EMMANUEL ESSENTIALS

September 2026

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From your Pastor…

Dear Church Family,

Catch your breath, because summer wizzed by and school has started! The State Fair and County Fairs have come and gone... I hope that you and your family and friends had a great summer! I was pleased to hear stories about attending Summer Camp and Vacation Bible School, as well as playing sports, dancing, tumbling, fishing, golfing, hiking, gardening, and eating sweet corn!

I hope that you have already scheduled time with God on your daily calendar for the Fall. Sunday school for all ages starts on September 13th, as well as Bible and book study groups, support groups, and other activities here at church. Remember, *our faith is a muscle. Just like the rest of our muscles, we need to make time to exercise them, and we need to put good stuff into them in order for them to grow stronger.* Sometimes we have to be very intentional about our schedules so that our relationship with God is our first priority, and not our last priority.

Finally, I encourage you to get involved at church and in your community, if you are not already. An hour of your time shared with someone else can make a big difference! An hour of your time spent in service to God and your neighbor can multiply blessings upon blessings. Thank you for your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness to others. May God bless you!

See you in Church,
Pastor Medea

Sunday School kick-off!

This year's Sunday School year will run Sept 13th 2026 – May 30th 2027.

Children's Sunday School occurs 9:30-10am every Sunday with Adult Sunday School immediately following at 10-10:30am.

Higher Power Concert

To celebrate the start of the Sunday School year Higher Power will be performing during normal service on Sept 13th!

Potluck Assignments

Also on September 13th we will be hosting a potluck immediately after worship, in the fellowship hall. Thank you to our Men's Group for providing the entrée! If you plan on attending and are able to bring a side/salad or dessert the assignments are based on the first letter of your last name.

A – N	O – Z
Side/ Salad	Dessert

If you would like to help educate the next generation of our church by volunteering to teach Sunday School, please email our secretary McKenna at eumcgranger@gmail.com and she can guide you through next steps.
Note: background checks are required for all volunteers with renewals every 2 years.

Old Room and a New Purpose

We are excited to share that the furniture has been cleaned out of the youth room, and it has been repurposed for a Sunday school room. We are looking forward to starting Sunday school with music and having two classrooms for kids this year. Have a look at this repurposed room, and thank you to our volunteers, who did the heavy lifting.

Adult Sunday School/Bible Study

Book of Hebrews "Encounters with God"

Purpose: to demonstrate the wisdom of following Christ and the foolishness of looking elsewhere for salvation.

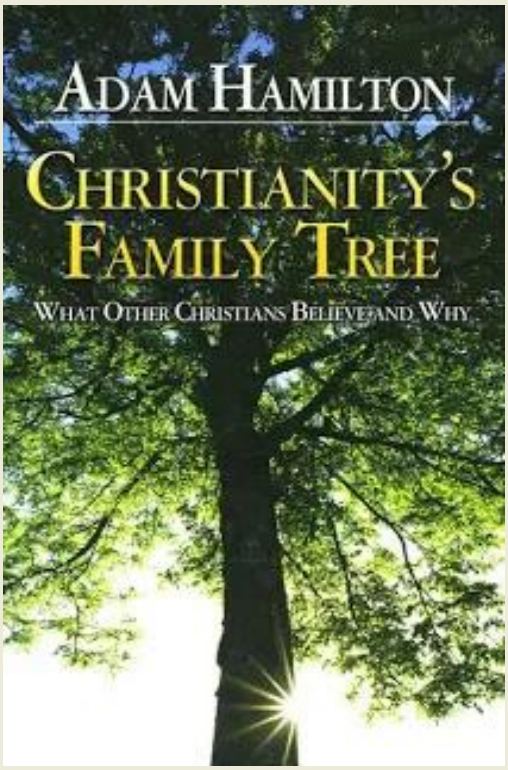
Hebrews 1:1-2

"Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds."

7 Lessons:

- Jesus, the Heir of all things
- Jesus, our suffering Savior
- Jesus, our High Priest forever
- Jesus, surety of a better covenant
- Faith that obtains a good testimony
- Running the faith race
- Becoming complete

Hebrews provides direct warnings and challenges to all Christians – Christ is interceding for you!



Book Study Begins Sept 15th

Adam Hamilton presents a welcoming, inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. Comparing the Christian family to our own extended families, he contends that each denomination has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith.

