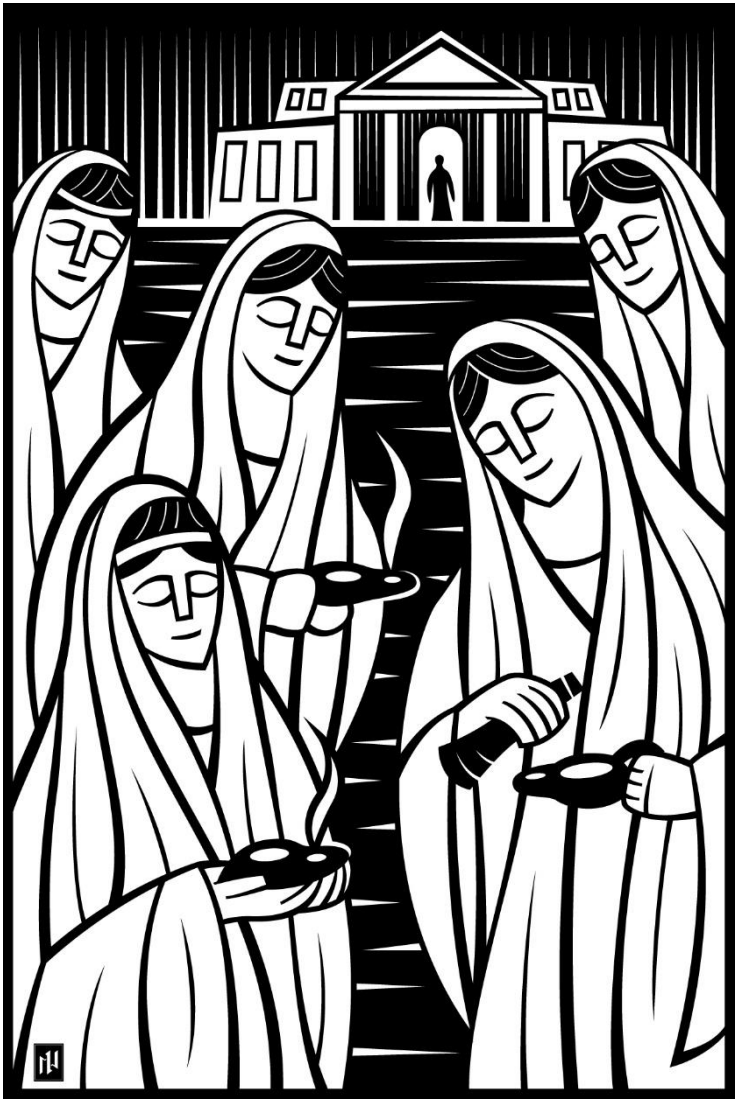
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Hopeful Living”

AS WE GATHER
The emphasis for the readings during this time of the Church Year heighten our focus us on Christ's return. This weekend our readings call us to live hopefully (not wishfully) in the sure and certain promises of our God, in the finished work of our Savior, as we await His second coming. The hope we have changes the way we worship. This hope changes the way we prepare in this time of waiting. Our hope changes the way we grieve those who die in the faith. This hope we have in Christ allows us to encourage each other as we anticipate our Savior's return. May the Holy Spirit sustain us in this hope every day of our lives! Amen.

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: “Indescribable”
From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation’s revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming;

(Chorus)
Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. All powerful, untamable.
Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom. (Chorus)
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(Please stand as you are able)
THE INVOCATION
Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit,
People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Leader: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Leader: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of 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 SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)
THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)"
For what we have done and left undone
We fall on Your countless mercies.
For sins that are known and those unknown,
We call on Your name so holy.
For envy and pride, For closing our eyes;
For scorning our very neighbor.
In thought, word, and deed, We've failed You, our King;
How deeply we need a Savior.

(Chorus)
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

For what You have done, Your life of love
You perfectly lived, we praise You.
Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes;
You finished the work God gave You.
And there on the tree, A King among thieves,
You bled for a world's betrayal.
You loved to the end, Our merciful friend;
How pure and forever faithful. (Chorus two times)

For hearts that are cold, For seizing control;
For scorning our very Maker.
In thought, word, and deed,
We've failed You our King;
How deeply we need a Savior. (Chorus two times)

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THE FIRST READING: Amos 5:18–24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the
LORD? It is darkness, and not light, [19]as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.
[20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness
in it? [21]"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
[22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not
accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon
them. [23]Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I
will not listen. [24]But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-
flowing stream."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep,
that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that
Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that
we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those
who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry
of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of
God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will
be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so
we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these
words.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1–13

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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: "Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"

All of creation, all of the earth,
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord. Jesus is coming soon.
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame. Jesus is coming soon.

