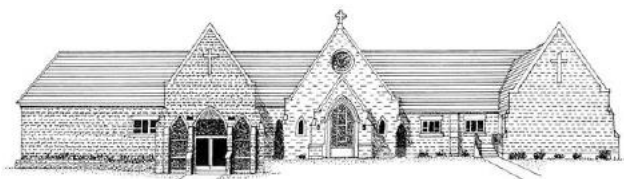


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

A part of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA

October

2025

Reformation Remembrance



The 'Luther Rose' has become a symbol of the Lutheran Church, familiar to Lutherans throughout the world. It was designed in 1516 by Martin Luther, who said that it set forth the basic elements of Christian theology.

In 1530 Luther described the rose to a friend. He said that the black cross on a red heart reminds us that the crucified Christ saves us. The cross humiliates and causes pain, but also brings righteousness and life when, in our hearts, we believe in the crucified Savior. The heart is in the center of a white rose, to show that faith brings joy, comfort, blessedness, and peace beyond that of the world. The background of the rose is sky blue to show that this joy in the Spirit and in faith is the beginning of the heavenly joy to come. It is surrounded by a golden ring, to signify that the bliss of heaven is endless and lasts forever, and is more precious than all other joys and treasures. *(See a color picture of the rose on the cover in the copy of the newsletter on our website: www.e-mmanuel.com)*

In a version of the rose carved in stone, Luther had the word 'Vivit' (He lives!) inscribed around the symbol.

- *Taken from the UK Council of Lutheran Churches website: <https://www.lutheran.org.uk/3406-2/the-luther-rose/>*

Why Does Reformation Sunday Matter?

October 31st, 1517 was a long time ago. Why does it continue to matter and be remembered in our churches today? *(This year, celebrated on Sunday, October 26th.)*

1. Reformation Sunday gives us a chance to tell our story – a chance to remember.

We all have a family story – how we got to this point in history. Stories about parents and grandparents, about

the things that have shaped our families over the years. Reformation Sunday is a day when we remember and re-tell the family stories of our faith. Stories about men and women who came before us and taught us about the faith. Stories about people who risked everything so that we would be able to gather and worship in the manner that we do.

2. Reformation Sunday reminds us of the most important things.

Throughout the year we preach about many things in church. About how we live our daily lives, the choices we make, the habits of our faith. On Reformation Sunday we are brought back to the most important thing – the thing that compelled Luther and others to risk their lives.

On Reformation Sunday, we return to the core of our faith: *God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.*

3. Reformation Sunday challenges us to do better

Through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday prods us to do better.

We are called to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God.

In the church in Wittenberg where Martin Luther preached, there is a wonderful painting. In it, Luther stands in the pulpit on the right-hand side, and the people stand on the left. In between people and the preacher is Christ on the cross. Reformation Sunday is a reminder that this is the bedrock of our faith – the grace and mercy given to us in Jesus Christ. Keeping the most important thing in the center of the picture is the only hope for our faith and for this community that we call “church.”

- *Taken from the Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church website: <https://sojoy.org/reformation/>*

Youth Ministries



Sunday School

Our Sunday school classes are underway! On October 5th we will have our monthly Bible Story Sunday event.

As part of our Sunday school program, every first Sunday of the month following the children's sermon, all of the Sunday school children will gather in the fellowship hall. Our children will participate in their own children's church service, watch a Bible story video, make a craft, play games, sing songs, and enjoy a snack. Parents may pick up their children in the fellowship hall at the end of worship on these days.

Reminder to parents.... *please* complete a Sunday School registration form that is in the church narthex or available to download from our church website. This information helps to keep our records and lines of communication with parents updated. Thank you!



3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, October 5th during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, our 3rd grade students will receive their gift Bibles from the congregation. Following the presentation, children will go to their classroom.

Sunday School Backpacks and Blessings!



Our Sunday school children started classes on September 21st and were invited to bring their school backpacks for a blessing for the new school year.



***Creative Faith
Afterschool Program***
Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade
Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Join us every Wednesday in the fellowship hall for amazing faith stories and songs, a light snack and fun crafts!

