



## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*VISION STATEMENT....."The Mission of Emmanuel Lutheran Church is to be a mission-station to equip the diverse people in our area with the love and power of Jesus.*

### NOVEMBER 2023

*"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15:12-13)*

Fellow Saints of Emmanuel,

The Ten Commandments are the Creator's will for humanity. To use an illustration from computers - they are humanities "base operating system." The Law of God is hardwired into human nature. It has been corrupted by Adam's sin, which infects us all, but it remains in the voice of conscience. (Rom. 2:14-15). Our will in spiritual matters has been taken captive by Satan and his lies. The inner light in unregenerate humanity is only darkness. (John 3:19). From Adam, all conceived in a natural way, are conceived and born in iniquity and sin. (Ps. 51:5). We are spiritually blind and cannot see or understand the things of God. (1 Cor. 2:14). Enslaved by Satan, sin, and death we are the walking dead (Eph. 2:1-3) children of wrath. Hating the only True God and one another. (Rom. 8:7). If a virus infects your computer, soon it no longer operates properly. Sin has infected us body, mind, thinking, and feelings.

The second table of the Law, commandments 4-10, take us outside of ourselves to serve our neighbor. From Adam's rebellion onward our fallen human nature is curved inwards to serve itself. Natural man looks at the commandments as restricting his freedoms to really "live." He rebels against God's rule of authority in home, church, and state. Human life and marriage is desecrated as disposable. Stealing is redefined as a profitable business deal. Slander and gossip is called "social media." Covetousness is called "living the American dream." These are the lies that the unholy trinity - devil, world, and our sinful flesh - tell us to keep us enslaved until death.

Born from above in Holy Baptism, Christ Jesus has freed us from the curse of the Law, by taking its curse into Himself (Gal. 3:13). As our human Brother He perfectly kept God's Law from the moment of conception to death (Heb. 4:15). He fulfilled it perfectly in thought, word, and deed FOR YOU! In baptism God the Holy Spirit washes you forgiven in Christ's blood, clothing you with His righteousness (Gal. 3:27), raising you daily to new life (Rom. 6). Now the Law is no longer a burden (1 Jn. 5:2-3) it is the way children of God live their faith in loving service to our neighbor (Ps. 1, 119).

The third use of God's Law is for the Christian only as our eyes are turned away from the sinful service of self to lay down our life for our neighbors in love. All good works in the life of Christ's people flow from the fountain and channel of the Ten Commandments. We serve God by serving our neighbor in our vocations or callings: husband/wife - parent/child - preacher/hearer - government/citizen - worker/employer - elderly/young. In these callings God the Holy Spirit renews us in Christ Jesus to lay down our lives in loving self-giving service. Saved by the Father's grace through Holy Spirit given faith in Christ Jesus' cross won - empty tomb certified atonement. We receive all from God for eternity by faith

given and sustained in us by the Gospel. Our faith breathes forth Christ's love in humble service. It is mundane in the eyes of the world and our fallen flesh, but it is the work we are created by the Triune God to serve one another (Eph.2:10).

Humbly we honor authority as God's gift. We protect human life from conception to natural death, caring for our neighbor's physical needs. We guard God's gift of human sexuality: male or female, written on our chromosomes, finding its fulfillment only in marriage. We honor and guard marriage as the life-long union of husband and wife. We protect neighbor's right to own private property and his right to due process as we explain all his actions in the kindest possible way. We control our sinful desires to usurp our neighbor's property and place. As Dr. Luther wrote, "Everything that is to be a good work must arise and flow from and in this true fountain and channel. So apart from the Ten Commandments no work or thing can be good or pleasing to God, no matter how great or precious it is in the world's eyes." (L.C., Commandments, para.311)

Christ Jesus commands us to "love one another" freeing us by His cross and resurrection to live baptized "lives from above" pouring out ourselves in loving service to our neighbor. Even as the "love of many grows cold" in these last days - God the Holy Spirit recreates us daily in Jesus to love as He loves us. Let the second table of the Law guide you in loving service of family, friends, and enemies.

We pray: *O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.* (Collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Last Sunday of the Church Year)

In Christ,  
Pastor

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## **PASTOR'S NOTES**



### **TRUE OR FALSE:**

- T F 1. A good life will not save us from hell.  
T F 2. God justifies us freely for Christ's sake through faith.  
T F 3. Faith in Jesus and our love towards others is necessary for us to merit heaven.  
T F 4. If we live the best life we can God will be pleased with us.

### **Table Talk**

To find out the Scriptural answer join us for November's Table Talk on the Augsburg Confession - Article IV - Justification. Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30p.m.



