

Emanuel's Word

February 2019

*Love, love, love, love; the gospel in a word is love;
Love your neighbor as yourself; love, love, love.*

This is a round I learned when I was young. I remember the specific date, but it may have been on a church family retreat to Shelter Island back in the 70s. Self-dating aside, the ease of which the melody is sung, different voices starting at different places and yielding harmony still touch me all these years later.

It reminds me that in church we all come together from different places to embark on a shared journey. Some things we have in common: a mutual desire to follow Jesus and purpose as a congregation. Other things we do not: we are different ages, have attended different schools, worked different jobs, had different life experiences and are likely at different places on our faith journey. Both what is shared in common (the melody) and the differences (the harmony) are needed; and together they are beautiful.

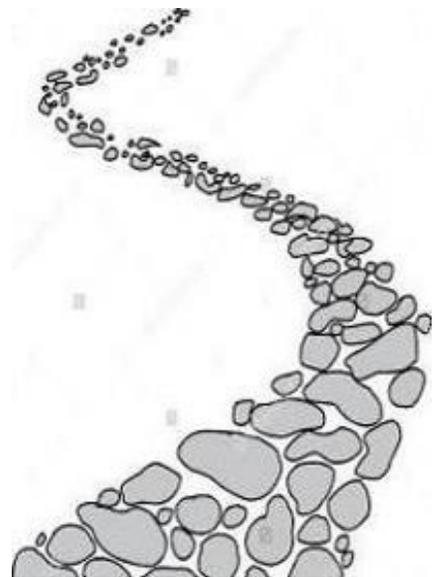
As we move into 2019, may we know the gifts of a song sung in a round. May we know the gifts of melody: a shared song that reminds of our common direction. May we know the gifts of harmony: the variety of gifts that exist and strengthen our family of faith. And may we know the love and beauty that come from encountering both.

“Which commandment is the first of all?”

Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

~Mark 12:28c-31

Peace, Pastor Jennifer





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Council Vice President's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

I write this as the outgoing Council V. P., and extend a Congratulations to Carol Witt, our incoming VP, as she takes on this position.

At the annual meeting Carrie Smith stated that one of our goals for the 2019 year is to “begin the conversation” to see if being a “Reconciling in Christ” congregation is a good fit for us. I encourage all members to prayerfully consider their role in this journey. We live in a faith community that supports the leaders as we guide the congregation towards our chosen goals, and for that we are blessed.

I leave you with a message of the season. “The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.” Isiah 40:8. In the stillness of the winter I find God’s beauty in the blanket of snow, and the sun as it shines on the frost that clings to tree branches. Thanks be to God!! Although shorter, colder days can lead to feelings of solitude, perhaps even loneliness, look out your window!

Find God’s beauty, it is really there!

Peace,

Sue Doyle (Council Vice President)

WELCA NEWS



Our Winterfest Sale is being held on February 1 and 2 with the profits being divided between The Corning Community Food Pantry and Emanuel's Kitchen Fund. We hope to have a successful sale.

The Little Dresses project is continuing as is the Prayer Shawl project. Stay tuned for the date of our next Community Sew. With all the cold weather, it seems like a good time to Sew or Knit...

Our next meeting will be February 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. – Come join us.

BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club get-together will be on Thursday, February 28, at 12:30, at the home of Cindy Slater. Cindy lives at 974 Hudson Acres Drive in Pine City. Please let Cindy know if you plan on attending by phone (734-2621), or by e-mail at cgslater10@yahoo.com. Just bring your lunch and ideas for our next book.

We will read and review the book, Between, Georgia, by Joshilyn Jackson.

Synopsis from Amazon:

Nonny Frett understands the meaning of the phrase "in between a rock and a hard place" better than any woman alive. She's got two mothers, "one deaf-blind and the other four baby steps from flat crazy." She's got two men: a husband who's easing out the back door; and a best friend, who's laying siege to her heart in her front yard. And she has two families: the Fretts, who stole her and raised her right; and the Crabtrees, who won't forget how they were done wrong. Now, in Between, Georgia, a feud that began the night Nonny was born is escalating and threatening to expose family secrets. Ironically, it might be just what the town needs...if only Nonny weren't stuck in between.

