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The Emanuel Witness

Dear Family,

Can you send a baseball player to the plate without a bat? The answer is yes, you can send a player to the plate without a bat. Can that baseball player get on base if sent to the plate without a bat? The answer is yes, that baseball player can get on base without a bat, by walking or being hit by a pitch. Can you send a baseball player to the plate without a bat and can that baseball player score a run for your team? The answer is yes, you can send a baseball player to the plate without a bat and he can get on base either by walking or being hit by a pitch, and if the baseball players who come to the plate after him do well by getting on base themselves, they can move the player along on the bases till he touches home plate and scores a run. But what is the problem when you send a baseball player to the plate without a bat? You have put the destiny of that baseball player into the hands of those who oppose him or her.

We face all kinds of things thrown at us in life. Do you feel like you're at the plate without a bat? Do you hope that somehow you can make it through life with the desire of making it home to heaven? How often do we send our children up to the plate, in a spiritual sense, without a bat? We live in a world that is in opposition to us. The world and the devil love it when we step up to the plate without a bat, in other words, they love it when we are not strong in our faith and we have nothing to rely on except ourselves.

Many of us realize the importance of a strong faith and a sure spiritual foundation in our lives. I encourage you to be in the Word of God everyday. We will continue to provide a reading schedule to guide you in reading the Bible. Along with Central Lutheran, I encourage you to recite parts of the catechism. Look for that schedule in the News and Notes. I encourage you to come to Bible Study. I strongly encourage you to be in Worship every week.

God has given to us the gift of faith through His Word to stand in the batter's box to face whatever life throws at us. With God's help, with God's bat, we can swing knowing that we are already on the winning team.



Construction has begun!

CME is busy during the week replacing the lift elevator that runs from the basement to the balcony.

When you attend weekend services, you'll notice some blocked off stairways. If you stop by church during the week, most of the 'middle' of the building cannot be accessed.

It's important that we respect what has been blocked off for everyone's safety.

We thank God for these skilled workers, and look forward to using the beautiful, easy-to-use new elevator!

In Christ,
Pastor Zeckzer
Ephesians 3:20-21

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE
TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE
THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE...
TO HIM BE THE GLORY
FOREVER AND EVER.

