



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: May 23, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is no doubt that God does extraordinary things in this world. The Pentecost account, and in fact, the entire book of Acts, is filled with amazing signs, and, even today, God performs extraordinary miracles in the lives of His people. But these blessings from God are always and only there to point us to the “mighty works of God” that have been done for us in Jesus. And that is exactly the job of the Spirit. On that first Pentecost, and in the life of the Church today, the action of the Spirit and the task of the Church is to proclaim “the mighty works of God” He has done for us in Christ.

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 Sheafer*

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

NEW! The Day of Pentecost

Saturday, May 23

- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 27

- 11:30 a.m. (Holy Communion)



NEW! Summer Christian Education

Check out our summer, adult Sunday and Weekday Bible classes [here](#). Our Youth Sunday School classes will resume in September.

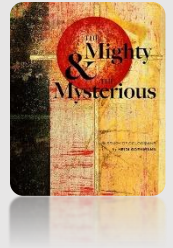
NEW! Pastor's Bible Study Online



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 300 more video Bible Studies led by our pastors.

Summer Bible Study for Women

Looking for an evening women's Bible study this summer? Join us for *Summer in the Word*—a welcoming space for fellowship, encouragement, and growth in God's Word. We'll gather in the lower level of Ebenezer from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on:



- **June 2, 16, 30**
- **July 14, 28**
- **August 11**

Led by Liz Bejot and Sarah Pennekamp, this study will explore *The Mighty and the Mysterious*, a study on the book of Colossians by Heidi Goehmann. The book can be purchased [here](#). We would love to have you join us!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Thankful for Our Frontline Workers

Emmanuel is blessed by many “Frontline Workers” who faithfully serve each weekend in so many important ways: in Worship as Altar Guild members, communion assistants, ushers, hosts, First Impressions volunteers, acolytes, openers and closers, sound techs, security officers, and musicians; in Christian Education as Bible class, confirmation, and Sunday school teachers and youth leaders; and in ministry support roles such as bulletin preparation and Welcome Center receptionists. Each of these roles matters deeply. Some are visible, and some happen quietly behind the scenes, but all 260 workers are essential to the life we share together in Christ. See the list of workers [here](#).

As Paul reminds us, “as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ” (Romans 12:4–5). Thank you to every volunteer who uses the gifts God has given to serve His people, welcome guests, teach the faith, support worship, and help Emmanuel live out our mission as A Caring Family Sharing God's Love and Forgiveness.

The Story Continues—Congregational Survey



As part of Emmanuel's 2026 planning process, we are inviting members and regular attendees to complete a short congregational survey. We are grateful for the many signs of health and growth in the congregation, and we want an honest snapshot of where we are today so we can steward our resources wisely and thrive in the future. You are welcome to skip any question you don't feel equipped to answer. This survey is also one tool among several, alongside listening sessions and personal

conversations. Thank you for helping us listen well as The Story Continues. You can access the survey [here](#).

Save the Dates For Photos

It's time for a new Pictorial Directory! Dates for picture taking will be **July 21-25** and **July 28-August 1**. More information about the directory and how to register to have your picture taken will be forthcoming.

GET INVOLVED

NEW! Clay & Iron

Thanks for a great brunch last Saturday! Also thank you to those who have stepped up in service to help a couple of our older members move this May. We could still use help **today, Saturday, May 23, and Tuesday, May 26**; message me for details. If you or someone you know has a simple service need, let the men of Clay & Iron know. Reach out to church staff or contact me, Billy Hofman, at 260.440.4945.



Our Summer theme is *Biblical and Life Applications of Prayer: Give Us Men Like the Mountains*.

Upcoming dates include:

- **Devotions or Bible Study**
Dates: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Time: 6:30 a.m.
Location: The Loft
- **Bible Study**
Date: Tuesday, June 2
Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Location: The Loft

Visual Faith



Join us for our next Visual Faith Workshop on **Tuesday, June 2**, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall. This month, we will focus on Around the Word, a tool that helps us slow down, set aside distractions, and listen to God through His Word. No artistic experience is necessary. Sign up [here](#) or at the Connections Counter. Come ready to listen, reflect, create, and spend time together in God's Word.

NEW! Emmanuel's LWM/LWML Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 4

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

Location: Lower Level Ebenezer

LWM is Lutheran Women in Mission. Women of Lutheran Women in Mission support the mission of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

What to expect at the meeting:

- A warm welcome and fellowship with other women of faith; empathy, laughter, sometimes tears, and always interaction that uplifts and encourages.
- Bible Study: An hour of interactive, cooperative study and discussion led by Judy May; lesson sheets provided. Each meeting's study can be experienced as a standalone.
- Service Project: Fun, practical, hands-on projects that make a difference in people's lives; locally, nationally, and globally. Materials and instruction are provided and the projects are completed during each meeting. "Many hands make light the work."

Organizations helped in the last year by LWM grant support include:

- Reaching Jewish people with the Gospel in Israel—The Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Asia: \$100,000
- Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the U.S.—Concordia Publishing House, Concordia Gospel Outreach, U.S: \$125,000
- The Teaching of Lutheran Pastors in West Africa, Sierra Leone, and Liberia—Project: Pastoral Education West Africa: \$86,000

NEW! First Impressions

Enjoy fellowship and get to know other women at our First Impressions social gatherings this summer!

