

A Note from Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, on Sunday, February 11, the congregation unanimously approved my request for a sabbatical in 2019. It is with deep humility and appreciation that I thank you for this gift. For those of you who may not be aware of my request for a sabbatical, I'd like to use this letter as way to clarify the request and explain my plans.

The term sabbatical is often used in the world of academia to describe a time in which a professor steps away from a normal teaching load to research, write or pursue a higher degree. This common definition is one way to understand the term sabbatical, but it actually has a much deeper meaning grounded in the Word of God. At its root, "sabbatical" is a Biblical term referring to the seventh day on which God rested from His work of creation. From the very beginning, Sabbath rest has always been honored by God's people, and even though the Church is no longer bound by the observance of the Sabbath according to the Old Covenant (Colossians 2:16), rest for the body and renewal of the spirit continue to be important ways to experience renewal for continued service. That is my goal for a sabbatical. This time in my life will be a period of rest and renewal in which I will step away from my day to day responsibilities as Emmanuel's Senior Pastor to be recharged and refocused for the work God has prepared for us to share in the years to come.

This spring, our congregation will be applying to The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations at Christian Theological Seminary for a grant of up to \$50,000. If awarded, this grant will cover the costs of my renewal program, the expenses related to a program of congregational renewal in conjunction with my sabbatical, and, in addition, will provide funds for any staff assistance that is needed in my absence.

The Clergy Renewal Program grant application is a collaborative process designed to focus both the pastor and the congregation on activities that lead to renewal. As I mentioned in a January announcement to the congregation, I see this period of renewal as a sort of "halftime" in my ministry at Emmanuel. The Lord has blessed me with 22 years in this congregation and, by God's grace and according to His will, I would like to remain at Emmanuel for another 22 years.

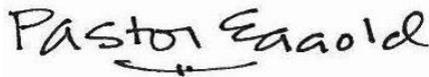
"A New Creation" is the theme for my renewal proposal and is based on Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 5:17 where he writes, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come." This theme speaks not only to a desire to experience renewal in ministry, but also to my desire to explore and cultivate an interest in creative expression through art. I have always had a love for visual art and, in fact, I began my undergraduate studies at Concordia University Nebraska, as an art major before switching my focus to education. Throughout my life I have spent leisure time drawing and painting, but have never truly had the time to immerse myself in this work. The renewal program will allow me extended and focused time to be inspired by new places and people and then translate these experiences into artwork. Developing artistic skills and establishing disciplines for artistic expression for the future are goals for the renewal program that will enable me to incorporate art into my life and ministry upon returning to Emmanuel when my sabbatical is over.

My renewal program will begin on January 7, 2019, and conclude on June 2, 2019. By God's grace, we are experiencing a time of strength and stability at Emmanuel Lutheran Church and

our congregation is in good hands. Under the administrative leadership of Lana Hille and the pastoral leadership of Pastor Sheaffer, the Lord has blessed us with a talented staff and dedicated lay leaders and I couldn't feel better about stepping away for this time of renewal.

Over the next month, Sonya and I will be planning the sabbatical and I will be working with the leaders of the congregation to complete the Clergy Renewal grant request. Please pray for us as we move through this process. It is my great honor to serve as one of your pastors and I look forward to continuing in this calling for years to come. Thank you for supporting my request for a sabbatical and for all of the ways you encourage me and each other in our shared ministry.

In Christ,



Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

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Check us out on Instagram under buildingfaithinthecity

Pastor Eggold can be found on Twitter under Thomas Eggold



EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES...

CAREGIVING Catherine Peterson and Phyllis Tittman, Deacons

We seek out those in need and
respond with the healing love of Christ.

Caregiver Support – Are you currently serving as a caregiver? Do the needs of a spouse, parent or child require your attention? Would you like opportunities to talk with other caregivers? Join others who are experiencing similar demands on time and energy to gain answers, perspective and support. We will meet in Ebenezer Hall on **Monday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m.** For more information call Lana Hille at the church office at 423-1369.

Cup of Kindness boxes can be found in the Welcome Center. The money collected is used by Lutheran Social Services for families who have crisis needs.

Emmanuel's LWML is asking everyone to clean out their drawers and bring in cotton t-shirts that are no longer being used. The shirts will be used to make diapers for third world countries. You can bring your donation of shirts and put them in the LWML box under the Mite Box in the Welcome Center.