**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE** will be held Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00p.m.. Plan to attend the eternal thanksgiving feast at Jesus' table before you gather with family on Thursday. *"Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."* (Psalms 118:1)

**CATECHESIS IS LIKE BASKETBALL:** Parents who want their child to excel on the court take time to shoot hoops, encouraging them in their drills, practices, and games. Prepare your child for the eternal goal of life by teaching and drilling them on the Holy Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, and the promises Christ makes them concerning Baptism, Absolution, and the Sacrament of the Altar. You have the "play book" - 'Luther's Small Catechism!' *1 Timothy 4:8 "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come."*

***"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."*** (2 Corinthians 5:10) King Jesus shall return soon in glory to judge all people. Where will you stand? Seek to hear Him now as Our Risen Lord Jesus invites you to find rest in His nail scarred hands through private absolution. If you are burdened by your sin, come, lay it at Jesus' feet and hear Him speak you forgiven through the mouth of your pastor. If you would like private absolution please contact Pastor to arrange a time. If you wonder what it entails check the front of our hymnal (pgs. 292-293).



**EVERYONE HIS WITNESS.** Class concluded in October. **WILL YOU CONFESS CHRIST?** Our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod provides for you ,free of charge, lessons equipping you to speak to others of Jesus. Go to “[www.everyonehiswitness.org](http://www.everyonehiswitness.org)” and register to learn to witness to “*nones*”; “*those suffering depression*”; “*the grieving*”; “*adult de-churched children*”; and many more modules. Additional resources to grow in Christ Jesus are offered you through the Lutheran Hour at “[www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)”.



**ADULT CATECHESIS:** What do we believe, teach, and confess as the Lutheran Church? Replenish your theological gas tank, be in God’s Word. Let pastor know and he can arrange a class on Christian doctrine to inform you or your friends as we study through The Small Catechism to learn by listening and asking questions.



**Please ask Pastor to Visit**

**Hospitalized? Shut-in? Desire a pastoral visit?** Please contact Pastor if you would like him to visit. If you sprained your ankle you wouldn’t expect your doctor to help unless you called him. The same goes with the spiritual trials in life, let Pastor know that he can apply the healing medicine of the Gospel to you.

**PEACE CAME TO EARTH** will be our Advent/Christmas Theme for the upcoming new Church Year in December. Plan to join us for our Wednesday Advent services. If you’d like to help out with our Christmas Eve Children’s Program - please contact Mrs. Lori Rusert.



**VISION 2033/ MILITARY BIBLE STICK PROJECT:** During the month of November you will have the opportunity to participate in the spreading of God’s Spoken Word to the ends of the earth. Faith Comes By Hearing has adopted the goal of translating the Holy Bible into every spoken language in this world and make it available for all to hear the Good News of Jesus in their mother tongue. All donations during November and December will be matched that God the Holy Spirit may gather all the elect into Christ’s Church through His Word.



**Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!**

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son’s blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God’s Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God’s hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God’s providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.





## NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Scripture Lessons (One-Year Lectionary)</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	LSB DS3 — All Saints' Day (Observed)	Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
12 <sup>th</sup>	LSB DS4 — 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Job 14:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 17:20-30
19 <sup>th</sup>	LSB DS1 — 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Daniel 7:9-14; 2 Peter 3:3-14; Matthew 25:31-46
22 <sup>nd</sup>	LSB DS4 — Thanksgiving Eve	Deuteronomy 8:1-10; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Luke 17:11-19
26 <sup>th</sup>	LSB DS3 — Last Sunday in the Ch. Year	Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matthew 25:1-13



- 5 *Kenley Farmer*
- 9 *Adlynn Hinton*
- 11 *Staci Litherland*
- 12 *Anakin Machen*  
*Titus Machen*
- 15 *Alexis Ricketts*
- 18 *Ethan Melton*
- 21 *Katrina Parks*
- 22 *Bob Hinton*

## NOVEMBER BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES



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- 23 *Holli Peter*  
*Karaline Staggs*
- 24 *Ian Jarboe*  
*Mike Knabel*  
*Carly Kuric*
- 25 *Chad Huebschman*  
*Abigail Knepper*  
*Tina Ziegelgruber*
- 29 *Jaxson Hulsman*  
*Bob Priebe*



**Thanksgiving Day** is a holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada. Thanksgiving is celebrated each year on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. Because of the longstanding traditions of the holiday, the celebration often extends to the weekend that falls closest to the day it is celebrated. Several other places around the world observe similar celebrations. Historically, Thanksgiving had roots in religious and cultural tradition.

