



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: November 1, 2025

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we think about “saints,” we typically think of “really good people.” But as we gather for All Saints’ Day, we are reminded that all who are baptized are “saints” because they are God’s people. When we are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we become God’s children and saints. We are saints now because of our Baptism. We will continue to be saints when Jesus comes back because God’s call does not change. “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1).

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! All Saints’ Day (Observed)

Saturday, November 1: 5:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)

Sunday, November 2: 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)

Wednesday, November 5: 11:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)



NEW! Prayers for PALS

This week, we are praying for all the children and volunteers involved in PALS.

NEW! Sunday and Weekday Christian Education for Fall 2025

- Sunday School for ages birth-Eighth Grade, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
- Sunday Adult Bible Studies
- Weekday Bible Studies for Adults

Two new Adult Bible Studies begin tomorrow, Sunday, November 2:

• *I Believe: History and Theology of the Ecumenical Creeds*

Going back to the days of Moses and the Israelites, God's people have had summaries of faith. Another name for these summaries of faith is a creed. Still today, the Church proclaims its beliefs through creeds. In our worship services at Emmanuel, we make use of three creeds: the Apostles', Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. Join us as we take a deeper look into these creeds.

Leader: Pastor Mark Sheafer

Location: Brandt Hall Meeting Room

• *The Kingdom of God is Coming: Vivid Messages of Hope in the Prophets*

The Old Testament prophets proclaim Christ's coming in powerful yet often strange ways. As we look toward Advent, we will explore and revel in some of these images from Isaiah, Zephaniah, Daniel, Ezekiel, and Zechariah as we look forward to celebrating Christ coming both as the baby in Bethlehem and also at the end of the age.

Leader: Pastor Ryan Tietz

Location: School Cafeteria

See a complete listing of all our Christian Education opportunities [here](#).

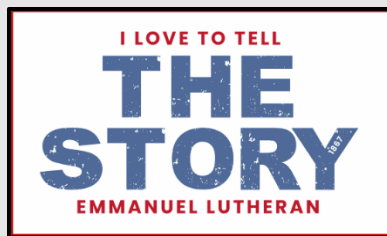
NEW! Pastor's Bible Study Online



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!



NEW! 2026 Stewardship Commitment

On October 25 and 26, Stewardship Commitment cards were distributed in our worship services with the instructions to return the commitment cards during November. As you consider your family commitment for 2026, incorporate these suggestions:

1. Receive God's gifts. If you have not been faithfully attending worship to hear God's Word, receive His forgiveness, and partake of His body and blood for the eternal benefit of your soul, then by all means, repent and come to receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus! God does not want your money – He wants you, all of you.

2. Pray. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength to follow the Lord faithfully.
3. Consider what the Church does. The Church is called to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ by preaching the Gospel to all who will hear it and administering the Sacraments to the faithful. You are a part of God's Church on earth. This is your mission, and the mission is for the life of the world – that for which Jesus laid down His life and took it up again. The Church cannot complete its mission unless all members of the Church faithfully support the Church.
4. Examine yourself. Consider the commands of God from the New Testament about supporting the work of the Church and examine your own giving. Are you:
 - a) giving of your first fruits – that is, does your offering come out of your paycheck first, not just what's left over;
 - b) giving voluntarily and cheerfully;
 - c) giving systematically and proportionally in a generous way;
 - d) relying on God's promise to provide for you?
5. Decide on your commitment. Now you are ready to consider what proportion of your income you will give faithfully, proportionally, generously, and cheerfully.

If you didn't receive a 2026 commitment card on October 25-26, you can pick one up from the Connections Counter.

THANK YOU & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW! Thank You

Mike Huesner would like to thank his Emmanuel family for the cards, the comforting and supportive words, and especially the prayers on his behalf while he was going through his cancer treatments. Mike would like us all to know that he is now cancer free! God is good!

NEW! 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](#).



