

Divine Service at 5:00



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...

Guests in Worship—Each week, we have the opportunity to welcome new people to our fellowship. While ushers have the important job of helping guests find seats and sharing information, we all play a role in embracing and welcoming guests to Emmanuel. Please look for new faces, extend a helping hand whenever possible, and encourage guests to visit the **Connections Counter** in Ebenezer Hall.

Children in Worship—The presence of children at Emmanuel is a great blessing and the worship service can be a wonderful opportunity to teach them about God's love. Please bring children forward during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing, and help them to participate in the responses and prayers throughout the service. Age appropriate **Children's Bulletins** are available on the tables located at the back of the church. **Tot Bags** are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. If a child becomes restless or disruptive during the service, a **Church Nursery** for children three years of age and younger is located in the lower level hall just down the stairs near the northwest entrance to the church. If you need help finding the Church Nursery, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

Prayer Requests—If you have a prayer concern that you would like included in the worship service, please ask an usher for a prayer request card. You may drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at the back of the sanctuary or hand it to an usher.

Special Needs—We offer a number of aids designed to enhance your worship experience including a **Hearing Loop**, **Large Print Bulletins** and **Printed Copies of Today's Sermon**. If any of these items would be helpful to you, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

The Gathering Time—Each Sunday, after the early service and before Sunday School and Bible Classes begin, we congregate in Ebenezer Hall for The Gathering Time. During this time, members and guests have the opportunity for fellowship together, while enjoying a beverage and donut.

Emmanuel App—The Emmanuel App is a wonderful tool for ministry and will put access to worship resources, devotional helps, congregational information, video announcements, as well as our church calendar at your fingertips. The Emmanuel App can be accessed by going to your app store and searching for "Emmanuel Fort Wayne." Search results will show you the app which features our logo.

The mission of Emmanuel is the mission Christ gave His Church when He said, "go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). If you are interested in finding out more about Emmanuel, you can contact Pastor Eggold at taeggold@hotmail.com, or Pastor Sheaffer at pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org, or call either of us at (260) 423-1369. We would love to talk with you.

“For They Shall Be Comforted”

AS WE GATHER

The world sees mourning as a sign of weakness. Yet Christ’s words in today’s reading from Matthew promise that God will comfort those who mourn. In the confidence of this divine promise, we can honestly confront and confess our sin, knowing that God has already saved us in Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God, who took away the sin of the world. In Jesus, we have experienced the forgiveness of our sin. And once we have received mercy, we are able to extend the same to others with humble joy and profound gratitude.

THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other 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: “May the People Praise You”

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.
May our ev’ry breath re-tell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

(Chorus)

May the peoples praise You, let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise,
May praise the name of Jesus.

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own,
And from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.
May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard,
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. (Chorus)

This our holy priv’lege to declare Your praises and Your Name
To ev’ry nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim. (Chorus)

Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty. Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty. All creation praise Your glorious Name.
(Chorus two times)

THE INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are adopted as God's sons and daughters and drawn into His kingdom. By means of His Word and Supper, we gather to receive our Savior's mercy and then respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise. Because of our sins of thought, word, and action, we are unworthy of the grace we receive. Therefore, at our Lord's invitation, let us come before our heavenly Father in humility and faith, seeking His pardon 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. Received into the certainty and security of His eternal kingdom, be assured that you belong to Him—He is your Father, and you are His children! 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

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Lord, I Need You"

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

(Chorus)

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay.
(Chorus two times)

My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need You.

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THE FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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 MUSICAL RESPONSE: “Blest Are They”

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

(Chorus)

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill. (Chorus)

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (Chorus)

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THE SERMON

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During the offering, please take the binder, located at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage members to greet our visitors.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Blessings"

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace,
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep.
We pray for healing, for prosperity.
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.
And all the while You hear each spoken need,
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things.

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're
near? And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear.
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love,
As if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough.
And all the while You hear each desp'rate plea,
And long that we'd have faith to believe.

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're
near? And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win,
We know that pain reminds this heart that this is not,
This is not our home. It's not our home.

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're
near? What if my greatest disappointments, or the aching of this life,
Is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy?
And what if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights,
Are Your mercies in disguise?

