



NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: October 10, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The parable that Jesus teaches about the wedding feast is a multi-faceted roller coaster ride! There's the message to those who don't accept the invitation, followed by the: "bring in everyone you find, good or bad!" It wraps up with a: "How did you get in here, friend? Bind him up and toss him out!" While it seems like there are so many ideas being thrown at us, the idea Jesus presents here is singular, and it likely is an idea we feel is abrasive. Jesus communicates that there is only one way to be at the feast: when He says and how He says. There is truly a message of comfort that lies behind this reality.

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! 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, October 10

- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 11

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

Wednesday, October 14

- 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 Hayes and Lorrie.**

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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Pictorial Directory Update

We are pleased to report that all our directory materials have been submitted to Universal Church Directories and we are in the production phase. Their design team will use the information, photos, and content we provided to create a proof copy for review before the directory goes to print. Thank you for your patience as this process moves forward. We look forward to sharing the finished directory with our church family in the coming months.

NEW! Veterans Luncheon

The Emmanuel Life Team is inviting all our veterans to a special luncheon on **Wednesday, November 11**, at 11:30 a.m., in the lower level of Ebenezer (there is elevator access). You are welcome to invite a guest. Please **RSVP by Sunday, November 8**, by calling the church office at 260.423.1369. We look forward to honoring our many veterans for their service to our country.

GET INVOLVED

Middle School Youth October Event

All 6-8 grade students are invited to join us for our October event on **Saturday, October 17**, at Shepherd's Hand, 1231 S. Anthony Blvd. We will be providing trunks and treats for their community Trunk or Treat. Please let us know you're coming and view all the details [here](#).



Still Time to Sign Up for Junior Chorale

It's not too late to join our new choir, the Emmanuel Junior Chorale, for those in 1st-12th Grade. Come 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 start **Thursday, October 22**. Sign up [here](#) ASAP.

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.

EMMANUEL—ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Craft Show

The Emmanuel—St. Michael Craft Show will take place **Saturday, October 24**, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at the Union Street campus. Enjoy shopping from over 40 vendors, raffles, concessions, and more, all while supporting the 8th Grade Class Trip fundraiser!

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 October!

See the October events [here](#).

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

Email: dschuller@clhscadets.com.

Lutherans for Life

- [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.

RESOURCES

NEW! Mental Health Moment

Many of us joke about Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD here in Indiana, but it begins now and it is real. Use [this information](#) to help yourself or others cope with seasonal blues.



NEW! Your Story Matters



Your journey of faith is one of hope for people who feel worn thin by a world of division and empty promises. You have something authentic to offer. Join the [Thred](#) community to engage with content that will equip you to have more meaningful spiritual conversations.

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