

Emanuel's Word

May 2023

¹ *I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.*

² *He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.*

³ *He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.*

~Psalm 40:1-3

As the seasons change, I often think about what lies ahead... what about you?

Currently, as I think about moving forward, I want to carry Psalm 40 with me. It has been a favorite of mine for a long time, helped by the fact it was sung by the band U2 (song title "40" if you want to YouTube it).

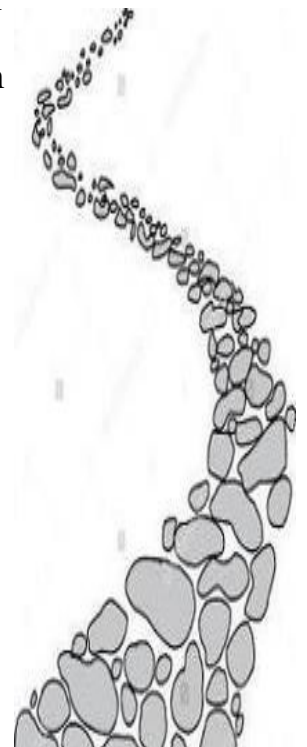
I don't think I'll be able to carry all of it with me all the time, so I'm picking out a couple of phrases to be my companion as I walk through these days. The first one is the reminder to 'wait patiently' for God. For me, that's a reminder to work on that virtue of patience (which always seems to be needed) and to take the time that 'waiting' implies, time to be still, time to be quiet... time that will allow me to listen for God. The other phrase I want to carry with me is the 'new song.' I hope as I listen, I'll be able to be patient and still to hear the 'new song' God shares with me... and then I want to sing it!

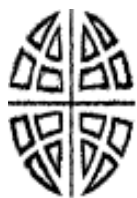
I don't expect this effort to be perfect... but instead one that takes practice. All the time. Some days I will feel I've gotten it brilliantly right, and other days completely wrong. But the good news is each day is a new opportunity... to practice and learn from the day, and days, that came before.

What will you carry with you into this new season?

Peace,
Pastor Jennifer

PS... Pentecost will be Sunday, May 28th. Don't forget to wear your red!





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When we prepare for communion the pastor says, "When we gather around tables we tell certain stories. When we gather around THIS table we tell this story..." I would like to discuss another custom. When we gather around tables with friends and family we tell certain prayers. I was raised with the daily prayer that most of you should know:

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let Thy gifts to us be blessed. Amen

Or a camp table song such as:

Oh, the Lord's been good to me. And so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need: the sun, the rain and the apple seed: Oh, the Lord's been good to me.

There is another table blessing I would like to share. It is the prayer my Grandfather often said during family gatherings on holidays. I was surprised to find in one of the Lutheran prayer books after Grandpa passed. It brought tears to the eyes of most of my family as I read it at a family meal. Mom now has that Lutheran Prayer Book.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts, which we receive from Thy bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

What are some of your family prayer traditions?

