

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.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Rejected for You”

AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes” (Matthew 21:42). In these words, we hear the truth that God sent His Son to save us, knowing full well that He would be rejected. Yet, Scripture tells us that the rejection of the Son is the “reconciliation of the world” (Romans 11:15). In the One rejected by the world, we are accepted and, because we are accepted in Christ, it means that we can accept others in His name.

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: “His Mercy Is More” (Chorus)

Praise the Lord; His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor.
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us?
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Repeat)

Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

(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 CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 80:7, 18)

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Leader: Then we shall not turn back from You;

People: give us life, and we will call upon Your name!

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

Leader: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

People: Amen.

Leader: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "In the Secret"

In the secret, in the quiet place,

In the stillness You are there.

In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait

Only for you, 'Cause I want to know You more.

(Chorus)

I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice;

I want to know You more. I want to touch You,

I want to see Your face; I want to know You more.

I am reaching for the highest goal

That I might receive the prize.

Pressing on ward, pushing every hind'rance aside,

Out of my way, 'Cause I want to know You more. (Chorus)

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THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

Jan Hoffman, Reader

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Joy Boutakov, Reader

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’

³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE RESPONSE: "Cornerstone"

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame

But wholly trust in Jesus' Name. (Repeat)

(Chorus)

Christ alone. Cornerstone.

Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm, He is Lord.

Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil;
My anchor holds within the veil. (Chorus)

He is Lord. Lord of all. (Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

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THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

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: "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

(Chorus)

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. (Chorus)

Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way.
He's prepared a home for me, And some day His Face I'll see. (Chorus)

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(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, the vineyard of the Lord's planting, that He nurture His Church with the Means of Grace and that we bring forth fruits in keeping with the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For each of us in Christ, that we strive for the prize, forgetting what lies behind and pressing toward the goal of our eternal salvation and everlasting life with God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the nations, that those who lead us heed the Word of God and preserve us from all threats to our faith and promote virtue and goodness in all we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this congregation, that we not take for granted all that the Lord has given us, and work to bear the good fruit of His kingdom in our lives together and individually, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the sick and all who suffer in body, mind, or soul, that the Lord grant them patience in their affliction, comfort in their pain, and grace to sustain them now and to everlasting life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we are to pray, grant to us all good things needful to us and keep from us all things harmful, that we may not enter into judgment. Keep us from pleading only our righteousness, and cover us with grace that we may wear the righteousness of Christ by faith and so labor within Your vineyard and receive the crown of everlasting life in Christ; through Jesus Christ, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

“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

“Here Is Bread”

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

(Chorus)

In this bread there is healing in this cup is life forever.
In this moment by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.
Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Jesus here. (Chorus)

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.
We'll proclaim till He comes Jesus crucified. (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: Is. 25:6-9; Ps. 23; Phil. 4:4-13; Matt. 22:1-14

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in honor of the 88th birthday of David Linnemeyer; in loving memory of Vern and Esther Miller and Linda Rowlett from their families; and in loving memory of Deb Wyss, from David.

USHERS: Dale and Pat Bultemeier

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 Craig Brigman, 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 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) Eloise Hudson (Sam and Sydney Hudson's daughter)
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Linda Barnes, Caroline Eber, Renee Bleke, Mary Gynn, Bob Dietrich
 - 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, 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), 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 Ariaah and Gabi.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Danny and Robin Jackson, Alyssa
 - Phil and Laura Jackson
 - Amy Jacobowitz
 - Matt and Melissa Johnson, River, Ella, and Eden
 - Ryan and Rachael Johnson, Carter and Cameron
 - Matt and Elizabeth Johnston, Eleanor, Benjamin, Henry, and William
 - Benjamin Jones, Kaitlyn
 - Dawn Jones
 - Katie Jones
 - Kayla Jones
- 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.

One City Week Prayer Partnership - Emmanuel is participating in **One City Week**, an ecumenical initiative that pairs local churches to pray for one another during the weekend of October 3 - 4. This year, we have been partnered with **The Chapel** and are asked to pray for their **Harvest Festival** on October 4. Please pray that the event would connect people with the church, be safe for all involved, reflect Christlike service, glorify God, and help build deeper relationships. Thank you for joining us in supporting our fellow believers through prayer.

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

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	School Room D3
8 th Grade	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	7:00 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.

The News of the Church

First Impressions - Ladies, join us Wednesday, October 7, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall for a relaxed evening of friendship, conversation, and time with other women. Enjoy a break from the usual routine, meet someone new, and simply enjoy being together.

