



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Building faith in the city*

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## NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: April 20, 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 20:** 5:00 p.m. (with Holy Communion)

**Sunday, April 21:** 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](#).

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our congregational meeting on **Sunday, April 28**, following the 10:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary.

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## THANK YOU

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### Thank You from the Black Clergy Caucus

*My brothers and sisters! The joy of the Lord is our strength and holds the weight of our earthly fears and concerns. Thank you, Emmanuel Lutheran Church for showering us with unconditional love and supreme hospitality. The house of the Lord gave us warmth beyond measure! The livestream link is being viewed over and over and over again by many! Thanks be to God! We are eternally grateful Pastor Eggold.*

*As your fellow leader in the vision and mission of "Empowering and Advancing the Next Generation", I am simply filled with spiritual tears to have experienced so many blessed and successful aspects of our Spring Conference. As I met with several key leaders in Fort Wayne, I could hear in their voice the joy and praise for our decision to come to Fort Wayne, Indiana. The phrase I heard over and over again was "WOW!" "WOW!" "WOW!" These words expressed how the Holy Spirit moved in their hearts, the City of Fort Wayne, the campus*

of CTSFW, Concordia High School, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, New Covenant Worship Center/Impact, Pilgrim Baptist Church, and the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites. Thanks be to God! Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen!  
In Resurrection JOY,

Pastor ST Williams, Black Clergy Caucus President

The opening service of the Black Clergy Caucus was held at Emmanuel on Tuesday, April 9, and can be viewed [here](#).

### 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 meet regularly 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. 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).

### Bible Study at Chapman's Brewing

On **Tuesday, April 23**, Emmanuel member Scott Fergusson of Chapman's Brewing will host the first ever weekly Bible study at Chapman's Electric Works location. The evening will begin with food, drink, and fellowship from 6:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a Bible study led by Emmanuel member Rev. James Voorman from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This weekly event will take place in the private dining room at Chapman's and the first beverage is on Scott. This gathering is designed to be a Gospel outreach and is open to all!

### Monday Morning Moms Social Gathering

Have you seen the announcements about the Monday Morning Moms Bible Study group? Have you thought about joining, but something has held you back? We would love to have you come to our social gathering on **Monday, April 29**, from 8:30-10:00 a.m., in the Loft. We will gather with the mom group that meets at St. Michael to enjoy food, fellowship, and a devotion. You do not need to be a mom or a part of either group to join us. Childcare will be provided in Lower Ebenezer. Please reach out to Liz Bejot if you have any questions: [LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuellutheran.org)/260.615.6493 (talk or text).

### 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!



## Visual Faith Ministry

Visual Faith Ministry invites you to join us on **Tuesday, May 7**, 6:00-8:00 p.m., as we explore another Visual Faith practice of “Worship into the Week.” Have you thought about how you can bring your worship into the week and not just on Sunday? The “Worship into the Week” practice is a way of taking the message and Scripture that you hear in our worship service and carrying that home in a way that you can continue reflecting on and responding to that message throughout the week. If you are looking for a way to focus yourself more during worship and help yourself to remember what you heard in worship, give this Visual Faith practice a try! “Worship into the Week” can be your OWN devotional plan for YOUR devotional life. Let the Word and message settle deeply into your heart through weekly reflection. Please sign up at the Connections Counter! We hope to see you then!

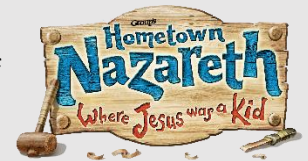
## Golf League Begins in May



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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## Staff Updates & Employment Opportunities

Emmanuel--St. Michael (ESM) School is thankful for all the faculty and staff serving every day, including the faithful work of some who are being called to begin new opportunities. In addition to Mrs. Staub accepting a Call to teach social studies at Concordia Lutheran High School, three individuals are retiring from their current roles: Mrs. Kuker as Union Instructional Aide; Mrs. Stradling as School Nurse; and Mrs. Wudy as Union Librarian. Praise the Lord for the many ways they have served at ESM and for the good plans God has for them!

With those openings, as well as addressing other ways to best fulfill our mission, please see below for different opportunities to serve alongside the incredible team at ESM for the 2024-2025 year:

- **Middle School Teacher:** The Call Committee continues its work and invites [applications](#) for qualified teachers for 7th Grade Homeroom with a preferred emphasis in English and Language Arts. Submit a cover letter, application, and resume to Ms. Greener at [mgreener@esmeagles.com](mailto:mgreener@esmeagles.com).
- **Part-Time Preschool Assistants:** ESM is searching for individuals who desire to share the love of Christ with our littlest learners. Previous experience working with young children is preferred. If you would like to be considered for the position, please complete this [application](#) and submit it to Mrs. Ackmann at [jackmann@esmeagles.com](mailto:jackmann@esmeagles.com).
- **Elementary Aide:** Part-time teacher aide opportunities could vary depending on experience, availability, and fit. Contact Mrs. Latin at [klatin@esmeagles.com](mailto:klatin@esmeagles.com) to learn more.

- **PE Teacher/Athletic Director:** We have been blessed by the additional work that Ms. Greener and Mr. McGuigan have done for ESM athletics and physical education this year! We are evaluating how best to meet growing needs in those areas and would invite a conversation with anyone who has experience or interest as AD or PE teacher. Contact Dr. Stellwagen at [bstellwagen@esmeagles.com](mailto:bstellwagen@esmeagles.com) to learn more.
- **School Nurse and Librarian:** More information is coming soon, including job descriptions and applications for these positions. Contact Dr. Stellwagen at [bstellwagen@esmeagles.com](mailto:bstellwagen@esmeagles.com) to learn more.

### 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

### 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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### Need Some Greeting Cards?

A variety of Confirmation Cards are available in the Card Ministry cabinet that is located on the upper level as you enter the Sanctuary. The cabinet is right next to the elevator. All cards sell for \$.50 each.



### 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 *Alone, Alive, Fulfilled*.

This booklet is written and dedicated to everyone that is alone or feels alone. Feeling alone can come from many sources. Learning to recognize being single as a great gift is vitally important. It doesn't preclude having meaningful relationships in your life. Maybe you're young, living with your family; but you are somehow alone. Maybe you're old, even two people growing old together; but you feel alone. Maybe you're divorced, and even have a handful of children to raise, but you are so alone in that responsibility. Maybe you're a college student, a member of the armed forces. Maybe you're widowed and painfully alone. Maybe you haven't married yet and are beginning to wonder whether you ever will. Whatever your situation, you feel a keen sense of being alone in your world. This booklet shares insights on the meaning, love, and contentment with which God can fill your heart so that when you are alone, you can also be fulfilled.

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



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