In Grace,
Annette, VP

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Update

- Council met on 4/12/23 via Zoom.
- Pastor Jennifer will be off for 5/14/23. The exact days off will still be determined.
- Pastor Susan Husted will lead worship on 5/14 and 5/21. Other colleagues will be asked to be on call in the event of a pastoral emergency.
- YTD Budget Income is \$3,234.28 less than YTD Budget Expenses. Thus, our deficits have quadrupled.
- Discussion on each council member representing a committee/team/ministry: It was decided that all committees will communicate with Caren and Janette re dates of events, to be listed under ‘Calendar Planning’ and on calendar in newsletter.
- Continuing resolutions: Stewards’ Descriptions and Purchasing Policy were accepted. Sharon will rewrite parts of the Addenda.
- Bequest from the Estate of Geraldine Pierson will be transferred to the Projects Fund, to be used for the roof.
- Air Purifiers: Brenda reports that they need to be cleaned monthly, and need new filters every 6 months, at a cost of \$200 per filter. This has never happened since they were purchased February 2021. They will be put in storage for the summer and be discussed again in the fall.
- Altar Guild: The sink for the Altar Guild Room will be funded from the Altar Room fund, a Thrivent contribution and WELCA.
- Outreach: Brenda reports that Joy Overacker from Steuben County Habitat for Humanity will share during and/or after worship on 4/23 about what they do, in preparation for our Build Day on 5/6, 9am-1pm, when we will assist under the supervision of an experienced person supplied by Habitat for Humanity to renovate a house in our neighborhood on West William Street.
- Brenda reports that the RIC Team will meet on 4/30 after worship to plan the Bible Study with power point for spring and the forum for fall.
- CALENDAR PLANNING
 - 4/23 Stewardship Social with Joy Overacker
 - 4/30 RIC Team meeting after worship
 - May 6, Habitat for Humanity
 - May 10: Next council meeting at 6pm via Zoom
 - 6/8 at 5pm Ladies Night Out at Frans Landing
 - 6/28 & 8/20 Shepherd’s Table
 - 9/15&16 WELCA Rummage Sale
 - September 30, Oktoberfest

Caren Listopadzki
Council Secretary

BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study will be on
Tuesday, May 9th
in the Fellowship Hall
from noon until 1:00.

We'll be looking at the 2nd half of 2 Kings.
Bring a bag lunch if you'd like.

WELCA

WELCA met on April 6.

Phyllis Groeger and Coral Reed led a project for EASTER BASKETS FOR THE BATH VA. Phyllis reported that they had taken 85 plus baskets to the VA just before Easter. We all celebrate their efforts and all the work they put into this. The baskets were beautiful!

Our Rummage Sale is back on the calendar this year for September 15 and 16 and we have added a Bake Sale this year.

We also are planning to have our "Ladies Night Out" at Fran's Landing in place of the June Meeting this year.

Our next meeting will be in on May 4 in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. See you all then.

CHURCH Build Day

Sat., May 6, 9am-1pm

Habitat for Humanity House at 285 West William Street, Corning

All are welcome - wear work clothes and perhaps bring some water.

Also you'll need to bring a signed liability release form - there are some available at the church or contact Brenda, and she'll email you one.

We have 9 signed up so far, can we get a few more?!!!

ELCA World Hunger

Bee Generous

Plant Seeds of Justice



***Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.”
Amos 5:26***

The Upstate NY Synod Hunger Justice Team invites you and your congregation to participate in the 2023 synod-wide appeal. Each congregation is challenged to raise \$440 or more to cover the cost of two bee colonies (\$20 each) and two community gardens (\$200 each). These ministries make God's creation more sustainable and support families in need.

A garden will help a family to be self-supporting; and the honeybees are not only providing honey to eat, but to make beeswax soap and candles which allow a family to start a small business.*

Collect donations in advance and bring them along with a completed tally sheet to the hunger table at the Synod Assembly in Syracuse June 2-3. Make checks payable to Upstate NY Synod and add “Bee Generous” on the memo line.

Thank YOU for BEE-ing generous!!

* As seen in the ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts Catalog

***We are asking members to make checks payable to
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and add “ELCA World Hunger” on the memo line of the check.***

Stewardship

On Sunday, April 23rd, Sue Doyle gave a brief presentation describing the new Stewardship program as developed by our Synod leadership, called Stewards of God's Love. It differs from our previous Stewardship approach in meeting frequency, to keep us stay focused throughout the year on our Stewardship Mission.



With the generous support of Emanuel Lutheran Church and members of our community, we delivered 85+ Easter baskets to the Bath VA.

They were both extremely surprised and grateful! The staff shared with us that no one had ever done this before for the vets.

