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I believe, I believe, I believe...

What is it that you believe? What experiences and/or scriptures have you hung that belief on over the course of your life? Being part of a church means that we share some common beliefs about who God is, whose we are, and that this life journey is enhanced by sharing it with others who share those beliefs.

On Pentecost, Emanuel Lutheran Church will welcome young people into membership through the rite of confirmation. Part of the work of each confirmand is to write their own statement of faith. It is not meant to be a 'once and for all' listing of what they will believe now and forevermore, but rather a reflection of where their faith finds them now, and hopefully a place they can go back to and see how they have grown and changed or remained the same in those beliefs over the years.

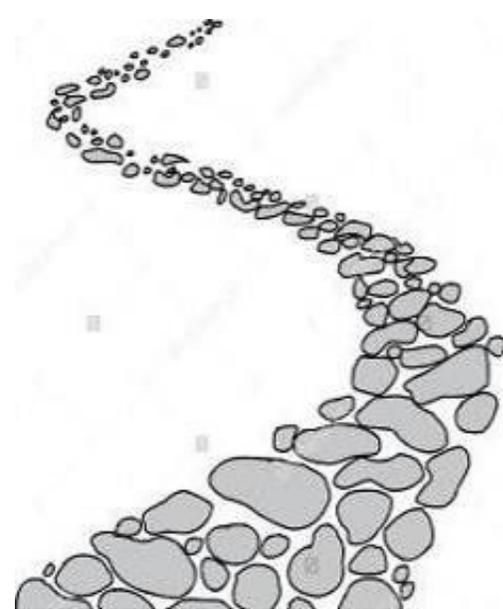
Below you will find the statement of faith thought starters given to the confirmands... I commend them to you for your reflection. How would you put your faith into words? How might you have done so at the time of your confirmation? May you know God's presence on the journey!

With reference to at least three or four of the following sources of faith, put your own core beliefs into words. John 3:16, Psalm 23, 100; 1 Corinthians 1:25-31, 11:23-26, 13; Matthew 5:3-16, 25:31-46; Mark 1:15; Romans 8:31-39; Micah 6:6-8. Write no fewer than three sentences for each heading:

1. What I believe about God (Creator)...
2. What I believe about Jesus (Redeemer, about his birth, life, death, resurrection)...
3. What I believe about the Holy Spirit (Sustainer) ...
4. What I believe about following Jesus (being a disciple)...
5. What I believe about the church...
6. What I believe happens after death...
7. What I believe about sin and God's forgiveness...
8. What I believe about eternal life...

Peace,

Pastor Jennifer





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Vice-President's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I hope you took the opportunity to enjoy the events at Emanuel of the last month. One occasion of note was our first ever "Holy Humor Sunday".

A fun time was had by all who attended and participated.

A special "Thank-you" to Pastor Jennifer for coordinating the service, which was a rousing success.

Moving forward, on May 20th we celebrate Confirmation with our new class of confirmands! It is a journey of faith and self-examination. Congratulations to Solenne Becker, Abigail McKenna, Elizabeth Rudnick, George Sauer, and Celine Schwesinger.

On a personal note, our family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all your prayers for Meredith's safe return from Nicaragua. They we indeed answered – Praise Be To God! Please keep the people of Nicaragua in your prayers.

God's Peace

Sue Doyle

WELCA NEWS



Our regular meeting was on Thursday, April 7th at 1:00 pm. Thrivent funds purchased fleece for Phyllis G. and Phyllis B. to make blankets for the confirmands (confirmation on May 20, 2018), plus personal-care items which were donated to the Salvation Army. Two “Community Sewing Projects” (which are being coordinated by the Library) will take place on May 16 and June 13 in our Fellowship Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. We will be sewing “Little Dresses”. Our annual dinner, for all ladies of the congregation, is being scheduled for sometime in June (Eileen S. to make arrangements with Fran’s Landing).

Ladies, please join us for our next regular WELCA meeting on THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Book Club Nine women met in April to discuss our last book. Thank you, Margaret, for your gracious hospitality! Sharing personal stories about To Heaven and Back, was awesome!

The Book Club will meet again on Thursday, May 31, at 12:30, at the home of Becky Patterson. Becky lives at 149 Daffodil Drive in Horseheads. Please bring your lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. AND, please bring the name and author of a book you would recommend that we read in the future. Just write it on a slip of paper, and we will draw the next book out of a "hat".

