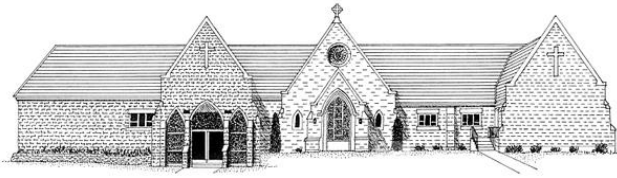


# THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
Menominee, Michigan

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November

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***Saved by grace through Faith,  
apart from works of the Law.***



# Rite of Confirmation

On Reformation Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, six youth of our church affirmed their baptismal vows.



## Meet our confirmands:

### **Madeline Love Christiansen**

*Romans 8:18— I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.*

**What Madi says about her confirmation verse: *"It's comforting knowing that things will get better when they're bad and we can trust God with our future."***

Baptized: May 22, 2011

Parents: Allyson Bickel; Scott Christiansen

### **Brayden Wallace Daigneau**

*John 11:25-26— Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

**What Brayden says about his confirmation verse: *"No matter what, with faith in Jesus, I can live forever."***

Baptized: January 17, 2010

Parents: Steve & Mary Fay Daigneau

## Brody Steven Daigneau

*2 Peter 3:18— Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.*

**What Brody says about his confirmation verse: *"No matter what happens in life, always stay by Christ and with God."***

Baptized: January 17, 2010

Parents: Steve & Mary Fay Daigneau

## Oliver Cleophus Jones

*John 14:27— Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.*

**What Oliver says about his confirmation verse: *"God is always there and he will guide you and protect you."***

Baptized: May 15, 2021

Parents: Bret & Shannon Jones

## Andrew John Miller

*1 Corinthians 6:20— For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.*

**What Andrew says about his confirmation verse: *"God sacrificed for our sins, that's why we should honor him."***

Baptized: October 15, 2023

Parents: Karla Ruleford; Andrew Miller

## Mylie Paige Slawinski

*John 3:16— For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

**What Mylie says about her confirmation verse: *"God's love helps us to try to be good for him."***

Baptized: January 23, 2011

Parents: Anna Slawinski; Jacob Slawinski

# Read the Confirmands' Faith Statements— WHAT they believe about God:



If a friend asked me who God the Father was, I would say he is our savior. God is the creator of everything as big as the universe all the way down to you. He's our Father because he helps us know what to do and guides us the correct way. God protects us from the bad and evil things in this world. He gives us everything we need, and

more, and he loves you!

God the Son is known as Jesus. Jesus is very important. He died for us just to save us from sin and wash it away. It's so easy to connect with Jesus because he came down to earth and has felt human emotions. He came down to Earth to give us a message and that message is that God loves you, God loves everything created, and that God wants us to love too. We are protected from sin, death, and the devil because of Jesus. We all do face death, but we will be ascended to heaven for eternal life!

The Holy Spirit is compared to fire, wind, and a dove. He is like a dove because when Jesus was baptized the Holy Spirit descended from heaven and came into Jesus. She is like wind because we can feel when he's here but we don't know where she came from or where he will go next. Lastly the Holy Spirit is like fire because when you feel her it's like some sort of energy like fire. The Holy Spirit comes into you when you are baptized and will encourage us, strengthen us, and help us want to help others.

— Madi Christiansen



God is the creator of everyone and everything. God's roles are a teacher, watcher, creator, forgiver, and a being that controls the afterlife. God sent down his Son named Jesus to Earth to spread faith. God also created every single

creature to exist. Another thing about God is he gives the Spirit that always makes sure we're faithful.

God the Son is Jesus. Jesus is the savior of the world because he died for our sins. Jesus died on a cross and descended into the dead. He then rose and ascended into heaven. Jesus spread the word of God by performing miracles on people. Jesus also performed impossible feats like walking on water and being born from a virgin.

The Holy Spirit is a spirit that keeps you faithful to God. The Spirit is active in church through baptisms. The Spirit brings Jesus into our mind. The Holy Spirit fills us up with faith for the Father and Son. The Holy Spirit helps guide us in our consciences.

