EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL: October 24, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
In the sixteenth century, many held that even though Jesus is God, He alone cannot save us. We need to help Him by doing our part. And so the Lutheran reformers were compelled to build upon Peter's confession and the Early Church's creeds by confessing that God declares us righteous and adopts us as His children by grace alone, for Christ's sake, through faith alone. Today, the Church continues to confess Jesus as both our Creator (who made human life to function a certain way) and our Redeemer (who has redeemed and restored us to Himself and His purposes for us). [Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (2018), pp. 352-353]

*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! **Reformation Sunday (Observed)**
Communion will be offered at all services this weekend.
Saturday, October 24

- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 25

- 8:00 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 28

- 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 Christopher.**

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 adults. **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.

New Sunday Adult Bible Class
Faith, Life, and Worship will begin **Sunday, November 1**, during the Christian Education Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Come learn about the Biblical roots for our worship practices and the ways that our worship life can impact everyday of our life.
Leaders: Matt Johnston and Pastor Mark Sheafer
Location: Ebenezer-Lower Level

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.

UPDATE: David—The Anointed One
The new weekly Tuesday evening Bible study for women **will now begin at 6:00 p.m.**, in the lower level of Ebenezer. Join us as we discover more about David—son of Jesse, shepherd, musician, poet, warrior, fugitive, friend, husband, father, and king.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Arthur P. Klausmeier +1942-2026+



It is with sadness, but also with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, that we share with you that our brother in Christ, Rev. Arthur P. Klausmeier, was called home to the Lord on Wednesday, October 21. For many of us, Pastor Klausmeier was much more than a former pastor of Emmanuel. He was a familiar voice, a familiar face, a faithful shepherd, a friend, and a brother in Christ. The funeral service will be at Emmanuel on **Friday, November 6,** at 11:00 a.m. Click ***here*** to read his obituary and see viewing times.

GET INVOLVED

NEW! **Mission Task Force**
Emmanuel's Mission Task Force is looking for a volunteer for Neighborhood Outreach. They will help us provide a welcoming presence to our West Central neighbors.
Objectives:

- Host quarterly prayer walks in West Central.
- Identify people moving into the neighborhood.
- Provide welcome packets to new neighbors.

Contact Tina Bruce at ***tmb4sons@gmail.com*** for additional information.

Visual Faith Ministry

Join us for our Visual Faith workshop on **Tuesday, November 3**, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall. We will work on *2027 Gratitude & Prayer Journals.*

- What can we learn from our pastors about growing in prayer and drawing closer to God? Join us for a special evening with Pastor Eggold and Pastor Sheafer as they share insights into their personal prayer lives and practices. Then, we'll get creative as we begin putting together our *2027 Gratitude & Prayer Journals*.
- What if taking just a few moments each day could help you notice God's goodness more clearly and deepen our prayer life? As you go about your days, take a moment to record two things: one blessing you're thankful for and one prayer you're lifting to God. Over time, these simple practices can help you recognize God's faithfulness, reflect on His presence, and see how He is at work in your life.
- New to Gratitude & Prayer Journaling? You're invited! Come explore this meaningful practice, enjoy fellowship, and discover a fresh way to grow in your faith. All supplies are provided. Please sign up at the Connections Counter. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!

Join Us For Friendsgiving

First Impressions is a monthly gathering where women of all ages connect, refresh, and encourage one another through fellowship and conversation. For our next gathering, we'll celebrate friendship with a soup-supper potluck on **Wednesday, November 4**, 6:00-7:30 p.m., in Ebenezer Hall. Bring a soup or side to share and feel free to bring a friend. We look forward to connecting as we approach Thanksgiving!

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.

Grief Share "Surviving the Holidays"



Holiday grief can be tough, emotionally, relationally, physically, and spiritually. In this two-hour gathering, we will explore how the holidays can be both manageable and meaningful. We will discuss:

- How to respond to social invites
- How to balance solitude and fellowship
- How to remember your loved one
- How to be grateful for blessings

"Surviving the Holidays" will take place on **Saturday, November 14**, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., in Brandt Hall. **Please RSVP to Lana Hille at 260.417.5639 or you can sign up at the Connections Counter, by Sunday, November 8**. A brunch will be provided and books will be gifted by Thrivent. Feel free to bring a Christmas culinary treat of your own to share.

Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night

Get ready for a night of food, fun, and friendly competition at Emmanuel's Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night on **Saturday, November 21**, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the gym. The evening begins with an hour of chili sampling, with sides, hot dogs, and desserts, followed by Bingo for gift card prizes. This family-friendly event is sponsored by the Emmanuel Youth Group, with proceeds supporting the 2027 Servant Event to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Get involved by entering a chili in the competition or donating a $10 gift card(s) for Bingo prizes. Gift cards may be dropped off at the church office or the Connections Counter on Sunday mornings.

EMMANUEL—ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SHOOL

Craft Show
The Emmanuel–St. Michael Craft Show will take place **TODAY, 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!

Grandparents Save the Date
Emmanuel—St. Michael (ESM) is hosting their annual Grandparents' Day celebration on **Friday, November 20**. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the connections that ESM students have across generations. They are looking for volunteers to "adopt" a student for those who do not have a grandparent or special guest able to attend the event. If you would like to help in this way, please contact Joy Kreider at the school office, 260.422-6712, or email ***office@esmeagles.com***. Save the date now and look for more information to come.

Tour the New Construction Progress at Concordia Lutheran High School This Fall
Concordia Lutheran High School invites the community to see firsthand the progress of A Bold Step, the largest facilities improvement project in the school's history. **Free construction tours are offered Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., through November 18**. The tours give guests a behind-the-scenes look at newly completed spaces, including the main office and student lounge overlooking the gymnasium, as well as areas of the new academic wing and the chapel-auditorium renovation and expansion.
These tours are a wonderful opportunity to experience the transformation taking place at Concordia, see how the project is preparing the school for its future and learn how you can be part of this bold step. **Registration is required** ***here***. Because tours take place in active construction areas, guests should wear closed-toe shoes and appropriate clothing, safety equipment will be provided. We invite you to come see the progress, celebrate what God is making possible, and discover how you can get involved.

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***.

Wellspring's Child's Full Plate Initiative


For many local children, winter break means losing access to the breakfast and lunch they receive at school. Wellspring's Child's Full Plate initiative helps fill that gap by providing free boxes of nutritious, kid-friendly food that children can prepare themselves. Just $50 provides a box of food for one child, helping ensure they have meals throughout winter break. Please consider supporting this important ministry and helping make sure no child goes hungry this holiday season. Donations can be made online ***here*** or by mailing a check to Wellspring, 1316 Broadway, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

RESOURCES

NEW! **Mental Health Moment**



Alzheimer's can be so difficult. But ***here*** is a great support to show you the stages and expectations in the journey.

NEW! **Project Connect**

This week's booklet is ***A Treasure Revealed: Martin Luther and the Events of the Reformation***. Martin Luther's study of Scripture led to life-changing discoveries about God's love and mercy, the forgiveness Jesus won for us all, and the way we are to live.

And there's more! A three-part Bible study series entitled *A Man Named Martin*. Click ***here*** for Part 1.

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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