



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: November 8, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, Jesus lifts our eyes from our earthly lives, and He shows us eternal things. Today, the God who is "I AM" proclaims once again the historical truth that on the cross our sin has been dealt with, and that by God's promise we have been redeemed in the present, and accepted for eternity. Today, the Gospel of Jesus shows us a God who loves us, has forgiven us, and has given us a future that the distractions of this life cannot touch.

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! 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, November 8: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 9:

- 8:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)
- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 12: 11:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)



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

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

NEW! Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies:

- *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 Sheaffer

Location: Brandt Hall Meeting Room

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

Please note: This class will now meet in the Sanctuary

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: Sanctuary

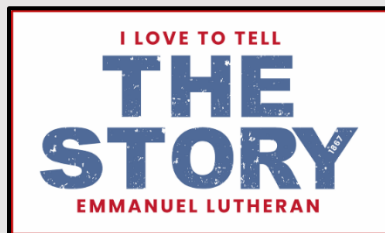
NEW! Pastor's Bible Study Online



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! 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 in the offering plate.

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.
2. Pray. Go to the throne of grace and ask for the Lord's guidance.
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. This is our mission, and the mission is for the life of the world.
4. Examine yourself. 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.

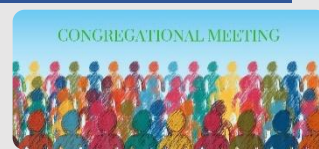
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Congregational Meeting on November 16

On **Sunday, November 16**, we will hold our annual Congregational Meeting. You can view the *Congregational Meeting Guide* [here](#).

In this meeting, we will receive updates on our ministry, approve a budget, and elect new leaders. We will also vote on an important recommendation to support Concordia Lutheran High School's "A Bold Step" capital campaign.

The meeting will start shortly after the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. worship service and will be held in the Sanctuary. If you need childcare for the meeting, please register [here](#).



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](#).

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! Help the Piecemakers

The Piecemakers were able to deliver 60 quilts to the Lutheran World Relief this year. Thank you to those who sewed the tops of the quilts. We are now looking for those who are willing to sew together squares for this year's quilts. The squares are provided. If you are willing, call Jan Werth at 260.452.4769.

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 tomorrow, Sunday, November 9.



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.

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.

NEW! Clay & Iron: Men's Ministry at Emmanuel

Clay & Iron men's ministry is for all of our men. Together we can do more—you are not alone. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another . . ." **Therefore, men of Emmanuel, please take this opportunity to share your interests and give us some feedback** on our men's ministry Clay & Iron where we seek to find ways to help connect, build, and sharpen ourselves for service to Christ and the world. You can take the survey [here](#).



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. We are still accepting donations of \$10 gift cards for Bingo prizes. Gift cards may be dropped off in the church office or at the Connections Counter on Sunday mornings.

NEW! Middle School Youth

All 6th-8th graders are invited to a game night on **Sunday, November 16**, from 3:30-5:00 p.m., in the gym. Please enter through the Jackson St. doors and join us in the gym for a game, snack, and devotion. If you have any questions, please reach out to Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org.



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)

NEW! Grandparents' Day at Emmanuel—St. Michael

Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM) is hosting its annual Grandparents' Day celebration on **Friday, November 21**, during the school day. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the connections that ESM students have across generations. They are looking for volunteers to "adopt" a student who does not have a grandparent or special guest to attend the event. There are both morning and midday slots available. If you would like to help in this way, please contact Joy Kreider at the school office (260.422.6712) or email office@esmeagles.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.

Here are two specific ways in which you can help:

- **COLLECT** used Christmas cards by reaching out to neighbors, coworkers, friends, and any other groups with which you're involved. These are for a craft, so used ones are perfect. They'll only be using the front of the card and possibly the back if there are decorative parts. If you feel you'd like to buy cards for this, that's fine-but used cards were specifically requested. They need THOUSANDS! Hannah Swor will collect them in the school office at Union. If you have kids at Getz and want to drop them off there, Joy Kreider will get the cards sent over to Hannah at Union. **Last day to donate cards is Friday, November 21.**
- **PRAY** for the event, its organizers and volunteers, especially as they battle different obstacles that threaten to derail the Christ Child Festival.

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! Santa Shop at Washington School

Each year members of Emmanuel help stock and volunteer at the Santa Shop at Washington School. This year we need donations of:

- \$1-\$5 gift items
- Wrapping paper
- Gift bags
- Boxes
- Bows
- Tissue paper
- Ribbon

All donations are needed by Friday, December 5. Donations may be placed in the marked bins in Ebenezer.

Volunteers are needed December 15-18, 9:00-11:30 a.m., in the Washington School Library.

To sign up to help wrap gifts for the children or for any questions please contact Diane Witzeman at 260.249.1307.

RESOURCES

NEW! Subscribe to *The Lutheran Witness*



If you would like to subscribe to *The Lutheran Witness*, please download and fill out [this form](#), enclose it in an envelope along with your payment of \$25, and return it to the church office by **Sunday, November 23**.

NEW! Mental Health Moment

At times, families can be complicated. Many adults struggle with being assertive or setting boundaries during the holidays and then feel stressed and burned out. [Here](#) are great tips for adults to set boundaries.

Even better, is [this song](#) for children to start learning boundaries. Just because someone wants to hug your child or tickle them or play in a way your child doesn't like does not mean they have to accept it. This song is so great at teaching this skill.



NEW! From Lutheran Hour Ministries

- **Veterans Day is coming soon!**

Check out this resource: [Called to Serve: Utilizing Our Gifts As Veterans](#). This is a five-session small group Bible Study for veterans. Based on research by Barna Group and Lutheran Hour Ministries, Called to Serve helps veterans recognize they were created by God as a gift with gifts (talents, skills, and abilities). And those gifts are meant to be grown and shared with others in their family, church, workplace, and community.

- **Opportunity to Fund Outreach in 2026**

This month, gifts to Lutheran Hour Ministries will be doubled up to \$250,000. You can help carry THE TRUTH UNCHANGING to a world in need. When you give, the \$250,000 matching grant will carry your gift twice as far. You can give [here](#) or by phone at 800.876.9880.

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