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## NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: July 11, 2026

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*One of the most amazing aspects of today's parable is that the Sower sows His seed with abandon. The Sower doesn't take soil samples, or cultivate the path, or clear the rocks, or cut out the thorns. Instead, against all reason, He sows freely, and He scatters His life-giving seed on all the land, knowing that it will indeed produce a harvest. That's exactly how it is with the kingdom of God. In ways we would never predict and could never engineer, the seed brings life. So it is with God's saving Word.*

*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!** Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

**Saturday, July 11**

- 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 12**

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

**Wednesday, July 15**

- 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. We have a Sunday morning, adult Bible Study that runs through August 23:

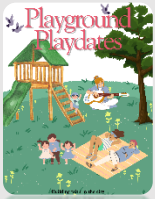
#### ***Abiding in the Vine***

We will explore the Christian life as one rooted wholly in Christ and sustained by His grace. Participants will consider how discipleship begins not with our effort, but with our Lord's saving work, and how repentance, formation, and sanctification flow from His mercy rather than from human striving. Grounded in Scripture, this study offers clear teaching, thoughtful discussion, and scriptural encouragement for those who desire to grow in faith while remaining anchored in the promises of Christ.

**Leaders:** Stephen Bornheimer, Pastor Eggold, Pastor Sheafer

**Location:** Brandt Hall

## 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 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.



## 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.

- **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 ([pennekamp6@yahoo.com](mailto:pennekamp6@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions.

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOU

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

If you have not registered to have your picture taken for Emmanuel's **new** Pictorial Directory, time is running short. We would love to have you (and family) included in the directory, as this booklet will become a part of Emmanuel's history, **PLUS you will receive a FREE 8 x 10 photograph.**

To reserve your photograph time, 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. **\*\*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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are using your cell phone to schedule your appointment and the scheduling page will not open, turn off your Wi-Fi and try again using your cellular data.

### **NEW! Host and Hostesses for Pictorial Directory**

The response to register to be a host/hostess for our members who will be having their picture taken, has been wonderful. Thank you! We still have openings available and if you would like to volunteer you can do so by responding to the email/text that was sent out last week, or by calling the church office at 260.423.1369, asking for Becki or Carolyn.

### **Reformation Treasures Return to Emmanuel**



Rare Reformation-era books donated by a lifelong Emmanuel family are returning to the city from a major university collection. The donated books and other historically significant books that influenced and reflected the Protestant Reformation will be on exhibit at Emmanuel, **July 25 and 26**, in Ebenezer Hall, before returning to the Kessler Collection housed in the Pitts Theology Library at Emory University in Atlanta.

The theme of the exhibit is “From Latin to the People: Reforming Worship in 16th-Century Germany.” Dr. Richard “Bo” Manly Adams, Director of the Pitts Library, and Dr. Armin Siedlecki, Head of Rare Book Cataloging, have organized the exhibit and will be giving a multimedia lecture on **Saturday, July 25**, 2:00 p.m., in Emmanuel’s Sanctuary.

The exhibit will include 16th-century catechisms, period Bibles, a 1526 printing of Luther’s *Deutsche Messe*, and earlier tracts influencing Luther’s Order of Service, including the Lord’s Supper. Also on display will be historic records of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and historical photos and artifacts of the Dornseif family, who brought the books to America as German immigrants in the mid-1800s and who eventually settled in Fort Wayne. Members of the extended Dornseif family have attended Emmanuel for four generations.

**The exhibit will be open to the public on July 25, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Learn more [here](#).

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## **GET INVOLVED**

### **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!



### **NEW! First Impressions**

Enjoy fellowship and get to know other women at our First Impressions social gatherings this summer! Our last summer gathering is **Wednesday, August 5**, 6:00-7:30 p.m., at Vinland Reserve Winery (4494 Provision Parkway). We hope to see you there!

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## **IN THE COMMUNITY**

### **NEW! Free Sign Language Workshops for Adults and Kids**

There will be a signing workshop for adults at Emmanuel, **Saturday, August 1**, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn how to sign Bible stories and hymns, as well as practice conversational signs. Click [here](#) for more info and registration.

On **Monday, August 3**, 1:00-5:00 p.m., there will be a signing workshop for kids at Concordia Theological Seminary, 6600 N, Clinton Street. All kids, grades kindergarten through high school are invited to attend. They will learn to sign the story of Jesus feeding the 5000. There will also be other fun activities and crafts. Click [here](#) for more info and registration.

## 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 July 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**

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is not worked on enough with children. [Here](#) is a great way to introduce it to your child if they are home on summer break.



### **NEW! Project Connect**



This week's booklet is [Heaven is our Home](#). When a loved one passes away, it's often a dreadful mystery to kids. They fear that person is gone forever. Sadness and heartache are natural emotions, but death isn't the end for God's children. Jesus is preparing a place in heaven for all those who trust in Him as their Lord and Savior. And one day we will see them again!

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.***