— *Brayden Daigneau*



If a friend asked me who God the Father was, I would say he is the creator of heaven and earth. God the Father takes care of us, loves us, leads us, and helps us. He helps us avoid temptation. He gives us peace; he is forgiving. He created sports which allows me to run and have fun. He helps us grow as a human being.

God the Son saves us from the dead. He saves us from our sins. He died on the cross. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven. Jesus said you should always love God and your neighbor.

The Holy Spirit leads us in the right direction. When you get baptized, the Holy Spirit brings you into the church. The Spirit gives us his presence and power. The Holy Spirit helps us love other people. The Holy Spirit helps us encourage others, help, lead, forgive, and think about others.

— *Brody Daigneau*



God created us, our surroundings, and all the things we enjoy. Not only did he create earth, he also created heaven. He guides us, teaches us, and helps us. God makes peace in the world. God loves us. He loves us so much he gave up his only son for us. I love God and I know he loves me.

Jesus is God's Son. He taught us about God and saved us from our sins. He was crucified and he died, but he did NOT stay dead—he punched the devil right in the face and rose from the dead! He died for our sins. Jesus taught us to love our neighbor as much as you love yourself and God. I will enjoy being with him in heaven when my time comes.

The Holy Spirit leads you away from evil and to the good things in life. The Spirit can show up anywhere, like in your dreams and give you visions when you're awake. The Spirit is the love, help, and goodness in our lives. He is always there for you just like Jesus and God. He too is another way you can believe in God.

— *Oliver Jones*



God the Father is a teacher; he teaches us to do good things in the place we live. God is a good feeling such as love—he helps make us have positive feelings. I believe that God is Jesus and sent Jesus to earth to guide us. I believe that God sent Jesus to save us from sin. I believe that God made everything and everyone to do good things.

I believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world because he took away our sins when he died. Jesus is God's Son; God sent him to guide us and save us. I know that Jesus healed a blind man. I know Jesus is the savior when he helped feed everyone and cared for them. I know Jesus was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem.

The Holy Spirit is in church when we get baptized. The Spirit is there when we pray and helps our faith. The Spirit brings Jesus' presence into our heart and mind when we give love to others or when we help people. The Holy Spirit helps us get closer to God even when things are tuff. The Holy Spirit is linked to Jesus and God.

— *Andrew Miller*



If a friend asked me who God the Father was, I would say he is the creator of me and all of the people. He made our bodies; he made our world. I would say also say he is our Guide in life: he teaches us right from wrong. He uses our parents to discipline us too. God the Father also provides for us all the stuff we need like shelter, good health, food, and a good loving family. I also know that he protects us and gives us peace.

Jesus died for us; he saved us from our sin, the devil, and death. Jesus rose again and by that explains when someone dies they die, but they also live and go into heaven. Jesus' main message is that he wants us to love God, love the world, and for us to love him. We can connect through prayer and by Communion.

The Holy Spirit is always active within us and he is active in our churches. How? Well, he is active when we take Communion. Also when someone gets baptized. When someone gets baptized, it means that person is a member of our church and our religion now. The Holy Spirit brings Jesus' presence into our midst by helping us forgive—forgive our friends, family, and peers. He also brings his presence by helping us to always be strong in our faith and to be curious and to encourage us to help others. More that I know is that the Holy Spirit is fire, wind, and dove are all symbols of feeling that we get when people talk about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's presence is like the excitement of how the flames of fire come up. Wind is like feeling the Holy Spirit as he passes through, though we don't know where he goes next. And the dove is when Jesus got baptized, he saw a bright light like a dove that shows the beauty of getting baptized.

— *Mylie Slawinski*

# Read here the Confirmands' Faith Testimonies — *HOW* they know God:



Jesus to me is somebody I can talk to no matter what I'm feeling. Whether I'm happy, sad, or confused, he understands me and makes me feel seen. Jesus has been constantly active in my life since I was baptized when I was a baby. I started taking my faith more seriously the first year I went to a Christian summer camp. It was weird because even though nothing happened, I felt randomly so close to God it was like constant energy and everything just made sense. The past 2 years of confirmation have helped me with my faith also by meeting new people who loved God just as much as me. Even people I already know, it was cool getting to know that they are in the same boat as me. Although I can't recall a certain time God of the Spirit has ever touched me, I know that He's always with me and it's very comforting. I'm very grateful for the camp I went to with my best friend almost 4 years ago because I would not be where I am now without it. Of course, I'm not perfect and I still sin all the time, but it's a lot better knowing I am forgiven and he still loves me.