EPHESIANS 3:20,21

Daily Lectionary Readings

September 1

1 Kings 18:1-19
Eph. 1:1-23

September 2

1 Kings 18:20-40
Eph. 2:1-22

September 3

1 Kings 19:1-21
Eph. 3:1-21

September 4

2 Kings 2:1-18
Eph. 4:1-24

September 5

2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7
Eph. 4:25-5:14

September 6

2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37
Eph. 5:15-33

September 7

2 Kings 4:38-5:8
Eph. 6:1-24

September 8

2 Kings 5:9-27
Phil. 1:1-20

September 9

2 Kings 6:1-23
Phil. 1:21-2:11

September 10

2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29
Phil. 2:12-30

September 11

2 Chron. 29:1-24
Phil. 3:1-21

September 12

2 Chron. 31:1-21
Phil. 4:1-23

September 13

2 Chron. 32:1-22
Col. 1:1-23

September 14

2 Chron. 33:1-25
Col. 1:24-2:7

September 15

2 Chron. 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33
Col. 2:8-23

September 16

2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25
Col. 3:1-25

September 17

2 Chron. 36:1-23
Col. 4:1-18

September 18

Neh. 1:1-2:10
1 Tim. 1:1-20

September 19

Neh. 2:11-20; 4:1-6
1 Tim. 2:1-15

September 20

Neh. 4:7-23
1 Tim. 3:1-16

September 21

Neh. 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16
1 Tim. 4:1-16

September 22

Neh. 7:1-4; 8:1-18
1 Tim. 5:1-16

September 23

Neh. 9:1-21
1 Tim. 5:17-6:2

September 24

Neh. 9:22-38
1 Tim. 6:3-21

September 25

Mal. 1:1-14
Matt. 3:1-17

September 26

Mal. 2:1-3:5
Matt. 4:1-11

September 27

Mal. 3:6-4:6
Matt. 4:12-25

September 28

Deut. 1:1-18
Matt. 5:1-20

September 29

Deut. 1:19-36
Matt. 5:21-48

September 30

Deut. 1:37-2:15
Matt. 6:1-15

October 1

Deut. 2:16-37
Matt. 6:16-34

October 2

Deut. 3:1-29
Matt. 7:1-12

October 3

Deut. 4:1-20
Matt. 7:13-29

October 4

Deut. 4:21-40
Matt. 8:1-17

October 5

Deut. 5:1-21
Matt. 8:18-34

October 6

Deut. 5:22-6:9
Matt. 9:1-17

October 7

Deut. 6:10-25
Matt. 9:18-38

October 8

Deut. 7:1-19
Matt. 10:1-23

October 9

Deut. 8:1-20
Matt. 10:24-42

October 10

Deut. 9:1-22
Matt. 11:1-19

October 11

Deut. 9:23-10:22
Matt. 11:20-30

October 12

Deut. 11:1-25
Matt. 12:1-21

October 13

Deut. 11:26-12:12
Matt. 12:22-37

October 14

Deut. 12:13-32
Matt. 12:38-50

October 15

Deut. 13:1-18
Matt. 13:1-23

October 16

Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15
Matt. 13:24-43

October 17

Deut. 15:19-16:22
Matt. 13:44-58

October 18

Deut. 17:1-20
Matt. 14:1-21

October 19

Deut. 18:1-22
Matt. 14:22-36

October 20

Deut. 19:1-20
Matt. 15:1-20

October 21

Deut. 20:1-20
Matt. 15:21-39

October 22

Deut. 21:1-23
Matt. 16:1-12

October 23

Deut. 24:10-25:10
Matt. 16:13-28

October 24

Deut. 25:17-26:19
Matt. 17:1-13

October 25

Deut. 27:1-26
Matt. 17:14-27

October 26

Deut. 28:1-22
Matt. 18:1-20

October 27

Deut. 29:1-29
Matt. 18:21-35

October 28

Deut. 30:1-20
Matt. 19:1-15

October 29

Deut. 31:1-29
Matt. 19:16-30

October 30

Deut. 31:30-32:27
Matt. 20:1-16

October 31

Deut. 32:28-52
Matt. 20:17-34

**SUNDAYS**

7 a.m. – NBC-TV 21.2
(FiOS 4, Comcast 13, Mediacom 8)
8 a.m. – MyTV Channel 21.3
4 p.m. – Public Access

MONDAYS

10 a.m. Public Access
11:30 a.m. – WINM-TCT

**Please Pray for our
Shut In Members:**

Grace Bates
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Marilyn Dunaway
Darlene Elser
Mary Ann Gallmeyer
Janice Gilreath
Dale Hermann
Delores Hoffman
LaVera Linker
Sally Neilson
Marlene Poling
Sandra Poling
Helen Purvis
Jim Purvis
Ed & Sally Schwehn
Barb Shriver
Betty Paterson
Vicki Schmidt
Karl Schroeder
Rose Sweet
Elna Szink
Philip White

September 7

Luke 14:26

Being Totally Committed

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

Being a disciple of Jesus is more than just contributing; it is being totally committed to Jesus. How far are you willing to be committed to Jesus? How far is Jesus committed to you?

September 14

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Zealous for Your Salvation

Rev. Walter Maier III

That you have been brought to faith in Jesus and have forgiveness and everlasting life is not by coincidence. No, this is because God is zealous for your salvation. God wanting you to be saved is seen in the history of Israel, in the earthly life of Christ, and in your own life. All this shows that you are precious to the Lord.

September 21

Luke 16:10-13

The Buck Stops Here

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Material riches are a wonderful thing ... rightly understood and ordered. Jesus teaches us to love the right things in the right order. Understanding this, we can faithfully say, "The Buck Stope Here!"

September 28

Luke 16:31

Heaven and Hell

Rev. Shayne Jonker

So, who would you rather be? The rich man or Lazarus? We are all Lazarus: helpless and hopeless in our poverty, sick unto death, and longing to even eat the crumbs that fall from God's table. Lazarus is each of us, and unless we see ourselves in him, we cannot be saved. In fact, we won't want to be saved.

October 5

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Fan Into Flame

Rev. William Mueller

The Apostle Paul, while imprisoned and most likely very near his upcoming execution, writes one more letter to Pastor Timothy. Through this text God is reminding us—who are the people He has used in our life to bring and grow us in faith in Jesus Christ? And He is challenging us—who are the people God is using us to encourage and grow someone in faith in Jesus Christ?

October 12

Luke 17:11-19

Thankful for Being Thankful

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

The miracle of healing the 10 lepers reminds us of the earthly healing and support we receive from God. The one thankful leper reminds us of the miracle of true faith in Jesus, a faith that heals us eternally.

October 19

Luke 18:1

What Will Jesus Find?

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

Prayer is one of the gifts that God has given to us. Sometimes it is easy to pray and other times it seems difficult. The Good News is we always have help when we pray and a loving Father who always listens.

October 26

John 8:31-32

In Christ's Word

Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege

Christ's Word is what Christians must continually hear. That Word spoken again and again by Jesus includes the harshest Law and then the sweetest Gospel. Martin Luther realized this truth.

**St. Rose Rummage Sale**


Thursday September 4 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday September 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bag sale Friday: 30 gallon bag \$7, 8 gallon bag \$3

Located at St. Rose Parrish Hall in Monroeville

Something for everyone! Clothes of all sizes, holiday decor, toys & much, much more. Great deals!



