

Emanuel's Word

July - August 2023

'Ordinary Time'

The sacred moments, the moments of miracle, are often the everyday moments.

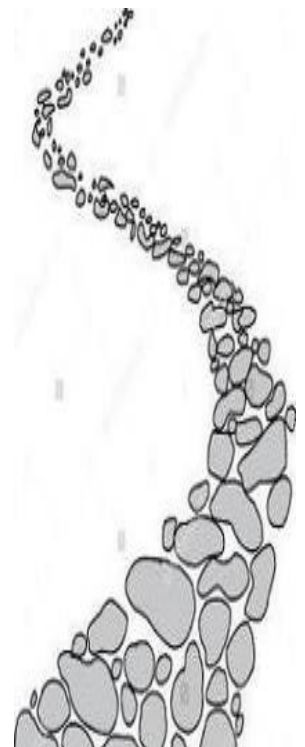
~Fredrick Buechner

This time in the church year is commonly called 'Ordinary Time'. Ordinary time encompasses the days that fall between Pentecost, which closes the season of Easter, and Advent, when waiting for the Christ child begins. The word ordinary has two meanings here... the first connects to the order of things and has to do with numbers... for example, having a particular place in series of things... first, second, third and so on. Ordinary time counts the weeks between the seasons.

The second meaning has to do with a more familiar understanding of ordinary (at least to me)... the everyday or the commonplace. In church terms, it contrasts the rather day-to-day counting of weeks between Pentecost and Advent with the rather extraordinary time of those seasons that invite us to witness the life of Christ and enter into it with our own lives and heart.

For me, the particular gift of ordinary time (and summer) is the opportunity for rest, to breathe and be quiet... time to look and God's finger prints on everyday moments that might otherwise just pass by and be missed. How do you think about this idea of 'ordinary time'? How will you be spending your ordinary time this summer? I pray you will also have some time to breathe, slow down, and notice the gifts of grace given in these sacred ordinary days.

Peace,
Pastor Jennifer





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Patience is a Virtue!

Most of you know I have had severe, intractable pain in my right leg for over twelve years after a horse-back riding accident. Church members are familiar with my service dog, Patch. Most of you also know I had a second stimulator device inserted in my back to help control the pain.

Now I WAIT. Since my surgery in mid May, I am not able to lift more than a gallon of milk (8 pounds), I am not able to twist or bend my back (much), I am not allowed to reach very far above my head. I cannot have Patch pulling me. I am waiting for the wires implanted in my nerves to adhere well.

So I WAIT. I have gotten very good at picking things up with a grabber.

I am not a good housekeeper, but my house is a mess. I can not pick up the floor, vacuum, bend to pick up what I sweep. I have difficulty getting things out of the dishwasher (BBQ tongs help) as my grabber has done some dirty work. I can use my grabber to load the dirty dishes.

Todd has been very helpful, but we both need PATIENT for my healing to be complete.

Patch has been helpful with laundry and carrying items for me. He also picks up things dropped. He also must WAIT for the return of his normal job of helping with balance.

I know the Bible talks about the patience of Job. I decided to see what else God might have to say about having patience. Here is some of what I have learned from a google search:

Ecclesiastes 7:8 says "The end of something is better than its beginning. Patience is better than pride."

Hebrew 10:36 "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."

Lamentations 3:25-26 " The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him, it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord"

Romans 8:25 "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."

Romans 12:12 "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

I will continue to be patient with my limitations, and wait for my healing. Maybe I will learn something from this time of forced patience.

