

WEEKLY E-NEWS

September 17th, 2026



EMMANUEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Webster Groves, MO



HELPFUL LINKS

[Bulletin for the 17th Sunday After Pentecost, Homecoming & Baptism
of Shannon King, September 20](#)
[Liturgical Participants for Sunday](#)
[Prayers of the Parish](#)
[September Birthdays and Anniversaries](#)
[Emmanuel on YouTube at 9:30am](#)

If you have a name tag, please wear it!

If you need a name tag, let an usher know!

CALENDAR

September 20 - Homecoming

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30am - Homecoming Picnic and Ministry Fair

September 22

11:30am - WE lunch at Sunny Street Cafe

September 24

11:30am - Afternoon Book Club
• **The Calamity Club - Kathryn Stockett**
6:30pm - MOE Brown Bag

HOMECOMING

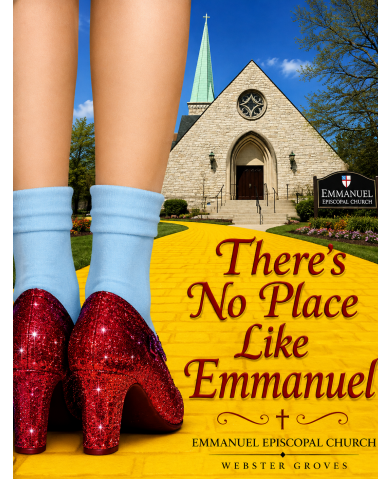
Emmanuel Homecoming 2026 - *"There's No Place like Emmanuel"*

Our Homecoming Celebration is just around the corner! Join us after the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, September 20 for a wonderful time of fun, food, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

If you can help with setup or cleanup, [please sign up here](#).

Be sure to also check out our Ministry Fair at Homecoming! It's a great opportunity for newcomers to learn more about the many ministries Emmanuel has to offer. You can also learn more about these ministries ahead of time by visiting the "Mission-Ministry" page on our website.

Finally, we'll have a photo area available for parishioners to have their directory photos taken. If you don't currently have a directory photo or would like to update your existing one, please be sure to have your photo taken at Homecoming!



THIS WEEK AT EEC

Newcomer Coffee Hour

Are you new to our community? We'd love to meet you! Join us for a warm and welcoming brunch to connect, share stories, and enjoy some delicious food.

When: October 11, 2026 at 10:30am

Where: Emmanuel's Parish Hall

Come make new friends, learn about our community, and feel right at home. Whether you're brand new or just new-ish, this brunch is for you!

[RSVP here!](#) (Not required but appreciated)

We can't wait to see you there!



Knead Help!

Please help us host our popular Biscuit and Coffee Hour. Steve Sherer will be traveling with Valori+ and unable to fulfill his usual biscuit making routine. Guidance and instructions will be available for all who sign up!

[Sign up to help make Sunday biscuits](#)



Episcopal 101 on Hiatus

There will be no Episcopal 101 scheduled this fall because Valori+ will be on sabbatical. Episcopal 101 will resume this spring in preparation for the Bishop's special visit in May.

The Bishop has graciously agreed to come before his normally scheduled visit to confirm and receive those who are ready!

**Upcoming Formation Hour - ECM Sunday on
September 27**

Nathan Ivy, Executive Director of Episcopal City Mission, will join us for adult formation on Sunday September 27 after the 9:30am service. Learn more about ECM's work serving children impacted by the juvenile justice system and how you can volunteer and support this mission.

Emmanuel sponsors two birthday parties each year at the detention centers. We also host the holiday gift wrapping party in December.

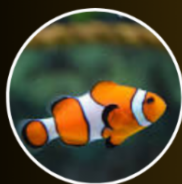


**BLESSING OF
THE ANIMALS
at Emmanuel**



**Bring your pets
in a carrier or on a leash
for their comfort and
safety.**

**Bring a pic of a pet
who doesn't do well
around others**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
4:00 PM
ON THE JONES LAWN**

FROM LAST WEEK



FALL
FunShip

✧ PUTTING THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING! ✧

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.
PARISH HALL

Join friends—old and new—for an evening of fun,
fellowship, and connection while supporting
Emmanuel's Food Center.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✧ Inclusive games & activities
- ✧ Round-table fun
- ✧ Hearty appetizers and beverages
- ✧ Childcare provided during the event

TICKETS: \$25 PER PERSON
\$10 of each ticket goes directly to the Food Center.

Tickets on sale September 10 through November 1.
Get yours at the FunShip table after Sunday services
or scan the QR code.

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

SCAN HERE
TO GET YOUR
TICKETS!



