

THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

September

2025

FALL RALLY DAY!

Sunday, September 7 at 10:00am

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!

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!

Worship the LORD with gladness.

Come before him, singing with joy.

Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good.

His unfailing love continues forever,

and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

—*Psalms 100 NLT*

For what are you most thankful? For what do you shout with joy to the Lord? As the season changes and autumn arrives, growing darker and colder, we take special care to give thanks. Have you ever wondered about that congruence? Just as things lose their sparkle and warmth, we offer up greater thanks.

Perhaps we are always thankful—I *hope we are!*—but as a culture we think of THIS time of harvest and coming holidays as a special time to remember to give thanks. We see the bounty of the harvest come in: the produce of another growing season. We also see the leaves fall from the trees in apparent death, in hibernation. And, we give thanks. We are on the cusp of two realities: one of light and one of darkness, one of warmth and one of cold, one of growth and one of hibernation, one of life and one of death. In this space, in the in-between of one season and the next, we give thanks.

For us as Christians, this season can be a powerful reminder that God continues to work in the gaps. God doesn't only come to us in the summer days of warmth, light, and growth. God also comes to us in the cold and dark nights. God continues to work in our lives and in the world when things seem to be dying

(or ARE dying). God is with us in the joyful abundance of summer and in the winter when the ground is hard and cold. God is with us when our lives are joyful and full and when our hearts are overcast with sorrow, doubt, or pain. And, through it all, we learn to give thanks. *Acknowledge that the LORD is God!*

How do we know this is true? The Psalm tells us: *He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.* God made us. We are his—we belong to him. When things are going well, we belong to God. When things are painful, we belong to God. So, we give thanks. The Psalm speaks to things of the past, present, and future. Not only has God made us and claimed us in our past, God also holds our future as *His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.* So, in the present (and always) we *Give thanks to him and praise his name.*

Let us thank God this autumn—this harvest season—for all the good in our lives and for enduring with us through the difficult and painful times. May all of creation sing with us: *Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.*

Blessings to you always in the name of the One who holds us close through every season in our lives.

—Pastor Christine





The changing of seasons always brings a fresh start. The cool mornings, crisp air, and the colors of fall remind us that God is a God of seasons, and each one filled with opportunities for growth, service, and connection. As summer winds down and the rhythm of the school year begins, our church is also stepping into a new season of ministry.

This fall, our programs are designed to help all ages grow deeper in faith, build stronger relationships, and discover ways to live out God's love in daily life. Sunday school classes will once again fill our rooms with joyful learning. Confirmation classes and youth group gatherings will challenge students to explore their faith and live it boldly. Bible studies, small groups, service projects, and fellowship events will provide opportunities for everyone to connect and serve together.

Fall is a wonderful time to recommit to gathering regularly. For when we gather, God works in us and through us. In Hebrews 10:24–25 we learn that "we are to encourage one another toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together....but encouraging one another." The life of our church family is made richer when every voice, every hand, and every heart is present.

I encourage you to jump in this season and look for ways to serve and share God's love. Let's make this a season of connection, discipleship, and joy as we walk together in Christ.

Blessings,

Patti Treptow,
Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Youth Ministries



Emmanuel Youth grades 7th – 12th will be attending our confirmation/youth retreat at Camp Bird in Crivitz, Saturday-Sunday, September 13-14.

Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers as we embark on this faith building adventure.

Important Dates for Confirmation Classes

Sunday, September 21st, 11:00 a.m. 7th/8th grade orientation for both students and parents.

Sunday, October 5th, 11:00-1:00 Classes start!



Rite of Confirmation

Reformation Sunday, October 26th

Information will be mailed out soon to our 9th grade students/parents.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 19th, 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. for our Confirmand and Family luncheon, practice, and robe fitting.**

Youth Service Opportunity

Youth 7th grade through 12th who can help with children's games at **the Rally Picnic at Henes Park on September 7th**, *please let Patti know.*



Sunday School

Mark your calendars....classes for Pre-K through 5th grade start Sunday, **September 21st**. Children will attend the 10:00 a.m. worship service with

their family, receive a children's sermon, and then be dismissed to their classrooms. Parents are asked to pick up their children from their classrooms following worship.

6th grade Confirmation Prep Program

We are excited to offer again this special learning program just for 6th graders in lieu of regular Sunday school classes. All 6th grade students and their parents/guardians are asked to attend an orientation **on Sunday, September 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room.**





***Creative Faith
Afterschool Program***
 Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade
 Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Starts September 24th!
 Join us every Wednesday in the fellowship hall for amazing faith stories and songs, a light snack and fun crafts!



Vacation Bible School

VBS was held August 5, 6, and 7. What a great time we had out on the ranch at our “Yee-Haw” VBS! Through songs, skits, crafts, games, snacks, and Bible Adventures, our children learned that God Gives Good Gifts....Yee-Haw!

