



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: August 8, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Feelings of fear and separation are inevitable results of sin, and at some point in our lives, we all feel like God has left us. This overwhelming sense of abandonment can be very real and may even cause us to question God's love and doubt His promises. That is why we need to hear the message of Good News that in Christ we are forgiven, that in Christ our relationship with God has been restored, and that no matter what we have done or what difficulties we have experienced in this life, "the Word is near us," and in that Word we have 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 Sheaffer

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

NEW! 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, August 8

- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 9

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

Wednesday, August 12

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



Summer Christian Education

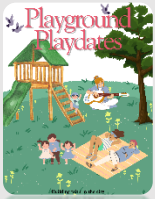
Check out our summer, adult Sunday and Weekday Bible classes [here](#). Our Youth Sunday School classes will resume in September. We have a Sunday morning, adult Bible Study that runs through August 23:

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.

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. This low-key gathering is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and connect with other families. We will gather from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on **Sunday, August 16**. We can't wait to see you there!

NEW! Learn About Destiny Rescue at Emmanuel on Sunday, August 30

On **Sunday, August 30**, Destiny Rescue will join us for our Mission Sunday. Destiny Rescue is a global organization dedicated to rescuing children from sexual exploitation and human trafficking and equipping them to stay free. Amy Johns serves as the Director of Strategic Partnerships at Destiny Rescue and recently traveled to Thailand and Cambodia to visit Destiny Rescue's frontline teams. Amy will share first-hand stories of both the heartbreaking realities children face and the incredible hope that rescue brings.



During our Sunday School hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Amy will explain the global crisis of child trafficking, share how God is working through Destiny Rescue, and offer practical ways we can partner in bringing freedom and restoration to vulnerable children. This Mission Sunday is being hosted by Emmanuel's Lutherans for Life and Mission Task Force groups and will be take place in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall. To learn more before Amy's visit, please visit DestinyRescue.org.

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.

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 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! Thank You From The Teeples

Click [here](#) to read a letter of thanks from Jeff and Gina Teeple as they begin to serve as missionaries in Germany.



NEW! Pictorial Directory Extra Photography Day

Did you miss your pictorial directory photo session due to illness, vacation, or another schedule conflict? We have added one final photography day on **Tuesday, August 18! Appointments are available from 2:00 p.m. to 8:36 p.m.** We need a minimum of 20 families signed up for the photographer to return, so please reserve your spot as soon as possible. Appointments are first come, first served. To sign up:

- Visit ucdir.com;
- Click “Photography Session Sign-Up”;
- Username: in2038/Password: photos2038.

Don't miss this last opportunity to be included in our new pictorial directory. We look forward to having every possible member and family represented as we create a directory that celebrates our church family!

NEW! Frontline Volunteer Training

On **Sunday, August 16**, all of our “frontline” volunteers will gather for training in the Sanctuary, 9:15-10:15 a.m., as we prepare for the new ministry season. Frontline volunteers include our ushers, communion assistants, openers, closers, Sunday School teachers, and First Impressions team. Thank you for attending this important meeting and for all you do to strengthen the ministry we share.

GET INVOLVED

NEW! Emmanuel's Golf Outing—Final Call for Registration and Donations



Register now 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. To register or donate, click [here](#). The **deadline for registration is this Friday, August 14.**

NEW! Help with Washington School Supplies

Washington School sits just a few hundred feet from the front door of our church. They are our neighbors in the purest sense of that word. Washington School also reports one of the highest rates of free and reduced lunch participation in the entire Fort Wayne Community School system. For more than a decade, Emmanuel has extended care to the children and families of Washington by providing their school supplies. On Thursday, July 30, Outreach Deacon, Tina Bruce, delivered the school supplies we purchased for the students of Washington Elementary School. As the school year begins, please pray for the faculty and families of Washington School, and **if you'd like to donate to help fund our school supplies project, you can do so by using your offering envelope and indicating the amount of your donation on the “other” line of the envelope.**

NEW! Emmanuel's Men's Ministry Clay & Iron

Next Saturday, August 15, from 6:00 p.m. to whenever, we are having a cookout/potluck at the home of Brett and Jenel Meyer for all men and families. Check your email on Monday for details or call/message Billy at 260.440.4945.

All of our men should be getting weekly devotions as well as updates about upcoming gatherings, service projects, prayer requests, special needs, and more. If you are not receiving these and you wish to be added, email will.hofman@gmail.com.

Also be looking forward to “Built to Build,” an inspiring men's breakfast and presentation by Pastor Eggold on **Saturday, September 19**, at 8:00 a.m.

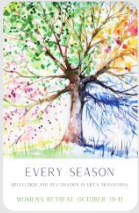
Walk humbly; stand firm.



NEW! Visual Faith Workshop: Whispers to God

Join us on **Tuesday, September 1**, 6:00-8:00 p.m., and be ready to create! Participants of all ages and skill levels will make an envelope journal—a special place to tuck away written prayers and “whispers” to God. Sign up at the Connections Counter. We look forward to creating and praying with you!

NEW! Emmanuel Women's Retreat



Registration is now open for the 2026 Emmanuel Women's Retreat! Join us **October 10-11**, at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park for a weekend of encouragement, fellowship, and time in God's Word, centered on the theme *Every Season: Reflection and Restoration in Life's Transitions*. Our featured speaker is LCMS deaconess, author, and licensed clinical social worker, Heidi Goehmann.

To view the retreat brochure and find details on lodging, food, costs, and the weekend schedule, click [here](#). To register for the event, click [here](#).

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

NEW! EYG Member Recognized with BLAST Scholarship

Concordia Lutheran High School Class of 2026 graduate and Emmanuel Youth Group (EYG) member Isaac Jomo was officially recognized as one of this year's recipients of the Black Lutheran Alumni Scholarship Team (B.L.A.S.T.) Trailblazer Award Scholarship during a special award ceremony and reception. We are incredibly proud of Isaac for this well-deserved recognition and grateful for the work of B.L.A.S.T. Their continued investment in the success of Concordia students and alumni is a tremendous blessing, helping empower the next generation of Cadets as they pursue their God-given callings. You can watch a WANE-TV feature on Isaac and B.L.A.S.T. Scholarship [here](#).



NEW! Craft Fair



Come out and support Emmanuel—St. Michael 8th graders at the Craft Show here at Emmanuel, Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be handmade candles, jewelry, soaps, home decor, candies, treats, and more. If you're interested in becoming a vendor, reach out to craftfair@esmeagles.com. Click [here](#) to learn more.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.

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.



RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment



[Here](#) are a few quick tips to support someone with dementia and yourself as a caregiver.

NEW! Resources From Lutheran Hour Ministries

Spiritual Conversations: Sharing Life, Faith, and Jesus With Friends is a 7-lesson curriculum designed to encourage high schoolers, particularly juniors and seniors, to engage their peers with the Gospel. Join the conversation and help equip Gen Z to authentically share what's most important, with wisdom and grace. Schools, classes, small groups, and youth groups can all benefit from this fun and easy-to-implement resource. Click [here](#) to register for access to the video lessons, leader guide, and student handouts.



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