— *Madi Christiansen*



God has entered my life through my grandma Card because she is very religious and she has taught me about God. One day I was in a pool and found someone's personal belonging. I suddenly grabbed it and raised it in the air which the owner saw and took it (God told me to give it to the owner by being visible). I now want to learn more about God and the stories in the Bible. Confirmation is the day I become an adult in church. Jesus to me is a great man that is my Lord and savior. Jesus means to me what a savior would be because he



died to save us from our sins. I see Jesus as statues, crosses, and everything pure in this world; and miracles in this world. I see Jesus in the future as everything I stated before and as someone who will help me with hardships in the future.

— *Brayden Daigneau*



God entered my life when my dog died. I was sad but God brought me up and made me feel better. God spoke to me by telling me it's going to be okay when my grandpa passed. Faith changed for me because I used to think it was like how much trust you had in somebody, but now I know it means more than just that. Confirmation day to me means like learning more about our religion and talking about what has happened in our religion. Jesus to me is God's only son, and someone who will guide me in the right direction. Jesus means a lot to me. Just doing the right things, Jesus leads me to that. I see Jesus active now in the future loving me and making sure I make the right decisions.

— *Brody Daigneau*



God entered my life one time when I was sleeping. I had a dream that I fell off a cliff, but before I crashed into the ground a strange figure caught me and, from what I remember, the man looked like Jesus. God has spoken when I was about to steal something. Right before I was about to take it, I stopped and stood there and instead I bought the thing. Faith has changed me into a better person. Jesus to me is like a figure for good, like the peace sign. What Jesus means to me is a leader and he will guide you to a successful and happy life. I see Jesus active in my life what I do the right things and I can feel that Jesus is proud of me. In the future he will probably be doing the same thing.

— *Oliver Jones*



God entered my life when my grandma started bringing me to church. I felt God has spoken to me when I got to my first confirmation class and I actually started learning more about him. Jesus is going to be active in my life when I'm old because he's always there to talk and pray to when I'm struggling. He's with me in church and when I am by myself. Jesus to me is positive and loving. He's always there and if I never heard of him my life would be negative. When I get complete on confirmation day, I'll be super proud. It will be amazing, but I still will miss everyone from class.

— *Andrew Miller*



God has always been in my lie. I went to church for all my life. I got baptized when I was just a little baby. When I was about in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, my parents were getting a divorce and obviously that had a big effect on me. I did some things that I regret doing. But when things really started getting out of control, I would have a reminder in my head to just pray—say a prayer to the Lord and he would be there to listen to me. I think whenever I would pray to God about my family problems, I could feel that he was showing that he was listening and that he is helping me through it and helping me calm down. My faith definitely got stronger. I feel like now that I am older, I kinda connected more out of the dots and learned more and saw things a little differently. Confirmation day is when we are actually there now obviously since I was baptized I've always been with God but now it's like taking it more seriously. To me, Jesus is God's Son and he died for our sins and to protect us from sin and death. What he means to me is that he is my Guide in life; he is my Protector, my Healer, etc. He uses people to get to me through them. I see Jesus active in my life where in school he helps me with my stress and many more ways he helps me. I can see him in the future with maybe getting a house, he will help me go through all of that older stuff.

