



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: September 12, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The psalm selected for this weekend is Psalm 103:1-13. Verse 2 of this psalm shares, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." This verse is a fitting anchor for the other readings in our service this weekend. Remembering all God's benefits, especially His forgiveness won and delivered for us, is critical to how we interact with others. Joseph remembers, the unmerciful servant doesn't, which is why they treat those around them very differently. May the Lord cause us to remember all His benefits and lead us to reflect those benefits to everyone we meet.

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! 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, September 12

- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 16

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



Catechisms for Sixth Graders

As part of the Confirmation process, we are delighted to gift each sixth-grade student their very own Catechism as they take an important step in their faith journey. It's our joy to place this resource in their hands and walk alongside them as they continue to grow in Christ.

We invite you to celebrate this milestone in your child's faith journey during **Education Sunday, tomorrow, September 13**, at the 10:30 a.m. service. At that time, you and your child will be invited to the altar to receive a blessing and their Catechism.

If your child is entering sixth grade this year, please let us know so we can include them. Call the church office at 260.423.1369 or email Liz Bejot, LBejot@emmanuel Lutheran.org.

Bibles & Devotions for Second Graders

We are grateful to continue the tradition of gifting our second-grade students a Bible, and again this year, we are excited to include a devotion book for them to use at home.

Students enrolled at Emmanuel–St. Michael (ESM) received their Bible at Opening Chapel on the first day of school. If your child is a second grader not attending ESM, we would love to give them a *Faith Alive Student Bible* along with the devotion book.

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Christian Education Kickoff

As Bible classes, Sunday School, and Confirmation begin for the fall, we invite the entire congregation to come together for a morning of fellowship **tomorrow, Sunday, September 13**. Join us as we gather to reconnect after the summer, meet teachers and leaders, and look ahead with excitement to a new season of growing together in God's Word.

- **9:15-10:15 a.m.**
ALL are encouraged to join us in the gym;
Food, coffee, and fellowship;
Bounce House;
Information about Bible classes and other activities starting up.
- **10:30 Worship**
Second-grade home resource presentation;
Presentation of Catechisms for Sixth Graders;
Dedication of Confirmation families;
Dedication/Installation of Christian Education leaders

2026-2027 Confirmation Classes



Grades 6-8 Confirmation begins **Sunday, September 20**. If your family has a member in grades 6-8, we encourage you to join the confirmation program at Emmanuel. For more details, click [here](#).

Fall Christian Education

Next Sunday, September 20, we will begin our Sunday morning Christian Education Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m. There are classes for children through adult. Click [here](#) for the Fall 2026 Christian Education opportunities.

Some of the highlights include:

- Sunday School for Little Flock-Fifth Grade
- Confirmation classes for Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade
- High School Bible Study
- *Lutheran Christianity* (Adults)
- *Study of Ephesians* (Adults)

We will also offer weekday studies that include:

- LifeLight Bible Class



- Pastor's Bible Study
- Several Bible studies for men and women of all ages.

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.

GET INVOLVED

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 Billy at will.hofman@gmail.com.



- **Tomorrow, Sunday September 13**, let's help set up in the gym from 8:30-9:00 a.m., and help put away from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Come lend a hand if you can please!
- Also, our monthly fellowship is changing; **now every First Saturday** in the Loft from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- See you at the Men's Breakfast on **Saturday, September 19**, and then again on **Saturday, October 3**.

Lunch Bunch



Inviting everyone around 60 or over to join us for Lunch Bunch as we kick off another season of food, fun, and fellowship. Our first meeting will be **Tuesday, September 15**, with fellowship beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch served at noon prepared by our familiar cook Tammy. The cost for the Lunch Bunch meal is \$10.00 per person, payable that day in the Lower Level of Ebenezer Hall.

After lunch, our special speaker will be our very own Emmanuel member [Jacob Pennekamp](#) who is the Head of School at Concordia Lutheran High School. Jacob will be sharing an update with us on what is happening these days as students return to Concordia for the fall semester. We look forward to his being with us to kick off our 2026-2027 Lunch Bunch season.

You are encouraged to stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall to sign up for this event or call the church office at 260.423.1369.

NEW! Emmanuel Golf League Update

As daylight hours decrease these next several weeks, the Emmanuel Golf League will be adjusting their start time. **Instead of starting at 5:30 p.m., the weekly, Wednesday league will begin at 4:30 p.m.** Thanks for your understanding and flexibility! If you have questions, contact Fred Peterson (260.437.2885) or Mike Huesner (260.416.1380).



