



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: MARCH 16, 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,

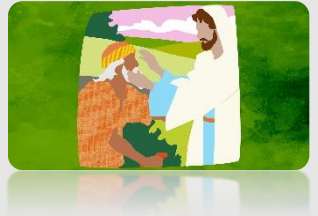
Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheaffer

WORSHIP & SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Weekend Worship and Christian Education

Saturday, March 16: 5:00 p.m. (with Holy Communion)

Sunday, March 17: 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (with Holy Communion)



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](#).

Prayers for PALS

Through the Peer Assisted Learning Strategy (PALS) program 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 by name and we encourage you to join us in the ministry.

This week, we are praying for Alex.

Our Lenten Journey



This week there will be service at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

"Jesus Mocked"

Matthew 27:27-31

Piano/Organ Duet at 7:00 p.m.

You can see the entire Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter service schedule [here](#).

Lenten Packets are available at the entrances into church and the Connection's Counter, one per family please. In the packet you will find our Lenten calendar which outlines our services, dates, and times, and a QR code for you to access our Lenten devotions by Lutheran Hour Ministries, titled *Lamb of God*. The devotions may also be downloaded [here](#). Also enclosed are envelopes for your Lenten tithing.

As we turn our attention toward our Lenten journey, there is no better way to receive strength and peace than to gather in God's house and hear the message of His love and forgiveness found in the Word.

GET INVOLVED

Emmanuel Hosts PrayerWorks in March

On Tuesday, March 26, Emmanuel is hosting PrayerWorks from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. PrayerWorks is a space in Electric Works dedicated to the ministry of prayer.

You can learn more about this unique initiative [here](#). **If you are interested in serving as a host for a one-hour shift on March 26, please reply to the electronic invitation sent from Pastor Eggold.**



Lunch Bunch



Our next Lunch Bunch activity for those around 60 or over is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 19**. Fellowship will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall with lunch served at noon at a cost of \$9.00, payable that day.

Our guest speaker this month will be our own retired Pastor Dennis McFadden who invites us to join him as we trace the movements of Jesus during Holy Week through maps, pictures, and video clips. He will also show us where the current war is taking place in Israel. You are encouraged to stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall on the weekends or the Welcome Center during the week to sign up for this event or call the church office at 260.423.1369.

Middle School Youth Event Sunday, March 24

Middle schoolers, we need your help and candy is involved! On **Sunday, March 24**, from 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m., we will have a stuffing of Easter eggs event to help prepare for Emmanuel's Easter egg hunt. Along with stuffing eggs, we'll also have lunch, a devotion, and other activities if we get our work done fast. We will meet in lower Ebenezer Hall following the late service. If you're able, please plan on bringing stickers, small wrapped candy, or very small toys to put into Easter eggs. Let us know if you're able to come by registering [here](#).

Join us for Emmanuel's Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, March 30

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: The Gym

How You Can Help:

- Donate Filled Eggs: Contribute to the egg-citement by donating filled Easter eggs.
- Provide Egg Fillers: Candy, stickers, fidgets, and more!
- DIY Egg Filling: Pick up unfilled eggs starting Sunday, March 3. Fill them and return before Saturday, March 30.

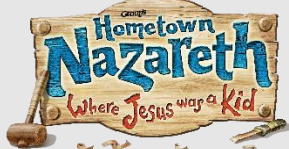
Volunteer: Join us at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 30 to help distribute eggs.

Questions? Contact Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org

We hope to see you there for a hopping good time!



Vacation Bible School (VBS) is BACK!



Save the date for Emmanuel's VBS—**June 10-14!**

The VBS planning team is also being assembled. If you are interested in helping to plan for VBS this summer, please fill out this [form](#). Please reach out to Liz Bejot if you have any questions.

Opportunities to serve in other ways and donate items to help make VBS a success will be posted at a later date.

EMMANUEL—ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL (ESM) CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL (CLHS)

Now Enrolling for 2024-25 School Year

Emmanuel—St. Michael School, in partnership with our congregations and families, is raising up the next generation of students who know the love of Christ and are prepared to serve Him in their families and communities. Now accepting applications for Preschool-8th grade. Schedule a visit today!

Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions | 260.422.6712 | eclark@esmeagles.com | www.esmeagles.com

Emmanuel—St. Michael Lutheran School | Education for Life. Faith for Eternity.

