



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: September 13, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our readings this weekend, the people of Israel, Paul, a sheep, and a coin all share a similar story. They were lost and then were found. These readings highlight our Lord's faithful and loving work of searching for the lost so that they might be found in Him. Their story is our story too! Jesus has come for you and for you He has offered Himself upon the cross, was laid in the tomb, and rose again. Our Lord's search and rescue mission is the heavenly joy of the angels above, and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!

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! 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, September 13: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 14: 8:00 a.m. (Holy Communion); 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 17: 11:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)



NEW! Praying for Stephen Ministers

Please pray for the following Emmanuel members who will begin training this week to be Stephen Ministers: Janet Fisher, Peggy Krueger, Chris Larimer, Becky Lutz, Roxanne Pratt, John Ripke, Chris Sauer, Sarah Schwantz, Cole Strader. We thank God for them and ask Him to guide their studies and to bless them in their upcoming ministry.

NEW! Sunday and Weekday Christian Education for Fall 2025

On **Sunday, September 14**, we will begin a new season of Christian Education. We offer:

- Sunday School for ages birth-Eighth Grade, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
- Sunday Adult Bible Study: *I Love to Tell the Story*, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
- Weekday Bible Studies for adults

See a complete listing of these opportunities [here](#).

Sanctuary Doors

For security reasons, all of our Sanctuary doors, including the west side door, will be locked following the Opening Hymn/Song of each service. Please use the main doors of Ebenezer Hall (circle drive entrance) to enter the church after this time. Thank you for your understanding!

NEW! Pastor's Bible Study Online

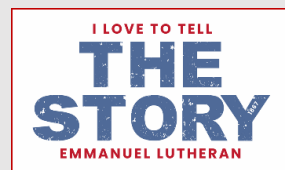


Each week, Pastors Eggold and Sheaffer lead a video Bible Study based on the Readings for the coming Sunday. Click [here](#) to view this week's study, as well as over 200 more video Bible Studies led by our pastors.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOU

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

"I Love to Tell the Story" will begin **tomorrow, 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. Classes are listed above. Learn more [here](#).



Celebrating A Successful Capital Campaign with Peter Mayer



As we head into the last few months of 2025, we continue to see a generous and faithful response to the "In All Generations" campaign. At this point, the Lord has provided more than \$6 million of the \$7.4 million it cost us to renovate our Union Street school building. On **Monday, December 15**, we will celebrate this remarkable blessing with a special Christmas concert in our sanctuary by recording artist Peter Mayer. Learn how to receive a free ticket [here](#).

GET INVOLVED

Conversations on Race

Today, Saturday, September 13, Terrie Ensley M.S.W. LCSW, will be speaking on how to communicate with someone who has differing values, morals, political, racial, and religious beliefs. This will take place in the Loft, 10:00-11:30 a.m. All are welcome!

NEW! Middle School Youth

Attention all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders! We are excited to welcome you for monthly events hosted by Emmanuel where we can grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun together. Please [click here](#) and add the dates to your calendar. If you have any questions, please reach out to Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org.



NEW! First Impressions

Ladies of Emmanuel, our next FIRST IMPRESSIONS gathering is off-campus! Join us at Ruby Moon flower farm (7535 E 400 S, LaOtto) for U-Pick flower bouquets, wine and lemonade slushies, and fellowship around the fire pit on **Wednesday, October 1**, 6:00-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$25. Please RSVP to Sarah Pennekamp at 260.486.6740 or pennkamp6@yahoo.com by **Monday, September 29**.

Support Emmanuel's Food Pantry

Emmanuel's Food Pantry thanks you so much for your continued support. Our pantry is open to the public who live in the 46802 zip code area, on the third Thursday of each month 3:30-5:00 p.m., and to our members during office hours Monday-Friday. The pantry could use a few strong volunteers on Food Pantry Day. If you are able to help, please contact Antia Kuker at 260.414.2258. Also, the Food Pantry is looking for donations of adult Depends (large size and up), toothpaste, and toothbrushes. If you are able to donate these items, please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

EMMANUEL—ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL (ESM) CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL (CLHS)

Dine and Donate for ESM



Come support our Dine & Donate Fundraiser that will benefit our 8th grade D.C. trip! We invite you to dine at Panda Express (any location) on Thursday, September 18. See this [flyer](#) for more details. We thank you for your support!

Big News From Concordia Lutheran High School: Groundbreaking Set for September 23!

The A Bold Step capital campaign, renovating the academic building and auditorium, has reached a major milestone with financing secured, and construction on Project 1 is set to begin after Labor Day. But we're not done yet: campaign fundraising continues so that Project 2, the auditorium renovation, can be included in this historic effort. In the coming weeks, Concordia will host public meetings in congregations and community venues to share how this campaign will bless generations to come, and your attendance and participation will make the difference—pray, attend, and spread the word!

Concordia Lutheran High School 50th Year Reunion

Please join us on **Sunday, September 28**, at 10:00 a.m. for a special Alumni Worship service. The service will take place in the CLHS auditorium and is open to all alumni, family, and friends. The service will be led by 1975 classmates Pastor Dan Dahling, Pastor Steven Ensley, and Pastor Steven Schlund. After the service there will be tours and time to hear about exciting plans for the future of the campus.

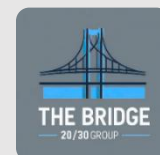
IN THE COMMUNITY

Germanfest at the Historic Wyneken House

The Friends of Wyneken will host a Germanfest at the historic Wyneken House on **Saturday, September 27**, 5:30-9:00 p.m. There will be German and American food and beverages, a silent auction, music by the duo String Theory, and plenty of *gemutlichkeit*. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call or text 260. 437.0420 for information or to reserve tickets. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur.

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

Bridge 20/30 is a group for young adults in their 20s & 30s to connect in faith and fellowship. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. [Join us this month!](#) Questions? Contact Dawn Schuller at dschuller@clhscadets.com.



RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment



Parents and podcasts! Who loves a good podcast on a drive to or from work? Why not improve your parenting with a Christ-centered approach? [This podcast](#) was built to help parents navigate life in the way God calls us to do. Paige is a licensed therapist, minister, and mom of four at a local church.

Support for Educators

The School Care Team works alongside schools to nurture cultures of care by encouraging teachers and supporting student well-being through responsive training and strategic coaching. If you are an educator, you may find these [videos](#) by the School Care Team helpful.

NEW! Project Connect

This week's booklet is [Helping Your Child Have a Relationship with God](#). Explore how adults can partner with God by planning special moments and responding to everyday moments that will help children learn how to pray to God and understand His Word.



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!

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