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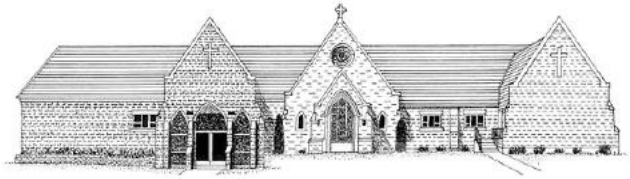

Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

A congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA

November **2026**

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25 at 6:00 PM

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

Sign up to bring a pie to share, if you like!

Rite of Confirmation

On Reformation Sunday, October 25th, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, five youth of our church affirmed their baptismal vows.

Daly Ann Marlene Butler

Colossians 2:6-7 — As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Baptized: May 20, 2012 at Emmanuel

Parents: Derek & Deb Butler

Baptismal Sponsors: Kara Johnson, Jennifer Berquist

Jereson Charles Camps

Philippians 1:6 — I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Baptized: May 20, 2012 at Emmanuel

Parents: Jeremy & Brianna Camps

Baptismal Sponsors: Caitlin Lock, Cory Camps

Dawson Joseph McKenney

Proverbs 3:5-6 — Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Baptized: July 12, 2026 at Emmanuel

Parents: Brandon & Danielle McKenney

Baptismal Sponsor: Robin Delfosse

Joshua Bishop Rod

Romans 8:38-39 — For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Baptized: November 11, 2012 at Gethsemane in Wallace, MI

Parents: Aaron & Bobbi Rod

Baptismal Sponsors: Christopher Rod, Somer Clark

Jordyn Clarice Sallgren

Matthew 5:14+16 — You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Baptized: November 2, 2014 at Emmanuel

Parents: Jeremy & Keri Sallgren

Baptismal Sponsors: Jenny Bellisle, Drew Buyarski

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

If a friend were to ask me who God the Father is, I would say that he is always someone I can turn to when I feel lost or unsure. He gives me hope and reason to tackle hardships and challenges. He gives me a sense of security, that he will still love, after the mistakes I have made. I see him as my guide and someone I can look to, not only to keep me grounded, but to remind me who I am. He is also the Creator of life and has made everything with purpose.

When Jesus was on Earth, he taught many things: one thing ws not to judge. You should not judge others when you are imperfect yourself. He also taught me to have forgiveness—everyone makes mistakes. Jesus is the Savior of the world because he gave up his life for our sins. This taught me to serve others and have kindness wherever you go. If a friend were to ask me about God the Son, I would say he

ensured hope within me that I will rise from the dead because he did also!

If a friend were to ask me about the Holy Spirit, I would say she gives me guidance every day. She gives me hope, that when I wake up I will accomplish my goals. She guides me through forgiveness, so I can forgive those that have wronged me. She also gives me empathy so I can see situations differently, to forgive and forget the mistakes people have made. She also gives me strength and courage to keep fighting for what I am passionate about. Lastly, she gives me creativity to be myself, even during hard times in my life.

— *Daly Butler*

God the Father is the creator of heaven and earth. He created different chirps for each bird so that people know he likes variety. He is an artist by creating the beauty of the animals, plants, trees, and flowers, and humans. As a father, he protected us by giving up everything to wash away our sins and let us into heaven. He still protects us today by watching over us all the time. God disciplines us by giving us rules to love by. He gave us the Ten Commandments. He will always love us and will always forgive us, no matter what we do. He gives us hope and encouragement whenever we need it. He teaches us to help others and to love and forgive others.

Jesus taught us to always be equal towards others and to love everyone around us. He taught us to love God first and then everyone else, and he taught us many times that everyone is made perfect in his love no matter how they look or act, or their race. Jesus also taught us never to judge others. He is the Savior of the world because he gave his life for our

sins. Jesus Resurrected after three days, which taught and showed us that we can also resurrect.

The Holy Spirit is active today by inciting kindness and forgiveness in us. Whenever you get an idea, that is the Holy Spirit in you inspiring your ideas. If you ever feel like you're getting a calling to a job from inside you, that is the Holy Spirit working to inspire you into following God's calling. He also tells you to share instead of being greedy. He gives you encouragement and strength to do things you need help doing.

