

Emanuel's Word

January 2023

*My soul cries out, with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?*

~~first verse of Canticule of the Turning, ELW 723

It's a good hope isn't it? Might it be possible that the world might be about to turn? This last year has been full of significant shifts in my own life and I'm trying not to get too invested in an expectation to return to 'normal' or spent too much time musing on what 'new normal' may look like. I'm also kind of glad to get this year in my rearview mirror. It's not terrifically different as how I've felt during the different steps throughout the pandemic.

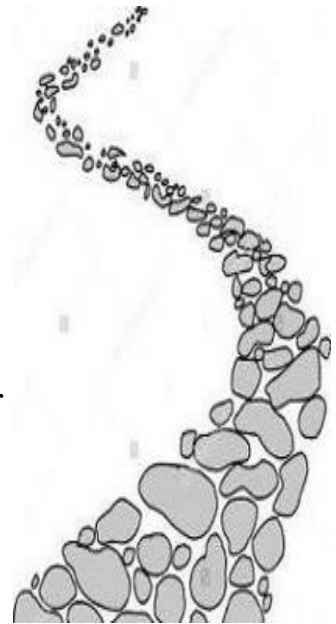
I'm trying to allow myself the sadness to grieve what has been lost, but also the openness of heart to recognize and be thankful for what has been gained. How are you entering into this new year?

I'm also working to see how God might be uncovered in the everyday workings of my life... and the workings of the church in this way moving forward. I'm asking: God... how are you carrying this story, my story, the story of Emanuel Lutheran Church, forward?

Friends, how are you seeing God carry your story forward?
ELC's story forward?

Keep your eyes open... I'll be doing the same. I'd love to hear about what you see.

Peace,
Pastor Jennifer





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Pastor Jennifer Long

From the VP:

Are we welcoming??

What do you do when a new person enters our church? Do you ignore them? Do you wave at them? Do you go introduce yourself before the service, if there is time? Do you visit with them for a few minutes after service?

In a time when church numbers are dwindling and young families are few and far between we need to make every person who enters feel welcome and more likely to return. We need people to visit more than at Christmas and Easter.

Matthew 25:35-40 tells us "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.: Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, ``Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

I wonder if Emanuel is seen as welcoming. I was talking to my son the other day. He told me he has attended many different churches from California to New York and even to Japan. He doesn't have a home church near where he lives. Nathan did tell me the place he felt most welcomed was in South Korea. That service was not in English, but he still felt welcome.

Let's make a New Years resolution to make every person who enters Emanuel Lutheran Church doors feel welcome, let's make everyone want to come back. This doesn't need to be a committee, each one of us can become a part of welcoming others. Who knows... maybe you will greet an angel.

In Peace,
Annette, VP

COUNCIL UPDATE

- Council met on 12/21/22 via Zoom.
- Pastor Jennifer met with Bishop Miller, as he meets with all Ecumenical Partners.
- The Executive Committee approved the renewal of the contract with Pastor Jennifer as well as the remuneration package for all staff members.
- Budgeted Income for November is \$818.95 less than Budgeted Expenses. Budgeted Income YTD is \$6,013.90 more than Budgeted Expenses.
- Shrove Tuesday: The Corning Area Clergy request Emanuel to host the event on 2/21/23. Our MiM have organized the event in the past. The hope is to alternate again with UCC.
- Jazz Sunday will be on 2/19 at Christ Episcopal Church.
- Lenten Dinners: to resume
- Budget: Carrie presented and explained the budget, drafted by the Treasurer and adapted by the Executive Committee during their zoom meeting on 12/19/22. A few additional changes were recommended and discussed, and some were accepted.
- Fellowship Hall Roof: As our insurance requires a replacement due to its age of 30 years, a quote was obtained. The amount is \$22,500 and can most likely be covered when we re-appropriate some funds in the Savings Account, e.g., Youth Group, Weight Watchers, Building Use, Capital Campaign, Project's Fund and some donations to the Memorial Fund. In the process we can close some funds, as they have met their purpose.
- Format of the Annual Meeting: We will have a hybrid approach and will encourage in-person attendance. Carrie and Annette will co-lead the meeting, with Annette facilitating communication with the virtual attenders. Ballots can only be accepted from voting members who have attended either in person or virtually.

