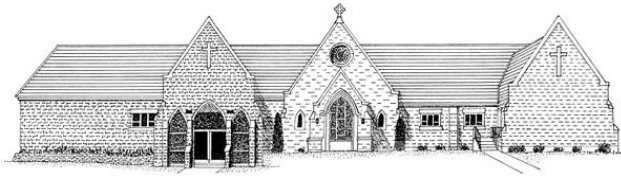


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

August

2023

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Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect nothing. Give thanks.

Surrender. Be open.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you are not alone.

Give so that you may receive.

See goodness in others.

mary
davis

You, LORD, are my shepherd.
I will never be in need.
You let me rest in fields of green grass.
You lead me to streams
of peaceful water, and you refresh my life.

You are true to your name,
and you lead me along the right paths.
I may walk through valleys
as dark as death, but I won't be afraid.
You are with me,
and your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.

You treat me to a feast,
while my enemies watch.
You honor me as your guest,
and you fill my cup until it overflows.
Your kindness and love
will always be with me each day of my life,
and I will live forever in your house, LORD.

—*Psalms 23 CEV*

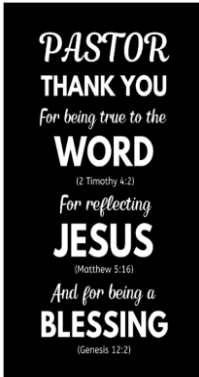
How is your summer going? Have you found time for refreshment? Have you made time for peace for your soul and life? In last month's devotion, we talked about making a change in this changing summer season of growth and life for the benefit of our souls. Have you made such a change: adding a short time of prayer, devotion, worship, or scripture to your daily routine? Taking even an extra 5-10 minutes a day to connect with God can be very refreshing for the soul. The summer isn't over yet. You can still make this change to your daily life for growth in faith! *If you would like help or guidance with ideas for such connection with God, please contact me at your convenience.*

Another valuable way to connect with God is to take weekly excursions into an alternate space. In other words, take some time each week—an hour or so—to go someplace apart from your regular routine that inspires a connection with God in you. It could be a local park, a walk through a forest, an art museum, relaxing by the Bay, or even sitting by the flowers in your backyard. Take some time in the quiet to reflect. Pray to God about everything in your life and listen for God to speak. Read some scripture. Let God speak to you through God's creation or others' creativity. Let your life be refreshed in God.

A healthy, vibrant faith life takes intention and some effort on our part, but the benefits are worth it. Take some intentional time this summer to spend with God either by yourself or as a family. Let God lead you to green grass and peaceful water so your life and your soul can be refreshed. Let me know how it goes! You are in my prayers.

Blessings to you always in the name of the One who shepherds us in love.

Pastor Christine



Honoring Pastor Doug Schoen

This year is Pastor Schoen's 50th Anniversary of Ordination! That means that this year marks 50 years of his faithful service to the Church and the people of God. **Pastor Schoen will be with us on August 13th to preach and lead worship while our pastor is away.** *We are signing a card for him to honor and thank him for his years of service, especially his MANY years of faithful service to us here at Emmanuel.*

Look for the card in the narthex or church office and sign your name with a note of appreciation.

You could also bring your own card or small gift, as well. Come on the 13th to see him and say "thanks" in person.



Pete Anderson, our brother in Christ, passed away on June 29. Please keep his wife, Jeanne, daughter, Kara, and other family in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant him, O God, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

Youth Ministries

Vacation Bible School



What a blessing this year's "Pets Unleashed" Vacation Bible School was for everyone involved! We had a wonderful turnout of children, youth and adult leaders. Through songs, skits, crafts, games, snacks, and Bible Adventures, our children learned about caring for our fur friends and each other. And, we learned how Jesus cares for us! Our Bible verse for the week from 1 Peter, 5:7 taught us to "Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you".

