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In an effort to be as welcoming and invitational as possible to as many people as possible, there are some new improvements that will be coming as of the first Sunday in April...

- ◆ An area of cots will available in case Sunday is a sleep in day;
- ◆ A section of lounge chairs in case pews are too hard;
- ◆ Eye drops will be available in case of tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night;
- ◆ A box of steel helmets in case of concerns that: "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church;"
- ◆ Blankets will be furnished in case church is too cold; and fans in case it is too hot;
- ◆ Scorecards will be available to list any hypocrites present;
- ◆ "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons in case the church is always asking for money;
- ◆ An area devoted to trees and grass to seek God in nature;
- ◆ Hearing aids for those who can't hear the pastor and earplugs for those who think she's too loud.

*And, and, and... APRIL FOOLS'!!!*

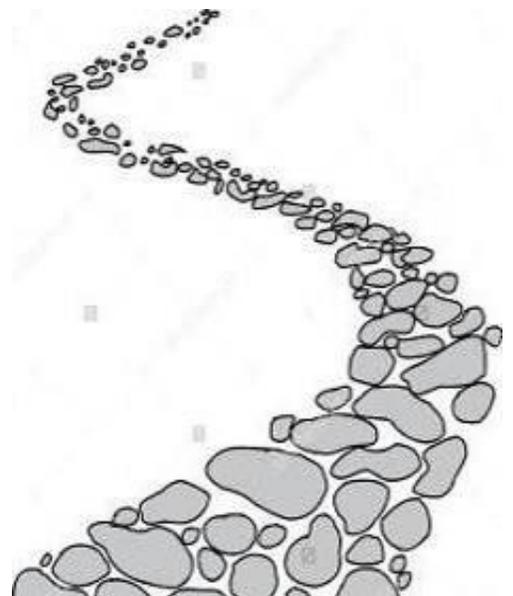
The first Sunday of April is not only April 1<sup>st</sup> (April Fools' Day) but also Easter Sunday and will be a celebration of the joy of the resurrection renewing the whole world.

To keep the laughter going, Holy Humor Sunday will be the following Sunday... so come and bring your best jokes and funny stories to tell as we set aside this Sunday to celebrate God's gift of laughter and joy. This service is a little different as there is space for jokes and laughter in the service. This is a "resurrection" (pun intended) of an old Easter custom begun by early Christians. The week following Easter Sunday was observed as "days of joy and laughter." This was inspired by early Christian preachers who envisioned the risen Christ laughing at the devil. I hope this will be a joyful worship experience!

Humor is holy, dear ones. Laughter is healthy. Laughing together makes our burdens and our hearts lighter and our work. When we can laugh with each other, and at ourselves, surely God smiles. I look forward to sharing joy and laughter on both these Sundays and throughout Eastertide.

*"For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."* ~1 Corinthians 1:25, NRSV

Peace,  
Pastor Jennifer





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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Yes, we are seeing the message of spring in magazines, store displays, and hopefully in the tranquility of our own backyards. The world is reborn with God's presence. Let us welcome the season faithfully in prayer and scripture as we live in God's creation.

Please refer to the newsletter for the list of events in the April. Please think about participating/ attending one of these activities.

I want to emphasize a date that is importance to all of us, Earth Day, April 22. I pray that we all continue to be faithful stewards of God's creation in our homes, communities, and work place. It's the one thing that every person on our planet shares with everyone else; the need for good air, water, and freedom from pollution.

Wishing you Peace in Christ,

**Sue Doyle**

## WELCA NEWS



Six of our members joined the Ladies at UCC for Lunch on March 14. It was a nice time and we discussed doing some activities together. They will join us for our “Community Sewing Project” which is being coordinated by the Library on May 16 and June 13 in our Fellowship Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. We will be sewing “Little Dresses”. **Our next regular WELCA meeting will be THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** We’ll be talking about future projects. Ladies, please join us for this meeting at our new time and join us for the Sewing Projects. Everyone is welcome!