***Please Join us for the 6th Annual Sister in Heart Tea
Sunday February 17, 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 attending Emanuel Lutheran. **But any lady attending Emanuel Lutheran may come and join us for brunch. It is a wonderful way to get to meet other women and spend time together.** We are especially pleased since this is our sixth year of the Sister in Heart program! This year we will meet February 17 for brunch to draw our names for the coming year, and then meet again in 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 if you are so inclined, 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.* Last year 18 ladies of our congregation participated while 24 joined us for lunch.

If you haven't signed up or have any questions, please respond by Wednesday, February 13 to Mary Ellen Brennan at (607) 654-7995 or meb3116@gmail.com.

"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

Save the dates!

March 10 and June 23 are the 2019 dates for

SHEPHERD'S TABLE!

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 bpassmore@stny.rr.com or call 962-1021 or contact Mary Ellen Brennan at meb3116@gmail.com or call 654-7995.

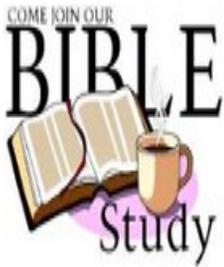


To reserve the Fellowship Hall for a non-church related event, please contact Brenda Passmore.



Happy 100th Birthday Inez Mallon!!!

February Bible Study



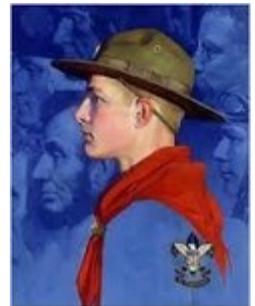
Our February Bible Study will be on Tuesday the 12th at noon.

We'll pick up where we left off with Moses on Sinai. But first we'll begin by taking a look at this event through the eyes and history of both Jews and Muslims.



Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 3rd is National Scout Sunday. We've invited area Boy and Girl Scouts, Cub units and Venture units to join us for worship. Come and meet a great bunch of boys and girls



Near Miss



We recently had a close call in the Fellowship Hall. The boiler stopped working and the temperature was down to 54° on Monday the 14th. If Weight Watchers had not been there, we may have been dealing with a frozen pipe or two. We need one or more volunteers to check the church and fellowship halls each day in this very cold weather.

A Time for Quiet Meditation



When we read the bulletin each Sunday, we notice that just before the greeting there's a time of meditation while the organist plays the Prelude. That means we should end our conversations and quietly prepare ourselves for worship. We can resume our chats after worship.

Green Team Minutes Jan 13, 2019

Attendees: Sue Doyle, John Rector, Theresa Welfling, Pastor Jennifer Long,
The meeting started after service and topics discussed were as follows:

1) Adopt A Highway-

- a) Scheduled spring pick-up day for April 13 between 9 & 12AM. Scout Sunday is first Sunday in February, let's make an announcement then and try to recruit some "new talent".
- b) Share ecumenical announcements during Lenten Soup suppers, put on church Facebook page.
- c) Brenda will provide a flier to advertise date/time to increase participation.
- d) Bring water, snacks, sanitary wipes, leather ankle high boots, long pants taped at the boot, leather gloves, long shirt. We will provide safety vests, and safety helmets.

2) Process for Large dinner clean-up – Provide Compost, Trash, and Recycle containers with instructive signs as to what to dispose in each container.

3) Lutheran Restoring creation – Distribute flyer at annual meeting

4) Communion cups; We have permanently switched to compostable communion cups over plastic cups, we are testing the "compostability" at two locations. Will report on that result in the spring/ summer as that compost is used for planting/seeding of next season's compost pile.

- a) Pastor Jenn asked us to answer foundational questions like;
 - i) What is the principle on which the Green Team is based?
 - ii) What is the group we want to reach?

5) Other / New Topics-

- a) Brenda suggested a Harvest Bounty supper in the Fall to show off our bounty and share with others. A guest speaker was suggested.

A **compost container** will be placed in the Fellowship Hall kitchen, for storage/disposal of organic vegetable foods only, (But **no meats** please). It will be routinely emptied by those who have compost piles at home, including John Rector & Sue Doyle, and any others who are interested. A sign-up sheet for those interested in participating will be put in the kitchen this week (11/26-11/30). There are green compostable "plastic" bags to put in before adding food waste, so that removing the waste can be a neat task. For questions call John or Sue at (607) 937-5782.

