

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...



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.

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!

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

“Built to Last”

AS WE GATHER

So much of our world is fleeting. It's hard to find something that lasts. As much as we may not like to come to this realization, this hard truth is what forces us to find something that truly is built to last – something that endures despite all the changes going on in and around us. This weekend, Peter tells us what we're looking for in the second reading, the word of the Lord which remains forever. Unlike our flesh, God's word isn't temporary or fleeting. It is built to last. May this enduring word continue to fill our lives!

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: “Open Up the Heavens”

We've waited for this day. We're gathered in your name,
Calling out to You.

Your glory like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our hearts with truth.
You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing.

(Chorus)

Open up the heavens, we want to see You.

Open up the floodgates, a mighty river flowing from your heart,

Filling ev'ry part of our praise.

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,

We're looking to the sky.

Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now.

Lord, unveil our eyes.

You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing. (Chorus)

Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us Your power.

Show us, show us Your glory, Lord.

Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us Your power.

Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. (Chorus)

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(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 (1 Peter 1:24-25)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: God raised Jesus from the dead

People: and gave Him honor and glory.

Leader: We place our faith in Him,

People: and we place our hope in His resurrection.

Leader: As human beings, we inherited futile ways and deeds. We were born in sin, and we daily sin much. Though we may try to do what is right, we always fall short, burdened by mistakes and the weight of sin. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to draw near, confess our sins, and hear His living and abiding Word.

(Silence for reflection and confession)

Leader: Heavenly Father,

People: we have not been pure of heart, mind, and soul. We have not obeyed Your truth. We have not loved one another as we should. Forgive us, renew us by Your resurrection, and lead us back to the lives You want for us, on account of Jesus. Amen.

Leader: "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." That Word of God tells us clearly that almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die and rise 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. We are purified because of the precious blood of Jesus.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: " Build My Life "

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.

We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.

Jesus the only one who could ever save.

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.

We live for You. We live for You.

(Chorus)

Holy, there is no one like You, There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who You are and fill me, with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me.

(Repeat from beginning)

I will build my life upon Your love; it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.
I will build my life upon Your love; it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken. (Chorus twice)

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(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ³⁶“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-25

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad.¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther,²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

THE RESPONSE: “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)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

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THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: " Man of Sorrows

Man of Sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.
Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned,
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.

(Chorus)

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me;
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah!
Praise and honor unto Thee."

Sent of Heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree. (Chorus)

Bridge: Now my debt is paid; it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me.
Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed!
Now my debt is paid; it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me.
Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed! (Chorus)

See, the stone is rolled away; behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah, God be praised! He's risen from the grave! (Chorus)

"Praise and honor unto Thee."

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(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That we may perceive Christ, who expounded the Scriptures and revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread; and that we may rejoice in the gifts of His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That our devotion may be renewed this Eastertide; and that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: That the God of all compassion, whose Spirit opens the Holy Scriptures, would enlighten our congregation and school with the resurrection light that never fades, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all parents, that God would continue to pour out His Spirit upon them to faithfully teach their children His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who suffer and cry to God, that He would hear them and answer with grace sufficient for all their needs; and for the sick, the wounded and the dying, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: O Lord, have mercy on us when we are foolish and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken about Your Son. Pour out Your Spirit on us through the preaching of the Gospel, that the Scriptures might be opened to us; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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, for He has ransomed us with His own precious blood and purified us to love one another. 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

“ Living Waters ”

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.

Tired and broken, peace unspoken, rest beside these living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters.

Lay your life down, all the old gone, rise up in these living waters.

(Chorus)

There’s a river that flows with mercy and love,

Bringing joy to the city of our God:

There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,

Praise the Lord of living waters.

Spirit moving, mercy washing; healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline, life is in these living waters.
(Chorus) (Musical interlude)

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless. Christ, He is our living waters.
(Chorus)

There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,
Praise the Lord of living waters.

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“No Longer Slaves”
You unravel me with a melody.
You surround me with a song of deliverance from my enemies,
‘Til all my fears are gone.

(Chorus)

I’m no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.

I’m no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.

From my mother’s womb You have chosen me.
Your Love has called my name. I’ve been born again into Your family.
Your blood flows through my veins. (Chorus two times)

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing, “I am a child of God.”
You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing, “I am a child of God.”
“I am a child of God.” “I am a child of God.” (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)

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Richard Hodupp from his family; in loving memory of William and Betty Werling from Tim, Carol and Jacob and Lauren Reinking; and in honor of the 57th wedding anniversary of Ron and Glenda Dornseif.