A New Chapter for Our Youth Spaces

After careful consideration and prayer, Emmanuel's clergy and staff have decided to rename two of our youth-focused rooms.

The Holy Moly Room, located on the second floor of the Behold Wing, will now be called the **Saint Jonathan Daniels Room**. The Godly Play Room, located on the first floor, will be renamed the **Saint Anne Frank Room**.

There are three reasons for these name changes:

- **Our formation has evolved.** We no longer offer Godly Play or Holy Moly as formation, although our current approach to formation continues to borrow from and build upon those traditions.
- **We are trying to honor the Saints.** Our Bishop has encouraged us to consider using the names of saints in this way, with particular attention to honoring women saints.
- **We are beginning a new chapter.** These new names reflect the direction of our children's formation as we place greater emphasis on spirituality, connection, and nurturing a deeper relationship with God and one another.



We hope these spaces will continue to be places where our children feel welcomed and inspired. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Katie](#) or [the Office](#).

Stuff Animal Request

The kids of Emmanuel have some special remodeling projects underway and we need your extra stuffed animals!

If you have any stuffed animals you would like to donate, please drop them off at the elevator bench or in Katie's office.

Thank you for helping make these projects extra special!



Sunday Altars Flowers - Donor Needed for September 27!

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor or loving memory of someone special in your life. Flowers are a beautiful way to celebrate the people we cherish, remember those we have lost, and share their memory with our Emmanuel family.

Sundays still available:

September 27
October 18, 25
December 20, 27

Altar flowers cost \$130 for two vases. If that is too much but you still wish to donate flowers, please contact Peg Cooper.

Sign up for [altar flowers online](#) or [contact the office](#).





Save the date

2026 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, Nov 24 at 6:00 pm

at Christ Lutheran Church
1 Selma Ave, Webster Groves, MO



Supporting Firewood for Elders
at the Rosebud Indian Reservation
and
Webster Rock Hill Ministries

Pink Vestments for our Clergy

For some time our beloved rector, Valori+, has mentioned that she would love to have additional pink vestments which match her pink chasuble. This summer we found a liturgical designer who produced drawings for 2 priest stoles, 1 deacon stole, 2 bookmarks and one chalice veil. I began asking the people I know at Emmanuel if they would contribute \$50 toward this project. Many have come forward (thank you, Vestry) but we are still in need of \$500.

If you would like to contribute to the Pink Vestments, kindly send a check to Emmanuel with the word VESTMENTS in the memo line. I thank you in advance!



While discussing this, Pam Belloli has shared that the Acolytes are in need of a vestment re-fresh, too; their green cuffs are especially showing wear. If we receive more than \$500 the additional funds will be used for the acolytes.

BTW – the Pink Vestments will debut on Gaudete (pink) Sunday in Advent. The Bishop will be here and Audre Rice Waters, Mandi's and David's baby girl, will be baptized.

Peace and Blessings,
Sara Loyet

Volunteers Needed at Convention Eucharist

This year, the Emery Washington Convocation is serving as host for the Eucharist service at the Diocesan Convention. Volunteers are needed to serve as Ushers, Hosts, Readers, Crucifers, Banner Bearer, and more.

If you are available to help on Saturday November 14th at Manchester UMC [please sign up online](#). Hours vary depending on the role but are mostly in the morning and early afternoon.



JUSTICE AND EQUITY

Ballot Issues Forum on October 4

Emmanuel's Justice and Equity team would like to invite you to a Ballot Issues forum on Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 3:00-4:30 pm at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. The League of Women Voters will moderate and there will be experts to answer questions.

The November 3 ballot will have several important state issues as well as St. Louis County issues. This is your one-stop place to get details in order to be an informed voter. The event is free and open to the public. The event will be on YouTube and available after via a link, which we will send out later.

October 4, 2026
Ballot Issues Forum
SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, October 4, 2026
3:00-4:30 pm
at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church
45 W. Lockwood Ave.
Webster Groves

Be an informed voter!

MODERATED BY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Explanation of the issues on the Missouri State
ballot and including St. Louis County
Q&A after reviewing issues.

- Amendment 3
- Amendment 6
- Amendment 7
- Amendment 8
- Proposition A

Sponsored by Churches Together for Justice

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS



FREE Interfaith Concert - "Compassion For All"

Featuring

Sopranos Christine Brewer and Sylvia McNair
Pianist Peter Martin, and ensembles from many faiths
Maria Ellis and the Interfaith Youth Chorus



Sunday, October 11, 2026, 4:00pm
Sheldon Concert Hall
3648 Washington Blvd. in Grand Center

Reserve your FREE tickets at www.artsfaithstlouis.org

Our building and food center is open Monday-Friday
from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.
Please call or email for more information about any of our offerings.
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