



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: September 26, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When Adam and Eve fell into sin, all creation fell into sin. Both the sin you've inherited from Adam and Eve and the sin you commit by your own actions deserve death. However, God's design is for life—eternal life. He declares, "I have no pleasure in the death of anyone" (Ezekiel 18:32). Because God so loves you, He sent His Son to take away your sin by the shedding of His blood on the cross. Christ died to sin for you. This love of God is yours today by faith in the cross of Jesus Christ. Through this gift, the Father's declaration of Jesus now becomes yours: "My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

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! 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, September 26

- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 27

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

Wednesday, September 30

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



NEW! Prayers for 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. We will pray for the students in our weekly worship services. **This week, we are praying for Hendrix and Arianna.**

NEW! Fall Christian Education

Our Sunday morning Christian Education Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m., is up and running for the Fall Season. There are classes for children through adult. **Parents, register your children for Sunday School [here](#).** Registration helps us keep our records up to date and informs our leaders of any special needs children have. Thanks! 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.

THANK YOUS & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Thank You from Jan Hoffman

Thank you for your many cards, texts, calls, and visits after my surgery. Your prayers were most appreciated. Our family is so blessed to have Emmanuel as a caring church family.
Jan Hoffman

NEW! Thanks for Supporting the Annual Golf Outing

Emmanuel's 41st Golf Outing was held on Saturday, August 22. We extend our sincere thanks to our golfers, sponsors, donors, and especially to Jeff Huffman and the staff at Eel River Golf Course for their continued hospitality and support. This year, we were blessed with favorable weather, (it didn't rain) allowing participants to enjoy a day of golf, laughter, and fellowship. the outing generated a net profit of \$8,016.86 for the Heidbrink Scholarship Fund. Sixteen teams participated. Click [here](#) to see the award winners and more info on the Heidbrink Scholarship Fund.

Welcome to Our New Fieldworkers

We are happy to welcome two new fieldworkers and their families to our congregation.

Zachary Jacob, wife Emily, and son John

Originally hailing from Ohio, we moved to and lived in Connecticut, Colorado, and now Indiana over the past two years due to two career relocations and now seminary. Before moving to Indiana, I worked as a mechanical engineer and Emily (with John in tow) worked in various early childhood education roles at the congregations of which we were members. As first-generation Lutherans, we are deeply grateful for the church and feel



called to serve it more fully. With the Holy Spirit's help, we are committed to raising John in his Christian faith as we prepare for service to Christ's church.

Warner and Jessica Mehl



I was born and raised in Beaverton, Oregon, later studying Bible/Theology and Mandarin Chinese at Wheaton College. I was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wheaton and later moved to Thailand to teach Bible to middle school students. I met my wife Jessica, who is from Vietnam, and spent time travelling back and forth to Vietnam, as well as teaching English for test preparation.

NEW! Journey to Ethiopia With Heidi Wilkinson

Our sister in Christ, Heidi Wilkinson, has made it back to Ethiopia for another year of service. There were a few hurdles, but she made it safely. Click [here](#) to read more about her journey.

JOURNEY TO
ETHIOPIA

GET INVOLVED

NEW! Middle School Youth Group Activity Tomorrow



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](#).

Calling all 1st–12th Grade Singers

Come join our new choir, the Emmanuel Junior Chorale, and sing with us for Christ the King Sunday, a midweek Advent service, and the Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. service. We would love to have as many voices as possible, even if you can only sing for one service. **Rehearsals begin Thursday, October 22. Sign up now or no later than Wednesday, September 30, at this [link](#).**

NEW! Emmanuel's LWM/LWML Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 1

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

Location: Lower Ebenezer

What is LWM?

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

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."

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. We also meet for monthly fellowship on the **first Saturday** here at church, 10:00-11:30 a.m., in the Loft. It would be great to see you!

Visual Faith Ministry

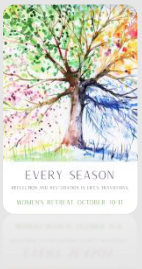
Join us for our Visual Faith workshop: Praying Scripture on **Tuesday, October 6**, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall. God has given us the gifts of His Word and prayer, and Scripture itself can become a starting place for conversation with God. During this evening, we will explore two creative prayer practices—Counterpanes and Open Spaces—that use words, color, and simple patterns to help us pray through Scripture with praise, thanksgiving, confession, lament, intercession, and reflection. No artistic experience is needed. Sign up at the Connections Counter and join us for an evening of Scripture, prayer, creativity, and fellowship.



Help Us Launch American Heritage Girls at Emmanuel

Have you heard of American Heritage Girls (AHG)? AHG is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls ages 5–18, designed to build women of integrity through faith, service, leadership, life skills, citizenship, and outdoor experiences. A new AHG Troop is being formed here at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, learn more [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](#).

NEW! Lunch Bunch

All of our senior members are encouraged to join us for our next Emmanuel Lunch Bunch activity on **Tuesday, October 20**. Our special guest speaker will be our very own Emmanuel member Alex Kiefer, President and CEO of [Lutheran Life Villages](#). His conversation with us will focus on the "Housing and Services in a Silver Tsunami" which promises to be an eye-opening look into the changes in today's marketplace for senior housing and services which includes a range of options available locally. Come prepared to learn about the current trends. Alex will also answer your questions at the close of his presentation.

Our fellowship time starts at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall where lunch will be served at noon followed by our guest speaker about 12:30 p.m. **Lunch reservations are requested by calling 260.423.1369 or by signing up at the Connections Counter by Friday, October 16.** The lunch cost is \$10.00 per person that day. Hoping to see many of you for this timely presentation.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Fall LWML Rally

Ladies, make plans to attend the LWML North Zone Fall Gathering on **Saturday, October 3**. Deaconess Jana Peters, Executive Director, [The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center](#), will be the featured speaker. Learn more [here](#).

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.



NEW! Lutherans for Life

- [40 Days for Life Vigil](#)
Sunday, October 6
8:00 a.m.-Noon
Near Planned Parenthood
2930 Lake Avenue
We pray quietly and peacefully with no signs except the 40 days for Life sign. You can join us for any amount of time between 8:30 a.m.-Noon. Parking is available at Right to Life of Northeast Indiana, 3106 Lake Avenue.
- [Strides of Hope Walkathon](#)
Saturday, October 10
9:00 a.m.
Morsches Park, 1035 E State Road 205, Columbia City
Join Emmanuel's Lutherans for Life team or you may donate to any of our members Carolyn Beitz, Julie Hall, Judy Kalb, Joyce Lehmann, Wanda Rogers, or Jan Werth. This yearly event helps young mothers with not only baby items but classes for Christian parenting for moms and dads. They greatly appreciate your support for all the FREE services they provide.
- [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.

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



Some of the keys to good stress management are building emotional strength, taking control of the things you're able to, having a good social network, and adopting a positive outlook. Click [here](#) for 10 stress-busting suggestions.

NEW! Your Donation to Lutheran Hour Ministries Can Be Doubled

Through October 1, your gift to Lutheran Hour Ministries can be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000, to help share the Good News of Jesus with people who need to know they are not forgotten by God. Click [here](#) to donate.

As our thanks for your gift, you may request the Gospel Christmas Card Set to help you share Christ's hope with people in your own life this Christmas. This set includes three card designs, for a total of 15 cards and envelopes. Each card features a Bible verse and a Christ-focused greeting to celebrate the true reason for the season. **IMPORTANT:** We have set a goal to meet the full \$50,000 match by October 1. Christmas card sets are scheduled to be mailed in November and may be requested through October 31, while supplies last.



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