



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Building faith in the city*

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## NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: June 20, 2026

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*Polls tell us that many of us live in fear and struggle with depression. Jesus calls us not to be afraid—not because we have no enemies but because He is stronger than them all. God knows the score—from every bird that falls from the sky to every hair on our head. He has invested His love and mercy in us in Christ and will not turn away from us. This promise is sure. Because of this, we can surrender our fears of being known as His children. We are called to see things not by the times and circumstances around us but by the promises of God. He will not disappoint or forsake 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*

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

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### **NEW! Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Saturday, June 20**

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

**Sunday, June 21**

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

**Wednesday, June 24**

- **No 11:30 a.m. service due to VBS**

**\*\*Please note: In honor of Father's Day, Lutherans for Life will host an ice cream social following each service this weekend.**



### **NEW! Wednesday Pastor Bible Study and Worship Cancelled This Week**

We have the joy of having over 100 children in our Vacation Bible School this week. Because of that we will be using all the available space, so our Wednesday Pastor's Bible Study (10:00 a.m.) and worship service (11:30 a.m.) will be cancelled this week. We will resume as usual on Wednesday, July 1.

### **Summer Christian Education**

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

### **NEW! 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.

**When:** 7:00-8:30 p.m.

- **June 30**
- **July 14 and 28**
- **August 11**

**Where:** Ebenezer Lower Level

**Leaders:** 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! Feel free to reach out to Liz ([LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org)) or Sarah ([pennkamp6@yahoo.com](mailto:pennkamp6@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions.

### **NEW! Special Music for Independence Day Weekend**



America's 250th Anniversary is quickly approaching, and our Music Ministry is preparing special music for the **Sunday, July 5**, worship services. The Adult Choir and Brass Choir will lead unique arrangements of familiar hymns and songs, many drawn from the *Lutheran Service Book* and *Lutheran Worship* hymnal. Plan to arrive a few minutes early to enjoy a special sing-along! Our **Saturday, July 4**, service will also feature hymns and songs commemorating our nation's independence.

### **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.

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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOU**

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### **NEW! Congregational Listening Sessions—*The Story Continues***

Join us for congregational listening sessions **tomorrow, Sunday, June 21**, 9:15-10:15 a.m., in Ebenezer Lower Level. 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! Emmanuel's Vacation Bible School—Helpers Still Needed**



As we look forward to Vacation Bible School next week, **June 22-26**, thank you to all who have supported this ministry—through donations, volunteering, and prayer. We also extend a special thank you to the Lutheran Foundation for their generous support. Please join us in praying for the week ahead—for the children, our volunteers, and that God’s love will be clearly seen by all.

**We still need help setting up for VBS! Join us for set up:**

- **Saturday, June 20:** 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- **Sunday, June 21:** Noon until we are finished

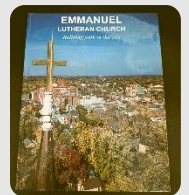
Please reach out to Liz Bejot, Director of Children's Ministry, with any questions at [LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org](mailto:LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org).

## **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](#).

## **NEW! Pictorial Directory—Gathering Families, Connecting Generations**

Sign up is now available for Emmanuel’s new Pictorial Directory photo sessions. A letter was mailed to the congregation on Thursday, June 11, containing all the information needed to schedule your appointment. If you have not received your letter or misplaced it, please follow the instructions below:



1. Go to website [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)
2. Click on the RED box that is located on the right side of the homepage entitled “Photography Appointment Scheduling Login”
3. Enter your church code: in2038
4. Enter your church password: photos2038
5. Select your preferred photography date and appointment time.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have **more than six family members**, you must reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10 p.m.).

If you need assistance, please call the church office at 260.423.1369 and ask for Becki or Carolyn.

## **NEW! Thanks Be To God**

Michael and Aprel Cornyn give thanks to God for the successful operation for their daughter, Amanda Cornyn-Brandford.

## **NEW! Thank You From The Sheafers**

*Dear Emmanuel Family,*

*Thank you so much for your prayers and care for our family. The thoughts, cards, kind words, gifts, and food have been such a blessing to us. Everything that you've done has been a great help to us as we begin to adjust to being a family of five!*

*With thanksgiving and love,*

*Pastor Dan, Madeline, Everett, Silas, and Natalie*

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## GET INVOLVED

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### 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)

### 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!

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## IN THE COMMUNITY

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### 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](mailto:dschuller@clhscadets.com)

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## RESOURCES

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### **NEW!** Mental Health Moment

Dads, you rock! You're such an important backbone of the family. Learn ways to take care of your mental health [here](#).



## **NEW! Project Connect**



This week's booklet is [Journey Through Anxiety](#). Anxiety can be managed. Ten exercises help readers unmask their fears, attain clarity, and move forward. God is with us as we engage the process of getting through our fears.

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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***\*\*If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter via your email, please click [this link](#) to sign up.***