



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: June 6, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we are given the heart-changing, life-giving, and incredible assurance that God doesn't give us what we deserve. Instead, God deals with us by His mercy. You see, Christ Jesus came because we were sick. He came because we were dead in our sin. Christ came to this earth in our own flesh as the ultimate sacrifice, so that God could deal with us by mercy, not because we earned it, not because we deserved it. No! He came for us, and He died for us, because He loves us.

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! Second Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, June 6

- 5:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)

Sunday, June 7

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

Wednesday, June 10

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



Summer Christian Education

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

NEW! Missionary Chris Yang to Visit Emmanuel Tomorrow



Tomorrow, Sunday, June 7, Emmanuel will welcome [Pastor Chris Yang](#) for a special presentation at 9:15 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall. Pastor Yang has been called by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) to serve as a missionary in Taiwan, where he will work as a theological educator and church planter. He has also served as the mission pastor for a Lutheran congregation in Beijing, China, which continues to gather online for worship and teaching in Chinese. During his presentation, Pastor Yang will help us learn more about LCMS mission work among Chinese-speaking people, especially in Taiwan and China. His visit will give us an opportunity to hear how the Lord is opening doors for the Gospel, to learn about the need for Chinese-speaking Lutheran pastors, and to pray for the Church in Asia. Please plan to join us for this important mission presentation as we give thanks for the Lord's work through Pastor Yang and the LCMS around the world.

Playground Playdates

Join us for some summer fun at Krueckeberg Corner playground! All kids and their families are invited for a special time of fellowship and play. These low-key gatherings are a great way to enjoy the outdoors and connect with other families. We will gather from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on the following Sundays:

- **June 7, 21**
- **July 5, 19**
- **August 2, 16**

We can't wait to see you there!



NEW! Pastor's Bible Study Online



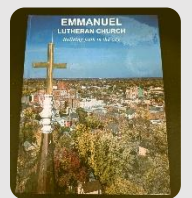
Each week, Pastors Eggold and Sheafer lead a video Bible Study based on the Readings for the coming Sunday. Click [here](#) to view this week's study, as well as over 300 more video Bible Studies led by our pastors.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Pictorial Directory—Gathering Families, Connecting Generations

This week you will receive a letter and instruction sheet with information about our upcoming photography sessions and how to register for your individual and/or family portrait. We are excited to create a new church directory, as our last directory at Emmanuel was in 2018. Much has changed since then and a new directory will preserve this special time in our church history, provide a current record of our membership, help members become better acquainted with one another, and strengthen connections within our congregation. Our 2018 directory was a great success, with more than 310 family units photographed.

As a thank-you for participating, each photographed family/individual will receive a FREE 8x10 photo. We are hoping for a strong response so that we can create a complete directory of our church family. If you have any questions, you can call Becki or Carolyn in the church office at 260.423.1369. Thank you!



EYG Servant Event

Please pray for the 49 high school youth and six adult leaders who will participate in our summer servant event in Pikeville, Kentucky, **June 13-19**. We are thankful for the encouragement and prayers of our congregation, as well as the financial support provided by the Lutheran Foundation. Please pray specifically for safe travel, meaningful and productive work, and Christ-centered interactions with homeowners, Experience Mission staff, and community members throughout the week.

NEW! Congregational Listening Sessions—*The Story Continues*



Join us for congregational listening sessions on **Sunday, June 14, and Sunday, June 21, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**, in the school gym. These sessions are a key part of our planning process as we listen for how God is leading Emmanuel into the next chapter of ministry. You're welcome to attend one or both sessions—each will stand on its own. Come share what you value about Emmanuel, where you see needs and opportunities, and how we can best steward our resources for discipleship and outreach. We hope

you'll take part as *The Story Continues*.

GET INVOLVED

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)

Lutherans for Life

Our next meeting will be **Friday, June 12, 9:30 a.m.**, at Emmanuel. Our speaker is from Young Mothers of America.

Clay & Iron

Thank you to those who lent your hands (and arms and backs) to help some members move this past week! Ways to connect this June:

- **Devotions (Mondays) and Bible Study (Wednesday/Fridays)**
6:30 a.m.
Ebenezer/Brandt Hall
- **R.O.M.E.O. Retired Old Men Eating Out (65+)**
Friday, June 12
Noon
- **Devotional Lunch Hour (all men)**
Thursday, June 18
Noon



Want more info? Connect with Billy Hofman at 260.440.4945

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@emmanuellutheran.org.

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

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.

Athletic Booster Sponsors Needed

Support Emmanuel—St. Michael Athletics by becoming an Athletic Booster sponsor! Local businesses are invited to partner with us in supporting student-athletes through equipment, uniforms, travel, and facility needs. A \$300 annual sponsorship includes your business logo displayed on gym banners throughout the year. Interested or want more information? **Contact Kevin McGuigan** at kmcquigan@esmeagles.com by **July 31**. Thank you for investing in our students and school community!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Bridge 20/30 Group Invites Young Adults to Connect

Bridge 20/30 is a Christian young adult group for adults in their 20s and 30s focused on building community, friendships, faith, and fellowship through social events, devotion nights, and activities throughout the Fort Wayne area. New participants are always welcome! See the June events [here](#).

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

Email: dschuller@clhscadets.com



RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment



Most of us were not taught coping tools as children; they are best learned through modeling. [Here](#) is a great list for yourself and to model to your children or others.

NEW! Project Connect

This week's booklet is [Why Should I Go to Church?](#) It can be easy to get caught up in summertime activities and miss the blessings of worship. This Project Connect booklet reminds us of how many of the blessings received from Him come from worship. What do you think when you hear the word "church"? Read stories of church attendance, unexpected blessings, and the sense of community people found in the body of Christ.

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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