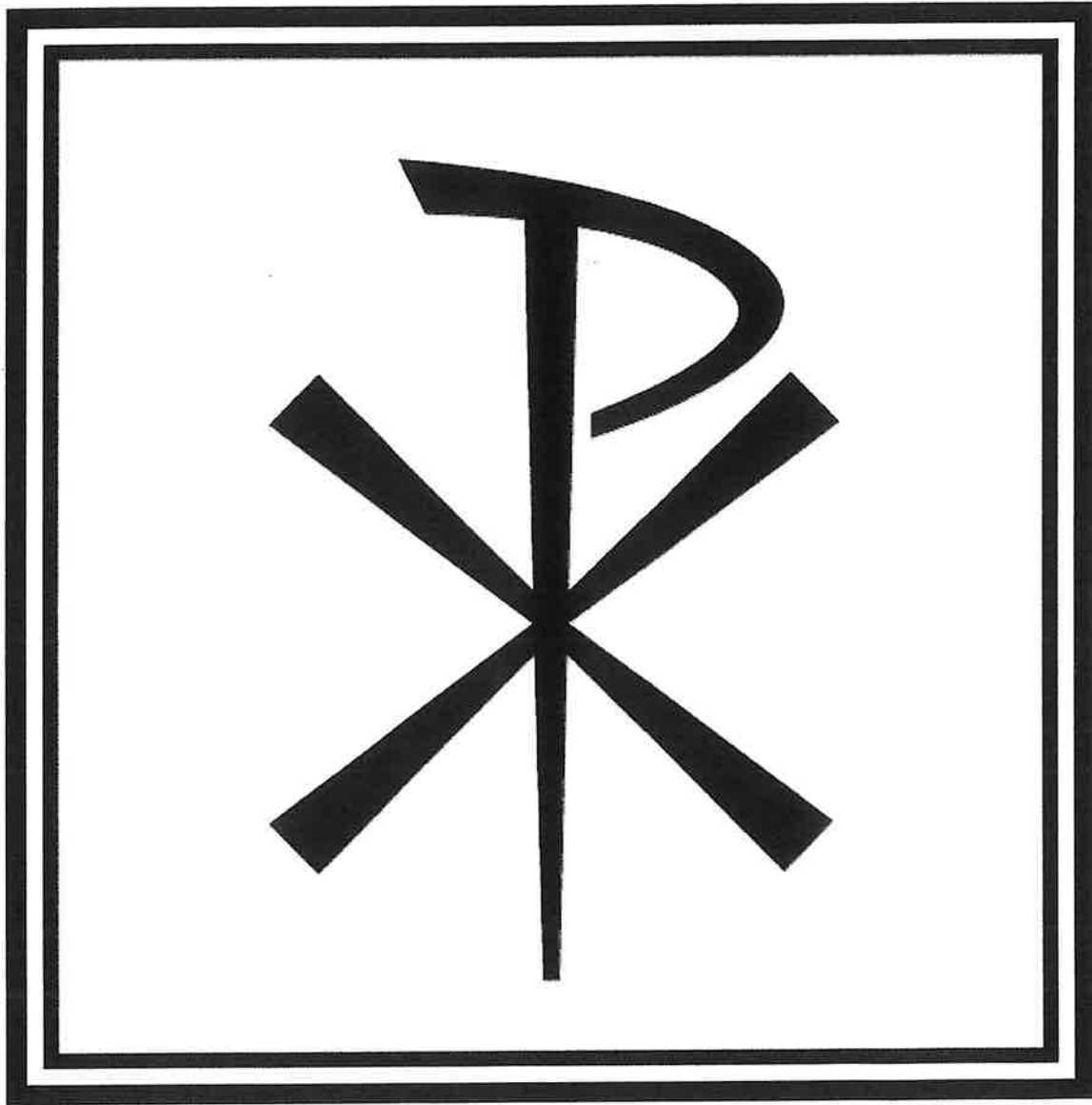


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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

“The Story of Family”

AS WE GATHER

The Bible is full of stories about families from beginning to end and yet, there are certain ones that impact us more than others. The story of Ruth and her family is one of those powerful stories. This weekend, we focus on Ruth and her family's story as we also recognize a story of family at Emmanuel.

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 OPENING SONG: “Make Me a Servant”

Make me a servant, humble and meek.

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, Make me a servant, make me a servant today.

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE BAPTISMS OF: Kirstin Allen Lobozzo, Devon James Jewell, Jordyn Bree Christlieb, Izaiah Augustine Christlieb, Elyjun Allen James Christlieb, Iyla Bree Christlieb, Amira Lee Christlieb, Nevaeh Helen Grace Christlieb

THE APOSTLES' CREED (spoken together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: Please join me in the words of welcome,
People: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

People: **Amen.**

THE BAPTISMAL RESPONSE: "Father Welcomes"
(Chorus)

**Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. (Chorus)**

**In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. (Chorus)**

**Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. (Chorus)**

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Leader: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the forgiveness of sins, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for reflection and confession)

Leader: Almighty God,

People: **Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "For All the Faithful Women" (Verse 1)

For all the faithful women
Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be given;
To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
In tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness,
Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.