CALENDAR PLANNING:

- 1/10 Administrative Assistant to send Annual Report Draft to Council
- 1/11 Council to review and provide feedback on Annual Report at the monthly meeting.
- 1/12 Volunteering at Food Bank
- 1/13 Administrative Assistant to send Annual Report to Congregation Members
- 1/29 Annual Meeting with Hybrid approach: in person at FH with dish to pass afterwards, and Zoom
- 2/19 Jazz Sunday at Christ Episcopal Church
- 2/21 Shrove Tuesday at Emanuel FH

Caren Listopadzki
Council Secretary

Council Announces the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Jan. 29, 2023 immediately following service. This year we will try a hybrid approach holding the meeting in the Fellowship Hall in person along with Zoom meeting capability for those wishing to attend but unable to do so in person. For those attending in person, there will be a dish to pass meal following the meeting. Ballots will be emailed along with the Annual Report 7-10 days prior to the meeting. To vote remotely you must attend the meeting then you may drop off your completed ballot or scan and email it to

Caren Listopadzki at cslisto1@gmail.com.

Here is the link to the Zoom meeting. It will also be available in the email for the Annual Report and Ballot. Thank you - your attendance is very much appreciated.

Carrie Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Emanuel Annual Meeting

Time: Jan 29, 2023 11:15 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



At WELCA's October meeting, it was decided that we would collect items and assemble "personal care kits" to send to Lutheran World Relief. There are so many people in this country and all over the world, who are in desperate situations. Our projected date for collecting and assembling the kits is January, 2023. Stay tuned for future details!

EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT INCLUDES:

ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging* ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

** Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap* -----

** Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.*

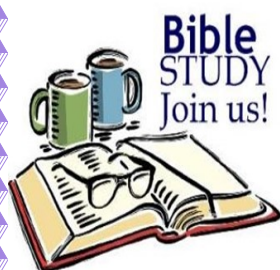
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" Is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Emanuel Lutheran Facebook Views

11/20/22	72
11/27/22	95
12/04/22	55
12/11/22	82

Average Worship Attendance for November: 28

Bible Study



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

will resume

on

Tuesday,

January 10 the

in the Fellowship Hall

from noon until 1:00pm.

We'll be looking at

the Book of Proverbs .

**Interested in membership
here at ELC?**



If so,
new members

will be

received into our family of faith
during worship.

Please contact Pastor Jennifer,
phone & text at

586-727-9247 and via e-mail

at pastorjenniferlong@gmail.com,

if you would like to become
a member of

Emanuel Lutheran Church.

DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

**PLEASE SEND TO JANETTE SMITH AT OFFICE@EMANUELCORNING.ORG OR
PLACE ON CHURCH OFFICE DESK NO LATER THAN TUESDAY MORNING**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
WE RESCHEDULED OUR FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER SHIFT.

Thursday, January 12th, 5:30-7:30pm
 Food Bank of the Southern Tier Food-packing Session
 388 Upper Oakwood Ave., Elmira, NY

Join us at the Food Bank warehouse to help sort and repack food and grocery items for distribution to neighbors in need throughout the Southern Tier.

Link to sign-up:

Emanuel's Food Bank Session

Perhaps we could all wear our Live Generous shirts for a change! Don't have one?! There's plenty – get one in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Brenda Passmore with any questions. We had a full list of volunteers for our last shift that was cancelled by the Food Bank, so perhaps we can get everyone signed up again!



CORNING COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We continue to collect for the Corning Food Pantry. There's a bin in the Narthex.

These are the things that are most in need (no glass jars, please):

- Boxed dry foods such as pasta, rice and instant potatoes
- Canned proteins such as tuna, chicken and salmon
- Nuts, peanut butter and other nut butters
- Canned pasta and beef stew
- Canned fruits, beans, soups and vegetables
- Crackers
- Baby food, infant cereal (no formula, please)

Please bring a non-perishable food item to the Fellowship Hall for our Stewardship Coffee Hour on **Sunday, December 4th**.

Dear Friends,

It is with a grateful heart I Thank You for my Christmas gift!