USHERS: Tammy Bair

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:
 - Pray for the family of George Elonzae, 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 Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Michaela Procise, Melissa Henry (sister of Judy Huesner)

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Wes Harless, Nancy Wilkins (mother of Kristen Saurer), Nan Gotsch, Kathy Freimuth, Richard Cummins
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, 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), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), 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), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and Aprel Cornyn), Linda Raatz
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Peg Davis
 - Russ Davis
 - Angela Dean, Haley
 - Allen and Cecilia Dennison
 - Chris Dennison, Madison, Joe, and Carson
 - Mike and Laura Dennison, Jane, Frankie, and Ben
 - Lynnell Detraz
 - Christian Detwiler
 - Tim and Cassie Didier
 - Dan Diemer
- 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 Sappenfield 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

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)
4-5 Year Olds	School Room A3
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 D2
8 th Grade	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft
Abiding in the Vine	Brandt Hall
Genesis	Sanctuary

***NEW* Adult Bible Class: Abiding in the Vine**

Leader: Stephen Bornheimer; **Location:** April 19 & 26 - Brandt Hall

The class is designed to be a connection to The Story Continues visioning process. We will explore the Christian life as one rooted wholly in Christ and sustained by His grace. Participants will consider how discipleship begins not with our effort, but with our Lord's saving work, and how repentance, formation, and sanctification flow from His mercy rather than from human striving. Grounded in Scripture, this study offers clear teaching, thoughtful discussion, and scriptural encouragement for those who desire to grow in faith while remaining anchored in the promises of Christ.

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	3:30 p.m.
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Study the Psalms	Chapman's	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.

@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Moms - Hey, Mama! We hope you'll join us every other Monday morning as we journey through the salvation story of the Old Testament using Chad Bird's book "Hitchhiking with the Prophets". Drop your kids off in LL Ebenezer with our amazing caregivers. Then, head upstairs to the Loft to enjoy fellowship, a cup of coffee, and study with other moms. The dates are: April 27, and May 11 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Questions? Contact Liz Bejot - LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org.

Friends in the Word meet every other Thursday morning, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m., in the Loft. Here are the scheduled dates: April 30 and May 14. We hope to see you there!

The News of the Church

Congregational Meeting on April 26 - We will hold a brief congregational meeting on April 26 following the 10:30 service. Updates will be provided on the In All Generations campaign as well as The Story Continues visioning process. Please scan the QR code to register for childcare.



The Emmanuel Golf League begins Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. Weather permitting, the league plays weekly at Brookwood Golf Club on Bluffton Road through the month of October. It'll cost \$28 to play nine holes with a cart. If you have questions, please contact Fred Peterson at 260.437.2885 or Mike Huesner at 260.416.1380.

"The Story Continues" in 2026 - We are excited to announce that Emmanuel has officially launched a planning process designed to seek the Lord's direction for a renewed congregational vision. Led by our ministry staff, Elders, Church Council, and a Vision Team representing different groups within our church family, in the coming months, we will be listening to the congregation over the coming months, analyzing pertinent data about our community, and discerning a concise vision for the future of the ministry we share. Building on our "I Love to Tell the Story" journey last fall, the goal of this process is to present a clear vision to the congregation for approval in the November congregational meeting. Please pray for this planning process and take advantage of opportunities to contribute to it as "The Story Continues."

Visual Faith - Our next Visual Faith Workshop is an open studio night to work on any project you'd like. Whether you have an unfinished Words From the Upper Room journal, a Thanksgiving garland, or even an Advent project, this workshop is for you. We will also have Faith Mail available, so you can create and send something to whoever is on your heart. Join us on May 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to come see what Visual



Faith is all about. Bring a friend and sign up at the Connections Counter or use the QR code.

A Hope Center Banquet is April 21, 6:30 p.m. at Allen County Memorial Coliseum. If you wish to join us contact Carolyn Beitz at 260.433.7188 for reservations. Guest speaker is Matt Hammitt former lead singer of Sanctus Real and writer of the powerful song "Lead Me".

Shepherd of the City's Hymn Festival – Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church will host its 18th annual hymn festival on Sunday, April 19, at 4:00 p.m., at 1301 S. Anthony Blvd. This year's theme is "Presence," based on Genesis 28:16, "Surely the LORD is in this place." The featured organist will be Nicole Busarow of Redeemer Classical School, and the guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Todd Peperkorn of Concordia Theological Seminary. A free-will offering will be accepted at the door to help the congregation pay for much-needed building repairs.