In the United States, the modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition is commonly traced to a 1621 celebration at Plymouth in present-day Massachusetts. The 1621 Plymouth feast and thanksgiving was prompted by a good harvest. In later years, the tradition was continued by civil leaders such as Governor Bradford who planned a thanksgiving celebration and fast in 1623. The practice of holding an annual harvest festival like this did not become a regular affair in New England until the late 1660s.

Thanksgiving proclamations were made mostly by church leaders in New England up until 1682, and then by both state and church leaders until after the American Revolution. During the revolutionary period, political influences affected the issuance of Thanksgiving proclamations. Various proclamations were made by royal governors, John Hancock, General George Washington, and the Continental Congress, each giving thanks to God for events favorable to their causes. As President of the United States, George Washington proclaimed the first nation-wide thanksgiving celebration in America marking November 26, 1789, "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God".

According to historian Jeremy Bangs, director of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum, the Pilgrims may have been influenced by watching the annual services of Thanksgiving for the relief of the siege of Leiden in 1574, while they were staying in Leiden.

Every year, the President of the United States will "pardon" a turkey, which spares the bird's life and ensures that it will spend the duration of its life roaming freely on farmland.





**WOW Kids** have had a great fall! We took advantage of the warm temps and played outside a couple times. They play kickball, 4 square, draw with chalk and jump rope while outside! We made and sent cards, plus gift cards, to our college students. We want them all to know we keep them in our prayers! We also decorated fall cookies and cupcakes! Then we celebrated fall and all God's blessings with our **Harvest Party** the end of the month.



An update on the **gift card drive** for the Ft. Wayne Seminary Students. Please have the cards turned in by November 12<sup>th</sup>. The cards will most likely be handed out before the break for Christmas, so we'd like the cards to be there for that. I was trying to make it easier by just mentioning Wal-Mart cards, but you may give restaurant cards, gas cards, or pre-paid cards as well. Again... thank you for your continued support. Kim Staples



On Wednesday, November 8 a comfort dog from the **Lutheran Church Charities K9 Comfort Dog** outreach will come to Emmanuel. A Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog is a friend who brings a calming influence, allowing people to open up. They are often deployed to communities during trying times or other times they just come for visits. We have invited them to talk about their mission and demonstrate what these amazingly trained canines can do. We will have our usual Wednesday night potluck from 5:00 to 5:30; at 5:30 we will have some informal Q&A. At 6:00 we are inviting the community to come and see a demonstration. We hope all can come and see!



Our **SWAT Youth Group** will be attending the **Indiana District Youth Gathering** November 10-12 at Camp Lakeview in Seymour, IN. The gathering is for all Indiana District LC-MS high school students. This is an annual youth event. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for youth to gather for fellowship, to worship Jesus, to grow in their faith, and to use their God-given gifts for service.



**Portals of Prayer** for October thru December are available in the Narthex. Those who request "Large Print" and "Digest Size" will find them in your mailbox. It's never too late to begin using "Portals of Prayers". **We are collecting** any past copies of Portals of Prayer. They are then given out at the bi-monthly food distribution days at the Evansville Lutheran Community Outreach Center sponsored by the Lutheran Mission Action Council (LMAC)

**SOUP SUPPER REPORT**



**THANKS** to everyone for helping in any way to make our Annual Soup Supper a success! Our net income was **\$7,676.67**. The Women's Guild Bake Sale income was **\$977.80!** We thank the Lord for "soup" weather and a great turn out. A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone!!



**Noah's Ark Sunday School class** (Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) created and sent cards to our Shut-Ins. They also decorated one of the basement bulletin boards for the month.



We continue to live stream on YouTube at: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCebdpNSnZNzcZHtXGB-4R9g>. You may click "Subscribe" to our channel and it will notify you of any new postings from our congregation.



We are starting to plan for our **Christmas Eve program** this year and will be practicing our songs during Sunday School in November. I am also assigning speaking parts to the children, if your child will not be there for the program please let myself or Kay know. Practice for the program will begin during Sunday school in December. Thank you, Lori.



St. John's, Evanston, Evangelism committee is sponsoring a **Women's Breakfast Bible Study** on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. All Emmanuel women are invited.