Food Pantry – To meet the needs of those who visit our food bank in March we could use donations of **cereal, canned vegetables, fruit, peanut butter, mac and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, deodorant, shampoo, dish and hand soap, toothpaste and paper products, especially toilet paper and paper towels.** Food donations can be placed in the “Food Pantry” box located in the Welcome Center. Cash donations may be placed in your church envelope and marked “food pantry” on the “other” line. Members may stop by for food any day when the office is open, and the food pantry will be available for those living in the 46802 zip code area on Thursday, March 15, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Carolyn Beitz at 432-9189.

Grief Support will be held on Wednesday, March 21, at 12:30 p.m. at Chops Restaurant, 6421 W. Jefferson Boulevard. For your reservation, please call Bev Williams at 432-2891.

Lenten Meals – Lenten lunches are offered following the 11:30 a.m. worship service and light Lenten dinners are offered prior to the 7:00 p.m. worship service from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. through Wednesday, March 21. Both meals are held in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall.

Lutheran Senior Care Ministry – Lutheran Senior Care Ministry’s new name (formerly known as Lutheran Association of Institutional Ministries, LAIM) better reflects who is served.

Lutheran Pastors have weekly worship services at 33 care facilities with 580 residents attending per week.

It was reported that several unchurched residents come to the weekly worship services. As seniors in care centers get closer to the end of life, their ears and hearts are more open to the Gospel. Our chaplains get requests for baptism and funerals.

The primary financial support for this ministry comes from the 30 associated congregations. Each congregation is assessed \$2 per communicant member. However, not all congregations meet their obligation. The Lutheran Foundation also gives support.

Emmanuel is very involved in this ministry. Pastor Art Klausmeier serves as chairman and Judy May as secretary of the board. Emmanuel members serving as chaplains include: Pastor Herb Schumm, Pastor Dennis McFadden, Pastor Tom Eggold, and Pastor Art Klausmeier.

We encourage our members to pray for this ministry and attend a worship service with a friend or family member who is a resident of a care center served by LSCM.

You may give a financial contribution by marking the “other” line of your envelope LSCM.

Your support for this most needed and important ministry is very much appreciated.

Emmanuel’s Delegates

Ken and Jan Hoffman
Stan and Bev Payne

LWML Stamps for Missions – The LWML is collecting cancelled stamps. These stamps are sold by the pound to a local stamp business with proceeds going toward funding its mission projects. You can deposit your cancelled stamps in the box in the Welcome Center. Please try to leave a half inch paper border around each stamp. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Wellspring Snacks Needed – Emmanuel has been providing snacks for Wellspring programming each March for many years. This year, the opportunity has really increased with the significant growth in the after-school program. Wellspring now serves around 55 children every weekday and likes to provide a single-serving snack to each participant. Snacks might include granola bars of various kinds, bags of pretzels, trail mix, goldfish, nuts or something similar. The senior program has grown as well, and we have committed to provide fruit such as grapes, bananas, or tangerines (no apples), cheese and crackers or veggies each Friday morning in March for 50 seniors. A sign-up sheet with instructions on time and location is available in the Welcome Center. Cash donations are always welcome and can be listed on the “other line” of your envelope and marked Wellspring Snacks. For more information contact Lana Hille at 423-1369.

Parish Nurse Notes—Lana Hille

Blood Pressure Screening—Nurses are available to take blood pressures this month at church on **Sunday, March 25**, 9:15-10:15 a.m., or you may stop by Lana Hille’s office any weekday.

Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Donations – The Lion’s Club has long been recognized for their efforts in assisting the sight impaired by collecting used eyeglasses. Not as well-known is their collection of hearing aids and batteries. Our member, Dick Alfeld has placed a collection box in the Welcome Center to gather those eyeglasses and hearing aids and batteries that you no longer use. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Dave Smith, Deacon

We provide all ages with an environment for comprehensive
Christian education and continuing spiritual growth.

Mental Health and the Church – We will continue our mental health sessions through March and on the second Sunday in April (8th). Please join us each week in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall as we explore forms of mental illness, discover helpful resources, and learn how we at Emmanuel can minister to ourselves and our sisters and brothers.

