

Emanuel's Word

October 2023

2 He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: 3 "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell on a path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. 6 And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. 8 Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." 9 And he said, "If you have ears to hear, then hear!" ~Mark 4:2-9

When I spend time with the parable of the sower, I often wonder: what is it I need to 'have ears to hear'?

I have known times in my life that have been like each of the seeds Jesus speaks of: times without depth, times when things heated up, and thorny times. Perhaps part of 'hearing' is observing what life around me looks like, and where I might know God's presence in the midst of it.

I have also known times of good soil... of growth and hope and promise, and God's presence has been in the midst of that as well. There are many who, like the sower in the story, have attended to my faith of the course of time, asked important questions, offered their thoughts and companionship on the journey. It reminds that the journey of faith is not one taken alone, but surrounded by the community of faith.

Perhaps having 'ears to hear' is simply the work of listening for God... in all times and places. How would you think about it?

Speaking of 'hearing,' here are some things that are coming up in worship!

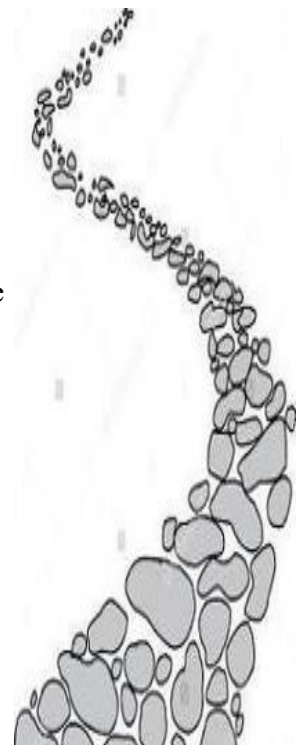
Reformation Sunday is celebrated the last Sunday of October... don't forget to wear red!

All Saints' Day is on the first Sunday in October, and candles will be in the back of the church that can be lit in memory of loved ones who have joined the saints triumphant.

Beloved, what do you hear when you spend time with this gospel lesson? I'd love to hear what you're thinking... maybe over a hot beverage as the days are cooling off... or even a cold one.

Peace,

Pastor Jennifer





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From the VP:

I have decided to tie this month's article to my sermon on October 1. If you missed it; go on Facebook to see what I had to offer.

I am going to focus on a couple of women who helped preserve the "Root of Jesse" by helping save David and his descendants.

David's wife, Michal, saved him from her father, Saul. We all know that Saul spent a lot of time trying to have David killed. One of these times, Michal let David down through a window. She then delayed the search by making a fake, sleeping "David" using pillows, goat hair and clothing. This allowed the real David time to escape.

A few generations later:

King Joram (king of Israel) and King Ahaziah (king of Judah) were both killed by Jehu. Ahaziah's mother, Athaliah, desired to become ruler. She devised a plan to kill all the heirs to the throne. Jehosheba, daughter of King Joram and sister of King Ahaziah, learned of the plan. She hid the infant Joash and his nurse while the other sons of Ahaziah were being killed. She kept him hidden in the house of God for six years. During the seventh year Joash was declared the rightful king and Athaliah was put to death. Joash (also known as Jehoash) ruled for forty years.

These are two examples of daring deeds, which could be punished with death, that God used to preserve the promise of keeping David's line on the throne.

