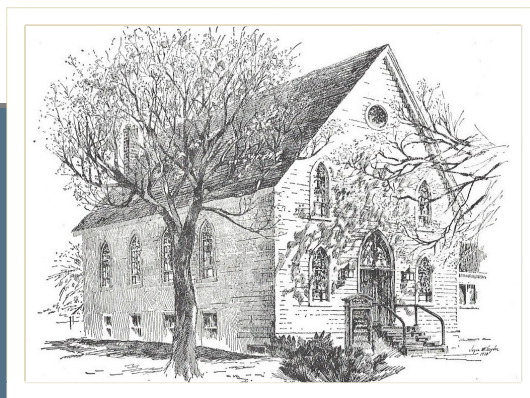


Emanuel's Word

monthly newsletter of
Emanuel Lutheran Church

January 2024



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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

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



Evangelical
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in America

Pastor Jennifer's Message:

*My soul cries out, with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wonderful things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?*

~first verse of Canticale of the Turning, ELW 723

It's a good hope isn't it? Might it be possible that the world might be about to turn?

As 2023 rings out: I'm glad to get this year in my rearview mirror. I think I've said that each year for the past three... so I'm wondering... is it the world that needs turning or me? Maybe instead of being glad to leave a year behind, I can focus on what goals I can put in to place for the new year. What important principles do I hold? How am I putting those into how I live my life?

I also continue to work at seeing where, how, and when God is revealed in the everyday workings of my life... and the workings of the church as we move forward. I'm asking: God... how are you carrying this story, my story, the story of Emanuel Lutheran Church, forward? For millennia, God's story has been carried forward by people, like you and me, and communities, like Emanuel.

Friends, how are you seeing God carry your story forward? ELC's story forward?

Keep your eyes open... I'll be doing the same. I'd love to hear about what you see.

Peace,

Pastor Jennifer

From the Vice President:

I was given the inspiration for this month's newsletter from both recent readings in the "Christ in Our Home" and from Pastor Jennifer's sermon on December 17. So I will write about leadership.

The devotion from December 19 was from 2 Kings 2:9-22. It is when Elisha became a prophet in place of Elijah. Elisha asked for a double portion of the spirit for Elijah and it was granted him.

Pastor Jennifer's sermon was based on King Cyrus, obviously a leader. She also spoke of Simeon. Simeon had been informed he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. He gave us the words I remember often, said after communion: "Lord, Now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32)

In Luke 22 Jesus also proclaims himself as the one "among you as one who serves". It is also shown when Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.

As January moves along until our Annual Meeting, January 28; listen to the spirit talking to you. Are you being called to serve? Are you being nudged to take on a leadership role at the church? Do you have untapped gifts we could use? Emanuel is looking for a few people to form a finance advisership to help us be responsible stewards of some bequests the church has been given. Emanuel is always looking for new people with fresh ideas to serve on the church counsel and on other groups.

If you are moved by the Holy Spirit; take time to listen, contemplate. Then let someone from the church leadership help you find ways you can become more active and use your talents for the glory of God.

In Peace,
Annette, VP

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

Please email your articles to
office@emanuelconring.org.



Happy January Birthday!

January 7 Mike Hamilton
18 Jennifer Long
30 Eric Sweet



Happy Anniversary!
Sue Doyle-Rector and
John Rector
on January 25th!

From the Church Office:

The Annual Meeting is
Sunday, January 28th.

Ministry Team Leaders -
please have your reports
emailed to
office@emanuelconring.org by
Tuesday, January 2nd.



Happy New Year! Brenda Passmore

Is your contact information current?

We'd like to stay in touch with you.

Please notify the office if your email, phone number
or address have changed.



2023 Church Council

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

Church Council Update

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Update 12/6/2023

Council met on 12/06/2023 via Zoom.

- Pastor Jennifer had a meeting with Bishop Miller on 12/05.
- YTD budgeted expense is \$5,002.99 more than budgeted income.
- We need a financial team to assist with investment strategies.
- The Executive Committee met on 11/16 and approved the renewal of the contract with Pastor Jennifer as well as a remuneration package for all staff members, and discussed the budget.
- Budget: Sharon presented and explained the proposed budget. Fewer financial pledges have been received than last year while most expenses have risen. Ways to cut costs have been explored by Caren and Jim. Starting in January, the buildings will only be cleaned twice monthly instead of weekly.
- Format of the Annual Meeting: A hybrid approach is not sure, as we need to work out technical issues with Zoom. Ballots can only be accepted from voting members who have attended the meeting either in person or virtually.
- Property: the sidewalk has been repaired.
- RIC: More than 30 responses to the survey have been received, mostly positive.

CALENDAR PLANNING

12/10 - Stewardship Team Meeting
 12/17 - WELCA packages for homeless
 12/21 - Deadline for annual report submissions
 12/24 -10am Advent 4, 5pm Christmas Eve
 1/10/24 Next council meeting
 1/28/24 - Annual Meeting
 2/03/24 - Yarn Swap

Facebook views:

11/19 - 37, 11/26 - 79, 12/03 - 59, 12/10 - 68

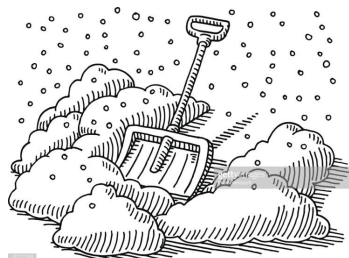
Average attendance for November: 27

Blessings, Caren Listopadzki
 Council Secretary

The 2023/2024 snow shoveling season has begun. We are looking for able bodied people to sign up for a week in the new year! This is only for the church sidewalks and not the parking lot. A key to the shed can be provided along with snow blower training.

Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for a spot before they are all taken (joke). Or you can contact the church office to schedule your week.

Thanks,
 Jim Passmore,
 Property Team



Mission Opportunity with our friends at
 First Congregational UCC

Mission Trip to New Bern, NC
 April 21 - 27th (CPP Spring Break)

We will repair homes damaged in the hurricane.
 The host in New Bern is Presbyterian Disaster
 Assistance's New Hope Village
<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/volunteer-site-new-bern/>

Ages 14 and up - youth must be accompanied by an adult.
 Bob Walker is organizing the trip at First Congregational
 UCC. If you're interested in joining them, see Brenda
 Passmore for more information.

A \$100 deposit per person is requested by February 11th,
 with the total amount of \$250 due by April 7th.



Corning Community Food Pantry Collection

Since September, 2023 we have donated 292 pounds of items to the pantry!

January's Collection: **canned protein - tuna, chicken, salmon, vienna sausages, beef stew.** Pop top cans are always appreciated! Please place them in the basket in the church.

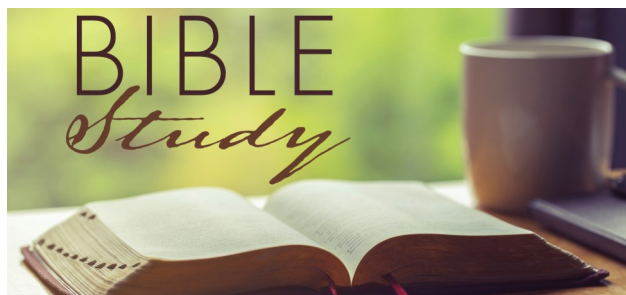
Thank you for supporting the Corning Community Food Pantry.

BOOK CLUB



BOOK CLUB: We will meet on Zoom on **Thursday, January 18, at 12:30.**

Two new books were chosen for our review - *The Mitford Affair*, by Marie Benedict and *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini. All are welcome to join for the book discussion. Please contact the church office to receive the Zoom link.

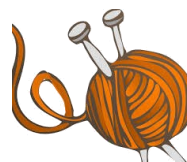


Bible Study
Tuesday, January 9th in the Fellowship Hall.
We'll be returning to the Book of Acts and pick up where we left off in October.

Yarn Swap!

Saturday, February 3th, 9 am - ?
Emanuel Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Do you have yarn/notions you'd like to swap or share with other crafters? Bring them and a project to work on. We'll enjoy coffee, tea, snacks, and chatting and take turns drawing for a chance to choose one of the goodies. This is a free event. We'll donate what's left. All are welcome.



JOIN US!

The Mailbag.....



Dear My Emanuel Family, Your thoughtful gesture brought joy to my heart. I'm truly grateful for your generosity and the love you've shown me. Thank you!
Janette

Many Thanks to all the WELCA Women for the beautiful gift of tasty cookies. Janette

Thank you Emanuel Friends! I truly appreciate the card and gift presented at the Christmas Eve Service, but I also loved the wonderful collection of Christmas Cookies prepared and packaged by WELCA.

I decided to be smart and froze quite a few of them so that when family came for Christmas, it looked like I'd been baking furiously! Just kidding, they know better!

Happy New Year....Brenda

Annual Meeting

...And the Greatest of These is Love



1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

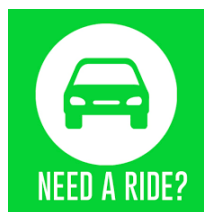
Annual Meeting of Emanuel Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 28th after worship

We will quickly grab coffee and a seat to complete the meeting in a timely fashion.

On the agenda –

- Voting for additional church council members.
- Voting on the 2024 budget and other church business
- Vote on the Reconciling in Christ Church designation.
- Ask for volunteers to serve on a Financial Team to help with financial planning and investment strategies.

We strongly encourage you to attend in person because we are struggling with some technical issues that may not allow us to offer the meeting online.



Need a ride? Council members will be calling members to remind you of the meeting, so if you'd like a ride, please let them know or contact the church office.

A potluck dinner will follow. Emanuel's Green Team encourages you to bring your own place setting - reducing trash and clean-up!



Reconciling in Christ at Emanuel

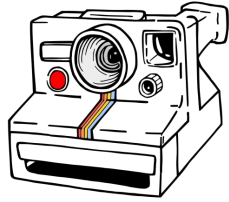
Thank you to everyone who took the time to engage their hearts and minds in the discussion and the opportunities for education. Please continue to share your questions and thoughts as we move forward to the vote at the Annual Meeting.

In Christ, Brenda Passmore, RIC Team Leader

EMANUEL'S PROPOSED 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.

Emanuel's Photo Album!



*Hanging the Greens Service
December 3rd*



*Assembling Personal Care
Kits for the Salvation Army
December 17th*



*WELCA Cookie Packing!
December 7th*





Steward Schedule

Date	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer
Worship Assistant	Mary Ellen Brennan	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore	Caren Listopadzki
Reader	Mary Ellen Brennan	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore	Phyllis Brandes
Technology	Gage Machuga	Josephine Sauer	Ben Hufnagel	Gage Machuga
Usher	Jim Passmore	John Rector	Augie Andrukat	Lew Brandes
Greeter	Jodi Machuga	Laura Link	Charlotte Estep	Janette Smith
Altar Guild	Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova
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!

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10am - Worship @	1 	2 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	3 8am - Cleaning	4 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	5	6
7 10am - Worship @	8	9 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Bible Study with 6:30pm - AI-Anon	10 8am - Cleaning 6pm - Church Council	11 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	12	13
14 10am - Worship @	15 9am - American Red	16 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	17 8am - Cleaning	18 9am - Bone Builders 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Office Hours @	19	20
21 10am - Worship @	22	23 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	24 Crazy Quilters 8am - Cleaning	25 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	26	27
28 	29	30 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	31 8am - Cleaning	1 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	2	3 8am - Yarn Swap

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