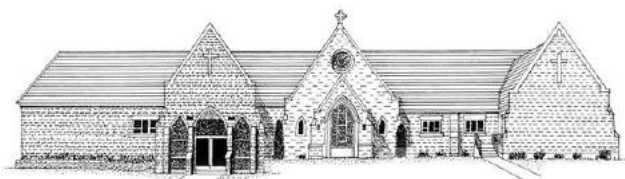


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

A part of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA

November

2025

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 26

6:00pm



A pie social follows the worship service,
in the fellowship hall.

Sign up to bring a pie to share.





Rite of Confirmation

On Reformation Sunday, October 26th, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, three youth of our church affirmed their baptismal vows.



Camelly Penny Lorraine Gleisner

Matthew 5:8-9 — Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Baptized: January 12, 2020 at Emmanuel

Parent: Scott Gleisner

Grandparents: Brian & Penny McGivern

Baptismal Sponsors: Josie Gezella, Kendra Kolaszewski

Colin Robert Gleisner

Ephesians 2:8-9 — For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Baptized: January 12, 2020 at Emmanuel

Parents: Scott & Judy Gleisner

Baptismal Sponsors: Kaye & Wayne Angi, Pr Kurt Bockoven,
Ben Schernick

Brady James Sallgren

Psalms 73:26 — My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Baptized: June 3, 2011 at Emmanuel

Parents: Jeremy & Keri Sallgren

Baptismal Sponsors: Ryan Larson, Brianne Dilley

Read the Confirmands' Faith Statements— WHAT they believe about God:



God the Father is someone who watches over us. He created us. He protects us from danger. He would scold you and tell you what you did wrong, then he will forgive you. He would guide you away from danger. He sent his only son to save us. He is always there for us when we need him. He gave us a place to live, so we can stay warm, and he gave us food to survive. God makes sure

that we don't get hurt. He is there for me when I get nervous or scared. He gives us water to stay hydrated.

Jesus is someone who saves us from our sins. He teaches the ten commandments, to help us be better people. He protects us from evil.

The Holy Spirit is represented by a dove, baptism, and prayer. Yes, the Spirit was there when Jesus was baptized. The Holy Spirit represents morality, purity, and good will.

— *Camelly Gleisner*



If a friend asked me who God the Father was, I'd say he's our Lord above all else. God in the role of Creator would be him creating the earth, heaven, seas, sky, etc. God in the role of father would be him loving and protecting us as his children. God in the role of discipliner would be him reprimanding or scolding us for wrong, but then he would forgive us. God in the role of guide would be him guiding us down the right path of our faith. I know that God will always love and forgive us, and lift us up when we are down.

If a friend asked me to tell them about God the Son, I would say that Jesus came to die for our sins. Jesus taught the ten commandments because they keep us from doing the wrong thing. Jesus is the savior of the world because he saved everyone from their sins by dying on a cross. I know that Jesus died for everyone, from peasants to his followers, from sinners to saints.

If a friend asked me to tell them about the Holy Spirit, I would say that the Holy Spirit was the third and final member of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit is active in the church today at every new baptism. Yes, the Holy Spirit does, since the Holy Spirit came from heaven as a white dove when Jesus was

baptized. I know that the Holy Spirit represents morality, good will, and purity itself.

— *Colin Gleisner*



I think that God is a big guide in a Christian's life. He helps with choices, feelings, and beliefs. If I had to explain God as a father, I would say that he can control actions more in certain times. While you don't physically see God, his spirit is always with you. He can make life or death changes. For example, one time my four-wheeler was rolling

down an incline. I thought I was done, but then out of the grace of God there was a stump that stopped it. So, from that experience I can say that's how God is a father and a guide.

Jesus was a blessing from God. While all people are, Jesus was just special. And not for attention! From what I've learned, Jesus taught a very important, everlasting lesson. To me, that lesson was that he gave what he didn't have. He took the blame on that cross for doing nothing wrong. He suffered so others didn't have to. He found a good turnaround for every person that screwed up. He came back from the dead and helped people that did him wrong. So, I think he taught the power of forgiveness!

