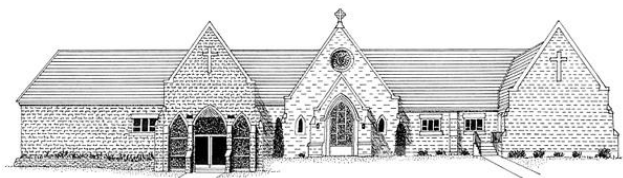


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

August

2025



Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?
But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.
Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, “O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!”
You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace,
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

—*Psalms 4 NRSVUE*

Did you know that the Psalms invite us to open our true selves to our God? The Psalms teach us that no emotion or thought is off-limits when it comes to sharing ourselves with God. God can handle it when we're angry or in pain; when we're afraid and in anguish. Even when the people in our lives hurt us or betray us, God is with us.

Psalms 4 was written by David when he was in fear for his life. He was being chased down by enemies in a way that you or I will likely never experience. He was angry at the people around him—he was hurt and betrayed. He was afraid. He calls his enemies to account in the second stanza of the Psalm, giving us just a glimpse of what he was going through. It could not have been easy.

Perhaps you feel similarly sometimes? I know I do! We may not literally be on the run as David was, but sometimes it feels like we're surrounded by negativity. Sometimes we may wish we could get away from it all to find some peace. David suggests that we can instead find our peace in God's grace and love:

*When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.
Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.*

God offers us a peace and security that goes beyond our circumstances. If we place our trust in God and rest our hearts on God's presence, we can find peace even in the midst of trouble. In fact, it is God's presence with us that allows us to DEAL appropriately with the troubles in our lives. We don't have to run away. Nor do we have to ignore the trouble, "take it", or avoid it. When we place our trust in God we can learn to deal with the difficulties in our lives with honesty and grace. Why? Because God's presence bolsters us and assures us that we are loved and valued even when the world tries to tell us that we are not.

*There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"
You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.*

God more and more becomes our "good" when we connect with God. When God is our good, we don't need to scrounge for it from other people or situations. Instead, we can connect with all of life with more equanimity and peace.

*I will both lie down and sleep in peace,
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.*

Blessings to you always in the name of the One who loves us so securely that we can find peace in that love even in difficult situations.

—Pastor Christine





August always seems to arrive faster than we expect. One moment we're settling into the easy pace of summer, and next we're picking up school supplies and checking calendars for fall activities.

August is a time of transition and it is a perfect opportunity for families to reflect and reconnect. As routines shift and new schedules emerge, it's important to ask: *Where is our faith in the midst of all this change?*

Summer often brings a break from structure, including regular church attendance or family devotion time. But rather than feel guilt over what wasn't done, I encourage families to look forward with grace. How can we work toward intentional spiritual growth?

Here are a few ways to start:

- **Choose one night a week for family devotion or prayer.** It doesn't have to be long or formal. Just a few minutes together to connect and reflect on God's presence.
- **Talk about faith in everyday moments.** While traveling in the car, at the dinner table, or bedtime can be times to ask questions like "Where did you see God today?"
- **Recommit to church as a family priority.** Worship, Sunday school, and youth group are more than programs; they are places of community, support, and spiritual nourishment.

Enjoy these last few weeks of summer. And, as you transition from summer to fall, may your faith and relationship with Jesus continue to grow.

Blessings, Patti Treptow, Director of Youth & Family Ministry



Emmanuel Youth grades 7th – 12th
Mark your calendars for our confirmation and youth retreat at Camp Bird!

Saturday-Sunday, September 13-14.

Important information and paperwork were mailed out to parents the end of July. If you were missed, contact Patti immediately.

Important parent/youth meeting August 10th in the narthex following worship.

Youth Ministries

Graduate Recognition

Emmanuel's high school graduates were honored at our "Graduate Recognition during the 9:00 am worship service on June 1st. Our graduates who were able to attend this special recognition were Kaiden Bell, Amber Camps, Madison Raygo and Marriyah Crawford. Unable to attend were Addy Johnson and Jacob Starzynski.