In Peace,
Annette VP

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Update

- Council met on 6/14/23 via Zoom.
- Pastor Jennifer will lead worship on 7/2/23 instead of taking the day and week off.
- Pastor Susan Husted will lead worship on 8/6 and 8/13.
- Pastor Jennifer is always informing the Executive Team whom to contact in case of a pastoral emergency.
- YTD Budget Income is \$155.33 less than YTD Budget Expense.
- The Continuing Resolutions for weddings was approved, as well as the website information for weddings and funerals.
- AED: Caren reports that the batteries were replaced in 2020, but the pads had already expired in 2017. Thus, the equipment is currently unsafe to use. Sharon will find out if we legally need it, and what the costs are for proper maintenance.
- Sharon will set up a Twitter account for the congregation, to connect to a wider community, and tweet Bible verses and information about events.
- Property: The wooden stairs outside the sacristy and the sidewalks were power washed. The buildings passed the fire inspection. The leaking faucet in the ladies' bathroom was fixed. The air purifier from the FH was taken to the basement in the church, where the other purifiers are. Three electrical issues need attention. The toilet in the church rocks and needs attention.
- RIC: Brenda reports that about 21 people attended the Bible Study on Sunday 6/4, and 4 on Tuesday 6/6. No negative feedback has been received. In a July newsletter article Brenda will provide information about the RIC booklet that was used for the Bible Study, for people who were unable to attend the sessions. In the fall, possibly 10/15, we will have a meeting to discuss welcoming different groups of people, including people of different races and ethnicity, people with impairments and LGBTQ+ people.
- No Council Meeting in August
- CALENDAR PLANNING
 - 6/25 & 8/20 Shepherd's Table
 - 7/12 at 6pm in person Council Meeting
 - 9/9 Bampa House's 5K
 - 9/10 'God's Work, our Hands' Day
 - 9/15 & 16 WELCA Rummage Sale
 - 9/30 Oktoberfest

Caren Listopadzki
Council Secretary

2023 Synod Assembly Report

Pastor Jennifer and Lugene Hamilton attended the Upstate New York Synod Assembly on June 2nd and 3rd, held at Bethany Baptist Church in Syracuse.

G.R.A.C.E. Mindset

- G** – Generous Love
- R** – Restorative Justice
- A** – Adaptive Leadership
- C** – Collaboration & Connections
- E** – Experimentation

The assembly's focus was Restorative Justice. It is an approach that strives to bring together those who have been harmed and those who have taken the responsibility for the harm (in the event of a crime), to have conversation about each side's needs and what can be done to repair the damaged relationships between individuals and communities. We are called to become ministers of reconciliation.

The Reverend Amy E. Reumann, Senior Director for Witness in Society (ELCA representative), was the keynote speaker.

Workshops and conversations centered around racial and gender justice.

Winter car-kits were assembled; made possible by a grant from Lutheran Disaster Response and the Mission Hub (a ministry shared with the United Methodist Church). These were distributed to synod congregations and the Mission Hub.

Over \$23,000 was raised for World Hunger "Bee Generous". These funds will be used to purchase bee colonies and community gardens to help families become self-supporting, possibly start a small business, and make God's creation more sustainable.

Resolutions passed:

- *member representation from the LGBTQIA2S+ community to Synod Council added
- *Minister of Word and Service (previously Deacons) allowed serve as Deans of Synod conferences
- *Synod Authorized Ministers (SAMs) assigned to a congregation by Synod will have a voice and vote at Synod Assembly
- *Synod Council recommended that churches and individuals actively promote the passage of the "New York Taxpayer and International Debt Crises Act" in the NY state legislature, plus to memorialize the Church Council of ELCA to continue its support of Jubilee USA Network (a coalition of religious, development, and advocacy groups who work on debt, tax, trade, and transparency policies that seek to alleviate poverty in the United States and around the world).
- *mission budget passed, with the proposed synod staff salaries to reflect a 5.5% increase (amended from 2.5%)

Barbara Macholz Grimaldi Memorial Fund

<https://www.atonementrochester.org/through-outreach.html>

A Legacy Fund has been established in Barbara's memory by Atonement Lutheran Church. Grants are available for congregational and community outreach ministries.

Bishop Miller has initiated a "Justice Journey Across New York". Several historic sites have been identified as opportunities to visit, with the goal of expanding our knowledge and awareness, then being open to acting on our new understandings. A few of the sites are: Harriet Tubman National Historic Park, Auburn, NY; The Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum, Oneonta, NY; Pride Center of the Capitol Region, Albany, NY; Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center, Niagara Falls, NY, Rights National Historic Park, Seneca Falls, NY.

