

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: MAY 7, 2022

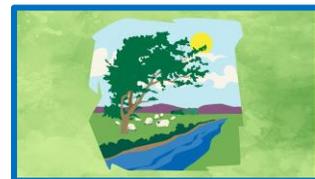
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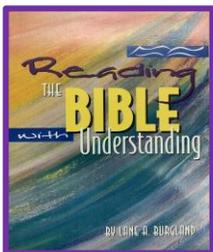
Worship and Bible Class this Weekend

This weekend Holy Communion will be offered in the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday.

On Sunday morning, we also offer Bible class for adults and high school youth, confirmation for grades 6-8, and a Sunday school program for children from birth through grade 5. For a complete listing of all current classes and locations, [click here](#).



A New Sunday Morning Bible Study: “Keys to Unlocking the Bible”



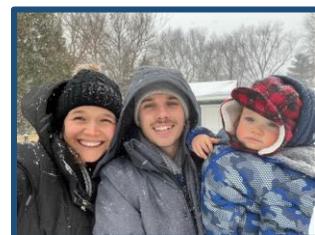
Tomorrow morning, Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheaffer will continue their five-week class on interpreting the Bible. Based on Dr. Lane Burgland’s book, Reading the Bible with Understanding this Bible class will provide basic principles for interpreting the Bible that everyone can use. “Keys to Unlocking the Bible” will meet in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall on Sundays, 9:15-10:15 a.m., through May 22.

Communion Services on Wednesdays

We continue to offer a special service of Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to attend one of these communion services, please register by calling the church office at 260.423.1369 by noon on the Tuesday before you plan to attend. If you are unable to attend one of these special Communion services, and desire to receive the Sacrament, please contact the church office to schedule a communion visit.

Emmanuel Calls Pastor Sam Troemel

Following the vote of the congregation on February 13, to approve a full-time, called position for Youth and Family Ministry, Congregational President Dave Smith worked with our pastors to form and appoint a call committee. The committee was chaired by Matthew Konow and included the following members of Emmanuel: Richie Cummins, Shelly Habecker, Lana Hille, Ike Imler, River Johnson, Tim Lankenau, Bradley Murphy, Anna Pennekamp, Sarah Pennekamp, and Jenny Scheiderer. Pastor Eggold, Pastor Sheaffer, and Dave Smith all served as ex-officio members of the call committee.



Working with the ministry description approved by the congregation, the call committee began their task by gathering names through the Synod's Commissioned Minister Information Form (CMIF) database. Applying filters to the CMIF database a list of more than a hundred names was generated. A list of 11 candidates suggested by congregation members was added to the names taken from the CMIF database creating a master list of 126 names.

The committee then began the vetting process by contacting the office of the Indiana District President to gather information about call eligibility. The list was then narrowed to less than 10 after prayerful study and discussion of the eligible candidates. After personally contacting each of the remaining candidates, eight candidates declined invitations to formally interview. The two remaining candidates participated in a brief interview with Mrs. Pennekamp and Pastor Eggold. Following these conversations, one of the two asked to be removed from consideration.

The remaining candidate was interviewed on April 12, by a group which included eight of the committee members. Following the discussion with the candidate, the committee processed the interview, prayed, and voted unanimously to present Pastor Sam Troemel to the congregation for consideration and issuance of a Divine Call to serve Emmanuel Lutheran Church as Youth and Family Pastor. On Sunday, April 24, the congregation approved the recommendation of the call committee and voted to extend a divine call to Rev. Troemel. Rev. Troemel currently serves Calvary Lutheran Church in Indianapolis, in the same specific ministry pastoral role for which Emmanuel is calling. Sam has been at Calvary since 2017. While originally called as the Youth and Family Director, Sam was ordained through his training in the SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) program and has been serving as the Youth and Family Pastor since 2021. A West Lafayette native, Sam attended Concordia University Chicago where he studied Christian Education and Elementary Education. It was in Chicago where he met his wife, Molly (Peterson), who is a daughter of Emmanuel and currently serves as Calvary's junior high social studies teacher. Sam and Molly have been married since 2015 and have a son named Levi. Please pray for Sam and Molly as they seek the Lord's will for their continued service in His Church.

