

Emanuel's Word

April 2023

Liminal Spaces

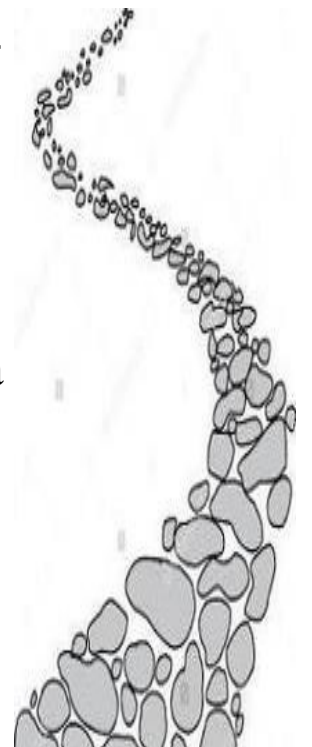
Come this time of year, I often think of liminal spaces. The word liminal comes from the Latin word “limen,” (knew that high school Latin would be useful for something...) which means threshold. A google search suggests that “to be in a liminal space means to be on the precipice of something new, but not quite there yet... being in a liminal space can be incredibly uncomfortable.”

I see a lot of liminal spaces... Moses and the Israelites stood in a liminal space, an in-between place, on the threshold of the promised land, for 40 years. Pandemic was full of liminal spaces, changing with each shift in numbers and new variant. Christians stand in a liminal space during this time of ‘between’ Lent and Easter. I have found it both important and useful to notice the liminal space and think about how I want to enter into it.

I see the church in a liminal place... both the church universal, and this particular church called Emanuel... as well. Maybe it is a way (useful or important) to think about the current place we stand as a congregation, and think through how it invites us to cross the threshold and move forward.

What thoughts do you have about the place we stand as a congregation? When have you experienced liminal spaces? What does this look like? I'd be curious to hear if you're willing share... maybe over coffee?

Peace,
Pastor Jennifer





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It is Spring. Let me tell you how I know this to be true.

First is what the Weather Channel calls "Meteorological Spring". According to google, that is defined as: the time at which the sun crosses the plane of the equator towards the relevant hemisphere, making day and night of equal length. It occurs about March 21 in the N hemisphere. In other words, the sun is now north of the equator.

Another sure sign of spring in my home happened today. I switched from burning corn for heat to burning wood pellets. The pellets are easier to restart, allowing me to turn it off during the day when the heat is not needed and restart at night when the temperature may drop. (By the way corn gives more heat so we use it during the winter.)

God also provides us with signs of spring. I have seen robins in my lawn, some people have reported to have bears stealing bird feeders. I saw crocus blossoms (almost opened) in the flower bed outside the church. There are also daffodils budded between the church and fellowship hall. Most of the snow has melted, not that we had that much this year.

It is also the time of Easter. A sure sign of re-birth. According to "Mouse Prints Journey Through the Church Year", from AAL: The Easter season begins on Easter Sunday with the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and lasts for 50 days. The date of Easter changes from year to year. It occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox.

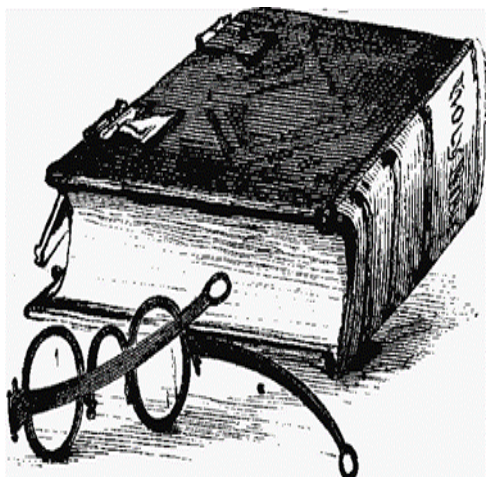
In the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

PEACE.
Annette, VP

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Update

- Council met on 3/15/23 via Zoom.
- Pastor Jennifer reports that the funeral for Evar Overstrom (Family member of founders of ELC) will be on 3/17, and for Bonnie Johnson 4/11.
- Pastor Jennifer will be off for the week of 5/21/23.
- YTD Budget Income is \$780.11 less than YTD Budget Expenses.
- Update on roof: The quote of Hillside Builders was chosen from the 4 quotes received. They will start between April and mid-May. The Insurance Company was informed. The gutters will not be replaced but re-installed by the contractor. The 5 existing roof vents will be replaced by a ridge vent. There is a possibility of a spring fundraiser to replenish the funds used up by the roof project.
- Discussion on each council member representing a committee/team/ministry: **All council members should talk to the teams they belong to about the best process to update council. To be discussed again next month.**
- Continuing resolution review: Some sections were approved, others will be discussed again next month.
- Renewal of Casella contract: Phyllis Brandes informed Sharon that the contract is up for renewal, with no increase in fees. It was decided that Phyllis should renew the contract and be the contact person, seconded by Annette, all in favor. Passed.
- Minutes from the Stewardship Meeting on 3/5/23 were emailed on 3/13/23.
- The Property Team is looking into the possibility of putting a sink in the altar guild room. The FH paper towel dispensers need to be replaced. The fridge in the altar guild room needs to be repositioned. The problems with the Honeywell thermostat in the FH were addressed. The timer on the Narthex air purifier and the schedule on the church thermostat need attention. Lew provided some historic documents and the abstract for the parking lot purchase.
- CALENDAR PLANNING:
 - ◊ Lenten Studies every Thursday at 6:30pm, preceded by soup and bread at 6pm.
 - ◊ 03/17 Funeral of Evar Overstrom
 - ◊ 04/06 at 5pm Maundy Thursday worship
 - ◊ 04/07 at 12pm Good Friday Service at Christ Episcopal Church, followed by Stations of the City.
 - ◊ 04/09 Easter
 - ◊ 04/11 Funeral of Bonnie Johnson
 - ◊ 04/12 Next Council meeting at 6pm via Zoom
 - ◊ 04/16 Holy Humor Sunday

