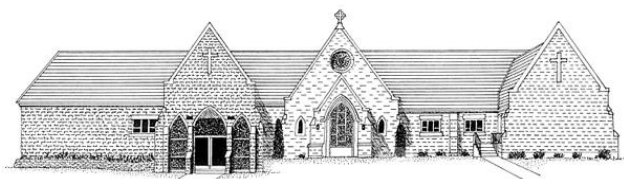


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

A congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA

June

2026



Installation Service

for

Pastor Christine Olson

and

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 7

2:00 PM

All are welcome to come and celebrate this firming of
the relationship between pastor and congregation!

All you who are righteous,
shout joyfully to the Lord!
It's right for those who do right to praise God.
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre!
Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp!
Sing to him a new song!
Play your best with joyful shouts!
Because the Lord's word is right,
his every act is done in good faith.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth.
The skies were made by the Lord's word,
all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth.
He gathered the ocean waters into a heap;
he put the deep seas into storerooms.
All the earth honors the Lord;
all the earth's inhabitants stand in awe of him.
Because when he spoke, it happened!
When he commanded, there it was!
We put our hope in the Lord.
He is our help and our shield.
Our heart rejoices in God
because we trust his holy name.
Lord, let your faithful love surround us
because we wait for you.

— Psalm 33:1-9, 20-22 CEB

"All you who are righteous, shout joyfully to the Lord!"

These words land differently in the season of Pentecost. After the rushing wind and tongues of fire, after the Spirit is poured out on ordinary people, the psalm's call to praise feels less like a suggestion and more like a natural response. When God's Spirit is moving, something in us wants to sing.

Psalm 33 reminds us why. God's word is not empty—it is creative, life-giving, and trustworthy. *"The LORD's word is right; his every act is done in good faith... the skies were made by the LORD's word, all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth... because when he spoke, it happened! When he commanded, there it was!"* This is the same Spirit-breathed word that now lives among us, not only in scripture but in the life of the church. At Pentecost, God's creative power did not stay in the past; it showed up again in a gathered community, forming something new out of fear and uncertainty.

That matters, because many days don't feel especially joyful or new. The world can feel unstable. Our own lives can feel stretched thin. Yet the psalm gently redirects our focus: *"We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield."* Waiting here isn't passive—it's expectant. It's the quiet confidence that God is still at work, still speaking, still creating.

Pentecost assures us that we are not left to generate hope on our own. The Spirit breathes it into us. The same Spirit that stirred the first disciples stirs in us—giving courage to speak, strength to love, and even the ability to rejoice when joy feels distant.

So we sing—not because everything is perfect, but because God is faithful. We trust—not because we control the future, but because God holds it. And we pray, with the psalmist and with the church across generations: *"LORD, let your faithful love surround us because we wait for you."*

In this season of Pentecost, may you notice the Spirit's quiet movement in your life—and may it give you a new song to sing. Blessings to you always in the name of the One whose love makes us want to sing!

—Pastor Christine

Youth Ministries

Sunday School End of the Year Picnic!

Our Sunday school picnic moved indoors on May 17th due to the rainy weather. Thank you, teachers and Little Lutherans committee for a fun time!



Confirmation Program

FUN DAY!

Our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders celebrated their year of learning on May 3rd by enjoying the afternoon having lunch together and then heading to the Get-Air Trampoline Park in Green Bay.





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!

Glow group enjoyed an afternoon of bowling at the Dome Lanes on May 17th.



fun+
FAITH



Emmanuel's high school graduates will be honored at our "Graduation Recognition and Blessing" during the 9:00 a.m. worship service on June 7th. The *Carl and Marian Johnson Memorial Scholarship* awards will also be presented by Pastor Cheryl Johnson during the service. A gift will also be presented to each graduate by the Outreach Committee. **A cake and punch reception will follow in the narthex.**

We congratulate and ask for God's blessing on our graduates:

Darrent Butler

Landen Daigneau

Emily Lenca

Carter Starzynski



Vacation Bible School

Tuesday—Thursday

August 11, 12, 13

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade this fall are invited to join in a mission to discover God's incredible love and share it with others! 6th graders and older are encouraged to serve as helpers.