Peace and strength to you,

Annette, VP

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Update

- Council met 9/13/23 via Zoom.
- Pastor Jennifer and Sharon attended the 50 year celebration of the Corning Food Pantry.
- Pastor Jennifer will have time off 10/1, the weeks of 11/12-19, and 12/12-14 (Tuesday - Thursday).
- Current YTD Budgeted Expenses are \$1,650.54 more than YTD Budgeted Income.
- Administrative Assistant: At the end of August Janette resigned for the end of September and Brenda has offered to fill her position. Sharon thanked Janette for her service. After a time for questions and discussions council members voted online in favor of hiring Brenda. Brenda stated that she will perform her paid work in the office and not at home. She doesn't want to be asked about work when at worship. She will be strict about deadlines.
- Air purifiers: Sharon reports that each of the 4 air purifiers have 2 filters which need to be replaced every 6 months at a cost of \$265 per purifier. Sharon will do further research, to prepare for a discussion if the equipment should be used again in the winter.
- AED: At a meeting on 8/15 monthly checks were agreed upon.
- Property: During the summer extensive work was done on the church grounds. The church sign was sanded and refinished, and a new protective tin roof was added. It needs new plexiglass. Corning Natural Gas replaced the gas line, and still needs to complete fixing the parking lot and FH lawn. Numerous routine inspections took place. Church entrance doors were lightly sanded and stained. There is a list of 15 proposed projects.
- Outreach: 3 members volunteered for Habitat for Humanity on 9/9, and on 9/10 the congregation assisted with setting up for the WELCA rummage sale, as part of 'God's work our Hands' celebration.
- RIC: Brenda is encouraging everybody strongly to attend the event on 10/15. We will discuss at the next RIC meeting if and how to set up Zoom participation. Caren replies that nobody attended the opportunity to ask questions on 9/12.
- Calendar Planning:
 - 9/15 & 9/16 WELCA Rummage Sale
 - October 1: Pastor on vacation
 - October 7: Oktoberfest
 - October 11: Next Council meeting via Zoom
 - October 15: RIC 'A Place Within Our Walls'

Caren Listopadzki
Council Secretary

Some of you may remember Geraldine Pierson. I never met her, but I have often heard her referred to as “the hat lady”. She attended, but never joined, Emanuel Lutheran Church, although her husband was a member. Geraldine passed away last year and left a bequest to Emanuel Lutheran Church. We are grateful to be remembered by her with this donation and are reminded that our words and actions may affect others deeply, whether or not they are members of our church. We are called to be like Christ to others, and although Geraldine did not officially join us, she clearly thought a lot of our community of believers. Thank you, Geraldine.



Oktoberfest returns on October 7th from 4:00pm until gone. It will be once again a drive-thru event. The menu includes schnitzel, bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, pretzel, and German cheesecake. Cost is a donation to Habitat for Humanity and the church kitchen.



Reconciling in Christ—

“A Place Within Our Walls” RIC Program and Conversation about Welcome

Sunday, October 15th, after worship in the Fellowship Hall

What does it mean to be a Reconciling in Christ Church? Why should we do this? Who are Reconciling Works?

What does it take to celebrate the diverse Body of Christ in all its forms, and appreciate the giftedness of people of all abilities, ages, cultures, classes, races, sexual orientations, and gender identities?

**Because we’d like to vote on this at our January Annual Meeting,
we hope you’ll take advantage of this important opportunity to learn more.**

Did you miss the Reconciling Scripture Bible Study in June? It was based on the booklet “Reconciling Scripture”. If you’d like a copy, you can request one by emailing the church office or let Brenda or someone on council know.

You can find even more information on the ELCA website www.elca.org. Under the ELCA Resources page, there’s a document created by their task force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality called “Journey Together Faithfully Part Two Background Essay on Biblical Texts”. It is a more in-depth view of the texts covered in our Reconciling Scripture Bible Study. There is also a lot of information on their [lgbtqia+ resources page](https://www.elca.org/lgbtq) <https://www.elca.org/lgbtq>.

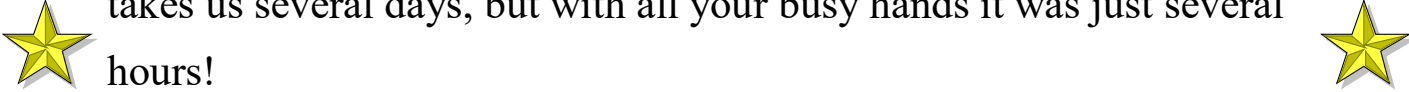
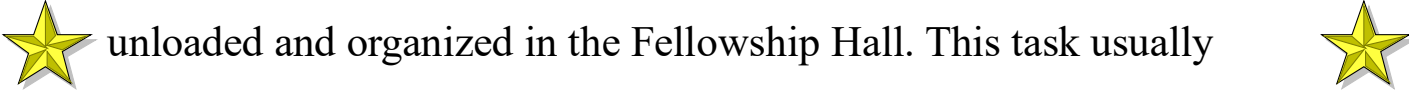
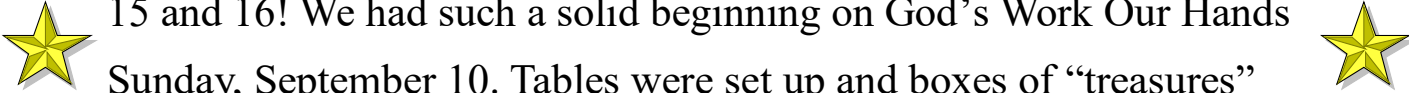
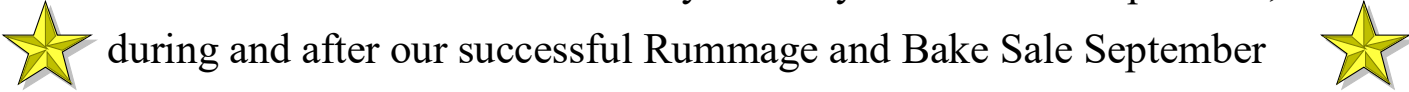
If you have questions or comments, please email council@emanuelcorning.org or there’s a RIC box in the narthex for comments. Our next step will be to survey the congregation to assess the level of support.



