

# WEEKLY E-NEWS

## September 4th, 2025



EMMANUEL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Webster Groves, MO



### HELPFUL LINKS

[Bulletin for 13th Sunday After Pentecost, September 7th](#)

[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 7th

8:00am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:30am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30am - Valori's 20th Anniversary Celebration in the Parish Hall

11:30am - Dutch Treat Brunch at Llywelyn's Pub

1:00pm - Grace and Prayer Retreat Opening

#### September 10th

7:05pm - Adult Choir practice resumes!

### THIS WEEK AT EEC

#### Letters of Love

Thank you to everyone that sent notes and letters of love for Tyson. We will continue to take them as long as Tyson needs.

Emailed messages should be sent to [kgregston@emmanuelepiscopal.org](mailto:kgregston@emmanuelepiscopal.org) and Katie will print them. Handwritten notes and letters should be dropped into one of the bins labeled Team Tyson. There will be a bin in the narthex, Parish Hall, and Katie's office.



**Tyson also has a CaringBridge page that you can use to keep up with Tyson, pray for his recovery, and donate. You will need to create an account to access the page.**

CELEBRATE OUR RECTOR'S  
*20th ordination anniversary*



Sunday, Sept 7

10:30 am

in the  
Parish Hall  
Dining Room

JOIN US!  
Cake and snacks  
provided



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**Homecoming and Ministry Fair 2025 on 9/21**

Thank you to everyone that has already signed up to bring a side dish or dessert. We still need volunteers to help fill out our table for Homecoming. Please think about bringing something, even if it is just a bag of chips!

We can also use helpers for setup and cleanup. Remember, "many hands make light work"! Please signup using the below link or email [Elliot](#).

[I will bring a side and/or dessert!](#)



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**Flowers for the Altar**

Looking for a way to express love for your family or honor the memory of a loved one? Consider donating the altar flowers for a Sunday. It is a great way to help enhance our worship while also giving thanks or memorializing a loved one. We need donors on the following dates:

- October 12th and 19th
- November 16th, 23rd, and 30th
- December 14th, 21st, 28th



The cost for both vases is \$130/week. However, if that amount is difficult, please contact Peg Cooper and she will help make arrangements for you.

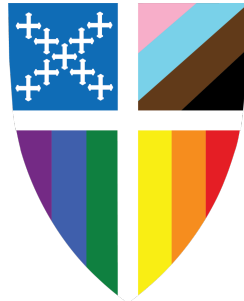
### Acolytes Wanted!

Kids in 4th grade and older are invited to train as an acolyte. Being an acolyte is a unique opportunity that enables kids to strengthen their understanding of our Episcopal faith, helps them learn how to effectively communicate with adults, and it's a lot of fun! No experience needed, all training and assistance is provided. Please contact

[Amy Ryan](#), [Pam Belloli](#), or [Katie Gregston](#) if you are interested.



## EPISCOPAL IDENTITY NEWS



Dear Emmanuel family,

This is the first in a short series of articles answering some often-heard questions on issues of membership in our church and Episcopal polity. These are important to clarify ahead of our Annual Parish Meeting in January.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Many of our newcomers have asked how to become a member. The answer is: that depends... Episcopalians need a letter of transfer, which we do from our office upon your request. Transfers from other denominations need only to state their commitment to me to be added to our rolls.

**VOTING:** The Episcopal Church was originally modeled after the newly forming American government, immediately following the Revolutionary War, when establishing our own identity, separate from the British, was crucial. That is why TEC (The Episcopal Church) is bi-cameral: the House of Deputies (priests and lay people) and the House of Bishops (only bishops). This gives the people a voice and vote in the direction of the life of the Church.

Canonical authority in our church has three levels, much like our American culture, each one answering to a higher authority. It looks like this:

Parish governance (vestry and clergy)	is akin to	Civil level of law
Diocesan governance (Bishop, delegates)	is akin to	State level of law
TEC governance (General Convention)	is akin to	Federal level of law

**COMMUNICANT IN GOOD STANDING:** Every January at our Annual Parish Meeting, we vote in new vestry members as well as delegates to diocesan convention. A person must be a “communicant in good standing” to vote. Here is how that is defined in our canons:

**Sec. 3.** All Members of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered Communicants in Good Standing.

“Faithful in worship” includes worshiping online with us. “Giving” refers to financial giving, and “faithful working” means participation in ministries of the church.

If you have ANY questions, please contact me. I’m happy to talk with you about all of this! **Valori+**

## FROM LAST WEEK

**CORRECTION - Last week the incorrect day for the October tornado relief meal was given. The event will take place on October 17th, not the 19th like was printed. The blurb below now reflects the correct date. Sorry for the confusion.**

### Continuing our Tornado Relief Support

Emmanuel has been asked by Isaiah 58 Ministries to once again provide 50 nutritious luncheon meals to the Fountain Park neighborhood. Volunteers are needed to prepare the meals, package them in go-to containers and distribute them at the Centennial Christian Church which is in the Fountain Park Neighborhood. The more preparers there are, the less cooking each one will need to do. The preparers and deliverers will gather at Emmanuel to package the meals along with fruit and water and then the meals will be taken up to North City.

Emmanuel’s meal days are Friday, September 19th and Friday, October 17th. Pam Penrose will be the event leader for September 19th and Stephanie Jeude will be the leader for October 17th. They will get in touch with those signed up.

Please use the links below to sign up as a preparer or a deliverer or both:

- [September 19th](#)
- [October 17th](#)

Your help is needed to help those who have been impacted by the May 16th tornado. Each meal provided not only nourishes the body, but also the spirit of the community that is continuing to heal and rebuild.





Please contact [Peg Cooper](#) or [Laura McLaughlin](#) with questions.



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### Adult Choir Resumes September 10th

The adult choir will resume rehearsal on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:05 pm, and the choir's first Sunday back for the fall will be September 14th, one week prior to Homecoming Sunday on September 21st. If you are interested in joining the choir, or rejoining after a leave of absence, please see or email Jae Park at [jpark@emmanuelepiscopal.org](mailto:jpark@emmanuelepiscopal.org) to schedule a time for a vocal assessment. We will also discuss your potential to grow and be fully engaged in the choir's music ministry.



**The children's choir** will resume rehearsal on Wednesday, September 24th at 6:30 pm along with the first Fellowship Dinner of the fall season.

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### Honoring Valori

If anyone would like to make a financial contribution honoring Valori's 20th ordination anniversary, please direct it to her "Sabbatical Fund." A 2016 Missouri Diocese Convention resolution states that "Priests accrue two weeks of sabbatical time for each year of service." Emmanuel will support Valori in taking her sabbatical next year.

[You can donate online here](#) or by check. Make checks out to Emmanuel and put Sabbatical Fund in the memo.



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### One Day Only - Episcopal 101!

We are hosting a special one day Episcopal 101 on Saturday, September 27th, from 10am-3pm. If you'd like to know more about the Episcopal Church, its beliefs and traditions, or its history, this class is for you. These classes are also necessary if you would like to be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church. Confirmation will be Wednesday, October 22nd, at Emmanuel.

*Episcopal*  
101

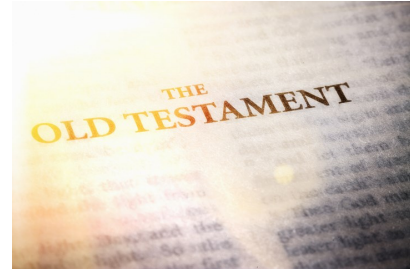


Class will be in-person in the Behold room and

on [Zoom](#). Please contact [Katie](#) for more details or to register!

### Old Testament Bible Study

Starting on September 24th, Emmanuel will be offering an Old Testament Bible Study class. The goal is to help people get a fuller understanding and deeper appreciation of our sacred Scripture from the old testament. Every week we will cover a different lecture (or two) of Amy-Jill Levine's course on the Old Testament from the Great Courses series.



#### Details:

- Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings at 5:00pm ahead of the Fellowship Dinners.
- Meet upstairs in the Behold Room (across from the elevator).
- Each class will last about 50 minutes.
- No need to register, just come to class if you are interested in attending!
- We will decide how many weeks the class will meet based on leadership availability and member interest.

Contact the office if you have questions.

## JUSTICE AND EQUITY

### Prayer Vigil For An End To Gun Violence

September 21, 2025

4:00-6:00pm

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
808 North Mason Rd.,  
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Join us alongside our interfaith siblings for a sacred time of lament, hope, and resolve. Together, we will honor survivors, remember victims, and raise our collective voices for meaningful action to end gun violence and save lives.

Childcare will be provided, and the service will be livestreamed for those joining from home. Light refreshments will be shared following the service.

Hosted by the [Episcopal Diocese of Missouri's Ministry of Gun Violence Prevention](#)



## DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

### 2nd Annual Diocesan Picnic

11:30 – 4:00, September 20, 2025

A day of faith, fun and fellowship at beautiful Camp MoVal, 2659 Camp Mo-Val Rd, Union MO 63084. Connect with friends, old and new, from across the Diocese. Activities for all ages. Rain or Shine!

[Registration and more information can be found here](#). The registration deadline is

Wednesday, Sept 10th.

Cost for this event is only \$20/person with a \$50 max per family (assistance available by request).



# VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

**MOMENT IN TIME GALA**

EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION  
ST. LOUIS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
16	OCT	2025
5 PM - 9 PM		
LIUNA EVENT CENTER SUNSET HILLS, MO		

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- GREETER
- CHECK IN TABLE
- RAFFLE ATTENDANT
- BID SPOTTER

**EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION**  
Providing Hope and Healing for Children in the Juvenile Justice System

**PLEASE EMAIL TO SIGN UP**

[office.manager@ecitymission.org](mailto:office.manager@ecitymission.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.  
314-961-2393 x209 or [www.emmanuelepiscopal.org](http://www.emmanuelepiscopal.org)  
[ebelloli@emmanuelepiscopal.org](mailto:ebelloli@emmanuelepiscopal.org)



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