— *Mylie Slawinski*

# All Saints Remembrance

## ***For All the Saints Who All are One in Thee...***

*(Saints claimed in the waters of Baptism during the past year)*

*Palmer Frances Bronold      Raelyn Grace Salzman*  
*Tatum Paul Willmann      GraceLynn Ann Smith*  
*Wesley Michael Eland      Will Edwin Pedersen*  
*Gunner Bud Van*

## ***For All the Saints Who from their Labors Rest...***

*(Saints who fulfilled their earthly journeys during the past church year)*

We remember now, with gratitude those who have finished their earthly journey and who now rest with you and all the saints in glory. We remember those from our Emmanuel family who have died this year, as well as friends and family of Emmanuel members:

*Shirley Bailey      Joyce Lindquist      Roger Miller*  
*Carol Sieth      Donald Butman      Francis Camps*  
*Vivian Porras      Marilyn Myers      Laurie Anderson*  
*Sandra Beyer      Sharon Mottl      Daniel Crocker*  
*Nancy Faucette      Dan Ehlers      Sandie Bates*

# Youth Ministries



## Sunday School

It's almost time to start working on our Christmas program! Practices start on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> during the last part of Sunday school class time. Because we have limited practice time, it is important to have your child at Sunday

school as much as possible. Here are some important dates...

### Program Dress Rehearsal and Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. ***If you know that your child will not be able to participate in the Christmas program, please let Patti Treptow know as soon as possible so parts can be adjusted.***

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

Sunday School teachers, Ava Slawinski and Emma Stewart presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class with their Bibles on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



*Those receiving Bibles were Elizabeth Baublitz, Andy Brown, Holden Karkkainen and Chayton Slawinski. Thank you, congregation, for your gift of Bibles for our children!*

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

Our first class is **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00-12:00 in the Friendship Room.** Along with our lesson, we will have a super fun craft! **We ask that a parent join each youth in the class, as possible.** Don't forget to pick up a worship sheet on the table near the sanctuary doors. After completing during worship, please place them in the box on the table.

## **Kids Helping Kids**

Our Sunday school children will be adopting families in need. Our children will be creating a shopping list of kid-friendly foods for the families during class time on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Our children will then be providing a "Noisy Kettle" collection to raise monies to purchase the foods during worship on **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.** After the food has been collected by the Little Lutherans Youth committee and put in totes, a blessing of the food will be done during the children's sermon on **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.** The Little Lutherans Youth committee has coordinated efforts with the Menominee School District to identify families in need where these nourishing and fun foods will be given.



### **Upcoming Classes**

November 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## **Service Activities**

**Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social** – Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, after the 6:00 p.m. worship service. Confirmation students will help serve pie and beverages. Please arrive at 5:30 p.m. to help with set up.

**Bell Ringing for Salvation Army** – Confirmation students will join with other members of Emmanuel to ring bells on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Jacks Market in Menominee. Students will have an opportunity to sign up in the narthex for one-hour shifts between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

**Baking for the Church bake sale** – Confirmation students will bake cookies and other yummy treats on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. A sign-up sheet will be handed out during confirmation class.



## **GLOW Youth Group**

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

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

Join us at church for Bible devos,  
food, games and fun.

**Bring a friend!**

## **Emmanuel Youth Lock-In!**

**Friday-Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>  
7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Our youth will enjoy this overnight event at church. We will make a late supper, snacks, and breakfast. There will be games, movies, crafts, and worship led by the youth. Details will be emailed to parents.



## ***Ignite Creative Arts***

### **Afterschool Program**

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth Wednesdays  
3:30-4:30 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, Nov 7 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 September 30, 2024)*

Approved 2024 budgeted offerings: \$161,970.00

Amount ahead approved budget: \$10,946.00

Total offerings and income received: \$182,811.00

Total expenses: \$173,663.00

Income greater than expense by: \$9,218.00

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

## **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 November 14<sup>th</sup>**. The service is at 3:45 PM in the library on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and lasts for about 30 minutes. *Let residents know!*



### **October 20: Gunner Bud Van**

grandson of Shawn Stanchik;

Shane & Mary Van

with Joel & Mindy Salzman and Quinn Van  
as sponsors

# **Meatball Supper THANKS**



*We give thanks  
to ALL who  
participated.*

**Thanks to Barb  
Stankevitz** for  
organizing the  
dinner.

**Thanks to Aaron  
& Bobbi Rod** for  
purchasing the  
decorations.

**Thanks to all  
who helped  
prepare, cook,  
serve, and clean  
up after the  
dinner.**

**Thanks to our youth** who helped make the dinner special.

**Thanks to all who shared the information about the meal with  
friends, co-workers, and neighbors.**

**Thanks to all who came to eat. *We appreciate you all!***





# Emmanuel's Outreach Projects

## Christmas Food/Non-Food Drive



The collection of food and non-food items for the Christmas boxes will take place December 1st through December 15<sup>th</sup>. The donated items will be given to individuals and families in our community who are in need. This gift will help bring some joy and hope to them at Christmas. Donated goods may be placed in the marked area in the narthex.

