NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: JANUARY 13, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
God has blessed our church family with many opportunities to grow in faith, hope, and love. We pray this weekly newsletter will help provide you with the information you need to connect to the good work God is doing in and through Emmanuel.
Together in Christ,
Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheafe

WORSHIP & SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Weekend Worship and Christian Education
Saturday, January 13: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 14: 8:00 a.m. (with Holy Communion), and 10:30 a.m. service.

Christian Education Hour
We have Sunday School and Bible classes for ages birth through adults every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 a.m. See the full list of classes here.

Communion Services on Wednesdays
We offer a special service of Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. If you are unable to attend one of these special Communion services, and desire to receive the Sacrament, please contact the church office, 260.423.1369, to schedule a communion visit.

GET INVOLVED

January Lunch Bunch
The next Lunch Bunch activity for those around 60 or over is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16. Our special guest speaker will be Gloria Doty High who will speak to us about the changes we experience from the moment of birth until the end of our life. Come join us for fellowship any time after 11:00 a.m. in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall. Lunch will be served at noon at a cost of $9.00, payable that day. You are encouraged to stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall to sign up for this event or call the church office at 260.423.1369.
iLead 2024: An Opportunity to Grow as a Leader
Emmanuel is participating in an initiative for leadership development called iLead (Inspiring Leaders through Engagement and Development). In collaboration with Holy Cross, Promise, St. Michael, St. Peter’s and Suburban Bethlehem congregations, Emmanuel is excited to offer this opportunity to all members. Please consider attending us for one of the following sessions:

- **Humbler Leadership**
  January 20
  8:30 a.m.
  St. Michael Lutheran Church
  Dr. Josh Wymore will present leadership principles based on the premise that humility is the foundation of all great leadership.

- **Resilient Faith in a Secular Age**
  February 3
  8:30 a.m.
  St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
  Rev. Gabe Kasper, Lead Pastor at University Lutheran Chapel at the University of Michigan, will describe a resilient faith that not only doesn’t fade during this cultural moment but is strengthened and refined even as the world around us changes.

- **Women as Leaders in the Church**
  February 17
  8:30 a.m.
  Emmanuel Lutheran Church
  Angie Moellering, CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Indiana, will lead a panel discussion on the importance of involving women as leaders in ministry.

You can register for iLead [here](#). If you have questions about iLead, please contact Pastor Eggold.

**Life Sunday Baby Shower**
Fort Wayne is home to three agencies that mentor young mothers by educating them on parenting skills and providing baby items for them as they learn. To assist in this mission, Emmanuel will hold a baby shower to provide items for the mothers being served. These can be new or gently used such as clothes, diapers, or equipment. **Please bring all items for the baby shower to the church office by Sanctity of Life weekend on January 20 and 21.**

**Monday Morning Moms is Back!**
Join with other moms every other Monday here at Emmanuel as we delve into the book of Ruth. Here is a link to *Ruth: Loss, Love & Legacy*, the book we will be using. Our first meeting will be **Monday, January 22, 8:30-10:00 a.m.** There is no homework to complete for the first meeting.
Free childcare is available in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall with moms meeting in the Loft. More information will be given at our first meeting. If you have any questions, please reach out to Liz Bejot at [LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org) or 260.615.6493 (talk or text).
Chili Cook-Off
Emmanuel's Chili Cook-Off is back and is set for **Saturday, January 27**, at 6:00 p.m. in the gym.
This event is a fundraiser to raise money for college care packages, purchase Bibles for our Sunday School and Confirmation classes, and restock Bibles in the Loft for Emmanuel Youth Group.
This will be a fun, family-friendly night for all ages. Chili chefs (see sign-up below) will prepare their best chili recipe for you to sample. You can even tip your favorite chili chef (please bring cash). Hot dogs and side dishes will also be available. After dinner, you can enjoy rounds of Bingo with your family, complete with prizes!
Admission to the event is $5/person ($20 max). Bingo cards will be $2/card or 3/$5. We will accept cash or check for payment.

How can you help?
- Sign-up to be a chili chef. We have space for 15 chefs, so sign-up ASAP using this [link](#).
- Donate $10 gift cards of any kind to be used as Bingo prizes. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office or handed to a Connections Counter worker on Sundays.
- Come, bring a friend, and have fun!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Pennekamp or Liz Bejot.