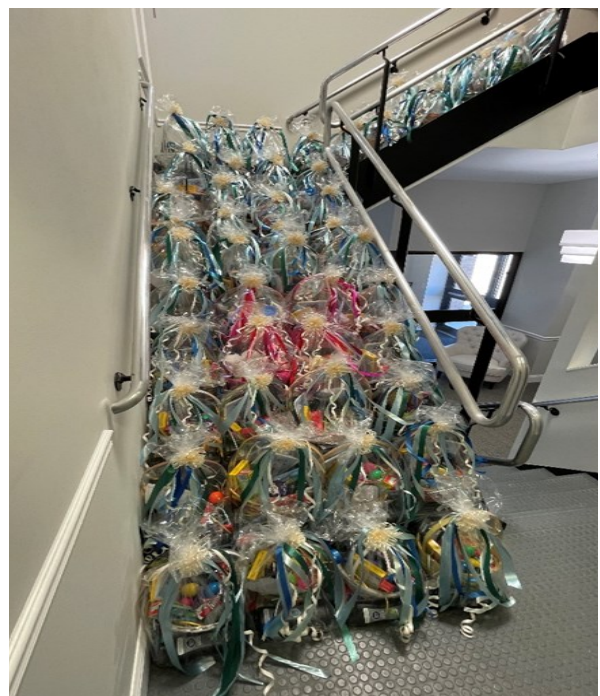
We donated 32 baskets to be given to homeless vets, 3 large baskets to be shared amongst the residents of the Domiciliary and 50 baskets to the nursing home (one for each resident) plus an additional large basket for the nursing home residents to share.

I am attaching photos plus a list of everything in the baskets so you can see how special these baskets were.

Thank you to all for your support.

Phyllis Groeger & Coral Reed

50 Easter Baskets for all the residents of the Bath VA Nursing Home





Each “Men’s” Basket contained:

Chocolate bunny
 Shampoo/conditioner
 Deodorant
 Body wash
 Shaving cream & Razor
 Chapstick
 Sudoku - crossword - word search books
 4 magazines
 Toothbrush with cap
 Toothpaste
 Heavy duty flashlight
 Cotton socks
 Candy in Easter eggs
 Lots of Demets turtles
 \$10 in “Patriot Bucks” that they can spend
 as they wish at the Canteen



With all the generous donations, we were also able to give the Nursing Home all of the following:

