

A Note from Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter Sunday is the pinnacle of the Church year and the Easter celebration at Emmanuel is second to none. One of the reasons this is true is because Easter at Emmanuel is a team effort. From musicians and vocalists, to the people who prepare the sanctuary and assist in worship as greeters, valets and ushers, our Easter worship is the result of many people offering their time and talents to ensure that these festival services are done well and in good order. I thank God for this and I am grateful to everyone who had a role in this year's Easter celebration.

Worship is the heart of the Christian life and it is the very center of our ministry. It is where we receive the forgiveness of God in Word and Sacrament and everything we do as a congregation flows from these gifts that God so freely delivers to us in worship.

That being said, we are currently in need of people who can serve in our worship ministry as ushers and members of our Altar Guild.

Ushers at Emmanuel are incredibly important to what happens in our worship services. Not only do they perform practical functions such as handing out bulletins and gathering the collection, but more importantly, our ushers serve as hosts and are often the first people to greet the members and guests who come through our doors. Ushers set a tone that colors and supports everything else that happens in our services. Each usher serves as a member of a team that is typically assigned to two services each month.

Emmanuel's Altar Guild also plays an essential role in what we experience in worship. The Altar Guild prepares the altar for worship, making sure that the elements for the Lord's Supper are properly supplied and ready for use. The Altar Guild also ensures that the flowers are displayed on the reredos and then, at the conclusion of the services on Sunday, restores the altar area and prepares the sacristy for the week ahead. Altar Guild members are assigned to a team that typically serves for one month each year.

We need help in these critical areas of our Worship Ministry and I humbly ask you to prayerfully consider serving in one of these two roles. If you have any questions about the duties of an usher or Altar Guild member, give me a call or email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel ministry we share.

In Christ,

Pastor Eggold

Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

Like us on Facebook: Emmanuel Lutheran Church—Building Faith in the City

Check us out on Instagram under buildingfaithinthecity

Pastor Eggold can be found on Twitter under Thomas Eggold





Pictorial Directory – All dates for the April photography sessions have been filled. The webpage to sign-up has been disabled, but will be activated again the first week in June for you to make your appointment for the photography sessions that will take place **Tuesday, June 26 through Saturday, June 30**. If you need help in setting up your appointment in June, please call Becki in the church office and she will be happy to assist you.

ALSO – Picture taking does begin on Tuesday, April 3 through Saturday, April 7. If you are one of our scheduled appointments during that time frame, please check your date and time so that you don't miss your appointment. Since all the time slots have been filled, please arrive a few minutes early as you will need to sign in. Thank you!

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, April 9, 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.

Food Pantry – The Food Bank Ministry Team is thankful for the great storage closet constructed by the Thursday Guys located in the hallway between the new Nursery and the original basement. All of the surplus food supplies had to be moved to the basement until this new storage area could be completed.

To meet the needs of those who visit our food bank in April 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, April 19, 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, April 18, at 12:30 p.m. at Coyote Creek Lodge, 4935 Hillegas Road. For your reservation, please call Doris Hoffman at 637-6606.

Lenten Meals – A big thank you to those who organized and provided Lenten Meals:

- To those who made and served soup following the 11:30 Lenten Services and to Connie LaBrash for her great homemade bread.

- To Tammy Stauffer who planned and prepared five of the Lenten Dinners; the Staff, the Bunco group, the Handbell Choir, the NewSong Choir and the Chancel Choir, who each served for one of the meals.
- To the Food Bank team who prepared and hosted one of the Lenten suppers.

Wellspring Snacks – Once again Emmanuel members generously supplied over 275 snacks each week in March for the Wellspring after-school and senior programs. Great outreach to the neighborhood!

Parish Nurse Notes—Lana Hille

Blood Pressure Screening—Nurses are available to take blood pressures this month at church on **Sunday, April 29**, 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.

Limit Toddler Screen Time – Children ages two to five should spend no more than one hour a day watching television or using tablets and other digital media devices, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The Academy further recommends that screen-time should be avoided completely for children younger than two, with these exceptions:

- Video-chatting with family members.
- Watching educational videos together.
- Having a family movie night.

Parents can find personalized media-use plans for all ages along with helpful health, safety, and prevention information at the AAP website: HealthyChildren.org. **Source: Better Health**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Dave Smith, Deacon

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

Our sessions on Mental Health and the Church conclude Sunday, April 8. The following week, Rev. McFadden begins a 5-week study of First Peter. And don’t miss the final segment of Josh Eggold’s course, “The Story in the Bible,” covering the New Testament gospels, epistles, and the book of Revelation.

Please Note – No Bible Classes on Easter Sunday, April 1, and on Sunday, April 29.

MENTAL HEALTH AND THE CHURCH

Location: Ebenezer Hall, lower level

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.

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

February 25—May 20 – No Class on April 29

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 – No Class on April 29

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.

