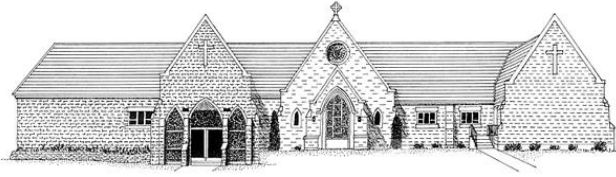


# THE MESSENGER



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Menominee, Michigan

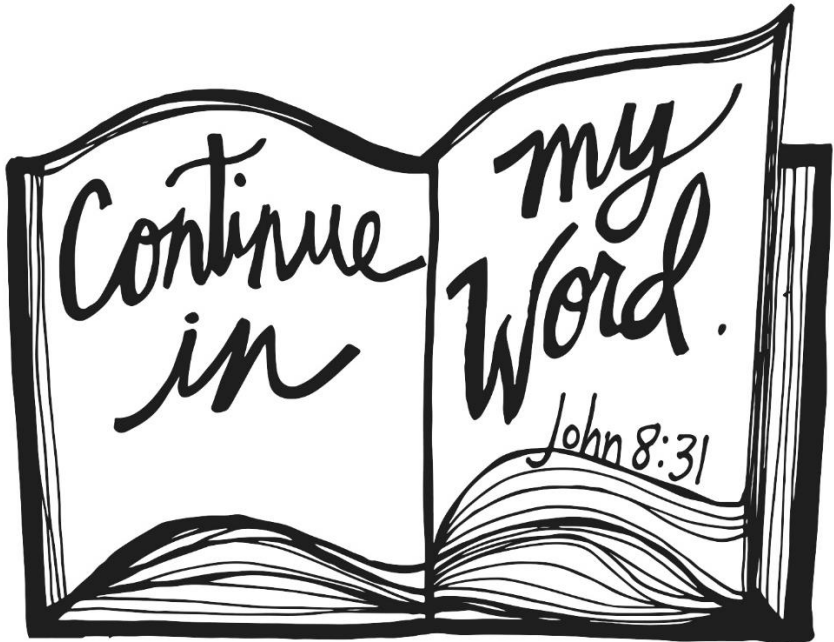
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*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast  
in Your Word*





## Rite of Confirmation

On Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, six youth of our church affirmed their baptismal vows.



### **Read here their Faith Statements— WHAT they believe about God:**



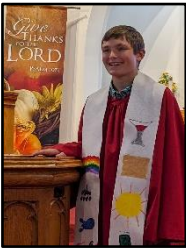
If someone asked me who God was, I would say God is someone who created the world, light, animals, and a bunch of things. He is also our leader who protects us and made us. He protects us like a father should. God made the world. He treats everyone very kindly. He loves everyone. God flooded the world to discipline the people because they were not acting right, so afterward people will act right. I believe that God will protect us and care for us forever, no matter what. God keep us alive and keep the world alive.

If someone asked me who Jesus was, I would say Jesus is God Son who came to earth to show us right and wrong, teach us more about God. Jesus fed the hungry. He brought people to life. He show that God is real. He help people believe and he died for us. Jesus saved many lives. He even died for our sin. Jesus protect us even when we do wrong because he care about us. Jesus is and always will be with us. Jesus will come again and help the world, save more people, show that we need to be kinder. Jesus chose to suffer for us to show that he care,

to prove to us he loves us. He didn't have to, but he cared enough to do it.

If someone asked me about the Holy Spirit, I would say the Holy Spirit is also one of our protectors. The Holy Spirit is helping and watching over us. The Holy Spirit is active in the church by watching everything that happens. He show good and bad. He listens to what's happening at church. The Holy Spirit bring Jesus because he is Jesus and God. They all care. For us and watching over us. They all want the best for everyone. They try to get everyone to be the best they can be. I know that the Holy Spirit is God and Jesus. The Holy Spirit give us good thoughts and give us good action to do they want us to live life good or even great because even if we make mistake they will forgive us if we realize and ask to be forgiven.

—*Elizabeth Aichner*



I would say that God is the creator of heaven and earth. He created everything. He is the father of Jesus and us. He disciplines us. He is our guide.

I would say that Jesus is the savior of earth. He died on the cross so we could go to heaven. He was crucified, died, and was buried and on the third day he rose again. He is the Son of God.

I would say the Holy Spirit helps us through difficult times, guides us, and he can repent us. He helps us be creative. Yes, because Jesus promised that he will always be with us. He helps us to defeat temptation.

—*Eli Camps*



God the Father, creator of living things, earth, and planets. God is our father, we all are his children. He helps us during hard times. God can hear us during prayers. He is Jesus' dad and spoke through him.

God the Son, crucified on the cross for us. He was crucified, died, and buried. He descended into hell, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day he rose to the heavens. He is up there to save us from sin and the devil.