On our last day of VBS our children sang their songs to their families and enjoyed a dog training demonstration by Claudia Gaveske of the Tri-County Dog Training Academy and her dog Lacey. To end our day, our children and parents brought our collection of donations to the Menominee Animal Shelter and visited the animals. Thank you to all who so generously contributed to the collection we gave to the Menominee Animal Shelter. The shelter was very grateful!

Thank you to our VBS staff who made this year so special and fun!

Bible Adventures – Pastor Christine; Crafts – Marie Engman, Madi Raygo, and Lily Engel; Games – Bill Taccolini, Jack Raygo, and Wyatt Denny; Snacks – Bonnie Jackson, Cindy Smith, Rosie Draska, and Connie Taccolini; Music/Skits – Patti Treptow and Jordyn Sallgren; Crew Leaders – Travis Rod, Reese Sallgren, and Ava Slawinski; Planning Team – Marilyn Mouritsen, Judy Raygo, and Patti Treptow.



Vacation Bible School



More VBS.....





Sunday School

Mark your calendars.....classes start
Sunday, **September 24th**!



Confirmation / High School Youth Retreat

September 9th - 10th

Information and registration forms will be mailed out this month to students/parents regarding this annual event that is held at Camp Bird. **A retreat meeting for parents and students will be held on Sunday, August 27th at 10:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting.



Important Dates for Confirmation

Sunday, October 8th, 11:00 a.m. 7th/8th grade
orientation mtg

Sunday, October 22nd, 11:00-12:30 Classes
start!

Rite of Confirmation

Reformation Sunday, October 29th

More information will be mailed out to our 9th grade
students/parents next month.

Youth Service Opportunity

Youth 7th grade through 12th who are interested in helping with children's games at the Rally Picnic at Henes Park on September 17th, please let Patti know.

Adult Ministries

“Lunchtime Illumination” Bible Study

Tuesdays, 12:05—1 p.m., continuing through the end of the year
“Journeys Through God’s Word: REVELATION”

Yoga at Emmanuel

No classes during the month of August.

Class resumes on September 12th 5:30-6:00 p.m.

\$8.00 per class. All abilities welcome for this gentle yoga class.

Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:30 a.m.

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.*

Care & Share Alzheimer’s Support

Wednesdays, 4:00—6 p.m.

A support group for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer’s and other dementias is being offered at Emmanuel in the church narthex.

Are you on Facebook?



If so, you can help spread the word about our church!

“Like” and “Follow” our church page on Fb (*EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN ELCA*). Set it as a “favorite” for your news feed so you’ll see more of our posts.

Then, help others get to know our church by:

- 1) **Sharing a couple of our posts each week.** *When people share our posts, the number of people who see them increases dramatically!* Particularly, it’s good to share our posts about worship, our activities, and our service projects to help people get to know what we’re about.
- 2) **Comment on our posts.** When people comment on a post, more people see it because of how the Facebook algorithm works. There are often questions on a post. Answer them in the comments and you’ll draw attention to our church and ministry.
- 3) **“React” to our posts.** If nothing else, “reacting” to a post elevates it a small amount in the Facebook algorithm, allowing a few others to notice it. ***Every bit helps others get to know more about our church!***

The Faithful Innovations Team



*Jeremy Ronda Gail Debbie Kathy Robin Terrie Pastor
Camps Pedersen Sieglaff Villas Bero Gustafson Porras Christine*

Our church is beginning the process of looking at our future. *What is God calling us to be and do in our community in this present age?* A part of that work is listening: to God, to the church, and to the community. Above, you can see the members of our church who are being trained in this process through *Faithful Innovations* workshops. They will start us on this path. **They will soon be joined on the larger Visioning Team by Karen Hines, Chris Nelson, Ken & Linda O'Brien, Al Rasmussen, and Dan Roetzer.** *Please keep the Faithful Innovations Team and the larger Visioning Team in your prayers.*

First Step of the Faithful Innovations Team

Our team wants to hear from YOU! We're asking people in our congregation a few questions about their spiritual lives. **There are no right or wrong answers. It is all about your experience.** We will be setting up a space before and after worship on a few Sundays to hear from those who wish to share. We have created a form for those who would like to share through the written word—*find it in the narthex.*

Look for a table in the narthex to share your thoughts and your story with a member of the team on these dates:

August 6th, 13th, and 20th.