BEGINNING APRIL 15 – No Class on April 29

FIRST PETER—A Letter to “Strangers in a Strange Land”

April 15—May 20

Instructor: Rev. Dennis McFadden **Location:** Ebenezer Hall, Lower Level

Join us for a look at the New Testament letter Luther loved and called "one of the noblest books in the New Testament...the genuine and pure Gospel." The letter tells us that Christ has taken away our sin and teaches us how to live during strange times. If hard times get you down, this epistle is for you!

SPECIAL MISSION SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS – APRIL 29

Location: Ebenezer Hall, lower level

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Detley Shulz **Location:** Room 4, Lower Level of School

Rev. Dr. Shulz will share with us updates on the state of the LCMS mission's efforts around the world.

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 p.m. Check monthly calendar for class

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: Parables 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

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

ESM 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 began 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

April 13, 9:30am	Lutherans For Life meeting at Emmanuel
April 24, 6:30pm	A Hope Center Banquet. Call 432-9189 for reservations.
May 5, 9:00am-10:30am	End of Life seminar at Allen County Right to Life, hosted by Lutherans for Life, Dr. Mullaly presenter on issues regarding end of life. Call 471-1849 for reservations.
May 11, 9:30am	Lutherans for Life meeting at Emmanuel.

A Hope Center on the GO – We are thrilled with how God is working through A Hope Center's medical mobile unit. They park in high traffic areas so people are exposed to their organization that may not have been otherwise. This unit has been leased and used only two days a week due to the expense of leasing. Since it has proven so successful they plan to purchase one of their own and use it four to five days a week.

Savannah is a teenage girl who lives in inner city Fort Wayne. When she spotted the parked medical mobile as she drove by, she decided to stop. She was tested for pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. She was pregnant and positive for chlamydia and gonorrhea. The staff set her up with treatment and prenatal care and most importantly gave her hope. Without this unit Savannah might have chosen a different path for her and her baby. Join us at

the Hope Center Banquet April 24, 6:30 pm at the Memorial Coliseum. Call 432-9189 for reservations and to sit at our Lutherans for Life table.

Life Defenders Training – This two-day pro-life apologetics is for high school and college students, hosted on the University of St. Francis Campus. Students will be trained by prominent pro-life debaters on how to effectively dialogue in support of the pre-born in the secular market place of ideas. Cost for room and board in \$35. Register <http://www.ichooselife.org>.

End of Life Seminar – The Fort Wayne Area Chapter of Lutherans for Life is presenting an “End-of-Life Issues” seminar on Saturday, May 3, at the Allen Co. Right to Life Building located at 2118 Inwood Drive. Beginning at 9 and ending at 10:30 am, Dr. Andrew J. Mullally, M.D., will present an overview of the life issues that arise in our later years such as: the moral mindset that causes the idea “it’s okay to end people’s lives”. Also, he will define some of the confusing terminology that confronts us: physician assisted suicide and euthanasia; refusing life support (DNR and euthanasia); life support and breathing tubes and feeding tubes, futile care and brain death, etc. He will also discuss the State of Indiana public policy positions concerning end-of-life situations. Dr. Mullally is a passionately pro-life family physician who has a special interest in promoting political engagement to advance the culture of life in our state and nation.

Dr. Mullally was born in Michigan as the son of two family doctors and the oldest of nine children. He studied at Ave Maria University in Florida where he met his lovely wife Veronica. After college they married and she joined him in Michigan where he completed medical college at MSU. Although Dr. Mullally will tell you that he “moved south for the weather,” they relocated in Fort Wayne for a residency program that would respect his ethical beliefs regarding the practice of medicine. They were overjoyed to find a vibrant community where they settled down to raise their family and establish his independent practice, Credo Family Medicine. In his free time Dr. Mullally enjoys serving as the Indiana State Director for the Catholic Medical Association, and spending as much time with his four young children as possible.

Preschool/Daycare Ministry

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.emmanuel Lutheran.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.

Emmanuel's Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 19, 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.

Growth Groups – It has been almost 5 years since Emmanuel's last Growth Group session, and as Cubs fans rejoiced at the end of their World Series drought, we rejoice at the return of the Growth Groups this summer. For anyone who has joined Emmanuel since our last Growth Groups, or you may not remember what they were, Growth Groups are short-term small groups that meet for the purpose of growing together in fellowship, friendship and faith, in more casual settings. These groups are not intended to replace any ministry activities already occurring at Emmanuel. Instead, they are designed to provide additional ways for people to meet and develop relationships with others in our Emmanuel family.

The Groups will have three focus areas: Study, Social, and Service. Work is underway to identify specific Groups in each area. There is at least one Social Group already committed, and we will be partnering with NeighborLink for at least one of the Service Groups. We still need more Groups though, so please let us know if you have any ideas or recommendations. We also need facilitators for these groups.

