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## NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: July 19, 2025

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Sometimes we believe our plans are the best, even better than God's. However, what we learn is that God's plans are always better. His plans were better for Abraham and Sarah in the Old Testament Reading. His plans get Mary's attention in the Gospel. His plans were what the Christians in Colossae were discovering for themselves. Today, we are reminded of God's gracious plans; plans that are always better than we could imagine.*

*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*

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## WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

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### **NEW! Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Saturday, July 19:** 5:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)

**Sunday, July 20:** 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)



### **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.

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOU NOTES

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### Parking Lot Resurfacing

During this week, **July 21-25**, Emmanuel's parking lots will be closed for resurfacing. While we should have use of the lots for weekend worship on July 26-27, our **Wednesday, July 23, 10:00 a.m. Bible class and 11:30 a.m. communion service will be cancelled.**

### **NEW!** Thank You From Pastor Schumm

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*Thank you so much for the calls, cards, and especially the prayers you offered during my recent surgery and recovery. Thanks also to our faithful pastors and seminarians for their visits and for sharing pertinent Scriptures to strengthen my faith and encourage me. God is indeed caring and gracious which is demonstrated again through the members of His Church, the body of Christ. Again, thank you!*

*Herb Schumm*

### **NEW!** Thank You

Shepherd's Hand and LAMB would like to thank the congregation of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for your generous diaper donations to our Burmese outreach during our Mother's Tea gatherings. The teas were held on June 26 and July 10. On June 26, we served 17 families, 28 kids, and distributed 560 diapers. On July 10 we served 25 families, 40 children, and distributed 800 diapers. Many of these families are Muslim families that are witnessing the love of Christ from you. You have been an enormous blessing—a diaper to a mom in need is a gift of love for their child.

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## GET INVOLVED

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### Help Us Provide School Supplies for Washington Elementary

Washington School sits just a few hundred yards from the front door of our church. For the last 15 years, Emmanuel has extended care to the families of Washington by providing school supplies for all students. If you would like to help with our outreach to Washington, you can make a donation of any amount by using your offering envelope and indicating the amount you would give by writing "Washington School Supplies" on the "Other" line of the envelope. You can also give through Emmanuel's [website](#) or app.

### 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](mailto: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! Clay & Iron Cookout**

Clay & Iron is Emmanuel's ministry for men. We gather monthly but are active constantly through talking, messaging, praying, and smaller connections. Next up: Summer Cookout, **Saturday, August 16**, at the Hofman residence. If the weather permits us to be outside, bring your family and a side dish! In poor weather we'll limit it to the guys, but I'll still grill. RSVP or connect by contacting Billy at 260.440.4945. Walk humbly; stand firm.

### **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@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:becki@emmanuelutheran.org) or Pastor Sheaffer at [pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:pastordan@emmanuelutheran.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. This allowed us to assist 21 Emmanuel member students in high school, university, or seminary with \$22,250, in the 2024-25 academic year.** 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.

### **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.



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## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

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### **Nelson's Chicken is Back**

Pick up a flyer today in Ebenezer to place your pre-order for Nelson's delicious chicken and more! Order early for \$12, or pay \$15 on **Saturday, July 26**. This event is being held on the 26th in Emmanuel's Jackson Street parking lot. Your order, whether you pre-order or show up the day of the sale, must be picked up between 1:00-2:00 p.m., at either Emmanuel or Pocahontas Pool (3020 Ojibway Trail in the Indian Village neighborhood). This fundraiser benefits Pocahontas (Poco) Pool. If you have any questions about the fundraiser, please contact Emmanuel member, Justin Arkkelin, at 260.341.4080 or [justin.arkkelin@yahoo.com](mailto:justin.arkkelin@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support!

### **Beer & Hymns**

Join us for the next Beer & Hymns gathering, **Sunday, July 27**, 1:30-4:00 p.m., at the [Kuehnert Milk House](#), 6352 W. Cook Road. Learn more [here](#).

### **NEW! Friends of Wyneken**

The Friends of Wyneken will host an ice cream social at the historic Wyneken House, 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, **Sunday, July 27**, 2:00-5:00 p.m. There will be ice cream with lots of fixings, games, and a water slide for the kids. Come see what's new at the house and learn more about Rev. Friedrich Wyneken, a pioneer circuit rider who also served as the president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod from 1850 to 1864.

### **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.

### **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.

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## **RESOURCES**

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### **NEW! Mental Health Moment**

MEN! We talked about you last month, [here](#) is another great online space for support because men have mental health issues too.



### **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 [Talking with God](#).

This booklet looks at prayer. The author encourages us to view prayer as an invitation to speak with openness to God—who loves us beyond measure, without fear, or rejection.

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