Chapter Breakdown

Introduction – A Family Reunion
Chapter 1 – Orthodoxy: Mystery, Liturgy, and Tradition
Chapter 2 – Catholicism: Sacrament and Mass
Chapter 3 – Lutheranism: Word and Faith
Chapter 4 – Presbyterianism: The Soveriegnty of God
Chapter 5 – Angelicanism: Common Prayer
Chapter 6 – Baptists: Baptism, Conversion, and Scripture
Chapter 7 – Pentecostalism: The Power of the Spirit
Chapter 8 – Methodism: People of the Exteme Center
Conclusion – Christianity's Family Tree

"The traditions he examines are Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism. For each group, Hamilton gives a brief history, outlines major beliefs, and describes some things we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own Christian faith.
Adam Hamilton is, in my opinion, a national treasure. He embodies the kind of generous orthodoxy so many of us have been dreaming of and praying for. This book provides something truly unique—a kind of orientation to Christianity in its wide array of forms that not only educates but inspires. It's one of the few books I wish every single Christian would read and share with their friends."
- Brian McLaren, author of A New Kind of Christian

September 2026 Calendar

Office Hours 9AM – 2PM

Monday – Thursday

Tues 9/1- 10am-2pm Food Pantry Open
Lunch & Cards Group (12-3pm)
*Pastor on vacation

**Wed 9/2 – ***Pastor on vacation

Thurs 9/3- Chat Group (9-10:30am)
10am-2pm Food Pantry Open
*Pastor on vacation

Sun 9/6- 8am Men's Group
10:30am Worship + Communion Sunday
11:30am Fellowship

Mon 9/7- LABOR DAY – CHURCH CLOSED

Tues 9/8- 10am-2pm Food Pantry Open
Lunch & Cards Group (12-3pm

Thurs 9/10- Chat Group (9-10:30am)
10am-2pm Food Pantry Open

Fri 9/11- Patriot Day

Sun 9/13- Grandparents Day
Sunday School kick-off!
Children 9:30-10am
Adults 10-10:30am
10:30am Worship
Higher Power Worship Concert!
11:30am Potluck

Mon 9/14- Bridge Club (1-3pm)

Tues 9/15- 11am Start Book Study!
Lunch & Cards Group (12-3pm)
10am-2pm Food Pantry Open

Thurs 9/17- Chat Group (9-10:30am)
10am-2pm Food Pantry Open

Sun 9/20- Sunday School: 9:30am
Children, 10am Adults
10:30am Worship
11:30am Fellowship
12pm COM Meeting

Mon 9/21- Bridge Club (1-3pm)

Tues 9/22- First Day of Autumn
11am Book Study
Lunch & Cards Group (12-3pm)
10am-2pm Food Pantry Open

Thurs 9/24- Chat Group (9-10:30am)
10am-2pm Food Pantry Open

Sat 9/26- Building Rental: Fellowship Hall Closed

Sun 9/27- Sunday School: 9:30am
Children, 10am Adults
10:30am Worship
11:30am Fellowship

Mon 9/28- Bridge Club (1-3pm)

Tues 9/29- 11am Book Study
Lunch & Cards Group (12-3pm)
10am-2pm Food Pantry Open

September Birthdays

9/1 Blake Kuehl
9/3 Dee Ann Green
9/4 Macy Weeks
9/6 Aiden Topalovich
9/8 Raegan Lubbert
9/8 Timothy Bogardus
9/11 Sharon Leas
9/11 Linda Lemaster
9/12 Brandon Burns
9/14 Gracie Poole
9/15 Landon Bogardus
9/19 Josie Durflinger
9/19 Aaron Hall
9/19 Bethany Schmitt
9/19 Tristan Sulentic
9/20 Ashley Lubbert
9/21 Carla Curtis
9/21 Shani Rose Sulentic
9/23 Eric Hesley
9/23 Riley Kurton
9/23 Denise Krause
9/23 Kathy Walton
9/25 Michelle Moorehead
9/27 Michael Bertrand
9/27 Robert Kuehl
9/28 Frank Drobnich
9/28 Stephen Lesch

September Anniversaries

9/5 Alena & Nicholas Hesley

9/7 Rhonda & Doug Pitman

9/15 Carina & Jeff Degase

9/15 Abby & Matthew Snoberger