

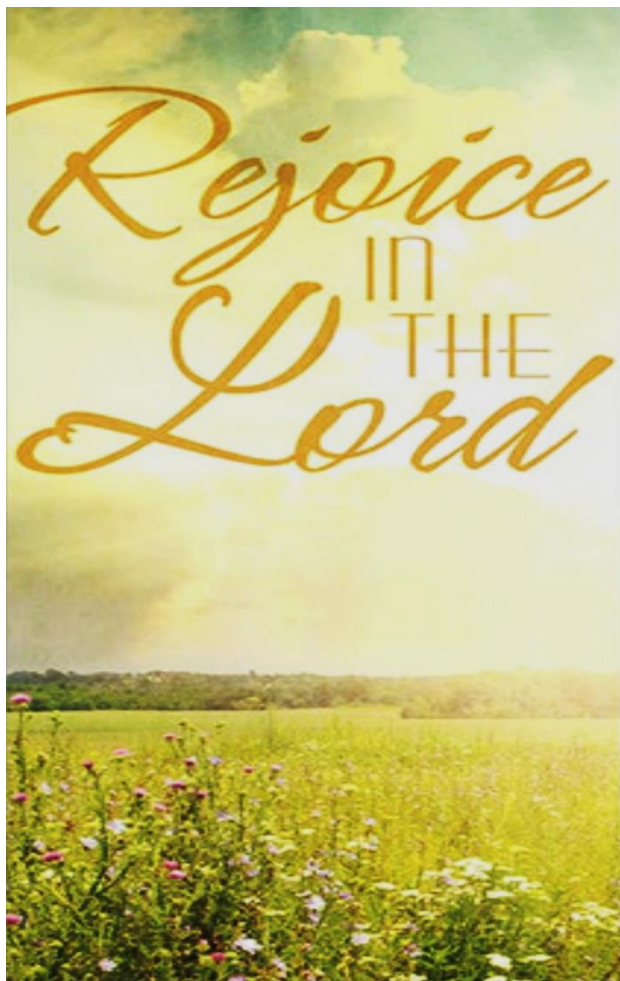
THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

July

2025



Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, you are very great.
You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.
You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,
to the place that you appointed for them.
You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild deer quench their thirst.
By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.
From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
There go the ships
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Praise the Lord!

—*Psalm 104 (selection of verses) NRSVUE*

Where are you going this summer? What places will you visit?
What will you see and experience? What adventures await you? As you
head out to new places and into new adventures this summer, I invite you
to take Psalm 104 with you! Read the words above and sense the wonder

and joy in them. God made this big beautiful world! God made it with joy, creativity, and delight! Can you hear those in the psalmist's words?

Summer gives us a unique opportunity to see new places and enjoy God's creation in broad, expansive ways. We can hike to a waterfall and witness the creative power of the rushing waters that carve out new beauty as they pass. We can walk up a mountain and stand before the broadness, unique colors, and textures of the valley below, bearing testimony to the God who laid them out. We can sit in front of the Bay or one of our Great Lakes and allow the sound of the waves to overtake us, reminding us of our birth and the power of life. We can look for the colorful birds among the branches and see how they flit with joy, seeing the great beauty they possess in their small, light bodies. We can watch a deer in the hush of the forest and see the gentle beauty God gave them, celebrating the intricate nature of the world. We can honor our Creator God by celebrating the beauty God has made: the sun and moon, the clouds and stars, the fish and critters, the flowers and trees, the waterfalls and springs, the mountains and valleys, the noise and the stillness, and all the wonder around us! *Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.*

Does it occur to you that God finds joy in this world he has made?
Does it occur to you that God also wants you to find joy and delight in it?

Sometimes we forget to notice. We forget to look around and “smell the roses”. We get so used to our surroundings that we no longer pay attention to their unique beauty; we no longer hold our breath at the majesty around us. Take time this summer to embrace these Godly gifts once again. When you're out and about, traveling to new places or just rambling around town, give thanks to God for the beauty you see and hear and sense. Look up Psalm 104 and read it in its entirety. Read the words out loud, saying them as a prayer to the God who made everything around us. Rejoice, give thanks, and HAVE FUN!!

*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being!
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Praise the Lord!*

Blessings to you always in the name of the One who delights in this created world and invites us into that delight.