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Central Lutheran School is a Caring, Loving, Sharing family of Christians dedicated to a Christ centered education, cultivating lifelong learning for joyful service to the church, community, and the world.

VISION STATEMENT

Central Lutheran School will be the benchmark for Christian education in Northeast Indiana, equipping future leaders for service to church, community, and the world.



Sunday, September 28

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Alumni Worship Service

Please join us for a worship service at Concordia's Auditorium, open to all alumni, family and friends of CLHS. The service will be led by 1975 classmates: Pastor Dan Dahling, Pastor Steven Ensley, and Pastor Steven Schlund. Help us commemorate our 50th class reunion!

11:00-11:30 a.m.

School Tours

Following the worship service, take a guided tour to see what's new at CLHS and hear about exciting plans for the future of our campus.

Tee up for 4kenyaskids . Join us for the annual golf outing on October 6 at Pebble Brook Golf Club in Noblesville.

Unable to attend? You can still pitch in!

Support 4 Kenyas Kids at the October 6 "Novus Charity Golf Outing" supporting 4Kenyaskids without golfing and being present! What a great opportunity! Purchase a raffle ticket that gives you 5 golf balls in a "helicopter ball drop". \$100 gives you 5 golf balls with your personal number on each ball. At 5:30 p.m. there will be a helicopter hovering over a hole and dropping all 500 balls

YES that is right – only 100 tickets will be sold – and you need NOT be present to win. The ball that lands closest to the pin/hole will be the winner of an amazing "Dream Vacation for 2" your choice of Cancun, Cabo San Lucas, Tulum, Puerto Vallarta or Rivera Maya, Mexico – land only! 5 days and 4 nights in a Hyatt Resort of your choice, a complete hotel list available upon request. The trip includes a studio room with king size bed; all meals, snacks and beverages (including alcohol); non motorized activities; gratuities and hotel taxes.

Tickets available on website 4kenyaskids.org – donation tab – "support golf" or through Cheryl Brockmann.

Funds raised go toward the building of a Boys Dormitory.



Attention Ladies Young and Old: The Ladies Society will have their Fall Get Together & meeting on Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Room. Our guest speaker is Bonnie Roth from the Power House Youth Center in New Haven. Come and hear what all they do for the youth of our community. Snacks will be provided after the meeting. Lets have a BIG turnout!



Join other local Lutheran Women for a fun morning of fellowship and faith at the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Fort Wayne East Zone Fall Gathering on the morning of October 4 at Zion Lutheran Church (7616 Bull Rapids Rd., Woodburn). The Theme is Wholly Devoted, based on 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is

not in vain." Look for more details to come in the News and Notes. To pre-register, please contact Renee Schuller.

Cookbooks have been ordered! We should have them available for sale the week of September 28, just in time for the Christmas Holiday! A lot of time and effort has went into the Emanuel 2025 Cookbook. An amazing 354 recipes were given to us! All were entered manually by our hard working committee members. All entries were checked, rechecked, proofed, then submitted. Unfortunately, while we put an announcement in the News & Notes regarding some recipes that didn't have an owner, we submitted these as "Anonymous Contributor". The cost for the 2025 Emanuel Cookbook will be \$30.00. Checks can be made out to the church with the memo note "Cookbook". We've included several upgrades to this cookbook: memorial and honorary entries, a cookbook stand, dividers between sections, and a built in envelope to hold your most favorite recipes! These will make an excellent Christmas gift for all of your family, friends, and neighbors! These cookbooks will quickly become one of the most cherished keepsakes that will be past down for generations to come! All proceeds will go towards Emanuel's Preserve and Prosper Program. Look for updates in our weekly News & Notes! Blessings,

The Cookbook Committee

What a wonderful opportunity to incorporate the core principles of stewardship, time, talent, & treasure! It's time to clean out your closets, cupboards, attics & garages. Your unused items may be someone else's treasure!



The Emanuel Ladies' Society Fall Rummage Sale will be held on

Thursday, September 18th, 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

and Friday, September 19th, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (\$3 bag sale)

Please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, September 14th, setting up and sorting starts at 1:00 p.m.

(NO Large appliances or furniture – including TV's)

No donations will be accepted after Tuesday, September 16th.

(Volunteers need to have time to price items and organize merchandise prior to the sale.)

Your helping hands would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed on Monday & Tuesday from 8am—7:30pm, and on Wednesday from 9-5.

Also Needed: 6 & 8 FOOT TABLES for our Rummage Sale to be delivered Sunday, September 14th for temporary use on the 18th and 19th of September.

Please make sure they are marked with your name and be assured they will be used inside.

THANK YOU!



Sign up for your family portrait today! Every family who participates in photography/viewing will receive a complimentary 8x10 professional portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app access, and online directory access. All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your appointment today! We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices. Thank you for your participation!

