



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: December 20, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Who Is the King of Glory?" A question like this begs the answer, "Jesus!" That is absolutely correct; He is the King of glory. But our Bible readings this weekend encourage us to dig deeper into this question. Yes, Jesus is the King of glory, but He demonstrates this in a variety of ways. Jesus, the King of glory, is Emmanuel, the promised of ages! Through creation, His incarnation, and His redemptive work, Jesus shows us the majesty, meekness, and mercy He shares with us as our King of 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

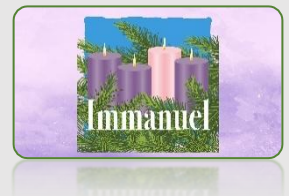
WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES, WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

NEW! Fourth Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 20: 5:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)

Sunday, December 21:

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



Christmas Singalong at Emmanuel

Tomorrow, Sunday, December 21, we will host a Christmas singalong prior to each worship service. Singing will begin 20 minutes before the bells ring for worship. Come early and sing loudly!

NEW! Christmas and New Year's Eve at Emmanuel

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

Special Christmas Storytelling Box for Kids

Wednesday, December 24

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Service

Special Music with an Orchestra and Festival Choir

Wednesday, December 24

11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

Celebration of Holy Communion

Festival Choir, Handbells and Orchestra

Thursday, December 25

10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Festival Service

Celebration of Holy Communion with Festival Choir

Wednesday, December 31

7:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Worship Service

Celebration of Holy Communion

NEW! Parking for Christmas Eve

Our Christmas Eve services are some of the most well-attended of the year. In addition to our regular parking options, parking is also available at Washington School. If you need assistance with parking for Christmas Eve, please call the church office and let us know. We will be glad to assist you.

NEW! Sunday and Weekday Christian Education

Sunday School (Birth-Grade 5), Confirmation (Grades 6-8), High School, and Adult Bible classes are on break until **Sunday, January 4**. Sunday morning Adult Bible classes will feature three new classes:

- *Lutheran Christianity*
Leaders: Pastors Eggold and Sheafer
- *Galatians*
Leader: Pastor McFadden
- *Lutheranism After Luther*
Leader: Pastor Rast

More details coming soon.

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 300 more video Bible Studies led by our pastors.

THANK YOU & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW! Thank You for Making Journey to Bethlehem a Success

A special thank you to all the actors who helped bring the Christmas story to life at our Sunday School's Journey to Bethlehem last Sunday. Thank you also to all who came to experience this beautiful event. Merry Christmas!



NEW! A Christmas Greeting of Gratitude

Click [here](#) to read a special letter from the family of Wes and Beth Williams.

NEW! Missionaries Jeff and Gina Teeple Coming to Emmanuel



After serving Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, Indiana, for many years, Rev. Jeff and Deaconess Gina Teeple are serving the Lord as missionaries in Germany. Jeff is a missionary pastor to Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfurt. Trinity is an English-speaking congregation that serves expat families from around the world. As communications project manager, Gina works with the Eurasia communication specialist, missionaries, and LCMS Communications to support projects in the region and facilitate communication to supporters and donors. Jeff and Gina will share more about their work and Pastor Teeple will serve as our Epiphany preacher on **January 4 and 5**. Learn more about the Teeples [here](#).

GET INVOLVED

Caroling at Lutheran Life Villages on Christmas Day

On Christmas Day, you are invited to join in singing carols to the residents and staff at Lutheran Life Villages, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd. We will gather in the lobby of the Village at South Anthony around noon and share the joy of Christmas in song. This event will conclude around 1:00 p.m.



NEW! Visual Faith—Gratitude & Prayer Journals



Join us in the new year as we work on our 2026 Gratitude & Prayer Journals! Writing down one thing you're thankful for and one thing you're praying about each day can transform how you see God at work in your life. We'll meet Tuesday, January 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall. Bring a snack, invite a friend, and sign up at the Connections Counter or click [here](#).