I think the Holy Spirit is a spirit that every believer has. For me, the Spirit helps me feel better when I admit wrong, when I am being untruthful with others. With that, Jesus is a good portion of the Spirit. For example, you come to have thoughts kind of like: "What would Jesus do in this situation? Would he forgive, discipline, or ignore it?" That helps me, personally. Last, I think that the Holy Spirit is a guide for your gut, like "Is this wrong or right?" You usually get the feeling for one that the Holy Spirit is making your body feel.

— *Brady Sallgren*

Read the Confirmands' Faith Testimonies — *HOW* they know God:



God is with me when I get bullied and God tells me to ignore the people who bullied me. My faith has changed over these years because first I was nervous, and now I feel better. I'll be an adult member of the church after confirmation. Jesus is our personal savior; he comes to save my sins. I

see Jesus when I get scared and I'll see him when I'm scared in the future.

— *Camelly Gleisner*



God touched my life when he brought my mom into my life. God has spoken to me in my gut feelings, allowing me to avoid danger and make the right choice. My faith hasn't changed much through Confirmation, since I had a strong faith from the beginning and still do. Confirmation day

to me means that I'll prove my faith to God and the church. Jesus to me is my personal savior. Jesus to me means a lot, from friend to Lord. I see God active today in my schooling, as for the future, I'm not sure, but what I am sure of is that it's bright with God in it.

— *Colin Gleisner*



God has touched me most when my grandma passed away last year. It was during deer season and I shot a really nice buck, and I think that my grandma and God sent that deer to me. It helped me take my mind off it and be excited about the deer. God has talked to me through all my prayers

and helped guide me through my worst. To me, to get confirmed is going to make me proud: just to know that I've been doing this for 9 years; being confirmed for good into a Christian son of God, etc. To me, Jesus is a leader in me and my life.

— *Brady Sallgren*

All Saints Remembrance

For All the Saints Who All are One in Thee...

(Saints claimed in the waters of Baptism during the past year)

Emory Isabelle Bryant

Chanel Kensley Bryant

Emma Sue Barley

Wren Leona Borgnakke

Kaydin Richard Allen Parker

For All the Saints Who from their Labors Rest...

(Saints who fulfilled their earthly journeys during the past church year)

We remember now, with gratitude those of our membership who have finished their earthly journey and who now rest with God and all the saints in glory. We remember these from our Emmanuel family who have died this year:

Gary Sevon

Marcia Schreiner

Robert Koehler

Jeanette Kelly

Ivon Butman

David Johnson

Cheryl Camps

Rick Nowack

Todd Bronold

Palmer Bronold

Alice Erdman

Robert Nielsen

Raymond Greenwood

Darrell Eland

Orville Kamin

Youth Ministries

Sunday School

It's almost time to start working on our Christmas program! Practices start on Sunday, November 16th during the last part of Sunday school class. Because we have limited practice time, it is important to have your child at Sunday school as much as possible. Here are some important dates...



Program Dress Rehearsal & Christmas Party
Saturday, December 20th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 P.m.

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 21st
during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

If you know that your child will not be able to participate in the Christmas program, please let Patti Treptow know as soon as possible so parts can be adjusted.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation



Third grade teacher, Ava Slawinski, presented Harper Sallgren with her gift Bible from the congregation.

Congratulations Harper as you begin your journey into God's word!



Our Sunday school children will be hosting a noisy kettle **collection during the 10:00 am worship service on November 2nd**. The monies collected will be used to purchase food for families in need in our

community. In Sunday school that day, our children will create a shopping list of kid-friendly foods for the families we adopt. After the food has been collected by the Little Lutherans Youth committee, a blessing of the food will be done during the children's sermon on **Sunday, November 16th**. The Little Lutherans Committee has coordinated efforts with the Menominee School District to identify families in need where these nourishing and fun foods will be given.



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!



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. We ask that a parent join
their youth in class, as possible.