### YOUTH GROUP

Thanks to the youth and their families who helped to serve at the Spaghetti Dinner on the fourth, and the Shepherd’s Table on the eleventh of March!

Please mark your calendars: our youth-led service will be on 4/15! The band will practice with Lugene on 4/7, and all youth will practice on 4/14 and 4/15. All congregation members are invited to bring a friend for this special occasion!

Caren Listopadzki

**Book Club** Book Club will meet again on Thursday, April 19, at 12:30, at the home of Margaret Davies. Margaret lives at 975 Grove St., Elmira 14901. Her phone # is 398-8117. Please RSVP to Margaret if you are coming. Remember to bring your lunch! Also - and this is something new - write the name and author of one book you would especially like us to read on a slip of paper. We will put all suggestions in a hat and draw one out. (We always have SO MANY good suggestions for our next book, and this new method may expedite the selection process.) ;>) YOU are encouraged to come! You will be glad you did! The book we will read and review for April 19 is, To Heaven and Back, by Mary C. Neal, M.D.

#### *New York Times* bestseller

**A kayak accident during a South American adventure takes one woman to heaven—where she experienced God’s peace, joy, and angels—and back to life again.**

In 1999 in the Los Rios region of southern Chile, orthopedic surgeon, devoted wife, and loving mother Dr. Mary Neal drowned in a kayak accident. While cascading down a waterfall, her kayak became pinned at the bottom and she was immediately and completely submerged. Despite the rescue efforts of her companions, Mary was underwater for too long, and as a result, died.

*To Heaven and Back* is Mary’s remarkable story of her life’s spiritual journey and what happened as she moved from life to death to eternal life, and back again. Detailing her feelings and surroundings in heaven, her communication with angels, and her deep sense of sadness when she realized it wasn’t her time, Mary shares the captivating experience of her modern-day miracle.

Mary’s life has been forever changed by her newfound understanding of her purpose on earth, her awareness of God, her closer relationship with Jesus, and her personal spiritual journey suddenly enhanced by a first-hand experience in heaven. *To Heaven and Back* will acquaint you with the hope, wonder, and promise of heaven, while enriching your own faith and walk with God.

## **Meredith Rector's blog from Nicaragua- meredithrector.blogspot.com**

– Meredith is working with Manna Project International as a project manager.

Her Projects include Lacrosse the nations (<https://www.lacrossethenations.org>) a sports and team building fundraiser for the local area; Womens (girls) health education classes, and public and private tutoring in English speaking.

### **Healthy Congregations Workshop:**

#### ***Healthy Congregations Respond to Anxiety and Change***

St. Paul's Lutheran, Liverpool, NY

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 9a-3p

The second of four workshops being offered in 2018, it builds on a new way of thinking about congregations: as a living system. The workshop encourages a congregation's health by responding (rather than reacting) to anxiety and change, by managing conflict (rather than denying or avoiding it) and by promoting flexibility and creativity. ***Participants do not need to have attended the first workshop to attend or benefit from this one!***

The workshops are designed for churches living through 'such a time as this': a time of rapid changes and offer a new way of thinking about both the congregation and its leadership.

Pastor Jennifer will be driving and is happy to take passengers! Please contact her if you are interested. Registrations need to be received by April 9th. Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch.

### **EMANUEL CALENDAR**

We now have an online calendar of events on our church website at [www.emanuelcoming.org](http://www.emanuelcoming.org).

It is located under the events/news tab. To see all the details of the event, just click on the event.

If you'd like to add an event to the church calendar, please e-mail Brenda Passmore at

[bpassmore@stny.rr.com](mailto:bpassmore@stny.rr.com) or call 962-1021 or contact Mary Ellen Brennan at

[meb3116@gmail.com](mailto:meb3116@gmail.com) or call 654-7995.

To reserve the Fellowship Hall for a non-church related event, please contact

Brenda Passmore.



## **Holy Humor Sunday, April 8th**

This ongoing celebration of Jesus' resurrection promises to be one fun day! Come ready to share your favorite jokes and funny stories in worship for our **FIRST EVER** Holy Humor Sunday.