The Carl and Marian Johnson Memorial Scholarship awards were presented by Pastor Cheryl

Johnson during the service to Kaiden Bell, Amber Camps, Madison Raygo and Marriyah Crawford.

God's blessings to all of our graduates as they embark on the path God has intended for them.



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!***



Vacation Bible School

August 5, 6, & 7

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Kids Kindergarten through 5th grade 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! Our 6th graders and older will be crew helpers and enjoy all the fun as well as learn leadership skills as they help their crew leaders through all the VBS stations.

Children will be collecting coins for the ELCA Good Gifts program where piglets will be purchased for families abroad who are in need. See below more about this special program and ways that the entire congregation can help!

On our last day of VBS – Thursday, August 7th at 11:00 am, our children will sing the songs that they learned – **everyone is invited!** And, at around 11:30 everyone will be treated to a presentation by Amy Linstadt and her mini horse “Oscar”.



VBS Kids need YOUR help!

We are collecting monetary donations for the ELCA Good Gifts program.

Our donations will go toward purchasing piglets for families in need across the world. **This little piggy couldn't be a bigger lifesaver.** This gift is a source of natural fertilizer, helping a family's crops grow tall and strong. If needed, taking a pig to the marketplace is like cashing out a savings account. The funds can be used to pay school fees for children or cover an emergency trip to the clinic.

There will be a collection area near the sanctuary doors in the narthex on August 3rd and outside with us on August 10th.

THANK YOU!



"Flat Jesus" Project

Let's see where
you have taken
Jesus!



Road Trip!



Nature Hike!



Craft-time with Friends!



Green Bay Sailboat Races!



Lambeau Field!



Gardening!



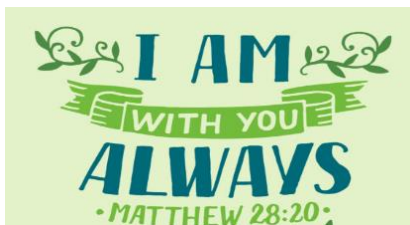
Lake Geneva!



Youth Baseball!



Fortune Lake
Camp!



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

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 June 30, 2025)

Approved 2025 budgeted offerings received: \$111,860.00

Amount behind approved budget: \$2,377.00

Total offerings and income received: \$118,950.00

Total expenses: \$124,010.00

Expenses greater than income by \$5,060.00

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.

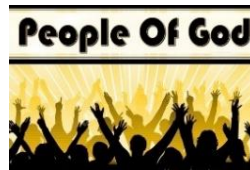
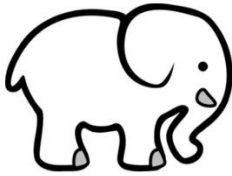
Photos of church groups and activities: *We can start taking digital pictures of church activities for the upcoming directory.* If you have such photos to share, please email them to our congregational president, Brianna Camps, at brianna.camps@outlook.com



Our sister-in- Christ, **Cheryl Camps** passed away on July 10 at her home. Cheryl's funeral was held July 23 at Emmanuel. We give our sympathy to her children, Corey (Debra) Camps, Jeremy (Brianna) Camps and Lori (Tony) Dura and their families.

Hayden Myers graduated May 10 from the University of Madison with a Bachelor of Science degree with a Major in Engineering Mechanics with a specialization in Aerospace.

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



Mark your calendar:

**Sunday, September 7 at 10:00am
and join us for RALLY DAY at John Henes Park!**

Your Church Council is planning some fun activities and service at the Rally Day Picnic this fall! As usual, will worship together and share in a delicious picnic together AND there will be activities for the children of the congregation.

We will also be doing some new things . . .

New this year:

- You will have a chance to write your thoughts or draw images (or both!) on a Congregational Mural about our history of faith at Emmanuel throughout the years.
- Everyone, adults and kids, will have a chance to fill out a greeting card as our “God’s Work, Our Hands” service project. The cards will provide encouragement to patients at the *Oscar G Johnson Veterans Medical Center in Iron Mountain, MI*. Our cards will then be delivered by a few volunteers to finish our service project.
- We will play a few games of BINGO with secret, FUN “White Elephant” prizes, provided by Council members.