Caren Listopadzki
Council Secretary




The **April Bible Study**
 will be on **Tuesday**,
 April 18th
 In our Fellowship Hall
 from noon until 1:00pm.
 We'll be begin looking
 at the book of 2nd Kings.

WELCA

WELCA will have its monthly meeting
 Thursday, April 6, 2023
 at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

REMINDER **American Red Cross**

It is now easier to plan for Fellowship Hall activities on Mondays. Not just that, easier to donate blood at Emanuel. The Red Cross is finally able to schedule more blood drives in other locations, so we now have a predictable Blood Drive schedule - **the 3rd Monday of each month.**



The American Red Cross

Blood Drive
The Third Monday
of Every Month
11:30 - 4:30 p.m.

in proud partnership with:
Emanuel Lutheran Church of Corning
Call 1-800-RedCross | visit www.redcrossblood.org | download the blood donor APP
Please, make your lifesaving appointment today.

Property Meeting



I would like to have a property meeting on April 16th to discuss the spring property needs of the church and set a clean up day. I would like to hold the meeting before church in the downstairs area at 9 AM. This meeting was moved from April 2nd. — — Jim Passmore

**Love Our Neighbor - a few blocks away at 285 West William Street!
Emanuel Lutheran Church Build Day - Saturday, May 6th**

Habitat for Humanity will supply an experienced person to get us started and teach any skills necessary. Contact Brenda Passmore if you'd like to help.

On Sunday, April 23rd Joy Overacker, Community Outreach Coordinator will take a couple minutes during our worship announcements to share more about what they do.

Steuben County Habitat for Humanity believes everyone deserves a decent place to live. Through the donation of time, talent and treasure, our area's faith community has helped Habitat to be the "hands and feet of Christ". In 2023, we'll help our 40th Habitat Family realize the dream of homeownership. One of our current builds is on W. Williams Street. When renovated, this house will become a home for a couple and their family - a perfect opportunity for Emanuel Lutheran Church, through volunteering on Saturday, May 6th, to be the "hands and feet of Christ" – literally, in your backyard.

*Joy Overacker, Community Outreach Director
Steuben County Habitat for Humanity*



Stewardship News

The Stewardship committee met on March 5th. We discussed plans, along with the outreach ministry to have a presentation on Sunday, April 23rd during and after our worship service. Joy Overarcher, a representative from Habitat For Humanity, will provide us with information about their organization, and the volunteer opportunity that has been organized by Brenda Passmore, scheduled for May 4th.

We will also have a presentation/discussion after service in the Fellowship Hall to familiarize the congregation with our new stewardship guide, "Stewards of God's Love". Your questions, comments and suggestions are an integral part of making our new stewardship approach a success. Our goal is to have presentations four times a year, more information to come!

So, please join us on Sunday, April 23rd for "Stewardship/Outreach Sunday" to hear our guest speaker and presentation after worship service. Coffee and snacks will be provided by the lovely ladies of the Hospitality Committee.

In Christ,
The Stewardship Committee



I spoke with the congregation on Sunday, September 11th to review "where we have been" with our stewardship ministry, "where we are now" and ideas I shared about moving forward. I believe a change is needed at Emanuel to sustain and grow our congregation. The approach in the past of having a stewardship "drive" in the fall as become outdated and run its course.

An ELCA resource entitled "Stewards of God's Love" is a yearly guide to stewardship, with emphasis on making it a "mindset" that a congregation engages in 365 days a year. The stewardship team is excited and asks for your prayers (and participation) as we embrace a new beginning of living out God's work in our lives of faith.

We will continue with time and talent sheets as they serve as a tool for tracking participation in our various ministries, allowing members to know who is assisting with tasks monthly. At this time, members of the stewardship team are reviewing the time and talent survey forms to assess what ministries we should keep and what ministries are no longer needed. We are updating the "ministry team" descriptions so that members are familiar with the details and what teams they would like to get involved in. Lastly, we are changing the name of the time and talent sheets to "God's Work, Emanuel's Hands"!

