EMMANUEL'S GOOD NEWS

May 2026

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Dear friends in Christ,

FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and peace to you! He is risen! He is risen, indeed!!! During these weeks leading up to Pentecost is the season of Easter. During this time, our scripture readings have proclaimed this tenant of faith through the post resurrection narratives where Jesus appears to his followers before he ascends into heaven. Jesus calms their fears and gives them his peace. He breaths life into them and sends them out to bear witness to what he accomplished on the cross in his death for the forgiveness of sins. He empowers them to go forth with boldness and confidence. For forty days he appears to them in a variety of situations and circumstances. Over five hundred people witness him in his resurrected body. They eat, drink and have conversations, most of which we do not have recorded in the scriptures. During one such encounter with doubting Thomas, Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen yet believed." The gospel writer John goes on to say: "Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples which are not recorded in this book. But these were written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." In this coming Sunday text, Jesus appears to his disciples while they were fishing in the sea of Galilee. They are once again unsuccessful in their efforts until Jesus tells them where to cast their nets. This is reminiscent of the time when he first called his disciples to follow him several years ago. Once again, they are amazed at hauling in such a great catch. I think it is interesting that the gospel includes exactly how many fish are caught; 153. They have breakfast on the beach together. Jesus then engages Peter in a conversation questioning him on his devotion and love for Jesus. He is challenged to 'feed my sheep' and Jesus hints that Peter will give his own life in serving the Lord. He concludes his interaction with the imperative statement: "Follow me!"

We are part of the believing community that has come to faith in the witness of these earlier disciples of Jesus life, death, and resurrection. We too are called to follow Jesus. What does it mean for us to follow a risen Lord in our everyday lives with conviction and purpose? How does the risen Lord go before us and make himself know in a way that we can discern his voice? Where does he want us to go and what does he want us to do? As he told his disciples so he says to us that he will not leave or forsake them even unto the end of the age. He will and does send the promise of his presence through Holy Spirit to lead, guide, direct and empower them and us to be his witnesses. I want to suggest that we begin to anticipate his revelations through active faith. Every day is an opportunity to testify to others the reality of God at work in our lives. Cultivate a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit listening for his still small voice or gentle nudge. Be open to his presence and ask to be filled with his power. "Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be open to you." Let us ask for 153 people to be brought into the kingdom. Dare we believe that Jesus wants his church to grow and bear abundant fruit. He blesses us to: Glorify God and share God's Word to all by the power of the Holy Spirit. Have a blessed Easter season and may you have life in Jesus' name.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Bryan

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
March 10, 2026
Approved

President Bruce Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the following members present: Karen & Mark Andrews, Alyssa Blair, Tom Bowman, Richard Herrel, Pastor Kittner, Mel Parks, Jim Williams & Bruce himself.

Pastor opened with prayer.

Secretary's minutes: Tom moved, Jim seconded, all approved to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: Karen reported that for February the income was a plus $3,691.41; for the year to date a minus $2,090.22 due to a full year's payment of the property insurance. Mel moved to approve, second by Richard, vote to approve.

Financial Secretary: Tom reported that for two months the income to expenses is $3,004.20. Benevolence donations are up to one-fifth of the total budgeted. Mark moved, Alyssa seconded, council voted to approve Tom's report.

President's Report: Next year is the 125th anniversary of our church – 2027. May 2, 2027, will be the celebration date if plans go as hoped. A Worship Coordinator for services, especially for the once-a-year services, is needed to plan the details. Bruce will ask the congregation for a volunteer.

Worship: Lenten services are at 7:00pm on Wednesdays. Traditional services for Holy Week are planned. "The Cry of the Whole Congregation" will be the services for Palm Sunday. Emmanuel Church Service will be at 9:00 am June, July and August. Tom moved, Alyssa seconded and council voted to approve the 9:00 am service at ELC for three summer months. This Sunday, March 15th will be the Irish service.

Property: The wooden menorah stand that we had used for "Night in Bethlehem" is missing. No one knows what happened to it.

Tech Support: Four channels on the mixer sound board for the Fellowship Hall are blown. Karen proposed that we get a quote to repair or replace it. Pastor got a quote from a person he had consulted and so Tom moved, Mark seconded, and council voted to approve the replacement of the mixer at a cost of $567.37.