Beginning Sunday, April 15: First Peter – Letter to “Strangers in a Strange Land”

Instructor: Rev. Dennis McFadden. More details to follow.

Sunday Classes

There will be no class on April 1 (Easter)

MENTAL HEALTH AND THE CHURCH

Location: All sessions held in Ebenezer Hall, Lower Level

March 4 – FIRST-HAND STORIES FROM SURVIVORS

A mother who lost her son to suicide and a pastor who experienced parental abuse, addiction, and depression share stories and invite questions.

March 11 – GETTING HELP FROM THE CHURCH

Stephen Ministries and Cross Connections: What do they do and how can they help us? Includes a question and answer session.

March 18 – GETTING HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY

Four community groups (National Alliance on Mental Illness; Alcoholics Anonymous; Great Kids, Great Communities; Lutheran Social Services) describe the help and support they offer.

Saturday, March 24 – SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

A workshop to help participants identify and respond to signs of potential suicide in loved ones or strangers. Limit, 40 participants; sign-up required (sheet in Ebenezer Hall).

March 25 – GETTING HELP ON LINE

A virtual tour of resources available on the Internet: where to find them, how to use them.

April 8 – WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

A panel of professionals—pastor, youth worker, police officer, family physician, counselor, teacher—respond to questions submitted by class members.

LUTHERAN CHRISTIANITY

February 18—May 20

Instructors: Rev. Thomas A. Eggold, Rev. Daniel Sheaffer, Lana Hille

Location: Brandt Hall

For all new members and anyone who would like a refresher, this course explores what Lutherans believe and why we believe it. There will be chances to ask questions about God and faith, plus an inside look at our Emmanuel family and the building where we worship.

THE STORY IN THE BIBLE—Part 3: Return from Exile – New Testament – New Heaven & New Earth

February 25—May 20

Instructor: Josh Eggold

Location: School Activities Center

The final section of the Bible's story line. Join us as we get to know people and events in the Bible and see God's love and forgiveness at work. We'll use three resources: a story Bible as basic text, the Bible itself, and a student binder. Bring your Bible and, if you've got them from last quarter, your story Bible and binder (if not, we can order more).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

February 25—May 20

Instructors: Greg Wasson and Richie Cummins

Location: Room 4, Lower Level of School

Discussion of the book *Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul* by John Eldredge.

WEEKDAY CLASSES

Mondays

Love Rules: A Study of the Ten Commandments 9:-10:30 a.m. (for women)

Do the Ten Commandments show your frailties and send you on a guilt trip? Or do they hold life-changing love? Even after thousands of years, the commandments still hold everything we need to live in relationship with God and one another. In this study, we will see how pride, insecurity, and coveting will damage relationships and why we still need Jesus and his perfect, commandment-keeping love.

Facilitator: Bridget Eggold **Location:** The Loft

Selections from John's Epistles 12:30-2:00 p.m. (1st and 3rd Mondays)

Worried that his readers were losing confidence in the message and the original messengers, John wrote them a vigorous letter to wake them up and shake them up. We will study that letter—1 John—to discover what we, too, can learn from it. And we will have a time of personal sharing and light refreshments.

Instructor: Jim Croxton **Location:** Ebenezer Hall

LifeLight: The Gospel of John 5:30-7:00 p.m. (Enas March 12)

Instructor: Rev. Thomas A. Eggold **Location:** Ebenezer Hall

Wednesdays

Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. (continuing)

Instructor: Rev. Thomas A. Eggold **Location:** Brandt Hall

St. Paul's Letters from Prison 8:30-9:45 a.m. (for women)

We will explore the letters Paul wrote from prison to the New Testament churches.

Instructor: Lana Hille **Location:** Brandt Hall

Pastor's Bible Study 10:00-11:00 a.m. (continuing)

Instructors: Various presenters **Location:** Ebenezer Hall

Thursdays

Lutheran Women in Mission 1:00-3:00 p.m. (for women, first Thursday of each month)

1-2 p.m.—Mission Project 2-3 p.m.—Bible Study: "**Women with Jesus at the Cross and the Tomb**"

Leader: Joyce Schumm **Location:** Ebenezer Hall, Lower Level

Fridays

Men's Ministry Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m. (continuing)

Instructor: John Martin **Location:** Mocha Lounge, Covington Road

Moms and More Bible Study 9:00-10:30 a.m. (for women, childcare provided)

God Loves Moms—a study that digs deep into the stories of 13 biblical women for a fresh look at how God reveals his grace through Christ.