- **Monday, June 8**
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Oh Five Scoop Shop (1937 E. State Blvd.)
- **Wednesday, July 1**
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Melissa Stout's home (284 W. 100 S., Huntington)
- **Wednesday, August 5**
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Vinland Reserve Winery (4494 Provision Parkway)

Emmanuel's Vacation Bible School

June 22-26

9:00 a.m.-Noon

Step back in time with us this summer as we travel to ancient Rome for an unforgettable VBS adventure! Kids will explore what life was like for early Christians and discover how God's love and faithfulness are always with us—no matter where we go.



- Registration is now open, and we can't wait for your children to join us!
[Register here.](#)
- We're also looking for volunteers to help bring this experience to life—there's a place for everyone to serve. [Sign up here.](#)
- Plus, if you'd like to support VBS in another way, check out our Amazon wish list to help us gather supplies. [Shop here.](#)

Please reach out to Liz Bejot, Director of Children's Ministry with any questions at

LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org.

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

NEW! CLHS Graduates from ESM

Below is the list of Concordia Lutheran High School seniors who attended Emmanuel—St. Michael who will be graduating this year. May God bless and keep them all in His loving care.

Tierney Augenstein

Lucas Clendenen

Charlie Lang

Joey Beights

Joey Dennison

Isabel Madden

Adam Bible

Clayton Goodman

Beckett Moellering

Ben Bible

Andrew Hammond

Nolan Nutter

Jacob Bible

Joy Hedtke

Hunter Panning

Kate Biggs

Helene Hendrickson

Hayden Sievers

Isabelle Burns

McKenna Houser

Olivia Steffen

Andrew Carsten

Nicholas Jones

Elliot Yoder

Hannah Clark

Hudson Kraft

Farewell to Mrs. Latin

Join us in wishing Mrs. Keri Latin a warm farewell on **Sunday, May 31, during the 10:00 a.m. service at St. Michael**. Light refreshments will follow the service. Mrs. Latin has devoted herself fully to Emmanuel—St. Michael School in the years she has served here. She will be a blessing to Suburban Bethlehem and missed here!

NEW! ESM is Hiring for the 2026-2027 School Year

Emmanuel—St. Michael is searching for qualified candidates to fill part-time teacher aide positions in both preschool and kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year. A degree or certification in education and/or experience working with young children is preferred. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, a high school graduate, and an active member of their home congregation. Application forms are available [here](#) or in the school office. Completed forms, along with a resume, should be submitted to the school office to the attention of Mrs. Jennifer Ackmann, Assistant Principal-Preschool.

Now Enrolling for 2026-27 School Year

Emmanuel—St. Michael Lutheran School, in partnership with our congregations and families, is raising up the next generation of students who know the love of Christ and are prepared to serve Him in their families and communities. Now accepting applications for Preschool-8th grade. Schedule a visit today! Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions, 260.422.6712, eclark@esmeagles.com, www.esmeagles.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Bridge 20/30 Group Invites Young Adults to Connect



The Bridge 20/30 Group is celebrating its 1-Year Anniversary this month and invites young adults in their 20s and 30s to join in a month of community-building events. The Bridge exists to connect young adults through faith, friendship, and meaningful relationships in the Fort Wayne area. See the May events [here](#).

Connect with us: Facebook: [Bridge 20/30 Group Ft. Wayne](#); Instagram: [@thebridge2030](#);

Email: dschuller@clhscadets.com

CTSFW Golf Outing

On **Friday, May 29**, alumni, students, community members, and friends of Concordia Theological Seminary--Fort Wayne (CTSFW) are invited to our annual Golf Outing at Noble Hawk Golf Links.

Proceeds from the event will help fund the construction of a new Food and Clothing Co-op for students and their families. Thanks to a gift from a generous donor, all proceeds from the event will be matched! Learn more and register [here](#).

Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)

The Karen Cultural Festival will be held at Southwest Lutheran Church, 5120 Homestead Road, **on Saturday, May 30**, 12:00–6:00 p.m., with festivities from 3:00–5:00 p.m. The Karen people are a tribe under persecution by the Burmese (Myanmar) Army. There will be Karen traditional music, dances, refugee stories, Burmese/Thai food and more. A promotional video about Pastor Soe Moe and LAMB Medical Deaconess Taylor Aung will be shown. Food can be purchased on the date or now at the Southwest church office. Funds raised from this event will go towards supporting the ministry of Pastor Soe Moe, the first Burmese Lutheran pastor in North America, and LAMB. Please come and see a unique part of God's Kingdom.

RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment

Teen Seeking Safety is a great teen group therapy in Fort Wayne. Instead of revisiting painful past events, the group helps teens build coping skills, strengthen emotional safety, and improve daily functioning right now. This is an open group, so new participants can join at any time.



- **Who:** Group therapy offered to teens between 14 and 17
- **What:** Adolescent Seeking Safety is a curriculum designed to address trauma, substance abuse, and unsafe behaviors.
- **When:** Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- **Where:** [Bowen Health](#) Outpatient Office-2100 Goshen Road.

NEW! Project Connect



This week's booklet is [Spiritual Mentoring: You \(Still\) Have So Much to Give](#). Heartfelt petitions address traits like courage, humility, and respect. Scripture reinforces each prayer and space is available for personal reflection.

PDF versions of our booklets are available in our [virtual library](#) and on our [mobile app](#). Some booklets are even available in audio formats!

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