Old Business: Nick Schmitt was here last month to explain three levels of investments in which to place the $122,000.00 gift. A motion was made by Alyssa, seconded by Richard, passed by council to invest in a moderate risk plan that Nick had presented.

Business completed, all stood, and recited the "The Lord's Prayer".

Next meeting April 14th.

Joyce Sees

	2026 Budget	Income Received						Total Income YTD
		January	February	March	April	May	June	17 weeks
General Fund (current,int.,etc)	132,797	12,095.00	11,985.00	9,400.00	11,442.00			44,922.00
Pastor salary,housing,FICA	54,866							0.00
Pension/health	30,281							0.00
Pastor continuing educ.	500							0.00
Auto expenses	5,400							0.00
Pastor Professional	100							0.00
Secretary	8,800							0.00
Custodian	1,200							0.00
Financial Secretary	0							0.00
Treasurer	0							0.00
Supply musicians	1,000							0.00
Supply Pastor	400							0.00
FICA	650							0.00
Workman Comp	350							0.00
Insurance	7,900							0.00
Electric/Gas	14,000							0.00
Telephone/Internet	1,850							0.00
Water/Sewer	1,100							0.00
Office	4,000				2.00			2.00
Council/Congreg Cont Ed	0							0.00
Check Acc't Service Fee	100							0.00
Misc Non-budgeted	300							0.00
Interest by check								0.00
Designated Funds	10,650	120.00	679.50	336.75	148.00	0.00	0.00	1,284.25
Worship/Music	2,000	0.00	337.50	131.75	28.00			497.25
Youth	120	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Christian Ed/SS/VBS	430	0.00	132.00	0.00	15.00			147.00
Stewardship	500	85.00	35.00	0.00	5.00			125.00
Evangelism/Outreach	1,750	35.00	175.00	205.00	100.00			515.00
Property	4,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Social Ministry	300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Technology	300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
St. Paul's Cemetery	1,250	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Benevolence	3,000	400.00	255.00	250.00	190.00	0.00	0.00	1,095.00
Apportioned		400.00	255.00	250.00	190.00			1,095.00
Total (budgeted)	146,447	12,615.00	12,919.50	9,986.75	11,780.00	0.00	0.00	47,301.25

Weeks:		4	4	5	4			17
Needed to meet budget:		11,265.15	11,265.15	14,081.44	11,265.15	0.00	0.00	47,876.90
Income received to budget:		12,615.00	12,919.50	9,986.75	11,780.00	0.00	0.00	47,301.25
Difference:		1,349.85	1,654.35	(4,094.69)	514.85	0.00	0.00	**(575.65)**

		Income Received						Total Income YTD
Miscellaneous (non-budgeted)		**1,201.00**	**1,602.00**	**1,243.00**	**1,522.15**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**5,568.15**
Helping Hands		14.00	14.00	15.00	0.00			43.00
Global barnyard		13.00	24.00	25.00	56.15			118.15
Chestnut Crossing		9.00	9.00	6.00	26.00			50.00
Lifewise		0.00	8.00	33.00	13.00			54.00
World Hunger		0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00			4.00
LWR		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
LOMO		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Salvation Army		0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00			50.00
Thanksoffering		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Endowment		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Memorial Fund		1,040.00	525.00	295.00	50.00			1,910.00
WELCA		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Miscellaneous		0.00	227.00	140.00	100.00			467.00
Hall Donations		125.00	610.00	125.00	485.00			1,345.00
Lenten Offering [Salv.Army/ELCA Dis.Relief]		0.00	185.00	450.00	191.00			826.00
Easter [Salv.Army/ELCA Dis.Relief]		0.00	0.00	100.00	601.00			701.00
Christmas Special [[LWR/Salv. Army]]		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00

TOTAL INCOME (budgeted + non-budgeted)	**13,816.00**	**14,521.50**	**11,229.75**	**13,302.15**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**52,869.40**