The book we will review and discuss on May 31st is, **Blessings**, by Anna Quindlen. Amazon's synopsis follows:

Blessings, the bestselling novel by the author of *Black and Blue*, *One True Thing*, *Object Lessons*, and *A Short Guide to a Happy Life*, begins when, late at night, a teenage couple drives up to the estate owned by Lydia Blessing and leaves a box.

In this instant, the world of the estate called Blessings is changed forever. The story of Skip Cuddy, the Blessings caretaker, who finds a baby asleep in that box and decides he wants to keep her, and of matriarch Lydia Blessing, who, for her own reasons, decides to help him, Blessings explores how the secrets of the past affect decisions and lives in the present; what makes a person, a life, legitimate or illegitimate, and who decides; the unique resources people find in themselves and in a community. This is a powerful novel of love, redemption, and personal change by the Pulitzer Prize-winning writer about whom *The Washington Post Book World* said, “Quindlen knows that all the things we ever will be can be found in some forgotten fragment of family.”

Hope to see YOU on the 31st!

Interested in membership here at ELC?

If so, new members will be received into our family of faith on May 13th during worship. Please contact Pastor Jennifer if you would like to become a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Green Team Minutes April 8, 2018

Attendees: Sue Doyle, John Rector, Caren Listopadzki

The meeting started after service and topics discussed were as follows:

1) April 22nd- Earth Day Sunday; Sue talked to Linda L'Amoreaux (Altar Guild) about an interest in switching to glass communion cups over plastic cups, which has come up in the past. Sue will contact Brenda regarding having glass cups in the Altar Guild Room on or before April 15th so that they will be ready for the service on the 22nd. This is a one-time event for now, but we'd like to influence altar Guild to move toward permanent replacement of plastic, the scourge of the world's oceans.

2) Adopt A Highway- John R emailed and called NYSDOT and has found an available area on Rt 414 north of Corning. Details for the 2 mile stretch of road will be forthcoming. Training is required for all people involved, safety equipment must be worn, and no horseplay is tolerated. Other details will be outlined in a separate communication once we have all the information.

From NYSDOT:

a) Yes the group will do both sides of the road. The first sign will be set at 2041 heading north on 414 and the second sign will be at 2061 heading south.

b) We will meet with you before you go out picking. We have a couple safety bulletins that address Infectious materials/Bloodborne pathogens and tick related diseases. There is a sign in sheet for your members to sign.

c) You choose the date that you want. You just have to let us know in advance so that you can pick up your safety supplies at the Coopers residency and our employees can come out and pick up the trash.

d) MM 2041 will start by the Oldfield Cemetery and Kerrick Road northbound. Southbound will start around Buck Hollow road MM 2061.

e) I will need you to fill out and sign the form. f) Information can be found at: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/adopt-highway>

3) Meeting with WELCA leaders- A meeting is suggested to discuss changing from plastic kitchen materials to recyclable or preferably compostable materials. We can provide alternate suppliers for all items needed with WELCA's approval, including hot and cold cups and tops of any size, etc. We need ongoing education and discussion in our church to transition from a trash and recycle, to recycle and compost methodology. Use of plastics is strongly discouraged. Casella is our disposal service, we need to understand their trash/composting process.

EMANUEL CALENDAR

We now have an online calendar of events on our church website at www.emanuelcorning.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 bpasmore@stny.rr.com or call 962-1021 or contact Mary Ellen Brennan at meb3116@gmail.com or call 654-7995.

"God's Work, Our Hands" - Sunday, September 9, 2018
 This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.



Below is an order form in case you need a yellow GWOH shirt. They'll be printed with our church name on the back. We'll wear our shirts to church on Sunday, September 9th and pose for a group photo on the church steps after worship! You'll also get the chance to wear them at the **Food Bank of the Southern Tier on Saturday, September 8th from 9am- 11am.** To participate at the Food Bank, you'll need to sign-up on the link located on our church website www.emanuelcorning.org on the events page. Let Brenda Passmore know if you have any problems with that. Also let her know any other ideas about ways we can serve our neighbors and community! We would love to add some other service projects to our schedule!