Instructors: Lisa Moellering and Holly Diffendarfer **Location:** The Loft

Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School News

Good Friday – Emmanuel-St. Michael will be closed on Friday, March 30, in observance of Good Friday. Spring Break begins on Monday, April 2, and continues thru Friday, April 6. Classes will resume on Monday, April 9.

Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School engages students in a strong academic program to prepare them to be tomorrow's Christian leaders. Come see how ESM might partner with you as you seek the best education for your family! Now enrolling Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. Open enrollment for grades 1-8 begins March 22. Contact Erin Clark, Director of Admissions - 260.422.6712 / eclark@esmeagles.com / www.esmeagles.com.

Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School // Education for Life. Faith for Eternity.

Lutherans For Life

Mar. 3, 9-10:30 am Life issues Seminar on Infertility, held at Allen county Right to Life on Inwood Drive Dr. Kathleen Heimann will address the issue

March 9, 9:30 a.m. Lutherans for Life Meeting

April 13, 9:30 a.m. Lutherans for Life Meeting

The Latest News on Life and Family Issues..

One-year-old Lucas Warren becomes newest Gerber Spokesbaby. The first Gerber Baby with Down Syndrome.

Lucas Warren, a one-year-old child with Down syndrome, was selected by the baby food company, Gerber, as the newest Gerber Spokesbaby. Lucas is the first child with Down syndrome to be named a Gerber baby since the contest's start more than 90 years ago.

A panel of judges reviewed more than 140,000 submitted entries to find, "children from birth to preschool age whose photos displayed expressiveness and consistency with Gerber's heritage. Since the inception of Photo Search seven years ago, Gerber has awarded eight (twins in 2013) tiny tots the Photo Search crown." This year's winning photo was submitted by the child's mother, Courtney Warren.



"He's always been such a good baby. I've never met anyone to come into contact with Lucas and not smile," Lucas' mother said, "We didn't actually find out he had Down syndrome until he was born...It's never once changed how we felt about him, he was always our son." "He may have Down syndrome, but he's always Lucas first," Cortney added. "He's got an awesome personality and he goes through the milestones of every child... we're hoping when he grows up and looks back on this, he'll be proud of himself and not ashamed of his disability."

Preschool/Daycare Ministry

Paths to QUALITY—Level 2 Status – We are very pleased to announce that Emmanuel Lutheran Early Childhood Ministry recently moved up to Level 2 on the **Paths to QUALITY** rating system. Paths to QUALITY is a voluntary, statewide quality rating system for preschools and childcare programs. Our PTQ inspection was February 2. Teachers made efforts in recent months to receive further education and to further develop our lesson plans and curriculum, while maintaining a safe, nurturing, educational and faith-filled environment for the children. We are excited by the opportunities ahead of us, reaching out with Christ's love to Emmanuel's young children as well as to unchurched families seeking high quality preschool and childcare in Fort Wayne. To God be the Glory!

Preschool & Daycare for 2018-2019 – We are now enrolling for preschool and childcare for the 2018-2019 school year. Following is a list of the classes we offer. Please note that due to returning students, some classes fill quickly, especially PreKindergarten.

Two-year old Preschool (Tuesday and Thursday) **8:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

Limit of 5 children, with 1 teacher. (Children do not need to be potty trained.) If enrollment exceeds 5 students, another teacher will be added, if staffing permits.

Three & four-year old Preschool (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) **8:30 – 11:00 a.m.** Limit of 10 children, with 1 teacher and 1 teacher's aide. Children enrolled in this class should be 3 years old by September 1.

Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten 4's & 5's (Monday through Friday) **8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Limit of 15 children, with 1 teacher and 1 teacher's aide. Children enrolled in this class should be 4 years old by September 1.

One-Half Day MORNING Pre-Kindergarten 4's & 5's (Monday through Friday) **8:30 - 11:00 a.m.** Limit of 15 children, with 1 teacher and 1 teacher's aide. (This class is actually the same as the full-day class, with the children leaving at 11 a.m. instead of 3 p.m.) Children enrolled in this class should be 4 years old by September 1.

