



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: October 25, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, we observe the great Reformation that uncovered the eternal Gospel that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, as Scripture alone declares. It is through this message of forgiveness in Christ Jesus alone, that the Holy Spirit creates faith and frees us to live, love, and give. In this freedom of the Gospel, God uses us and all that we are, have, and hold for His Kingdom purposes. Soli Deo Gloria! To God alone be the glory.

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! Reformation Day (Observed)

Holy Communion will be celebrated in all services.

Saturday, October 25: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 26: 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 29: 11:30 a.m.



NEW! Prayers for PALS

This week, we are praying for Kavon and Brandon.

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! Attention Sunday School Families

Thank you to our Sunday School kids for sharing the gift of song at the 10:30 a.m. service last week! God uses each of them in wonderful ways to help tell His story.

To celebrate a job well done, **Ms. Liz is hosting a Donut Party during our Sunday School opening tomorrow!**

Join us in the gym at 9:15 a.m. for donuts and fun before heading to class. Parents, please have your kids skip the regular line this week. ****Preschool will also join us in the gym instead of meeting in the classroom.****

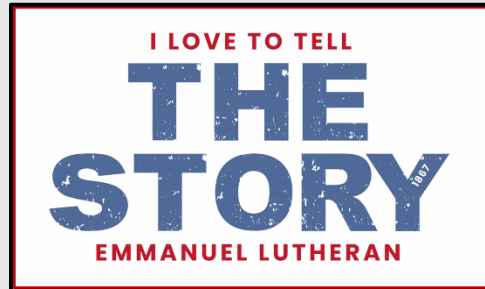
NEW! Pastor's Bible Study Online



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.

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 26**, 9:15-10:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary as Pastor Eggold shares *A Story of Stewardship*. If you'd like to view the previous presentations, click [here](#).

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:



- **Tomorrow, Sunday, October 26**, 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.: Lower Level of Ebenezer
- **Thursday, January 8**, 7:00-8:30 p.m.: Lower Level of 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.

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](#).

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.

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)

NEW! A Bold Step—You're Invited

Leadership from Concordia Lutheran High School (CLHS) will be at local congregations and CLHS to share exciting news about the high school's capital campaign, *A Bold Step*. Learn how you can be part of this God-sized journey by RSVPing to an impact event in our area. Visit cadetsboldstep.org. We're looking forward to your participation!

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, October 26:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church

- **Tuesday, October 28:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- **Wednesday, October 29:** Concordia Lutheran Church
- **Sunday, November 2:** Concordia Lutheran High School, Auditorium

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

The National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) has some great [Scripture verses](#) to support your prayers or prayers for someone else dealing with mental health issues.



NEW! Choose Lutheran Hour App for Good Resources



Be sure to add the [Lutheran Hour Ministries app](#) to your phone for Daily Devotions! You can access Lutheran Hour Ministries' Daily Devotions and sermons from The Lutheran Hour® on your mobile device by using the updated Connected app:

- Inspirational Scripture-based messages at your fingertips every day
- Season-themed devotions during Advent and Lent
- Read the devotion/sermon text or listen to the audio
- Plus, now you have the ability to take notes on devotions and sermons (free account required) and to search for related devotions and sermons based upon Scripture and author

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