How to Make an Appointment Online

Please click the following link to make an appointment:

<https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2240092136.1?schedule=emanuellutheranchurch>

- Once the website is up, choose one of the dates that comes up on the calendar, then choose a time for your photo appointment.
- Please enter the following information: (You don't have to enter a username & password.)
 First & last name
 # of people in your group (If there are young children, or families with more than 5 people, please schedule 2 appointments in a row to allow for more time.)
 Phone number for your reminder phone call
 Email address (Optional. This is only for an appointment reminder.)
- Click "PROCEED" to continue making your appointment. This will take you to another page, then click "MAKE APPOINTMENT"
- A confirmation number will appear if the appointment was made.
- You will receive a confirmation email if your email address was used.
- You will receive a reminder phone call a couple of days before your scheduled appointment.

******If you need to reschedule or cancel your appointment, please call 1-877-896-9667 ext. 360******

How to Make an Appointment by Phone

You can call to schedule an appointment right over the phone! Our Scheduling Department's phone number is
 1-877-896-9667 ext 360

The Scheduling Department is open from 8am - 2pm Monday through Friday.

Voicemails left after 2pm will be returned the following morning.

Other Information

- We photograph in front of the traditional blue background for the directory photos. At the time of viewing photos, we'll show families other background color options that they may choose from.
- Everyone will need to view their photographs in order to be in the directory. They'll choose the photo that will go into the directory, which is them giving us permission to publish their photo with their name underneath it in the directory. They'll also receive a free 8x10, and a spiral bound directory.
- Everyone must be 21 years of age or older to be photographed alone.
- There should only be 1 appointment made per household. Each household receives 1 free spiral bound directory, and 1 free 8x10 portrait.

Preparing Your Families for Photography

Please allow 1 hour total for your portrait session and selection of your directory pose. Please be on time, and check in with the Host/Hostess. They will direct you to your photography location.

Clothing: Stay away from busy patterns, such as stripes, polka dots. Solid colors such as red, blue, orange, brown, purple, or other colors produce better contrasting photos. Choose a color theme that unifies the look of your family. Long sleeves are better for adults and focus attention on the face. Short sleeves are better for kids and infants. Wrinkled clothing does not photograph well.

Hair: Avoid haircuts within 48 hours of your portrait session. It is best to have any hair changes done 2 weeks prior. Try to avoid hairstyles with large or small uplifting curls which may let our background show through the hair.

Make-up: Apply make-up as you normally would for an evening out. Pay special attention to your eyes. (This is the focal point in a portrait.) An extra coat of mascara can help bring out your eyes. Bring lipstick and powder for touch ups. ChapStick works well for guys (it keeps lips from looking dry and cracked). The Portrait Café offers retouching to help with any complexion issues (scars, blemishes, facial lines, etc.) and can also whiten teeth.

Glasses & Accessories: If you wear glasses normally, please feel free to wear them in your portrait. Our photographers are trained to minimize any glare, and this way we photograph the “real you”. Avoid large distracting accessories. Smaller jewelry items compliment your face.

Nails: If you wear nail polish, it is best to wear neutral colors so that they will match with what you are wearing.

Posing For Your Images: If you have any special requests, please let us know. We encourage you to have fun during your portrait session. Let the photographer work with the children to bring out their natural smiles.

LIFE MATTERS

As Christians, we know that life matters. It matters to God and it matters to us. Jesus came for life. He not only created us and provides our daily bread, but He is the Bread of Life who gave His very body to save all people from sin and death so that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. In Him, all life is sanctified, made holy. Thus, all people are precious to Him and to us from conception to natural death. This is the Good News of great joy that is for all people that angels proclaimed at Jesus' birth. We now have the great privilege to share this with all people upholding the inherent value of each life that God has created, redeemed, and sanctified and sharing with them Jesus who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Here at Emanuel, we want to help you to do this. Each newsletter, you will see an article called "Life Matters" and occasionally we will have a table in the narthex with booklets and other materials filled with information to educate you on various topics related to life that can sometimes be tricky to navigate in our sin-broken world and equip you to be Gospel-motivated voices for life in the vocations that God has given us to uphold life. If you ever have a life-issue related question or are looking for solid Christ-centered information, you are welcome to reach out to me personally at reneeschuller.rs@gmail.com. There will also be various opportunities throughout the year, for you and your family to get involved with fundraisers and events that uphold the value of life.

We encourage everyone to join us in prayer during the 40 Days of Life, September 24 - November 2. This is an annual national endeavor to pray for life for 40 days. A 40-day prayer guide will be available in the narthex for you to take home and pray individually or with your family. On Saturday, November 1 at 4pm, we will hold a prayer vigil in the Sanctuary before the 5pm service. Prayer guides will be available along with a table of resources on life issues. That weekend at all services, we will collect diapers and wipes for the local Christian pregnancy resource center, A Hope Center.

“For You formed my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother’s womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My soul knows that very well.”

