



EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: June 27, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's reading from Romans teaches us that sin promises freedom but actually holds us captive and brings death, while God's good Law exposes that bondage and our need for rescue. Through His death on the cross, Jesus breaks sin's claim over us; through Baptism, we die and rise with Him and are joined to the risen Christ. We no longer belong to the old life of sin and death, but to our faithful Bridegroom, who forgives us, gives us life, and bears His good fruit through 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! Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, June 27

- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 28

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

Wednesday, June 24

- 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.

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. 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) or Sarah (pennkamp6@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

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

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:

- **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 Sheaffer 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 & THANK YOU

NEW! Vacation Bible School Recap

What a week! One hundred and five children explored the ancient world and, more importantly, discovered the timeless truth of God's love. Sixty faithful volunteers made it all possible, pouring their time and hearts into every child who walked through our doors. To our Emmanuel family—thank you for your prayers, your support, and your servant hearts. To God be all the glory!



NEW! Harrison Elected to Sixth Term as LCMS President



The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, having received more than 50% of the votes cast in the third ballot for the election of the president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, is the president-elect for the 2026–2029 triennium. It will be his sixth term in office. Read more [here](#).

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
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! Thank You from Carolyn Beitz

Dear Friends of Emmanuel,

I want to express my gratitude for all the love, prayers, cards, and visits during my health concerns. It was a life affirming experience and I felt the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.

Your Friend in Christ,

Carolyn

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

GET INVOLVED

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! LWM/LWML Meeting with Guest Speaker Heidi Wilkinson

Date: Thursday, July 9

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

Location: Lower Ebenezer

Women of Lutheran Women in Mission support the mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Through prayer, Bible study, and service, women of LWM make a difference in people's lives worldwide.

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

- Mobilizing After School Care for Teens—Our Place After School Care Inc., Hastings, Nebraska: \$69,500
- Scholarships to Support International Deaconesses—Tanzania—Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne: \$100,000

What to expect at the meeting:

- A warm welcome and fellowship with other women of faith.
- Bible Study: Interactive Bible Study led by Judy May, Bibles and worksheets available for those who need them.
- Special Guest Speaker: Heidi Wilkinson will give us highlights from her past year's ministry in Ethiopia!

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!

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.



NEW! Help Needed at Fourth of July Parade



Volunteers are needed to distribute Lutheran Hour Ministries booklets, *Do You Know Who Jesus Is?*, and candy canes beside the Child Festival of Fort Wayne float in the City of Fort Wayne's **July 4th parade next Saturday morning**. Interested in helping? Please contact Rick Hoffmann, 260.442-4550, or Cindy Ladig, 260.831.1913.

NEW! Lutherans for Life

Our next Lutherans for Life meeting is **Friday, July 10, 9:30 a.m.**, at Emmanuel. Our guest speaker is Toni Lovell, Director of Clinical Services at Lutheran Social Services of Indiana, on the topic of senior addiction. She will highlight why older adults are uniquely vulnerable to developing substance use disorders. It explores how life transitions such as retirement, grief, social isolation, chronic health conditions, and increased medication use can contribute to addiction risk. All are welcome to attend.

RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment

Bullying can take on many forms for teens. Here is helpful information to support them:

- [How to Help Kids Deal With Cyberbullying](#)
- [What to Do When Your Child Won't Talk About Being Bullied](#)
- [How to Arm Your Child Against Bullying](#)
- [How to Help Kids Through a Friendship Breakup](#)



NEW! Project Connect



This week's booklet is [*Journey Through Depression*](#). Depression affects millions. God comforts us in His Word, Sacrament, and the Church. Topics like physical care, finding expert help, medications, counseling, and myths about depression are addressed.

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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