God the Spirit, how can we feel him? He is always with us. If he knows we are struggling, he will help. He can turn us around if we are going down the wrong path. He can also help us defeat temptation. We will feel his Spirit with us until we die.

—*Jack Raygo*



God the Father is the creator of all things. He made us, not just our bodies, but our soul as well. He teaches us by creating consequences we can see. As a father would punish a child, so too God punishes us when we sin: He gives us a consequence so that we may recognize that what we have done is wrong. He also allows us to make our own mistakes and choices, so He gave us emotions and free will. To help us learn from our experiences, He gives us the faculties of foresight and intuition.

Jesus is the payment for our sin. He came to Earth both God and man, lived a human life, and died a human death. When Adam & Eve committed the first sin, they erected an infinitely tall wall of debt to God. Before Jesus, this debt was paid back with finite things. However, Jesus, who is God, is of infinite worth, but cannot pay humanity's debt for us. So, He became human to pay off the human debt. He was sacrificed on the altar with fours ends to pay our debt and resurrected Himself on the third day to prove that point to us, so that we may not think that He was only a man who died a millennia ago. Jesus left us so that we may have faith out of love instead of proof, so that we can say, "I believe in the Jesus because I feel Him work within me." Not "Look, see Jesus preaching on the hilltop. I believe because I see him there."

The Holy Spirit is how God moves people to learn about Him and do His deeds. He guides our hearts to do charity work, love people unconditionally, be patient, and to know the right thing to say. The Spirit brings us closer to Jesus by revealing truths and changing "knowing" into "understanding". The first sign we were given from the Holy Spirit was Pentecost, the day thousands were baptized and when fire danced on the Apostles' heads. Today, the Holy Spirit continues this Pentecost: people baptized without end and, although there may be no miracles daily performed, the church still grows, still countless are saved.

—*Travis Rod*



If a friend asked me who God the Father was, I would say He created everything. He spoke through Jesus for us. God is always there for us to talk to through prayer. We are his children. God created the elements to create life itself. He did that because he wanted relationships. God always helps me with things and he's always there to talk to when you need someone. His love always keeps me going.

Jesus died for our sins. He was crucified, died, and was buried and on the third day he rose again. He just appeared in Mary's belly by God as his Son. Jesus is saving us from the devil and ourselves. He always helps me make better choices and motivated me to become a better person all the time.

Jesus promised that God would always be with us. The Holy Spirit helps us through difficult times. Holy Spirit guides us. Holy Spirit can convict us into repentance. The Holy Spirit moves me in giving up on things and just doesn't let me give up; also he doesn't let me disobey my parents.

—*Reese Sallgren*



God the Father is the center of heaven and earth. He made everyone and every thing. God is the Father, we are his children. He spread his word through Jesus. He talks to me through prayer. I believe he made us all very different and loves every part of us.

Jesus saved us from sin and spread the Lord's word. He was crucified, died, and rose again 3 days later. By doing that, he saves us from ourselves and our sins. He was born from Virgin Mary and spoke God's word to anyone.

The Holy Spirit is God with us always. He guides us and helps us through difficult times. The Holy Spirit helps us repent our sins and turn to the right direction. He encourages us to defeat temptation and inspires people. Keeps me honoring my parents.

—*Emma Stewart*

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



God and Jesus have always been in my life. He has always been important in my life. They have protected me, cared. I have gone places for Him like I went to this place call Distract It where hundreds of people come together in Green Bay to worship God. We sing, we talk, we make friends. It really nice place to go. I go to this church that does this Wednesday group every week. It nice to hang out with my friend at the church. Jesus is active in many lives and I remember a story my Aunt told me where her car stop working (the brakes) and a Semi-truck was heading toward her and she heard someone say, "Curl up!" When she didn't do it at first, it got louder and she ended up not getting hurt at all. So we feel God told her and saved her that day.

—*Elizabeth Aichner*

When my grandpa passed away, God helped me through it. My faith has strengthened because I learned more about God and what he did, like how he created everything and that he always loves us. Jesus is the savor of earth; he died on the cross so we could go to heaven.



—*Eli Camps*



God has entered my life at my house. I will get bad stomach problems when I sleep (not always) and I pray so he can heal me better. Jesus us my Lord and Savior, he's my rock. Jesus means everything to me; he means so much for me, that he helps me with life and problems. God has spoken to me when my girlfriend and I broke up. He helped me through the pain. I believed more in faith this year than last. I used to barely believe, but now I do more. Confirmation Day means to me the day Jesus confirm me to him and others. Jesus will help my family through my dad's foot problem.