God's work. Our hands. T-shirt order



Name: _____

Phone no. _____ E-mail: _____

T-shirts are \$7.75 each unless otherwise noted. Please check size and list quantity:

<input type="checkbox"/> youth small	quantity: _____	Total: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> youth medium	quantity: _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> youth large	quantity: _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult small	quantity: _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> adult medium	quantity: _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> adult large	quantity: _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> adult XL	quantity: _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2XL(add \$2), <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL (add \$3) <input type="checkbox"/> 4XL (add \$4) <input type="checkbox"/> 5XL (add \$4.50)	quantity: _____	_____
Total amount:		_____

Place your order in the collection plate or mail to the church. Make checks payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church and write t-shirt order on the memo line.

All orders must be received by Sunday, June 17th. T-shirts will take about 3 weeks from the date of order placement.





Our Old Testament Studies continue on Tuesday, May 8th at noon. We shift our attention from Genesis and the stories of the Garden, Noah, and the prophets Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to Exodus and Moses.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION®

It's been a good 2018 so far for Men in Mission. Our two projects for the Manna International project in Nicaragua have been almost completed. The spaghetti dinner and tool sale raised \$475 and \$2,203 respectively. All that remains is the money transfer and shipment of the shirts and lacrosse sticks. We're still working on the best way to do each.

Next on our plate is a soup and sandwich luncheon after worship on Sunday, June 3rd. The donations from this event will go into the capital campaign earmarked for the impending replacement of the church copy machine. The existing one works but is old and no longer supported by the manufacturer for spare parts.

Also, ahead is Oktoberfest 2 to be held September 22nd. MIM will take the lead in this, but much help will be needed. We will try to get a group together in May or early June to start serious planning. That needs to be done before school is over and summer vacations begin. More on this elsewhere in the newsletter.

John Rector has accepted the position of MIM president.

The much anticipated – and often postponed – Oktoberfest 2 will be held on Saturday, September 22nd in the Fellowship Hall.

If you attended the last one in 2014, you know what a great time we had. This time promises to be even better. We'll again have German food and real Oktoberfest beverages. If you'd be willing to work on the planning of this event, see Bill Groeger.



Flower Chairman Change



Please welcome Theresa Welfling as your new Flower Chairman. Phyllis Brandes is stepping down and Theresa will be the main contact about flowers now. Please let her know of your flower dedications before the scheduled date so that she can get the dedication in the bulletin on the proper Sunday.



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

Mental Health First Aid Workshop

This workshop will be presented free of charge by 'Project AWARE' on Saturday June 30th, 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

OVERVIEW

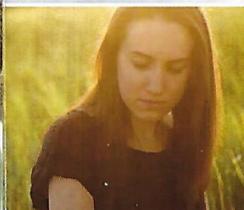
Project AWARE offers a comprehensive 8-hour mental health first aid training to:

- Improve mental health literacy of adults who interact with transitional-age (16-25 years) youth
- Improve the capacity of adults to respond to behavioral health needs of transitional- age youth
- Promote early help-seeking behavior which may reduce rates of suicide, substance use and homelessness
- Link transitional-age youth with behavioral health assistance and services

Mental Health First Aid

What will you learn?

- Be able to identify risk factors and warning signs of mental health concerns
- Get information on depression, anxiety, trauma, psychosis, and substance use
- A five (5)-step action plan to help someone developing a mental health concern or crisis
 1. Assess for risk of suicide or harm
 2. Listen non-judgmentally
 3. Give reassurance and information
 4. Encourage appropriate professional help
 5. Encourage self-help and other support strategies
- Become aware of available evidence-based professional, peer, and self-help resources
- Crisis First Aid for:
 - Traumatic Events
 - Acute Psychosis
 - Overdose and Withdrawal



May BIRTHDAYS

Erica Groeger	5/1
Heather Lutz	5/1
Michelle Champlain	5/2
Madisen Jones	5/4
Joshua Daw	5/8
Terri Radke	5/8
Benjamin Hufnagel	5/10
Laura Clark	5/14
Lindsay Miller	5/18
Susan Doyle-Rector	5/21
Leon Smith	5/28



ANNIVERSARYS

Deidre & Jerry Tinz	5/1
Mary Ellen & Mike Brennan	5/9
Phyllis & Bill Groeger	5/21

Happy Anniversary!!

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](#).