Psalm 139:13-14

LYFE Anchorage Mission Trip – July 12–21, 2025:

20 high school youth, 4 college students, & 7 adult leaders embarked on a life-changing mission trip to Anchorage, Alaska.



Mission Work in Alaska – Serving with Love: During our mission trip to Alaska, our team was placed at a variety of work sites, each offering unique opportunities to serve, learn, and grow in faith. Here's a glimpse of the lessons they carried home:

Anchorage Community Pregnancy Center Youth helped with yardwork, landscaping, painting, & organizing supplies—including emptying & refilling a massive 60-foot shipping container. **Audrina Burkholder** reflected, *"It really brought to my attention how much God can change your life in a good way."*

Downtown Hope Center (soup kitchen, women's shelter, & homeless outreach) Teams prepared & handed out hundreds of lunches, served coffee & pastries, organized clothing donations, spent time talking with people in need.

Covenant House (shelter & support for youth facing homelessness & trafficking) Groups deep-cleaned rooms, organized art & gym spaces, painted decks & stairways, assembled furniture—helping create a safe & welcoming space. **Evan Moloney** reflected, *"You are doing the Lord's work even in the smallest of tasks. I am so thankful I had the opportunity."*

Lutheran Social Services Students helped at the food pantry, packaging & distributing fresh produce & groceries to families in need. They also supported the **Golden Connections Senior Picnic**, setting up, serving, & listening to stories from the elderly community. **Taylor Schmeling** said, *"Helping spread kindness goes a long way."*

Family Promise (supporting families experiencing homelessness) Work included yard projects, organizing, writing encouraging notes, & building a fence for their new location. **Hadlee Shipp** shared, *"The Lord worked through me to help others."*

RAIS Farms (supporting refugee families) Youth babysat children while parents worked, helped with farm chores.

Local Churches (Our Redeemer & Anchorage Lutheran) Teams painted, cleaned, & helped with maintenance projects, learning that even small acts of service bless the wider church family.

Across all these sites, our youth witnessed gratitude, resilience, and the power of God's love in action!

Impactful Or Memorable Moments From The Worksites:

Audrina Burkholder: I enjoyed working with the kids, how excited they were to see us & how much they liked playing with us. I also liked handing out pastries & bread to the less fortunate, It was special to see how grateful the people were for our help.

Autumn Cobb: I had fun playing with the kids on the farm. Some didn't speak English well, but they still asked to play with me. I love kids, & helping them out made me feel happy.

Ben Lehman: The people we helped were very grateful for us.

Brody Oberlin: At the picnic, we talked with a man who shared amazing stories of Juneau & other parts of Alaska.

Carson Smith: Getting to play with the kids while their parents were working.

Elyn Vardaman: At Anchorage Lutheran, one of the host ladies was generous & got us lunch & snacks every day. When I was at Family Promise, it was amazing to see people from the community come in and interact with them.

Elyse Metz: Seeing how grateful everyone was when we finished tasks they needed to have done.

Evan Moloney: It was uncomfortable & hard to see people in Alaska without a roof over their heads or a hot meal. Thanks be to the Lord that Covenant House is doing the work they are doing. I did yard work & deep cleaning, which was not demanding—but that's not what it's about. It's not about doing something strenuous; it's doing work to help take the load off someone. The staff at Covenant House work hard day in & day out to provide a safe environment for people without homes. They were so appreciative, & it made me realize that even the smallest tasks can sometimes mean as much as the big ones. These are good people who need our prayers & to know how much Jesus Christ loves them.

Evy Benjamin: I volunteered to hand out coffee & pastries at the Hope Center. That experience gave me a whole new perspective on the life that others live & how lucky I was to be in Alaska serving them. I knew that there were a lot of homeless people in Alaska, but working at that window gave me a new understanding. There were many who had no idea what they were doing because they were so addicted to substances that affected their brains & daily lives. This made me want to help them even more. Seeing those people pushed me to check on all the people in my life more often. I never want someone to resort to drugs when they have people around them who love & want to help at their best & worst times.

Frederick Peters: Handing out lunches to the homeless, you could visibly see the gratitude, even if they didn't verbalize it.

Hadlee Shipp: My favorite moments on the worksites were the ones I shared with my friends, the people I helped, & especially the boring times when Elyn made it fun.

Hailey Smith: Serving others again by giving out food. Due to my work schedule, I haven't been able to volunteer back home, so this was my first time all summer.

Joseph Cobb: The way that the people we were helping thanked us.

Jude Peters: The people were so excited that we were repainting their church, & they helped take care of us. I learned the reason they are so nice is because they rely on each other. They are kind to help everyone get through the year together.

Julia Cobb: These worksites taught me how God is working in & with His people on earth. I feel grateful for this eye-opening experience. I got to know people who have lived a life completely separate from mine, yet I felt connected to them through a shared love & faith in Christ. It's fulfilling to help others physically & emotionally. The food we passed out meant less than the time we spent & the conversations we held with those in need.