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A STORY OF REVERSAL

Pastor Dan Sheafer

THE FIRST READING: Ruth 1:1-19a

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to

her. ¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A REFLECTION ON FAMILY

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "For All the Faithful Women" (Verse 7)

For Ruth, who left her homeland
And ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship
Naomi's God till death,
We praise You, God of Israel,
And pray for hearts set free
To bind ourselves to others
In love and loyalty.

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A STORY OF RENEWAL

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

THE SECOND READING: Ruth 2:1-13, 19-20

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. ²And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." ³So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. ⁴And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered, "The LORD bless you." ⁵Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" ⁶And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. ⁷She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest." ⁸Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. ⁹Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." ¹⁰Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" ¹¹But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came

to a people that you did not know before. ¹²The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" ¹³Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants." ¹⁹And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." ²⁰And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A REFLECTION ON FAMILY

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "For All the Faithful Women" (Verse 3)

O God, for saints and servants,
Those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages
Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving
And fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in Your service,
Our lives may sing Your praise.

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A STORY OF REDEMPTION

Pastor Dan Sheafer

THE THIRD READING: Ruth 3:1-13a

Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? ²Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." ⁵And she replied, "All that you say I will do." ⁶So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. ⁷And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. ⁸At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! ⁹He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings over your servant, for you are a redeemer." ¹⁰And he said, "May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. ¹²And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I.

¹³Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to redeem you, then, as the LORD lives, I will redeem you.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A REFLECTION ON FAMILY

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: “For All the Faithful Women” (Verse 1)

For all the faithful women
Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be given;
To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
In tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness,
Proclaimed Your pow’r to save.

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A STORY OF RESTORATION

Pastor Dan Sheaffer

THE FOURTH READING: Ruth 4:1-17

Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, “Turn aside, friend; sit down here.” And he turned aside and sat down. ²And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, “Sit down here.” So they sat down. ³Then he said to the redeemer, “Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. ⁴So I thought I would tell you of it and say, ‘Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.’ If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you.” And he said, “I will redeem it.” ⁵Then Boaz said, “The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance.” ⁶Then the redeemer said, “I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.” ⁷Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. ⁸So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal. ⁹Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. ¹⁰Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.” ¹¹Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, ¹²and may your house be like the

house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman.” ¹³So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.” ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. ¹⁷And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

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: “Ruth’s Song (Where You Go, I Will Go)”

All my life, I have wondered, Wondered where I might belong.

Feeling lost, like a stranger, Wand’ring far, all on my own.

Without a home, without a people, Without a hope, without a prayer.

Without a way, that I could follow. Then I turned, and you were there.

(Chorus)

Where you go, I will go.

Where you stay, I will stay forever.

Where you lead, I will follow.

So I can know the One you know.

Under His wings, you found a shelter.

You have no fear, you have no shame.

And when you call, He seems to answer.

He even seems to know your name. (Chorus)

Then, somehow should I find His favor,

I won’t look back on all I’ve known.

Your people, then will be my people.

And your God, my God alone! . (Chorus)

Where you go, I will go.

And you know I will never leave you.

Not even death, will ever part us,

Now that I know the One you know. (Chorus)

I will go now, where you go.

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(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. Blessed Lord, You led Ruth to know You and by Your Spirit taught her fearful heart to trust in You for the future You had prepared. Grant us the same Spirit so that we, who know Your mercy in Christ, trust in Your eternal mercy in Jesus Christ for this life, for our forgiveness, and for our eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Generous Lord, You daily provide mercies new and continue to nourish and nurture us in Your favor through all adversity. Instill in us a grateful heart, that we not presume Your goodness but live thankful and joyful lives because You have heard our cry and have delivered to us all that we need for this body and life and for everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of grace, Your saints have loved and served You and provided a blessed example to us in our striving. Grant us the fortitude of Ruth, that we live in confidence of Your presence and Your guidance all our days, until at last You bring us to our final home, where, with all Your saints, we shall live in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: O Father of all mercies and God of our salvation, give to us all things good and holy and true, and build us up in these things, that knowing Your saving grace in Christ, we not fall victim to pride, temptation, or doubt, but endure all the changes of this mortal life with hope and peace through Jesus Christ, to whom we commend ourselves and all our prayers, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "I Will Follow"

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure,

I will trust in You alone.

Higher than my sight, high above my life, I will trust in You alone.

(Chorus)

Where You go I'll go, Where You stay I'll stay;

When You move I'll move, I will follow You.

Whom You love I'll love, How You serve I'll serve;

If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.

I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life, I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find, all I need in You alone.
In You alone. (Chorus)

In You, there's life everlasting; in You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy, unending joy; and I will follow. (Chorus)

I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Deut. 6:1-9; 1 Cor. 4:14-21; Matt. 28:16-20

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of my beautiful sister, Ann Dahlkamp from Becki Elonzae; in loving memory of Barry Franklin from Sandy Ely and family; and in loving memory of Erzse'bet Varga from Ilona Clenny and Family.

USHERS: Dave and Tammy Bair

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 Annalisa 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, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Graclynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Marilyn Scheumann
 - 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, Jan Werth, Jan Rathge, Steve Mueller
 - 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 Krantz (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's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad)

- 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 Kennedy and Chase.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Christina Winkler
 - Ryan and Kristen Winsemann, Hudson, Cy and Calla
 - Jim and Diane Witzzenman
 - Kevin and Jennifer Witzigreuter, Sophia, Jax, Grace and Chandler
 - Lucas and Nicki Witzigreuter, Sawyer
 - Brandon and Lindsay Wolf, Tabitha, Ella, and Adeline
 - Paul and Carolyn Wolf
 - Ann Woodward, Charlie
 - JoAnn Woodward
 - John and Kim Woodward
- 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	Kirstin Loboazzo
Jordyn Christlieb	Devon Jewell	Izaiah Christlieb	Iyla Christlieb
Elyjun Christlieb	Amira Christlieb	Nevaeh Christlieb	Atreus Layman

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: Join us for I Love to Tell the Story on Sunday, October 5, 9:15-10:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary. Pastor Eggold will lead a presentation on Emmanuel's ministry plan.

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.

The News of the Church

"I Love to Tell the Story": NeighborFest, Saturday, October 18 – From 12:00 - 5:00 p.m., we will welcome our West Central Neighborhood friends to the Union Street parking lot for our very first NeighborFest. This will be a great place to celebrate and share our story as we open our campus to the families in our community for food, music, fun, and games. We will need many hands to host this event, so please consider volunteering to assist with NeighborFest.



Study the Psalms at Chapman's - In our faith tradition, we are often challenged to set aside how we feel and focus on the truth of God's Word. Yet the Psalms are full of feeling, whether it is joy, sorrow, fear, thankfulness, anger, or anything in between. Join Dr. Ryan Tietz and Scott Fergusson at Chapman's Brewing on the Electric Works campus from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday as we gather to share a meal, explore a psalm, and then finish by praying this psalm together. This new experience with the Psalms starts on October 21!

Veterans Appreciation Reception – Let's gather in gratitude of our veterans! On Tuesday November 11 at 11:30 a.m., LL Ebenezer will be filled with good food, warm fellowship, and heartfelt appreciation for those who have served our nation. Veterans are welcome to bring a guest. To help us prepare, please reserve your spot by November 4. As a special treat, we'll enjoy music by Bev Williams on her dulcimer. Call Carolyn Beitz at 260.433.7188 for reservations.

Lunch Bunch (60+) will be on Tuesday, October 21st, starting at 11:00 a.m. We will welcome our guest speaker J.D. Stonecypher, Community Engagement Manager-Northern Indiana for the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter. He will address the impact of Alzheimer's and Dementia in Our Community. The cost is \$10.00, payable that day. Please sign up no later than Friday, October 17th. We hope to see you there!

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."

The Christ Child Festival Needs Your Help! - The Christ Child Festival needs volunteers to do simple crafts with kids and parents at Parkview Field on the eve of Thanksgiving, November 26. If you are able to give a couple of hours to help tell the story of the Christ Child, volunteers are needed from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and from 5:00-9:00 p.m. If you can help, please email Emmanuel member Rick Hoffman at rhoffman.sphr@gmail.com. Thanks!

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, October 14 at 7:00 p.m., we'll enjoy a fall evening at Kekionga Craft Company—hang out inside or on their lit-up patio and sip their seasonal hard ciders! (7328 Maysville Road).

Just As I Am: Hymns Tour - Come to the African Children's Choir Concert as they perform in our community during their US Tour! The Choir will be performing at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3425 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805) on Sunday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child! Admission will be free for all ages; with a free-will offering will follow the Choir's concert. Don't miss out on this uniquely immersive experience through song, dance and video storytelling. More info at africanchildrenschoir.com.

The Friends of Wyneken will host a presentation on the history of the purchase of Valparaiso and its connections to the Ku Klux Klan, the Walther League, and the American Luther League on Sunday, October 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the historic Wyneken House. The house will be open for visitors to tour from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. It is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$1,710,960	Anticipated Need Thru October, 2025: \$1,807,764
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$950	Year to Date: \$9,615
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CUP OF KINDNESS

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

Last Week: \$3,685	Year to Date: \$3,520
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,088,749	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, October 13

3:30 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study

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6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Tuesday, October 14

5:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

7:00 p.m. West Central Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 15

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

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

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

8:30 a.m. ESM Chapel

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

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 16

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

3:30 p.m. Food Pantry

6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Fellowship at Chapman's Brewery

7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, October 17

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

5:00 p.m. ESM Carnival at Getz Rd. Campus

Saturday, October 18

12:00 p.m. Neighborfest

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

Sunday, October 19

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

11:45 a.m. Emmanuel Service Event



Sermon Notes

For
where I
you go,
I will go,
and
where
you
lodge,
I will lodge
your
people
shall
be my people,
and your
God
my God.
Ruth 1:16

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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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