Holy Humor Sunday resurrects an old Easter custom from Greek times called "Bright Sunday." For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed as "days of Joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' "Easter laugh." Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, told jokes, sang and danced.

So join the party on April 8<sup>th</sup>! There will be time during worship to share the jokes and funny stories you bring, jokes in the sermon, and maybe even kazoos! Zip ah dee do dah! See you in church.

## **Curious about membership at ELC?**

If you are interested in joining the family of faith at Emanuel Lutheran, we'd love to have you. Everyone is welcome here at ELC! Please contact Pastor Jennifer with your interest and best contact information... she is currently working on scheduling a new member orientation and a Sunday to welcome new members. Join us on the journey to know Christ and make Christ known!

## ***Sister in Heart 5th Annual Tea Sunday April 22, 11:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall***

*How good are you at you at keeping a secret?* The Women's ministry of Emanuel Lutheran would like to introduce you to our Sisters in Heart secret prayer partner ministry. It is basically the exchange of names within a ladies group where you pray for them daily. This will be a year-long commitment and open to all the ladies of our congregation. We will meet April 22 for lunch to draw our names for the coming year, and then meet once a year to reveal our secret sister to one another and draw another name for the following year.

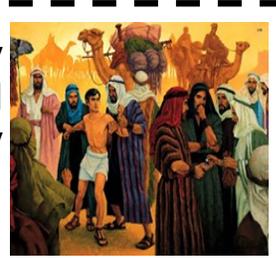
The main focus is on providing Christian support to one another through PRAYER! We pray daily for our Sister in Heart and give encouragement by way of cards and notes throughout the year. If you participated last year, but will not participate this year, please come and reveal yourself to your sister in heart. **But any lady of the congregation may come and join us for lunch, just sign up!**

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to call Mary Ellen Brennan at (607) 654-7995 or [meb3116@gmail.com](mailto:meb3116@gmail.com). Last year 19 ladies of our congregation participated and we had 24 join us for lunch. We hope this year you too will consider being a Sister In Heart.

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy..." Philippians 1:3-4*



The next monthly Old Testament Bible Study will be in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from noon until 1pm. We'll begin the story of Joseph in Genesis, chapters 37 through 43. Bring a bad lunch and a friend.



## LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION®

# TOOL SALE



- ◆ Saturday, **April 7<sup>th</sup>** we'll have a tool rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall. We have many tools so far, but we can always use a few more. If you have some to
- ◆ donate let any member of MIM know and we'll pick them up. We also need volunteers to take some of what we have to clean them up as needed. Proceeds from this
- ◆ effort will go to our Nicaragua Project.
- ◆ And don't forget, Oktoberfest returns this year. It'll be just as much fun as the first one – and maybe more so. It's an evening of good German food and music.



As you can see, we're going to be quite busy in 2018, and much of our effort

revolves around food. (We are Lutherans, after all.) As always, all men all welcome to be a part of our group. We can certainly put new members to work.

## **Vanderkamp Announces 2018 Camp Schedule**

Uniquely Vanderkamp combines traditional kamp experiences (archery, arts & crafts, canoeing, nature hikes...) with more modern opportunities (role play games [RPGs], Live Action Role Play [LARP], STEM maker spaces, or culinary arts). Don't forget Vanderkamp's exciting all-kamp activities like our unique and captivating evening games! Each day kampers come together in celebration of their Christian faith during morning devotions, Bible study, and evening worship. Read more about this the summer sessions at [Vanderkamp](#).



## **Can Tab Collection Project!**

We are again collecting can tabs in preparation for the Synod Assembly in June of 2018. An announcement of where the proceeds will be sent will be made by Synod at a future time. I have placed a collecting bin in the nartex. When it gets full, I place the tabs in plastic bags, to be taken to the Synod Assembly. I have many bags to be filled, so please keep bringing the tabs!