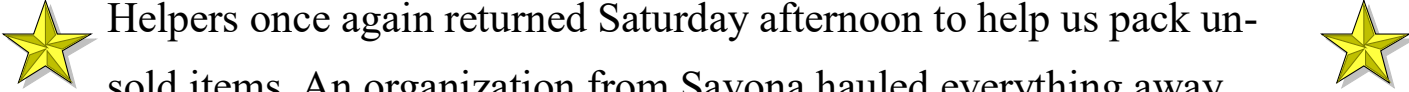
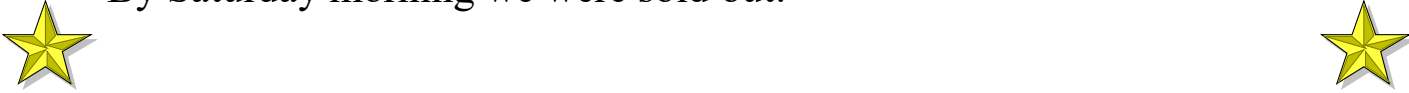
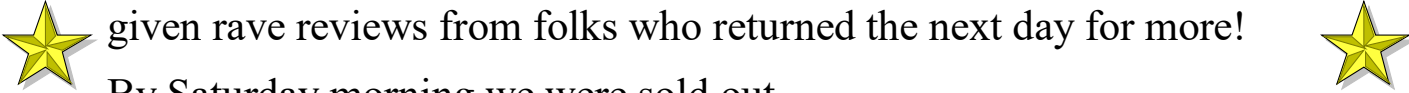
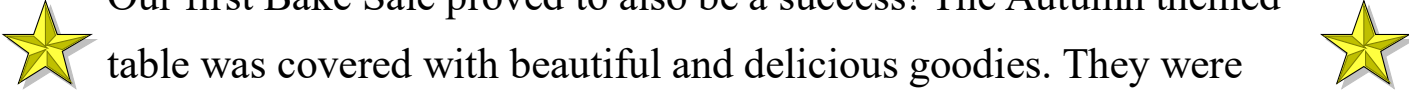
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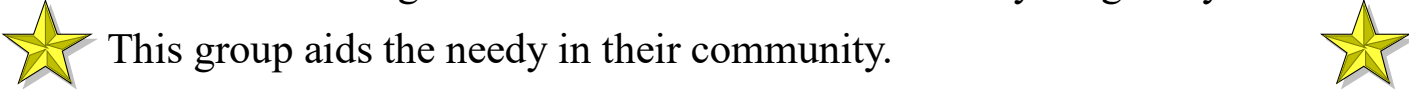
WELCA would like to thank everyone for your hours of help before, during and after our successful Rummage and Bake Sale September 15 and 16! We had such a solid beginning on God’s Work Our Hands Sunday, September 10. Tables were set up and boxes of “treasures” unloaded and organized in the Fellowship Hall. This task usually takes us several days, but with all your busy hands it was just several hours!



