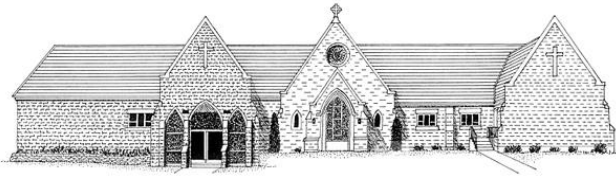


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

September

2024



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 side dish or dessert 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.

O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.

You have taught children and infants

to tell of your strength,

silencing your enemies

and all who oppose you.

When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—

what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?

Yet you made them only a little lower than God

and crowned them with glory and honor.

You gave them charge of everything you made,

putting all things under their authority—

the flocks and the herds

and all the wild animals,

the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,

and everything that swims the ocean currents.

O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

—*Psalm 8 NLT*

What can the night sky teach us? Have you seen any images from the James Webb Space Telescope? The number of galaxies photographed are astounding, are they not? Not just stars, mind you! Not simply solar systems—**GALAXIES!** Galaxies potentially (and likely) **FULL** of their own stars, solar systems, and, yes, even planets.

From the beginning of time, human beings have gazed at the heavens and marveled at their wonder. The breathtaking beauty, the unfathomable depth, the far-reaching mysteries have always stirred the human imagination. The more clearly we are able to see and understand the lights in the night sky, the greater and larger they appear to be. Our greater sight has not diminished their mystery, but continuously increases it! Isn't that **AMAZING!?**

The night sky continues to astonish us and to inform us of the majesty of our God who created them all. The greater and greater depth of the heavens paints a picture of our Great and

Astounding God. How can the Most High God who made all those wonders have time to spare for us mere mortals? How can the Majestic One stoop far enough to see and hear us?

The Psalmist recognizes this great love and grace of God and marvels at it, as should we. The God who made all of those wonders also made you and me and our neighbors. The God who stands above the mysteries of the universe also stands beside us. The God who held the galaxies in his hand also holds our hearts.

*When I look up at your skies,
at what your fingers made—
the moon and the stars
that you set firmly in place—
what are human beings
that you think about them;
what are human beings
that you pay attention to them?
You've made them only slightly less than divine,
crowning them with glory and grandeur!*

Pause this month to look up into the night sky on a clear night to recognize the wonder of God's full creation. Then, give thanks to God for the wonder that is also found WITHIN YOU. Allow yourself to be amazed at it ALL—large and small, great and modest, far away and close to your heart.

Blessings to you always in the name of the One who created the heavens and each of us.

- *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.



September reminds us that the warm weather will be coming to an end and the cooler days will be upon us soon. This month also brings the start of school and all the extracurricular activities that go with it. In this busy month, remember to include God in all that you do. A fun way you can do this, is to include *God Sightings* in your day. *God Sightings* are things we see where God is at work. It could be sightings in nature, it could be God's work through actions that people do.

Making *God Sightings* a daily family habit helps you and your children recognize, praise and appreciate all the gifts God gives you each and every day. Being able to articulate how you see God at work in your day, helps to build your faith and bring you closer to God. From the simplest beauty of a butterfly, to a cloud formation that reminds you of your favorite pet, to a kindness that you experienced or witnessed given to someone else, *God Sightings* are ways you see God at work in your life. Sharing these sightings with each other every day is a blessing and a way to share your faith as a family.

Make your *God Sightings* a family activity each day as you drive to school and activities, gather for supper or say bedtime prayers. As this becomes part of your routine, you and your children will see more evidence of God at work and you will look forward to seeing and sharing a new sighting from God each day.

With God's Blessings,
Patti Treptow, Dir. of Youth & Family Ministry

Youth Ministries

GLOW Youth Group

7th-12th grade

Wednesday, September 4 and 18

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
at Camp Bird**

A retreat meeting for parents and students was held on Sunday, August 25th at 10:00 a.m. for those attending the retreat. If you missed this meeting and you wish to attend the retreat, contact Patti Treptow immediately so paperwork can be completed.