— *Jereson Camps*

If someone asked me who God the Father is, I would say he is three roles: creator, caretaker, and lawgiver. He is the creator, since he made Earth and all of its traits. He's our caretaker, since he protects, provides, guides, and loves us. Lastly, He is our lawgiver, since He gives us rules and forgives us so His world is under control. With Him being the symbol of all of these roles, we could not have this controlled, loving world we have today without Him.

If someone asked me who God the Son is, I would explain that he was Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary due to the conception of the Holy Spirit. He taught those of Jerusalem and beyond ways of equality and love even while being doubted by those around Him. People consider him the Savior of the World, because of His healing, blessings, and kindness to others, and Him paying the price of the sin everyone on God's earth dealt. Jesus wants everyone to feel like they are worth it: whether you are poor, sick, hated, sinful, depressed, etc. He wants us to allow others to feel the same also, guiding people in need towards his everlasting love.

If someone asked me who God the Spirit is, I would say that He is the form of God that is all around us on planet Earth. I would explain the world around us is full of representations of God, such as rainbows for promise, doves for hope and beauty, etc. We can also receive signs from God outside of nature, but on basic occurrences in our lives. I see the Holy Spirit as a messenger for Jesus, sending us his will in unpredictable ways. So whether you forget something on a walk, or have the perfect weather at a perfect time, they can all be signs from God in many ways.

— *Dawson McKenney*

God is the creator of everything, everyone's Father, and a guide to right from wrong. He created everyone equally and loves equally. As a creator, he gives us everything we need in nature and loves the beauty of his creation. God as Father loves us and nurtures us through his creation. God as a discipliner gives us rules so we don't go down the wrong path. God as a guide, lights up that path so we can see and go down the right one.

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born by the Virgin Mary. He went around preaching God's word and performing miracles that helped people. He was crucified by Pontious Pilate and died for our sins. Three days later, he rose from the dead and later ascended into heave. Jesus taught to forgive and love everyone, not to judge, and to preach God's word and give up your life for Him. He gave up everything, suffered , and died, so we can have life and go to heaven.

The Holy Spirit is all around and in the community, inciting kindness, helping us to forgives, inspiring creativity, and encouraging everyone. The Holy Spirit is active in the church

today when people support and encourage the youth, volunteer to help, and when we support others. The Spirit brings Jesus' presence in our midst and he helps us love, forgives, and help people.

— *Josh Rod*

If a friend asked me who God the Father is, I would say God the Father is the creator of heaven and earth. He has created everything for us and he has created it with purpose. He loves us and gives us choices. He reminds us to be grounded and disciplined because, if we are not disciplined, we would just do whatever we wanted and that's not okay. So, God makes sure that everyone is grounded in their own ways. He gave up his Son for us and gave us a life and everything that he knows.

If a friend asked me to tell them about God the Son, I would say that he gave up his life for us and our sins. If we see others struggling, he wants us to go and help them and see if they need anything. He would not want us to just stop and stare and do nothing. Jesus rose from the dead, which ensures hope for us. He teaches to forgive others if they have done wrong to you because everyone is imperfect. Jesus gave everyone a different life for a reason—because everyone is different in their own ways.

If a friend asked me to tell them about the Holy Spirit, I would say that she assures us about kindness and helping others. She helps guide us and gives us many strengths that we use. She gives me courage, confidence, and encouragement. She helps me inspire others and have empathy for others. It can be hard to forgive, but the Holy Spirit helps us forgive.

— *Jordyn Sallgren*

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

In my faith testimony, I want to share not only my faith journey and why I am a Christian, but also the people God has sent me that ensure me of his presence in my life. I have believed in God throughout my whole life. I was baptized at a young age and went to Sunday school throughout childhood. As I grew up, I continued to attend church. My beliefs haven't changed. God has spoken to me through signs when I'm struggling, like family members and friends. Whether I have a good or bad day, I'm always comforted with the idea that God is always there to support me. — *Daly Butler*

When my grandma passed away, I saw a cardinal when I got home after the funeral. I felt that was God sending her back down to watch over me since she loved cardinals. When I was on an airplane, I asked God a question, then as I was looking out the window, I felt I saw the answer in a farm field I was flying over. My faith has changed a lot in these past two years, by teaching me a lot more about Jesus, God, and the disciples, along with all the stuff in Martin Luther's Small Catechism. When I was baptized, it was years ago; I was just introduced to Jesus. When I get confirmed, I feel like I will truly become Jesus' son. Jesus, to me, is my guardian, my father, my friend, and means more to me than anyone else.

