NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: FEBRUARY 26, 2022

February 26, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Worship and Bible Class this Weekend

This weekend Holy Communion will be offered in the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday. We will be offering Bible class for adults and high school youth, confirmation for grades 6-8, and a Sunday school program for children from

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birth through grade 5. For a complete listing of all current classes and locations, *click here*.

Prayers for PALS

On February 9, we began a second session of our PALS program in which we partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. Each week we will be praying for some of our Washington School PALS by name and we encourage you to join us in the ministry. **This week, we will pray for Bryson and Kiarra**.



Study the History of the LCMS with President Rast

This year, 2022 is the 175th anniversary of the LCMS. To commemorate this anniversary, we invite you to join pastor, historian, and Seminary President Larry Rast for a six-week course that looks at the story of our church body and how it

has experienced joys and sorrows as it has proclaimed the Gospel in different settings and situations. This won't be just a recitation of names and dates and facts to be memorized for a test. Rather, this study looks at the powerful ways God has been at work through many frail human beings.

The class will meet in the sanctuary between services from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Plan to join us on the following dates:

•February 27: Lutheran Churches in America, 1620-1840

•March 6: Mission to America: Friedrich Wyneken and the Sendlinge

- March 20: The Stephanite Emigration
- •March 27: C. F. W. Walther and the Founding of the Missouri Synod
- •April 3: From German to English
- •April 10: Fragmentation, Numerical Decline, and a Challenging Future

Ash Wednesday

The penitential season of Lent begins next week as we mark Ash Wednesday on March 2, with special worship services at 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This year, our midweek Lenten services will feature a series entitled, "Lamb of God Pure and Holy." Based on the hymn by the same title, "Lamb of God Pure and Holy" will focus our mediation on Jesus as

the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Join us as we reflect on the complete sacrifice and gift, Jesus, the very Lamb of God, is for us.

We invite you to join us each Wednesday for these special midweek services which will be held at 11:30 a.m. (Holy Communion will be served in this service each week, with no singing and face coverings required), and at 7:00 p.m.

Support Our School Through Eagles Rise

Please join us **this Thursday, March 3**, for dinner and fellowship with other friends of Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM)! Help us provide for our future as we host our spring fundraising event, Eagles Rise, at the Embassy Theatre Ballroom in downtown Fort Wayne. This fellowship and fundraising event will include:

Dinner

- •Silent and live auctions,

•A State of School address, including an opportunity to meet and hear from our new ESM Principal, Dr. Ben Stellwagen

A paddle raise donation

Tickets are on sale for \$65 each and can be purchased online <u>here</u> or you may also purchase tickets through the school office (Kathy Lash, 260.422.6712). Reserve your spot now for this great event as space is limited!

Congregation Votes to Expand Church Staff

In a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 13, the voters of Emmanuel approved a recommendation from the Elders and Church Council to expand our staff by calling a full-time worker in the area of Youth and Family Ministry. The responsibilities of the new staff member will include:

- Leadership of Emmanuel Youth Group, while also building upon existing ministries designed for students in grades 6-8, post-high school youth, and young adults.
- Responsibility for our Family Ministry (Critical Target Ministry), which includes the youth programming listed above as well as administrative oversight and development of Emmanuel's annual plan for Family Ministry.





• A leadership role in our school ministry by teaching religion, leading chapel, and serving as a relational bridge between our church and school ministries.

A call committee has been formed and is meeting with the goal of recommending a candidate to the congregation by March 27. If you have questions about the new position or if you have the name of a candidate you'd like to recommend to the committee, please email Pastor Eggold at <u>taeggold@hotmail.com</u>. Names should be submitted by this Friday, March 4.



The Over-60 Lunch Bunch March Meeting

Lunch Bunch will take place on **Tuesday, March 15**, and will feature Emmanuel member Matt Konow, who serves as Executive Director of Cross Connections. He will be sharing his thoughts on: "Remember When..." As we continue through this pandemic he finds it healthy to look back on certain times in his life when he was going through a prolonged season of hurt, feeling alone, or just overwhelmed, and reminds himself of

the many ways God showed up to comfort him.

Our fellowship hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon, followed by our featured speaker at 12:45 p.m. **Please make reservations by Friday, March 11**, by signing up at the Connections Counter or by calling the church office at 260.423.1369. The meal cost is \$9.00 per person, payable on March 15.

Seniors 60 and Older Euchre Card Party

Come and join the fun on **Saturday, March 12**, at 6:15 p.m. in Ebenezer. We are limited to 24 participants, so register now by contacting Diane Campbell at 260.466.1079 and leave a message, or you can email her at <u>newmoon312@gmail.com</u>. If you want to participate, but don't know how to play, no worries, we will teach you.

Order Your Easter Flowers

Orders for Easter flowers to help beautify our altar on Easter Sunday, April 17, are now being accepted. Please print and fill out the form <u>here</u>, and return it to the church office with your payment. Checks are to be made



payable to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. **Deadline date for ordering is Tuesday, March 15.** Your flower(s) will be available for pick-up after the 11:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.