Here are the questions for you to think about for this process:

- Share about a time when you grew spiritually in a significant way. What was happening in that period of your life?
- What do you think God might have been trying to teach you or show you during that time in your life?
- Where do you experience God's presence most often now? (*i.e.: in worship, in nature, in conversation, in prayer, by music, etc.*)



Opportunities to Serve **within our Congregation**

Caring for the Saints Team

HOME VISITS



We have 14 people who have signed up to be visitors!

We give thanks to God for them and we thank them for their willingness to serve our congregation in this way.

We can always use more visitors, though, so if you feel God is calling you to this ministry, talk to the pastor. In the meantime, our current visitor volunteers will be trained and will begin making visits soon. Keep them in your prayers.

Helping Hands Team



Are you a “hands-on” person? Do you love to share Christ’s love with others by doing helpful and useful tasks? **We are forming a team of people with Helping Hands!** This ministry is an expression of

God’s love to Emmanuel’s elderly, disabled, and single parents through the helping hands of the body of believers from our congregation. Our goal is to assist members of the church who cannot complete tasks around the house or yard that require only a helping hand. **With questions or to sign up, please contact Pastor Christine or Patti Treptow.**

Worship Helpers



We can always use more people to be on the rotation for **reading, ushering, or helping with Communion** in worship. *If you can serve, contact Chris Nelson or talk to Judy in the church office. Thanks!*



Opportunities to Serve out in our Community & greater World

Picnic for CASA Volunteers & Children

Monday, August 21 at 6:00pm at John Henes Park



We are helping CASA (*Court Appointed Special Advocates for children*) this summer by providing the meat, buns, and condiments for their volunteer picnic, as well as some help serving. ***Sign up to help on the sheet at church or contact the church office.***

You can help in 3 ways:

- 1) Give money donations towards the purchase of the food we're providing by marking it as a special offering on your envelope.
- 2) Sign up to help cook and/or serve food at the picnic. *Our president, Matt Vanni, & others will be cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers for the picnic, others serving, and on clean up.*
- 3) Bring in some fun items for kids, for use at the picnic or for CASA volunteers to use in their work with the kids—such as sidewalk chalk, bubbles, coloring books, crayons/colored pencils, puzzles, etc.

Gardeners Needed

Saturday, August 12 at 8:00 AM



The M&M Area Community Foundation is looking for volunteers to help with planting the community rain gardens located at M&M Plaza. Construction has recently been completed on the large-scale project and planting is scheduled for August 12th. **Community members interested must call the Foundation office at 906-864-3599 to sign up.** The goal of the rain gardens is to enhance the quality of stormwater runoff from the M&M Plaza parking lot. Treatment of this direct runoff from the parking lot will have a direct and measurable improvement to the water quality of the river and Lake Michigan. The gardens will prevent 1,830 pounds of sediment per year from entering the Menominee River!



Summer Outdoor Worship Dates:

9:00 AM on August 27

10:00 AM on September 17 at John Henes Park for **Rally Day!**

Did you know...

that several members of the church meet weekly to pray for you? Of course, we all pray for special needs in worship on Sundays, *but did you know that you can call the church office and give prayer concerns to Judy for the focus of the Prayer Group?* The prayer group can focus on your needs in a more concentrated way. We would also LOVE to hear from you when prayer needs change. How are the ones we're praying for doing? What other help or support is needed? ***If you would like to join the Prayer Group, we meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Friendship Room by the church offices. We can always use more pray-ers!***

15 + 1 = a deeper relationship with God

Have you thought about taking the prayer class being offered this fall? To foster an open environment of trust and to be able to dive deep, the Prayer Classes will take commitment and intention from all who choose to participate. *Unlike many church events and classes, this will not be a "come and go" event.*

The Prayer Classes will begin in September.

These classes will meet weekly until December, excepting certain dates when the pastor is away and cannot facilitate.

If you are willing to make this commitment and want to participate, you MUST sign up for one of the classes by the end of August. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex at church or by contacting Pastor Christine.

These classes are about learning to listen to God and connect more deeply to the Holy Spirit in order to receive God's blessings more vibrantly. ***Please pray and reflect upon whether these classes will be fruitful for you.*** Contact the pastor with any questions or to talk through whether the class would be a fit for you.

Prayer Classes start in Sept

See the July Messenger for detailed info about this upcoming class.

If you are ready to commit 15 minutes a day to personal prayer and 1 hour a week to a group to grow in depth in your relationship with God, this class is for you!

The Prayer Class is being offered this fall

at 5 different times:

Monday mornings at 10:30 AM

Monday evenings at 6:00 PM at Bethel

Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 PM

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM

VIRTUAL: on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

They all begin the week after Labor Day and go until the first week in December.

Each class meeting will last for One Hour.

Class size: minimum of 6; max of 12 for each time slot

We will learn methods that will expand our definition of prayer.

We will grow in faith through a steady practice.

We will find support in our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The commitment to the group is to meet weekly for 11 sessions between September and December, *excepting when you're on vacation or ill*, and to pray regularly on your own, using the methods taught in the class.

Everyone is welcome to sign up for any time slot, at either church or online.

Sign-up on the sheet in the narthex for the time slot in which you can participate or contact Pastor Christine to sign up.

Northern Great Lakes Synod News

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

To view Bishop Finegan's and Assistant to the Bishop Duehring's newsletter articles, they can be found at www.nglsynod/newsletters-articles

Synod Office Administrator Position

With the resignation of our Office Administrator, Heather Oysti, we begin the hunt of finding someone to fill the position. Please find the job description at [this link](https://nglsynod.org/dataarchive/ngls/pdf2023/OfficeAdministratorPosition.pdf)
<https://nglsynod.org/dataarchive/ngls/pdf2023/OfficeAdministratorPosition.pdf>

While we do not expect that someone from the far reaches of our synod will apply, people may still know someone more local to Marquette County who might be qualified and interested. We give thanks for the efforts of Heather and wish her the very best.

Nature Inspired Fall Wellness Retreat

Fortune Lake is excited to welcome people back **September 15-17 (with optional September 14 add-on)** for our fifth wellness retreat in collaboration with Pam Roose of Inspiring Roots LLC, Nutrition and Yoga! This year we will revisit the theme of "Nature Inspired" to further appreciate the beauty of the nature surrounding Fortune Lake. Go here for more information:
<http://fortunelake.org/event/fall-wellness-retreat/>

Fortune Lake Youth Retreat

Open to current grades 3-6, this one-night retreat October 20-21 is a great opportunity for kids to come to camp and experience all their camp favorites, spend time with peers, and connect with God's Word. There will also be an opportunity for youth leaders to connect as well as a Darkness to Light training offered by Pastor Kari Vadis. The training will be held from 9:30 am-12 pm CT and is open to everyone, even those who are not attending the youth retreat.

CPR/AED Class

**Thursday, August 17 from 5:00—7 PM,
here at Emmanuel**

The cost will be \$20 for training without certification, with it will be \$30. ***Please sign up if you are going to attend.*** Contact Matt Vanni, our congregational president, with questions.

Worship Assistant Schedule – August 2023

August 6

9:00

Ushers

Ann Koehler, Matt Vanni

Reader

Dorothy Jozwiak

Communion

August 13

Ushers

Glen Magrane, Ronda Pedersen

Readers

Joanne Magrane

August 20

Ushers

Jeff & Amy Lenca

Readers

Judy Gleisner

Communion

Judy Gleisner, Terrie Porras

August 27

Ushers

Denise Ruleau, Shannon Jones

Reader

Shannon Jones

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

9:00 a.m. in person
for the summer schedule
Online Worship 9:00 a.m.
Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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