One-Half Day AFTERNOON Pre-Kindergarten 4's & 5's (Monday through Thursday) **12:30 - 3:00 p.m.** Limit of 8 children, with 1 teacher. Children enrolled in this class should be 4 years old by September 1.

Please Note that childcare is open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day. If a child is enrolled in full-time daycare, they will also be automatically enrolled in preschool or PreK classes at no additional price.

Please call 423-1369, extension 340, for further information or to schedule a tour. You may also download enrollment forms from our website: www.emmanuelutheran.org and click on the Preschool/Daycare link. **A \$15 discount on the registration fee will be given to families registering their child on or before April 30.**

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY Chuck Werth, Deacon

We connect members with each other for their spiritual welfare through Christian service and loving care.

The Emmanuel's Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. The books of discussion are "X" by Sue Grafton and "The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman. Everyone is welcome to attend. Any questions, please contact Beth Igney at 260-466-5105 or 260-203-9959.

FAMILY MINISTRY Deacon Needed

We strengthen families through Christ-centered spiritual, social, and intergenerational activities, equipping them to be faith builders in their homes.



SMILE FOR THE CAMERA! - Putting names with faces is one of the first steps in getting to know each other. In order to assist our members with this important process, Emmanuel will be issuing a **new pictorial directory** in the coming months. Each family that participates **will receive a FREE 8 x 10 portrait, a pictorial directory and a digital directory.** We encourage members to please use the online site for registering for your appointment

by going to www.emmanuelutheran.org and clicking on the Pictorial Directory icon. It is extremely easy to follow to make your appointment. We will also have paper registration on worship weekends in Ebenezer Hall. **Please note** when the paper registration is available, the website is not so that we do not duplicate appointments. The website will be turned-off at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and turned-back on Monday morning. For those of you who will not be able to use the April dates, we do have the dates of **June 26 – 30 available (Tues.-Sat.)** and registration for those dates will be held sometime in June, details will be forthcoming. Please refer to the letter that was sent home for more details and for the promos that are available.

Senior Lunch Bunch – Tuesday, March 20 – Join us for Lunch Bunch for those over 50. Fellowship hour begins at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer with lunch served at noon. Our guest speaker will be Jake Pennekamp, principal of Emmanuel-St. Michael Lutheran School. He will lead our devotion and present the State of Christian Education now and in the future, with suggestions on how we can support our children. Please make your reservations by Friday, March 16 by calling the receptionist at 423-1369 or sign-up in the Welcome Center. Cost for lunch is \$7.

Youth News...

Senior High Youth—9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Graders

SNA will meet on Sundays, March 4, 11, and 25 from 6-8 p.m. in the Loft.



Euchre Tournament – EYG invites you to attend their annual Euchre Tournament on Saturday, March 17 from 6-8 p.m. in the gymnasium. You may sign up after worship services in Ebenezer Hall or with Becki Elonzae in the church office. Cost is \$10 per participant. All funds will be used to send care packages to Emmanuel's college students. Snacks, beverages and prizes are provided

WORSHIP Craig Dahlkamp, Deacon

We provide opportunities for God's love to be communicated to people of all ages through his Word and Sacraments, in a variety of inviting and appealing worship forms.

“Sacred Head, Now Wounded” – Lenten services continue in March at 8:30 a.m. with the ESM school children, 11:30 p.m. with a Lenten lunch served after the service, and at 7:00 p.m. where a light Lenten supper is offered prior to the service, 6:00-6:30 p.m.. Both meals are held in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall.

“The Wound of Denial”

Matthew 26:69-75

Wednesday, March 7

New Song at 7:00 p.m.

“The Wound of Mockery”

Matthew 27:27-31

Wednesday, March 14

Chancel Choir at 7:00 p.m.

“The Wound of Abandonment”

Matthew 27:45-48

Wednesday, March 21

Bev Williams, harp at 7:00 p.m.

+ HOLY WEEK +

“A Meal for the Wounded”

Exodus 24:3-11

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Holy Communion will be celebrated in all services.

Services will be held at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Festival Choir & Chamber Orchestra at 7:00 p.m.

“The Wounds That Heal”

Isaiah 53:1-6

Friday, March 30

Good Friday Worship at 1:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae

Service at 7:00 p.m.