Lexi Parker: When we were at the Hope Center handing out food, it was nice to give food to people in need.

Maddie Reddinger: Pastor Hoover would get us drinks from the coffee house. He also sang "Ballroom Blitz," which was pretty funny, and we got to climb the rock wall that was in the gym.

Maddie Van Spankeren: Lots of people who lived & worked at Covenant House thanked us for helping them. They were so thankful that we came just to help out.

Norah Werling: At the Hope Center we were handing lunch to the homeless women. This showed me how much God has blessed my life. I was thankful to be able to hand lunch to them & have conversations to brighten their day with the joy of the Lord.

Paul Peters: I have a great memory of building wooden lawn chairs with Cillian, Evan, and Pastor Hoover.

Russell Peters: I was in awe of the kindness that was shown to my group at Anchorage Lutheran Church because they provided food & water for us and were really nice every time we were there.

Scarlett Gillingham: The Lord showed me how grateful I am to be a part of this church, to have this opportunity to serve, & to show the love the Lord has given me through my work.

Taylor Schmeling: Most impactful was doing well as a team & seeing how our help impacted the people in Alaska.

What Our Youth Will Remember from Alaska 2025:

God's creation: Audrina Burkholder wrote, "I'll remember the sites. I feel blessed we got to do everything we did, I'll forever be grateful for this experience." Evan Moloney reflected, "Simply put, Flattop Mountain was my 1st takeaway. I was able to witness God's creation like never before. It was challenging, tiring, but oh so worth it." Cillian Hoover shared, "I'll remember the scenic views & wildlife from this trip," while Frederick Peters wrote, "I'll remember the landscape. I've been to mountainous places before, but I was still blown away."

Joy of serving others: Ben Lehman wrote, "Spreading God's Word to the people of Alaska," while Brody Oberlin shared, "Helping people while being in a beautiful place that God has created." Hadlee Shipp reflected, "One memorable moment was seeing the people we impacted & helped, even if it was just building a fence or writing thank-you cards." Carson Smith shared, "I'll remember how thankful the locals were for the service we did."

Faith & fellowship: Elyse Metz wrote, "I'll remember how I connected with the people in my Bible study & the fun we had learning from God's Word," while Elyn Vardaman wrote, "It felt like Jesus' fingerprints were everywhere because of the beautiful views & how we grew closer to God together." Norah Werling added, "The most memorable thing was being able to connect with the high schoolers from a 'Young Adult' perspective during our Bible Study...Another meaningful part of the trip was achieving the climb of Flattop Mountain...God fulfilled my prayer & blessed us with a beautiful view of His wonderful creation."

Friendship & shared experiences: Julia Cobb shared, "I had fun getting to know everyone on this trip. It felt like a sleepover every night with all the girls on the air mattresses sharing a space!" Lexi Parker remembered, "The ATV rides were really fun," while Maddie Reddinger wrote, "I'll remember the conversations we had after dinner along with going to Squid Acres and seeing a moose."

The simple joys of being together: Valerie Strayer wrote, "I'll remember our rooms that we stayed in at the school...The room ended up being super cozy. It was a really cool experience for us all to be together."

Unique personal connections: Evy Benjamin shared, "I'll remember how we slept in the school, which I have always wanted to do. I'll remember that it's free to share God's love & the impact it can have on others."

Across all these reflections, our youth will carry with them the beauty of Alaska, the joy of service, deepened faith, & lifelong friendships—memories shaped by God's work in and through them.

Thank you, Emanuel, for your support!



My name is Evan Moloney and I attend Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. I am about to resume my education as a Junior, where I study to be a Lutheran High School teacher. I am eager and excited to serve wherever the Lord wants me. Thank you for supporting and helping me towards this vocation. Without your kindness, and donations I wouldn't be able to be where I am now. Thank you once more, and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Members of Emanuel Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for your financial support of me and the many other church workers that I've been able to be friends with, go to school with, and look forward to serving with in our future church work vocations. In 2024, I graduated from Concordia University, Nebraska with a BA in Music and as a member of the Pre-Seminary program. In that program, I learned Greek and Hebrew, Philosophy, and a number of ways to improve my public speaking skills. All of these things have benefitted me now that I am at Concordia Theological Seminary here in Fort Wayne studying to become a pastor. I've read the Bible in its original languages, written sermons, and learned from a number of pastors what it's like to serve God in this way among many other things! I'll be starting my second of four years there, which (if you like to keep track) means I can say I'm in 18th grade! Because of your support, I'm able to buy a number of textbooks and resources that are both helpful for my classes and will benefit me in the future once my time at seminary is done. I always look forward to worshipping with you whenever I am able. This church and its people have been my home my entire life, and I thank God always for all of the blessings I've been given from it and from you. *Caleb Zeckzer*