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	Mid Year
Needed to meet budget:	36,611.74	11,265.15	0.00
Income received to budget:	35,521.25	11,780.00	0.00
Difference:	(1,090.49)	514.85	0.00
Total Income	39,567.25	13,302.15	0.00

Scriptures for Sundays Daily Bible Readings for May 2026

April 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Monday
Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:17-23
1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday
Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:23-31
Hebrews 13:20-21

Wednesday
Psalm 100
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Genesis 12:1-3
Acts 6:8-15

Friday
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Exodus 3:1-12
Acts 7:1-16

Saturday
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Jeremiah 26:20-24
John 8:48-59

May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Monday
Psalm 102:1-17
Exodus 13:17-22
Acts 7:17-40

Tuesday
Psalm 102:1-17
Proverbs 3:5-12
Acts 7:44-56

Wednesday
Psalm 102:1-17
Proverbs 3:13-18
John 8:31-38

Thursday
Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 6:5-22
Acts 27:1-12

Friday
Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 7:1-24
Acts 27:13-38

Saturday
Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 8:13-19
John 14:27-29

May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Monday
Psalm 93
Genesis 9:8-17
Acts 27:39-44

Tuesday
Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 5:22-33
1 Peter 3:8-12

Wednesday
Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 31:1-13
John 16:16-24

Thursday
Ascension of Our Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 *or* Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Friday
Psalm 93
2 Kings 2:1-12
Ephesians 2:1-7

Saturday
Psalm 93
2 Kings 2:13-15
John 8:21-30

May 17 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Monday
Psalm 99
Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24
1 Peter 4:1-6

Tuesday
Psalm 99
Numbers 16:41-50
1 Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday
Psalm 99
1 Kings 8:54-65
John 3:31-36

Thursday
Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:1-9a
Acts 2:1-11

Friday
Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:16-25
Romans 8:14-17

Saturday
Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 20:1-21
Matthew 5:1-12

May 24 Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *or*
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 *or* John 7:37-39

Monday
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

	Joel 2:18-29
	Romans 8:18-24
Tuesday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
	Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29
	Romans 8:26-27
Wednesday	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
	Numbers 11:24-30
	John 7:37-39
Thursday	Psalm 8
	Job 38:1-11
	2 Timothy 1:8-12a
Friday	Psalm 8
	Job 38:12-21
	2 Timothy 1:12b-14
Saturday	Psalm 8
	Job 38:22-38
	John 14:15-17

May 31 The Holy Trinity

	Genesis 1:1—2:4a
	Psalm 8
	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
	Matthew 28:16-20
Monday	Psalm 29
	Job 38:39—39:12
	1 Corinthians 12:1-3
Tuesday	Psalm 29
	Job 39:13-25
	1 Corinthians 12:4-13
Wednesday	Psalm 29
	Job 39:26—40:5
	John 14:25-26
Thursday	Psalm 131
	Proverbs 12:22-28
	Philippians 2:19-24
Friday	Psalm 131
	Isaiah 26:1-6
	Philippians 2:25-30
Saturday	Psalm 131
	Isaiah 31:1-9
	Luke 11:14-23

Sign up for the Mother's Day English Tea by May 10th.
A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please Remember To Include These People In Your Prayers Shut-ins and Those Residing in Care Centers, Assisted Living or Rehab Centers

Lois Iler

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Please Pray for healing and strength for these Members and Friends of Emmanuel

Betsy Roman
Becky Molnar
Carl Boyd
Don Wells
Mr. Corbett
JoAnn Boyd
Mel Parks
Fredda Rinard
Sharon Wheeler
Pam McMorrow
Maggie & Dick Crowthers
Clayton Crowthers
Debbie Cummings
Sue Williams
Allison Scheetz
Mystic Carrol's son, Osin

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Mission Statement:

Glorify God and spread
God's Word to all
by the power of the Holy Spirit

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For Immediate or Emergency Prayers and/or Intercessions please contact
Sherry Smith - 740-502-3546.
You may call the church office 740-622-2550 during office hours 8:00 to 11:00.

The Prayer Chain will react immediately, and each member will call the next link of the Prayer Chain in turn.

Around the Church

Dear Marty,
Please convey sincere thanks to the ladies for the Easter "goodie" bags. It was so thoughtful of them to remember us. God Bless all of you for everything you do for the church and others.