Festival Choir & Chamber Orchestra

+ EASTER SUNDAY +



“He Is Risen!”

John 20:11-16

April 1 at 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in all services.

Festival Choir and Orchestra

There will be NO Sunday School or Bible Classes on Easter.



Orders for Easter Flowers to help beautify our altar on Easter Sunday, April 1, are now being taken. Order forms can be picked up in Ebenezer Hall. Please fill out the form completely, and return it, along with your payment, to the church office. If paying by check, please make your check payable to Emmanuel Church. Your flowers will be available for pick-up following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Easter morning. **Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 11.**

Attention: Youth Ushers Needed – Emmanuel is in need of Youth Ushers for the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Ages can include 6th grade on up to high school and even college age. Youth usher once a month. If you would like to be part of the Youth Ushering Crew, please contact Beth Igney at 260-466-5105.

Second Saturday Soup Supper – Following our Saturday 5:00 p.m. worship service in March, on the second Saturday, Emmanuel will hold their last Second Saturday Soup Supper in Ebenezer Hall. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Barron at (260) 625-4668, or Sue Bredemeyer at (260) 396-2349.

THANK YOU

Pat Yeiter would like to thank her Emmanuel family for those of you who remembered her birthday with the beautiful cards that she received.

The Stewardship of the Church

*Christian Stewardship is managing all of life
and life's resources for God's purposes*

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

The contributions made to "Emmanuel" supporting the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$203,070.82

"THUS FAR..."

The gifts listed below have been received and will support the "Thus Far" campaign designed to develop our campus and restore our sanctuary.

To Date: \$3,233,681.61

DISTRICT AND SYNOD

The contributions designated for "District and Synod" are sent to the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and are used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Year to Date: \$2,736.01

CUP OF KINDNESS

The money contributed in the "Cup of Kindness" boxes is distributed by Lutheran Social Services to local families who have crisis needs.

Year to Date: \$744.92

2017 MINISTRY FUND

Year to Date: \$9,130	Target: \$19,841
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Church Attendance

Week of Sunday, February 4—643

Week of Sunday, February 11—589

Week of Sunday, February 18—1,068

Week of Sunday, February 25—1,195

Official Church Acts

Child Baptisms

February 11

Camden Reed Hartman

Transfer In

February 26

Jim Coe from St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, Florida

Ann Couture from St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, IN

Ashley Donahue, and sons Briardeacon and Liam Beckett, from Ascension Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN

Released

January 22 Clare Bircheff
 Ashley Clark, and daughter Grace, to Colony Heights Church of Christ, Fort Wayne, IN

Deceased

January 29 Flora Dula
 January 30 Jacob Irven
 January 31 James Williams

Memorials

Jacob Irven	Crisis Fund	\$415
Stan Miller	Emmanuel	\$10
Flo Dula	Emmanuel	\$25

News Around Town

Women in Mission – All ladies are welcome to join us on Saturday, April 7, 9-11:30 at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 St. Joe Road, Ft. Wayne, for the LWML Fort Wayne 3 Zone Spring Rally. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a \$6 registration fee at the door which includes breakfast. This year’s theme is “In Green Pastures” based on Psalm 23:1-2. This year’s speaker will be Deaconess Rachel Jaseoh. She will speak about her work at Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church here in Ft. Wayne and the Shepherd’s Hand Community Outreach Center. This ministry received a 2016-2018 LWML Indiana District Mission Grant. An ingathering will be collected. Needed are Citilink (Fort Wayne) bus cards – individual passes (usually \$0.60 per ticket), paper towels and tissues, dish towels and dish cloths, standard size white printing paper, construction paper, and snack-sized packages of crackers or cookies. Please pre-register with Emmanuel’s LWML representative, Jan Werth, at 452-4769, by Sunday, April 1.

Lutheran Laymen’s League Breakfast – The Lutheran Laymen’s League (LLL) will hold its 36th annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 17, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Road. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Douglass Rutt, International Director for Lutheran Hour Ministries. LLL’s theme will be “Bringing Christ to the Nations, and Nations to the Church.” Tickets are \$7 per person or \$14 per family and will be available at the door or from LLL Ambassador for Emmanuel, Jerry Werth, 452-4769.