—Pastor Christine



Did you get your "Flat Jesus" yet? Our Sunday school kids have been out and about taking Jesus with them on their summer activities. I invite our older youth and adults to also make a "Flat Jesus". The color and cut projects with instructions are available in the narthex – look for the "Flat Jesus" poster and handouts.

This project aims to remind you that Jesus is always with you, even while traveling or engaging in everyday activities. A fun part of this activity is to take a photo or selfie with your "Flat Jesus" and send it to me so it can be shared with everyone! You can email your photo to ptreptow@emmanuel.com or text it to my cell phone at 920-604-0645.

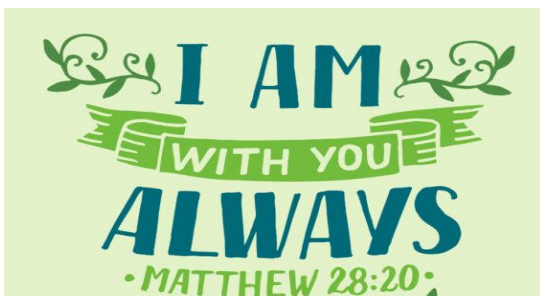


Have a fun and blessed summer!

Blessings,

Patti Treptow,

Director of Youth & Family Ministry



Youth Ministries



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Summer Camp 2025

Camp has started at Fortune Lake. To see which camp weeks are still available, call Fortune Lake at 906-214-2267 or email officemanager@fortunelake.org. Register online at FortuneLake.org. Emmanuel has scholarship funds available. Scholarship applications and more information on camp can be obtained in the church office.



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 were mailed to families. If you did not receive one, registration forms are also available in the church office or downloaded from our website at www.e-mmanuel.com. t!



Deadline to register is Monday, July 21st.



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!



Our summer project is creating a mural in the education wing.
Watch for photos on Facebook of our progress!



Emmanuel Youth grades 7th – 12th

Mark your calendars for our confirmation and youth retreat at Camp Bird! **Saturday-Sunday, September 13-14.**
Information will be mailed to families in August.

"Flat Jesus" Project

Let's see where you have
taken Jesus!

Send us your photos to
share in the next Messenger
Newsletter. There are
more "Flat Jesus" cut-outs
available in the narthex if you need one.



Coming this fall: Community Praise Picnic

TO GOD BE THE GLORY **Praise & Worship Picnic**

Appearing At:

Concert On The Farm

Seven Christian Music Acts

Special Guest:

Pastor Matthew Klosterman,
The Rock Church, Danville, California

*Non-denominational:
Uniting Christians to Praise God!*

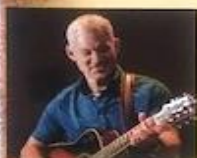
**Saturday,
September 6, 2025**

W1955 Bruette Road
Wausaukee, Wisconsin 54177

Gates open 9:00am
Concert 12:00pm-6:00pm

ADMISSION: FREE

"Love Offering" gratefully accepted to help with expenses.



Jack Gafford
Nashville Recording Artist



Johnny O'Brien



Monday



Holt & Co.



Molly & The Kidsridge
Puppet Show



The Gospel
Grass Guys



Menominee River Chorus



Porterfield Lutheran Gospel Band

Dale Burie Music Group LLC. • Cell: 615-312-3506 • Email: daleburie@gmail.com

Adult Ministries

Yoga at Emmanuel

Off for the summer

Will resume in September

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 May 31, 2025)

Approved 2025 budgeted offerings received: \$92,985.00

Amount behind approved budget: \$2,865.00

Total offerings and income received: \$99,912.00

Total expenses: \$105,294.00

Expenses greater than income by \$5,382.00



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

9:00 AM Summer Worship

will continue through August 31.



OUTDOOR Worship

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!*



Our brother-in-Christ, **Dave Johnson** passed away on June 1. His funeral was held on Saturday, June 21 at Emmanuel. We give our sympathy to his sister Sylvia and her family.

Prayers for our sister-in-Christ, Jean Davis, at the death of her husband, Keith. Keith passed away in his home on Saturday, June 7. His funeral was held on Friday, June 20.

Pastor Ruge passed away May 27. His funeral will be held on July 28, 11:00am, at First English Lutheran Church: 1013 Minnesota St. Oshkosh, WI.

