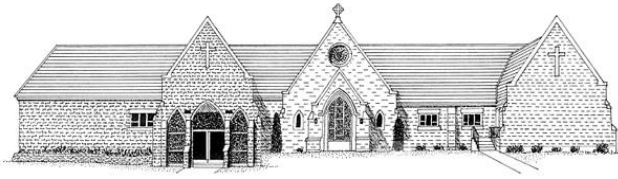


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

June

2025



We do not need to wait for the Holy Spirit
to come; the Spirit came on the day of
Pentecost and has never left the church.

— *John Stott*

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”

For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and defense.

You will not fear the terror of the night
or the arrow that flies by day
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

—*Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 NRSVUE*

Do you feel like you need protection? The world can seem like a scary place. When we watch the news, we may feel our anxiety rise. We know that newscasters emphasize the negative in the world—after all, trauma and distress “sell” in a way that good news does not. Yet, even as we’re aware of this biased fact, we can still get caught up in the **FEELINGS OF DOOM** conveyed. It’s easy to get caught up in it because it’s right in our faces. Plus, no matter how infrequently such tragedies *actually* happen, in the back of our minds we know it’s POSSIBLE that it could happen to us.

I invite you to meditate upon Psalm 91. Open up your Bible or type it into your Bible app and read it in its entirety. Those who love the Lord *will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”* Why? Because, thus says the Lord:

*Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.*

When we're faced with all the fear and trouble in the world, sometimes it's hard to remember that God is with us. God surrounds us and protects us. God works to provide us safety, more than we usually realize. Does that mean that everything always goes our way? No. Does that mean that we will have no loss or trauma? Of course not. (Christ on the cross shows us that, for his own trauma became our lifeline!) Yet, God is with us in it. The truth is something that we usually cannot see—God has protected us from the worst that can happen to us, freeing us from our own brokenness and from the devil.

Pain is indeed a part of this life, but will be conquered in the next life.

Loss is a part of this life, but will not touch the next life.

Death comes to us all in this life, but will only be a faint, long-gone memory in the next life.

In the end, God says, *With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.* And, in the meantime, God provides us with his presence, a community of believers to walk with us, and a promise of eternal peace to keep us in his hope.

The next time you find yourself in fear, remember Psalm 91: look it up; read it again; let God speak to you through it. More importantly, remember Christ who gave himself completely so that we would know how much he loves us and how far he is willing to go to make things well for those who love him. Through his life, death, and resurrection, God provides shelter for us in the storms of this life and ushers us into the freedom of eternal life.

Blessings to you always in the name of the One who shelters us with his life and love.

— *Pastor Christine*





At our May Bible Story Sunday event, our children made a "Flat Jesus". You may be familiar with the "Flat Stanley" project in your child's school. Just as Flat Stanley has helped children with literacy and geography, Flat Jesus can help children stay plugged into their faith throughout the summer months.

Encourage your children to take their Flat Jesus on any of their summer activities. Talk as a family about how Jesus is with you wherever you are and how God continues to create our world and opportunities to enjoy it.

Here are just a few ideas you and your children can take Flat Jesus: To a sporting event, camp, volunteering in the community, reading, enjoying a rainy day, baking cookies, visiting family, playing at the park, swimming, or fishing. There are so many places to take Jesus!

As you and your children are out and about, take a photo of you with your Flat Jesus and **text it to me at 920-604-0645 or email at ptreptow@emmanuel.com**. Your photo will be included in our summer Messenger newsletters and on our church Facebook page.

I hope this unique and fun activity helps your family engage in their faith all summer long!

Blessings,

Patti Treptow,

Director of Youth & Family Ministry



Youth Ministries

SUNDAY SCHOOL - End of the Year Picnic





**Glimpses of our fun day at
Bay Beach for our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders!**



"Flat Jesus" Project

Let's see where you have taken
Jesus!



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Summer Camp 2025

Camp dates for Fortune Lake summer camp are filling up fast. Register online at FortuneLake.org. Emmanuel has scholarship funds available. Scholarship applications and more information on camp can be obtained in the church office.



GLOW Youth Group

7th-12th grade

EVERY Wednesday 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us at church for Bible devos, group discussions, food, games, and fun. ***Bring a friend!***



Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 1st at 9:00 am

Emmanuel's high school graduates will be honored at our "Graduation Recognition and Blessing" during the 9:00 a.m. worship service on June 1st. The Carl and Marian Johnson Memorial Scholarship awards will also be presented by Pastor Cheryl Johnson during the service. A cake and punch reception will follow in the narthex.

We congratulate and ask for God's blessing on our graduates:

Kaiden Bell

Amber Camps

Marriyah Crawford

Addy Johnson

Madison Raygo



Vacation Bible School

Tuesday — Thursday

August 5, 6, & 7

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade this fall are invited to celebrate God's Greatest Gift at this summer's VBS! 6th graders and older are welcome to serve as helpers. Kids will kick up their heels at Yee-Haw VBS as they stampede through the wild frontier and celebrate the greatest truth of all – God is good!