Important Dates for Confirmation Classes

Sunday, September 29th, 11:00 a.m. 7th/8th grade orientation for both students and parents.

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



Rite of Confirmation

Reformation Sunday, October 27th

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

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 13th, 11:00 - approximately 2:00 p.m.** for our **Confirmand and Family luncheon, practice, and robe fitting.**

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.



Ignite Creative Arts Afterschool Program

7th - 12th grade youth
Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Starts September 18th

Our afterschool program is designed to Ignite creativity through art and sciences. Projects will be determined by the youth. There is no charge to participate.

All community youth are invited!

CONFERENCE 5
YOUTH EVENTS



YOUTH CAMPFIRE
with Hot Dogs and S'Mores

Sunday, September 22
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran, 2714 James St. Marinette

email youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org to RSVP

Adult Ministries

Downsizing with Friends

Mondays at 9:00 AM

"Weight Loss on the honor system." Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Food Planning, Recipe Sharing, Fun Conversation, and more.

Yoga at Emmanuel

Tuesdays, 5:30—6 PM

Starting back on Sept 10th. \$8.00 per class. All abilities welcome for this gentle yoga class. **New people welcome!**

Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:30 AM

Starting back on Sept 4th. Come together to join in prayer for our community, church, and those in need of healing. *There will be no pressure for you to pray out loud.* **New people welcome!**

Care & Share Alzheimer's Support

Wednesdays, 3:00—5 PM

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

Emmanuel Women's Group

Thursday, Sept 5 at 1:00 PM

Join us in the Friendship room for Bible study and fellowship. *All women are welcome!* **New ladies welcome!**

Congregational Financial Update

(through July 31, 2024)

Approved 2024 budgeted offerings: \$124,442.00

Amount ahead of approved budget: \$13,663.00

Total offerings and income received: \$149,711.98

Total expenses: \$136,258.84

Income greater than expense by: \$13,453.14

We give thanks 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.

Worship at *The Harbors*

Pastor Christine is providing a worship service for the residents of *The Harbors* in Menominee on **the second Thursday of each month—*this month on September 12th***. 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.*

Downsizing with Friends

"Weight Loss on the honor system"

Join us for Food Planning, Recipe Sharing, Fun Conversation and more. **We meet on Monday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall downstairs** at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

If you have questions contact: Barb 513-526-2485 or
Denise 715-504-2490



Our sympathy to the families of:

Sandy Beyer who passed away on July 29. Sandy's memorial service was held at Hansen-Onion-Martell Funeral Home on August 4.

Sharon Mottl who passed away on August 10. Sharon's graveside service was held at Riverside Cemetery on August 14.



2 Projects this year!

God's Work, Our Hands **on Thursday, September 19**

We are taking a group of volunteers to help at the *Feeding America* food distribution at the Menominee YMCA parking lot. This is organized by the Salvation Army.

Preparation and set up starts at 8:30, which is setting up, unloading the truck, getting bags ready, and things like that.

The food distribution starts at 10:00 and goes until noon.

You can sign up for the first shift from 8:30-10, or the second shift from 10-12, or both! You can stay as long as you want or can, and can also leave at any time if you need to. We will receive some material to review before we volunteer.

There are sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex. *We must let the Salvation Army know by September 12 how many people we will be bringing, so we ask that you sign up as soon as you can.*

God's Work, Our Hands

on Sunday, September 15

For our annual service project this year, we are collecting needed items for the *Abundant Life Mission*. Please bring items in by Sept 15 and we'll say a blessing over them. Thanks for your ministry!

Pillows

Towels – *can be
gently used*

Socks – *adult &
kid sizes*

Laundry soap

Floor cleaner

Disinfectant wipes

Paper towels

Toilet paper

Fellowship Event Bunco is Back!



“God's Work, Our Hands” Bunco

Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 PM

The Fellowship Team will host another game of Bunco! We offer dessert, coffee, and some wine! Bunco is a fun, easy to play, dice rolling game. Invite a friend and come for some fun!

You're also invited to bring an item that we're collecting or a monetary donation for the Abundant Life Mission for our God's Work, Our Hands project (list above). *As we use our hands to play bunco, God will also use our hands to serve our neighbors!*



God's work.
Our hands.

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour



My Cup
Overflows
With Your
Blessings

Fellowship between the worship services **resumes on September 15 from 9-10 AM in the narthex.** Enjoy coffee, treats, and conversation as you connect with sisters and brothers in Christ. *All are welcome!*



COMING UP: **CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE FAIR**

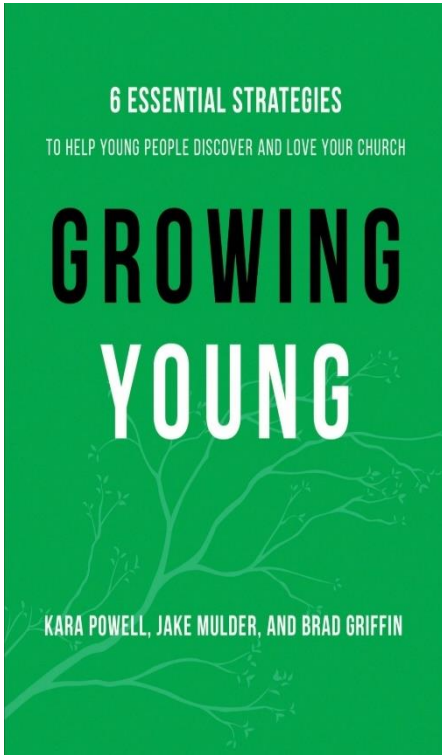
**Saturday, October 12 —
Emmanuel Lutheran, Menominee**

To register, go to the Synod website at the following address:

<https://nglsynod.org/events/congregational-recourse-fair/>

SCHEDULE

9:30 AM	Registration and Coffee
10:00	Workshops: <i>All Creation Sings, Faithful Finances, Lay Preaching</i>
11:30	Festival Worship
12:00 PM	Lunch
1 - 3:00	Resource Fair & Workshops



Growing Young

Book Study and Conversation

Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

On the following Dates:

October 1, 15, & 29

November 12

January 7 & 21

February 4 & 18

OR

Wednesdays at 4:45 PM

On the following Dates:

October 2, 16, & 30

November 13

January 8 & 22

February 5 & 19

This study and conversation is for anyone, from teenagers to centenarians, who is concerned about the future of the church and interested in helping the congregation reach youth and young adults. We will explore what it means to Grow Younger and why it matters. Based on research at over 250 thriving congregations, *Growing Young* provides ideas and strategies any church can use to involve and retain young people (specifically those who are 30 years or younger). *This class will take place over four months, excluding December. We will have time for discussion and thought. We will look at and talk about possible ways we could help Emmanuel “grow young”.*

The study will be led by Pastor Christine and Patti Treptow.

Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex this month.

The book costs \$13.

We don't want cost to keep anyone away. *Participation is precious!*

Please talk privately with the pastor as needed.

Meatball Supper

date has been picked!



Thursday, October 17, 4:30-6:30



Ticket Donation Price:

Adults: \$12

Kids 7 to 12 years old: \$5

6 and under are FREE

How you can help:

Bake a Pumpkin Dessert

(We have the recipe!)



Sign up to help

October 16th @ 9:00 AM Food Prep



October 17th—

8:00 AM Set up and Prep

2:30 PM Food Prep

4:00 PM Cooks, Servers, & Dishwashers

6:00 PM Clean-up & Dishes

SPREAD THE WORD – we will have a Facebook event set up. *Share and invite your friends!*



Did you know...

that the parts of our worship service are Biblical, coming from the word of God? I bet you never thought of Lutherans in the term of “Bible Church”, but that’s what we are! Lutherans have a dual focus: Word and Sacrament. God’s word in scripture and God’s Word in the person of Jesus Christ are essential to who we are as faithful people. The Sacraments (*You can get a candy from the prize bag if you name our sacraments to the pastor.* ☺) connect our earthly lives to God’s promises using the word and the physical elements of this world. Jesus told us to attend to the sacraments, perhaps for this very reason. Check it out! **Here are the parts of our service and where they come from in the Bible:**

Confession and Forgiveness — [1 John 1:8-9](#)

Greeting (*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...*) —

[2 Corinthians 13:13](#)

Kyrie (*Lord, have mercy...*) — [Luke 17:13](#)

Hymn of Praise (*Glory to God...*) — [Luke 2:14](#)

Hymn of Praise (*This is the Feast...*) — [Revelation 5:13](#)

Salutation (*The Lord be with you...*) — [Ruth 2:4](#); [Luke 1:28](#)

Gospel Acclamation (*Lord to whom...*) — [John 6:68](#)

Gospel Acclamation (*Lent: Return to the Lord...*) —

[Deuteronomy 30:2](#); [Numbers 14:18](#); [Joel 2:13](#)

The Prayers — [1 Timothy 2:1-2](#)

Greeting of Peace — [Matthew 5:23-24](#); [John 14:27](#); [Romans 16:16](#)

Offertory (*Create in Me...*) — [Psalm 51:10-12](#)

Great Thanksgiving — [Psalm 136](#)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (*Sanctus*) — [Isaiah 6:3](#); [Matthew 21:9](#)

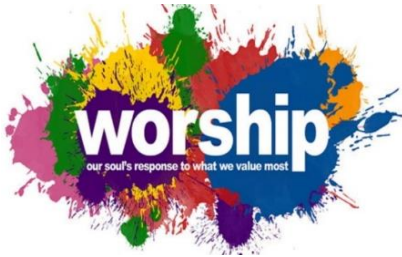
Words of Institution — [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

Lord’s Prayer — [Matthew 6:9-13](#)

Lamb of God — [John 1:29](#)

Benediction (*The Lord bless you...*) — [Numbers 6:23-26](#)

Dismissal (*Go in peace...*) — [Luke 7:50](#)



Thinking about worship...

*Over the past couple of months you've seen this image with some questions about worship. **Look for survey sheets in the narthex and fill it out with your answers.** This*

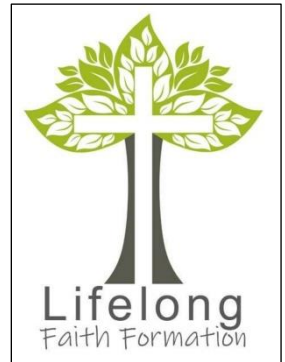
will help the pastor and council as they continue to look at forms of worship. *Thanks!*

Synod Lifelong Faith Formation **Fall 2024 Classes Begin in September**

For more information and to register, visit the Northern Great Lakes Synod website:

nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation

Join the conversation, fellowship, and fun with your friends in Christ across the synod and beyond. Grow in faith as you learn more about the Bible, prayer, church history, and Christian mission. Classes meet online via Zoom for two to ten sessions.



For more information or to receive the class schedule by e-mail, Contact Deacon Lori Ward at (615) 519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynod.org

Fall 2024 Class Schedule

Beyond the Policy: Equipping the faith community to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Instructor: Rev. Kari Vadis, Trinity Rhinelander. Meeting weekly, Thursday evenings, September 19-26.

The Book of Proverbs Two: Donning A Foreigner's Clothes.

Instructor: Rev. Tommy Richter, Zion, Manistique. Meeting weekly, Thursday evenings, September 19-November 21.

Kaleidoscope Challenge, exploring the ELCA social statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture" along with the ELCA social message on Human Rights and remembering Christ's love for humanity in a world that often feels broken. Instructor: Rev. Jared Howard, Faith, Calumet. Meeting weekly, Sunday evenings, September 15-October 20.

Connecting through Prayer: expanding the definition and understanding of prayer by practicing different weekly prayer exercises together with a group to discover new ways to connect to God and to the Spirit's action in the world. **Instructor: Rev. Christine Olson, Interim, Emmanuel, Menominee. Meeting weekly, Monday evenings, Sept 30-Nov 18.**

Earth's Climate Crisis, using the excellent, comprehensive study guide on the 2023 ELCA Social message, led by Chuck Thomas, Northern Great Lakes Synod Vice President. Meeting weekly, Wednesday evenings, September 18-October 23.

Growing Younger -- Sharing Ideas and Strategies to Engage Young People in our Congregations. Presenters: Stefanie Ehle, Northern Great Lakes Synod Youth Coordinator, and members of the NGLS Youth Ministry Team. Meeting **monthly**, on the third Thursday, October 17, 2024 -May 8, 2025.

Introduction to Biblical Greek. Instructor: Rev. Nicole Hanson-Lynn, Salem and Zion, Ironwood. Meeting weekly on Sunday evenings, beginning on September 15.

"Raising Kids Beyond the Binary: Celebrating God's Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children," a discussion on Jamie Bruesehoff's book, led by Amanda Rasner, Director, Fortune Lake Lutheran Bible Camp. Meeting weekly on Tuesday evenings, Sept 15-October 8.

Spread the word about our church ONLINE ...

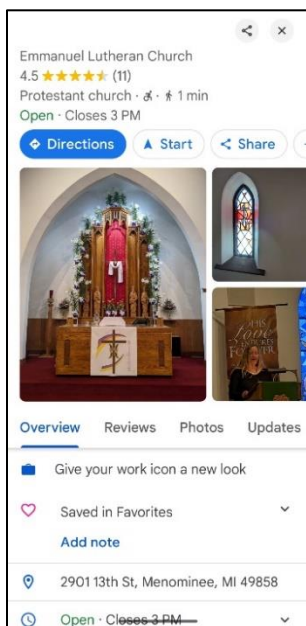


On Facebook:

“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.** “Reacting” to a post elevates it a small amount in the Facebook algorithm, allowing others to notice it. ***Every bit helps others get to know more about our church!***



On Google Maps:

Find our church on Google or Google Maps and check it out. *You can get a link to our website from there—check it out too!*

Then, help others find our church by:

- 1) **Writing a review.** Help people learn about us before they ever set foot in our building by writing a detailed review. *If you have a picture or two of church life to share, it’s good to add it to our profile as well.*
- 2) **Evaluating our information on Google and on our website.** Help us to see our information “with fresh eyes” by letting us know your impressions. Is the website pleasant to look at, easy to navigate, etc.? *This is our first impression to many folks. Help us make a good one!*

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

LUTHERAN OFFICE FOR PUBLIC POLICY in Wisconsin

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God's work. Our hands.

Young Advocates' Retreat "Called to be Advocates"

Date:
October 4-6, 2024

Location:
Pine Lake Camp
@ Crossways Camps
W 5631 Akron Ave.
Waupaca, WI 54981

Who:
High School Youth
& Young Adults

Registration:

- \$100 per participant
- Includes housing & meals
- Registration
 - Opens 5/1/24
 - Deadline: 9/15/24

Topics:

- Environmental Justice
- Gun Violence
- Women's Rights
- LGBTQIA+ Advocacy

Participating Synods:

- East Central Synod of WI
- Greater Milwaukee Synod
- La Crosse Area Synod
- Northern Great Lakes Synod
- Northwest Synod of WI
- South-Central Synod of WI

<https://www.loppw.org/resources/youth-advocacy/>

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*This month's Messenger is
given in thanks to God
by Bruce Peters*

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

8 & 10 AM in person

Online Worship 8:00 AM

Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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