Pastor Ruge was a pastor at Emmanuel from August 15, 1966 until January 15, 1980. (*See his published obituary below and on the following page.*)

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

Obituary of Pastor Martin Ruge

The family of Rev. Martin Emil Ruge, Jr., 94, wish to share that their father peacefully passed into the kingdom of heaven on May 27th, 2025. Marty was born on May 2nd, 1931, in Kenosha, WI, as the second child and high-energy only son of Lila and Martin Ruge, Sr.

Marty served four years in the United States Navy during the Korean War. It was during this time that his life took a life-changing turn when he met the love of his life, Lola Marquardt, on a blind date. It was through Lola that Marty returned to the church and found his calling to become a minister. Following his discharge from the Navy, Marty worked full-time as he attended college and ultimately, seminary school. Once ordained, Marty served ELCA churches in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Marty possessed many interests, including a passion for tap dancing, which continued throughout his life.

Marty and Lola were married on July 1st, 1956. They happily celebrated 68 years of marriage, which included joyfully parenting their four boys. Martin is survived by his sons: Mark (Mary), Paul (Margaret), Philip (Lori Ruge-Jones) and Andrew (Lisa MacVittie); grandchildren: Timothy (Kate), Max (Elaine), Mia, Katherine, Luisa, Lucas (Alexis), Jacob and Nicholas; great-grandchildren: Cole, Carson, Abigail and Delphina; his sister, Peggy (Bob Justus) Unger; many nieces, nephews and special friend to Lola and Marty, Angela Dumitrescu. Martin was preceded in death by his wife, Lola; his parents, Lila and Martin; and his sister, Wanda.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 28, 2025, at First English Lutheran Church, 1013 Minnesota St., Oshkosh, WI. Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM until the time of service. Interment to follow in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton.

Memorials may be sent to the *We See You Foundation* (weseeyoufoundation.org), a non-profit serving homelessness founded by his grandson Nick, or First English Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, WI.



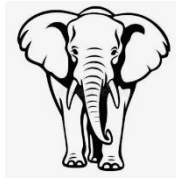
STP, PART 2!

Sunday, August 31

during the sermon time

***with Pastor Christine and
guest Pastor Doug Schoen!***

We had so many good questions at our first session, that we are having another! We will finish up by answering the remaining questions on the last Sunday of the summer. **Come to hear our thoughts to your good questions from May or throw in a new burning question!**



**How are worship, a mural, greeting
cards, elephants, and the people of
God connected?**

*Find out on Rally Day on September 7th
at 10:00 am at John Henes Park!*

(More info coming next month . . .)



Cards Needed

We are looking for donations of **UNUSED** greeting cards that are blank inside or of the “Thinking of You” or “Praying for You” varieties.

We will use them in our “*God’s Work, Our Hands*” service project this fall to send letters of encouragement to patients in the Iron Mountain Veterans Hospital.

Please bring your unused cards and envelopes to the church office from now until the end of August.

Thank you!



Beach Bunco

Wednesday, July 23

6—8:00 PM

Join your friends from church for another evening of fun, laughter, and prizes this summer! Some wine and treats will be provided by the Fellowship Team. You are also welcome to bring something to share, if you wish. You can help provide the prizes by chipping in \$3.

All are welcome! Invite friends and neighbors to join!



**We received this card
in the mail from
Pastor Cheryl Johnson.**

Inside, she wrote:

Dear Friends in Christ,

It was great to worship with you in June, on Graduate Sunday! Thank you for the books you collected for our "Books for Kids" project. The 102 children's books, plus a few novels for Adults, will be shared at the food pantry at Immanuel Lutheran: Jackson, Michigan. We gave away 4,409 books in 2024 and so far in 2025, we're sharing about 300 books a month. Your donation is much appreciated. Thanks for your faithful stewardship.

In Christ, *Pastor Cheri & Wayne*



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

Thank you
for your
generosity!

**2025 Synod Assembly
Offering totals -**

Equipping the Saints Endowment: \$2,308.25
Synod Ministry Fund: \$2,057.15
Lutheran Social Services: \$1,867.00
World Hunger: \$26,612.67

SPRINKLED SEEDS WATERED, BUT GOD GAVE THE GROWTH

**SEED
SOWERS**

1 Corinthians 3:6

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*This messenger is given in remembrance of
the wedding anniversary of
Bruce & Marcia by Bruce Peters*

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

Summer Worship: 9 AM in person

Online Worship 9:00 AM

Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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