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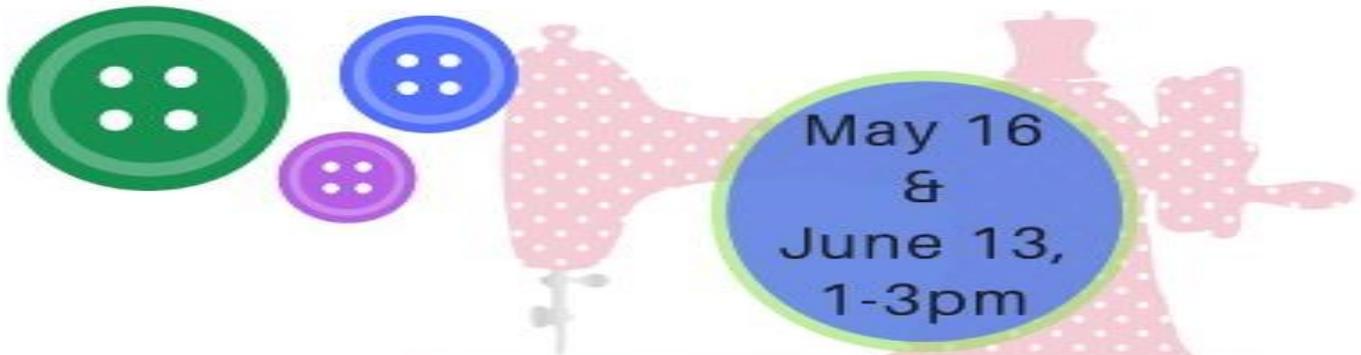
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CHURCH TRIP

If you've ever been to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, you know what awesome and inspiring productions they put on. The Brandes' and Groegers recently attended the current showing of *JESUS* and came away moved. Their production of *NOAH* returns in March of 2019. We'd like to see if there's any interest in getting a group from Emanuel to make the trip down. We can make it a long day trip or stay overnight. Date is flexible. If you'd like a sneak peek, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FN2wfiKDfQ8> or just Google 'Sight & Sound Theater'. Ticket prices vary but we think they're about \$60.00. We'll find out all pertinent details and let you know in the next newsletter. Good seats go fast. Let the Brandes' or Groegers know if you're interested.

Southeast Steuben County Library Presents



Community Sewing with Women of the ELCA

Learn how to sew with the Women of ELCA at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Corning. Sewing machines, fabric, and thread will be provided or bring your own. Discover dress making techniques and help construct clothing for children in Africa.

Join us at Emanuel Lutheran Church
149 W William St., Corning, NY 14830



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The library is handicapped accessible. If you require special accommodations, please call us in advance: (607)936-3713.



May Stewards

Date	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3	June 10	
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	
Worship Assistant	Mary Ellen Brennan	Kim Hufnagel	Sue Doyle	Caren Listopadzki	Brenda Passmore	Mary Ellen Brennan	
Reader	Theresa Welfling	Carol Witt	Phyllis Brandes	Mary Ellen Brennan	Libby Zink	Sue Doyle	
Acolyte	Richard Sauer	Jacob Hufnagel	Georg Sauer	Celine Schwesinger	Lainey Zink	Ben Hufnagel	
Greeter	Betty Gremer	Augie Andrukat	Gisela Smith	Lee Ann Tyler	Ann Roberson	Phyllis Brandes	
Prime Time With God	Jodi Machuga	Prime Time With God returns in the Fall					
Usher	Duane Miller	Mike Brennan	Jacob Hufnagel	Jim Passmore	John Rector	Augie Andrukat	
Altar Guild	Miller/Gremer	Miller/Gremer	Miller/Gremer	Miller/Gremer	Adler/Brandes	Adler/Brandes	
Counters	Groeger Team	Garner/Hamilton	Miller Team	Rector/Doyle	Andrukat/Kleckner	Passmore Team	

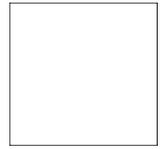
If you are scheduled to serve in some capacity and find that you will be unable to attend, please call someone to substitute for you. Thank you!

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office 10am-12	2 Ecumenical Brown Bag Lunch Heartfulness Meditation 6:30pm – 8:30pm	3 Pastor's office hours. WELCA Meeting 1pm – 3pm	4	5 Boy Scouts
6 10am Worship	7 WW 5:30	8 Office 10am-12 Bible Study Noon	9 Heartfulness Meditation 6:30pm – 8:30pm	10 Pastor's office hours Church Council Meeting 6pm – 8pm	11	12
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20 10am Worship Confirmation	21 WW 5:30	22 Office 10am-12	23 Heartfulness Meditation 6:30pm – 8:30pm	24 Pastor's office hours	25 Red Cross Blood Drive 8am – 5pm	26 Glass City Chorus Event 9am – 12pm
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