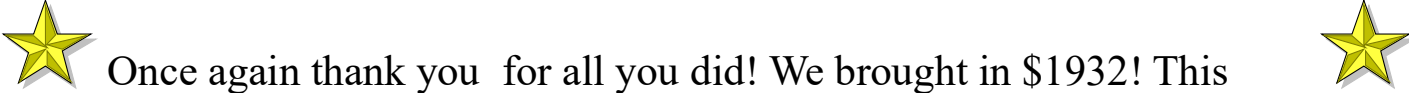
Our first Bake Sale proved to also be a success! The Autumn themed table was covered with beautiful and delicious goodies. They were given rave reviews from folks who returned the next day for more! By Saturday morning we were sold out.



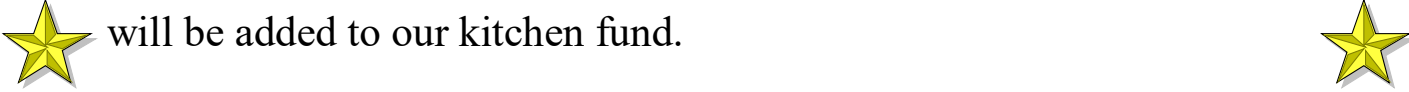
Helpers once again returned Saturday afternoon to help us pack unsold items. An organization from Savona hauled everything away. This group aids the needy in their community.



A few hours later, the Fellowship Hall was back in order thanks to many hands!



Once again thank you for all you did! We brought in \$1932! This will be added to our kitchen fund.





Corning Community Food Pantry



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On behalf of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Sharon just dropped off 35 pounds of pop top cans for our homeless project. Thank you so much for your kindness! [#communitycares](#)



A Stewardship Moment

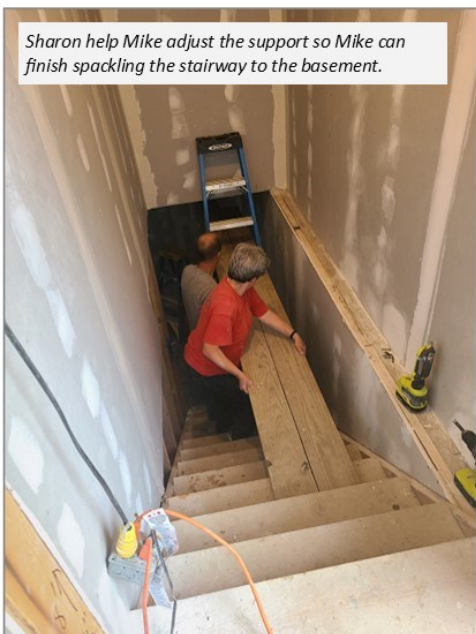
Look what I saw on Facebook! This reminded me to buy some canned food, and some soap, which is being collected in the month of September. - Thanks to all who are donating items for the Corning Food Pantry, and thanks to Sharon for taking the items there.

Caren

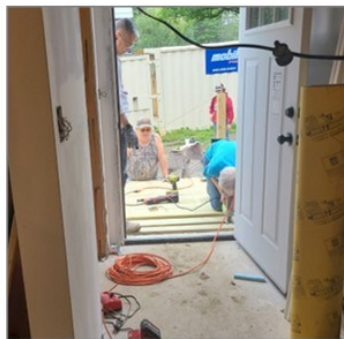
God's Work, Our Hands – Sunday, September 10, 2023

After worship, we all headed over to the Fellowship Hall to help the WELCA ladies set up the hall for their Fall Sale. We enjoyed snacks and great fellowship while we worked.

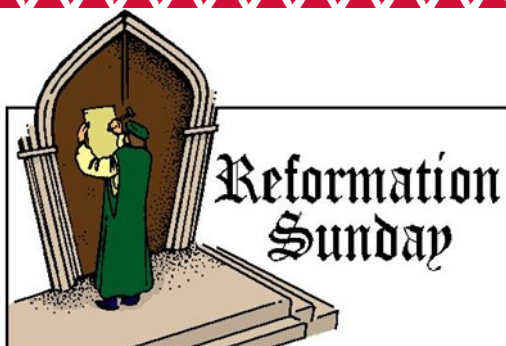
On Saturday, September 9th, a few of us went to the Steuben County Habitat for Humanity Build Site on Hornby Road to work. Due to the fire at their ReStore in July, they decided to discontinue work on the West William Street house for a while and focus on finishing their Hornby Road house. You can make a donation to their Fire Recovery Fund at their website www.habitatcorn.org.



Sharon help Mike adjust the support so Mike can finish spackling the stairway to the basement.



