

A Note from Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

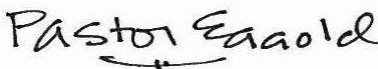
On Sunday, May 6, in our 10:30 worship service, 24 young people will be confirmed at Emmanuel. For the past nine months, Pastor Sheaffer, Pastor McFadden and I have had the privilege of meeting with these young people and their parents each week as we studied God's Word together in preparation for their confirmation day. In our time spent with the youth of our congregation, it is clear that God has richly blessed us with these young brothers and sisters! They are an asset to our fellowship. Their presence among us is a wonderful example of God's promise to abide with His Church and their participation in our church family is critically important to our fellowship.

Please look for opportunities to welcome these young brothers and sisters as fellow members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church:

Daniel Adair	John Harless	Melina McClure
Evan Adams	Aaron Hastings	Avery Newsome
Cate Bilodeau	Ike Imler	Justin Paetz
Ellie Dahlkamp	Audrey Krauhs	Harrison Reed
Christian Detwiler	Nolan Labahn	Dylan Scheumann
Isabella Freimuth	Logan Lankenau	Kelton Smith
Isaiah Freimuth	Kennan Leis	Isaiah Tietz
Miles Hahn	Annie Madden	Ethan Wentland

As the school year comes to an end, please remember and thank God for the gift of our youth. Please pray for them as they struggle with many of the same spiritual issues that face each of us, and look for ways to personally encourage them as they become the people God has chosen them, in Christ, to be.

In Christ,



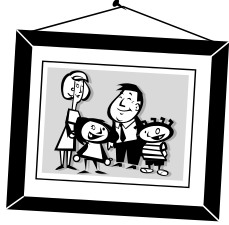
Pastor Thomas A. Eggold

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Check us out on Instagram under buildingfaithinthecity

Pastor Eggold can be found on Twitter under Thomas Eggold





Pictorial Directory – If you have not made your appointment to have your picture taken for Tuesday, June 26 through Saturday, June 30, there is still time to do so. Simply go to Emmanuel's website at www.emmanuelutheran.org and click on the pictorial directory icon. Follow the instructions to the website and it will walk you through the procedure of scheduling your appointment. If you are having trouble, or don't have access to a computer, please call Becki in the church office, 423-1369, and she will be able to help you. The dates are filling up fast, so don't wait!

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, May 14, 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 –To meet the needs of those who visit our food bank in May 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, May 17, 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, May 16, at 12:30 p.m. at Hall's Triangle Park. For your reservation, please call David Linnemeyer at 210-4714.

Parish Nurse Notes—Lana Hille

Blood Pressure Screening—Nurses are available to take blood pressures this month at church on **Sunday, May 27, 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.

Stroke Warning Signs – Don't ignore the signs...time to treatment is critical!

- **Face Drooping** – Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.
- **Arm Weakness** – Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **Speech Difficulty** – Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like “the sky is blue.” Is the sentence repeated correctly?
- **Time to call 9-1-1** – If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get them to the hospital immediately. **Source: American Heart Association**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Dave Smith, Deacon

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

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).

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!

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 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.

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

National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 3 with a 9:00 am joint chapel service at Emmanuel.

ESM proudly presents Aladdin Jr, on Thursday, May 3, at 10 am (this show tends to be less crowded) or on Friday, May 4, at 7 pm. Both shows will be at the Union Street Campus in the gym. Suggested donation is \$2\per person or \$5 per family with all proceeds to go to the Drama Department.

Washington D.C. or Bust! – Certainly one of the highlights of the year for our 8th graders is their trip to Washington, D.C. Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. Staub, the 8th grade class, and lots of parent chaperones will be leaving on Monday, May 14 and return the following Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel to our nation’s capital and enjoy the sights of Washington, D.C.

ESM will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Our last day of school is Thursday, May 31st – This will be a regular attendance day with a one hour early dismissal time. Closing chapel will begin at 1:00 pm at both campuses and parents are welcome to come and worship with our students. Getz Road will begin dismissal at 2:05 pm and Union Street at 2:20 pm. For those attending worship, your children will be dismissed at the conclusion of the service. **Extended Care will NOT be available in the afternoon at either campus.**

2018 Graduation Service will take place at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Getz Rd., on Thursday, May 31 at 7 p.m. Following the service, a reception will be held for the graduates and their immediate families in the gym.