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for all people who call out to God in their distress. For our
brothers and sisters who are poor in spirit because of outside
oppression or personal problems, that God would remind them of their
heavenly citizenship, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who mourn, that by their faith in Christ's resurrection they
would be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who are meek as they thirst for righteousness, that God would raise up local and national leaders to provide security and justice for all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who reflect the mercy of God as they tend to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those under their care, that God would give them wisdom and strength, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who single-mindedly focus on sharing God's peace with conflicted people around them, that God would keep them strong in faith to use every opportunity at their disposal, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Church wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament, that God would alleviate persecution they may be enduring and let the Church grow in faith and numbers, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those reviled and slandered on account of Jesus, that the Lord would preserve them and ceaselessly give them joy and gladness that their reward in heaven is great, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In grateful thanksgiving, we rejoice this day and look forward to the reward our Savior won for us. To You alone, O Father, be all the glory, with Your Son 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, who not only lived a life of perfect obedience, but did it in our stead so that we might be free from all that would separate us from the eternal joy You have graciously

promised. Therefore, with angels and archangels and 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

During the Lord’s Prayer, the church bell tolls three times to encourage those outside the sanctuary to join with the church in corporate prayer.

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

“Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)”

**Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven,
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky.
Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness,
Shine across the earth, send the shadows to flights.**

Light of the World, from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love.
From great heights of glory, You saw my story.
God, You entered in and became one of us.

(Chorus)

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah. Sing hallelujah for the things He has done!
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

Light of the World, crown in a manger,
Born for the cross, to suffer, to save.
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer.
We are the richer by the price that He paid. (Chorus)

Light of the World soon will be coming.
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory.
And there He shall reign forevermore. (Chorus)

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“There Is a Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

(Chorus)

Thank You, oh my Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til The work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. (Chorus)

When I stand in glory, I will see His face.
There I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place. (Chorus)

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: “As It Is in Heaven”

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Come and let Your glory, come and let Your glory fall.
Our Father, Who art in Heaven, the rocks cry out Your fame,
So come and let Your glory, come and let Your glory fall.

I will sing, sing a new song; I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord.

(Chorus)

Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done, On earth, as it is in Heaven.
Ev'ry heart proclaim the mercy of Your name, On earth, as it is in Heaven.

God, give us, new ev'ry morning, mercy as daily bread;
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, we pray.
And lead us not to temptation, but deliver us with Your hand,
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, we pray. Father, we pray.

I will sing, sing a new song; I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord. (Chorus)

For the Kingdom is Yours, and the power is Yours,
and the glory forever, amen.

For the Kingdom is Yours, and the power is Yours,
and the glory forever, amen. (Chorus two times)

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 58:3-9a; Ps. 112:1-9; 1 Cor. 2:1-16; Matt. 5:13-20

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Hilda Wiehe from her family, and in loving memory of Jacob Irven and Curt Irven from Jeff and Julie Harper, and Rhonda Irven.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Eric Dirig

USHER AND ALTAR GUILD: Jan Hoffman, Laura Miller

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 Jacqueline Springer (wife of Larry), 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 Cheryl Huesner, Marcille Burtch, Ed Braun, Ron Bear, Margie Domenichelli, Kathy Schweyer, Don Bartelt, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Jerry Kanning, Jacob

Lichstinn, Chuck Nelson, Betsy Gibson (daughter of Mary Kleinschmidt), Hannah Mast (daughter of Michael and Shirley Harvey), Ray Behling (Father of David Behling), Phyllis Tittman, Vickie Tufley (sister of Judy Huesner), Maury Springer, Patrick Agerton, Harry Brown (father-in-law of Kristina Brown), Taylor Hogan (son of Arlan and Robin Hogan), Curt Reese (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler, Kristy Fitzgerald.

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Dave Behling, Janel Byers, Allen Herbst, Faith Harless, Marty Renner, LindaSue Landis, Larry Lankenau, Edie Lesh, Noni Hoham, Doris Hoffman, Cynda Clark, Troy Sargent, Becky Nahrwold, Paul Parker, David Nahrwold (father of Seth Nahrwold), Mitch Platt, Steve Mueller.
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Marty Imler, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Jamie McConnell, Beth Woodward, Tom Eggold, Lois Howe (aunt of Bob Frye), Peg Davis, Jenny Hobby (sister of Chris Murphy), Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Richard Vargas (brother-in-law of Kris Tinsley), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Eric Riebersal
 - Josh Riebersal
 - Georgia Rieck
 - Mirco and Melanie Riedel, Fiona
 - Bob Rietdorf
 - Justin and Christi, Conner and Ella
 - Mark Roberts
 - Dave and Teresa Robertson
 - Emily Robertson
 - Molly Robertson, Isaiah
- Please pray for the missions and missionaries currently supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Rev. Aaron Spratt - Alaska Mission for Christ
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - 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.