4 - \$25 gas cards

31 sweatshirts

48 t-shirts

4 umbrellas

large quantity of Polydent / Fixodent

Chocolate bunnies

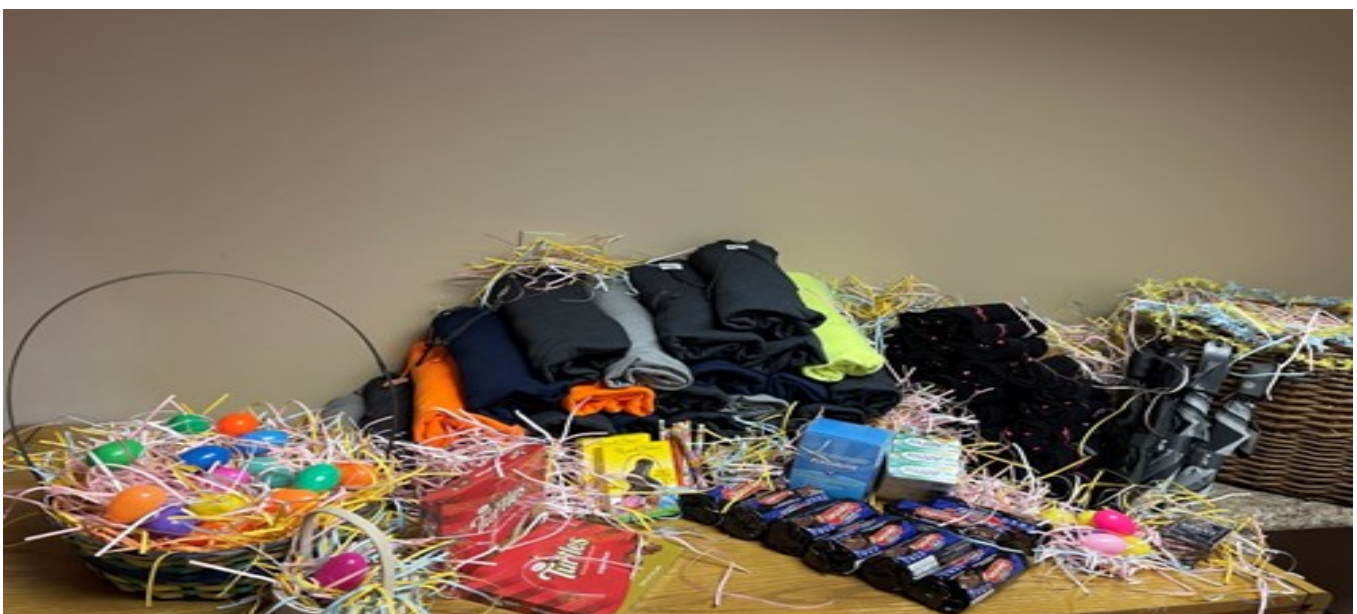
Demets turtles

Digestives biscuits

4 decks of playing cards

And...

\$300 donation to the VA to directly support services to the veterans.



Each basket for the homeless veterans contained:

Chocolate Easter Bunny
Candy in Easter Eggs
Lots of Demets turtles
Toothbrush & toothpaste
Chapstick
Pair of Woolrich wool
socks
Pair of cotton socks
Thick knit cap
Heavy duty flashlight
Coupon for a Big Mac
from McDonalds
\$5 gift card to Kentucky
Fried Chicken
\$10 Tops Markets gift card



3 baskets for veterans staying at the Domiciliary

These baskets contained:

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Lotions
Shampoos
Body wash
Soap
Demets turtles
Candy
Magazines
Crossword puzzle books
Sudoku books
Search word books
Playing cards



Emanuel Lutheran Facebook Views

03/19/23	91
03/26/23	33
04/02/23	60
04/07/23	52
04/09/23	67
04/16/23	51

Average Worship Attendance for March 2023: 25

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

Anniversary

MARY ELLEN AND MIKE BRENNAN 9

PHYLLIS AND BILL GROEGER 21

*Wishing more laughter,
more joy, more love for the
both of you in the
years to come...*

*Happy
Anniversary!*



BIRTHDAYS

BEN HUFNAGEL 10

LAURA CLARK 14

SUE DOYLE RECTOR 21

LEON SMITH 28

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**




May 2023 Stewards

<u>Date</u>	<u>May 7</u>	<u>May 14</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>May 28</u>
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer Long	Rev. Susan Husted	Rev. Susan Husted	Pastor Jennifer Long
Worship Assistant	Mary Ellen Brennan	Sue Doyle-Rector	Caren Listopadzki	Brenda Passmore
Reader	Phyllis Brandes	Sue Doyle-Rector	Caren Listopadzki	Brenda Passmore
Acolyte/Technology	Ben Hufnagel	Jacob Hufnagel	Gage Machuga	Josephine Sauer
Greeter	Phyllis Brandes	Charlotte Estep	Laura Link	Carrie Smith
Usher	Lew Brandes	John Rector	Tom Kleckner	Jim Passmore
Altar Guild	Linda & Eileen	Linda & Eileen	Linda & Eileen	Linda & Eileen
Counters	Brandes Team	Hamilton Team	Brandes Team	Hamilton 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!**

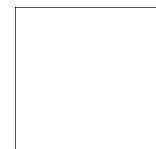


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 1	Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM 2	3	4	5	Habitat for Humanity 9am-1pm 6
10 am Worship 7	Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette 8	Bible Study Noon—1pm Fellowship Hall Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM 9	Council Meeting 6pm via 10	11	12	13
10 am Worship 14	Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette 15	Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM 16	17	18	19	20
10 am Worship 21	AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 11:30am—4:30pm In Fellowship Hall Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette 22	Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM 23	24	25	26	27
10 am Worship 28	MEMORIAL DAY Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette 29	Office Hours 2:30-4:30 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM 30	31	1	2	3

Pastor's office hours: by appointment.
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