The monthly fellowship hour will be sponsored by the Stewardship Team on Sunday, December 4th. More details to follow.

Financial pledges will be distributed in November to assist with budget planning for 2023.

God's Blessings,
The Stewardship Team



A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Meeting will be held after church on Sunday, April 30th. It's important that we get a couple educational opportunities on the calendar – one for scripture study and another to learn about the program, what it would mean to others and for us. We would love to have anyone who is interested join us.

The Stewardship Team has decided
to offer our time and talents sheet
all year long.

They are on a pew in the sanctuary along with descriptions of church ministries should you need that information.

If you complete a form please email Sue
at sdoyler52@zimbracloud.com or
call 607.932.5782 and let me know.

We appreciate all you do for Emanuel!

God Bless!

Emanuel Lutheran Facebook Views

02/19/23	JAZZ SUNDAY AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
02/26/23	77
03/05/23	76
03/12/23	73

Average Worship Attendance for FEBRUARY 2023: 26

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

Book Club will meet again
on Thursday, April 27,
at 12:30 on Zoom.

We will review the book, Red Sky over Hawaii, by Sara Ackerman. Here's the overview according to Barnes and Noble:

Overview

Inspired by real places and events of WWII, *Red Sky Over Hawaii* immerses the reader in a time of American history full of suspicion and peril in this lush and poignant tale about the indisputable power of doing the right thing against all odds.

The attack on Pearl Harbor changes everything for Lana Hitchcock. Arriving home on the Big Island too late to reconcile with her estranged father, she is left alone to untangle the clues of his legacy, which lead to a secret property tucked away in the remote rain forest of Kilauea volcano. When the government starts taking away her neighbors as suspected sympathizers, Lana shelters two young German girls, a Japanese fisherman and his son. As tensions escalate, they are forced into hiding—only to discover the hideaway house is not what they expected.

When a detainment camp is established nearby, Lana struggles to keep the secrets of those in her care. Trust could have dangerous consequences. As their lives weave together, Lana begins to understand the true meaning of family and how the bonds of love carry us through the worst times.

Happy Anniversary!

May the Lord bless you
and keep you for many more
years to come.



Anniversary

Caren and Dariusz Listopadzki

4/29

BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Estep 4/1
Sophie Clark 4/10
Shirley Bobrick 4/10
Theresa Welfling 4/10
Kimberly Hufnagel 4/12
Hudson Clark 4/17
Kathleen Schwesinger 4/24
Melina Schwesinger 4/25
Lee Ann Tyler 4/26



April 2023 Stewards

<i><u>Date</u></i>	<i><u>April 2</u> <u>PALM SUN-</u> <u>DAY</u></i>	<i><u>April 6</u> <u>Maundy</u> <u>Thursday</u></i>	<i><u>April 9</u> <u>EASTER</u></i>	<i><u>April 16</u></i>	<i><u>April 23</u></i>	<i><u>April 30</u></i>
<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Pastor Jennifer</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>Sue Doyle-Rector</i>	<i>Caren Listopadzki</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Brennan</i>	<i>Brenda Passmore</i>	<i>Sue Doyle-Rector</i>	<i>Annette Gardner</i>
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Sue Doyle-Rector</i>	<i>Caren Listopadzki</i>	<i>Phyllis Brandes</i>	<i>Brenda Passmore</i>	<i>Sue Doyle-Rector</i>	<i>Carrie Smith</i>
<i>Acolyte/ Technology</i>	<i>Jacob Hufnagel</i>	<i>Ben Hufnagel</i>	<i>Gage Machuga</i>	<i>Josephine Sauer</i>	<i>Jacob Hufnagel</i>	<i>Ben Hufnagel</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Charlotte Estep</i>	<i>Laura Link</i>	<i>Phyllis Brandes</i>	<i>Carrie Smith</i>	<i>Charlotte Estep</i>	<i>Laura Link</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>John Rector</i>	<i>Tom Kleckner</i>	<i>Lew Brandes</i>	<i>Jim Passmore</i>	<i>John Rector</i>	<i>Augie Andrukat</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Julie & Duane Miller</i>	<i>Julie & Duane Miller</i>	<i>Julie & Duane Miller</i>	<i>Julie & Duane Miller</i>	<i>Julie & Duane Miller</i>	<i>Julie & Duane Miller</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Hamilton Team</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!***

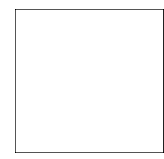


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
PALM SUNDAY 10 am Worship	An-	Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM— 8:00 PM		WELCA 1pm Fellowship Hall Maundy Thursday Service at 5 pm		
EASTER 10 am	Announce- ments for Bulletin due to Janette	Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM	Council Meeting Via ZOOM 6PM			
Property Meeting @ 9am 10 am Worship	AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 11:30am—4:30pm Announcements for Bulletin	Bible Study Noon—1pm Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM				
10 am Worship	Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM		Book Club Via Zoom @ 12:30		
10 am Worship RIC meeting After service						

Homemade

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