



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: August 9, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In His earthly life, Jesus, rather than staying in one place and having His learners come to Him, He went from place to place with disciples or followers who listened to the truths He taught as they went along. Walking with Jesus was the greatest of blessings! Whether we hear the Gospel teachings of our Lord in the same setting week by week and year by year or find ourselves in a variety of worship locations and settings, we, too, find blessing in hearing Him as did His first followers. May we be blessed in our walking and in our listening!

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 Sheafer

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

NEW! Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, August 9: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 10: 8:00 a.m. (Holy Communion); 10:30 a.m.



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 Sheafer

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 Sheafer

Location: Lower Level of Ebenezer

NEW! Pastor's Bible Study Online



Each week, Pastors Eggold and Sheafer 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.

NEW! Monday Morning Moms

Hey, mama! Have you been looking for a group to connect with here at Emmanuel? We hope you'll [join us every other Monday morning](#) as we explore what it truly means to be a Gospel mom. Drop your kiddos off in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall with our amazing caregivers. Then, head upstairs to the Loft to fellowship, enjoy a cup of coffee, and join us in studying 1, 2, and 3 John. You can order the study book [here](#).



We will meet on the following Mondays, 8:30-10:00 a.m.:

- August 25
- September 8 & 22
- October 6 & 20
- November 3 & 17
- December 1 & 15

Questions? Please reach out to Liz Bejot-LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org.

NEW! Christian Education Kickoff

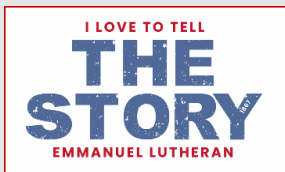
Sunday, September 7, is a big day at Emmanuel! On this day, we'll begin our Christian Education season for 2025-2026. For this day, the entire Emmanuel congregation will be invited to meet outside on Union Street for a time of fun, food, and friendship from 9:00-10:15 a.m. Donuts will be back and a coffee truck will be on site. We'll even have a bounce house! All this will help us begin our Christian Education season with great excitement! See you there!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Frontline Volunteer Training

Tomorrow, **Sunday, August 10**, all of our "frontline" volunteers will gather for training in the Sanctuary, 9:15-10:15 a.m., as we prepare for the new ministry season. Frontline volunteers include our ushers, communion assistants, openers, closers, Sunday School teachers, and First Impressions team. Thank you for attending this important meeting and for all you do to strengthen the ministry we share.

NEW! I Love to Tell the Story: A Congregational Journey



"I Love to Tell the Story" will begin on **Sunday, September 14**, as we gather in the Sanctuary between services to hear a history of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, followed each Sunday by presentations on the founding of the congregation, the construction of our historic sanctuary, the growth of Emmanuel in recent years, and, most importantly, the Lord's continued call to ministry. Learn more [here](#).

GET INVOLVED

NEW! Emmanuel's Annual Golf Outing—Registration Closes This Friday

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 this Friday, August 15. For questions, please email Becki at becki@emmanuelutheran.org or Pastor Sheaffer at 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.

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! Parents with Kids Project—Bible Verse Collage Night

On **Monday, September 2**, 6:00–8:00 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall, we invite you to take part in a special evening of creativity and reflection. Participants will create a visual collage centered on a meaningful Bible verse—such as a Baptism verse, confirmation verse, or a favorite family passage. This event is especially suited for parents and children to work on together, but you do not need to bring a child to participate. Individuals are welcome to create a collage for themselves or as a meaningful gift for a child, grandchild, godchild, or loved one. Grandparents, godparents, aunts, and uncles are also encouraged to join. All basic materials will be provided. You are also encouraged to collect and bring items from home that you might like to include in your collage—such as family photos, greeting cards, or small mementoes. No artistic experience necessary—just bring your favorite verse and a heart ready to create! Sign up [here](#).



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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NEW! Bridge 20/30: Where Young Adults Connect, Grow, & Belong



We've had an incredible summer of connection, laughter, and growing in faith every Tuesday night with our Bridge 20/30 Group! The Bridge 20/30 is a welcoming space for post-high school young adults—whether single or married—to build real friendships and deepen their walk with Christ. It's the perfect way to stay grounded and find community during the busy seasons of early adulthood.

Each week, we gather to share life, enjoy fun activities, and encourage one another to grow spiritually. From casual hangouts and local adventures to meaningful devotions and real conversations, there's always something to look forward to—and always room for you.

Ready to find your people? [Join us in August](#) for a month of fun, connection, and growing together.

Come as you are, bring a friend, and jump in anytime! For questions feel free to email

dschuller@clhscadets.com. Follow us on Facebook at [Bridge 20/30 Group Ft. Wayne](#) or on Instagram

[@thebridge2030](#). We'd love to see you there. You belong here!

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.

RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment

Sometimes just getting something off your heart and into someone else's ear can be uplifting. Maybe you want support and they can give you advice if you choose, but studies show sharing any pain with someone else lightens your load. Your pastors and church leaders are here, you have friends or loved ones you can share with, but maybe you're embarrassed and need support to feel comfortable getting supported by those above. Start [here](#).



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 [***An Ingrate's Guide to Contentment: Five Practices for a More Content Life—No Matter Who You Are***](#). Contentment is an elusive thing. Citing the apostle Paul's liberating view on contentment from Philippians, the author explores the true Source of peace and satisfaction in this life.

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