



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: August 1, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After a meal, does your family pray Psalm 136:1, "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever"? That short prayer is not just a reminder to say "thank You" to God, who provides daily bread for our bodies. It also repeats why God provides, specifically, because of "His steadfast love." In fact, if you pray that entire psalm, it lists the many ways God provides for all our needs of body and soul. The rich Hebrew word translated "steadfast love" reflects not only God's general attitude but also His mighty acts and deeds to provide for His people's entire lives and well-being.

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 Sheaffer*

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

NEW! Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 2

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

Wednesday, August 5

- 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

NEW! Supporting Ministry to the Deaf at Emmanuel

Tomorrow, Sunday, August 2, American Sign Language (ASL) students from the Church Interpreter Training Academy (CITA) will interpret our 10:30 a.m. Divine Service. CITA is operated by the Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society for the Deaf and is led by Pastor Thomas Dunseth, a missionary and pastor to the Deaf with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

CITA trains interpreters to communicate the Lutheran Divine Service and the Word of God in American Sign Language. Participants learn to interpret the Lutheran Service Book, deepen their understanding of Lutheran theology and worship, and develop skills for inviting Deaf people into the life of the Church and sharing the Gospel in ASL. This ministry is especially important because an estimated 96% of Deaf people are unchurched. We are grateful to welcome these CITA students and to support their training as they help make the Gospel accessible to Deaf people in their own language.

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.



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.

- **August 11**
- **August 25**

Where: Ebenezer Lower Level

Leaders: Liz Bejot and Sarah Pennekamp

This study will explore *The Mighty and the Mysteries*, 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

Emmanuel Welcomes Charles Hedman from LifeWise Academy

On **Sunday, August 2**, Charles Hedman will introduce us to the ministry of [LifeWise Academy](#) and share how it is bringing Bible education to public school students and their families in Southwest Allen Community Schools. LifeWise seeks to support students, schools, and communities by reinforcing Biblical truth and positive character. Independent research highlighted by LifeWise has found encouraging results in schools where the program is offered, including improved attendance, fewer suspensions, and stronger academic performance. Surveys also show broad support among participating families and educators. Most importantly, LifeWise celebrates the spiritual impact taking place as children encounter God's Word and learn about the love of Jesus. We look forward to hearing from Charles and learning more about this growing ministry and the

opportunities it provides to share the Gospel with the next generation. Please give him a warm Emmanuel welcome!

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!!

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!

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:

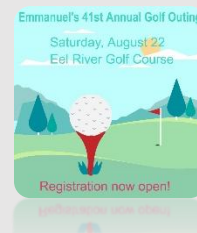
- Support Rev. Roberto & Katie Weber—LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, North America: \$10,000
- Mercy Triumphs: LCMS Prison Ministry—LCMS Office of National Mission: \$84,500

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**.



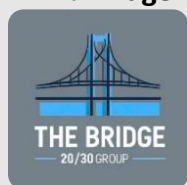
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Position Available

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

NEW! 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 August events [here](#).

Connect with us: Facebook: [Bridge 20/30 Group Ft. Wayne](#); Instagram: [@thebridge2030](#); Email: dschuller@clhscadets.com.

NEW! Lutherans for Life

Have you ever wondered how to talk to someone effectively about Pro-Life issues? Our guest speaker will be Jordyn Garcia, Assistant Director of Education, [Right to Life of Northeast Indiana](#). She will talk to us about Pro-Life apologetics. Pro-life apologetics uses reason and logic to speak about pro-life issues. The purpose is to examine the logic and science in pro-choice statements, with the hope of presenting life affirming truths. We will meet **Friday, August 14**, 9:30 a.m., at Emmanuel. All are welcome to join.

RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment

Being a veteran can be a difficult transition at times. We thank you for your service and want you to be aware of [local resources](#) to support yourself.



NEW! Resources From Lutheran Hour Ministries



This week's resource is Thred, inspiring real talk about life and faith in the digital age. Our vision is to empower, equip, and inspire you to engage in meaningful spiritual conversations with confidence. Learn more [here](#).

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