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

The love, patience, guidance, and friendship you have shown me since I have been here is cherished deep within my heart.

Thank You!

May each of you have a Blessed New Years!

Best Wishes,

Janette, Administrative Assistant

Book Club

REMINDER



The Secret Life of Sunflowers, by Marta Molnar, was chosen for our Book Club book.

**We will meet together
on Zoom
Thursday, January 5, at 12:30.**

Anniversary

Sue Doyle-Rector and John Rector



BIRTHDAYS

Janet Perdue 1/2

Mike Hamilton 1/7

Arlene Rylander 1/9

Jennifer Long 1/18

Eric Sweet 1/30





Reconciling in Christ Training:

Building an Inclusive Church (BIC) training helps you design and implement a journey for your faith community to publicly and intentionally welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and incorporate a commitment to the work of racial equity. Building an Inclusive Church helps you explore your own Christian call to hospitality and evangelism and equips you with ways to create dialogue, deepening relationships throughout your faith community rather than sparking debate and division. The Building an Inclusive Church (BIC) Toolkit and BIC Training are resources, to be used side by side in your journey of welcome. The training itself is designed to expand on the tools in the BIC Toolkit to best support the team of leaders who hope to guide your faith community. The training is 4.5 hours long, and held online through Zoom in real-time; registration is \$75 per person.

2023 Trainings: January 7, February 4, March 4, May 6, June 3
 BIC trainings will take place from 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM CT. Registration will close at 12:00 PM CT the Thursday prior to the training. Zoom links and training details will be emailed once registration closes.

Though I took the training in person a couple years ago, it's been a while, so I am planning to register for the Building an Inclusive Church February 4th session. Anyone else interested in learning with me, the link to register and much more information is found at reconcilingworks.org.

Brenda Passmore

January 2023 Stewards

<i><u>Date</u></i>	<i><u>January 1</u></i>	<i><u>January 8</u></i>	<i><u>January 15</u></i>	<i><u>January 22</u></i>	<i><u>January 29</u></i>
<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Pastor Jennifer Long</i>	<i>Pastor Jennifer Long</i>	<i>Pastor Jennifer Long</i>	<i>Pastor Jennifer Long</i>	<i>Pastor Jennifer Long</i>
<i>Worship Assistant</i>	<i>Caren Listopadzki</i>	<i>Sue Doyle-Rector</i>	<i>Caren Listopadzki</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Brennan</i>	<i>Brenda Passmore</i>
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Caren Listopadzki</i>	<i>Sue Doyle-Rector</i>	<i>Phyllis Brandes</i>	<i>Carrie Smith</i>	<i>Brenda Passmore</i>
<i>Acolyte/ Technology</i>	<i>Gage Machuga</i>	<i>Jacob Hufnagel</i>	<i>Josephine Sauer</i>	<i>Gage Machuga</i>	<i>Jacob Hufnagel</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Laura Link</i>	<i>Charlotte Estep</i>	<i>Carrie Smith</i>	<i>Laura Link</i>	<i>Carrie Smith</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Tom Kleckner</i>	<i>John Rector</i>	<i>Lew Brandes</i>	<i>Augie Andrukat</i>	<i>Jim Passmore</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Miller Team</i>	<i>Miller Team</i>	<i>Miller Team</i>	<i>Miller Team</i>	<i>Miller Team</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Brandes Team</i>	<i>Hamilton Team</i>	<i>Brandes Team</i>	<i>Hamilton Team</i>	<i>Brandes Team</i>

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.