Plan to join us!



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 until the end of August. Thank you!

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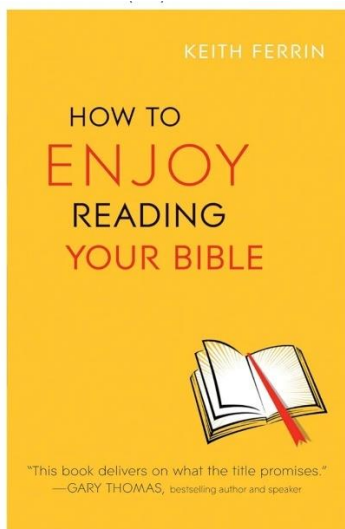
Sunday, August 31

during the sermon time
*with Pastor Christine and
guest Pastor Doug Schoen!*

We will finish up the summer by answering the remaining questions on the last Sunday of the summer.



Come to hear our thoughts to your good questions from May!



Fall Bible Study

Do you feel like you *should* read the Bible more?

This book will help you *want* to read it.

Keith Ferrin has been talking to churches for years about enjoying God's Word. Here he shares the most helpful ideas and habits you can start using today. You will find ten proven tips that are equally practical whether you are a longtime Bible student or simply exploring what this life-changing book is all about.

Aimed at deepening your relationship with God, these simple suggestions will help you focus more easily as you read, remember Scripture better, and most importantly, enjoy the Bible and its Author more than you ever dreamed possible.

Two separate classes will be offered:

Wednesdays at 11:00am

Wednesdays at 5:00pm

6 Class Dates: September 17, 24; October 1, 15, 22, 29

Cost of Book: \$17

Pastor Christine came across this book when she was preparing her Beginner's Bible study this summer and she finds the book delightful. It's easy to read with short chapters and some great tips and group discussion questions provided.

You can get a digital copy of the book on Amazon or other platforms. When you sign up for the class, indicate whether you need the pastor to order a book for you.

Sign-up deadline for book orders is Sept 1.

Coming Sept 6: 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**

W 1955 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 Kidsriddle
Puppet Show



The Gospel
Grass Guys



Menominee River Chorus



Porterfield Lutheran Gospel Band

- Bring: Your picnic food and lawn chairs.
NO alcohol, drugs, or glass containers on the grounds.
- Provided: Two 30'x60' Tents with Tables and Chairs.
FOOD available for purchase on the grounds.
- Churches: Are invited to hold your church picnic under the tents and/or
host your own 10'x10' fundraising booth.
Please call Dale to register and review guidelines 615-512-3506

*Special Thanks to Don Jackson for providing the sound and
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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**

Join the Synod Lifelong Faith Formation 2025 Fall Classes!

Registration is open for the fall classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. The Lifelong Faith Formation program provides a variety of classes for shared listening and learning via Zoom. With a special thanks to our fall teachers, here are the classes they will teach this fall:

Caring for Creation – A discussion study of the theological, societal, and scientific reasoning of the ELCA Social Statement with Chuck Thomas, NGLSynod Vice President

Feeding your Soul - practicing spiritual practices with Pastors Terry Cathcart, Terry Frankenstein, Lee Goodwin, Grant Van Lishout, and Deacons D’Etta Broom, and Noreen Stevens

In the Beginning: The first 11 Chapters of Genesis with Pastor Tommy Wimsae

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew with Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn

Recognizing, Responding, and Re-Visioning Discipleship in an age of Christian Nationalism with Pastor David Van Kley

Courses are free but may require the purchase of books or other materials. **Please register by September 15!**

For more detailed information and to register, visit the synod website *Resources* page: <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation/>

Contact Sister Noreen Stevens with your questions: 651-815-1145 or nstevens@nglsynod.org

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*This messenger is given in honor of their
50th wedding anniversary
by Len & Judy Reid*

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

Summer Worship: 9 AM in person

Online Worship 9:00 AM

Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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