New Session of PALS Starting Soon!
Peer Assisted Literacy Strategies (PALS) is a partnership between Emmanuel and Washington Elementary School (across Jefferson from Emmanuel) where we host around 10 kiddos each week for eight weeks in the Fall and Winter. Students from Washington are partnered with a PAL from Emmanuel along with 7th and 8th graders from Emmanuel—St. Michael School. Each week, we share a snack, devotion, reading time, and develop positive relationships with one another. We are gearing up for our Winter session and would love to have you be a part of the PALS team.

**Dates:** January 31 (training); February 7, 14, 21 & 28; March 6, 13, 20, & 27
**Time:** 3:30-5:00 p.m.
**Location:** Ebenezer Hall

Click [here](#) to volunteer

Questions? Contact Alyssa Bornheimer (stephenalyssa@gmail.com), Liz Bejot (LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org), or Pastor Eggold (taeggold@hotmail.com)

Register for the Emmanuel Women’s Retreat
Join us **February 24-25** at the Blue Gate Garden Inn in Shipshewana for a weekend of fellowship, learning, and connection. For full details about the event, click [here](#) to view the retreat brochure.

Participants may register in any of the following ways: use this [form](#), scan the QR code included in the brochure, click on the retreat banner on Emmanuel's website, or sign up at the Connections Counter.
EMMANUEL—ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL (ESM)

ESM Kindergarten & Preschool Information and Enrollment Sessions

Are you exploring Preschool or Kindergarten options for your child? Do you have a friend or neighbor who is looking for an excellent school for their family? With a long history of academic achievement, Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM) Lutheran School exceeds the standard for excellence of education in northeast Indiana. However, at ESM we hope to provide even more. In partnership with families, that foundation of faith, academic excellence, and preparation for a life of service and leadership is formed. Come learn more!

Kindergarten

Wednesday, January 17 OR Thursday, February 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Getz Road Campus—2131 Getz Road
Bring your future student for a fun activity with teachers!
Childcare provided for siblings
Learn more and register here.

Preschool

Thursday, February 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Getz Road Campus—2131 Getz Road
Thursday, February 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Union Street Campus—1123 Union Street

Information session for parents
Childcare provided
Learn more and register here.

National Lutheran Schools Week

Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM) Lutheran School will be joining with Lutheran Schools around the country and the world to celebrate during the week of January 21. We are thankful for Emmanuel and St. Michael congregations and their faithful support of ESM both spiritually and financially. ESM celebrates its unique mission as a distinctively Lutheran school in providing Education for Life and Faith for Eternity!
IN THE COMMUNITY

Employment Opportunity with Cross Connections
Cross Connections Counseling Ministries is currently hiring part time receptionists. Responsibilities include maintaining confidentiality, answering phones, scheduling, greeting clients, supporting counselors, minor bookkeeping, general hospitality, and miscellaneous clerical duties. 20-28 hours a week, weekday hours. Positive, ministry work environment. Pay varies based on experience. Knowledge of Quickbooks, accounts payable/receivable a plus. Send resume to kirkreber@crossconnectionscounseling.com or call 260.373.0213, ext. 105.

Lutheran Laymen’s League (LLL) Convention
Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 16! Join the Indiana LLL District at their annual convention hosted at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. All are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® focusing on Energizing Mission. Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission. Be on the look out for more convention details in the coming weeks.

RESOURCES

Mental Health Resources
The Lutheran Foundation has many resources that are helpful to the congregation and community. Click on the links below for resources that may be helpful to you:

- Mental Wellness Resources from the Lutheran Foundation
- Suicide and Crisis Lifeline
- Directory of Resources to Help You and Loved Ones

Resources from Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)
Did you know that you can connect to a wide variety of Lutheran Hour Ministries' (LHM) resources via an app? It's easy to do, just click here.
Resources available at no cost to you:

- The Lutheran Hour: Recorded broadcasts by our Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler. Current and archived broadcasts are available.
- Daily Devotions
- Podcasts
- LHM Learn: This online course will cover five faith-strengthening categories and use an array of multimedia elements to help you witness to others.
- There are resources for kids and veterans, too! Lots of blessings are in store for you!

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