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## NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: September 27, 2025

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*How would you fill in this blank: "In \_\_\_\_\_ I Trust"? We might be tempted to say it depends on the situation. Yet, Scripture leads us to fill in this space with God. He is the One we trust in no matter the situation. Paul's words to Timothy provide a great reminder of this truth. Many of us know the sentence of Paul, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only "money is the root of all evil." Money is not the problem. There's no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian's true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith.*

*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*

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

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**NEW! 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Saturday, September 27:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 28:** 8:00 a.m. (Holy Communion); 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 1:** 11:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)



**NEW! Prayers for PALS**

This week, we are praying for Summer and Angela.

### Sunday and Weekday Christian Education for Fall 2025

- 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., in the Sanctuary
- Weekday Bible Studies for adults

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

### NEW! Pastor's Bible Study Online

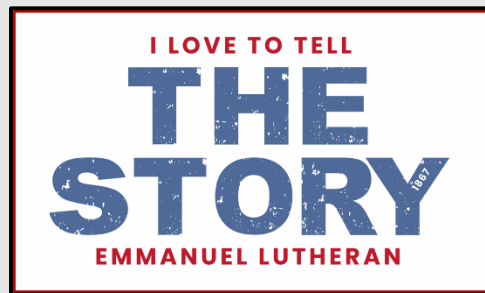


Each week, Pastors Eggold and Sheafer lead a video Bible Study based on the Readings for the coming Sunday. Click [here](#) to view this week's study, as well as over 200 more video Bible Studies led by our pastors.

## 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!

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## **NEW!** Sunday Adult Bible Study

Join us for *I Love to Tell the Story*, **tomorrow, Sunday, September 28**, 9:15-10:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary. Charlie Pratt will lead a presentation on *The Story of Our Sanctuary*. **If you'd like to view last week's presentation, click [here](#).**

## ***I Love to Tell the Story* Prayer Walk**

We are looking for volunteers to join us on **Saturday, October 4**, for a Prayer Walk in the West Central Neighborhood. The purpose of the Prayer Walk is to be a praying presence in the neighborhood and to distribute invitations to our NeighborFest, which will take place on Saturday, October 18. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for a brief orientation and opening prayer. We will walk in the neighborhood from 10:00-11:15 a.m., then gather at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Please register [here](#).

## **NEW! *I Love to Tell the Story* Service Weekend**

On **Saturday, October 11, and Sunday, October 12**, Emmanuel members will "Tell the Story" as we serve in our community. We need many volunteers for the projects we will be completing and we would love your help! Volunteers can expect to serve a three-hour shift. Please register [here](#) for the service day and you will be contacted with more information about your project.

In addition to the many service projects we will complete on October 11 and 12, we will also be hosting PrayerWorks on **Saturday, October 11**, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. This is a great way for those unable to assist with other service projects to serve in the community. [Here](#) is a list of the responsibilities for hosting at PrayerWorks. You can sign up for a one-hour time slot [here](#).

## **NEW! Volunteers Needed for NeighborFest**

On **Saturday, October 18**, from noon to 5:00 p.m., we will welcome our West Central Neighborhood friends to the Union Street parking lot for our very first NeighborFest. NeighborFest will be a great place to celebrate and share our story as we open our campus to the families in our community for food, music, fun, and games. We will need many hands to host this event, so please consider volunteering to assist with NeighborFest. You can sign up [here](#) to help.

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## THANK YOU & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **NEW! Thank You**

Sharon Alfeld would like to thank the members of Emmanuel who remembered her birthday with the beautiful cards that she received. She is so thankful for her Emmanuel family.

## 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](#).



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## GET INVOLVED

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### 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 [pennekamp6@yahoo.com](mailto:pennekamp6@yahoo.com) by **Monday, September 29**.

### Emmanuel's LWM/LWML October Meeting



**Date:** Thursday, October 2

**Time:** 1:00-3:00 pm

**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:

- Repairs for St. Paul's Lutheran School, Cullman, Alabama: \$50,000
- Showering Love on the Least of These, Mercy Holistic Ministry, California: \$100,000
- Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit, Camp Restore, Detroit: \$58,988

### What to expect at the meeting:

- A warm welcome and fellowship with other women of faith.
- Bible Study: *Beauty Marks*
- Service Project: Towels for Cross Borders

### **NEW!** Prayer is Powerful

Since 40 days For Life was established many years ago, lives have been saved by praying for the unborn and their mothers. Emmanuel's Lutherans for Life will again participate in the annual 40 Days of Prayer on **Monday, October 6**, 1:00-4:00 p.m., in front of Planned Parenthood on Lake Ave. Parking is available at Right to Life of Northeast Indiana, 3106 Lake Av. This is a peaceful prayer event. Any questions call 260.433.1788. *If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and heal their land.* 2nd Chronicles 7:14

### GAME ON Is On

GAME ON is a group designed for those who like to play tables games. We play a different game each month. Sometimes we play as individuals, other times we play with partners and sometimes we divide into teams. The game for October is Left Center Right, a fast moving dice game. No experience is needed. Everyone is an expert. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and food. GAME ON will meet **Tuesday, October 7**, 1:00-3:00 p.m., in

Ebenezer Hall. Please join us and bring a friend. We love to meet new people. Sign-up is located at the Connection's Counter. If you forget to sign-up, come anyway.

### Visual Faith Ministries

Join us **Tuesday, October 7**, 6:00–8:00 p.m., as we prepare our hearts for Advent. Christmas will be here before we know it, and it's easy to get swept up in decorations, shopping, and plans. Visual Faith invites you to pause, refocus, and center your heart on Christ. At our next two workshops—October 7 and November 4—we'll create Advent Devotional Journals that align with Emmanuel's Advent devotions. No prior experience is needed; supplies and guidance are provided. Come for fellowship, fun, and creative prayer practices that help the Word dwell richly in you. Sign up [here](#).



### NEW! Lutherans For Life

Our next LFL meeting will be held **Friday, October 10**, at 9:30 a.m. Our guest speaker is from [The Lighthouse](#), a residence for men with addictions. Their vision includes faith-based residential addiction services, mentorship, consultation services, drug testing, and community training/education. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings and learn more about our life affirming issues here in Fort Wayne.

### 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!

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

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### Craft Fair

Come out and support Emmanuel—St. Michael 8th graders at the Craft Show here at Emmanuel, **Saturday, October 25**, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. There will be handmade candles, jewelry, soaps, home decor, candies, treats, and more. If you're interested in becoming a vendor, reach out to [craftfair@esmeagles.com](mailto:craftfair@esmeagles.com).

### 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.

### NEW! You're invited!



journey by registering [here](#).

Leadership from Concordia Lutheran High School will be at Emmanuel on **Thursday, October 9**, 7:00 p.m., to share exciting news about the high school's capital campaign, [A Bold Step](#). Learn how you can be part of this God-sized

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### 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.

### 2025 LWML Fort Wayne Fall Zone Gathering

Join us here at Emmanuel on **Saturday, October 4**, for *Sharing the Love and Hope of Jesus* (based on Matthew 25:40). Mary Ann Mings, Executive Director, InAsMuch Ministry, will be the guest speaker. Learn more and see the schedule [here](#).

### 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](mailto:dschuller@clhscadets.com).



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## RESOURCES

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### NEW! Mental Health Moment



Fall is here! Enjoy these [fall-themed self-care ideas](#).

### NEW! Project Connect

This week's booklet is [Love Thy Neighbor](#). Caring for people in community is part of the Christian's mission. Displaying Christ-centered service, a loving witness, and a genuine, non-partial concern for one's neighbors is central to our calling.



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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