On our last day of VBS our children sang their songs to their families and Pastor Christine and the children blessed the donations of money for our ELCA Good Gifts Piglet collection. Thank you to our children and congregation who so generously donated. Our last day of VBS ended with a fun and informative presentation by Amy Lindstad and her mini horse Oscar.

Thank you to our VBS staff!

Skits – Jeff Bayerl

Crafts – Gabi Anders and helper Madi Raygo

Games – Bill Taccolini and helper Brady Sallgren

Snacks - Cindy Smith, Connie Taccolini, Rose Draska & Bonnie Jackson

Bible Adventures – Pastor Christine

Crew Leaders - Elizabeth Aichner & Emma Aichner, and helpers Emory Bryant, Jordyn Sallgren, & Taylor Sallgren

Thrivent Grant Writer – Bonnie Jackson

Planning Team – Marilyn Mouritsen, Judy Raygo, & Patti Treptow

Yee-Haw VBS!



more VBS.....



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!

"Flat Jesus" Project

Let's see where you have taken Jesus!



Pickel Ball!



Lemonade Stand!



Old Barney Lighthouse,
Barnegat, NJ



Suppertime at
SAZ's in
Stephenson



Four-wheeling fun!



Long Beach
Island, NJ



Vacation Bible
School

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

Tuesdays, 5:30—6 PM

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

Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM

Come together to join in prayer for our community, church, and those in need of healing. *There will be no pressure for you to pray out loud.*

New people welcome!

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.

Emmanuel Women's Group

Thursday, September 11 at 1:00 PM

Join us in the Friendship room for Bible study and fellowship.

All women are welcome!

Congregational Financial Update

(through July 31, 2025)

Approved 2025 budgeted offerings received: 125,429.00

Amount behind approved budget: \$6,296.00

Total offerings and income received: \$134,276.00

Total expenses: \$144,518.00

Expenses greater than income by \$10,242.00

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



Rick Nowack passed away on August 4 at his home. We give our sympathy to his wife, Jackie, his son, Matt, and their families.

Todd Bronold and his 2-yr-old daughter, Palmer Bronold, died in a car accident on August 6. Their funeral was held at Emmanuel on August 13. We give our sympathy to his wife, Tate, and their other daughters: Theodora (age 5), Jerryn (age 4) and to all other loved ones who grieve their loss, including Palmer's grandparents: Barry & Kim DeDamos.

LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR SPOUSE IN A WHOLE NEW WAY!

*Registration is now open for the next ONLINE Lutheran Marriage
Enrichment! **November 14-16***

[https://godlovesmarriage.org/event/marriage-encounter-virtual-
experience-online/](https://godlovesmarriage.org/event/marriage-encounter-virtual-experience-online/)

Marriage Encounter *ONLINE* via Zoom.com (CST)

*You Can Participate Privately from Your Home or Anywhere That Affords
You Privacy as a Couple Apply Now or Learn More
at GodLovesMarriage.org!*

Questions? Contact Randy & Jill Sigler by calling: 402-560-3475

Pre-registration is required to send you the materials you'll need for
your experience via snail mail – don't miss out!



M&M CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

GLOW AND GO 2.0
Scavenger Hunt

Register Now!

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13TH
6P-8P
BADGER PARK**

Food Trucks Crafts & Games Face Paint/Glitter Tattoos
with Mischief & Magic

DJ- sponsored by Rocket 88 Sweet Treats

VISIT [MMCHILDRENSMUSEUM.COM](https://mmchildrensmuseum.com) FOR INFO & TICKETS!

Fall into Bunco!

Fellowship Team is hosting Fall into Bunco **on Tuesday
September 23rd at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Watch
the dice roll like falling leaves, enjoy some fall treats, wine,
and lots of fun. A \$3 donation toward prizes is optional—
hope to see you then! ***Watch for a sign-up sheet!***

Brats for Brunch

Friday & Saturday

October 3 and 4,

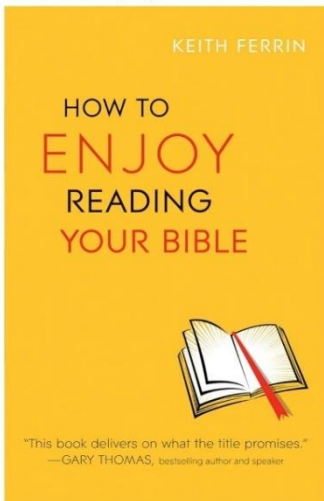
8 AM to 2 PM

**at Jack's Fresh Market,
Menominee**



Sign up for a shift to help Emmanuel with a fundraiser for our church. *Invite your friends and family to come down to Jack's and buy a brat (or two)!*

Thank you for your support of our church.



Fall Bible Study

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

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

Two separate classes offered:

Wednesdays at 11:00am

Wednesdays at 5:00pm

**7 Class Dates: September 17, 24;
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Cost of Book: \$17

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.

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 Broam, 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



*This month's Messenger is given
in thanks to God by Bruce Peters*

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

Worship: 8 & 10 AM in person

Online Worship 8:00 AM

Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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