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## NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: October 11, 2025

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*The Bible is full of stories about families from beginning to end and yet, there are certain ones that impact us more than others. The story of Ruth and her family is one of those powerful stories. This weekend, we focus on Ruth and her family's story as we also recognize a story of family at Emmanuel.*

*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! 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Saturday, October 11:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, October 12:** 8:00 a.m. (Holy Communion); 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 15:** 11:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)



#### **NEW! Prayers for PALS**

This week, we are praying for Kennedy and Chase.

#### **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! K-5 Sunday School Sings October 19**



Calling all K-5 Sunday School kiddos! We'll be singing at the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. service on **Sunday, October 19**. We'll sing the verses we've been learning from "I Love to Tell the Story." We hope to see you there!

### **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.

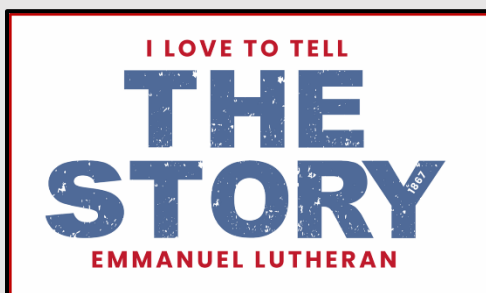


### **NEW! Study the Psalms at Chapman's**

In our faith tradition, we are often challenged to set aside how we feel and focus on the truth of God's Word. Yet the Psalms are full of feeling, whether it is joy, sorrow, fear, thankfulness, anger, or anything in between. Join Dr. Ryan Tietz and Scott Fergusson at Chapman's Brewing on the Electric Works campus every Tuesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m., as we gather to share a meal, explore a Psalm, and then finish by praying this Psalm together. This new experience with the Psalms starts on **Tuesday, October 21**.

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

Join us for *I Love to Tell the Story*, **tomorrow, Sunday, October 5**, 9:15-10:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary. Pastor Eggold will lead a presentation on *Emmanuel's Ministry Plan*. If you'd like to view the previous presentations, click [here](#).

### **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.

## **GET INVOLVED**

### **NEW! Clay & Iron**



Clay & Iron men's ministry is for all of our men. Together we can do more—you are not alone. Consider joining us for any/all of these upcoming events:

- **Sunday, October 19**, 1:00-2:00 p.m.: Fellowship and hiking at [Lindenwood Nature Preserve](#)
- **Saturday, November 15**, 9:00-11:00 a.m.: Brunch in the lower level of Ebenezer. Bring your family!

Winter Theme: "Here's What I HAVE to Say." Discerning when to speak and when to stay quiet as God's servant-leaders:

- **Tuesday, December 2**, 7:00-8:30 p.m.: The Loft
- **Thursday, January 8**, 7:00-8:30 p.m.: Lower Level Ebenezer
- **Saturday, February 21**, 9:00-11:00 a.m.: Brunch

Message or call Billy at 260.440.4945 to get connected, and as always: Walk humbly; stand firm.

### **NEW! Lunch Bunch**

Our next Lunch Bunch activity for our members and friends around 60 or over will be on **Tuesday, October 21**, when we welcome our guest speaker J.D. Stonecypher, Community Engagement Manager-Northern Indiana for the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter. He will address the impact of Alzheimer's and dementia in our community. This presentation is a general overview and covers facts and figures, types of dementia, treatments, brain health, and the resources they offer.



We gather for fellowship from 11:00 a.m. to noon with lunch served at noon in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall. The cost is \$10.00, payable that day. You are encouraged to stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall to **sign up for this event or call the church office at 260.423.1369 no later than Friday, October 17**. We hope to see you there!

### **NEW! Emmanuel to Help with Trunk or Treat at Washington School**

We have the opportunity to partner with Washington School for their Trunk or Treat. The event will be held on **Thursday, October 23**, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Washington School. We have committed to providing 10 cars and the candy to stock them. If you would like to decorate your car and be part of the fun, please sign up [here](#). If you'd like to help by donating candy, you can drop off your donation in the church office any time. Thanks for your ongoing outreach to our neighbors at Washington School.

### **NEW! This Veterans Day Let's Gather in Gratitude**

On **Tuesday, November 11**, at 11:30 a.m., the lower level of Ebenezer will be filled with good food, warm fellowship, and heartfelt appreciation for those who have served our nation. Veterans are welcome to bring a guest. **To help us prepare, please reserve your spot by Tuesday, November 4**. As a special treat, we'll enjoy music by Beverly Williams on her dulcimer. Call Carolyn 260.433.7188 for reservations.

### **NEW! Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night**



Get ready for a night of food, fun, and friendly competition at Emmanuel's Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night on **Saturday, November 15**, 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the gym! The evening begins with an hour of chili sampling, plus hot dogs, sides, and desserts, followed by Bingo for gift card prizes. This family-friendly event is sponsored by the Emmanuel Youth Group, with proceeds supporting the Servant Event to Pikeville, Kentucky. Get involved by entering a chili in the competition (details provided in the [registration form](#)) or by donating a \$10 gift card for Bingo prizes. Gift cards may be dropped off in the church office or at the Connections Counter on Sunday mornings.

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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).

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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

The Friends of Wyneken will host a presentation on the history of the purchase of Valparaiso University **tomorrow, Sunday, October 12**, 3:00 p.m. at the historic Wyneken House, 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur. The house will be open for visitors to tour from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

### **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).



### **NEW! Just As I Am: Hymns Tour**

Come to the African Children's Choir Concert as they perform in our community during their US Tour! The choir will be performing at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3425 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne) on **Sunday, November 2**, at 6:30 p.m. Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child. Admission will be free for all ages. A free will offering will be accepted. Don't miss out on this uniquely immersive experience through song, dance, and video storytelling. More info is available [here](#).

### **NEW! The Christ Child Festival Needs Your Help**

The Christ Child Festival needs volunteers to do simple crafts with kids and parents at Parkview Field on the eve of Thanksgiving, **Wednesday, November 26**. If you are able to give a couple of hours to help tell the story of the Christ Child, volunteers are needed from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and from 5:00-9:00 p.m. If you can help, please email Emmanuel member Rick Hoffman at [rhoffmann.spshr@gmail.com](mailto:rhoffmann.spshr@gmail.com). Thanks!

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## RESOURCES

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



Sometimes, the term "mental health" can seem daunting or confusing. Mental health is an integral part of your overall health. Everyone has it and everyone has issues managing it from time to time, due to environment, trauma, genetics, etc. Here is a great [myth and fact sheet](#) on mental health.

### **NEW! Project Connect**

This week's booklet is [Comebacks: How to Get Back Up after Life Knocks You Down](#). This Project Connect booklet speaks to adults and families about breaking the pull of bad choices. Comebacks: it's the difference between being knocked down and knocked out. God is all about turning our lives around as we trust in Him to lead us through our troubles.



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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