Join Us for Trivia Night

Emmanuel's Youth Group will host a Trivia Night on **Saturday, March 26**, 6:00-9:00 p.m., in the gym. People of all ages are welcome to take part in a fun-filled evening of trivia, food, and fellowship! Doors open at 5:45 p.m. with pizza, snacks, and beverages. Game play will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Prizes will be up for grabs throughout the evening. Gather a team of 6 to 8 people and demonstrate your general knowledge skills or laugh trying. Cost is \$10 per participant. Contact Sarah Pennekamp at *pennekamp6@yahoo.com* if your business would like be a round sponsor. Profits raised support the high school youth's summer servant event to Charleston, South Carolina. Reserve a table *here*!

Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) Convention

Are you a blessing to your neighbors? Join us at the Indiana LLL Convention on Saturday, March 26, at St. James Lutheran Church, 1206 N Miller Ave., Marion, Indiana. The Convention will include:

- Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour[®] as Guest Speaker
- Learning about Better Together: Discovering the Gifts of Your Neighborhood
- Breakout Sessions: Listening to Our Community; Engaging the Online Community; Understanding the Contemporary Community

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with the convention beginning at 10:00 a.m., concluding with a worship service at 5:00 p.m. There will be a banquet after the worship service at 6:00 p.m. to close out the day.

Registration is \$40 per person which includes both a lunch and the banquet dinner. If you want to participate in the banquet only, cost is \$25 per person. Registration forms are available in Emmanuel's church office. Mail the completed form, with the registration fee, to: Roger Vandrey, IN LLL Treasurer, 2414 Manita Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46234. Registration deadline is March 18.

For more information contact Dan Johnson, IN LLL District President at 260.452.4727 or at <u>dcjsing@yahoo.com</u>.

News from Concordia Lutheran High School Come and See "Joseph" at CLHS

Join CLHS for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on February 26 at 7:30 p.m. and February 27 at 2:00 p.m. One of the most enduring shows of all time, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is the Biblical story of Joseph, his father, Jacob, 11 brothers and the coat of many colors. Preorder tickets at <u>www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/theatre-productions</u>.

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The following ESM students will be participating in the show: Owen Smith (6th), Adelaide Davis (6th), Elsie Davis (4th), and Lucy Moll (6th).

Summer Camp and Summer Classes Registration Open

Concordia's Summer Camp and Summer Class registration is now open! Summer Camps are

available for K-12 grade students and feature something for all interests, including sports, computers, band, drama, and rocket science! We also offer summer classes for students in grades 8-12 (during the 2021-22 school year). Learn more and register at <u>www.clhscadets.com/summer</u>.

Congrats to Concordia's ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Participants

Congratulations to all that participated in the ISSMA Instrumental Solo and Ensemble on Saturday at Carroll. We had 13 entries receive a gold rating and four received silver. Of those 13 earning golds, six individuals will be performing at the State level today, including Emmanuel members Court Wagner and Isaiah Tietz.

Congrats to Coloring Contest Winners

Concordia is congratulating the grade school students who won our "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" coloring contest! The winners included Emmanuel kindergartener Will LaBrash and first grader Gabriela Hofman.

Boys Swim Wins SAC for Fifth Year

The Boys Swim and Dive team won the SAC Championship, making it FIVE years in a row. The boys were also named the WANE-TV team of the week. We had eight boys make the All-SAC team, meaning CLHS made up half the All-Conference team: Nic Doepner, Zac Shaw, Aiden Gleave, Ike Imler, Lance Chandler, Drew Hatfield, Vaughn Henderickson and Tristan Wild. SAC honorable mention went to Eli Macke and Emmanuel member Luke Bieberich. The girl's team finished in third place with three girls making the All-SAC team: Katie McKay, Adrianna German, and Lauren Harris. SAC Honorable Mention went to Jordyn Nygaard.

Senior Art Award

Congratulations to senior Wyatt Chesebrough for receiving honors in the 2022 Scholastic Art Awards of Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio. Wyatt had six works that received awards, including one Gold Key (the top award) for his piece "Mortality's Angels," three Silver Keys, and two Honorable Mentions. His work will be on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art from February 12 to April 9.

DECA Students Excel in District Competition

Our DECA students excelled in the district competition on Saturday, January 15 at Homestead High School. The students brought home numerous top 3 finishes and many first place awards, and all students who competed are moving on to the state competition including Emmanuel members:

• Nathan Labahn: Second Place, Principles of Marketing

- Izzy Smith: Second Place, Accounting Applications
- Drew Scheiderer: First Place, Business Finance

Congrats Cadet Air Rifle Team

Congratulations to the Cadet Air Rifle Team for placing 13th at the Army National JROTC 3P Air Rifle Championships held in Camp Perry, Ohio, on February 12. This match is held simultaneously in three separate locations, Anniston, Alabama; Camp Perry, Ohio and Fort Carson, Colorado. The Cadets did exceptionally well with Emmanuel member Piper Wentland receiving a 6th place regionally and 17th place nationally.

Together in Christ, Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheafer