

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

“Forgiveness”

AS WE GATHER

We have been forgiven, and because of this gift we have been given the authority to offer forgiveness to others – not only our personal forgiveness, but also the forgiveness of God! That is the job of the church! We have been justified, we have been sanctified, and we have been called to forgive, and the stakes couldn't be higher. Our actions in this life have eternal ramifications, and when we ignore sin for any reason, we risk losing a sister or brother. But when, by God's power, we step out in love to forgive a brother or sister, we deliver what Jesus accomplished on the cross, and God uses us in ways that have eternal impact.

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: “Indescribable”

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creations 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)

You are amazing God.

(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 AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Grace Alone"

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,

Every difference we will make, is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,

Every blessing left behind, is only by His grace.

(Chorus)

Grace alone, which God supplies,
Strength unknown, He will provide.

Christ in us, our Cornerstone,
We will go forth, in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,

Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,

Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. (Chorus two times)

We will go forth, in grace alone.

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THE FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING: Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the

eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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: “Jesus”

There is a truth, older than the ages.

There is a promise of things yet to come.

There is One born for our salvation, Jesus.

There is a light, that overwhelms the darkness.
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.
There is freedom from the chains that bind us, Jesus, Jesus.

(Chorus)

Who walks on the waters, who speaks to the sea
Who stands in the fire beside me.
He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb.
He carries my healing in His hands, Jesus.

There is a name I call in times of trouble.
There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages.
He is Jesus, Jesus. (Chorus)

(Bridge)

Messiah, My Savior, there is power in Your name.
You're my rock and my Redeemer
There is power in Your name, in Your name.

You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea.
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb.
You carry my healing in Your hands,
God, You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea.
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb.
You carry my healing in Your hands, Jesus.

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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: "Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"

All these pieces, broken and scattered,
In mercy gathered, mended and whole,
Empty-handed but not forsaken, I've been set free! I've been set free!

(Chorus)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
Oh, I once was lost but now I am found;
Was blind, but now I see.
Oh, I can see You now. Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes;
Laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

You take our failure, You take our weakness.

You set Your treasure in jars of clay.

So, take this heart, Lord; I'll be Your vessel,

The world to see Your life in me. (Chorus two times)

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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. We pray for the whole Church, that through it the goodness of God may be shared. And we pray for those who lead the Church, that, mentored by Your mercy, they do so with devotion and humility. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the nations of the world, asking that the call for peace be heard and that the rich bounty of creation be carefully nurtured and thoughtfully shared. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those whose work is dangerous and for those who feel that what they are doing is not noticed by others. Grant a sense of satisfaction to all people in their various vocations, that together we rejoice in times of prosperity and, in times of adversity, be of support to one another. Bless those engaged in works of Christian mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those whose lives know burdens and challenges, whose petitions are joined with ours. This day we commend to Your care all Your children in need of prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: With gratitude, we remember those who have completed their earthly journeys and who by faith now rejoice in Your presence. Grant that their memory among us be blessed. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: These things and whatsoever else we should have asked of You, grant us by Your mercy, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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

“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness

He humbled himself and carried the cross.

Love so amazing, love so amazing.

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, name above all names, blessed redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing. (Chorus)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world. (Chorus)

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“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 DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “Build Your Kingdom Here”

Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we’re made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are Your church. We need Your pow’r in us.

We seek your Kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captive's heart released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor, at peace.
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause.
We are Your church. We pray, revive this earth.

(Chorus)

Build Your Kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your Kingdom here, we pray.

Unleash Your Kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this.
Awake the Kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth. (Chorus two times)

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Gen. 50:15-21; Ps. 103:1-12; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in celebration of the September 2nd Baptismal birthday of Jacob Igney from mom; in loving memory of Vern and Esther Miller and Linda Rowlett from their families; and in loving memory of Ray and Joan Rita Anderson from their 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:
 - We joyfully give thanks for the birth of a healthy baby boy, Elias Dilan Buuck, born to Dilan and Holly (Kiess) Buuck. We ask God to strengthen and protect Elias, and to be with his family as they welcome him into their home.

- Pray for the family of Vanita Engelbrecht (mother of Amy Rast), as they mourn her passing. 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
- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Linda Barnes, Ethan Perkins, Janet Toepfer, Jan Hoffman, Logan Ryan, Charlie Chapman, Caroline Eber, Renee Bleke, Mary Gynn, Addie Meyer
- 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)
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Bryce Hoffman
 - Drew and Nancy Hoffman
 - Eric and Michelle Hoffman
 - Ken and Jan Hoffman
 - Kevin Hoffman
 - Logan and Hannah Hoffman, Jude and Annika
 - Luke and Sarah Hoffman, Sam and Lucas
 - Ryan Hoffman
 - Rick and Stephanie Hoffmann
 - Billy and Britney Hofman, Juliette and Gabriela

- 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 Sheaffer	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.

Christian Education Kickoff – Join us next Sunday, September 13, as we kick off a new year of Christian education! As Bible classes, Sunday School, and Confirmation begin for the fall, the entire congregation is invited to gather from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the gym for food, coffee, fellowship, a bounce house for children, and information about Bible classes and other ministries starting up this season. 10:30 a.m. worship that day will include the Second Grade Home devotional presentation, the dedication of Confirmation families, and the dedication and installation of our Christian Education leaders. Come reconnect after the summer and celebrate the opportunities ahead as we grow together in God's Word.

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.

Monday Morning Moms - Join us for fellowship and encouragement as we walk through the ups and downs of motherhood together. We'll spend time in God's Word, build meaningful friendships, and remind one another we're not alone. Come as you are—we'd love to have you! Book: Limping with God; Dates: September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 30, and December 14. Time: 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Location: Loft; Free childcare available in LL Ebenezer.

LifeLight Bible Class (Day Change) - The class will be studying Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon. Times this year are Mondays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m., starting on September 14 and 15.

Women's Bible Study - The 8:45 a.m. Wednesday Women's Bible Study will resume on September 23 in Brandt Hall with a study of the letters to the Galatians and 1 and 2 Corinthians.

The News of the Church

Catechisms for 6th Graders - As part of the Confirmation process, we are delighted to gift each sixth grade student their very own Catechism as they take an important step in their faith journey. It's our joy to place this resource in their hands and walk alongside them as they continue to grow in Christ. We invite you to celebrate this milestone in your child's faith journey during Education Sunday, September 13 at the 10:30 a.m. service. At that time, you and your child will be invited to the altar to receive a blessing and their Catechism. If your child is entering 6th grade this year, please let us know so we can include them. Call the church office or email Liz Bejot at (LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org).

Bibles & Devotions for 2nd Graders - We are grateful to continue the tradition of gifting our second grade students a Bible, and again this year, we are excited to include a devotion book for them to use at home. Students enrolled at Emmanuel-St. Michael received their Bible at Opening Chapel on the first day of school. If your child is a second grader not attending ESM, we would love to give them a Faith Alive Student Bible along with the devotion book. We invite you to celebrate this milestone in your child's faith journey during Education Sunday on September 13 at the 10:30 service. At that time, you and your child will be invited to the altar to receive a blessing and their devotion book. If your child is entering 2nd grade this year, please let us know so we can include them. Call the church office or email Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org.

Lunch Bunch – Everyone 60(+) is invited to join us for Lunch Bunch as we kick-off another season of food, fun, and fellowship. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 15. Fellowship begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:00 p.m. prepared by our familiar cook, Tammy. Following lunch, our special speaker will be our very own member, Jacob Pennekamp, Concordia Lutheran High School Head of School. Jacob will be sharing an update with us on what is happening as students return to Concordia for the fall semester. The cost for the Lunch Bunch meal is \$10.00 per person, payable that day in the LL Ebenezer. Please stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall to sign up for this event or call the church office at 260.423.1369 by Friday, September 11. We look forward to kicking off our 2026-2027 Lunch Bunch season!

Join PALS! - Do you have a heart for connecting with kids? Are you patient, a good listener, and enjoy sharing the love of Jesus? If so, we'd love to have you join the next session of PALS! Peer Assisted Learning Strategies (PALS) is a ministry of Emmanuel that partners with Washington Elementary to support 2nd and 3rd graders. Each week for eight weeks, these students join us in Ebenezer Hall, where we share snacks, explore the love of Jesus, read, and play together. Your time and kindness can make a lasting impact. Join us in this rewarding ministry in Ebenezer Hall on September 9 for training, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., and on September 16, 23, & 30; October 7, 14, & 21; and November 4 & 11, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Who can volunteer? Any adult, high school student, along with 7th and 8th graders are welcome to apply. Click this link to apply and feel free to email Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org with any questions.

Men's Ministry Breakfast at Emmanuel - All men are invited to Emmanuel's Built to Build Men's Ministry Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, in LL Ebenezer Hall. Pastor Eggold will serve as our speaker as we explore how we are built by God to build up others in the callings He has given us. Through breakfast, conversation, and a practical presentation, we will consider what it means for Christian men to provide, protect, lead, and serve faithfully while first being strengthened by Christ through His Word, worship, prayer, and Christian fellowship. The doors open at 7:45 a.m., and we'll wrap up by 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy breakfast, connect with other men, and consider how God is calling you to build up the people He has placed in your life.

Lutherhaven Men's Retreat - September 25-27 - Men are invited to Camp Lutherhaven for the 2026 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Retreat. The weekend will offer a chance to step away from life's busyness, strengthen your faith, and enjoy Bible study, worship, fellowship, recreation, and time outdoors. Pastor Gabe Kasper will serve as the retreat speaker, with worship led by Chabros Music. Cost ranges from \$50-\$89 depending on lodging. Those who register by September 4 will also receive a free retreat T-shirt. To learn more and to register, please visit lutherhaven.org/programs/retreats/men/.

Lutherans for Life -The 'Right to Life' banquet will be on October 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Coliseum. If interested please contact Carolyn Beitz 260.433.7188 for more information

Emmanuel Women's Retreat - Registration is now open for the 2026 Emmanuel Women's Retreat! Join us October 10-11 at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park for a weekend of encouragement, fellowship, and time in God's Word. Our featured speaker is deaconess, author, and licensed clinical social worker, Heidi Goehmann. Learn more about Heidi and find details on lodging, costs, and meal options by picking up a retreat brochure at the Connections Counter. Register by using the QR code above.



The Friends of Wyneken will host an Oktoberfest at the Wyneken House on Saturday, September 26 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. There will be German and American food and beverages, a silent auction, live music by the duo String Theory and tours of the historic Wyneken House. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Additional information can be found on the Friends of Wyneken Facebook page or by calling/texting 260.437.0420. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

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 September 8 at 7:00 p.m. – Porch Night: 1 Peter Series, at The 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: \$1,518,437	Anticipated Need Through September: \$1,824,287
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$196	Year to Date: \$10,167
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$60	Year to Date: \$3,382
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

“IAG” Total Received: \$6,959,595	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, September 7

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

Tuesday, September 8

ESM Picture Day

5:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

7:00 p.m. West Central Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

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

8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel

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 Training

Thursday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

Friday, September 11

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

9:00 a.m. Lutherans for Life

Saturday, September 12

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, September 13

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

9:15 a.m. Christian Education Kickoff

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Find Words from the Scripture Readings

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

JUDGEMENT
 WITNESSES
 KINGDOM
 GREATEST
 CHILDREN

ETERNAL
 SERVANT
 ANGELS
 HEAVEN
 HUMBLE

SHEEP
 HONOR
 LOVE
 SOUL
 SIN

Whoever
 humbles
 himself
 like this
 Child
 is the
 Greatest
 in the
 Kingdom
 of
 Heaven
 matthew 18:4



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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