Lutherans for Life Monthly Meeting

Lutherans for Life will have their monthly meeting on **Friday, May 13**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Brandt Hall Meeting Room. Special speaker, Carole Terkula, a deaconess from Lutheran Ministries, will speak on the topic "Looking Up Is Your First Step to Seeing Past Your Struggles." Mental and behavioral health issues can be a silent battle, but there's always hope on the horizon. Whether you want to raise awareness, reduce stigma, find help or assist others, it's time to "look up." All are invited to attend.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month



During May, Emmanuel will partner with the Lutheran Foundation to raise awareness regarding the issue of mental health. Please join us in the following “Prayer for Those with Mental Illness” from the National Alliance on Mental Illness—NAMI FaithNET:

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly ask that You behold, visit, and relieve those who suffer from depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, and other mental illnesses. Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy; comfort them with a sense of Your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under affliction. In Your good time, restore them to health and enable them to lead the rest of their life in reverence of You and to Your glory. Grant that finally they may dwell with You in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lunch Bunch

Our “Over Sixty” Lunch Bunch will meet on **Tuesday, May 17**, and will feature Bruce Novak, a historian, adjunct faculty at Purdue Fort Wayne and Emmanuel member. He will share a very engaging presentation on Civil War Trivia. Fellowship hour begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon, followed by our featured speaker at 12:45 p.m. Please make reservations by Friday, May 13, at the Connections Counter or by calling the church office at 260.423.1369. The cost of the meal is \$9.00.



Cookies for the Connections Counter



Each weekend we plan for guests and visitors at Emmanuel. Our Connections Counter serves as a central location for making conversation, sharing information, and providing a warm welcome. When first-time guests come to the Counter, we provide a small box of cookies. If you enjoy baking and would like to be part of this ministry of hospitality, please sign up to contribute cookies. Use [this link](#) to select the date(s) of your choosing.

Greeting Card Ministry

In the Welcome Center there is a beautiful cabinet that displays a variety of greeting cards and special occasion cards (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Confirmation, and Graduation). Along with the special occasion cards, there are also birthday, get well, anniversary, marriage, thank you, praying for you cards, and more. These cards are beautiful with scripture included on each one. The best part is each card sells for only 50-cents/ each. Please consider stopping by the card display and see what is available for you.

Emmanuel Golf League

There has been growing interest from those connected to Emmanuel to have a golf league. This year we are looking to continue to build on the previous year's momentum. Emmanuel's 2022 Golf League started last Tuesday and will run weekly until September or October.



We will be playing at Brookwood Golf Course starting at 5:30 p.m. For a round of nine holes, the weekly cost to play in the league will be \$24 (riding) and \$16 (walking). This league is open to both men and women and we are seeking to have at least 12 people each week of play. If you are interested or have further questions, please feel free to contact Fred Peterson (260.437.2885) or Mike Huesner (260.416.1380) who are helping to organize this league.

Employment Opportunity at ESM

Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM) Lutheran School is seeking qualified candidates for the position of financial manager. Working under the supervision of the school principal, the financial manager will see to the day-to-day financial procedures and transactions and ensure the accuracy and integrity of ESM's financial management system. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, a Bachelor's degree in Finance or Accounting, 5–10 years work experience, the ability to work and effectively communicate with administrators, staff, and families, and a good working knowledge of Excel, Word, and Power Point.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to managing the day-to-day financial operations of the school (payroll, employee benefits, accounts payable, etc.), preparing and presenting monthly, quarterly, and annual nonprofit financial reports, working with the Finance Committee to establish an annual budget, maintaining long-term trends and projections for the school's finances, processing scholarship application and facilitating meetings with families as required, ensuring compliance with accounting principles and regulatory requirements, and other duties as required.

For a complete job description and an employment application, please call the school office at 260.422.6712 or email Kathy Lash at klash@esmeagles.com.

Vacation Bible School



Due to the work that will be happening with the school renovation project this summer, Emmanuel will not be able to hold VBS on our campus.

Instead, Emmanuel will be participating in St. Michael's VBS program. We will resume our VBS program in the future once the school renovations are completed. Emmanuel VBS participants and volunteers are encouraged to

join in St. Michael's VBS this year. Here are the details:

Theme: *Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God*

Dates and Time: July 25-29, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Culminating Service and Party: July 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church

To register [click here](#)

To volunteer [click here](#)

St. Michael's VBS Contact: Carrie Gould, 937.641.9744 / carrie.gould1137@yahoo.com

CUNE Vocal Jazz at CLHS

Concordia University, Nebraska's (CUNE) Vocal Jazz Choir will be performing at Concordia Lutheran High School on **Tuesday, May 10**, at 7:00 p.m. This ensemble has 14 members, including a '20 CLHS grad, Caleb Zeckzer! Please join us for a free concert with fantastic music and support the arts!

Together in Christ,

Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheaffer