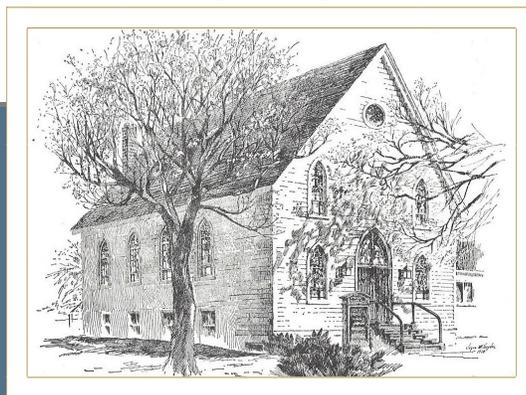


# Emanuel's Word

monthly newsletter of  
Emanuel Lutheran Church  
November 2023



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**WORSHIP: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Long

Organist: Lugene Mitchell Hamilton

Secretary: Brenda Passmore

Secretary's Office Hours:

Thursday - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

## Emanuel Lutheran Church

149 West William Street  
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*We live to know Christ  
and make Christ known  
in our church,  
our community,  
and the world.*



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

## Pastor Jennifer's Message:

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free; 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight; till by turning, turning we come 'round right.*  
Simple Gifts, hymn

“Be still, and know that I am God.”  
~Psalm 46:10

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place,  
and there he prayed. ~Mark 1:35

November for me signals the beginning of the holiday season. Where to travel, what to prepare, who to visit, and when to fit everything in are all touchstones for a season of busyness. I find myself thinking about traditions or time with family. All those things are running through my head. And I'm adding something else.

This year I am thinking about simplicity. With part of our household living hours away, I suggested we stay home for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Though traditionally we travel for one if not both holidays, staying home seeks to minimize the travel and arrangements... to simplify life through the holiday season. And once that was done, I felt a visible relaxing of my spirit.

When I looked for the word simple in the biblical text, I found it was used to describe person(s) who are lacking in knowledge or wisdom. It didn't seem to capture the simplicity I was looking for in my life right now. Instead, the words of the psalm and Jesus' trek to a deserted place captured for me the sense of clarity and focus I'm hoping doing a little less will add to my experience of the holidays this year.

What is your focus as you enter into this holiday season? I share mine not because I believe it is the right focus for everyone, but because it is the right focus for me, in this particular time and place. What is yours? How have you seen it change over time?

Let me know if you've got time to share... I'd love to hear about what you're thinking over a hot beverage. Or even a cold one.

Peace,  
Pastor Jennifer



## From the Vice President:

During my sermon on October 1 and the October newsletter I introduced some strong women. I am continuing with that theme.

There are three strong women who share names with women in my maternal lineage. I will introduce them in the order of my family, not biblical order.

My Great-Grandmother was named Ester. I don't remember her as she passed when I was only two. I am told I enjoyed playing with the zipper on her dress.

Ester has her own chapter in the Bible. Ester was a Jew who was chosen to be in the king's harem. She later became Queen Ester. Her kinsman, Mordecai, discovered a plot to kill the king. Later a high ranking official, Haman, was enraged that Mordecai would not bow to him. He passed a decree that all Jews were to be killed. Ester went to the king without first being summoned. She could have been killed for this act. She cleverly saved her people, the Jews. Haman was killed instead of Mordecai.

My mother is named Judith. Judith is found in Genesis. She is the wife of Esau. There is another Judith not mentioned in the Protestant Bible. She is mentioned in the Apocrypha; books not included in the Bible but good and useful to read. In the book of Judith; she also helped save the Jews. Judith used her wit and cunning to get into the Assyrian leader's tent. She beheaded Holofernes, hid his body and carried his head out in her clothing. Having no leader, the Assyrians did not attack the city of Bethulia.

My older sister is named Debra. Other than a spelling change, we find two Deborahs in the Bible. The first one is in Genesis. She was the nursemaid of Rebekah and later also to her sons Jacob and Esau. The second Deborah is in the book of Judges. She was the first and only female judge in pre-monarchic Israel. Deborah was a prophetess who helped settle disputes between the Israeli peoples. During a battle with the Cannonites, Deborah encouraged the troops with a song of victory.

I don't know that any of my family were named for the women in the Bible, but they could have done worse.

In Peace,  
Annette, VP



### November Birthdays

13	Barbara Woodruff
16	Timothy Gates
23	Maretta Kalinich
25	John Reed
29	Colleen Zink

### Happy Anniversary

Nov. 2 Maretta & Mike Kalinich

## 2023 Church Council

<b>President:</b>	Sharon Trova
<b>Vice President:</b>	Annette Gardner
<b>Secretary:</b>	Caren Listopadzki
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	Mike Hamilton
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Phyllis Brandes
<b>Council:</b>	
Marcia Ashworth	Brenda Passmore
Josephine Sauer	Janette Smith
Theresa Welfling	

\*The deadline to submit newsletter articles is the **25th** of **each** month.

Please email your articles to  
office@emanuelconring.org.



## Church Council Update

Council met on 10/11/23 via Zoom.

- YTD Budgeted Expense is \$5,640.45 more than Budgeted Income.
- Air purifiers will be run again as previously, due to an uptick in Covid. The number of months that they will run will depend on the flow of the flu and covid viruses.
- Continuing Resolutions (15 minutes)
  - Funerals: The document was accepted. We need an informal list of an ad-hoc team of helpers for funerals.
  - Officers: The document was accepted as amended
- Annette's class to prepare her to become a CALM (Congregation Authorized Lay Minister) will be online, offered by the School for Lay Ministry Learning, of Luther Seminary, for 3 hours on 1 Saturday per month over a course of a year.
- Calendar Planning
  - October 15: RIC A Place within our Walls
  - October 16: Red Cross Blood Drive
  - October 22: Southern Tier Assembly, Ithaca
  - October 29: Reformation skit
  - November 05: All Saints Sunday
  - November 08: Next council meeting
  - November 19: Stewardship Coffee Hour

Caren Listopadzki, Council Secretary

Average Worship Facebook viewings:

09/24 56

10/01 49

10/08 ? (Facebook Live wasn't recorded.)

10/15 44

Average worship attendance in September: 28

## Worship Volunteers



It would be great to have some  
new worship volunteers!

Worship Assistants, Readers, Technology, Altar Guild  
How about being a Greeter or Usher?

Some people are scheduled a lot, so we'd love more people on  
the lists. Please email the office and let Brenda know if you're willing to  
add your name to the schedule. Thanks!!!!



Save  
the  
Date

The Annual Meeting  
of the Congregation of  
Emanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 28, 2024,  
in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

The meeting will include a potluck dinner.  
Look for more details closer to the meeting date.



Corning Community Food  
Pantry Collection:

In November, our focus will be boxed side dishes, including rice (similar to Rice-a-Roni types), potato (au gratin, scalloped, instant) and stuffing. The Food Pantry tells us that clients really appreciate these little extras that they are allowed to choose beyond the basics they receive each visit.

In October we donated jars of peanut butter, plus other items. *Thank you for supporting the Corning Community Food Pantry.*

## BOOK CLUB



What we're reading!

*The Secret Book of Flora* by Patti Callihan Henry  
& *Before the Swallows Come Back* by Fiona Curnow

**They meet on Zoom, Thursday, Dec. 7 at 12:30pm**

If you'd like to join for the discussion, please message the office to receive the Zoom link.



WELCA opened their October 12 meeting with nine ladies present.

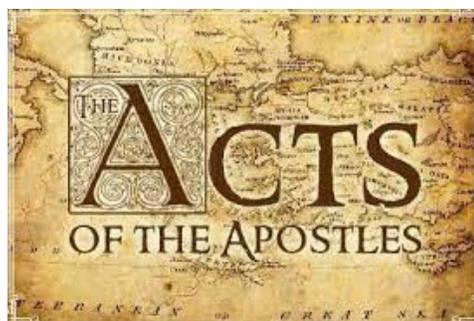
Our treasurer, Phyllis Groeger, reported we had \$29,064.73 in our Kitchen Fund. The Arlene Rylander memorial donated \$50. A huge "Thank You" to the Oktoberfest Committee for their generous donation of \$1865.50!

Our Rummage Sale brought in \$1962.00 with \$285 from the first Bake Sale. Thank you, Mary Ellen for the idea and "Thank You" to all the bakers!

The Veterans' Easter Basket Fund has reached \$370.72. God's Work Our Hands Sunday provided us with excellent setup help, too.

WELCA suggested a new policy for all three refrigerators. Every three months they will be cleaned. Anything expired, spoiled or not labeled will be disposed of.

**The next meeting will be November 2** in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00. We will be planning our annual Christmas cookie event for the Homebound. December 7 we'll prepare and deliver the trays. This will be the final WELCA meeting in 2023!



November Bible Study

Bible Study will return on **November 14<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall from noon until 1:00pm.

We'll be picking up where we ended in October with the Book of Acts.



## Oktoberfest 2023!

This year's Oktoberfest was once again a real success, thanks to the many hands who helped. A total of 27 people worked about 145 hours planning and putting on the event.

\$3,731 was raised to be split evenly between Habitat for Humanity and the church kitchen fund.

Many, many thanks to all.

## Reconciling in Christ



As we continue on the journey of determining if we will be an RIC church, you will have an opportunity to respond to a very brief survey during November. We will be emailing it to the voting members of the congregation and, for anyone who would prefer to complete a paper survey, they will be available in the church narthex. The survey tools used provide complete anonymity. If after the survey, the RIC Team and Church Council believe there is a large majority in favor, we'll vote at our **Annual Meeting on January 28th**. The survey will ask, would you support Emanuel's Welcome Statement, yes or no.

This is the proposed Welcome Statement shared at the RIC Presentation on October 16th -

### EMANUEL'S WELCOME STATEMENT:

*Emanuel Lutheran Church welcomes ALL because God loves ALL, regardless of race, culture, class, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, and whatever other terms are used to define people. Join us as we celebrate the God who gathers us, with all our gifts and differences, and sends us, as the living Body of Christ to make Christ known in our church, community and ever-changing world.*

In the meantime, you are invited to schedule a private meeting with Pastor Jennifer or Caren Listopadzki to discuss the topic and get additional information. You may also share your thoughts by emailing [council@emanuelcornig.org](mailto:council@emanuelcornig.org), or using the RIC comment box in the narthex. Additional copies of the RIC Presentation material are available in the narthex.

Please remember that this initiative addresses welcome and equitable inclusion of all races, cultures, physical/mental health, and socio-economic status as well as LGBTQIA+ people.



Stewardship. It's about being a grateful, responsible manager of the gifts we have from God. It's using God's gifts to do God's work. So often it is just associated with asking for money, but we have been working hard at Emanuel, through Sue Doyle's leadership, to change that attitude and build a culture of gratitude to God and generosity with our gifts through a year round stewardship approach that has included Mission Moments during worship.

But yes, we do need to talk about money, which is just one of the many gifts and resources that we have and that we share with Emanuel and the larger church to do God's work. You might wonder how making a pledge to Emanuel helps locally and globally. Yes, it does pay the bills, including utilities, inspections, maintenance and salaries. But it also goes to the Upstate New York Synod and our Southern Tier Synod Assembly. That money is used to support the church, to develop and send out resources for worship, to support missionaries and so much more. This web site gives a good image (an infographic) and break down of how the ELCA uses the money that we, and the other 9300 congregations send to the synod. [https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/WDMOG\\_Infographic\\_8x11.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/WDMOG_Infographic_8x11.pdf) A hard copy of this will be available in the Fellowship Hall and in the narthex during the month of November.