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 Classes 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	Room 7 (Lower Level, School)
3-5 Year Olds	Room 6 (Lower Level, School)
K-2 nd Grade	Room 105 (Middle Level, School)
3 rd -5 th Grade	Room 104 (Middle Level, School)
6 th Grade Confirmation	Room 102 (Middle Level, School)
7 th Grade Confirmation	Room 101 (Middle Level, School)
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
9 th -12 th Grade	The Loft

Adult Sunday Bible Classes 9:15 - 10:30 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Handling the Word of Truth	Sanctuary	1/8-3/26	Pr. McFadden
Marriage Is...	Mr. Staub's Rm (Top floor, School)	1/8-2/12	Matt & Amy Konow, John & Sarah Martin
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	1/8-3/26	Eggold, Sheaffer, Hille
Sunday School for Grown Ups	Mrs. Frerking's Rm (Top floor, School)	1/15-3/26	Pr. Mark Sheaffer
Feasts of the Old Testament	Mr. Staub's Rm (Top floor, School)	2/19-3/26	Jan Williams

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
FWYA (Ft. Wayne Young Adult) Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Sundays (Not on 1/1)	6:00 pm
Women's Book Study	The Loft	Mondays	8:30 am
LifeLight - Gospel of Matthew	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 pm
Women's Book Study (Beth Williams 402-803-5303)	Ebenezer Hall	Tuesdays (1 st & 3 rd)	7:30 pm
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study on Luke	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Homeschool Religion Class	Choir Room	Wednesdays	9:00 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Emmanuel Lunch Bunch - The next Lunch Bunch activity for those around 60 or over is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023, when our special guest will be Tina Acosta, Director of Program Outreach at Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities, who will share information with us pertaining to programs and services they provide this community. We gather for fellowship any time after 11:00 am in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall. Lunch is served at noon by our favorite cook Tammy at a cost of \$9.00, payable that day in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall. You are encouraged to stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall to sign up for this event or call the church office at 423-1369. Hope you can join us!

Euchre Tournament - Emmanuel Youth Group invites you to attend its annual Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 11, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. You may sign up to play with a partner or as an individual. Cost is \$10 per participant. Payment will be collected at the event. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Proceeds will help cover the cost of shipping care packages to Emmanuel's college students. You may register by clicking the link in the weekly email from the pastors, or at the Connections Counter on Sunday mornings.

Emmanuel to Host PrayerWorks - PrayerWorks is now open and you can learn about this unique initiative go to prayerworksfw.com. On Thursday, February 9, Emmanuel will host PrayerWorks. This means that members of our congregation will volunteer for one hour shifts in which they will welcome people to PrayerWorks and be present to answer questions from guests. If you would like to sign-up as a PrayerWorks host, please respond to the congregational email or text that we send to you on Wednesday, February 1, or sign up at the Connections Counter on Sunday, February 5.

Visual Faith Ministries - Emmanuel's Visual Faith Ministry (VFM) invites you to join a Faith Mail adventure on Tuesday, February 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m. This Faith Mail Project correlates with the VFM pillar "Tell" as a creative way to tell others of His faithfulness. The completed project will be a pocket in which to put prayers and additional fun completed items to send in the mail to a friend or family member to help them know you are thinking of and praying for them. Using Faith Mail, we share parts of our faith story and also encourage others. Consequently, we send out our prayers in a tangible form. It's simple, fun, and inspirational. Prayer templates will be provided along with all other additional supplies. Sign up at the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall and join us!

Are You Missing Your Favorite Travel Mug/Cup? If so, check out the table in Ebenezer Hall that has travel mugs, water bottles and children's cups that have been left at church. Any cups that are left at the end of January will be donated.

Donate a Catechism - Liberian Children's Ministry is collecting catechisms to share with students and families throughout the Lutheran school system in Liberia. If you have an extra copy of *Luther's Small Catechism* (any edition) which you would be willing to donate, please drop it off at the church office or the Connections Counter.

2023 Contribution Envelopes - Contribution envelope packets for 2023 are available to pick up in Ebenezer Hall until the end of January. Please check the alphabetized list provided on the table to find your envelope number. If you do not find a packet with your name, and you would like envelopes for 2023, please stop by or call the church office during the work week.