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 will be mailed out soon to families. Kids, invite your friends to join you at VBS! Registration forms are also available in the church office or downloaded from our website at www.e-mmanuel.com. Return the registration form to the church office as soon as possible so you can get your child enrolled for some fun, laughter, and excitement!

**Deadline to register is
Monday, July 27th.**



Adult Ministries

Prayer Group

Returning in September at 9:30 on Wednesday mornings

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

Returning in autumn at 1:00pm on the 1st Thursdays

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

All women are welcome!

Gentle Yoga

Tuesday 5:30-6pm \$8.00/person

Join us for this relaxing, stretching exercise. Led by Sally VanEyck.

Congregational Financial Update

(through April 30, 2026)

Approved 2026 budgeted offerings received: \$85,223.00

Amount ahead approved budget: \$115.00

Total offerings and income received: \$88,982.00

Total expenses: \$88,258.00

Income greater than expenses by \$724.00



9:00 AM Summer Worship Schedule

We have ONE worship service during the summer, at 9:00AM. **Summer worship time will continue through September 6 (*Labor Day weekend*)**.

The regular worship schedule will return on September 13th with Rally Day — 8AM in the church building and 10AM at Henes Park.

OUTDOOR Worship

June 21

July 19

August 16

Join us outside in the warm summer breeze *on the third 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!*

If it rains, we will worship inside.



Blue Chairs for the taking!

The pastor is redoing the old choir room to make it into a Chapel. (*Don't worry—the choir can still practice in there!*) So, we're replacing the blue chairs with our red chairs, better for prayer and worship. (*The choir can sing in red chairs too.*)

Would you like one or more of the blue chairs?

Do you know of a person or organization who would like them?

Check them out and take what you like!

At this writing, we have a good amount left, but they are going.



Building Maintenance Project UPDATE

Our church building needs some work. We need to take the failing chimney down. It's in danger of falling and taking the side of our building with it. With that, we will be getting a new furnace in the spring: one that is more efficient and doesn't need such a chimney. We are also getting some brickwork done that has been crumbling and is in danger of falling.

With everything needed, we expect the total cost to be around \$30,000.

So far, we have been given \$8,282 for this project.

Thank you for your support.

Emmanuel's Brat Fry Fundraisers at Jack's in Menominee

Come out for a couple of hours between 8am and 2pm to help with Emmanuel's fundraiser on:



July 10 & 11

September 18 & 19

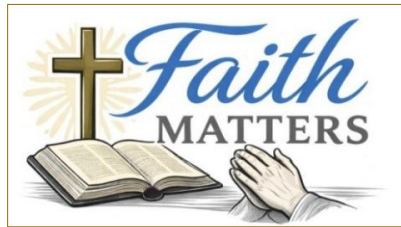
October 2 & 3

This is a big fundraiser for our church and it's FUN to do!

Thank you for your help!



We have (and will get more) copies of the completed Church Directory in the office. **They are \$12 each.** You can also order them directly from the photo studio: *Memories Studios* here in Menominee.



People in our congregation have been standing up in worship to share some of their faith stories with us. We are blessed to have heard from several who have already shared:

Jim Briar	Holly Bayerl
Jeremy Sallgren	Brianna Camps
Kacy Eland	Matt Vanni
Cookie Kramer	Eileen Beyer
Jeremy Camps	

We are continuing these sharings on the 2nd Sunday of each month. This month, we are excited to have

Cindy Smith on June 14th

to share some of her faith story!

We hope you can join us to hear.

Jeff Bayerl shares on July 12th and Travis Rod on August 9th.

