

# WEEKLY E-NEWS

## May 8th, 2025



EMMANUEL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Webster Groves, MO



## HELPFUL LINKS

[Bulletin for the Fourth Sunday of Easter & Baptism, May 11th](#)

[Liturgical Participants for Sunday](#)

[Prayers of the Parish](#)

[May 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

### May 10th

10:00am Henry Knock Committal Service

### May 11th

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II - Youth Sunday Service

10:30am - Coffee and Friends

### May 14th

11:00am - Preschool - Fruit Day Picnic and End of the Year Parade

4:00pm - International Student Dinner

6:00pm - EarthLove Pillar Meeting

7:05pm - Adult Choir

## VALORI+ IS OUR NEW RECTOR!

Emmanuel Family,  
If we had white smoke, it would be rising now.

I am pleased to announce that the Emmanuel vestry has joyfully and unanimously voted to invite Valori Sherer to serve as Emmanuel's next Rector. And she has enthusiastically said yes!

Valori, with God's help, has brought us out of a "Good Friday" space and helped us to move forward with momentum and glimmers of joyful "Resurrection" and Transformation. In multiple conversations with parishioners, we have heard the words "transformational" and "inclusivity" and "welcoming" and "nurturing" and "confidence." Indeed, we continue to transform as a community.



We also joyfully embrace her husband Steve, who serves in many ministries at Emmanuel, with a special gift for hospitality.

I want to thank everyone, all of the Emmanuel community, for authentically sharing your thoughts, your concerns, and your love. This speaks to the sacred trust we hold with each other, the ability to speak and listen and trust that each person will be heard. Your vestry has heard you. Please know – we listened and deliberated honestly. We celebrate our growth over the last few years and also are keenly aware of the opportunities we have for continuing our momentum and our growth as a community. We believe that God has called Valori to continue to lead with us, as we grow in ourselves and in the ministries and directions the community envisions.

I would like to add that this was a beautiful experience for the vestry as well. We thank Doris Westfall for facilitating the discernment process and helping us to listen in new ways. We each took this discernment seriously. We prayed alone and together. We shared our visions, our dreams (literally), and the conversations we invited the parishioners to share with us. We fully believe that God has made this call, has helped us answer the question about where Emmanuel is growing and who should help us get there.

We welcome our Rector the Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer!

Peace be with you,  
Lissa Johnson, Sr. Warden on behalf of the vestry

## THIS WEEK AT EEC

### Bilingual Baptism with Special Guests

Dear family,  
This Sunday, at the 9:30 service, we will be doing a Baptism for Lucia, the daughter of a family for whom the language of their hearts is Spanish. They were referred to me by... The Rev. Canon Melanie Slane, now a Canon in Diocese of Southern Ohio. Melanie+ called me a few months ago to ask if we would consider it (of course we would!) but it didn't finalize until just this week.

Our 9:30 service will have a completely bilingual bulletin. Not all of the service will be said in Spanish, but the Baptism will be.

Canon Melanie will preach and her husband, The Rev Chris Slane, will assist me, along with Susanna+. It's exciting to consider how diverse our altar will be on Sunday! Healing too.

So, there's good news on two fronts: we will have the opportunity to offer a warm homecoming welcome to Melanie+ and Chris+ AND we will Baptize a baby into the Body of Christ in the language of her family's heart.

Joyfully,

**Valori+**



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### Over 25,000 Meals Packed and Sent!

A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this year's RAH meal packing event a success. We had volunteers from the Episcopal

Church of the Advent, St. Mark's Episcopal, of course, Emmanuel!

We committed to 25,000 meals and through your help we did it! It was wonderful to see what we can accomplish when we are all together.

Special thanks to Mark Rackers, Kathleen Martin, Stephanie Jeude, Jennifer Padrucco, Jerre Birdsong, and Janice Evans (Church of the Advent).

[Click here to see all pictures from the event!](#)



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### Youth Sunday Pictures

Thank you to all our incredible youth and talented musicians for your contributions to this year's Youth Sunday! We had such great feedback from parents and grandparents that we are looking at more ways to include our talented youth in the service. Stay tuned for more information soon.

[Click here to see pictures from Youth Sunday.](#)  
[Please upload your own if you have them!](#)



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### Summer Activity Box

Looking for something for your child or grandchild to do this summer? Sign up to receive a summer activity box from Emmanuel. The boxes will be put together by Katie Gregston and available for pickup in a few weeks.

[Fill out this google form to register for a box!](#)

You can also email Katie Gregston for more information.



**JUSTICE AND EQUITY**

# WEAR ORANGE

SAVE the DATE

**Sunday, June 1, 2025**

**Wear Orange in support  
of Gun Violence Prevention**

**Any shade of orange!**

**[Click here to shop](#)**

**GVP t-shirts**

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## **More on Scam Protection**

Two weeks ago, Valori+ warned us about email phishing and scams using her incorrect email address with the intent of getting **your** information! If you open or forward such an email, change your password!! Today, we all need to be savvy consumers of emails, news and social media.

Here's a quick 4 minute TedTalk entitled [How false news can spread](#). If you receive an email or read something on social media and aren't sure it's for real...the best thing to do is stop, look at the source, listen to your gut, read what you see out loud, and if still unsure, ask a friend! Be safe out there!



**PILGRIMAGE TO ENGLAND**





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Group Number **26004**



**We are pleased to announce the first ever Emmanuel pilgrimage to England.** This pilgrimage invites individuals and families to step out together, exploring not only the rich history of our faith but also deepening their connections with one another. It also serves as an educational opportunity, where personal reflection intertwines with the teachings of our Christian history, encouraging each traveler to gain deeper insights into their faith. Let this adventure spark excitement and inspiration, as it promises to be a powerful step in your spiritual journey, drawing you closer to God and to each other in a shared quest for understanding and connection!

**[If you are interested, please fill out this poll!](#)**

More information is available below:

- [Informational Brochure](#)
- [Flyer](#)
- [Registration Guide](#)

Please email [Valori+](#) or [Katie Gregston](#) with any questions or concerns.

## **DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **Pride Night with the STL Cardinals vs. The LA Dodgers**

June 6, 2025

7:15 PM

\$20-\$45 (TBD and depending on group rate and if

you want the Pride Jersey)

Join us to celebrate Pride Month with St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium. All are welcome.

Email [Michelle Hampton](#) for more information and to register by May 16th.



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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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