—*Jack Raygo*



God sent me to MI so that I could learn about Him more than I may have in Ohio. When I moved, I was very much someone who just went through the motions. Of church life, but today I do believe I have grown and can appreciate my faith more than any other time in my life. I can feel God speak to me daily. Usually I only hear thoughts, nudges in the right direction. Other times I feel ideas full of revelations which I never could have come to learn on my own. I've learned to see Jesus more the way He intended us to see him.: through the actions of others. I've watched as people who hate each other come together and put aside their differences for love of God and hate of hate. As we get confirmed, it's important to notice these instances of love and recognize them as God's doing. Even though the Rite of Confirmation will feel much like going through the motions, it's important to remember that behind every motion is a meaning. If you look for the meaning, you'll often find wisdom greater than you could expect. When we finish our structured learning in the church, it's not for us to lose sight of what's really important. God's wisdom isn't hidden and, if you go looking for is after you finish here, then truly you are blessed.

—*Travis Rod*

When I pray to God, he has answered me in the past. It may have not been at that exact time, but it eventually happened. My faith has changed a lot because I've found my relationship with God more and to understand it more. Confirmation Day means that I've completed learning a small part of a journey with God. Jesus is God's Son and he died for our sins. Jesus means love to me and that here is always hope. Jesus is very active in my life now and will always be no matter what.



—*Reese Sallgren*



I feel God speaks to me in prayers in times of stress or in church. I feel my faith has gotten stronger and I have taken it more serious. I see Jesus in my life guiding me through stress and hardship. I feel he helps me make good choices.

—*Emma Stewart*



### **October 1 Baptisms**

***Kohen Klay Boivin***, child of Channing Boivin & Kylie Chevalier  
with Tanner Chevalier as sponsor

***Channer Boivin*** was received through adult baptism

***Mae Caroline Fernstrum***, child of Colton & Deidra Fernstrum  
with Derek & Mikayla Unger as  
sponsors

***Faye Ellen Borgnakke***, child of Bo & Courtney Borgnakke  
with Matt & Krista Smith as sponsors

### **October 15 Baptisms**

***Parker Scott Klitzke***, child of Tyler & Katherine Klitzke  
with Kayla Jessel & Carter Bretl-Bourgeois  
as sponsors

***Andrew John Miller, Jr***, child of Andrew Miller & Karla Ruleford  
with David & Nicole Miller as sponsors

***Emma Grace Stewart***, child of Matt Stewart & Margaret Miller  
with Jordan & Katie Miller as sponsors

### **October 22 Baptism**

***Hudson Michael Koenigs***, child of Drew & Susie Koenigs  
with Jacob & Josie Kopf as sponsors



# All Saints Remembrance

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

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

*Anna Kay Barley*

*Kohen Klay Boivin*

*Channing Boivin*

*Mae Caroline Fernstrum*

*Faye Ellen Borgnakke*

*Parker Scott Klitzke*

*Andrew John Miller, Jr*

*Emma Grace Stewart*

*Hudson Michael Koenigs*

**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:

*Barbra Mae Smith*

*Keith Champagne*

*Bonnie Woodbury*

*Ruth Thiex*

*Carol Bell*

*Ronald Fischer*

*Jackie Lamoureux*

*Susan Nielsen*

*Peter Anderson*

# Youth Ministries



## Sunday School

It's time to start working on our children's Christmas program! Practices start on Sunday, November 19<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 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### **Children's Christmas Program**

Sunday, December 17<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



Pastor Christine and Sunday School teacher, Ava Slawinski 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 Cole Brezsko, Calvin Jones, Henry Karkkainen, and Colt Christiansen. Thank you, congregation, for your gift of Bibles for our children!*



### **Upcoming Classes**

November 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Service Activities

**Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social** – Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</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 9<sup>th</sup> at Jacks Market in Menominee. Students will have an opportunity to sign up in the narthex for one-hour shifts between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m.

**Baking for the Church bake sale** – Confirmation students will join with the Outreach Committee to bake cookies and other yummy treats on Saturday, December 9<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

**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

Join us at church for Bible study, food, games 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!**



Emmanuel kids will be providing a "Noisy Kettle" collection to benefit local families in need during the 10:00 a.m. worship on **Sunday, November 12th.**

Little Lutheran Youth Committee members will help the children shop online during Sunday school class for "kid friendly" foods on **Sunday, December 3rd.**

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.

After the food has been collected and put in baskets, a blessing of the food collected will be done during the children's sermon on **Sunday, December 10th**

# Adult Ministries

## **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.

## **Emmanuel Women's Group**

**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

Join us in the Friendship room for Bible study and fellowship.

