

Divine Service at 8:00



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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RESTROOM

Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“In _____ I Trust”

AS WE GATHER

How would you fill in this blank? We might be tempted to say it depends on the situation. Yet, Scripture leads us to fill in this space with God. He is the One we trust in no matter the situation. Paul's words to Timothy provide a great reminder of this truth. Many of us know the sentence of Paul, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only "money is the root of all evil." Money is not the problem. There's no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian's true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith.

+ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE AT 8:00 A.M. +

THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other with God's peace and to welcome visitors. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE PRELUDE: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" Powell, Folkemer

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

(Please stand as you are able)

THE OPENING HYMN: "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear" Hymn 908

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 43:4; 146:3-5)

Leader: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Leader: Put not your trust in princes, in whom there is no salvation.

People: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (1 Timothy 1:17; Psalm 125:1)

Leader: The First Commandment is first because “we should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.” True repentance and good faith we direct the fear, love, and trust of our hearts and minds “to the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God.”

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Merciful God,

People: the good fight of faith is fierce and the warfare between our love for You and the world around us seems never-ending. We confess we have not loved You above all things. We are afraid at many times, and there is nothing and no one on earth worthy of our trust. In You, O Lord, we put our trust. Deliver us in Your righteousness for the sake of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Leader: “Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.” By your Baptism into Christ, God has pledged the forgiveness of all your sins and promised the eternal life to which you were called. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Amos 6:1-7

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but

are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in

water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

Inside back cover of hymnal

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: “Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Chorus)

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.

Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Chorus)

Perfect submission, all is at rest.

I in my Savior am happy and bless’d,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Chorus)

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THE SERMON

Pastor Dan Sheafer

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: “Blessed Assurance”

Burger

(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord of life, You provide us with daily bread in abundance. Preserve us from the worship of idleness and love of leisure lest we misuse Your gifts to our ruin. Foster in us contentment, righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father in heaven, preserve our homes from idols and sins of idleness. Bless fathers and mothers as they teach their children, that generations to come might faithfully guard their hearts and rejoice in Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Merciful God, You have promised to hold accountable all who hold authority over us. Bless our president; our governor; all legislative bodies; all judges and magistrates; and all who serve the public trust, that they may act with integrity and honor in the fulfillment of all their duties and serve the causes of peace and justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty God, You open the eyes of the blind and lift up those who are bowed down. Hear our prayers on behalf of those in need of Your mercy. Provide restoration and deliverance according to Your good and gracious will, and in the time of affliction that is given to them, strengthen their faith that they would cling to Your promises and praise Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: O Lord, grant that we who commune on Christ's holy body and blood would repent of our sins, trust Christ's full forgiveness, and receive Him for strengthening of our faith and for greater love to serve those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, embolden all faithful Christians here and scattered throughout the world. Grant that we may always make the good confession, even in the midst of persecution. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, we praise Your name for Your faithfulness to Abraham, Lazarus, and to all the saints who have gone before us. Enliven us by Your Word and Sacraments, that convinced of Jesus' death and resurrection, we may eagerly await the day of our

resurrection for His sake; through Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

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.

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 saying:

THE SANCTUS (Congregation sings)

LSB, 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord.
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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 AGNUS DEI (Congregation sings)

LSB, 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

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 HYMNS:

"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense" (v. 1-4)

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense" (v. 5-8)

Hymn 741

Hymn 617

Hymn 741

THE DISMISSAL

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Fight the Good Fight"

Hymn 664

THE POSTLUDE: "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

Blerch

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Ps. 62; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in honor of the 51st Wedding Anniversary of George and Becki Elonzae; in loving memory of Karl and Doris Krudop, from their children and extended families; in loving memory of Dar and Jan Horine, from Tim and Susan Domer; and in loving memory of my granddaughter, Trinity Coulter and my sister-in-law and best friend Janet Hurless, from Deb Percy.