(Chorus)
Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King,
We sing, "Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.
Even so come, Lord Jesus come."

There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true.
Jesus is coming soon. (Chorus)

So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for you.
God, we wait; You're coming soon. Oh! (Chorus)

"Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come."

God, we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon. (Chorus)

"Even so come, Lord Jesus, come."

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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 RESPONSE: "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: Heavenly Father, grant to us all things needful and dissuade us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that together we as Your Church may confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, keep us ready for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. As we wait, keep us from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory on the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, give comfort and hope to those who grieve. For those who struggle with health of mind or sickness of body, grant healing

according to Your will. For all whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day, grant patience. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, we, are filled with emotions and anxiety at the frightening events occurring in the world around us. We do not understand everything that we see happening and we long for speedy and complete solutions to the increasing conflicts. Lord, as we run to You for answers and action, please strengthen our faith with the knowledge that You remain in control. Give us patience with Your timing, trust in Your eternal plan, hope in Your faithfulness, and peace in Your ongoing presence, even in these troubled times. Anchor us in Your Word, give us courage to proclaim the good news of the Gospel and guide us to best serve our neighbors in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "You Never Let Go"

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear;
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know You are near.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me; And if my God is with me,
Whom shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

(Chorus)

Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go, in ev'ry high and ev'ry low.
Oh no, You never let go. Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare;
And there will be an end to these troubles. But until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth.
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me; And if my God is with me,
Whom shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear? (Chorus)

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.
And there will be an end to these troubles. But until that day comes,
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You. (Repeat) (Chorus)

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Zeph. 1:7–16; Ps. 90:1–12; 1 Thess. 5:1–11; Matt. 25:14–30

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory and in thanksgiving for the time we had with our son and brother, Will Chin from Willie Chin and Wanda and Mike Reuille; and in loving memory of Frank and Millie Vorich and Matt and Beverly Lester from Larry and Becky VonGunten.

USHERS: Kathy Lash and Catherine Lash

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
    - We give thanks with Donald Gentile and Amy Jacobowitz, who were married on Saturday. We ask the Lord to bless their relationship with a love for each other that is based on His perfect love. Pray that He will guide their life together and keep them always grounded in the faith that they may be a blessing to each other and to those around them.
    - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for 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, 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, Jen Harless, Karen Wyss
    - 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), Judy Kalb, Beverly Fox (Christi Everson's mom)

- 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 Elena.

- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
  - Zane Konow
  - Rosalind Koscher
  - Sandy Koselke
  - Megan Kraft, Sienna, Jonah, Hudson, and Ashton
  - Debbie Krauhs, Samuel and Audrey
  - Andrew and Lily Kristufek
  - Patty Krouse
  - Cass Kruckeberg
  - Jim and Debi Kruckeberg
  - Hallie Kruckeberg, Leanna LeStarge

- 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 Sheafer	Jacob Wiehe	Shaylee Epperson
Willow Hoffman	Endsley Gabet		

The Teaching of the Church

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-1st Grade	School Room A1
2nd-3rd Grade	School Room B3
4th-5th Grade	School Room B5
6th -7th Grade Confirmation	School Room D3
8th Grade Confirmation	Cafeteria
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Ephesians	Sanctuary
Faith, Life, and Worship	LL Ebenezer

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.

Guest Bible Study: The Missouri Synod as a Singing Church – Benjamin Kolodziej, who is an LCMS author, composer, choirmaster and lecturer, will be at Emmanuel this Sunday, November 8 to lead a bible study entitled "Faithful, Practical, Musical: How the Missouri Synod Became a Singing Church." This will align with the new bible class, "Faith, Life and Worship" lead Pastor Mark Shafer and Matt Johnston's bible class starting today, Nov. 1st in the Ebenezer Lower Level. Mr. Kolodziej will discuss how the Synod became and still is an active "singing Church." He will also be the Organist for the Sunday worship services that morning.

The News of the Church

The Story Continues: A Renewed Vision for Emmanuel – After months of prayer, discussion, and planning, *The Story Continues: A Renewed Vision for Emmanuel* is ready to share. This renewed vision shifts our focus from buildings to ministry and mission as we look toward the next chapter of Emmanuel's story. Members are

encouraged to review the vision plan and learn more at a Vision Forum on Sunday, November 15, at 12:00 p.m. in LL Ebenezer. Our annual **Congregational Voters' Assembly** will be held Sunday, November 22, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, where members will vote on the 2027 budget, elect congregational leaders, and consider approval of the vision plan. Please see the weekly newsletter for details, registration information, and access to the vision plan. As God continues to bless Emmanuel's ministry, we invite you to join us in celebrating His work and discerning the next chapter together. If you would like a paper copy of The Story Continues: A Renewed Vision for Ministry, please request one from the church office.