Kindergarten Enrollment - With so many schools in the area to choose from, making the decision about where your child will begin their education is easier said than done. We invite you to join us on February 15, for our Kindergarten Information & Enrollment Session to get a clear picture of what ESM is all about. With a long history of academic achievement, Emmanuel - St. Michael Lutheran School exceeds the standard for excellence of education in northeast Indiana. However, at ESM we hope to provide even more. At ESM, our deep commitment to investing in the whole family while also providing excellent academics ensures that your child will be prepared for their future calling, confident in who they are in Christ, and have a sense of community as they grow. REGISTER at www.esmeagles.com/enrollment/kindergarten-open-house.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Year to Date: \$115,817	Anticipated Need Thru January, 2023: \$161,894
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Last Week: \$237	Year to Date: \$1138
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CUP OF KINDNESS

Last Week: \$36	Year to Date: \$512
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Received: \$2,504,402	Goal: \$5,000,000	Pledged: \$3,000,172
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, January 30

5:00 p.m. LifeLight

Tuesday, January 31

5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 1

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

8:30 a.m. ESM School Chapel

9:00 a.m. Home School Religion

9:00 a.m. Wednesday Playgroup

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Communion Service

6:00 p.m. First Impressions Meeting

Thursday, February 2

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys

9:00 a.m. Piece Makers

1:00 p.m. LWML Service Project

2:00 p.m. LWML Bible Study

6:30 p.m. ESM Preschool Information Night at Getz Road

Friday, February 3

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

Saturday, February 4

3:30 p.m. Praise Team

5:00 p.m. Divine Worship with Communion

Sunday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion

6:00 p.m. FWYA Bible Study

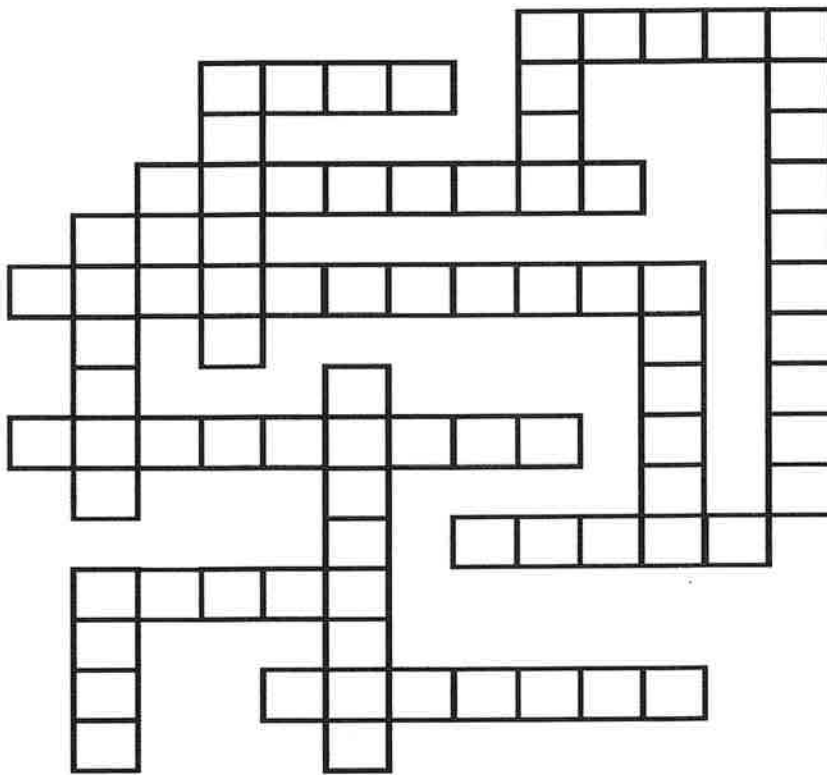
6:00 p.m. SNA

What was my favorite part of church today?

How can I use this in my life?



Fill In Word puzzle



BLESSINGS LIST:

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| DISCERNMENT | SCRIBES | SHAME |
| REDEMPTION | WISDOM | EARTH |
| COMFORTED | TAUGHT | POOR |
| PRESENCE | PREACH | PURE |
| DESPISED | POWER | SAVE |



This Visual Faith resource is designed to help visual and tactile learners take worship into the week. You can find more Visual Faith resources at <https://www.visualfaithmin.org>.

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.

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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