Dear Members of Emanuel Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the generous gifts you have bestowed upon me, so that I may further my education to become a full time church worker! I'm starting my Junior year, taking classes in Christian Education Leadership and Theology at Concordia University in Seward, NE, and would like to serve the church as a Director of Christian Education. I am very blessed to have you all in my life! *Andrew Castens*

Thank you to all of Emanuel for not only your financial support but spiritual support over the years. I attend Concordia University Chicago, entering my senior year majoring in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Middle Grades Math. I am in the Lutheran Teacher Education program and hope to serve in an LCMS church/school after graduating in May. Growing up in a church with such a vibrant community and school is what inspired me to pursue teaching in a Lutheran school. Thank you and God's Blessings! *Lizzie (Gatchell) Tietz*

I want to thank the members of Emanuel for their continuous support. They've been such a blessing to me as I continue to go through school and prepare to serve the Church. I'm starting my sophomore year at Concordia University, Nebraska. I am majoring in K-12 Music Education and getting my Lutheran Teacher Diploma. I'm not sure where I want to serve yet, but I know I want to be in a Lutheran school of some kind. *Emily Castens*

Stay tuned for more thank-you notes in the November/December newsletter.



BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER: The theme for our next meal on September 3 is **God's Bounty**. We'll emphasize foods that are grown during this growing season. We'll be featuring items from Emanuel's Preserve & Prosper group. (This group meets every other Saturday throughout the year and learns how to safely preserve whatever food is in season. Call the Church Office if you'd like more information!) In addition, if you have an abundance of something from your garden & would like to donate, please contact Kathy Schaffer (749-2696) or Sandy (Jim) Herman (417-1316) & they'll find a way to use it. It doesn't have to be just vegetables! For example:

eggs from your farm for deviled eggs, or lavender that you've grown that can be used in cookies. This should be fun! Hope to see lots of you at 11:30am on September 3, **& hear from lots of you beforehand who would like to see some of God's bounty from your home shared in our meal.**

Sincerely, *The Lutheran Lunch Ladies*



September Event Schedule

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE

2 SEPT 2025	PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY: A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES 7 PM THE GARDEN 3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD
9 SEPT 2025	DEVOTION ANCHOR NIGHT: "FAILURE ISN'T FINAL" WITH BRIAN LOESEL FOLLOWED BY CARDS & GAMES 7 PM THE GARDEN 3308 N. ANTHONY BLVD
16 SEPT 2025	SAND VOLLEYBALL FREE PLAY-CASH BAR 7-9 PM EMPOWERED SPORTS CLUB 12124 LIMA RD
23 SEPT 2025	MEETUP 7 PM HOP RIVER BREWING COMPANY 1515 N HARRISON ST.
30 SEPT 2025	MEETUP: LIVE MUSIC 7 PM THE CLUB ROOM @ THE CLYDE TODD HAROLD BAND



Want Something Social and Fun?

The Lutheran Dartball Leagues

offers both for men, women and youth.

Our game is a dart with an easy throw like cornhole at a 4ft x 4ft baseball diamond.

Can only guarantee you a good time.

7-8 people on a team & we'll show you how

Signups close on Sept 15th

Please contact Rich Greener at 260-437-4933 or greenrich065@gmail.com

Bridge 20/30 is a growing group of young adults in their 20s and 30s from across the Fort Wayne area.

Bridge 20/30 was started this year by members of several local Lutheran churches as a way to build community, strengthen faith, and provide a welcoming place for young adults to connect.

We meet every **Tuesday evening** at 7:00 p.m. for a mix of Bible study, devotions, service, and social events.

Each week looks a little different—sometimes it's a study or devotion night, other times it's a casual meetup or game night—but the goal is always the same: faith, fellowship, and friendship.

All young adults in their twenties & thirties are welcome!

Questions? Contact Dawn Schuller at dschuller@clhscadets.com

Join us this month!

MARTINI LUTHERAN CHURCH 13TH ANNUAL

HOG ROAST

333 Moeller Road New Haven, IN

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September 27th, 2025
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September Birthdays

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, His covenant and blood support me in the raging flood; when ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found, clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne! (Refrain)