Caren Listopadzki

**Green Team Meeting – Sunday, April 8 after church in the Lounge.**

## **Mental Health First Aid Workshop**

This workshop will be presented free of charge by 'Project AWARE' on Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 8AM – 5PM, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Binghamton.

This workshop is open to any community members, so if you have any friends who might be interested, please invite them to attend. The presenters need at least 15 and at the most 30 people to attend. Anybody who would like to attend, please provide me with your name and contact information, so that I can provide this to the organizer.

Caren Listopadzki

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Estep	4/1
Shirley Bobrick	4/10
Theresa Welfling	4/10
Emma Kephart	4/11
Kimberly Hufnagel	4/12
Annabel Groeger	4/15
Betty Andrukat	4/17
Hudson Clark	4/17
Brandon Townsend	4/20
Amy Brandes	4/21
Cindy Tyler	4/21
LeeAnn Tyler	4/26
Meredith Rector	4/27
Merle Becker	4/28
Rachelle Dillon	4/29
Stefan Becker	4/29
Olivia Baldwin	4/30
Meghan Tyler	4/30



## ANNIVERSARYS

*Happy Anniversary!!*

Caren & Dariusz Listopadzki	4/29 1995
Vickie & Fred Ahrens	4/24 1993



## MIM TOOL SALE

The long-awaited Men in Mission tool sale is finally here: Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8am until 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. At the end of the sale, all remaining tools will be sold at auction as a single lot. All the money realized from this sale will go to the MIM Nicaragua Project. MIM will accept donations for this project through June. Checks should be made out to Emanuel Lutheran Church and designated "MIM".



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## Earth Day Message

**April 22, 2018**

The Earth Day theme for 2018 is “End Plastic Pollution”<sup>1</sup>. Plastic pollution harms us by getting into the waterways, then as it flows to the sea, kills and injures wildlife, and endangers our safety as well. It happens slowly building each day in front of our eyes but not so fast as to alarm us.

But in fact, by 2050 it is estimated that there will be more plastic in the world oceans than fish!!

Human beings create plastic waste at an astounding rate, as of 2015, the total produced was estimated to be 6300 MILLION TONS!! Of that 80% accumulates in landfills and the environment.

We need to re-cycle more. We propose that Emanuel Lutheran church adopt a highway stretch for 2 miles for 2 years!

The plastic makes its way to the ocean, where it is trapped and is eaten by marine animals (one of our food sources!). In the ocean, the plastic is broken into smaller and smaller pieces until it can enter the bloodstream of fish and other organisms, bringing along the toxins it has absorbed!

<sup>1</sup>Established by EDN- Earth Day Network

### *An Ecumenical Earth Day Message*

From Creation Justice Ministries- A Christian organization that brings together 38 Christian denominations, learn more at [www.creationjustice.org](http://www.creationjustice.org)

Each year, Creation Justice Ministries, an ecumenical branch of the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice program provides Earth Day Sunday celebration resources.

The Ecumenical Earth Day Message theme each year is chosen by leaders from member denominations based on the most pressing issues for the year. The theme for 2018 is “Sense of Place”, described as getting to know your LOCAL public lands and waters, participating in garden ministries, caring for roads and waterways, and protecting nearby threatened and endangered species.

The urgency of the need for “Sense of Place” is expressed as;

“On any given day in the United States, it is possible to drink coffee from Guatemala, while wearing clothes made in Bangladesh, while sheltered under a roof that was made in China. The average US adult devotes approximately ten hours a day to consuming media (inside), spends 87% of their time indoors, and passes another 6% of their time inside a vehicle.

Today, connecting with our local communities requires intention”.