ESM Endowment – We celebrate the outstanding support for Lutheran education we experience at Emmanuel – St. Michael. Our congregations, parents, and friends understand the importance of Lutheran education for the future of our church. ESM is funded through congregational support, tuition, and special gifts to our ministry. Most recently, ESM has been able to grow endowed funds that can provide on-going contributions to the cost of education, through carefully invested gifts. What’s more, ESM is eligible to double contributions to the endowment through a dollar for dollar matching gift program. **If you have considered making a legacy gift to support our school or would like to learn more about the gift matching program for the ESM endowment, please contact Jacob Pennekamp at 422.6712 or jpennekamp@esmEagles.com.**

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

Lutherans For Life

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| May 5, 9:00am-11:30am | End of Life seminar at 2118 Inwood Drive |
| May 11, 9:30am | Lutherans for Life meeting at Emmanuel. |

End of Life seminar – The Fort Wayne Area Chapter of Lutherans for Life is presenting an End-of-Life Issues Seminar on Saturday, May 5 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. Mullanly, 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.

Father, forgive us for our lack of courage and our lack of compassion for the unborn and for those lost and hurt by abortion. Fill us anew with your Spirit. Renew our minds. Strengthen us in righteousness. Help us be people of salt and light within our nation. May every human being,

from conception to natural death, be treated with the respect due those made in your image. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Vacation Bible School



VBS 2018 – Splash Cannon – Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 11 – Thursday, June 14, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m for VBS 2018!** Many items are needed as we plan for VBS, and if can help, a donation board is located in Ebenezer Hall where you can take a tag or two, purchase the item(s) and return it/them to the church office along with the tag(s). For questions, please contact Rachel Eckert at rachel.hodupp@frontier.com or Pastor Sheaffer at pastordan@emmanuelutheran.org. Thank you for your support.

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, May 10 (a week early) at 7 p.m. in Ebenezer Hall. The book of discussion is "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Everyone is welcome to attend. Any questions, please contact Beth Igney at 260-466-5105 or 260-203-9959.

Growth Group's summer session is right around the corner. We have four groups confirmed on the roster with the possibility of a couple more to be added before the deadline hits:

Study Groups

- Monday Morning Motivation facilitated by Sarah Martin. This is an informal, women's study group that will use a devotion to start the week in God's Word and Christian Fellowship. It will meet starting June 5 at The Mocha Lounge from 6:45-7:30am.
- Millennial Matters is a life skills discussion group for college students and recent college graduates. It will consist of 5 meetings to explore Christian Stewardship and Financial Planning, Real Estate 101, Relationship Pitfalls, Vocation, and Automotive Maintenance Basics.

Service Groups

- We will be using the NeighborLink network for service projects. A facilitator is needed to coordinate these activities.

Social Groups

- "A Study of Fermentation in the Church through the Ages" is a group that will meet at 6 different microbreweries in the Fort Wayne area throughout the summer. Chris Darby is facilitating this group, although another facilitator may be required based on the response from the initial announcement.

If you don't see a group that interests you, please offer a suggestion. There is still time to add groups for this summer session, and we will need more groups for the Fall and Spring. All that is needed is an idea, some interest from others, and a facilitator!

Remember, the commitment is limited to the 3 month session, so you shouldn't be concerned about getting involved in something that won't hold your interest. Summer Groups will run from June-August. Fall Groups September-November and Spring Groups February-April.

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 Bryan Stout, Deacon

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

Senior Lunch Bunch – Tuesday, May 15 – Join us for our pre-summer Lunch Bunch picnic for those 50 and older! Fellowship hour begins at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer with lunch served at noon. After our indoor picnic meal, we will play Bingo for prizes! Don't miss the food and fun. Please make your reservations by Friday, May 11, by calling the church 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

Mud Bowl 2018! – This annual Senior Youth event will be held on Sunday, May 20 at the Kiefer's farm located at 9965 Parent Road. You don't want to miss out on this fun, but a little muddy event!

OUTREACH Tina Bruce, Deacon

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

Meet our New Members...

Troy Bohrer is currently employed with Coldwell Banker Roth Wehrly Greber. He enjoys sports, cooking and traveling. Troy writes that he was the Valedictorian of Emmanuel-St. Michael School in 2008. He and family have also done multiple mission trips to Alaska in underserved areas. Troy, and also new member, Courtney Shell will be married in October this year.

Charles Chapman is employed with PWFC. He enjoys boating, weightlifting, helping others and target practice.

Robb Dula enjoys music and being around people, good food and fellowship. "I am in favor of American pride and supporting our military! Due to a brain injury, I am limited on some things, but capable of worshipping our Lord and Savior!" Robb is the uncle of Pastor Sheaffer.

Dennis Hall is married to member Karen Hall. He enjoys sports, spending time with their grandchildren and playing cards. Together they enjoy going to hockey and baseball games of their grandchildren and eating out with friends.

Sandra Libby is retired and enjoys reading, scrapbooking, watching TV, and spring garage sales. She prefers to be called Sandra and not Sandy. Her immediate family is also a part of Emmanuel, Seth, Dawn, Kennan and Piper Leis.

