



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: July 18, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Life is full of incompletes. Incomplete sets of socks from the laundry. Grades that were incomplete and required summer school. House projects that linger incomplete. These incompletes highlight an even bigger incomplete in our lives. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete not just with a task or project but with who we are. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right to bring certain completion.

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! Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, July 18

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

Sunday, July 19

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

Wednesday, July 22

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



Summer Christian Education

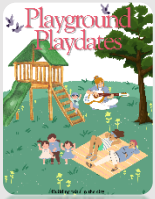
Check out our summer, adult Sunday and Weekday Bible classes [here](#). Our Youth Sunday School classes will resume in September. We have a Sunday morning, adult Bible Study that runs through August 23:

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 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@emmanuel Lutheran.org) or Sarah (pennekamp6@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOU

NEW! Thank You From Pastor Sheafer

Time certainly does fly! Thank you to the entire Emmanuel family for your love, care, and encouragement to me over these past ten years. It's been an honor to serve you and learn from you. Lord willing, I look forward to many more years to come. Thanks for celebrating this special milestone with me. Praise the Lord!

With love and thanksgiving,

Pastor Dan

NEW! Thank You From LAMB



Shepard's Hand has partnered with Lutheran Agency Missions to Burmese (LAMB) to supply needed diapers, baby wipes and feminine pads for moms and families who are in need of these items. Shepard's Hand had received a large donation for diapers, but the other items were requested from Emmanuel, and you came through in a big way! Read more from Matt Benne, Emmanuel member and Executive Director of LAMB, [here](#).

NEW! Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions Begin This Week!

Emmanuel's Pictorial Directory photography sessions **begin this Tuesday, July 21**. Please enter through the Circle Drive doors. There will be a sign-in table in Ebenezer.

- **Haven't scheduled your photo session yet?** There's still time! Appointment times remain available at www.ucdir.com using church code in2038 and password photos2038.
- **We are also still in need of volunteers to serve as hosts/hostesses during the photography sessions.** If you are willing to help welcome and assist members and guests or need assistance scheduling an appointment, please contact the church office at 260.423.1369.

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](#).



GET INVOLVED

NEW! Visual Faith



Join us on **Tuesday, August 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, in Ebenezer Hall as we create "Prayer Hug" cards for Emmanuel-St. Michael teachers to share with their students as special notes of prayer and encouragement. What is Visual Faith? It is a simple, creative way to slow down with God's Word through prayer, Scripture, journaling, and hands-on activities. No artistic experience is needed, all supplies are provided. See you soon!!

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!

NEW! Register Now for Emmanuel's Golf Outing

Registration is now open for Emmanuel's 41st Annual golf outing set for **Saturday, August 22**, at the Eel River Golf Course in Churubusco. Emmanuel's Golf Outing serves as the sole fundraising source for The Heidbrink Scholarship fund which offers financial assistance to students who are pursuing careers in church work. For more information, to register, or to donate, click [here](#). The **deadline for registration is Friday, August 14**.



IN THE COMMUNITY

NEW! Ice Cream Social

The Friends of Wyneken will host an ice cream social at the historic Wyneken House, 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, on **Sunday, July 26**, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship! There will be a waterslide and other activities for the kids (and those young at heart). The first floor of the building is now accessible via a newly installed ramp.

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.

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.

RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment

Everyone has stress; [here](#) are some helpful ways to deal with it.



NEW! Project Connect



This week's booklet is [You Are Gifted](#). This children's booklet shows that every child is uniquely gifted by God with special interests and abilities. As kids use their gifts, they honor God, bless others, and bring glory to Jesus—God's greatest Gift to us all.

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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