Game On is a group of fun-loving people who enjoy playing no stress games. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. This month's game will be Left Center Right. A sign-up sheet will be at the Connection Counter, but if you forget, come anyway. We always enjoy adding new people to our group.

Emmanuel's 41st Golf Outing – was held on August 22 and was a great day of fellowship and friendly competition. We thank our golfers, sponsors, donors, and especially Jeff Huffman and the staff of Eel River Golf Course for their hospitality and support. Sixteen teams participated, and the day concluded with a meal, raffle prizes, and awards.

First Place Team:

Sam Brunow
Jeremy Bennigan
Nic Bennigan
Corey Roth

Special Event Winners:

Longest Putt: Dex Hoyer
Longest Drive (Men): Dave Bair
Longest Drive (Women): Janet Smith
Closest to the Pin (Men): Jeff Smith
Closest to the Pin (Women): Donna Shook

Thanks to the generosity of our participants and supporters, the outing raised \$12,805, resulting in a net profit of \$8,016.86. All proceeds support the Heidbrink Scholarship Fund, which assists students preparing for church work careers and provides need-based grants for CLHS students. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Emmanuel Golf League Update - As daylight hours decrease these next several weeks, the Emmanuel Golf League will be adjusting their start time. Instead of starting at 5:30 p.m., the weekly league will begin at 4:30 p.m. Thanks for your understanding and flexibility! If you have questions, contact Fred Peterson at 260.437.2885 or Mike Huesner at 260.416.1380.

Lutherans for Life

40 Days for Life Vigil - Our Lutherans for Life members will again participate in the 40 Days for Life vigil outside Planned Parenthood on Lake Avenue. Join us in peaceful, prayerful witness on October 6 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Come for any portion of the vigil and stay as long as you wish. Parking is available at the Right to Life building, 3106 Lake Avenue. Through our quiet presence, we bear witness to the value of every human life.

Strides of Hope's Annual Walkathon will be held October 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the Morsches Park Pavilion in Columbia City. Join Emmanuel's Lutherans For Life team

or support the ministry with a donation through Carolyn Beitz, Julie Hall, Jan Werth, Joyce Lehmann, Judy Kalb, or Wanda Rogers. Proceeds help provide free baby items and Christian parenting classes for young mothers and families. Thank you for your support! Donation statements are available upon request.

Lunch Bunch - October 20 - Senior members are invited to join us as Alex Kiefer, President and CEO of Lutheran Life Villages, shares insights on “Housing and Services in a Silver Tsunami.” Fellowship begins at 11:00 a.m., lunch is served at 12:00 p.m., and the presentation starts at 12:30 p.m. in LL Ebenezer Hall. Cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP by October 16 at the Connections Counter or by calling the church office at 260.423.1369. We hope you'll join us!

The Emmanuel-St. Michael Craft Show will take place on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at 1123 Union Street. Enjoy shopping from over 40 vendors, raffles, concessions, and more, all while supporting the 8th Grade Class Trip fundraiser!

Emmanuel Junior Chorale - Come join our new choir, the Emmanuel Junior Chorale, and sing with us for Christ the King Sunday, a mid-week Advent service, and the Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. service! We would love to have as many voices as possible, even if you can only sing for one service! Rehearsals start October 22. Sign up now or by no later than September 30 by scanning the QR code!:



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 4 at 7:00 p.m.: Porch Night – 1 Peter Series, at Holy Cross Youth Center.

St. John Flatrock’s Fall Rummage Sale will be Friday 10/23 from 8-5, with a bag sale Saturday 10/24 from 8-12. 12912 Franke Rd, Monroeville, Indiana 46773. The bag sale will be \$3 for a brown paper bag, \$6 for a 13 gallon kitchen garbage bag, and half off all priced items.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,691,199	Anticipated Need Through October: \$2,020,764
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$160	Year to Date: \$11,050
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$135

Year to Date: \$3,822

IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,983,279	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 5

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

5:30 p.m. Lifelight

6:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 6

2:30 p.m. iLead at ESM

3:30 p.m. Lifelight

5:00 p.m. Mission Meeting

6:00 p.m. Visual Faith

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 7

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

3:30 p.m. PALS

6:00 p.m. First Impressions

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, October 9

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

9:30 a.m. Lutherans for Life

Saturday, October 10

Women's Retreat at Pokagon

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, October 11

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

6:00 p.m. SNA

Notes



A cartoon illustration of a man carrying a large wooden plank on his shoulder, walking away from the viewer. The plank has the words "I really he sent his Son to them, Saying, 'They Will Respect my Son.'" written on it. The man is wearing a simple tunic and sandals. The background is a simple landscape with hills and a path.

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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