November Class Date for
7th and 8th grade
confirmation class

Sunday, November 16th 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

Service Activities

Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social – Wednesday, November 26th, after the 6:00 p.m. worship service. Confirmation students will help serve pie and beverages. Please arrive at 5:30 p.m. to help with set up.

Baking for the Church bake sale – Confirmation students will bake cookies and other yummy treats on Saturday, December 13th, 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army – Confirmation students will join with other members of Emmanuel to ring bells on Saturday, December 13th at Jacks Market in Menominee. Students will have an opportunity to sign up in the narthex for one-hour shifts between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.



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!

Northern Great Lakes Synod Youth Events

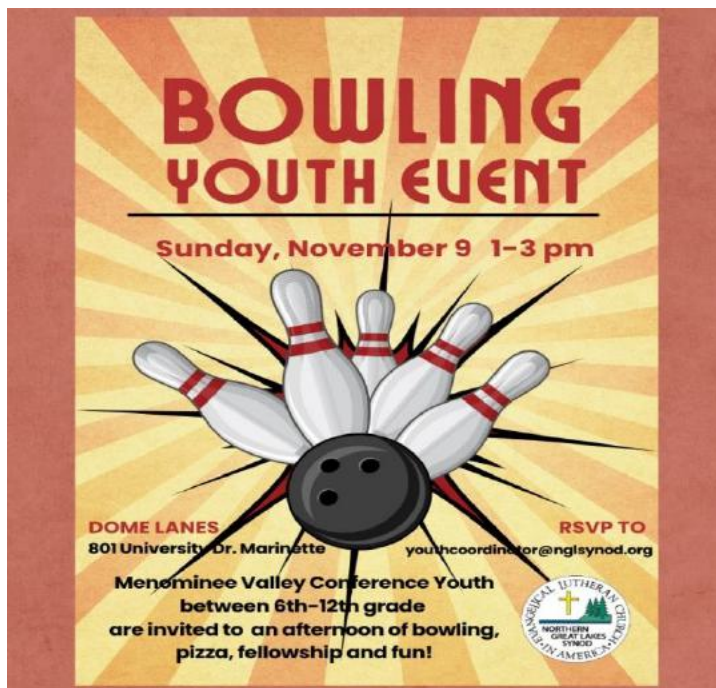


**Our Synod has an online Dungeons & Dragons Club
for young people between 6th-12th grade.**

Upcoming gaming dates are:

**Sunday, October 26 – 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Central
Sunday, November 30 – 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Central
Sunday, December 28 – 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Central**

Please email Stefanie Ehle
at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org for the Zoom link or if you
would like to be part of this new club!



Adult Ministries

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, November 6 at 1:00 PM

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

Congregational Financial Update

(through September 30, 2025)

Approved 2025 budgeted offerings received: \$162,844.00

Amount behind approved budget: \$6,316.00

Total offerings and income received: \$173,538.00

Total expenses: \$185,036.00

Expenses greater than income by \$11,498.00

Brats for Brunch THANKS



Thank you to ALL who came out to help with the Brat Fry
and to ALL who came out to partake of brats!

A special thank you to **Jeff & Holly Bayerl** for organizing
the event, gathering the helpers, chopping condiments,
cooking, and making it fun!

We raised \$1,970
after expenses for our church ministry!

Meatball Supper THANKS



We give thanks to ALL who participated!

Thanks to **Barb Stankevitz** for organizing the dinner and to **Betty Kohrt** for assisting her. Thanks to **ALL** who helped prepare, cook, serve, and clean up after the dinner. Thanks to **OUR YOUTH** who helped make the dinner special. Thanks to all who shared the information about the meal with friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

Thanks to all who came to eat. *We appreciate you all!*



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Emmanuel's Outreach Projects



Christmas Food/Non-Food Drive

We will be collecting non-perishable food and non-food items for the Salvation Army food pantry. Also, we will make a box of food for anyone in need. If you know of a family or a person that would benefit from a box of food, please give the person's name and contact information to Judy in the church office.

The food drive will take place November 23 through December 14. Donated goods may be placed in the marked area in the narthex.

