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## NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: August 2, 2025

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many spend their lives in fretting  
Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.  
(Lutheran Service Book, 732:3)

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!** Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

**Saturday, August 2:** 5:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)

**Sunday, August 3:** 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.

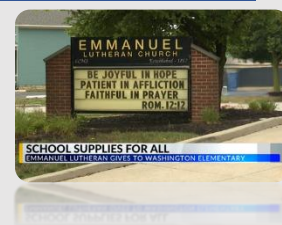
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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **NEW! WANE-TV Features Emmanuel and Washington School Partnership**

A big thank you to all who donated to help provide school supplies for our neighbors at Washington Elementary. That effort was recognized recently on WANE-TV. See the video [here](#).



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## GET INVOLVED

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### **NEW! Visual Faith Ministry**

#### **Faith Mail Night**

**Tuesday, August 5**

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Ebenezer Hall

Join us for a meaningful and creative evening of faith and fellowship! We'll begin with *Around the Word*, a simple devotional time to pause and listen to God through His Word.

Then, we'll introduce a new Faith Mail activity: a **Letter-Writing Ministry for our Incarcerated Brothers in Christ**. Come learn more about this powerful opportunity to share hope and encouragement through the Gospel. Our regular Faith Mail resources will also be available—write uplifting notes to teachers, friends, or family. And as always, you're welcome to enjoy open creative time by bringing a personal project or unfinished piece to work on!

Whether you enjoy writing, decorating, doodling, or simply reflecting on meaningful words, this workshop offers a beautiful way to grow in and share your faith. **No artistic experience needed—materials are provided.** We hope to see you there!

### **Emmanuel's LWM/LWML Meeting**

**Date: Thursday, August 7**

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

**Location: Lower Ebenezer**

#### **What is LWM?**

Women of Lutheran Women in Mission support the mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Through prayer, Bible study, and service, women at LWM make a difference in people's lives worldwide.

#### **Organizations helped in the last year by LWM grant support include:**

- God's Word for Central and South American Missions, Lutheran Heritage Foundation: \$100,000
- Bringing God's Word to India, India Bible Translation Project: \$100,000
- Life Connection Events and Kits, Lutherans for Life: \$70,000

#### **What to expect at the meeting:**

- A warm welcome and fellowship with other women of faith
- **Bible Study:** *The Power of Words*
- **Service Project:** Susie Su will give us information regarding the deaconess program and her experiences of living as a Christian in China.

## Lutherans for Life

Lutherans for Life will meet **Friday, August 8**, 9:30 a.m., at Emmanuel. Vicki Graff will be speaking on adoption.

## 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@emmanuellutheran.org](mailto:becki@emmanuellutheran.org) or Pastor Sheaffer at [pastordan@emmanuellutheran.org](mailto:pastordan@emmanuellutheran.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.

## 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!** Volunteer for Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers Are "The After People." They are there:

- after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- after the funeral, when everyone leaves and emotions come crashing in on you.
- after the relationship falls apart.
- after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- after the nursing home director says, "Welcome to your new home."
- after the last child drives away and the house suddenly seems empty.
- after the gavel falls, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you dreamed possible.
- after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

For more information about training classes that begin **Tuesday, September 16**, contact Lana Hille at 260.417.5639.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### **NEW! Men's Retreat at Camp Lutherhaven**

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Retreat is scheduled for **September 26-28**. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger, who is currently the pastor at First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, Chicago, and also served 21 years in campus ministry at Concordia University Chicago, is the main speaker for this year's retreat and will focus on "Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose." You can register for Iron Sharpens Iron [here](#).

### **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**



As we transition back to school and take on more responsibility, [here](#) is a short article with 31 tips to carve out self-care for yourself. Try just one new tip each week.

### **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 [Learning to Pray](#).

This booklet is geared towards pre-school to third-grade children. It is written in rhyme to teach and encourage children (and parents) to spend time with God in prayer.

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