



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: June 13, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” This is Israel’s response to Moses on Mount Sinai. They were to keep His law, and if they did, He would be their God, and they would be His people. But things did not go as hoped. Soon the children of Israel fashioned a golden calf for themselves. In doing so, they revealed a horrible truth about us and, at the same time, a wonderful truth about God: He already had a plan to make a people for Himself.

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! Third Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, June 13

- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 14

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

Wednesday, June 17

- 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.

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 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

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.

Congregational Listening Sessions—*The Story Continues*



Join us for congregational listening sessions **tomorrow, Sunday, June 14**, and **Sunday, June 21**, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Tomorrow's session will be in the school gym; location for the session on June 21 is to be determined. 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*.

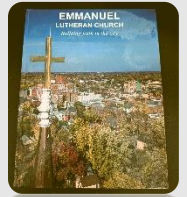
NEW! The Story Continues—Congregational Survey

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](#).

Pictorial Directory—Gathering Families, Connecting Generations

All families 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!



GET INVOLVED

NEW! Emmanuel's Vacation Bible School



June 22-26

9:00 a.m.-Noon

VBS is almost here—we're in the final week of preparation! Step back in time with us as we travel to ancient Rome for an unforgettable 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 still open—but closing soon!** We can't wait for your children to join us. Register [here](#).
- **We're still looking for a few more volunteers** - running tech during VBS, assistant group leaders (great for any age), help with crafts, and help with childcare are still needed to help VBS run smoothly. Sign up [here](#).
- **Help us get ready for VBS!** Join us for set up:
Saturday, June 20: 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Sunday, June 21: Noon until we are finished
- We are down to our final items on our Amazon wish list. If you're able to help check off any items, it would be greatly appreciated. THANK YOU so much for your generosity thus far! Shop [here](#).

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

LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org.

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
- **Devotional Lunch Hour (all men)**
Thursday, June 18
Noon

Want more info? Connect with Billy Hofman at 260.440.4945



First Impressions

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

- **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)

NEW! Visual Faith

There will be no Visual Faith workshop in July. We will resume on **Tuesday, August 4**. Visual Faith is a simple and creative way to slow down with God's Word through prayer, Scripture, journaling, and other hands-on practices. No artistic experience is needed—just a desire to reflect, pray, and grow in faith. All are welcome to join us when we gather again in August. Have a wonderful summer!

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

NEW! Donations Needed for Burmese Outreach

Lutheran Agency for Mission to the Burmese (LAMB) will host their annual Party in the Park at Three Fountains apartments. Included with the programming for the children, LAMB will host two Mothers Teas on **Thursday, June 25, and Thursday, July 9**. Shepherd's Hand will be there to donate diapers to families. The diapers have already been provided through a grant for diapers, so those are covered, but LAMB will also provide feminine sanitary pads and baby wipes to aid the health of the families at Three Fountains. Please consider donating pads and wipes for this cause. **You can bring them to church and leave them in the office any time before Thursday, June 25.**

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

Children learn so many things from “failure.” [Here](#) is a great article to support allowing your child to fail or struggle and benefit from it.



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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