The Habitat House on Hornby Road.



Reformation Sunday is October 29th. This year's worship will include a short "skit" commemorating Martin Luther's role in our Lutheran roots. If you wish to participate, contact Lugene (lumitcham@hotmail.com or in-person).

Also, if possible, wear something RED.



All Saint's Sunday is on November 5, when we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Memorial votive candles will be set up to light one for our loved ones. Special prayer mention will also be observed.

Emanuel Lutheran Facebook Views

08/20/23	26
08/27/23	23
09/03/23	30
09/10/23	46
09/17/23	32

*Average Worship Attendance for:
August 2023: 27*



Interested in membership here at ELC?

If so, new members will be received into our family of faith in worship on September 17, 2023..

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 BRENDA PASSMORE AT OFFICE@EMANUELCORNING.ORG OR PLACE ON CHURCH OFFICE DESK NO LATER THAN TUESDAY MORNING

Thank you for food pantry support!

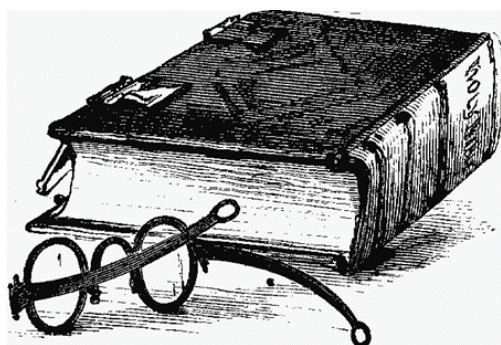
In September we collected 109 bars of soap, 1 container of dish soap and 15 cans for the *Corning Community Food Pantry*.

In October our focus will be peanut butter!

The food pantry has said that they are in need of one pound plastic jars of peanut butter. Please, no glass jars ever!

Thank you!

Book Club



Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, October 10th from noon until 1:00pm. We'll begin looking at the Acts of the Apostles. There's a lot of material there about the beginning of Christianity. It will take two, maybe three sessions.

October Birthdays

Coral Reed 2	Linda L'Amoreaux 3
Bill Groeger 5	Duane Miller 6
Chris Allen 6	Joan Gates 9
Lauri Andrukat 10	Michael Brennan 15
Jodi Machuga 15	Augie Andrukat 17
Arland Tyler 19	Vickie Ahrens 20
Georg Sauer 28	Janette Smith 29

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**
God bless you

Anniversaries'

Kimberly and John Hufnagel
October 6



October 2023 Stewards

<u>Date</u>	<u>October 1</u>	<u>October 8</u>	<u>October 15</u>	<u>October 22</u>	<u>October 29</u>
Worship Leader	Caren Listopadzki	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long	Pastor Jennifer Long
Worship Assistant	Annette Gardner	Sue Doyle-Rector	Caren Listopadzki	Mary Ellen Brennan	Brenda Passmore
Reader	Annette Gardner	Sue Doyle-Rector	Caren Listopadzki	Mary Ellen Brennan	Brenda Passmore
Acolyte/ Technology	Ben Hufnagel	Jacob Hufnagel	Gage Machuga	Josephine Sauer	Ben Hufnagel
Greeter	Jodi & Gage Machuga	Charlotte Estep	Janette Smith	Laura Link	Charlotte Estop
Usher	Jim Passmore	John Rector	Tom Kleckner	Augie Andrukat	Jim Passmore
Altar Guild	Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova
Counters	Hamilton Team	Hamilton Team	Hamilton Team	Hamilton 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!**

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>10 am Worship</i>	2	3 AL-Anon 7:00 PM— 8:00 PM	4	5	6	7  4pm till all gone
8 <i>10 am Worship</i>	9	10 Bible Study @ noon Fellowship Hall AL-Anon 7:00 PM— 8:00 PM	11 Council Meeting Via ZOOM 6PM	12	13	14
15 <i>10 am Worship</i> RIC Program and Conversation after service	16 AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 11:30am—	17 AL-Anon 7:00 PM— 8:00 PM	18	19	20	21
22 <i>10 am Worship</i>	23	24 AL-Anon 7:00 PM— 8:00 PM	25	26	27	28
29 <i>10 am</i>  Reformation Sunday	30	31 AL-Anon 7:00 PM— 8:00 PM				

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