K E T S H L P
 A N F K G Z P A P O
 S K I Z D N L Z I D
 H S E G L O R Y C A
 U I D H D I M D S D
 J F D J F T P F I G
 O D F P Y A G Q D H
 P S S S E N T I W P

COMPASSION
 COVENANTS
 ADOPTION
 DISCIPLES
 SATISFIED

BASKETS
 WITNESS
 CROWDS
 NATION
 LOAVES

THANKS
 BREAD
 GLORY
 FOOD
 FISH



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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