Donna Jones

Dear friends of Emmanuel,
Just a thank you for our yummy treat bag. It was so kind of you to remember us. It was good to see Debbie and Pam too! Thank you to Pastor Bryan for his visit and delivering a beautiful Easter Lily from Easter Sunday service. We appreciated him visiting us. We watched the Easter Service online. The flowers were beautiful. The service was lovely.

Blessings to all!
Dave & Mary Woodmansee

Church Women,
Thank you for the Easter "Goody Bag." It was so nice of you to remember us! *Happy Easter.*

Sincerely,
Sandy Hague

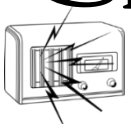
Dear Lutheran Ladies Group,
Thank you for the special Easter Bag of treats. Our visit with Debbie and Pam was nice.

Shalom,
Becky and Sara

Dear Lutheran Men of Emmanuel,
You have blessed us richly at MMS Aviation, thank you for giving! People around the world are receiving the Gospel of Jesus, medical help and other necessities through our work at MMS. You help make that possible. Thank you from all of us!

God Bless you,
Lisa Schwartz
MMs Aviation

In June, July and August our church service will begin at 9:00am.

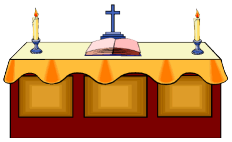


May Volunteers

Radio Ministry		(lector)
May 3	Joyce Sees	Yes
May 10	Debbie Scheetz	Yes
May 17	Ernie Galajda	Yes
May 24	Jennifer Williams	Yes
May 31	Jim & Nancy Williams	Jim

Fellowship

May 3 Linda Storm
May 10 Jennifer Williams
May 17 Karen Andrews
May 24 Marty Bickel
May 31 Debbie Scheetz



May Altar Guild

Nancy Williams and Carole Mayse

May Birthdays

May 7	**Kenzie Wheeler**
May 8	**Liz Kittner-Nunez**
May 9	**Ruth Leiendecker**
May 14	**Kyle Valentine**
May 14	**Avery Lynn Matthews**
May 18	**Daphne Conger**
May 19	**Brad Leiendecker**
	Tom Bowman
May 24	**Maxine Underwood**
May 29	**Lynn Valentine**

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 **Graduation party in F. Hall**	**2**
3 **9:15 Adult SS** **10:15 Little Lutherans** 11:00am Worship	**4**	**5** 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters 5:45-7:00 Youth Chorale Rehearsals Boy Scouts 7:00 to 9:00pm	**6**	**7** 9:30 Sarah's Prayer Shawls	**8** **Miss Jennifer's Dance Awards Banquet 6:00 – 8:30 pm**	**9**
10 **9:15 Adult SS** **10:15 Little Lutherans** 11:00am Worship ***Happy Mother's Day***	**11**	**12** 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters 5:45-7:00 Youth Chorale Rehearsals Boy Scouts 7:00 to 9:00pm **7:00pm Council**	**13** **9:00 Men's Group**	**14** 9:30 Sarah's Prayer Shawls Coshocton Music Boosters Awards Ceremony 7:00-9:00 pm	**15** **Church Women United Luncheon At 11:45**	**16**
17 **9:15 Adult SS** **10:15 Little Lutherans** 11:00am Worship ***2:00 Mother's Day English Tea***	**18**	**19** 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters 5:45-7:00 Youth Chorale Rehearsals Boy Scouts 7:00 to 9:00pm	**20**	**21** 9:30 Sarah's Prayer Shawls **1:00 pm Ladies Meeting**	**22**	**23**
24 **9:15 Adult SS** **10:15 Little Lutherans** 11:00am Worship	**25** **Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED**	**26** 9:00 am Ruth's Comforters 5:45-7:00 Youth Chorale Rehearsals Boy Scouts 7:00 to 9:00pm	**27**	**28** 9:30 Sarah's Prayer Shawls	**29**	**30** **1:00 to 4:00 Graduation Party for Jacob Jones at 51483 TR 159 W. Lafayette**
31 **9:15 Adult SS** **10:15 Little Lutherans** 11:00am Worship						