



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: July 5, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus spent His ministry preaching, teaching, and healing people. Instead of seeking ways to get ahead in life, He instead came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. Though He was surrounded by people who did not understand Him and constantly let Him down, He did not grow weary of doing good and loving His neighbors. Indeed, Christ showed His greatest obedience to His Father's good will when He knowingly gave Himself up to the agony and shame of the Cross. All of this He did so that your sins could be paid for and you could enjoy the love of the Father.

The information we've included in this newsletter is designed to help our Emmanuel family stay connected and involved. You can view our monthly calendar [here](#). Thanks for your interest and for all you do to strengthen the ministry we share.

*Together in Christ,
Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheaffer*

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

NEW! Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, July 5: 5:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)

Sunday, July 6: 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)



Patriotic Sing-Along Tomorrow



Tomorrow morning, July 6, Organist Myra Schmidt will lead the congregation in a sing-along prior to each service. Singing will begin 20 minutes before worship and will feature patriotic standards. Come early and sing loudly!

Seminarian Wes Williams to Preach at Emmanuel

This **Saturday and Sunday, July 5 and 6**, Emmanuel member and second-year seminarian, Wes Williams will be serving as our preacher. Wes just completed his first year at Concordia Theological Seminary and has been a fieldworker at Zion, Friedheim. Join us in welcoming Wes and Beth and their family.

Summer Bible Adult Bible Classes

- **Lutheran Christianity**

Come engage in the foundational truths of the Christian faith with a Lutheran lens.

Leaders: Pastors Eggold, Meyer, and Sheaffer

Location: Brandt Hall

- **The Chosen**

Explore the first season of this powerful show as it helps bring the Biblical story to life.

Leaders: Pastors Eggold, Meyer, and Sheaffer

Location: Lower Level of Ebenezer

NEW! Pastor's Bible Study Online

Each week, Pastors Eggold and Sheaffer lead a video Bible Study based on the Readings for the coming Sunday. Click [here](#) to view this week's study, as well as over 200 more video Bible Studies led by our pastors.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Pastor Art Klausmeier Celebrates 60 Years in Ministry



On June 30, 1965, Art Klausmeier began serving the Church as a Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry at Zion Lutheran Church, Schenectady, New York. This call began a long journey in ministry that also included 10 years as a teacher at Emmanuel Christian Day School in Baltimore, Maryland, and long tenure at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, where Art served as Director of Christian Education from 1977 until 1982 when he was ordained and installed as Associate Pastor at Emmanuel. A year later, Pastor Klausmeier was called to serve as Senior Pastor at Emmanuel, a position he held until 1998, when he accepted the position of

Grant Advisor at The Lutheran Foundation.

After retiring from The Lutheran Foundation, Pastor Art returned to Emmanuel's staff as Pastor Emeritus, assisting with hospital and shut-in visitations at Emmanuel along with providing pulpit assistance at Emmanuel and at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont. During his "retirement" Pastor Art also served on the Board of Directors of Lutheran Senior Care Ministry, including a six-year stint as Board President.

For 60 years, the Lord has used Art Klausmeier as a minister in His Church and Emmanuel has been richly blessed through his service. Please join us in thanking God for Pastor Arthur Klausmeier. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

NEW! Emmanuel Member Marti Wright Rehberg to Present at Black Clergy Caucus

On July 9-12, Marti Rehberg will represent Concordia Lutheran High School's Black Lutheran Alumni Scholarship Team (BLAST) at the Black Clergy Caucus in Dallas, Texas. Also attending will be President Bruss, President Emeritus Rast, and Rev. Matt Wietfeldt from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Please pray for the conference, and for Marti, as she shares information on BLAST which benefits African American Seniors at Concordia. You can find out more about BLAST [here](#).

GET INVOLVED

Clay & Iron

In daily life you will find yourself walking or standing "alone." Take heart: the Spirit of the living God is with you, and you have brothers upholding you in prayer and through fellowship! Clay & Iron is Emmanuel's ministry for men: we gather monthly but are active constantly through talking, messaging, praying, and smaller connections. Connect by contacting Billy, 260.440.4945. We will next gather on **Thursday, July 10**, and in August we'll have a cookout! Walk humbly; stand firm.



NEW! Lutherans For Life

In a culture that has their own idea of end of life rights, Professor Pless from Concordia Theological Seminary will speak about God's plan for end of life as highlighted in Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. Join us at our next Lutherans for Life meeting **Friday, July 11, 9:30 a.m.** All are welcome to attend.

First Impressions Ladies' Night

Mark your calendar for our next summer gathering on **Wednesday, July 30, 6:00 p.m.**, at Janet Smith's house. Feel free to bring a friend! For more information, connect with Sarah at pennkamp6@yahoo.com.