Shepherd's Hand Annual 5K Walk/Run – You are invited to sign up for 5K run/walk on Saturday, May 2, starting at 9:00 a.m. We will also be hosting our annual health fair on the same day. This 5K is our only fundraiser of the year, and we are grateful for the opportunity to welcome families, congregations, and community members to walk or run together in our neighborhood. The Shepherd's Hand serves in the poorest zip code in the state of Indiana, and through this event we hope to raise \$20,000 to support our programs and ministry. All are welcome to walk, run, volunteer, or support through a donation. Scan the QR code for more info and to register.



St. Michael Employment Opportunities – St. Michael is in the process of hiring for two new roles: Facilities & Grounds Manager and Administrative Office Support. To learn more or apply, visit their website and click "Join Our Team"!

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$ 645,384	Anticipated Need Through April: \$803,696
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$195	Year to Date: \$4,124
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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: \$1,290

IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$ 6,630,720	Mortgage Balance: \$839,840	Total Cost* \$7,454,921
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, April 20

6:30 a.m. Clay & Iron Weekly Devotions
12:00 p.m. Property Meeting
3:30 p.m. Lifelight
5:30 p.m. Lifelight
6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
7:00 p.m. WC Neighborhood Association Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

9:45 a.m. Lunch Bunch at Sweetwater
5:00 p.m. GriefShare
6:00 p.m. Psalms at Chapman's Brewery

Wednesday, April 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Communion Service
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
7:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's Brewery

Friday, April 24

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

Saturday, April 25

5:00 p.m. Divine Worship

Sunday, April 26

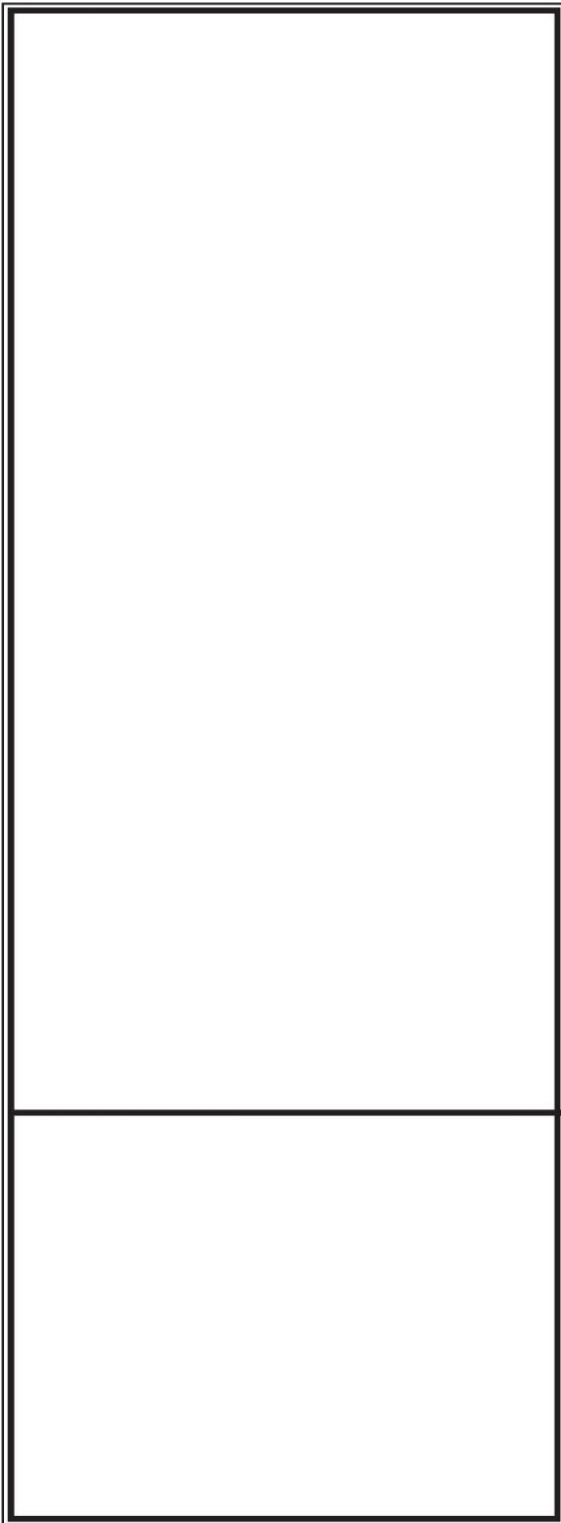
8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Notes



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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