Prayerful Hearts and Healing Service

On the 3rd Monday of each Month



5:30pm

In the Chapel (*music/choir room*)

This month on Monday, June 15th

This world can be a stressful place. It seems particularly tense right now, doesn't it? There seems to be so much division, so much fear, so much busyness, so much pressure to "keep up with the Joneses".

We need a place to rest, to relax, to let go of our stress and allow God room to enter in the process. We need a place to find room to breathe and space to heal.

Come for a calming service of prayer, healing, and reflection on the third Monday of each month.

Together we will explore healing in God's light and love.

The pastor provides a simple service, but it will be open to changing depending on where the Spirit leads us. There is no preaching and no offering collected. We sit with questions and open ourselves to God's voice. We explore a bit of the mystical together. We look at healing in the light of Christ, through prayer, trust, and peace.

There will be no pressure for anyone to pray out loud or "perform" in any way. All people ages 15+, all personality types (*outgoing and shy, certain and uncertain, members and strangers*) are welcome!

Northern Great Lakes Synod

To find out what is happening around our Synod, check out the Northern Great Lakes Website at www.nglsynod.org

Youth Ministry Leader Retreat

August 13 - 15, 2026

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
Crystal Falls, MI

**For adults who work and
volunteer in youth ministry.
All experience levels
welcome!**

Register by July 31

<https://nglsynod.org/youth/>

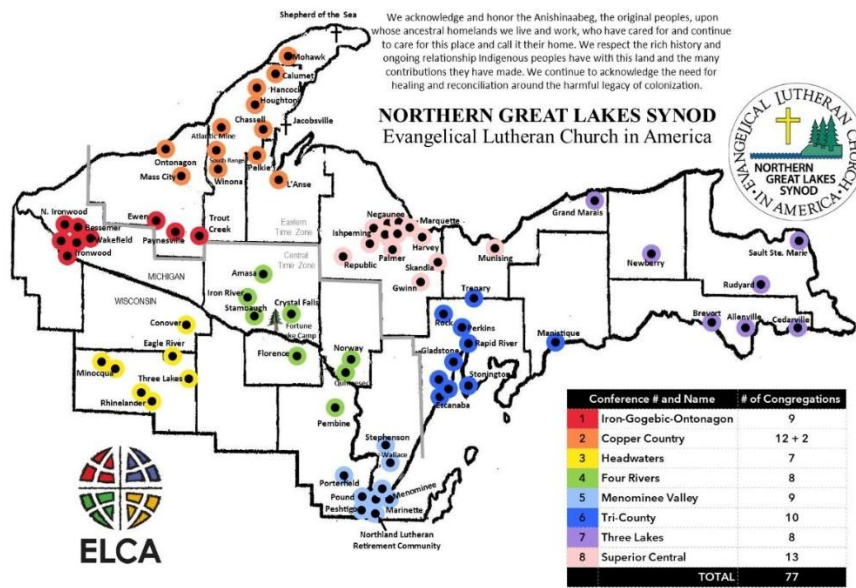
only \$25 per person!

Join us for

- Workshops
- Storytelling
- Music
- Worship
- Networking

Sponsored by the NGLS Youth Ministry Team,
Zion Lutheran Church - Marinette's Endowment Fund,
and an ELCA Evangelism Grant to Share Jesus' Story with All Ages





Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and honor the Anishinaabeg, the original peoples, and the Menominee tribe, upon whose ancestral homelands we live and work, who have cared for and continue to care for this place and call it their home. We respect the rich history and ongoing relationship Indigenous peoples have with this land and the many contributions they have made. We continue to acknowledge the need for healing and reconciliation around the harmful legacy of colonization.

Creator, we thank You for the creation of all living things: the four-legged, the winged, the land, the sea, the sky, the vegetation, and the people.

Ever mindful of the gifts You have provided to us all, Creator God, we give You thanks and praise. Amen.

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This month's Messenger is given in thanks to God for his many blessings by Christa Holmstead

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

Worship: 9AM in person

Online Worship 9:00AM

Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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