**Food items needed:** Canned meats (tuna and chicken), canned dinners, complete meal foods like spaghetti sauce with meat, peanut butter, soups, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and rice including boxed meals, pancake mixes and syrup, cereal, and juices. Please check expiration dates – we cannot include expired food in the boxes.

**Non-food items needed:** Hand soap, shampoo, paper towels, toilet tissue, dish soap, laundry soap, fabric softener, zip-lock type storage bags of all sizes, and general cleaning and disinfecting supplies. Please note when buying in bulk, items must be individually wrapped.

## Tree of Love

Emmanuel's local Tree of Love will be located in the narthex starting on December 1st through December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be provided with "wish lists" from Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Shelter families. Watch for more information!



## Christmas Bake Sale.....We Need Your Help!



**Our annual Christmas bake sale will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> between worship services.** Our youth along with adults will be baking cookies on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> to sell, but we need your help to make this sale a success! If each person could bake one or two dozen cookies or baked items, we will easily meet our goal. Proceeds from the bake sale go to support youth and outreach projects.

***Please bring your baked goods for the bake sale to the fellowship hall on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.***



**Thank you** to everyone who donated for this year's Coats for Kids drive! You have made a warm and wonderful difference for the children in need in our community.



**Thank you** to those who decorated their trunks and handed out candy at our Trunk or Treat event that was held on October 31<sup>st</sup>! And, thank you to those who donated candy.

## **Bell Ringing for Salvation Army!**

***Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 – 4:00 pm***



### **Jacks Market in Menominee**

Emmanuel will be ringing bells for Salvation Army at Jacks Market in Menominee. We are seeking **members of all ages** to sign up for a shift of ringing and maybe even some singing! A sign-up sheet will be made available in the narthex where you can sign up for one-hour shifts or more. Let's make it a great turnout and show our community Emmanuel cares!



**VOLUNTEER  
BELL RINGERS  
NEEDED!**

*Ring a bell...help change a life*



**Dan Ehlers** passed away on October 15. Dan's funeral was held October 26 at Marinette Forest Home Cemetery. We keep his wife, Julie, his mother, June Ehlers, and his sister, Linda Philibeck, in our prayers.

**Sandie Bates** passed away on October 22. Visitation with Sandie's family and her service was held on October 29 at Cadieu Funeral Home. We keep her family and friends in our prayers.

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# Bunco

**Thursday November 7 at 6:00 PM**

***Emmanuel's Fellowship Hall***



Our theme this month is "***Thankfulness Bunko***"! Please bring a non-perishable food item for the **St Vincent's food shelf**. Also, \$3, if you wish, to help provide the prizes for the evening. The fellowship team provides some snacks and drinks. You may also bring something to share, if you like.

***Invite friends and community members!***

# 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)

## **NGLS Dungeons & Dragons Club Seeking 6th - 12th Graders!**

The NGLS Youth Ministry Team is looking for young people between 6th - 12th grade to join a Synod-Wide Dungeons and Dragons Club.

WHY? Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) is one of the most popular and well-known table-top roleplaying games in the world! It is a great game for anyone interested in using their imagination for a shared story, while building up social and critical thinking skills. D&D is a roleplaying game in which players create their own characters and progress them through a story.

Pastor Jack Busche of Grace Lutheran in Gwinn will serve as our Dungeon Master and is excited to introduce this game to interested youth, and use the storytelling, creativity, and teamwork inherent in D&D as a way to have meaningful faith conversations. ***The club will primarily meet online, with in-person retreat dates to be determined by club members.***

Youth (or parents) are invited to complete a survey to help determine a date and time for an Interest Meeting.

**Please contact Stefanie Ehle at [youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org) for an informational letter or for more information.**

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