



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: MARCH 30, 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

*While kids hunt for eggs everywhere
They may stumble across a bunny here and there
And you and your family may be having some ham
But in the end this day is about a Lamb*

*It is He who died for all our sin
It is He who has now achieved the greatest win
He who was once dead now lives
And everlasting life He now gives*

*Easter is the best day of spring
As we celebrate the rise of our heavenly King*

By Ryan Pelka

EASTER AT EMMANUEL

Join us for Emmanuel's Easter Egg Hunt



Date: Saturday, March 30

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: The Gym

How You Can Help:

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

In addition, we would be happy to have anyone join us who may have special needs. We plan to have a place set aside for you to hunt Easter eggs and you are invited to join us in any of the activities that you may like to participate in!

Questions? Contact Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org

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

**No Saturday Evening Service
March 30**

+ EASTER SUNDAY +

Sunday, March 31

7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in all services.

Choir, Orchestra, Handbells and Soloists

There will be NO Sunday school or Bible classes on Easter.

Valet Service for Easter Sunday

If you need a valet to assist you with parking for Easter Sunday, please fill out the following form [here](#).

Parking for Easter

Due to such strong attendance on Easter Sunday, parking will be available for our Easter worship services at Washington Elementary school in the parking lot on Rockhill and Jefferson. Please consider using this parking option so that those with health concerns may park closer to the building. We thank Washington Elementary School for graciously opening their campus to us for our Easter celebration.

Easter Flower Pick-Up

For those of you who do not pick up your flowers on Easter Sunday, you can do so the following week, Tuesday–Friday. The church office will be closed on Monday.

WORSHIP & SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education Hour

We have Sunday School and Bible classes for ages birth through adults every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult Bible classes will not meet Sunday, March 31, or Sunday April 7.

New Adult Bible Classes for Spring

The following Sunday morning Bible classes **begin on April 14** and will run through May 19:

- ***Lord, Teach Us to Pray***

We all cry out to Jesus with the words of the disciples, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). Do you struggle with prayer; with finding the “right” words, feeling heard, wondering if it matters, if God actually answers prayers, etc.? Join us as we explore the gift of prayer through Scripture, answer difficult questions, wrestle with God, and pray together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

- ***Clay and Iron: A Gathering for Men***

Men of God, you are not alone! Formed by God (clay) and encouraging each other (iron) all men and their wives/girlfriends are welcome to be an active part of this real-life, topical discussion focused on encouraging the men of our congregation and community.

GET INVOLVED

GAME ON

GAME ON is for anyone who enjoys playing games while enjoying a Christian fellowship and atmosphere. The group meets in Ebenezer Hall on the first Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 2**, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Our game for April is Sequence. You don’t need a partner. Even if you don’t know how to play Sequence, come anyway, we can teach you. It is an easy game to learn. GAME ON is just a time for fellowship, fun, and a few snacks. Please register at the Connections Counter to give us an idea for planning. If you forget to register, come anyway. We would love to have you. The hostesses for April are Jan Werth and Kathy Eggold. Our game for May will be Team Trivia.

LWML Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 4

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Lower Ebenezer

What is LWML? Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an organization of women committed to supporting the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod mission through prayer, Bible study, and service. LWML women help make a difference in people's lives worldwide.

What to expect at the meeting:

- A warm welcome and fellowship with other women of faith.
- Amy Rast will share her experiences in Tanzania, Africa, with us.
- Bible study led by Jan Werth: “I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus.”



Emmanuel to Host the LCMS Black Clergy Caucus Worship Service

On **Tuesday, April 9**, hundreds of pastors and church leaders from around the U.S., Caribbean, and Canada will come to Fort Wayne, for The Black Clergy Caucus of the Lutheran Church. In support of this historic event, Emmanuel will host a special worship service on Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m., featuring Gospel music and dance by the New Covenant and Pilgrim Praise Teams, and organ music by our own organist, Myra Schmidt. This worship service is open to the public and, as members of Emmanuel, this is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our brothers and sisters from the Black Clergy Caucus. Please consider attending this special worship event.

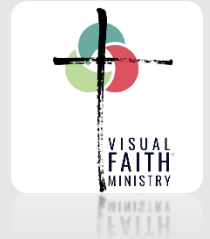
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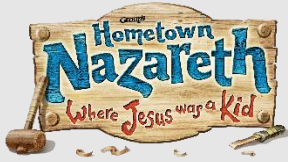
Inviting those around 60 and over to join us for our next Lunch Bunch activity scheduled for **Tuesday, April 16**, when our guest speaker will be Registered Dietitian, Julia Reick. Julia (who is Georgia Reick's daughter-in-law) will share her ideas about healthy cooking for one or two, including information about good nutrition in all of our meals. Join us for fellowship beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall, followed by a delicious lunch served at noon at a cost of \$9, payable that day. Our guest speaker will present following our lunch. You are encouraged to stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall on the weekends, visit the Welcome Center during the week, or call the church office at 260.423.1369 to sign up for this event.

Visual Faith Ministry

You are invited to join us on **Saturday, April 20**, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., as we explore the Visual Faith practice of "Around the Word." This practice calls us to surrender our own voice for a time and listen to God through His Word. We're seeking God's face as He tells us what to do. As we listen, we make note of the lessons learned. In this practice, we are not adding to God's Word or expecting Him to say something He's not already said in His Word, but instead giving God our full attention (as much as we are able to do that) and setting aside the distractions that badger us all day long. "Around the Word," using a Bible passage, is an exercise in listening with our mouths closed and our hearts open. A time of silence, a time to share if you choose, and a time to learn with one another. We hope you will join us!



Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Opportunities



Vacation Bible School (VBS) returns to Emmanuel **June 10-14**, 9:00 a.m. to noon. We're currently in the planning stages and would greatly appreciate your assistance. If you'd like to lend a hand with VBS, please take a moment to complete this [form](#). Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements! VBS registration details and supply wish lists will be available soon. Stay tuned!

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

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IN THE COMMUNITY

LWML Spring Three-Zone Gathering

Lutheran women in mission of Fort Wayne are hosting a three-zone gathering for women of all ages on **Saturday, April 13**, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Anthony Boulevard. Based on Mark 16:15, the theme will be "Into All the World." The gathering begins at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and fellowship and will include an uplifting devotion and keynote address from Sergui Trifa, a Romanian student attending Concordia Theological Seminary, who will talk about how people are reached through the Romanian ministry.

To register, please contact Jan Werth at 260.452.4769 by Sunday, April 7. Registration is \$7. The ingathering will be monetary donations to support the Romanian ministry. Your presence and contribution will make a tangible difference in spreading faith and love in every corner of the world!

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.**

A Hope Center is Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry

Please join us for A Hope Center's annual fundraising banquet that will be held on **Tuesday, April 16**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum. This year's musical entertainment will be national recording artist and "The Voice" contestant, Fort Wayne native Keegan Farrell. Also, inspirational and award-winning speaker, Pam Stenzel, will share her phenomenal story of life and hope. Reservations are required, and there will be no charge for the meal, as it is a fundraising event. Call Carolyn Beitz 260.433.7188 or Jan Werth 260.452.4769.

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.

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.

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