Visual Faith Ministry

There will be no workshop in July, but mark your calendars for our next gathering on **Tuesday, August 5, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**, in Ebenezer Hall! We'll begin with Around the Word—a simple devotional practice that invites us to set aside our own words and listen to God through His Word. Afterwards, enjoy open creative time to work on personal projects and try out our new Faith Mail activity. Whether you like writing, doodling, decorating, or simply reflecting on meaningful words, this hands-on workshop offers a beautiful way to grow in and share your faith. No artistic experience needed—materials are provided! We hope you'll join us!

NEW! Register for Emmanuel's Annual Golf Outing



Registration is now open for Emmanuel's 40th Annual Golf Outing set for **Saturday, August 23**, at the Eel River Golf Course, Churubusco. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$90 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, coffee/donuts, snacks and beverages, a delicious lunch, and prizes. To participate, contribute or to sponsor the outing click [here](#). You can pay by credit card when you register online, the day of the outing, or a paper copy of the registration form is available

Ebenezer. Please place paper copies on Becki's desk in the church office. **Deadline to register is Friday,**

August 15. For questions, please email Becki at becki@emmanuel Lutheran.org or Pastor Sheafer at pastordan@emmanuel Lutheran.org.

Emmanuel's Golf Outing serves as the sole source to The Heidbrink Scholarship fund which offers financial assistance to our graduating students who are pursuing careers in church work and to provide need-based grants to our students wishing to attend Concordia Lutheran High School. Last year we netted over \$10,400 in what was an incredible show of support for this scholarship fund and our students. We are striving to have a great turnout for this year's outing and possibly match or surpass the amount we raised last year. Thank you for your prayers and support.

NEW! Volunteer for Stephen Ministry

On **Tuesday, September 16**, we will begin 50 hours of training in Stephen Ministry. The purpose of our class is to equip men and women to be more effective caregivers and servants in the kingdom of God. For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Lana Hille at 260.417.5639.



IN THE COMMUNITY

The Bridge–20/30 Group–July Events



Are you or is someone you know a young adult in your 20s or 30s looking for real friendships and a deeper faith life? [The Bridge 20/30](#) is a space for post-high school young adults (single or married) to connect, grow, and have fun in community with others who share similar values. Click [here](#) to see our July events.

Help with Diaper Drive for Burmese Outreach

Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB) will partner with The Shepherd's Hand to support Burmese moms with diapers at our Party in the Park Mother's Teas, hosted by Annette Keller. The teas will be on **Thursday, July 10**. We will be passing out diapers at Three Fountains Cooperative. We are asking for prayers to open hearts to Christ and for diaper donations for this outreach mission. Thank you so much!
Matt Benne, Emmanuel Member and Executive Director of LAMB

NEW! Nelson's Chicken is Back

Pick up a flyer today in Ebenezer to place your early order for Nelson's delicious chicken and more. Order early at a cost of \$12, or pay \$15 on the 26th. This event is being held on **Saturday, July 26**, in Emmanuel's Jackson Street parking lot and at the POCO Pool, located at 3020 Ojibway Trail (Indian Village). Your order, whether you order early or on the day of the event, must be picked up between 1:00-2:00 p.m. at either location. This fundraiser is for the benefit of Indian Village POCO pool. Thank you for your support.

NEW! From Teen Heartthrob to Faithful Witness—Come Hear the Story

He played Mike Seaver on *Growing Pains*—a teen idol in suspenders and a fixture on *Tiger Beat* magazine. But behind the scenes, Kirk Cameron's real story began when a co-star invited him to church—and a message he heard there changed everything. At 17, Kirk went from self-proclaimed atheist to passionate believer and now he's using his platform to speak for life and truth. Come hear his incredible testimony at the [28th Annual Right to Life of Northeast Indiana Fall Banquet](#) on **Tuesday, October 14**, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. For tickets for early seating call Carolyn Beitz, 260.433.7188.

RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment

Wellness and mental health go hand in hand. Mental health encompasses so many aspects of our day-to-day lives. [Here](#) is a fun BINGO to play this week to impact your wellness/whole self.



NEW! Project Connect



Project Connect is a topical booklet ministry of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Our Project Connect booklets address a wide variety of topics, offering booklets that connect God's Word to real-life issues. PDF versions of our booklets are available in our [virtual library](#) and on our [new mobile app](#). Some booklets are even available in audio formats!

This week's booklet is [The Purpose of Living The Purpose of Dying](#).

The author's story of having AIDS is a powerful witness and guide for living. He discovered that the purpose of living and the purpose of dying are to honor Christ.

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