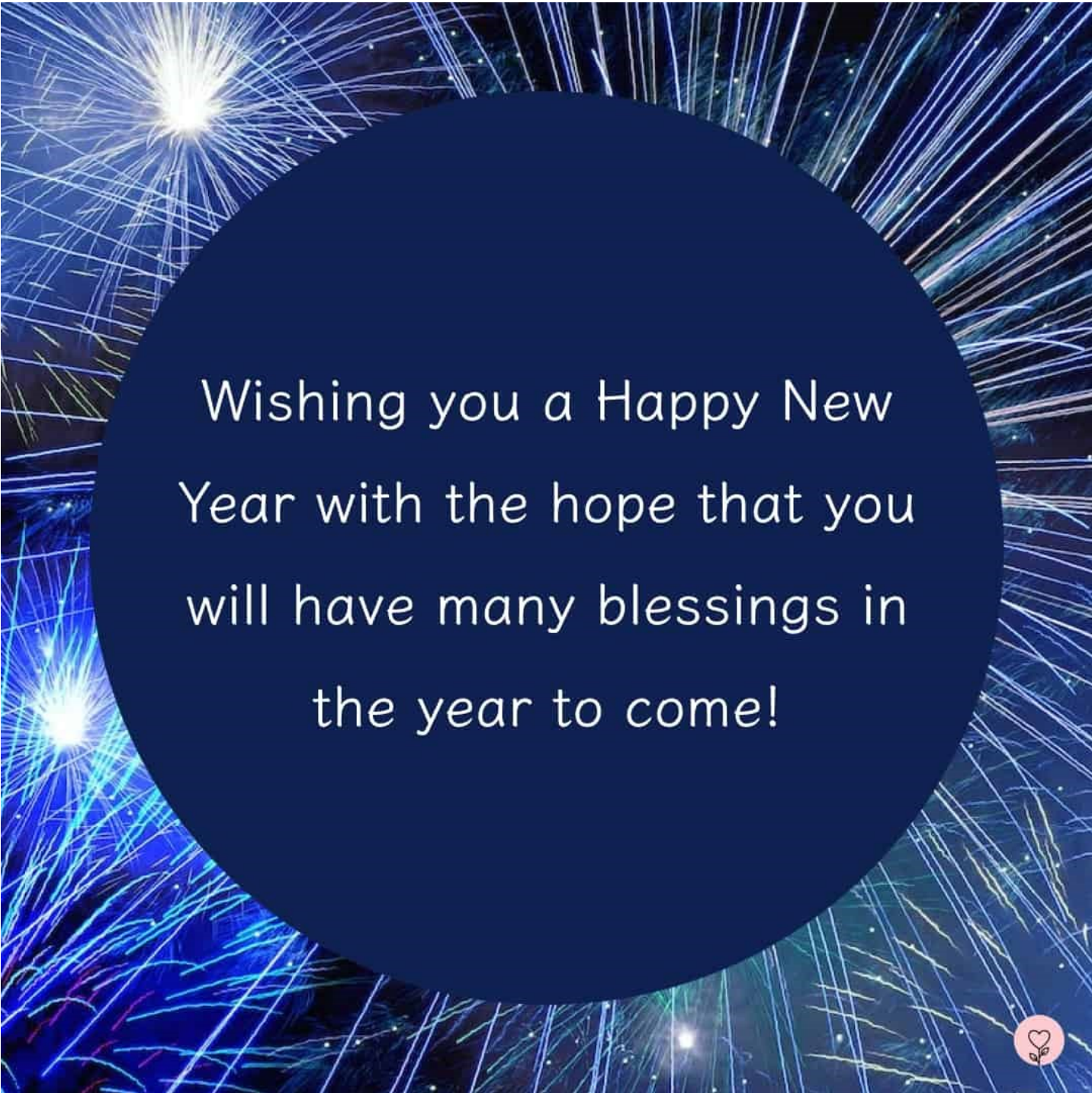
Thank you!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Happy New Year</i> 10 am Worship	2 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	3 Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 6:30 PM—8:00 pm	4	5 Book Club Via Zoom 12:20 pm	6	7
8 10 am Worship	9 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	10 Office Hours 2:30-4:30 Bible Study Noon to 1pm AL-Anon 6:30 PM—8:00 pm	11	12 Food Bank Food-packing Session 388 Upper Oakwood Ave., Elmira, NY 5:30pm-7:30pm	13	14
15 10 am Worship	16 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	17 Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 6:30 PM—8:00 pm	18	19	20	21
22 10 am Worship	23 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	24 Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 6:30 PM—8:00	25	26	27	28
29 10 am Worship <i>Annual Congregational Meeting After Service</i>	30 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	31 Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 6:30 PM—8:00				

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Wishing you a Happy New
Year with the hope that you
will have many blessings in
the year to come!

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“A Christian congregation gathered by grace and sent to serve.”