CLS Chapel Hymn
of the Month

LSB 575

1
Steven David
Jane Ahlersmeyer
Lauren Richeson

2
Cody Shipp
Brandon Gardner
Evelyn Benjamin
Alexis Parker
Maya Guenin

3
Ezra Miller

4
Carol Herman
Rick Dommer
Logan Krinn
Anthony Keen

5
Doris Bell
Jean Grasmick
Lillian Herman
Connie Knight

6
Nancy Jones
Marla Melin
Adeline Hoeppner

7
Shannon Bremer
Nicholas Graham

8
Victor Echarte

9
Sara Kidd
Haley Guy

10
Henry Waidelich
Madelyn McKee

11
Stephen Snodgrass
Zachary VanSpankeren
Callan Gerken
Maverick Reasonover

12
Scott Feasby
Deborah Zeckzer
Kaylie Wills

13
Gary Lambert
Alexa Walter
Kate Huston
Derek Carey

14
Arnold Danner
Tonya Fisher

15
Matthew Grover
Alicia Tyk
Talan Turner

16
Richard Hartman
Lea Ann Werling
Kaitlin McMichael
Kate Hellinger
Miriam Shipp

17
Beth Ann Gremaux
Daniel Krinn
Megan Kilgore
Anela Crowl
Ryan Osborn
Stephen Sims
Matthew Porath

18
Makai Williams

19
Fred Drayer
Jonathan Shoemaker

20
Carolyn Burris
Jason Horstmeyer

21
Mary Jane Kline
Michelle Van Arsdall
Autumn Cobb
Mason Pankop
Troy Guenin

22
Jennifer Anderson
Winfield Freeman
Levi Hileman
Sarah Hoeppner
Aadyn Wilson

23
Neal Wissman
Mckenzie Werling

24
Karen Dailey
Autumn Knittle
Kiana Lehman

25
Kayleen Huffman
Sarah Franz
Clifford Edmondson
April McGuire
Chad Fox
Alexis Schmidtke
Ivy San Inocencio

26
Joshua Pankop

27
Mary Ann Gallmeyer
David Bulmahn
Erika Shipp
Noah Snyder
Aaliyah Hammad

28
Gary Friend
Karen Bohde
Nicole Walter
Makenna Dommer

29
Pat Scheiman
Evan Cheviron

30
Cheryl Knoblauch
Carlie Mutzfeld
Makenna Jackson
Calvin Cheviron



*Triune God, be
Thou our stay; O
let us perish
never! Cleanse us
from our sins, we
pray, and grant
us life forever.
Keep us from the
evil one; uphold
our faith most
holy, and let us
trust Thee solely
with humble
hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's
armor on, with
all true Christians
running our
heav'nly race and
shunning the
devil's wiles and
cunning. Amen,
amen! This be
done; so sing we,
"Alleluia!"*

**CLS Chapel Hymn
of the Month**

LSB 505 v.1

1
Keith Weber
Samuel Bender
Kyle Metzger
Craig Rorick
Abigail Metz
Lauren Krinn

2
Daniel Hunt

3
Rita Wissman
Eddie San Inocencio
Chandler Zimmerman

4
Geneva Brueck
Christel Eichinger
Amanda Reed
Alyssa McMichael
Carson Dager

5
Cindy Moore
Jennifer Metzger
Kara Gotschall
Luca San Inocencio

6
Lynne Eifert
Carol Bristow

7
Dennis Herman
Penny Meyer
Katherine Chin
Chase Reinhard
Robert Byrd
Landon Wells
Declan Loshe
Lydia Vetter

8
Patricia Zeedyk
David Doster
Jennebelle Gillespie
Elizabeth Parker
Hunter Alberding

9
Heidi Sims
Paige Stutzman
Payton Campbell
Jace Willger

10
Keta Bender

11
Larry Lahrman
Rochelle Shoemaker

12
Warren Perkins
Ethan Hirschy
Bethany Bremer
Niccolo Gardner
Piper Berning

13
Carl Zuercher
Thomas Kneller
Vickie Doenges
Deborah Wilson
Collin Kline
Aaliyah Richardson

14
Nicholas Viggiano
Kyle Rodriguez
Emily Johnson
Sawyer Snyder

15
Tina Woods
Jack Cain
Thomas Werling
Landon Keeney
Sofia Viggiano

16
17
William Huffman

18
Vivien Gillespie
Stacie Osborn
Connor Fox
Erica Miller
Kate Williams

19
Laura Hargens
Jill Cain
Ryan Abbott
Audrey Huston

20
Edward Schwehn
Michael McGuire
Melissa Schwehn
Ryan Girardot

21
Leroy Lepper
Jasper Walchle

October Birthdays

22
Marilyn Bradtmueller
Brian Gremaux
Landon Schneider
Roslyn Essex

23
Martha Heckler
Dawn Stephenson
Randy Wilson
Alyssa Anderson
Noelle Price

24
Melanie Smith
Angela Reed
Alexander Reilly
Abbigale Dubbelde
Gracelyn Cheviron

25
Janet McEvoy
Scott Fisher
Anthony Moore
Peyton Sweet
Blake Bontrager
Luke Melcher

26
Kaycie Reed
Steven Schlund
Arwen Williams

27
Elna Szink
Charlotte Sarrazine
Andrew Barry
Dale Berning
Amanda Sorg
John Colter
Phoenix Wilson

28
Paul Sims
Jared Dunfee

29
Amanda Melcher
Jaxon Colter

30
Abby Dunn
Amy Reimund

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Jennifer Renninger



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