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV



## LUTHERAN HOUR SCHEDULE

Evansville (WGBF) 1280AM 7:30 AM  
Boonville (WBNL) 1540AM 1:00 PM  
Online @ [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) Anytime  
All Times are CST every Sunday



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### Nov. 5 "Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes  
We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way. (Matthew 5:4)

### November 12 "Again and Again and Again"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Hearing many stories only once is not as good as hearing the same story many times. Hear again God's story of love, grace, and forgiveness. (Matthew 18:1-4)

### November 19 "Until that Day"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook  
No one knows when Christ will return. Until that day, we live in certain uncertainty. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

### November 26 "Loving Mercy"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy  
(Matthew 25:34-40)



## WORSHIP ANEW

*A 30 minute Lutheran worship service for Shut-ins and others who are unable to get to church is broadcasted every Sunday **DirectTV Channel 377 at 10:30am or anytime at [www.worshipanew.org](http://www.worshipanew.org)**. Broadcasting now for 35 years this program is heard in 12 states with the potential of reaching 10 million people. Please share this information with those you know who might be blessed by viewing this service. The following is this month's sermon themes and related scripture.*

### November 5 "Our True Hope"

In the midst of hardships, struggles, and persecution it is easy to lose hope and falsely believe that God has abandoned us. He has not. John in his Revelation provides us the sure and certain hope that our Savior brings us through all these things finally giving to us His victory. (Matthew 5:1-12)  
Rev. Jeremy Swem, Our Savior Lutheran Church ~ Grand Rapids, MI

### November 12 "Last Day Hope"

We learn from the Apostle Paul about Last Day realities, which mean for us present-day hope. These truths about that Day move us to encourage one another now as brothers and sisters in Christ. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)  
Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Professor at Concordia Theological Seminary ~ Fort Wayne, IN

### November 19 "Good and Faithful Servants"

In Christ, God's wrath has been satisfied, and we have been liberated from sin and freed to serve; freed to use the talents God has given us; freed to be the people Christ died to create. And in Christ, the Master call us "good and faithful servants" as we carry out His work in the world. (Matthew 25:14-30)  
Rev. Thomas A. Eggold, Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Fort Wayne

### November 26 "Sheep and Goats"

The sheep go to the right, the goats to the left, but take note of the terms of separation. They are sorted on the basis of what they are, not what they do. And this is precisely what the apostle Paul means when he says that we are justified by God's grace through faith in Christ apart from works of the law. Final Judgment is made not on the basis of what you did, but on the basis of what you are. (Matthew 25:32)  
Rev. Shayne Jonker, Faith Lutheran Church ~ Roanoke, IN



**WOMEN'S  
GUILD  
COMMITTEES**

**2023 - 2024**

**Adopt A Patient**  
*Cynthia Knepper*

**Altar Flowers**  
*Sandy Jarboe*

**Campbell Labels**  
*Erna McCallister*

**Communion Ware**  
*Renate Warner*

**Hospitality**  
*Sharon Warner*

**Outreach**  
*Kim Staples*

**Visiting**  
*Kim Staples*

**Care Package/  
Shoe Box Gifts**  
*Carol Held*  
*Mary Knepper*



**Prayer Chain**  
*Pastor Rusert*  
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- 1 *Whitney Harris*  
*Joyce Mulzer*
- 2 *Abby Knepper*
- 3 *Coty Huebschman*  
*Erna McCallister*
- 6 *Jaxson Hulsman*
- 9 *JoEtta Newton*
- 13 *Isaac Warner*
- 14 *Robert Priebe, Jr.*
- 15 *Kelly Allen*  
*Elmer Held*
- 16 *Janice Braun*
- 17 *Johnnie Snyder*
- 18 *Halie Biever*  
*Ray Huebschmann*  
*Danielle Hulsman*
- 19 *Gary Greubel*
- 20 *Brent East*
- 22 *Jessie Braun*
- 23 *Bob Chenault*
- 24 *Lori Rusert*  
*Neal Warner*
- 25 *Sawyer Dembicky*
- 27 *Melody Heeke*
- 28 *Maryanne Heeke*
- 29 *Seth DuPont*  
*Bob Ebersberger*  
*Cynthia Knepper*



- 2 *Gary & Cathy Greubel (32)*
- 26 *Henry & Angela Erwin (35)*  
*Rick & Rhonda Hess (40)*



**NOVEMBER ACOLYTES**

- 5 *Alyssa Hays*
- 12 *Jaxson Hulsman*
- 19 *Caleb Knepper*
- 22 *Grant Knepper*
- 26 *Eli Knepper*



**greeters**

- November 5**  
*CIA Youth Group*
- November 12**  
*FBI Youth Group*
- November 19**  
*Erna McCallister*
- November 26**  
*Pat Jarboe*



**NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**



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*Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*  
*Psalm 95:2*

SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45 AM  
ADULT BIBLE STUDY 8:45 AM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM  
COMMUNION EVERY SUNDAY

