



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: August 15, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many times in life we see people, from the oldest to the youngest, expect and even demand what they think they deserve. This experience shows up across a variety of circumstances of life and it certainly shows up in our personal lives. While we don't easily admit it, we can have this attitude with God, expecting and even demanding that He give us what we think we deserve. Truth is, we don't want what we deserve from God. As sinners, we have no claim on Him or His gracious blessings. Yet, the amazing part is that God treats us as we don't deserve. He gives us mercy! That's one of the powerful points our readings make this weekend. Praise be to our merciful God! Amen.

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! 12th Sunday After Pentecost **Saturday, August 15**

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

Sunday, August 16

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

Wednesday, August 19

- 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

Leader: Stephen Bornheimer

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. **tomorrow, Sunday, August 16.** We can't wait to see you there!

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 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 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.

- **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 (pennekamp6@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Frontline Volunteer Training Tomorrow

Tomorrow, 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.

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 **this Tuesday, August 18! There are limited appointment times available, 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!

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.



GET INVOLVED

NEW! Help with Washington School Supplies

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! Journey to Ethiopia Dessert Night



Join us on Thursday, August 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall for a special evening with missionary Heidi Wilkinson. Heidi will share a brief presentation about her past 10 months of ministry in Ethiopia and how you can be part of the journey as she prepares to return in September. All ages are welcome! Come hear about Heidi's work, enjoy dessert, and spend time in fellowship together. Please RSVP for this event by emailing Heidi at heidi.wilkinson@missionofchrist.org.

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's Men's Ministry “Clay & Iron”



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.

Dates to note:

- *Fellowship and Study*

Tuesday, September 1

7:00 p.m.

The Loft

- *Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEEO)*

Friday, September 11

11:30 a.m.

- *Built to Build Men's Breakfast*

Led by Pastor Eggold

Saturday, September 19

8:00 a.m.

Ebenezer Lower Level

Walk humbly; stand firm.

NEW! Looking for a Way to Make a Difference? Join PALS!

Do you have a heart for connecting with kids? Are you patient, a good listener, and enjoy sharing the love of Jesus? If so, we'd love to have you join the next session of PALS!

Peer Assisted Learning Strategies (PALS) is a ministry of Emmanuel that partners with Washington Elementary to support 2nd and 3rd graders. Each week for eight weeks, these students join us in Ebenezer Hall, where we share snacks, explore the love of Jesus, read, and play together. Your time and kindness can make a lasting impact. Join us in this rewarding ministry!



• **Dates:**

September 9 (training), 16, 23, & 30

October 7, 14, 21 (NOT 10/28)

November 4 & 11

- **Time:** 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Other than training 9/9, which will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m.)

- **Location:** Ebenezer Hall

- **Who can volunteer?** Any adult, high school student, along with 7th and 8th graders are welcome to apply.

Click this [link](#) to apply and feel free to email Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org with any questions.

NEW! Consider Volunteering with INASMUCH Ministry



For years, Broadway Christian Church's [INASMUCH Ministry](#) has been an arm of mercy in our West Central Neighborhood. Emmanuel has been working to build a partnership with INASMUCH, and their Executive Director, Mary Ann Mings, has approached us with a wonderful opportunity to help with their Circles program in September. Circles cohorts meet weekly and are designed to mentor and walk the journey with someone in situational or

generational poverty who could benefit from financial literacy and community building. Amazing things happen when the attendees receive these! Find out more about Circles [here](#).

Circles currently needs:

1. Volunteers to serve as a mentor to be paired with one person—it may not be easy, it is very rewarding!
2. Volunteers willing to prepare an evening meal for all the attendees - once or even more! INASMUCH can supply food to cook or reimburse expenses.
3. Volunteers who would like to help us with childcare.

If you are interested, please contact Mary Ann Mings at mmings@gobroadway.org or talk with Pastor Eggold or Pastor Sheaffer.

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! Join Us for Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM) Sunday

ESM Sunday at Emmanuel will be hosted on **Sunday, August 23** at the 10:30 a.m. service, which will include the dedication of Emmanuel member Jennifer Barnes as Student Support Specialist. Grades K-8 are invited to sing. There will be an open house in the school and a small reception for fellowship during the education hour. We pray God's blessings on the new school year!

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](#).

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

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

Substance abuse can be difficult for the whole family. [Here](#) is a good article to support yourself if you or someone you love is dealing with substance abuse.



NEW! Project Connect



This week's booklet is [A Matter of Time Taking Control of Your Life](#). Running out of time? Unproductive habits steal the hours. With planning and practice, you can improve time management and increase your hours of service to God and others.

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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