SERVING

Liturgist	Seminarian Brad Larson
Organ	Myra Schmidt
Acolyte	Gabby Repp
Altar Guild	Anita Kuker, Noni Hoham, Diane Kurtz, Lindsay Lopez, Ruth Anne Teeple
Opener	Tammy Bair
Usher Crew 2	Jim Braun, Mike Huesner, Jason Kaiser, Fred Peterson, Dave Scheppele, Nick Terrell, Joshua, Simeon, and Isaiah Vandercar, John Wright, Daniel Wunderlich
Communion	Ryan Tietz, Greg Wasson, Mike Huesner, Zach Chess
Audio Engineer	Chris Fair

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 strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Dick Reinking, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Devon Jewel and Niko L. Christlib (friends of Ilona Clenny), Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Steve Mueller
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Jenny Scheiderer, Dave Bieberich, Cathy Paff, Jan Reche, Vernene Miller, Roxanne Moore, Justin Arkkelin, Elizabeth Johnston, Kathy Lash
 - Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Herb Schumm, Mike Huesner, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass' niece)
 - 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 all our generous volunteers who help make this program happen.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Jordan Wildman
 - Chuck Willen
 - Curtis and Janice Willen
 - Gary Willen

- Bruce and Jan Williams
- Alycia Williams, Ella, Elijah and Grace
- Bev Williams
- Daniel and Virginia Williams
- Dorothy Williams
- John and Becky Williams, Addy
- 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 2025.

Dolores Harper	Parker Schultheis	Mason Gilliom	Atlas Arnold
Renae Smith	Rafael Alberto	Lois Altheide	Lincoln Griffin
Virginia Miller	Amelia Adair	Forrest Clarke	Brandon Cirilo
Charlotte Schmotzer	Lilyth Tittman	Anna Vandercar	William Vogt
Bennett Hoyle	Liam Hill	Rowen Lomont	Owen Light
Kollin Vanderford	Klaire Vanderford	Khloe Vanderford	Walter Vanderford
Wilma Vanderford	Vada Gillum	Valerie Miller	Gary Keller
Terry Buffington	Desirae Rider	Payton Caudill	Benjamin Rider
Alice Gynn	Quinn Brimmer	Parker Hall	

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 D3
8 th Grade	LL Ebenezer
High School	Loft
Adults: I Love to Tell the Story	Sanctuary

I Love to Tell the Story: This week, we will tell the story of our historic sanctuary and the role it plays in receiving God's gifts.

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.
Lifelight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 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.

The News of the Church

Meet Our New Seminary Fieldworker - Hello! My name is Caleb Swor. It is a pleasure to begin my fieldwork at this congregation. I cannot wait to get started and begin serving you. I was born and raised in Allen, Texas and just graduated from Concordia Nebraska where I earned my bachelor's degree in art therapy. I grew up playing ice hockey and I love outdoor activities. My wife Hannah (Executive Assistant for ESM) and I have been married for two years. I look forward to meeting you!

First Impressions - Ladies of Emmanuel, our next First Impressions gathering is off-campus! Join us at Ruby Moon flower farm (7535 E 400 S, Laotto) for U-Pick flower bouquets, wine and lemonade slushies, and fellowship around the fire pit on Wednesday, October 1 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$25. Please RSVP to

Sarah Pennekamp at 260.486.6740 or pennekamp6@yahoo.com by September 29.

“I Love to Tell the Story” Opportunities:

Prayer Walk, October 4 - We are looking for volunteers to join us on Saturday, October 4, for a Prayer Walk in the West Central Neighborhood. The purpose of the Prayer Walk is to be a praying presence in the neighborhood and to distribute invitations to our NeighborFest, which will take place on Saturday, October 18. We will begin at 9:30 in the sanctuary for a brief orientation and opening prayer. We will walk in the neighborhood from 10:00-11:15 a.m. and then gather at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Scan the QR code to register!



Service Project, October 11-12 - On Saturday, October 11, and Sunday, October 12, Emmanuel members will “Tell the Story” as we serve in our community. We need many volunteers for the projects we will be completing, and we would love your help! Volunteers can expect to serve a three-hour shift. Please register for the service day by scanning the QR code.



PrayerWorks, October 11 - In addition to the many service projects we will complete on October 11 and 12, we will also be hosting PrayerWorks from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 11. This is a great way for those unable to assist with other service projects to also serve in the community. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up!



Visual Faith Ministries - Join us Monday, October 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m., as we prepare our hearts for Advent. Christmas will be here before we know it, and it’s easy to get swept up in decorations, shopping, and plans. Visual Faith invites you to pause, refocus, and center your heart on Christ. At our next two workshops—October 7 and November 4—we’ll create Advent Devotional Journals that align with Emmanuel’s Advent devotions. No prior experience is needed; supplies and guidance are provided. Come for fellowship, fun, and creative prayer practices that help the Word dwell richly in you.



LWM Meeting - Our next LWM/LWML meeting is on October 2, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Lower Level Ebenezer. Our Bible Study will be “Beauty Marks” and our service project will be Towels for Cross Borders. We hope to see you there!