There's no need to feel left out if you can't participate this summer. We will also have fall and spring Growth Groups. Summer Groups will run from June-August. Fall Groups will run from September-November and spring Groups from February-April. The commitment is limited to the three month session, so you shouldn't be concerned about getting involved in something that won't hold your interest.

What Do You Need to Do Right Now?

- Sign up for the Growth Group Newsletter by following the link on our website: www.emmanuel Lutheran.org. The monthly newsletter will keep you informed of all the Growth Group news, topics, schedules and upcoming groups.
- Contact John Martin at (260) 515-3826 or john.316.martin@icloud.com with ideas for Groups, with any questions you might have, or to volunteer to facilitate.

Watch for registration information on how to sign up to participate in a Summer Growth Group. (**Hint:** a lot of that information will be in the monthly newsletter.)

- Pray for the Growth Group Ministry that it may be effective in creating for the members and guests of Emmanuel a sense of belonging, growth in the one True Faith, and a continued desire to be a part of God's family.

FAMILY MINISTRY Deacon Needed

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

Music and Babies – Are you looking for a fun activity to do with your baby that will promote your child's development and growth? On four consecutive Wednesday evenings, from 6:00-6:40 pm, I (Jill Hockemeyer) will be offering **free** music lessons to babies, 12 months and younger, and their caregiver(s). This is the final portion of my training to become a licensed Kindermusik Instructor. The class begins on May 23 and will conclude on June 13, with classes taking place at Emmanuel. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, or would like more information, please email me at jillhockemeyer1970@gmail.com. Thank you.

Senior Lunch Bunch – Tuesday, April 17 – Join us for Lunch Bunch for those 50 and older. Fellowship hour begins at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer with lunch served at noon. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Thomas. He will share the detailed plans he and Sonya have for their time away early next year. Please make your reservations by Friday, April 13, by calling the receptionist at 423-1369 or sign-up in the Welcome Center. Cost for lunch is \$7.

Visual Faith Ministry will meet on Wednesday, April 18, 6-8pm in Ebenezer Hall - Come and spend some time learning to pray Scripture. Tools and processes will be shared to help with the challenges of slowing down and dealing with distractions. How do we train our spirit to pray? It takes practice! No skills needed. Materials supplied. Use the gift of time to pray, listen and bless others. Join us and bring a friend!

Youth News...

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

SNA will meet on Sundays, April 15 and 29, from 6-8 p.m. in the Loft.

Pedal City – On Saturday, April 21, the high school youth will meet at Pedal City (1215 W. Main Street) at 6:30 p.m. to depart for a bike ride and progressive dinner. Hosting families include David and Anita Kuker, Phil and Laura Jackson, and Thomas and Sonya Eggold.

OUTREACH Tina Bruce, Deacon

We equip, train and empower all members to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Meet our New Members...

Ann Couture has three children, three grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Ann enjoys reading, watching TV and music. She also enjoys playing with her grandchildren, knitting and sewing, cooking, garage sales and loves her animals.

Ashley Donahue has two children, Briardeacon, 10 and Liam, 8 who she homeschools. Ashley enjoys hiking, lifting, reading and scouts. As a family they enjoy riding their bikes, hiking, lifting, scouts, learning, Legos, and camping.

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: \$311,374

"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: \$3,256,131

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: \$4,595

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: \$1,026

2017 MINISTRY FUND

Year to Date: \$10,680 **Target:** \$19,841

Church Attendance

Week of Sunday, March 4—998
Week of Sunday, March 11—912
Week of Sunday, March 18—971
Week of Sunday, March 25—1,141

Births

Magnolia Rose Caywood – March 13, 2018

Luciana Wyche Barnes – March 23, 2018

Official Church Acts

Child Baptism

March 11 Archer Steven Strader

Transfer In

March 26 Robb Dula from Trinity Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN
Lydia Gibson from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO
Sandra Libby from St. Michael Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, IN

Transfer Out

March 26 Aubrey Chase to Christ Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL

Released

March 26 Jason Dafforn

Deceased

February 5 Elaine Lewis

February 14 Barbara Pace

March 13 Melvin Schwartz

Memorials

Dale Couture	Emmanuel	\$10
Rex Hatfield	Emmanuel	\$35
Jacob Irven	Crisis Fund	\$25
Elaine Lewis	Emmanuel	\$25
Melvin Schwartz	Emmanuel	\$985

News Around Town

Lutheran Social Services of Indiana – The annual meeting for LSSI was held on March 8, at Cerutis. Several hundred delegates, officials and guests enjoyed a fine evening of dining, music by St. Michael's Jubilant Fields Bluegrass Band and the presentation of the programs offered by LSSI. One of the highlights of the evening was the awarding of the Wambsganss Service Award to Paul Tweedt for his many hours to LSSI. LSSI is supported by your prayers and generous donations which can be made to: The Lutheran Social Service, 333 East Lewis Street, Ft. Wayne, IN 46802-3128