Sarah Maneval is employed with the Fort Wayne Autism Center. She enjoys cooking and baking, traveling, her dog Paddington, spending time with family and friends and summers at the lake. In June, Sarah and also new member Joe Nichols will be married.

Joe Nichols is employed with Fleming Excavating. He enjoys spending time at the lake, hockey, working at his brother's automotive shop, traveling and playing golf.

Courtney Shell is employed with Pizza King. She enjoys following the Houston Astros baseball team, bowling and traveling to new places.

Josh and Myah St. John have 3 children, Sophie, 14, Halle, 12 and Ian, 9. Josh is employed with Southwest Allen County School. He enjoys music and camping. Myah is a homemaker and enjoys reading and family adventures. As a family they enjoy traveling and camping. Josh writes that they have a bluegrass family band, and a small farm with a collection of animals. They are all eagerly anticipating a baby in August and are very happy to join the Emmanuel Lutheran Church family!

Thank You

Marcie Kohlmeyer would like to thank her Emmanuel family for the kind remembrance of her 95th birthday with cards, phone calls and visits. She feels very blessed to belong to such a caring congregation who share God's love and forgiveness.

"I would like to thank the Emmanuel congregation for praying for me during my recovery from surgery and for all the wonderful meals that were prepared for my husband, Larry and me. For the visits from the pastors during my long stay in the hospital and to Lana for all of your help, concerns and visits. Everything was deeply appreciated. What a wonderful church family we belong to."

Carol Linnemeier

“Dear Saints of Emmanuel,

It was great to be with you on the recent home visit to the states. Your love for us is vital and evident, and we are thankful that we are able to work together with you on this German Mission Field. Easter has recently been celebrated for 2018, and this joyous time reminds us why all of us are involved in this outreach to the lost – our Lord Jesus Christ provides life through faith in His name. So we bring the Good News to all who don’t know Him.

God bless you all as you do His work in Fort Wayne.

Pastor Joe Asher and Deac. Dr. Jennie Asher

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: \$436,662

“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: \$3,268,940

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: \$6,303

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: \$1,437

2017 MINISTRY FUND

Year to Date: \$12,780 **Target:** \$19,841

Church Attendance

Week of Sunday, April 1—1,846

(Figure includes totals from Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and three Easter services)

Week of Sunday, April 8—571

Week of Sunday, April 15—575

Week of Sunday, April 22—593

Births

Dorothy Lou Buchholz – April 12, 2018

Laura May sheng Gan – April 20, 2018

Official Church Acts

Adult Baptism

April 8

Courtney Leigh Shell

Adult Confirmation

April 15

Charles Chapman
Dennis Hall
Sarah Maneval
Josh and Myah St. John

Child Baptism

April 22

Dorothy Lou Buchholz

Profession of Faith

April 15

Sharon McCaulay

April 23

Troy Bohrer

Transfer In

April 23

Kathleen Freimuth from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne

Rev. Robert and Diana Hedtke from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne

Transfer In

April 23

Beth Ann Grover and daughter, Molly to St. Michael Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne

Aaron and Margie Lybarger and children, Landon, Olivia and Elena to St. Paul Lutheran Church, (Gar Creek), New Haven

Deceased

April 14

Bob Bradtmiller

Memorials

Bob Bradtmiller

Emmanuel

\$45

Melvin Schwartz

Emmanuel

\$100

News Around Town

The Ft. Wayne Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be presenting their annual members recital at **Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 20, beginning at 3 p.m.** The recital will feature "rarities" in the sense of organ compositions not often performed or a personal favorite of the presenting organist that is not well known. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear organists from the Fort Wayne area perform on the 1st anniversary of the newly installed organ at Emmanuel. This event is open to the public.

Our Community Bach Choir invites you to a Concert of sacred music Sunday, May 6 at 7 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1126 S. Barr St. The group, called the Bach Collegium—Fort Wayne, is comprised of 40 singers, accompanied by 12 Baroque instruments, including natural trumpets and a 16 foot contrabassoon. Church music composed after the Reformation will be featured, including a double choir piece by H. Schütz, a cantata "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word" by D. Buxtehude, a cantata "A Mighty Fortress" by J. S. Bach, an Easter cantata by C. P. E. Bach, and an anthem "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" by J. Brahms. Tickets at the door: Admission \$20, students with ID \$5, children 12 and under are free.

Cross Connections 10 Annual Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 8, at Brookwood Golf Club, Bluffton Road. This will be a scramble format with all funds raised going directly to support His ministry at Cross Connections. Registration deadline is June 4; cost is \$75 per golfer/\$300 per foursome. Special Offer for those that register before May 15th: you will receive \$5 off per golfer! The day of the event; registration starts at 7am with an 8am shotgun start with lunch and awards following. Please call Jen or Matt at 260.373.0213 for additional sponsorship and registration information.