



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: July 25, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus tells us that, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field (Matthew 13:44)." As unreasonable as it may sound to our self-centered ears, God is the man in the parable. And as unbelievable as it may seem to us, that is how God feels about His creation. His love for us is so great, that He would "in His joy" give everything, sending to earth His one and only Son to buy us back, to redeem us from sin, save us from hell, and give us life.

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 25

- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 26

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

Wednesday, July 29

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



Summer Christian Education

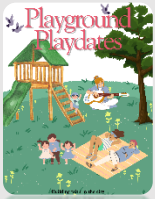
Check out our summer, adult Sunday and Weekday Bible classes [here](#). Our Youth Sunday School classes will resume in September. We have a Sunday morning, adult Bible Study that runs through August 23:

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/**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:

- **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@emmanuelutheran.org) or Sarah (pennkamp6@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Pictorial Director—Last Chance

Thank you to everyone who had their photo taken this past week for Emmanuel's new Pictorial Directory. With the first week of photography now complete, there is only one week remaining to schedule your appointment and be included in the directory! To sign up:

- Go to www.ucdir.com;
- Use the **church code: in2038** and the **church password: photos2038**; **or**
- Call the church office at 260.423.1369

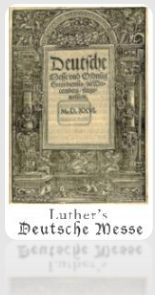
Don't miss this opportunity to be included in Emmanuel's new Pictorial Directory!

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

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!!

NEW! First Impressions

Ladies, please join us for fellowship at Vinland Reserve Winery (4494 Provision Parkway) on **Wednesday, August 5**, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We look forward to spending the evening together!

NEW! Emmanuel's LWM/LWML Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 6

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

Location: Lower Ebenezer

What is LWM?

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

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

- Support Rev. Roberto & Katie Weber—LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, North America: \$10,000
- Mercy Triumphs: LCMS Prison Ministry—LCMS Office of National Mission: \$84,500

What to expect at the meeting:

- A warm welcome and fellowship with other women of faith.
- Bible Study: 1:00-2:00 p.m., interactive study led by Judy May, study handouts available at the meeting.
- Service Project: 2:00-3:00 p.m., fun, practical, hands-on projects that make a difference in people’s lives: locally, nationally, and globally. Materials and instruction are provided, and the projects are completed during each meeting. “Many hands make light the work.”

Emmanuel's Golf Outing—Registration and Donations Needed

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**.



EMMANUEL—ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL (ESM) CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL (CLHS)

NEW! Position Available

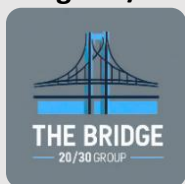
Emmanuel—St. Michael is Hiring for multiple part-time positions for the 2026-2027 school year. Positions include Kitchen staff (20 hours a week) and Extended Care staff (Monday, Tuesday, and/or Thursday afternoons at the Union Street campus. Monday-Wednesday mornings at Getz Road campus). Depending upon availability, multiple candidates can be hired for these positions. Please contact hswor@esmeagles.com with any questions.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Ice Cream Social

The Friends of Wyneken will host an ice cream social at the historic Wyneken House, 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, **tomorrow, 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.

NEW! Shepherd of the City Bar-B-Que

Join us **Saturday, August 1**, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., for Shepherd of the City's (1301 S. Anthony Blvd.) annual Bar-B-Que! Enjoy our special recipe ribs and chicken, available for dine-in or carry-out (while supplies last). Proceeds will support the restoration of Shepherd's Historic Sanctuary. For more information, call 260.422.3790.

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

Being a caregiver to someone with dementia can be difficult. [Here](#) are ways to support yourself.



NEW! Project Connect



This week's booklet is [The Bully](#). This booklet is written for children in elementary school. It follows Billy (the bully) and David (the child Billy harasses). It reminds children how God can help us when bullies bother us and how He can even work through us to bring bullies closer to Him.

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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