Join us and bring a friend!



6th Grade Confirmation Prep!

6th grade students are reminded to pick up their worship sheets on the table near the sanctuary doors each Sunday. After completing, please place them in the box on the table. First class is **November 23rd, 11:00-12:00 in the Friendship Room.**



**October Class Date for
7th and 8th grade
confirmation**

**Sunday, October 5th
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

We meet in the fellowship hall. Light snacks will be available.



Rite of Confirmation

Reformation Sunday, October 26

during the 10:00 am worship service

**Confirmand and Family luncheon, practice, and robe
fitting Sunday, October 19th, 11:00-2:00 pm.**

Youth Service Opportunity

Confirmation and high school youth are encouraged to help with the church **Meatball Supper that will be held on Wednesday, October 15th.** More information on this service activity has been emailed out to parents. Contact Patti if your youth is interested in helping.



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 projects this summer included the mural in the education wing and planting tulips and daffodils.



YOUTH RETREAT

Our youth gathered at Camp Bird September 13-14 for their annual retreat. Our youth participated in team building activities, faith focused breakout sessions, water front activities, rock painting, and hiking. Our confirmands wrote their faith statements and created their stoles for their affirmation of baptism. A big thankyou to our parents who chaperoned our youth and prepared our meals: Scott Gleisner, Bobbi Rod and Margaret Miller.



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, October 9 at 1:00 PM

Join us in the Friendship room for Bible study and fellowship.
All women are welcome!

Congregational Financial Update

(through August 31, 2025)

Approved 2025 budgeted offerings received: \$141,855.00

Amount behind approved budget: \$7,632.00

Total offerings and income received: \$152,544.00

Total expenses: \$164,009.00

Expenses greater than income by \$11,465.00

Meatball Supper



**Wednesday, October 15,
4:30—6:30pm**



Ticket Donation Price:

Adults: \$12

Kids 7 to 12 years old: \$6

Family of 4+: \$30

6 and under are FREE

How you can help:

Bake a Pumpkin Dessert

(We have the recipe!)



Sign up to help

October 14th @ 9:00 AM Food Prep



October 15th—

11:00 AM Set up and Prep

2:30 PM Food Prep

4:00 PM Cooks, Servers, & Dishwashers

6:00 PM Clean-up & Dishes

SPREAD THE WORD – we will have
a Facebook announcement set up.
Share and invite your friends!



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.



"Trunk or Treat"

Friday, October 31st

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

in Emmanuel's 13th street
parking lot

Neighborhood children and children of our congregation are welcome to trick or treat in our parking lot. This has become a very popular and fun event for our community children. **We are inviting all interested congregation members to join in the fun by hosting a "trunk".** All you need do is decorate your vehicle's trunk, wear a costume if you like, and provide some candy. To help us have an idea as to how many "trunks" we will have, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in participating.

We hope you can join us in this safe and fun event for our children. *If you are unable to host a trunk but would like to participate by donating a bag of candy that will be distributed to the children, please drop it off in the church office by Thursday, October 30th.* Thank you!



Collecting through the October 23rd

Emmanuel is helping the Salvation Army with their Coats for Kids campaign. The Salvation Army is accepting new and gently used **winter coats, snow pants, mittens, hats, and scarfs – children's and adult sizes**, which will be given to needy families in the counties of Marinette and Menominee. There is a box in the narthex for your donation. **If you miss the drop-off dates, you may bring your donation directly to the Salvation Army location, 80 W Russell St., Marinette.**

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/>

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](https://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!



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**

Below is the QR code for the **church directory** that can be scanned to access the sign-up page for the church pictorial directory photo sessions in October:



Additionally, here is the actual link to access the sign-up site:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70A044FAAA628A0F58-58395898-emmanuel>



Alice Erdman passed away on August 26. Her funeral was held at Cadieu Funeral home on August 29. Our sympathy goes to her children, Steve & Toni Erdman, Harold & Terri Erdman, and Jan & Wayne Christiansen and their families.