Men's Ministry Breakfast at Emmanuel



All men are invited to Emmanuel's Built to Build Men's Ministry Breakfast on **Saturday, September 19**, 8:00 a.m., in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall. Pastor Eggold will serve as our speaker as we explore how we are built by God to build up others in the callings He has given us. Through breakfast, conversation, and a practical presentation, we will consider what it means for Christian men to provide, protect, lead, and serve faithfully while first being strengthened by Christ through His Word, worship, prayer, and Christian fellowship. The

doors open at 7:45 a.m., and we'll wrap up by 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy breakfast, connect with other men, and consider how God is calling you to build up the people He has placed in your life.

Middle School Youth Group Activities

Middle School Youth Group is a supportive community where kids grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun together. We're committed to caring for each other and deepening our relationship with God. Join us and be part of our faith-driven group! This Fall's first gathering is:

Sunday, September 27

Welcome Picnic & Kickball

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Meet in Ebenezer Hall

Bring a snack to share.

For more info on upcoming events, click [here](#).



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! Eighth Grade Fundraiser

Come support the September Emmanuel—St. Michael Dine & Donate Fundraiser that benefits our 8th Grade D.C. Trip! We invite you to dine at Chipotle (Apple Glen location only), **Tuesday, September 15**, 5:00-9:00 p.m. For us to get credit for your purchase, you will need to either present the flyer, print or digital, when ordering **OR use Online Order Code: 2QAJK7Y**.

Everyone has to eat! Why not let Chipotle take care of dinner on September 15th and support our 8th graders at the same time? We look forward to seeing you there!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Bridge 20/30 Group Invites Young Adults to Connect

Bridge 20/30 invites young adults in their 20s and 30s to join us for fellowship, faith, and fun this September! **See the September events** [here](#).

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

Email: dschuller@clhscadets.com.



Lutherans for Life

- [National Day of Remembrance](#)

Saturday, September 12

2:00 p.m.

Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne

Join us as we remember the lives lost to abortion in 2025.

- [Strides of Hope Walkathon](#)

Saturday, October 10

9:00 a.m.

Morsches Park, 1035 E State Road 205, Columbia City

Your support provides A Hope Center's free services to the community. A great event for the whole family!

- [Annual Right to Life of Northeast Indiana Banquet](#)

Monday, October 12

6:30 p.m.

Memorial Coliseum

This year, we are honored to welcome keynote speaker Kayleigh McEnany, along with a testimony from David Scotton. McEnany is a former White House press secretary and currently hosts *Saturday in America* and co-hosts *Outnumbered* on Fox News Channel. Scotton is a practicing attorney and adoption advocate whose own adoption story inspired Kirk Cameron's movie, *Lifemark*. If you are interested in attending, please contact Carolyn Beitz at 260.433.7188 for more information.

Lutherhaven Men's Retreat

Men are invited to Camp Lutherhaven for the 2026 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Retreat, **September 25-27**. The weekend will offer a chance to step away from life's busyness, strengthen your faith, and enjoy Bible study, worship, fellowship, recreation, and time outdoors. Pastor Gabe Kasper will serve as the retreat speaker, with worship led by Chabros Music. Cost ranges from \$50–\$89 depending on lodging, and those who register by September 4 will receive a free retreat T-shirt. Learn more and register [here](#).



Oktoberfest

The Friends of Wyneken will host an Oktoberfest at the Wyneken House, 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, on **Saturday, September 26**, 5:00-9:00 p.m. There will be German and American food, beverages, a silent auction, live music by the duo String Theory, and tours of the historic Wyneken House. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Additional information can be found on the [Friends of Wyneken Facebook page](#) or by calling/texting 260.437.0420.

Lutheran Singles Weekend

On **October 9-11**, Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, single adults, ages 21-40, are invited to a weekend of fellowship, worship, and connection at Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zionsville, Indiana. For more details on lodging assistance for out-of-town guests and registration information, click [here](#).

RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment



Want a fun way to improve your relationships? Take this cute and fun [animal-type quiz](#).

NEW! Daily Devotions

This week's Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) resource helps connect busy people to daily bread—God's Word to satisfy our spiritual hunger...on the go! These daily devotions are a great way to start the day right! Click [here](#) to access the website or [here](#) to download the Connected by LHM Mobile App.



When using the app you have access to:

- Inspirational Scripture-based messages at your fingertips every day;
- Season-themed devotions during Advent and Lent;
- Ability to read the devotion/sermon text or listen to the audio;
- The ability to take notes on devotions and sermons (free account required), and to search for related devotions and sermons based on scripture and author.

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