The Social Justice Task Force will be sending out more information in the future.

WELCA

Our 2023 Ladies Night Out was wonderful- good food and fellowship. Many thank to Eileen Sands for arranging it and for the special appetizers.

The next scheduled WELCA meeting is going to be Thursday August 31, at 1:00 to accommodate the planning for our Rummage/Bake sale September 15-16. Several years have passed since our last rummage sale so gather all those unwanted items that have been taking up space and accumulating dust. As of now due to the all the activity in the fellowship hall we will not be accepting donations until Sunday September 10. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Have a great summer.

(Twice a year or so, Mary Ellen Brennan drops off our Little Dresses for Africa that have been made by the women of ELCA directly to their warehouse in Michigan. This time she ran into the director, Rachel O'Neill who took her on a tour of their new facility in a repurposed church and explained all the things that LDFA has been able to accomplish since its inception.)



Little Dresses For Africa focuses on serving primarily Malawi, a small land-locked country. Each one of these 83 pins represents a new water well that LDFA has opened. In addition they have opened 3 schools.

One of these newer projects is to send Western wedding gowns over. The women in Malawi are able to repurpose and rent the gowns out for \$50 per day. Once a year Rachel sponsors a major fund raiser to pay for the shipping crates to send over larger items as bikes, etc, as well as to fund the schools and wells. She also encourages sponsorship and memorials for the wells. One of the biggest concerns is to keep the girls dressed and educated to give them hope. There is a major push to alleviate human trafficking and by being dressed and cleaned and educated, they have hope.

Here are two links for more information Littledressesforafrica.org and a wonderful article in the January 2023 Guidepost magazine <https://guideposts.org/inspiringstories/everyday-greatness-little-dresses-for-africa/>

Note: If you're making Little Dresses for Africa, please go on their website and see the latest notes regarding patterns and sizing. There may be some changes since you have started "sewing" them.

“Reconciling Scripture Bible Study” June 4 & 6

Thank you Pastor Jennifer, Bill Groeger, and Caren Listopadzki for joining me to present the Bible Study TWO times! Also thanks hospitality team for providing food and beverages, and all who attended. Meaningful conversations were inspired - please share questions and concerns with Bill, Caren and Pastor Jennifer.

For those unable to attend, the Bible Study was prepared using the booklet “Reconciling Scripture for Lutherans, Sexuality & Gender Identity”. The booklets can be ordered at www.reconcilingworks.org under their Resources tab. Or let Brenda know, and she can order you one, \$9.60 for a hard copy and \$4.80 for a PDF. My own hope for the Bible Study and the conversation scheduled for October 15th, is that we all acknowledge that scripture doesn't speak to all of us the same way, but we can still share the same pews, celebrating the God who made us all different.
Brenda Passmore, Outreach Leader

Please Save The Date – “A Place Within Our Walls”: A Discussion on Offering Hospitality SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, after worship

How might the Holy Spirit be calling us to make our welcome so beautifully known that we might gather others to Emanuel? What does it take to answer God's call to share the good news, and to honor and celebrate the diverse Body of Christ, God's creation in all its forms, and to appreciate the giftedness of people of all abilities, ages, cultures, classes, races, sexual orientations, and gender identities?

Below is a poem shared in Bethany Lutheran's newsletter in May 2011 – a reminder of why Emanuel means so much and why we should do all we can to share it with others seeking a place to respond to God's call to make Christ known in our church, the community, and the world.

My Church Home

This is my home, my church home, the place where I belong,
Where friends and loved ones join with me in praise and prayer and song.

This is my home, my church home with doors that open wide,
Where I can come when cares beset and know love waits inside.

This is my home, my church home, my haven from the storm,
Where friendly hands reach out to me gracious, true and warm.

This is my home, my church home, oh, would that I could share
Its strength and love and peace and joy with all folk everywhere.



Stewardship Team

There is a Stewardship meeting on July 9 after worship.

Location is church building in the lounge.