NEW! Hospital Visits

Did you know that due to HIPAA laws, hospitals no longer contact churches to inform them that a congregant is hospitalized? If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like a visit from an Emmanuel pastor, please contact the church office, 260.423.1369, to let us know the name of the hospital and a room number. It is also helpful if you give the hospital permission to share your room number with the public so that we can stay up-to-date on when you or your loved one is discharged. It is Emmanuel's practice to visit our hospitalized members regularly. Thank you for helping us provide this spiritual care!

GET INVOLVED

NEW! Feeding the Hungry with King's Global Outreach

Each December, Pastor Lewis King of King's Global Outreach leads a food drive to help underserved families on the southeast side of Fort Wayne. This year, the food distribution event will take place on **Saturday, December 20**, and Emmanuel will join several area congregations to provide a Christmas meal through King's Global

Outreach. Our contribution to the meal is green beans, and in order to fill the anticipated need, we have committed to providing 1,200 cans of green beans for the food baskets. **Throughout November, we will be gathering green beans in Ebenezer Hall** so that they can be delivered to King's Global Outreach for preparation in early December. Thanks for considering this opportunity to provide food for Christmas.

NEW! GAME ON Features Euchre

Please join us for a friendly game of Euchre on **Tuesday, November 4**, 1:00-3:00 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall. It's free and you don't need a partner. Sign up at the Connections Counter or call Diane (Etzler) Campbell, 260.466.1079, and leave a message.

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.
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NEW! This Veterans Day Let's Gather in Gratitude

This Veterans Day Emmanuel's Life Team wishes to honor our veterans with a luncheon on **Tuesday, November 11**, 11:30 a.m., in the lower level of Ebenezer. The event will feature an unforgettable video interview with a Marine who survived seven years as a POW in Vietnam, plus live dulcimer music by Beverly Williams. Guests of the veteran are welcome! **Please RSVP to Carolyn 260.433.7188 by Sunday, November 9.**

NEW! Lutheran's For Life

On **Friday, November 14**, Emmanuel's Lutheran's for Life meeting will have Becca Graf speak about [CASS Housing](#). CASS Housing was established in 2015 to provide long-term housing options for people with

developmental disabilities that address the primary concerns of the individuals, their families, and caregivers who have dedicated their lives to the health, safety, and happiness of those they are supporting.

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:



- **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.

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.

NEW! Lunch Bunch

Our upcoming Lunch Bunch activity for our members and friends around 60 or over will be on **Tuesday, November 18**. Our special guest speaker will be Joel Sauer representing the West Central Neighborhood Association who will give us an update on what's happening in the neighborhood.

We gather for fellowship from 11:00 a.m. to noon at which time lunch is served 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, November 14.** Sure do hope to see you there!

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

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 Event:

- **Sunday, November 2:** Concordia Lutheran High School, Auditorium

IN THE COMMUNITY

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

The Bridge 20/30 is a community based in Fort Wayne, providing weekly social and devotional events for people in their 20s and 30s—whether single, dating, or married—who are seeking meaningful connection, encouragement, and belonging. We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

[Join us this month!](#) Questions? Contact Dawn Schuller at dschuller@clhscadets.com.



NEW! The Christ Child Festival Needs Your Help

The Christ Child Festival returns to Fort Wayne on **Wednesday, November 26**. This year, we are excited to announce activities in two locations: Parkview Field and the Allen County Public Library downtown branch. For complete details, visit our new [website](#).

Bring the joy of the season to life by volunteering. The Christ Child Festival depends on the help of dedicated community members to create a warm, welcoming experience for guests of all ages. Volunteers are needed to assist with event logistics, bring the Nativity to life, and help children enjoy engaging holiday activities. Click [here](#) to volunteer.

Your time and talents will help share the true spirit of Christmas. Join us!

RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment



Have an extra pumpkin lying around from October? [Here](#) is a wonderful idea for your family or just yourself to find ways to fill your pumpkin with gratitude.

NEW! Project Connect

This week's booklet is [A Treasure Revealed: Martin Luther and the Events of the Reformation](#). Martin Luther's study of Scripture led to life-changing discoveries about God's love and mercy, the forgiveness Jesus won for us all, and the way we are to live.



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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