Food items needed: Canned meats (tuna and chicken), canned dinners, complete meal foods like spaghetti sauce with meat, canned stew, boxed meals such as hamburger helper, peanut butter, soups, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, pancake mixes and syrup, and cereal. Baking needs such as flour, sugar, salt. Please check expiration dates – we cannot include expired food in the boxes.

Non-food items needed: Hand soap, body soap, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, dish soap, laundry soap, fabric softener.



Angel Tree

Emmanuel will be partnering with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. We will have a tree with Angel tags in the narthex November 16 through December 7. Gifts must not be wrapped, but placed in a bag with the Angel Tag securely attached.

Christmas Bake Sale.....We Need Your Help!

Our annual Christmas bake sale will be held on Sunday,

December 14th between worship services. Our Outreach Committee, youth, and anyone interested in helping will be preparing for the bake sale on Saturday, December 13th from 10:00 -12:00.



To make this sale a success, we need your help! If each person could bake one or two dozen cookies, baked items, or candy, we will easily meet our goal. Proceeds from the bake sale go to support outreach and youth projects.

Please bring your baked goods for the bake sale to the fellowship hall on Saturday, December 13th between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.



THANK YOU to those who decorated and handed out candy at our Trunk or Treat event that

was held on October 31st!
And, thank you to those who donated candy.



Bell Ringing for Salvation Army!

***Saturday, December 13th
2:00 – 4:00 pm***



Jacks Market in Menominee

Emmanuel will be ringing bells for Salvation Army at Jacks Market in Menominee. We are seeking **members of all ages** to sign up for a shift of ringing and maybe even some singing! A sign-up sheet will be made available in the narthex where you can sign up for one-hour shifts. Let's make it a great turnout and show our community Emmanuel cares!



THANK YOU to all who gave coats and other items to keep our neighbors warm this winter!



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.



Orville Kamin passed away on October 13. His funeral was held at Thielen Funeral Home on October 18. Our sympathy to his wife, Dorothy, their children, grandchildren, and other family.



Discover the gifts Christ brings this Christmas.

**Mondays at 1:00 OR 5:00pm
on December 1, 8, 15, & 22**

Cost of book – \$17

“What do you want for Christmas?” It’s a question we often hear as the holidays approach. Most of the time, our minds instantly jump to material things—gifts we can unwrap, hold, and call our own. But what if we paused for a moment and asked ourselves a more meaningful question?

What do you truly want for Christmas? Deep down, does your heart yearn for something money can’t buy?

Author James W. Moore invites you to explore these deeper longings in his enriching four-week study. Designed for both groups and individuals, this program gently guides you through the season of Advent with weekly lessons that focus on the gifts Christ brings into our lives.

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*This month’s Messenger is given
in thanks to God for all His blessings
by Jeff & Karen Hines*



Bunc-Fulness!



The Fellowship Team is so thankful to provide a fun night of Bunco—

and thankful for all the players who come to have play! Our next game will be on **Tuesday, November 11th at 6:00pm.**

We will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the food pantry. You may donate \$3 towards a prize—our

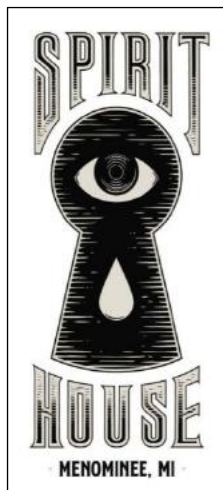
last winner was a first time player! This could be you!

Water, wine, and snacks will be offered—ladies and gentlemen welcome!

Trivia Night at Spirit House

533 10th Ave, Menominee

We had so much fun at the last Trivia Night; we are bringing another group of Emmanuel players! This will be on **Thursday December 4th, 6—8:00pm.** A sign-up sheet will be posted in November. You can sign up as a team—or just sign up to be on a team. ***We will meet at Spirit House at 5:30. Bring snacks to share.*** Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks can be purchased at the event. Everybody knows some trivia—come and play!



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