Children will engage in amazing experiences that will guide them through God's Word in unforgettable, multisensory, and thought-provoking ways that make Scripture come alive and help faith flow into real life.

Letters and registration forms will be mailed out soon to families. Registration forms are also available in the church office or downloaded from our website at www.emmanuel.com. Return the registration form to the church office as soon as possible so you can get your child enrolled for some fun, laughter, and excitement!



Deadline to register is Monday, July 21st.

Adult Ministries

Yoga at Emmanuel

Tuesdays, 5:30—6 PM

\$8.00 per class. All abilities welcome for this gentle yoga class.

Prayer Group

Off for the summer

Will resume on September 3.

Care & Share Alzheimer's Support

Wednesdays, 3:00—5 PM

A support group for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's and other dementias is being offered at Emmanuel in the church narthex.

Women's Group

Off for the summer

Will resume on September 11.

Congregational Financial Update

(through April 30, 2025)

Approved 2025 budgeted offerings: \$77,077.00

Amount ahead approved budget: \$600.00

Total offerings and income received: \$82,301.00

Total expenses: \$83,837.00

Expenses greater than income by \$1,536.00

9:00 AM Summer Worship

will continue through August 31.



OUTDOOR Worship

June 8

July 13

August 10

Join us outside in the warm summer breeze *on the second Sunday of each month* this summer. Bring a deck or camp chair, if you have one, and wear your sunscreen. *ALL people, all ages are welcome!*



Church Directory—

Save the Date

We are getting a new church directory made this fall. The photographers will be at our church on . . .

Sundays, October 19 & 26 to take pictures of our services and individual/family photos.

Photos of church groups and activities: *We can start taking digital pictures of church activities for the upcoming directory.* If you have such photos to share, please email them to our congregational president, Brianna Camps, at brianna.camps@outlook.com



Ivon Butman passed away on May 24. Her funeral was held on May 31 at Emmanuel. We give our sympathy to her children and their families.

*Eternal rest grant her, O God,
and let perpetual light shine upon her*



Emmanuel Lenten Giving Initiative for Lutheran World Relief

Our Lent giving goal was to raise \$1,945 — in honor of the year LWR was founded.

We Met Our Goal!!

There was a mistake in our original calculation. With the final donations given after Easter and the correction of the mistake,

We raised a total of \$1,959!

*THANK YOU for your generosity to our neighbors in need
around the world!*



Brats for Brunch

Friday, June 6th, 10am to 4pm
at Jack's Fresh Market,
Menominee

Sign up for a shift to help Emmanuel with a fundraiser for our church. **We still need 2 helpers in each shift from 11:30—1:30 and 1:30—4.**

Invite your friends and family to come down to Jack's on that Friday and buy a brat (or two)!

Thank you for your support of our church.

The Super-Secret Summer Beginner's Bible Study for Adults

Mondays: June 23, 30, + July 7, 5:30—7pm

There will be no public sign-up sheet.

You must sign-up covertly by contacting Pastor Christine by:

calling the church office (906-863-3431),

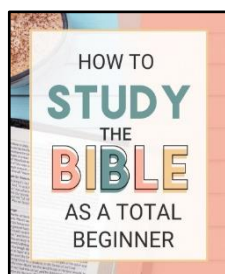
texting or calling her cell (304-995-1491),

or sending her an email (pastor2901@e-mmanuel.com).

There is no cost for this class.

All Bible Beginners, ages 21—101, are welcome!

**Contact the pastor now to reserve
your spot in the class.**





Woodsy Dude

BEESWAX LUMINARIES

Let there be light!

One tea light can transform this delicate beeswax candle bowl votive into a warm, luminous lamp

Students will craft beautiful bowls made from pure beeswax and decorate with pressed flowers and leaves.

They will be able to take home the bowl they make.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Ages: 14 - UP
Time: Up to two 2 hour blocks
Student Limit: 10-12 per block
Program Fee: \$25 per Person

715-587-1331 📞 joshua@woodsydude.com 📧 WoodsyDude.com 🌐

Buzz..... 🐝

The Fellowship Team is hosting a craft event—***creating Beeswax Luminaries***. This is being led by Joshua Stuck, the art teacher at Marinette High School. The sessions are limited to twelve attendees, so **we are offering 2 sessions: one on June 22nd and one on June 29th, from 10:30 to 12:30, including a potluck at both sessions! Cost is \$25 per person.**

It will “Bee” fun, it will “Bee” creative,
 it will “Bee” a nice craft to do!

Sign-up sheets will be put out in early June.



Northern Great Lakes Synod News

To find out what is happening around our Synod,
check out the Northern Great Lakes Website at
www.nglsynod.org



*This messenger is given in thanks for
God's Blessings for Jeanne Anderson and
Bonnie Strohl on their birthdays and to
Warren & Mary Ann Klitzke on their
anniversary by their friend, Marilyn
Mouritsen.*

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

Summer Worship: 9 AM in person

Online Worship 9:00 AM

Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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