Raymond Greenwood passed away on September 7. His graveside service was held on September 11. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Peggy, and their family.

Barbara Gorka passed away on September 8. Her funeral was held at Cadieu Funeral home on September 11. Our sympathy goes to her son, Mark Klatt, her sister, Cheryl Briar, and her other children, grandchildren, and family.

Ross Rynning passed away on September 8. His funeral was held at Cadieu Funeral home on September 14. Our sympathy goes to his daughters, Ronda Pedersen and Rachel Raygo, and his other children, grandchildren, and family.

Bob Nielsen passed away September 10. In honoring his wishes, no services were held. Our sympathy to his family.

Darrell Eland passed away on September 13. His funeral was held at Emmanuel on September 19. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Linda, their children, grandchildren, and other family.

Rite of Confirmation: *Support our Youth!*

**Reformation Sunday, October 26th,
during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.**

Cake and punch reception to follow.



Please come to worship on the 26th to support and encourage our youth as they take this next, important step in their faith journey. You will have a chance to pledge your prayers for them, read their faith statements, and see them affirm their faith.

Affirming their Baptism this year:

Camelly Gleisner

Colin Gleisner

Brady Sallgren

The 2026 Stewardship Campaign will soon be underway!

The theme for 2026 is “THE HEART OF A JOYFUL SERVANT,” based on 1 Peter 4:10 – *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”*

We are encouraged to be good stewards of God’s varied grace by using our God given gifts to serve others and bring glory to God. All we have comes from God – and God calls us to joyfully share our blessings and to care for all we have been given. October 5th is kick-off Sunday, and we will hear a Temple Talk from Deb Villas introducing our fall stewardship message and events.

Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come!

Sponsorship **of the Messenger and weekly bulletin**

If you would like to sponsor a 2025 monthly publication of the Messenger or a weekly publication of the bulletin in honor or memory of a person or event,
please contact the church office.

\$125 covers the cost of a Messenger publication and mailing.

\$30 covers the cost of a weekly bulletin.



Annual Lutheran Conference Meeting

**Sunday, October 12 at 1:00pm
at Bethel Lutheran, Menominee**

Please mark your calendars for October 12th at 1pm at Bethel for the annual conference meeting. It will be a short meeting, as we have no elections. We will have worship, fellowship, and a short business meeting that will get everyone home in time for the Packers game (or a Sunday nap 😊).

**Thank you to all who joined in for
Bunco in September. Everyone
enjoyed the laughter, fellowship, and
fun!**



*Thanks
to the
Fellowship
Team*



*for
organizing
it!*

God's Work, Our Hands *Report*

Thank you to everyone who filled out a card for the veterans at the hospital in Iron Mountain during our Rally Day picnic! The cards were delivered and were received with thanksgiving and joy!



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**



Your generosity helps make creative ministry possible. Click the following link below to learn more:

<https://nglsynod.org/synod-ministry-fund/>

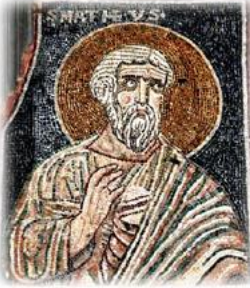


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**Join us for our next Quarterly Lay Ministry
Education opportunity...**

**Preaching Law and Gospel
in the Year of Matthew**

**Saturday, October 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
via Zoom**

This session, led by Rev. Peter Vorhes, will explore:

- Law and Gospel in Lutheran theology and preaching
- The challenge of preaching Law and Gospel in Matthew
- Preaching Law and Gospel in Advent, with a closer look at the Gospel readings for the four Sundays of Advent

These sessions were created for our Licensed Lay Ministers and those providing Lay Pulpit Supply, but all are welcome to join in the shared listening and learning.

Use the link to register and receive the Zoom link. Please complete the form fully and hit submit to register:

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*This month's Messenger is given
in thanks to God for all His blessings
by Christa Holmstead*

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

Worship: 8 & 10 AM in person

Online Worship 8:00 AM

Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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