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

Clay & Iron men's ministry is for all of our men. Our Winter theme is "Here's What I HAVE to Say"—Discerning when to speak and when to stay quiet as God's servant-leaders. Prayerfully consider joining us for any/all of these upcoming events:



- **New on Mondays!**

Men's Weekly Devotion, **January 5, 12, 19, 26**, 6:30 a.m.: Brandt Hall Meeting Room

Come experience a quiet 15-20 minute way to start your day or lead your family in a moment of fellowship, prayer, and devotion.

- Gathering and Fellowship, **Thursday, January 8**, 7:00-8:30 p.m.: Lower Level of Ebenezer

- Brunch, **Saturday, February 21**, 9:00-11:00 a.m.: Lower Level of Ebenezer

Message or call Billy at 260.440.4945 to get connected. Walk humbly; stand firm.

Consider Attending iLead 2026



iLead is a collaborative initiative of several local congregations working together to develop leaders in the Church. iLead 2026 congregations are Emmanuel, Holy Cross, Promise, St. Michael, St. Peter's, and Suburban Bethlehem. During January and February, there are three iLead presentations on the iLead 2026 theme "Discipleship Is Leadership Development." Here is the event calendar:

- ***Looking for the Kingdom*** with Ben Haupt, **Saturday, January 10**, St. Michael Lutheran Church
- ***Words Create Worlds*** with Henry Graf, **Saturday, January 24**, Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- ***A Panel Discussion on Discipleship and Leadership Development***, **Saturday, February 7**, Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

All iLead 2026 sessions run from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and are free to all participants thanks to generous funding from The Lutheran Foundation. Learn more [here](#).

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.

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

NEW! Job Opportunity

Emmanuel—St. Michael seeks a Student Support Specialist who will enhance academic success by supporting students through compassionate care and intervention. Please see the [Job Description](#) for specific responsibilities and qualifications. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with a flexible start date as early as Spring Semester. Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and [application](#) to Executive Assistant Hannah Swor, hswor@esmeagles.com.

Save the Date—Information and Enrollment Sessions

[Kindergarten Information and Enrollment Sessions:](#)

Thursday, January 22 OR Tuesday, February 17

6:30-8:00 p.m. | Getz Road Campus—2131 Getz Road

Bring your future student for a fun activity with teachers!

Childcare provided for siblings



[Preschool Information and Enrollment Sessions:](#)



Thursday, February 12 | Union Street Campus—1123 Union Street

Thursday, February 19 | Getz Road Campus—2131 Getz Road

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Information session for parents

Childcare provided

Learn more and register at www.esmeagles.com. Questions? Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions | 260.422.6712 | eclark@esmeagles.com

Special Education Survey

The Lutheran Schools Partnership has formed an exploratory committee to learn more about how our Lutheran schools can best serve students with special education needs. We are first seeking to learn more about the needs of our community. If you are a parent or legal guardian of a child with special education needs, an educator, or church leader, we would value your input on this anonymous survey. Click [here](#) to complete the survey. Thank you for your feedback!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Beer and Hymns Christmas Singalong

Join us tomorrow, **Sunday, December 21**, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., at Chapman's Brewing Company at Electric Works, for an afternoon of [fellowship and singing](#) with members from area LCMS congregations. All ages are welcome. Please bring a snack or potluck item to share.

Bridge 20/30: Where Young Adults Connect, Grow, and Belong

The Bridge 20/30 is a Fort Wayne-based community for young adults in their 20s and 30s—single, dating, or married—seeking faith, fellowship, and friendship. We meet Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. for Bible study, devotion, service, and social events. [Join us this month!](#)

Connect with us:

Facebook: [Bridge 20/30 Group Ft. Wayne](#)

Instagram: [@thebridge2030](#)

Email: dschuller@clhscadets.com



RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment



[Here](#) is a great tip sheet for managing stress and caring for your wellness this holiday season.

NEW! Project Connect

This week's booklet is [What Lutherans Believe](#). Do you have questions about what "denominations" are? Are you wondering what Lutherans believe? The topic is a large one, but here's a booklet to help you along the way.



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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