Sources available upon request

# April Stewards

Date	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29	May 6
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Libby Zink Jacob Hufnagel Elizabeth Rudnick Deacon Caren Listopadzki	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long
Worship Assistant	Caren Listopadzki	Brenda Passmore		Mary Ellen Brennan	Sue Doyle	Caren Listopadzki
Reader	Carrie Smith	Libby Zink	Lainey Zink Richard Sauer Melina Schwesinger	Lainey Zink	Carole Adler	Theresa Welfling
Acolyte	Ben Hufnagel	Georg Sauer	Ben Hufnagel	Libby Zink	Solenne Becker	Richard Sauer
Greeter	Gisela Smith	Theresa Welfling	Gage Machuga	Charlotte Estep	Levon Garner	Betty Gremer
Prime Time With God		Kim Hufnagel	Sue Doyle	NO	PT	Jodi Machuga
Usher	Lew Brandes	Augie Andrukat	Josephine Sauer	Tom Kleckner	Jim Passmore	Duane Miller
Altar Guild	Garner/ L'Amoreaux	Garner/ L'Amoreaux	Garner/ L'Amoreaux	Garner/ L'Amoreaux	Garner/ L'Amoreaux	Miller/ Gremer
Counters	Brandes Team	Garner/ Hamilton	Andrukat/ Kleckner	Passmore Team	Rector/ Doyle	Groeger Team

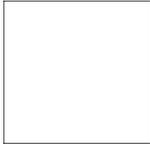
**If you are scheduled to serve in some capacity and find that you will be unable to attend, please call someone to substitute for you. Thank you!**

# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday Service 10am	2  WW	3  Office Hrs 10-12am	4 Ecumenical Brown Bag Lunch Confirmation Class 4:30-6	5 Pastor's Office Hours  WELCA Meeting 1pm	6	7 TOOL SALE 8am-2pm
8 Service 10am Green Team Meeting 11am	9  WW	10 Office Hrs 10-12am Bible Study Noon SEW 5-8	11  Heartfulness Meditation 6:30-8:30	12  Pastor's Office Hours	13	14
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22 Service 10am Sisters in Heart 11am	23  WW	24  Office Hrs 10-12am SEW 5-8	25  Heartfulness Meditation 6:30-8:30	26  Pastor's Office Hours	27	28
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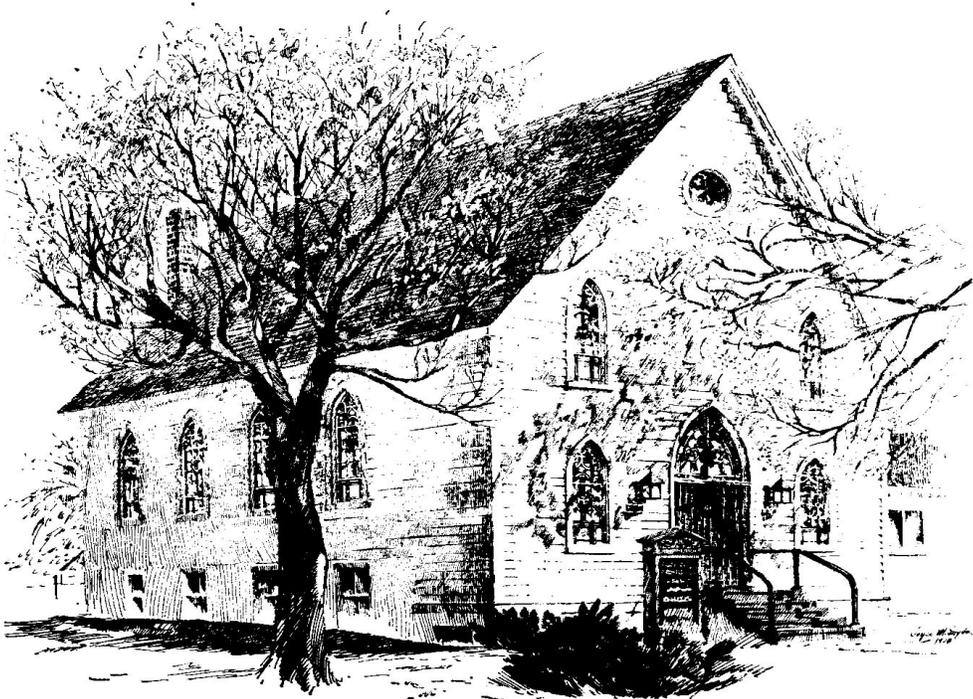
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