The Lutheran Witness Magazine - If you would like to subscribe to The Lutheran Witness for 2027, please fill out the form below, enclose it in an envelope along with your payment of $25, and return it to the church office by Tuesday, November 24. Please make your check payable to Emmanuel Church.

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Lunch Bunch - Members around 60 and over are invited to join us Tuesday, November 17. Following lunch, Pastor Eggold will share Emmanuel's new ministry vision, The Story Continues, and provide an overview of the planning process that will help guide our congregation's future mission and ministry. Join us in LL Ebenezer at 11:00 a.m. for fellowship and 12:00 p.m. for lunch. Reservations are required by Friday, November 13 by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 or signing up at the Connections Counter. Cost is $10 per person, payable that day.

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, along with hot dogs, sides, and desserts, followed by Bingo for gift card prizes. Chili supper is $5 per person, and Bingo boards are $2 each or 3 for $5. This family-friendly event, sponsored by the Emmanuel Youth Group, supports the 2027 Servant Event to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. You can get involved by entering a chili in the competition using the QR code or donate a $10 gift card for Bingo prizes. Gift cards may be dropped off in the church office or at the Connections Counter on Sunday mornings.

Missions & Outreach

Christmas Giving Tree - This year our Christmas Giving Team will again participate in the Byron Health Center Angel program as well as assist our Emmanuel and ESM families. The Giving Trees will include tags for gifts and gift cards. Check the green brochures available on November 7 & 8 for the date that gifts need to be returned and the date for wrapping gifts. Please include all tags with your gift.

Santa Shop for Washington Elementary School – Santa Shop offers students at Washington School the opportunity to "shop" for items that they can gift to family members for Christmas. The shop is seeking donations of $1 to $5 gift items, as well as gift bags in all sizes. Please bring your donation(s) to the church by Friday, December 4. To sign up to help wrap gifts (Monday, December 14 – Thursday, December 17), please contact Diane Witzenman at 260.249.1307. Thank you for your support, kindness and generosity to Washington Elementary School!

Belize Mission Trip: The Beginning of an Exciting Partnership! – From November 14 – 21, Bret and Bonnie Walker will represent Emmanuel on a mission trip to Belize, serving alongside the Belize Mission Society and fellow LCMS congregations from Florida and Colorado. The team will serve the community of Seine Bight through a variety of ministries, outreach efforts, and service projects. More than a week of service, this trip marks the first step toward what we hope will become an ongoing partnership with the Belize Mission Society, paving the way for future mission trips involving more members of our Emmanuel family. Following the trip, Bret and Bonnie will share their experiences and help us explore future opportunities. Please

keep the Walkers and the people of Belize in your prayers as we seek new ways to be a caring family sharing God's love and forgiveness around the world!

King's Community Outreach Christmas Food Distribution – Once again, Emmanuel is partnering with Rev. Lewis King and King's Community Outreach to help provide Christmas meals for families in our community. Last year, Emmanuel generously donated more than 1,000 cans of green beans! This year, we hope to collect 1,000 cans of green beans and 500 boxes of instant mashed potatoes. These donations may be dropped off in Ebenezer Hall throughout November. Volunteers are also welcome to help with the food distribution on Saturday, December 19, at 9:30 a.m., at McMillen Park Community Center. Thank you for helping share Christ's love with our neighbors this Christmas season!

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!

Shepherd's Hand Blessing Bags – This Thanksgiving season, you can help provide a complete holiday meal for a local family in need through The Shepherd's Hand Blessing Bags. A donation of $25 supplies a family of four with Thanksgiving meal essentials, including canned turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberries, gravy, cornbread mix, and brownie mix. Your support is a simple way to share Christ's love and bring hope to families in our community. Scan the QR code to donate. Thank you for helping make Thanksgiving a blessing for others!

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.

Emmanuel-St. Michael News & Opportunities

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!

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.

Community Connections

The Forgotten Stones Art Show and Fundraising Event - You are invited to a special evening supporting The Forgotten Stones on Friday, November 20, at WunderKammer Company, 3412 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The evening will feature live painting, poetry, photography, an interactive exhibit highlighting The Forgotten Stones and its future expansion plans, a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and dessert. A cash bar will also be available. Tickets may be purchased at the Forgotten Stones website. For questions, contact Brandi Schorey at Brandi.Schorey@anthem.com.

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 November 10 at 7:00 p.m.: Trivia Night at What's Up Pub & Grill (918 Woodland Plaza Run).