ANNIVERSARYS

Julie & Duane Miller	2/1
Linda & Bob Zink	2/9
Judy & Ron Austin	2/13
Joan & Tim Gates	2/14
Levon & David Garner	2/24
Debby & Ralph Truitt	2/27

Happy Anniversary!!

**Interested
in membership here at
Emanuel Lutheran Church?**

Please contact Pastor
Jennifer if you would like
to become a member of
Emanuel Lutheran



BIRTHDAYS

Laura Link	2/1
Rosmarie Layton	2/4
Phyllis Brandes	2/7
Elaine Drake	2/7
Walter Rudnick	2/8
Michael Sauer	2/17
Paul Sands	2/18
Carol Morseman	2/19
John Drake	2/21
Tyler Morseman	2/22
Hunter Layton	2/27
Patrick McGrew	2/27
Ethan Davidson	2/28
Sibylle Sauer	2/28



January 2019 Council Report

- Pastor will be attending the Healthy Congregation Meeting on 1/26 and all are welcome to attend. Pastor requested vacation days for 1/28-2/13 and April 1-7.
- The December treasurers report was approved after one small change around total expenses.
- Preparation for the Annual Meeting involved finalizing the 2019 budget. Carrie updated the 2019 budget after looking at actual spending through December. The 2019 Budget is now below the spending level of the 2018 budget.
- Carrie reviewed the list of documents required for the annual meeting. The nomination form to be updated by Carrie and sent to Mike. We reviewed council officer positions and who would like to return to the executive committee. Only change would be Carol assuming the role of vice president if elected. We need heavy recruitment to fill future council positions in the coming years. Need 2019 positions filled for (1) audit committee, (4) nominating committee and (2) synod assembly.
- Child Protection Policy handed out for review of the council. Paul from Emery & Webb insurance company will come Jan. 30th at 6:00 PM to speak with the council. Next step would be to develop our own policy.
- Kim gave an update on the written policy for Preventing Sexual Harassment in the work place. We are looking into adopting the Sexual Harassment Policy at the NY State web site.
- Planning has already began for Stewardship Sunday in 2019. *Our next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m.*



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February Stewards

Date	Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 3	Mar 10
Worship Leader	Deacon Bill Groeger	Deacon Caren Listopadzki	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long
Worship Assistant	Kim Hufnagel	Mary Ellen Brennan	Brenda Passmore	Sue Doyle	Caren Listopadzki	Kim Hufnagel
Reader	Caren Listopadzki	Sue Doyle	Carol Witt	Carole Adler	Phyllis Brandes	Mary Ellen Brennan
Acolyte	Lainey Zink	Ben Hufnagel	Solenne Becker	Celine Schwesinger	Libby Zink	Jacob Hufnagel
Greeter	Levon Garner	Betty Gremer	Augie Andrukat	John Rector	Gisela Smith	The Hufnagel Men
Prime Time With God	Jodi Machuga	Brenda Passmore	No PT	No PT	Kim Hufnagel	Carrie Smith
Usher	Tom Kleckner	John Rector	Lew Brandes	Augie Andrukat	Jim Passmore	John Rector
Altar Guild	Cameron/L'Amoreaux	Cameron/L'Amoreaux	Cameron/L'Amoreaux	Cameron/L'Amoreaux	Groeger/Sands	Groeger/Sands
Counters	Garner/Hamilton	Passmore Team	Groeger Team	Brandes Team	Rector Team	Cameron/L'Amoreaux

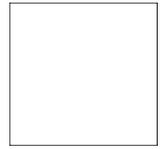
If you are scheduled to serve in some capacity and find that you will be unable to attend, please call someone to substitute for you. Thank you!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
WELCA Winter Rummage and Soup Sale						
3 Worship 10am	4 WW 5:30	5 Office Hours 10am-12	6	7 WELCA Meeting 1pm-3	8	9
10 Worship 10am Sister in Heart Tea 7:30am – 2:30pm	11 WW 5:30	12 Office Hours 10am-12 Bible Study noon	13 Church Council Meeting 6pm-8	14	15	16
17 Worship 10am	18 WW 5:30	19 Office Hours 10am-12	20	21	22	23
24 Worship 10am	25 WW 5:30	26 Office Hours 10am-12	27	28 Book Club 12:30		

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