## **Yoga at Emmanuel**

**Tuesdays 5:30-6:00 p.m.**

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

## **Fellowship Events**



### **Bunco is Back!**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

The Fellowship Team will host our 2nd game of Bunco! We will offer dessert, coffee and some spirits! (Both a spirited game-time and some wine!) Bunco is a fun, easy to play, dice rolling game. Works best if we have 12 or 16 players, so invite a friend and come for some fun! *Hope to see you there!*

### **Pie Social**

**Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, following worship**

***Come to worship on Thanksgiving Eve at 6:00 PM,*** then come downstairs into the fellowship hall for some pie and conversation. Bring a pie of any flavor to share and try a piece of each!





**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 - we surely needed it. We estimate that over 300 children enjoyed this event!

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

***Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.***

### **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*



# 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 3rd through December 17<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 3<sup>rd</sup> through December 17<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 10<sup>th</sup> between worship services.** Our youth along with the Outreach Committee will be baking cookies on Saturday, December 9<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 9<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.***





## GRATEFUL HEARTS

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. – *Psalm 111:1*

### *Develop a heart of generosity*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances!

– *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Would you like to be a more generous person, possessing a generous heart? Then try embracing gratitude as a spiritual practice. Since Thanksgiving is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month, November is a wonderful time to give it a try. Gratitude and generosity go together. Whether you're a millionaire or middle-class, when you are grateful for what you have, you'll likely be happier and more satisfied. You will see the world through eyes of abundance and be more likely to give of yourself. How can we embrace gratitude as a spiritual practice? Paul gives us good advice.

Give thanks in all circumstances: Paul says give thanks **IN** all circumstances, not **FOR** all circumstances. In tough times, we can be grateful for what is going well and for the resources, relationships, and faith that will help us through.

Pray without ceasing: Pray in the shower, in your car, on the beach, on your lunch break, at a stop light, in a grocery line. God hears all your prayers. Pray anywhere, anytime.

Rejoice always: Look for everyday celebrations every day. Do you have hot water? A car? Clean socks? Food? Friends? Rejoice!

For a disciplined approach, keep a journal of your daily thanks, or a “gratitude list” that you can pray over and revise. Keep it up and it’s a good bet that your developing “attitude of gratitude” will result in you becoming more generous and seeing the world through a lens of abundance.

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Last month you received your pledge packets, either in church or by mail. We ask you to count your blessings, pray, and see how you will respond to the call to share with the church from your grateful heart. **On November 12 we will receive our pledges during the church services. If you are unable to be at church on November 12, you can mail your pledge in or drop it off to the church office any time before then.** On November 19, we will celebrate the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that have been offered with coffee and refreshments after each service.



# FAITHFUL INNOVATIONS

## Your Faithful Innovations Team:



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

## UPDATE FROM OUR TEAM:

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, our team will attend the third training at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Following the formal training, we will continue to do “experiments” over the next 6-9 months to help us better see what God is up to in our congregation and community. Following that, we will be ready to explore with you some possibilities for our future path here at Emmanuel. Look for updates in upcoming church newsletters and please keep us in your prayers.

## *Hello, from the Visitation Team!*

Our Visitation Team is active and on the move! We started our work in October, making our first visits. Thank you for your graciousness in receiving our ministry. We are continuing our work this month, each visitor with new people to visit. We are calling our members in their homes to arrange visits and we are dropping in at the Care Homes around our towns. Listen for our calls and watch for our trek up your sidewalk.

*We look forward to getting to know you better!*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for the donation of 539 books for the **Books for Kids** project. We give out books at the Immanuel Food Pantry (Jackson, MI) once a month. This past Saturday we shared 447 books with kids, parents and grandparents!

A special thanks to Al Rasmussen for delivering the books. What a steward. Your donation of books has provided precious reading material to many children. What a generous, loving gift.

Thank you.  
*Cheri & Wayne*

Dear Emmanuel Friends,

I give sincere thanks for you: for your dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ and for your work within our ministry. I thank you for your support and care for me.

I especially thank the church, through the congregational council, for the lovely card and restaurant gift card in October for *Pastor Appreciation Month*. I also give heartfelt thanks to the individual members who thought of me with their own cards and gifts. ***You are a blessing to me!***

I am grateful for the privilege of being in ministry with you here, in this time and place.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Christine*

# 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)

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Dwelling  
In the  
**Word**



You are invited to join the whole Northern Great Lakes Synod in Dwelling in the Word. Please use the resource that has been sent to each congregation (also available on our website), at each meeting of the congregation, in your home, at your Council meetings. You are also welcome to join a Zoom Dwelling in the Word the first Thursday evening of every month at 7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT. Let us Dwell in the Word together!

## November Youth Event




**BOWLING**

Sunday, November 19  
Noon - 1:30 pm

**DOMELANES**  
801 University Dr. Marinette

RSVP TO  
youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org

Join Menominee Valley Conference Youth between 7th-12th grade for an afternoon of bowling, pizza, conversation, and fun!



# SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

**8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. in-person**  
**Online Worship 8:00 a.m.**  
*Livestreamed on our Facebook page*

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