



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: October 18, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, we will welcome a guest preacher, Pastor Ron Pennekamp, who will serve us with the Word and share an inspiring story of discipleship. Don't miss this important service.

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*

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

NEW! 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, October 18: 5:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)

Sunday, October 19: 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)

Wednesday, October 22: 11:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)



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 **tomorrow, 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! Prayers for PALS

This week, we are praying for Hendrix and Daisey.

NEW! Parking for Worship this Weekend

A portion of the Union Street parking lot will be used for NeighborFest and will be unavailable for our use on Sunday morning. If you are able, please consider parking at Washington School, the Electric Works parking garage at the end of Union Street, or in the public parking lot on the corner of Wilt and Van Buren.

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.

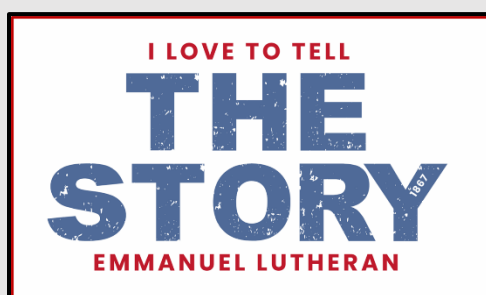


Study the Psalms at Chapman's

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! NeighborFest Today

It's not too late to join the fun! NeighborFest will take place on Union Street **TODAY, Saturday, October 18, from noon until 5:00 p.m.** The Sunny Taylor Band will be performing throughout the afternoon, and there will be food, drinks, and games for the whole family. Join us as we welcome our neighbors to Emmanuel.

NEW! Sunday Adult Bible Study

Join us for *I Love to Tell the Story*, **tomorrow, Sunday, October 19, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**, in the Sanctuary. This weekend, Pastor Ron Pennekamp will serve as our preacher, and he and his wife, Barb, will also lead our Sunday morning Bible class as they tell the *Story of Discipleship*. Please join us for these inspiring events as *I Love to Tell the Story* continues this weekend. **If you'd like to view the previous presentations, click [here](#).**

GET INVOLVED

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.

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. We hope to see you there!

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! Visual Faith Ministries—Advent Preparation Workshop



Join us **Tuesday, November 4**, from 6:00–8:00 p.m., as we prepare our hearts for the season of Advent. Visual Faith invites you to pause and center your heart on Christ. We'll be creating Advent Devotional Journals that connect with Emmanuel's Advent devotions, "Coming Home for Christmas," from 1517. No experience is

needed—all supplies and guidance are provided. Sign up at the Connections Counter or click [here](#).

NEW! Ladies Friendsgiving Dinner

Ladies, gather for Friendsgiving Dinner in gratitude and celebration of the blessing of friendship on **Wednesday, November 5, 6:00 p.m.**, in Ebenezer Hall. A variety of soups will be served and you're invited to bring a side or dessert to share.

NEW! Join Us for Emmanuel's LWM/LWML Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 6

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

Location: Lower Level 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:

- Regional Disaster Response LERT Shower Trailers: LMS National, Disaster Response: \$81,500
- Help for Ukraine's Orphans & Displaced Persons: Orphan Grain Train, Europe: \$100,000
- Portable Laundry Trailer: Forged by Fire Services, US: \$100,700

What to expect at the meeting:

- A warm welcome and fellowship with other women of faith
- Bible Study: Hold on to His Promises When Overloaded

- Service Project: Towel Project (bundling hygiene packs for Cross Borders) and signing of Thanksgiving cards for the homebound of Emmanuel.

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.

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.



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

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.

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](#).

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.sphr@gmail.com.

RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment

With it being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, [here](#) are great tips to support anyone battling cancer.



NEW! Project Connect



This week's booklet is [Love Thy Neighborhood](#). 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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