High School Tour for Parents

Concordia Lutheran High School (CLHS) invites parents of 5th-8th grade students to attend a guided Twilight Tour on **Tuesday, March 19**, at 7:00 p.m. Expect a peek at the day in the life of a freshman, admission information, and a sweet treat. You can find more information and register [here](#). Questions? Contact CLHS Director of Admissions and Retention Dawn Schuller at 260.483-1102, ext. 298, or dschuller@clhscadets.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Lutheran Senior Care Ministry Celebrates 100 Years

In celebration of its 100th anniversary, [Lutheran Senior Care Ministry](#) (LSCM) gives thanks and praise to God as it reaffirms its calling to provide Word and worship ministry to seniors in nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult day services across the greater Fort Wayne area.



To celebrate its century of service, LSCM invites the community to its Centennial Gala at [The Orchid Event Center](#), 11508 Lincoln Hwy E, New Haven, on **Thursday, April 18**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening of dining, laughter, and music as we honor LSCM's enduring legacy. To purchase tickets and learn more about the events of the evening, click [here](#). If you need assistance, please call/text Beth Igney at 260.466.5105. We hope you will join us in celebrating this important ministry in our community. **Deadline for ordering your ticket(s) is Friday, April 5.**

Camp Lutherhaven 2024



What are you doing this summer? Spend time at [Camp Lutherhaven](#)! With so many fun activities from Archery to Zip, Zap, Zoey (a fun game played at camp) to jumping in the lake, there is so much to experience. Most importantly, spend time in God's Word and grow in your relationship with Christ. Summer 2024's theme is "Wildfire," coming from Psalm 78:4. Join in spreading the glorious deeds of the Lord like wildfire with everyone who comes to Camp Lutherhaven this summer!

Register before April 1 and receive the Early Bird Discount. Register [here](#) or call for more information at 260.636.7101.

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center 5K

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center, located at 1231 S. Anthony Blvd., is an organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that seeks opportunities to enhance health and wellness for community members in southeast Fort Wayne. Learn more about their mission [here](#).

On **Saturday, May 4**, you can help raise funds for this vital ministry by participating in the 4th annual 5K walk/run held in the neighborhood surrounding the center. Families are encouraged to attend and enjoy a fun, healthy activity together! If you are unable to participate in the race, you can support the ministry by sponsoring a race slot to benefit another participant or make a general donation. For more information, to register, or donate click [here](#).



RESOURCES

GriefShare



Through this 13-week adventure, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Join us Tuesday evenings, **March 5-May 28**, 6:30-8:30 p.m, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, in Luther Hall. Contact Robert and Rebecca Boyd with questions at

862.409.4520 or bb4bboyd@gmail.com.

Present Refuge—Mental Health Resource

Present Refuge is the Wellness Ministry of St. John Lutheran Church and School, Kendallville. Click [here](#) to read their newsletter and find encouragement for your mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual wellness.

Project Connect

This week's booklet is *Why Did Jesus Die?* One of the most recognized symbols in the world is the cross. The cross (two simple lines, one vertical, one horizontal) can be recognized the world over. When you stop and think about it, this is an odd sort of fame for an instrument of capital punishment! And yet the cross has obviously caught on. But why?

- Why have Christians adopted the cross as their central symbol?
- Why did Jesus' death by a cross become such a focal point for Christians?
- Why do some Christians go so far as to describe the cross as "precious"?



In this booklet, we tackle honestly and head-on the question at the core of this 2,000-year preoccupation with the cross: Why did Jesus die?

You can download the booklet as a PDF (6BE172) [here](#). You can also access the library of booklets via an app for your phone [here](#).

Free Courses From Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)

We are all called, equipped, and sent to share the Gospel. *LHM Learn* courses will help you discern your calling, receive equipping, and embrace your “sent-ness.”

In the newest course, *Nurturing Your Faith: Identity*, we remember our identity as forgiven children of God in Christ. God has rescued us from falling victim to an identity stolen by a deceptive culture, our own corrupt devices, and by the devil himself. We are made new in Jesus, redeemed from our fallen nature.

We invite you to learn and grow in your faith with LHM Learn. Register and get started on this free course today at lhm.org/learn.

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