



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Building faith in the city*

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## NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: April 13, 2024

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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

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## WORSHIP & SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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### Weekend Worship and Christian Education

**Saturday, April 13:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 14:** 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.

### 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.

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## THANK YOU

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### Easter Egg Hunt THANK YOU!



*Big thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt! The gym was packed with families enjoying God's love and plenty of fun. Your contributions made it all possible. You're awesome, Emmanuel family!*

—Liz Bejot

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## GET INVOLVED

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### Join @917 for Bible Study

@917 is a group of men and women, typically between the ages 25-45, who regularly meet to study the readings for the upcoming weekend's worship services. The study is led by Pastor Dan. This group has a hybrid meeting format on **Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Most of the group meets in person at Emmanuel in Ebenezer hall and when some can't join in person we offer an online connection for the study. If you would like to learn more about the group, contact Pastor Dan at [pastordan@emmanullutheran.org](mailto:pastordan@emmanullutheran.org).

### Lunch Bunch

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



Visual Faith Ministry invites you to join us on **Saturday, April 20**, 9:00 a.m.-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.

Please sign up at the Connections Counter. Refreshments will be provided. We hope you will join us!

## Family Fun Night at Emmanuel

Join us for Family Fun Night at Emmanuel on **Tuesday, May 7**, 6:00 p.m., in the gym. Enjoy an evening of free entertainment for all ages featuring Brent Vernon, a singer, songwriter, and ventriloquist. Experience his energetic mix of music, stories, and puppetry with hope-filled messages and good, clean fun. Don't miss out! You can learn more about Brent [here](#). His books and music will be available for purchase as well. We hope to see you there!



## Golf League Begins in May

Emmanuel's Golf League begins **Wednesday, May 15**. The league will play at Brookwood Golf Course on Wednesday evenings. The scheduled starting tee time for the league is 5:30 p.m. Cost to play is \$25/golfer (price includes cart). If you have questions about the league or are wanting to play this year, please contact Fred Peterson at 260.437.2885.

## 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!

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

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### 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](mailto:eclark@esmeagles.com) | [www.esmeagles.com](http://www.esmeagles.com)

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### 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.

## Think Spring with Cross Connections

**Date:** Tuesday, April 23

**Time:** Doors open at 5:30 p.m./Dinner and Live Auction 6:15 p.m.

**Location:** Parkview Mirro Center, 10622 Parkview Plaza Drive, Fort Wayne

**Keynote Speaker:** [Raphael D. Bosley](#)

**Reserve Tickets:** [Online](#) or call 260.373.0213



Think Spring as you join us for an evening of fun, food, live auction, and conversation. This year we are proud to have Raphael D. Bosley, a professional counselor of [Cross Connections](#), as our keynote speaker. Raphael is a Licensed Therapist, bringing over 10 years of experience working with people from all walks of life, primarily addressing depression, anxiety, trauma, and relational, familial, and interpersonal issues. He has dedicated himself to helping others grow personally, professionally, and spiritually, hoping that a ripple effect will start with individuals committing to the work it takes to be their very best.

## 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](#).

## Fine Arts Camp at St. Michael Lutheran

*Created in His Image* fine arts camp will be held at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Road, **June 24-28**, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Participants will choose from electives including drawing, chimes, creative writing, drama, dance, sewing, fiber arts, and more. For detailed information and to register click [here](#). There are also informational flyers on the "Around the Town" bulletin board located across from Mrs. Hille's office. **Deadline to register is May 1.** This event is open to all youth who have completed kindergarten through Grade 8. Childcare will be available before and after camp.

Email any questions you may have to [fineartscamp@stmfw.org](mailto:fineartscamp@stmfw.org).

## Camp Lutherhaven 2024

Adventure awaits you this summer at [Camp Lutherhaven](#)! Race your friends in a kayak, make a craft out of things found in nature, or gaze up at the starry night sky. There are so many activities at Camp Lutherhaven the only question is "What one will I try today?" There are programs for all ages: youth programs for K-12, family programs, and Servant Events for grades 8-12. Camp has something for everyone! Register [here](#) today or call for more information at 260.636.7101.



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## RESOURCES

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### Estate Planning Assistance at St. Michael

Do you realize that approximately 70% of Americans don't have a will or estate plan? Typical goals in estate planning include topics like: guardianship for minor children, financial provisions for spouse and children, identifying power of attorney for health care and finances, designating your charitable gifts, and more. It's never too early to make arrangements for your family's security and legacy with an estate plan.

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) provides congregational “Ask the Expert” workshops to assist with planning. Diana Raasch, Director of Donor Relations and Gift Planning for LCEF, will be at St. Michael Lutheran Church on **Thursday, May 2**, 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., to facilitate a panel presentation that includes St. Michael members: Estate Attorney Mark Witmer, Certified Financial Planner Chip Olson, St. Michael Foundation Advisor Ron Menze, and Pastor Goff. A box lunch is provided at 11:30 a.m. and refreshments will be provided at the 6:30 p.m. session. Please register at [here](#).

### Mental Health Moment



Click [here](#) for a great devotional on Mental Health/Belonging that is free in the Bible App.

### Project Connect

This week’s booklet is *Get a Grip Managing Moods and Emotions*.

Is there a cure for the blues? It is said that “misery loves company,” but does that mean that the company you keep loves your misery? We all experience a range of emotions each and every day—the key is to keep our emotions from taking over our outlook on life.

Perhaps you just want to feel that you can have a better grip on your emotions than you have had in the past. If so, then this booklet is for you! It offers beneficial tips for managing moods and emotions (before they manage you). From emotional triggers to mood-busters, you will find this booklet brimming with strategies for managing moodiness. Best of all, you’ll discover how to find hope, peace, and comfort when you need it the most.

You can download the booklet as a PDF (6BE97) [here](#). You can also access the library of booklets via an app for your phone [here](#).



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