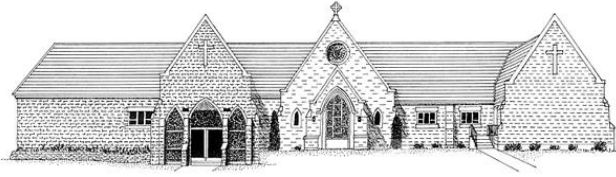


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

August

2024



O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.

—*Psalm 131 NRSVUE*

What does it mean to rest? To truly rest? Have you gotten true rest recently? Have you felt the calm peacefulness and rejuvenation found in restfulness? Take a long moment to read this short Psalm well, allowing yourself to feel the slow rhythm of the quiet and calming words. Take a deep breath. Sink into the images of the Psalm.

In our busy lives, we rarely take time to fully rest. Even our vacations often wear us out. We try to fit so much activity and stimulation in our lives that we can exhaust ourselves. We are constantly surrounded by noise and news, especially if our TV is on and our phone is nearby. Busy-ness has become an idol in our modern world. We bow to busy-ness and its demands, even as it whittles away at our souls and our joy.

Summer is traditionally a time of rest. Days are longer and the hot weather invites us to slow down, sit in the shade, and stay cool. Yet, because of modern conveniences, we can ignore or even miss this call of summer to rest. We can also miss the call of Psalm 131 to find calm and quiet in our souls in God's presence and to lay our head on God's shoulder like a child upon his/her mother's breast.

Yes, we are occupied with many things. Yes, there are both greatly important and marvelously wonderful things in our lives that call for our attention. And yet, we need rest. Do not occupy yourself too severely with the many chores and delights of this world and forget to find times to rest. Calm your soul. Find

respite in God's Word. Seek tranquility in God's creation or the spaces in which you find restoration. Breathe deeply and place your head on God's shoulder.

Hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Blessings to you always in the name of the One who offers us rest.

- *Pastor Christine*

Lay Worship Leader

Are you interested in learning how to lead worship and/or preach?

The pastor is doing individual training and instruction for those willing and called to serve in this way. **There is a planned Synod training for this fall: Saturday, October 12 here at Emmanuel** (during the *Creation Sings* workshop).

If you are interested and can make the Synod training, please talk to Pastor Christine. If you are interested and *cannot* make it to the training, please talk to Pastor Christine.

Sponsorship for our Print Ministry

If you would like to sponsor a weekly publication of the bulletin in thanks to God or in honor or memory of a person or event, please contact the church office or fill out an envelope in the narthex.

\$30 covers the cost of a weekly bulletin.

ALL of our Messengers have been sponsored through the end of the year! THANK YOU for your help with this ministry!

Youth Ministries



GLOW Youth Group

7th-12th grade

Wednesday, August 7th and 21st, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us for Bible devo's, food, and fun. *Bring a friend!*



Confirmation / High School Youth Retreat

September 14th-15th

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 25th at 10:00 a.m. (following worship) in the narthex. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting and bring your signed forms.

Important Dates for Confirmation Classes

Sunday, September 29th, 11:00 a.m. 7th/8th grade orientation

Sunday, October 6th, 11:00-1:00 Classes start!

Rite of Confirmation

Reformation Sunday, October 27th

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

Youth Service Opportunity

Youth 7th grade through 12th who can help with children's games at the Rally Picnic at Henes Park on September 8th, please let Patti know.



Sunday School

Mark your calendars....classes start
Sunday, September 22nd

New this fall....6th grade confirmation prep!

All 6th grade students and their parents are encouraged to attend an orientation **on Sunday, September 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room.** We are excited to offer this new learning program just for 6th graders in lieu of regular Sunday school classes.



Our 2024 Vacation Bible School

What an exciting Aussie adventure we had at Outback Rock Vacation Bible School! We had a wonderful turnout of children, youth and adult leaders. Through songs, skits, crafts, games, snacks, and Bible Adventures, our children learned that God is always with us....Believe it! Our Bible verse for the week was from Matthew 28:20 where Jesus says: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

On our last day of VBS our children sang their songs to their families and Pastor Christine and the children blessed the donations of money for our ELCA Good Gifts goat collection. Thank you to our children and congregation who so generously donated. Our last day of VBS ended with a fun and informative sheep presentation by Mary Quak.

Thank you to our VBS staff!

Bible Adventures – Pastor Christine; Skits – Travis Rod; Crafts – Marie Engman; Games – Bill Taccolini, Jack Raygo, and Oliver Jones; Snacks - Cindy Smith, Connie Taccolini and Rose Draska; Crew Leaders – Madi Christiansen and Elizabeth Aichner; Thrivent Grant Writer – Bonnie Jackson; Planning Team – Marilyn Mouritsen, Judy Raygo, and Patti Treptow.



More VBS.....



THANK YOU for the Goats!



Our VBS fundraiser this year was for Goats through ELCA Good Gifts. Goats provide food and income for families and communities throughout the world, helping to increase economic stability in the poorest parts of the world.

**Because of the generosity of the VBS kids along
with your generosity, we raised**

\$ 1,518

over the two weeks surrounding VBS!!

We received \$45 in coins alone!

**That allows us to donate 30 goats plus a little
extra through ELCA Good Gifts.**

THANK YOU for your generosity.
THANK YOU for serving our neighbors
around the world!



Adult Ministries

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.

Congregational Financial Update

(through June 30, 2024)

Approved 2024 budgeted offerings: \$107,646.00

Amount ahead approved budget: \$17,864.88

Total offerings and income received: \$136,683.97

Total expenses: \$118,310.38

Income greater than expense by: \$18,373.59

We give thanks to God for your continued generosity.

If you would like a copy of any month's Council Minutes, you can find them on our website under the "Our Work" tab, then under "Church Council". Or, call the church office and ask for a copy.

The Harbors Service

Pastor Christine is providing a short worship service for the residents of *The Harbors* in Menominee on **the second Thursday of each month—this month on August 8th**. **The service is at 3:45 PM in the library on the 4th floor and lasts for 30 minutes.** *Let residents know!*

If you would like to join the pastor one month, she'd love to have your support! If you play an instrument, such as guitar, the residents would love to hear your music. Or, you can help by reading. *Your simple presence itself would also be a gift.*



Have you been thinking about worship?

The pastor is looking for your help! She is looking for your reflections and ideas around worship. Consider these questions and write down your thoughts. It will be a great help!

- 1) What speaks to your soul in worship?
- 2) What do you think would be helpful or valuable for your spiritual connection to God that we are not currently doing?
- 3) What worship music best speaks to your soul?
- 4) What would your “perfect worship service” look like?



Our sympathy to the families of:
Marilyn Myers passed away July 13.
Marilyn’s funeral was held at
Emmanuel on, July 17.

Laurie Anderson passed away on
July 24. Laurie’s funeral will be held at Emmanuel on,
August 3rd. There will be a visitation from 9:00am until the
time of service at 11:00am.



June 2: ***Wesley Michael Eland***, son of Tyler &
Kacy Eland with Chad Cegelski and Whitney Opper
as sponsors



Summer Worship

We Worship at 9:00AM in the summer

and continue with one service through September 1.

Outdoor worship:

August 11 ... *weather permitting*

Coming Up: Fall Rally Day!

Sunday, September 8

8:00 Worship at the church building

10:00 Worship at Henes Park, pavilion #3

11:00 *Picnic, following the late service*

Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and cookies will be provided. Water and coffee will be available. Feel free to bring your own non-alcoholic beverage and your own lawn chair.

Children's games with prizes!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who would like to bring a dish to pass, those able to serve and those able to help with clean-up.

Please let us know if you will be attending by signing up in the narthex, or calling/emailing the church office at 906-863-3431 or mail@e-mmanuel.com

In case of rain, the service and picnic will be at the church.

Bunco will return in September! Can't wait to roll the dice, hear the bell, and for Pastor Christine to yell BUNCO!

The date has not yet been decided.

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

COMING UP, HERE AT EMMANUEL: **CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE FAIR**

Saturday October 12 - Emmanuel Lutheran, Menominee 2901 13th St
[906-863-3431](tel:906-863-3431)

To register, go to the Synod website at the following address:
<https://nglsynod.org/events/congregational-recourse-fair/>

SCHEDULE – All Times Local

9:30am	Coffee and Registration
10am	<i>All Creation Sings</i> Workshop, Faithful Finances Workshop &
	Lay Preaching Workshop
11:30am	Festival Worship
12noon	Lunch
1pm – 3pm	Resource Fair & Workshops

COST: \$25 - Includes Lunch, All Workshops, and a copy of *All Creation Sings*

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

9:00 AM in person

Online Worship 9:00 AM

Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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