STEWARDS OF GOD'S LOVE

“Stewards of God’s Love” is a year-round guide to stewardship produced by the ELCA. A few of us on the Stewardship Team have been meeting with Sue Doyle to discuss year-round stewardship. Stewardship isn’t just about budgets, money, and pledge cards, but a grateful response to God and love, a way of life—an integration between our faith and the way that we live our lives.

“Stewardship is everything we do after we say *I believe*. It is the way in which we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and our neighbor. Stewardship is about love.” *Clarence Stoughton, former president of Wittenberg University*

At our last meeting, we had the idea to publish STEWARD SIGHTINGS in our newsletter. So here’s a few people caught Loving God and Others! *Jim Passmore and Mike Trova work to fix the restroom sink. Augie Andrukat does church landscaping. Charlotte, Eileen, Caren, and Lugene prepare for the Shephard’s Table at the Salvation Army.* We’re sure there are many more Stewards in Action who weren’t caught on camera!



STEWARD SIGHTINGS



"God's Work, Our Hands" - Sunday, September 10

The ELCA has been celebrating God's Work, Our Hands (GWOH) for a decade now! We will commemorate the day and it's encouragement to serve and love our neighbor on Sunday, September 10th. So wear your yellow t-shirts to church on that day!

We are still discussing opportunities to serve and will share details as they become available. Ideas? Let Brenda Passmore know.



2022 God's Work, Our Hands Sunday



Emanuel Lutheran Facebook Views

05/21/23	27
05/28/23	53
06/04/23	71
06/11/23	39
06/18/23	27

Average Worship Attendance for May: 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 pas-torjenniferlong@gmail.com,

if you would like to become a member of

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

**THIS IS A *REMINDER* THAT WE WILL MEET FOR OUR
MEETING ON ZOOM
THURSDAY, JULY 6, AT 12:30.
SEE YOU THEN!**

***A property meeting*
on August 13 to discuss require-
ments for the fall
season. I would like
to hold the meeting
before church in the
downstairs area
at 9 AM.**



All are welcome to attend.

Jim

BIRTHDAYS

July

Elizabeth Zink 71
Linda Zink 7/2
John Rector 7/12
Carole Adler 7/13
Jim Passmore 7/26

August

Richard Sauer 8/3
Evelyn Allen 8/7
Jacob Hufnagel 8/11
Annette Gardner 8/13
Josephine Sauer 8/17
Carol Witt 8/17
Gisela Smith 8/22
Frauke Becker 8/29
Julie Miller 8/29



ANNIVERSARIES

July

Carrie and Leon Smith 7/9

Lauren and Ed Cornelius 7/10

Becky and David Fowler 7/15

Laurie and Kevin Andrukat 7/19

August

Jodi and Franklin Machuga 8/14

Phyllis and Lew Brandes 8/20

Linda and Bob L'Amoreaux 8/31



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

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The Third Monday
of Every Month
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July 2023 Stewards

<u>Date</u>	<u>July 2</u>	<u>July 9</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>July 23</u>	<u>July 30</u>
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long
Worship Assistant	Brenda Passmore	Annette Gardner	Mary Ellen Brennan	Sue Doyle Rector	Brenda Passmore
Reader	Brenda Passmore	Caren Listopadzki	Phyllis Brandes	Sue Doyle Rector	Brenda Passmore
Acolyte/ Technology	Josephine Sauer	Jacob Hufnagel	Gage Machuga	Jacob Hufnagel	Josephine Sauer
Greeter	Laura Link	Jodi & Gage Machuga	Phyllis Brandes	Charlette Estep	Jodi Machuga
Usher	Jim Passmore	Augie Andrukat	Lew Brandes	John Rector	Jim Passmore
Altar Guild	Phyllis Groeger	Phyllis Groeger	Phyllis Groeger	Phyllis Groeger	Phyllis Groeger
Counters	Hamilton Team	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.

