NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: MARCH 12, 2022

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



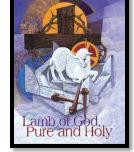


Spring Forward this Weekend

Remember to set your clocks an hour ahead tonight or you'll be late for church in the morning.

Wednesday Lenten Services

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. Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Note: We continue to offer a special service of Holy Communion during the 11:30 a.m. service on Wednesday. If you are unable to attend one of these special Communion services, and desire to receive the Sacrament, please contact the church office to schedule a communion visit.





LCMS Aid to Ukraine

As the situation in Ukraine continues, the church prays and provides for those affected.

In a recent email, the Rev. James A. Krikava, associate executive director of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Office of International

Mission (OIM), Eurasia and Asia Operations, explained that the OIM is already working with several church bodies in Europe to help those affected by this crisis.

This work includes aid for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine (ELCU) and other refugees.

The OIM is currently working with five partner churches to help refugees from this conflict. These church bodies are located in Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Germany and the Czech Republic.

The Rev. Serge Maschewski, bishop of the ELCU, requests funds for medicine; fuel for the evacuation of children, women and the elderly; food; and personal safety gear for pastors who work in dangerous areas.

Maschewski said that the needs are always changing: "I don't know the exact amount of money. Today we need food. Tomorrow we need medicine. The list changes daily." In a recent email to Krikava and LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, Maschewski said, "I want to give special thanks to the faithful of the LCMS, and personally to President Harrison and Pastor Krikava. God bless you! We, by the power of God, will overcome all things, and the Lord will grant us victory!"

The Lord Jesus, who talked about coming wars and calamities, died and rose from the dead to forgive sins and give eternal life to all who believe. Before He ascended, He promised His church, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). The church prays for peace in our world and for faith as we await His coming.

To support the people of Ukraine, please pray for them. If you desire to contribute financially to their needs, there are several ways to donate:

- •Text LCMSUKRAINE to 41-444.
- Give online via LCMS Mission Advancement.
- •Call the LCMS at 888-930-4438.
- Give online via Mission Central.
- •Call Mission Central (Mapleton, Iowa) at 712-882-1029.
- •By mail, make your check out to "The LCMS," and write "Ukraine Relief" in the memo line. Mail to: The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. To find out more about the LCMS efforts to support the Church in Ukraine, *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 Marissa and Marcayden**.



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:

•March 13: The First Rosa

•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

(All sessions will be available to view **here**.)

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 *here*, and return it to the church office with your payment. Also, order forms can be found in Ebenezer Hall, the Welcome Center, or if you would like one emailed or mailed to



you, call the church office 260.423.1369 and ask for Becki or Jen. Checks are to be made payable to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. **Deadline date for ordering is this Tuesday, March 15.** Your flower(s) will be available for pick-up after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

Update Your Online Church Directory Photo

As Emmanuel continues to grow, we ask you, Emmanuel members, to help us keep your picture in the online church directory updated. There are two ways you can do this:

- 1) log into your profile in Emmanuel's online directory (<u>click here</u>) and update your photo, or
- 2) following one of the services during March, go out to the Connections Counter and get your picture taken and we'll make sure to update your profile for you.

If you, as an Emmanuel member, can't access your profile, please reach out to the church office and we'll help you gain access.

Thank you in advance for your help. This will continue to help us all stay better connected. If you have questions, please reach out to the church office.



Emmanuel's LWML Serves

In January, the LWML at Emmanuel packed towels, soaps, and other hygiene products specifically tagged for the *Orphan Grain Train*. On March 3, working with Cross Border Partners, we also sent 12 pallets of 36 boxes of adult and children's clothing to the Orphan Grain Train in a shipment that included the LWML's hygiene products. From Fort Wayne the truck was returning to the Orphan Grain Train facility to be packed in a container to be transported to a port in Virginia where the container will be loaded onto a ship going to a port in Poland. The estimated for

delivery will be about five or six weeks.

Seniors 60 and Older Euchre Card Party

Come and join the fun **tonight, 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.

Join Us for Trivia Night

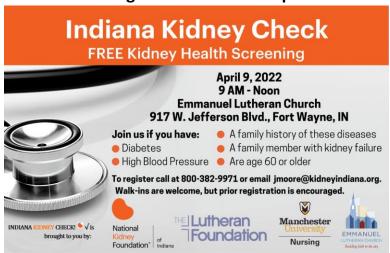
Emmanuel's Youth Group will host a Trivia Night on **Saturday**, **March 26**, 6:00-9:00 p.m., in the gym. People of all ages are welcome to take part in a fun-filled evening of trivia, food, and fellowship! Doors open at 5:45 p.m. with pizza, snacks, and beverages. Game play will begin at 6:15 p.m. 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 <u>pennekamp6@yahoo.com</u> 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 <u>here</u>!

Health Screening at Emmanuel on April 9



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 *dcjsing@yahoo.com*.

Cross Connections Spring Thing

When: Tuesday April 26, 2022, 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Where: Parkview Mirro Center, 10622 Parkview Plaza Dr., Fort Wayne Join us in celebrating the Biblical ministry of Cross Connections as we welcome our featured guest, New York Times best-selling author, Mr. Lee Strobel!

There will be a live auction, a beautiful meal, raffles, and live music. The cost is \$100 per person. There are sponsorship opportunities still available. Call today to register at 260.373.0213, ext. 101, or visit our website: *crossconnectionscounseling.com* and see our Events page.

We hope you will join us!

Together in Christ,
Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheafer