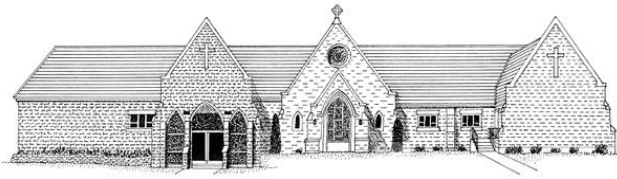


# THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Menominee, Michigan

October

2024

## Reformation Remembrance



Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.  
May he judge your people with righteousness  
and your poor with justice.  
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.  
May he live while the sun endures  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.  
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.  
For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.  
He has pity on the weak and the needy  
and saves the lives of the needy.  
From oppression and violence he redeems their life,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.  
Long may he live!  
May his name endure forever,  
his fame continue as long as the sun.  
May all nations be blessed in him;  
may they pronounce him blessed.  
Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.  
Blessed be his glorious name forever;  
may his glory fill the whole earth.  
Amen and Amen.

— from Psalm 72 NRSVUE

Who or what is your king? It's easy to say, "*Jesus!*", but we often give our allegiance to other things in this life, sometimes without even realizing it. We can also lose hope in the face of the obstacles and troubles of this world when faced with other kinds of various "rulers" — *i.e. money rules, corporations rule, political pundits rule, gossip rules, etc.*

On the last Sunday of every Church year, celebrated on November 24<sup>th</sup> this year, we celebrate the *Reign of Christ*, also called *Christ the King*. It is a liturgical reminder that at the end of the year — **and at the end of EVERYTHING**— Christ is the one who reigns! It's

good to remember this fact a little earlier this year as we head into the fall and approach election season in our country.

No matter what bumps we hit along the road during the year, in the end Christ reigns. No matter what failures we had, in the end Christ reigns. No matter what accomplishments we triumphed over, in the end Christ reigns. No matter who manages our political or societal structure, in the end Christ reigns. When the End comes, Christ will reign. No matter what we face, what we endure, what we get stuck on, or what we get stuck-up on, in the end, when it's all said and done, Christ reigns.

The King to whom we sing in Psalm 72 is JESUS! Jesus is a king of justice, compassion, righteousness, peace, and love. Jesus is an Eternal King. Jesus brings God's love and hope to all people throughout all ages.

*May his name endure forever,  
his fame continue as long as the sun.  
May all nations be blessed in him;  
may they pronounce him blessed.*

Jesus is the one to whom we must be loyal; the one to whom we must listen most carefully; the one we are called to follow. When Christ's message of love, compassion, and forgiveness runs counter to the message of our society or our political party of choice or our own desires, we are called to turn towards Christ. **Christ is our King**, which is a role that goes beyond our own preferences and often runs counter to the role of "ruler" as it is often played out in the world. As it says in the Gospel of Matthew: "Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you, but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.'" (Matthew 20:25-28) According to Jesus, a true king—a true ruler—is one who rules in the strength of love, not with the lesser strength of might.

Take some time this month to read Psalm 72, give thanks to our King Jesus, and sing praise for the wonders he brings! **And remember, in the end, he is with you and you are his.** No matter what our society or world tells us, **the real truth is that we belong to God in Christ.**

Blessings to you always in the name of the One who reigns forever with love.

— *Pastor Christine*



Autumn has been a traditional time to talk about stewardship. So, now is the perfect time to teach your children the essential Christian principle that emphasizes responsible management of resources and gifts entrusted by God. Teaching stewardship to children not only fosters a sense of responsibility but also encourages a lifestyle of generosity, service, and gratitude from a young age.

Stewardship is the giving of our time, our talents, as well as our treasures. It is our opportunity to give back to God some of what He has given us. Stewardship is about teaching children that everything they have comes from God and that they are called to use those gifts to serve others and glorify Him. Introducing this idea early helps children develop a heart of gratitude and an understanding of their role in God's creation.

There is joy in giving! We can teach stewardship by providing children ways to give of their....

**Time:** Encourage children to volunteer their time helping with church events, assisting younger kids or participating in community service. Even young children can provide their time by showing kindness or doing chores at home. This helps them to see that their time can be used for the good of others.

**Talents:** Every child has unique gifts – whether it's art, music, or problem solving, communication, leadership, etc. Church activities such as Sunday school or youth group can be an avenue to help them identify and use these talents in service.

**Treasure:** While children may not have much money, teaching them to give even a small portion of what they have instills the practice of generosity. Children can also help decide which toys or clothes they no longer want or need and help bring them to a collection site that benefits those in need.

Children learn by watching and doing. Make stewardship a family affair. Volunteer as a family to help a homeless shelter or food kitchen. Work together to clean a park or pick up litter in country road ditches. When the entire family is involved, children want to be a part of it. Parents and adults can equip children with a spirit of compassion, service, leadership and values that last a lifetime, and hence shape a generation that understands the joy of giving, the responsibility of caring, and the fulfillment of serving.

With God's blessings, *Patti Treptow*

# Youth Ministries



## Sunday School

Our Sunday school classes are underway! On October 6th we will have our monthly Bible Story Sunday event.

As part of our Sunday school program, every first Sunday of the month all of the Sunday school children will gather in the fellowship hall. Our children will participate in their own children's church service that our 6<sup>th</sup> graders will lead, watch a Bible story video, make a craft, play games, sing songs, and enjoy a snack. Parents may pick up their children in the fellowship hall at the end of worship on these days.

**Reminder to parents....**please complete a Sunday School registration form that is in the church narthex or available to download from our church website. This information helps to keep our records and lines of communication with parents updated. Thank you!

## First day of Sunday School Kicked-off with a backpack blessing!





### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation**

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will receive their gift Bibles from the congregation. Following the presentation, children will go to their classroom.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Prep!**

6<sup>th</sup> grade students are reminded to pick up their worship sheets on the table near the sanctuary doors. After completing, please place them in the box on the table. First class is **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00-12:00 in the Friendship Room.**



### **October Class Dates for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

We meet in the fellowship hall.



### **Rite of Confirmation**

**Important dates for our 9<sup>th</sup> graders  
who are getting confirmed:**

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
practice, luncheon, robe fitting, and photos.

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.**

Rite of Confirmation with cake and punch reception to follow.

## Youth Retreat at Camp Bird

Our confirmation and high school youth attended our annual retreat at Camp Bird on September 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Here are a few photos of our time together.



### **GLOW Youth Group**

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

**Wednesdays**

**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Join us for Bible devo's, food, and fun.

**Bring a friend!**



### ***Ignite Creative Arts***

**Afterschool Program**

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 p.m.

September through May.

Ignite is a program designed to "light up" creativity and provide exploration of arts and sciences. All activities will be determined by the youth. **Spread the word....all of our community's youth are invited!**

# 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**

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

## ***Prayer Group***

**Wednesdays, 9:30—10:30 AM**

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, Oct 3 at 1:00 PM**

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

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## **Congregational Financial Update**

*(through August 31, 2024)*

Approved 2024 budgeted offerings: \$145,567.00

Amount ahead approved budget: \$10,895.00

Total offerings and income received: \$166,416.06

Total expenses: \$154,903.19

Income greater than expense by: \$11,512.87

***We give thanks to God for your continued generosity.***



# 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>

***Register ASAP — deadline Oct 1***

***The cost is \$25.00***

## **SCHEDULE**

- 9:30 AM      Registration and Coffee
- 10:00        Workshops: *All Creation Sings, Faithful Finances, Lay Preaching*
- 11:30        Festival Worship
- 12:00 PM    Lunch
- 1 - 3:00     Workshops: *If I Had a \$Million Dollars, Mindfulness and Unceasing Prayer, Death and Dying, Preaching Workshop for Lay People*
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## ***Give a Ride to Worship?***

We have a few long-time members who live in Marinette and sometimes need a ride to church and back home for the 10:00 service. **If you are able to help with this sometimes, please call Judy at the church office**



**(906-863-3431) to get the details. Thank you for your ministry!**

## Emmanuel's Outreach Projects



**"Trunk or Treat" Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Emmanuel's 13<sup>th</sup> street parking lot.** Neighborhood children and congregation children are welcome to trick or treat in our parking lot. This has become a very popular and fun event for our community children.

We are inviting all interested congregation members to join in the fun by hosting a "trunk". All you need do is decorate your vehicle's trunk, wear a costume if you like, and provide some candy. To help us have an idea as to how many "trunks" we will have, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in participating.

We hope you can join us in this safe and fun event for our children. If you are unable to host a trunk but would like to participate by donating a bag of candy that will be distributed to the children, please drop it off in the church office by Wednesday, October 30th. Thank you!



**September 23 – October 24**

Emmanuel is helping the Salvation Army with their Coats for Kids campaign. The Salvation Army is accepting new and gently used **winter coats, snow pants, mittens, hats, and scarfs** which will be given to needy families in the counties of Marinette and Menominee. We will have a box in the narthex for this purpose. Let's see if we can fill it! **If you miss the drop-off dates, you may bring your donation directly to the Salvation Army location, 80 W Russell St., Marinette.**

## 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 October 10<sup>th</sup>**. The service is at 3:45 PM in the library on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and lasts for 30 minutes. *Let residents know!*



**September 1: Will Edwin Pedersen,**  
son of Lucas & Taylor Pedersen;  
with Brooke McMichael and Jacob  
Pedersen as sponsors

## Thank You for your ministry!

We give thanks to God for you for helping those in our community in need. Thank you to all who brought items for Abundant Life Mission and who helped at Feeding America at the YMCA in September through our “God’s Work, Our Hands” service project. **You are a blessing!**



Collection  
for  
Abundant Life  
Mission



**Daniel Crocker** passed away on September 10. Dan's funeral was held September 13 at Cadieu Funeral Home.

**Nancy Faucette** passed away on September 20. Nancy's funeral was held September 28 here at Emmanuel.

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### **Rite of Confirmation: *Support our Youth!***



**Reformation Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>,  
during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.**

Cake and punch reception to follow.

***Please come to worship on the 27<sup>th</sup> to support and encourage our youth as they take this next, important, step in their***

***faith journey.*** You will have a chance to pledge your prayers for them, read their faith statements, and see them affirm their faith.

### ***Affirming their Baptism this year:***

Madi Christiansen  
Brayden Daigneau  
Brody Daigneau  
Oliver Jones  
Andrew Miller  
Mylie Slawinski



## **Did you know...**

that your Council meets monthly and does a lot of work “behind the scenes” to keep our congregation running? They create and/or approve of events, take care of our building, mind our finances, and many other responsibilities. *It is a sacred duty to serve a church community by being on Council—the leadership team.* **We give thanks to the men and women willing to serve!**



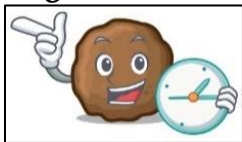
*Find their pictures and names in the narthex and get to know them!*

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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”. You can also find them on the kiosk in the narthex or call the church office and ask for a copy.

# Meatball Supper

*All you can eat!*



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



Ticket Donation Price:

Adults: \$12

Kids 7 to 12 years old: \$6

6 and under are FREE

*Take out containers available.*

## **How you can help:**

Bake a Pumpkin Dessert

*(We have the recipe!)*



## **Sign up to help**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM** Food Prep



**October 17<sup>th</sup>—**

**8:00 AM** Set up and Prep

**2:30 PM** Food Prep

**4:00 PM** Cooks, Servers, & Dishwashers

**6:00 PM** Clean-up & Dishes

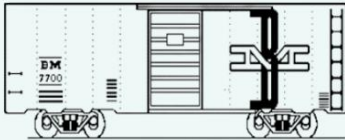


**SPREAD THE WORD** – Invite friends and neighbors. We will have a Facebook event set up. *Share and invite your Fb friends too!*

# 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](http://www.nglsynod.org)

CONFERENCE 5  
YOUTH EVENTS



**BOXCAR LOADING  
FOR LWR**

**Saturday, October 19**

**9:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

Meet across from Perfect Paws Grooming, Marinette

*email [youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org) to RSVP*

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*This month's Messenger is given in  
memory of her mom, Fran Mouritsen,  
on her birthday, October 4,  
by Marifyn Mouritsen*

# SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

**8 & 10 AM in person**

**Online Worship 8:00 AM**

**Livestreamed on our Facebook page**

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