August 2023 Stewards

<u>Date</u>	<u>August 6</u>	<u>August 13</u>	<u>August 20</u>	<u>August 27</u>
Worship Leader	Rev. Susan Husted	Rev. Susan Husted	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long
Worship Assistant	Annette Gardner	Mary Ellen Brennan	Sue Doyle Rector	Brenda Passmore
Reader	Caren Listopadzki	Phyllis Brandes	Sue Doyle Rector	Brenda Passmore
Acolyte/ Technology	Jacob Hufnagel	Gage Machuga	Jacob Hufnagel	Josephine Sauer
Greeter	Jodi & Gage Machuga	Phyllis Brandes	Charlette Estep	Jodi Machuga
Usher	Augie Andrukat	Lew Brandes	John Rector	Jim Passmore
Altar	Phyllis Groeger	Phyllis Groeger	Phyllis Groeger	Phyllis Groeger
Counters	Brandes Team	Hamilton Team	Brandes Team	Hamilton Team

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July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p><i>NOTE...</i> Office Hours 2:30 - 4:30 EVERY TUESDAY</p>				1
2 <i>10 am Worship</i>	3 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette		5	6	7	8
9 <i>10 am Worship</i> Stewardship Meeting after service	10 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	11 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM	12 Council Meeting Via ZOOM 6PM	13	14	15
16 <i>10 am Worship</i>	<p>AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 11:30am—4:30pm In Fellowship Hall</p> <p>17 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette</p>	18 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM	19	20	21	22
23 <i>10 am Worship</i>	24 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	25 AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM	26	27	28	29
30 <i>10 am Worship</i>	31 Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette					

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AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<i>NOTE...</i> 1 Office Hours 2:30 - 4:30 EVERY TUESDAY	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10 am Worship	Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM				
10 am Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
property meeting @ 9 am	Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM				
10 am Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
Shepherd's Table	AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM				
27	28	29	30	31		
10 am Worship	Announcements for Bulletin due to Janette	AL-Anon 7:00 PM—8:00 PM		WELCA Meeting @ 1:00 pm		

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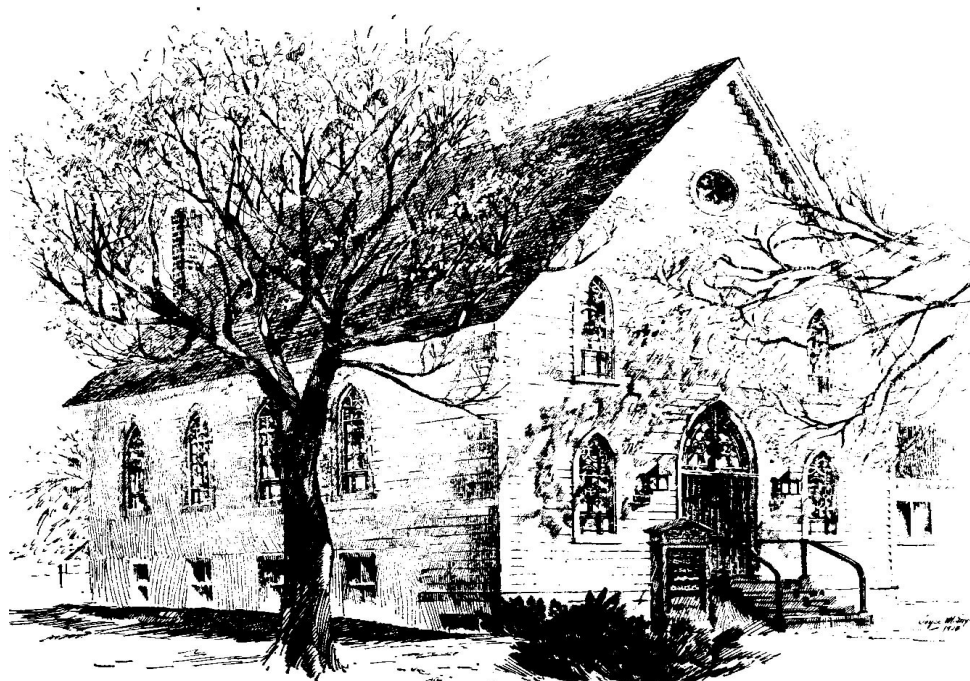
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