LWML’s Fort Wayne Fall Zone Gathering will take place here at Emmanuel on Saturday, October 4. Registration and Breakfast are 8:30-9:00 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. Our speaker will be Mary Ann Mings, Executive Director of InAsMuch Ministry and we will be collecting non-perishable food

items (please no glass containers) and paper/plastic eating supplies. The registration fee is \$7. Please RSVP by September 29.

Lutherans for Life – Prayer is powerful! Since ‘40 days For Life’ was established many years ago, lives have been saved by praying for the unborn and their mothers. Our Lutherans for Life will again participate in the annual 40 days of prayer on Monday October 6, 1:00 -4:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood on Lake Avenue. (Parking available at Right to Life 3106 Lake Avenue). This is a peaceful prayer event. Questions? Call 260.433.1788.

GAME ON is a group designed for those who like to play tables games. We play a different game each month. The game for October is Left Center Right –A fast moving dice game. No experience is needed. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and food. GAME ON will meet Tuesday, October 7 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. Sign-up is located at the Connection’s Desk. If you forget to sign-up, come anyway!

Celebrating A Successful Capital Campaign with Peter Mayer (Updated QR code)– The Lord has provided more than \$6 million of the \$7.4 million it cost us to renovate our Union Street school building. On December 15, we will celebrate this remarkable blessing with a special Christmas concert in our sanctuary by recording artist Peter Mayer. We’d like to make this unique experience available to anyone who contributed to the “In All Generations” campaign. If you would like to reserve a free ticket (\$39.50 value) for this special concert at no cost, please scan the QR code.



ESM Craft Fair – Come out and support ESM 8th graders at the Craft Show on October 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be handmade candles, jewelry, soaps, home decor, candies, treats, and more. If you’re interested in becoming a vendor still, reach out to craftfair@esmeagles.com."

Bridge 20/30 is a space for post-high school young adults (single or married) to connect, grow, and have fun in community with others who share similar values. This week, on Tuesday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m., we’ll be meeting at the Club Room at the Clyde for live music (Todd Harrold Band).

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,626,813	Anticipated Need Thru September, 2025: \$1,620,684
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$85	Year to Date: \$8,590
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$20	Year to Date: \$3,510
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,074,904	Mortgage Balance: \$1,354,590	Total Cost* \$7,408,920
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, September 29

- 3:30 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, September 30

- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry and Training

Wednesday, October 1

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
- 9:15 a.m. 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 2

ESM NO SCHOOL

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 1:00 p.m. LWML Service Project and Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Fellowship at Chapman's Brewery
- 7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

7:00 p.m. Clay and Iron: Men's Bible Study

Friday, October 3

ESM NO SCHOOL

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

Saturday, October 4

5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

Sunday, October 5

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Classes and Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Communion

6:00 p.m. SNA

Find Words from the Scripture Readings

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TRUSTWORTHY	OVERSEER	CONVERT
HOSPITABLE	DISGRACE	DIGNITY
CONFIDENCE	FAITHFUL	MANAGE
BLAMELESS	DEACONS	GENTLE
GODLINESS	CONTENT	NOBLE

pursue
 righteousness
 godliness
 faith
 love
 endurance
 and
 gentleness

1 TIM 6:11 KG 22

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Building faith in the city

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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.

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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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908 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
 2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
 Δ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
 heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
 Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
 bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
 be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall
 3 No, too close - ly I am bound By my hope to Christ for -
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am



liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
 wak - en. He will bring me where He is;
 ev - er; Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
 tak - en; But by faith I now dis - cern



Rests up - on the hope here giv - en, Though the
 Shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
 Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er; E - ven
 That from death I shall a - wak - en With my



night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
 fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?
 death now can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.
 Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.

5 Glorified, I shall anew
 With this flesh then be enshrouded;
 In this body I shall view
 God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
 In this flesh I then shall see
 Jesus Christ eternally.

6 Then take comfort and rejoice,
 For His members Christ will cherish.
 Fear not, they will hear His voice;
 Dying, they will never perish;
 For the very grave is stirred
 When the trumpet's blast is heard.

7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy
 grave
 And at death no longer tremble;
 He, the Lord, who came to save
 Will at last His own assemble.
 They will go their Lord to meet,
 Treading death beneath their feet.

8 O, then, draw away your hearts
 From all pleasures base and hollow;
 Strive to share what He imparts
 While you here His footsteps follow.
 As you now still wait to rise,
 Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

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617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

664 Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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