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: $1,977,254	Anticipated Need Through November: $2,199,305

DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: $240	Year to Date: $12,445

CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: $185	Year to Date: $4,577

IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received:	Mortgage Balance:	Total Cost*
$7,003,338	$455,770	$7,479,993

*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, November 9
6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotion
8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Moms
5:30 p.m. Lifelight Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 10
3:30 p.m. Lifelight
5:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
6:00 p.m. West Central Board Meeting

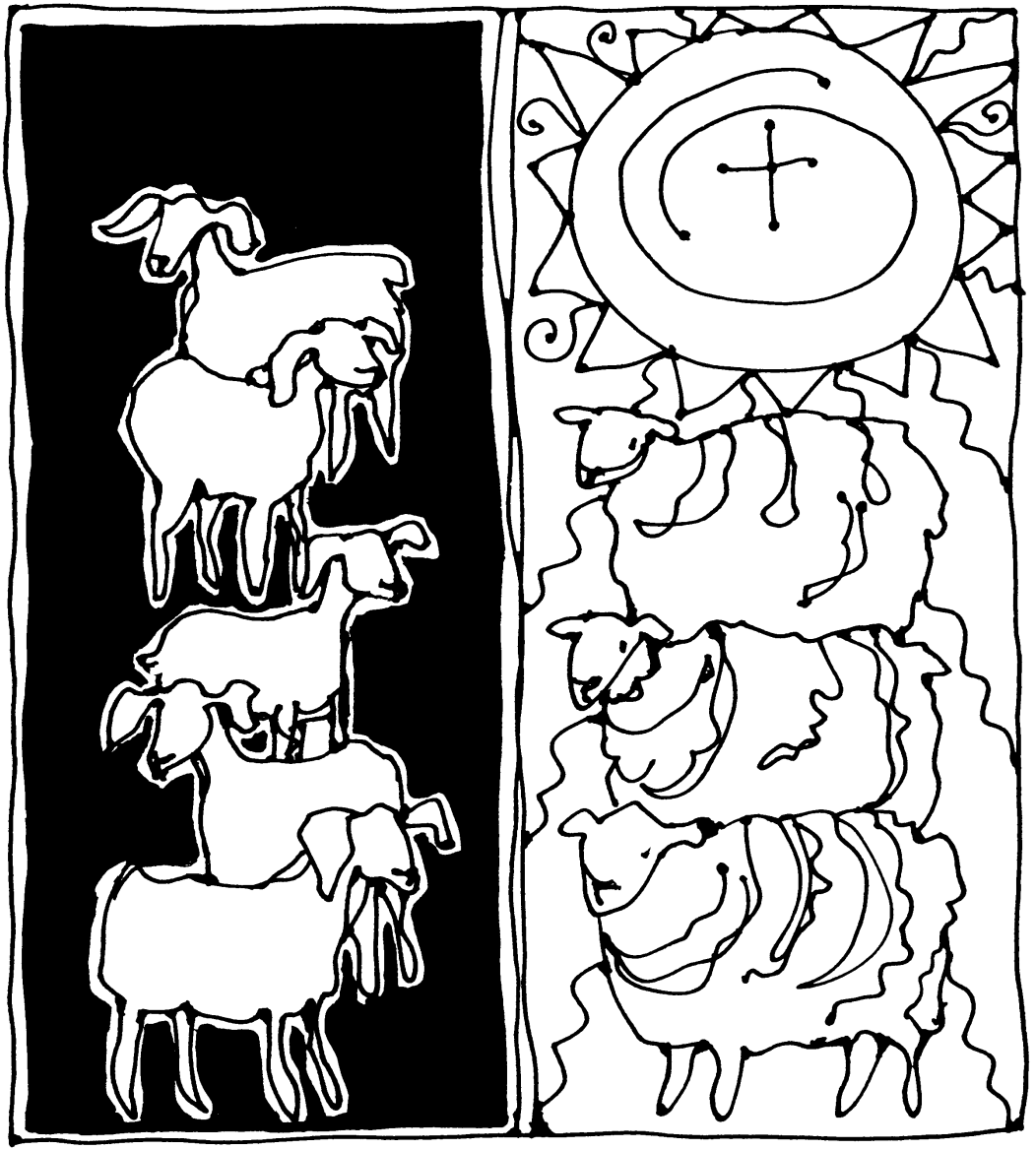
Wednesday, November 11
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel
8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
9:30 a.m. ESM Preschool Chapel
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
3:30 p.m. PALS
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12
ESM 2 Hour Delay
8:30 a.m. TEC21
8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
1:00 p.m. LWML Service Project
5:00 p.m. Junior Chorale Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, November 13
6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Lutherans for Life
4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, November 14
10:00 a.m. Surviving the Holidays - Griefshare
2:00 p.m. Wedding – Schane/Bieberich
5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

Sunday, November 15
8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion
12:00 p.m. The Story Continues: Vision Forum
3:30 p.m. Middle School Youth
6:00 p.m. SNA



WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES

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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