— *Jereson Camps*

I believe God entered my life when I felt like I wasn't myself without him. Once I started getting older and started to find my opinions, ideas, and beliefs more, I believe I started receiving multiple signs from God. When I was 12-13 years old, I was starting to find more religion-based content on

social media, along with me seeing my neighbor a lot more, whom is a wonderful Christian. Starting then, I was beginning to read popular bible verses and look for signs from God, eventually building a habit of thinking Jesus was a part of my positive experiences. I then went to that same neighbor's house, asking for church suggestions, eventually deciding on Emmanuel Lutheran. Then 3 months later, I joined confirmation class. I joined late, but I am still happy to say I am getting confirmed the same time as my freshman friends. I believe Jesus was active in my life, making me feel comfortable being around and having conversations with my neighbor and church, and I am happy to say, I plan on being here for a long time, thanks to the Lord. Amen.

— *Dawson McKenney*

God has helped me in the past when I was going to a new school and he helped me find friends. My faith has changed during confirmation by getting stronger and feeling more confident in my knowledge of the Lord. Jesus to me is a Savior that would give up everything and suffer just so we can be happy. I see Jesus in my life when people help me or I help people. I hope Jesus will turn up in more ways as I get older and more independent. He also sets a perfect example for how we are supposed to act and I hope I can get as close to that as possible.

— *Josh Rod*

In my faith testimony, I want to talk about how God has entered my life. He has entered into my life by bringing my amazing friends and my family. He also helps and talks to me when I don't think I can do something. Jesus helps me a lot when I ask for help. He has spoken to me in so many different ways. During sports he helps me when I don't have confidence or am losing my confidence. Even when I have a bad day, God always is there to help me.

— *Jordyn Sallgren*

All Saints Remembrance

All Saints Day is on November 1

For All the Saints Who All are One in Thee…

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

Ashley Marie Erdman

Liam James Boivin

Haven Hayes Boivin

Elliana Charles Bayerl

Dawson Joseph McKenney

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:

Dale Barber

Geraldine Tupper

Isabel Haulotte

Shirley Hubert

Gary Huck

Ronald DeMarce

Marvin Anderson

Regis "GeeGee" Hofer

Youth Ministries

Sunday School

It's almost time to start working on our Christmas program! Practices start on Sunday, November 22nd 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 19th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 P.M.

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 20th
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.

Bible Presentation

On Sunday, October 4th our third and fourth graders received their Bible from the congregation. Congratulations 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 1st**. 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 committee, a blessing of the food will be done during the children's sermon on **Sunday, November 15th.** 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.

GLOW Youth Group

6th-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!

November Class Dates for confirmation class

Sunday, November 8th and 22nd
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
We meet in the fellowship hall. Light snacks will be available.

Service Activities

Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social – Wednesday, November 25th, 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.

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army – Confirmation students will join with other members of Emmanuel to ring bells on Saturday, December 5th at Jacks Market in Menominee. Students will have an opportunity to sign up in the narthex for one-hour shifts between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

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

Thank you to all who gave coats to keep our neighbors warm this winter! If you missed our collection, you can donate directly to the Salvation Army on Russel Street in Marinette.

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 5th
1:00 – 3:00 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!

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.

Women's Group

1st Thursday of each month at 1:00pm

Women of all ages are invited to attend our monthly Women's Group. Join us as we explore God's word, enjoy fellowship, and support each other through our journey of faith.

Yoga at Emmanuel

Tuesdays, 5:30-6:00pm

All abilities and ages are invited to attend this relaxing, stress relieving, stretching exercise. The instructor is Sally VanEyck. Cost is $8.00 per person.

Congregational Financial Update

(through September 30, 2026)

Approved 2026 budgeted offerings received: $159,320.92
Amount behind approved budget: $9,332.08
Total offerings and income received: $171,410.55
Total expenses: $191,776.30

Expenses greater than income by $20,365.75

Christmas Food/Non-Food Drive

We will be collecting non-perishable food and non-food items for the Salvation Army food pantry and St. Vincent DePaul's 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 22 through December 13.*** 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 15 through December 6. 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 13th between worship services. Our Outreach Committee, youth, and anyone interested in helping will be preparing for the bake sale on Saturday, December 12th 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 12th between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Now Hiring!