Last year, our financial secretary sent out 41 letters to members to ask for pledges. We received 27 pledges. In order to have a balanced budget, we reduced the amount of money that we sent to the synod. That was an uncomfortable decision to make, and one that we would like to rectify this year. We want to support the larger work of the church, which in turn, supports us with resources, care and prayer.

A financial response package will be distributed to members on November 4th at worship, and mailed to any members not present that day. Please read these materials and prayerfully consider a pledge for the 2024 budget, which is in the process of being put together.

There is a quote that I would like to share with you in this stewardship moment from Clarence Stoughton, who was an educator, a college president, a Lutheran and the secretary of stewardship in the larger church prior to the ELCA formation. He said, "Stewardship is everything we do after we say, 'I believe.'"



Coffee and snacks in the Fellowship Hall  
sponsored by the Stewardship Team  
Sunday, November 19th after worship

A great opportunity to share ideas about our annual financial appeal.  
We certainly appreciate your questions and thoughts.  
So join us after worship! Fellowship is always a good time!



From the Church Office:

Many, many thanks to Janette Smith for serving Emanuel as our Administrative Assistant for the last couple years! All that you did Janette, and the friendly way you did it, is deeply appreciated.

**A personal message from our new, (old from a dozen years ago) church secretary!**

*I like to do my administrative assistant work from the church office and not from home, so please direct all emails and phone calls pertaining to church office work to the church email and phone number. I'll be there on Thursdays from noon-3pm, except Thanksgiving....when I'll be in on Wednesday instead!*

*I'm working for two churches with similar deadlines, so please have all information for the Sunday bulletin and announcements to the office by Thursday at noon. All newsletter items will be due by the 25th of each month.*

*I am glad to be back! I may do things a bit differently than Janette, but I'm getting the hang of some of the changes that have happened since I was on the job over a decade ago (hard to believe)!*

*In Christ, Brenda Passmore*



*Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday, November 4th so you don't arrive for church an hour early on Sunday!*





# Steward Schedule

Date	<b>Nov. 5</b> <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	<b>Nov. 12</b>	<b>Nov. 19</b>	<b>Nov. 26</b>
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer	Caren Listopadzki	Bill Groeger	Pastor Jennifer
Worship Assistant	Annette Gardner	Sue Doyle	Caren Listopadzki	Mary Ellen Brennan
Reader	Annette Gardner	Sue Doyle	Caren Listopadzki	Mary Ellen Brennan
Technology	Jacob Hufnagel	Gage Machuga	Josephine Sauer	Ben Hufnagel
Usher	Augie Andrukat	John Rector	Phyllis Groeger	Jim Passmore
Greeter	Laura Link	Jodi Machuga	Janette Smith	Charlotte Estep
Altar Guild	Julie & Duane Miller	Julie & Duane Miller	Julie & Duane Miller	Julie & Duane Miller
Counters	Hamilton Team	Hamilton Team	Hamilton Team	Hamilton Team

*If you are scheduled to serve and find you're unable to attend, please call someone to substitute for you. Thank you!*

# Oktoberfest 2023



Emanuel’s Event Calendar changes often. Please check our website [www.emanuelcorning.org](http://www.emanuelcorning.org) under the calendar tab for the most up-to-date schedule of events.

Nov 2023 (Eastern Time - New York)							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
29 10am - Reformation	30	31 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	8am - Cleaning	1 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @ 1pm - WELCA Meeting	2	3	4
5 10am - All Saints	6	7 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	8am - Cleaning 5pm - Delta Kappa 6pm - Church Council	8 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	9	10	11 Baby Shower
12 10am - Worship @	13	14 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Bible Study with 6:30pm - AI-Anon	8am - Cleaning	15 9am - Bone Builders 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Office Hours @	16	17	18
19 10am - Worship @ 11am - Stewardship	20 9am - American Red	21 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	8am - Cleaning 12pm - Office Hours @	22	23	24	25
26 10am - Worship @	27	28 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	8am - Cleaning	29 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	30	1	2

Brenda Passmore, Church Events, Community Events, Property

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