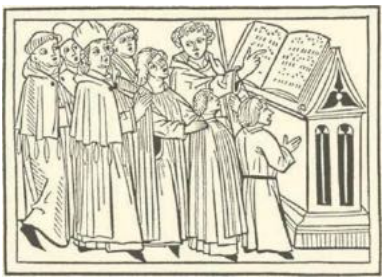
Our secretary, Judy, has announced her desire to retire. We give thanks for her many years of faithful service. When the official day arrives in the coming months, we will have a party to celebrate her and you will all be invited.

In the meantime, we must find someone to fill the role of secretary for Emmanuel. **If you or someone you know would like a part-time job of between 12-15 hours a week, please contact the church office for a job description and other information.** *Thank you for your help.*

Building Maintenance Project UPDATE

Our church building needs some work. (See earlier newsletters for more details.) *With everything needed, we expect the total cost to be around $30,000.*

So far, we have been given $11,123 for this project.
Thank you for your continued support.



Choral Evensong

(Evening Prayer)

All Saints Day:

November 1 at 7:00pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

917 Church Street, Marinette

Reception following

Join the fellowship team on November 1st with a Paint and Potluck event—something fun for all, with a variety of choices for your flowerpot project—some themes include holiday, winter, fall, whimsical, and some just silly—perfect time to also create a gift for someone special! Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Tuesday, November 10th

6—8:00pm

Join us for great fun as we show our "Thankfulness for Bunco"! **Participants may bring a non-perishable item for the local food pantry.** Sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex—hope to see you there. *Invite neighbors and friends to join you for the fun!*

Stewardship Message

One of the most beautiful aspects of generosity is the joy it brings. When we give with a cheerful heart, we experience a deep sense of fulfillment and happiness. This joy is a reflection of God's love working through us.

Recently you received your *Plan for Giving* packet, which included the Plan for Giving form, a guide to complete the form, a growth giving chart, and a list of our committees. If you did not receive the packet here in church, or in the mail last week, please let us know and we will get one for you.

We will receive your Plan for Giving on November 8. Over the next couple of weeks, we ask you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment for 2027. We thank you for your past giving to our congregation. You can be certain that your giving to Emmanuel, both past and future, is doing and will continue to do God's work in our congregation, community, and world.

Prayer for Guidance in Completing the Plan for Giving Form

Heavenly Father, thank You for the incredible gift of Your Son, Jesus. Help us to give generously and joyfully, just as You have given to us. Transform our hearts and use our gifts to spread Your love and grace to those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Media Ministry Team

We are looking for tech and social-media-savoy people to help us connect our congregation to people in our community using online resources. Are you creative, familiar with one or more social media platforms, and have a heart for Jesus? JOIN US!

This committee will oversee Emmanuel's social media and marketing materials. They will share church news, promote church events and connect with the wider community. ***Looking for all ages, especially our young adults to bring new energy to our church's communications.***

Text Allyson Bickel at 715-587-4949.

Marilyn Schoen will lead the choir at the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service. If you are interested in being a part of this joyful event *please sign up on the chart in the narthex*.

Practices will be Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on December 2, 9, 16, and 23.

Northern Great Lakes Synod

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

The Conference Meeting for the Menominee Valley Conference

Thursday, November 5th at 6pm at Bethel Lutheran Church.

There will be light refreshments, and opportunity for fellowship, worship, and Conference Business. On the synodical level, Bishop Finegan and the ELCA are looking for ways for conferences to be more agile in meeting the evolving needs of our ministry settings. Join in the discussion!

We are looking for *7-10 people from Emmanuel* who would like to join with other local sisters and brothers in Christ on this evening for fellowship, joy, and worship.

Please sign up in the narthex, to join in!

The Messenger is given in thanks to Deb Villas for all her help and dedication to Emmanuel and in honor of her birthday, November 6, by Marilyn Mouritson

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

In-person Worship: 8 + 10 AM
Online Worship 8:00 AM
Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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