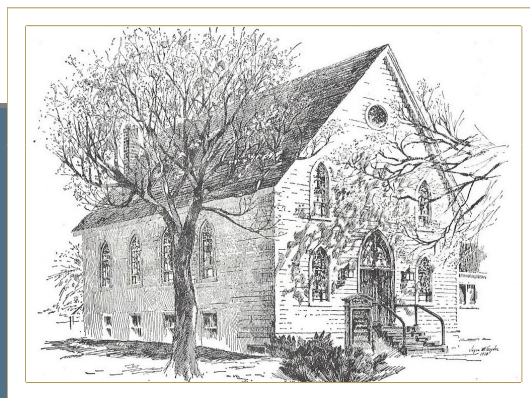


Emanuel's Word

monthly newsletter of
Emanuel Lutheran Church

MARCH 2024



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Secretary: Brenda Passmore

Secretary's Office Hours:

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

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

Pastor Jennifer's Message:

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ~~~Mark 8:27

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" ~~~Luke 9:18

Who do **you** say that we are?

A new season and a new opportunity to reflect on what it means to 'be the church' at Emanuel. Who do you say we are as a church?

I think if this question is *really* to be considered,
the whole congregation is needed!

Lent is a particularly appropriate time to reflect on both the purpose statement and Emanuel's goals for the future, and YOU, the entire congregation of Emanuel Lutheran church are invited to be a part of the conversation! To that end... here are some questions to think about:

What does it mean to live to know Christ
and make Christ known in our community?

What are some ways Emanuel can live to know Christ
and make Christ known in our community?

Does the current purpose of the church still fit who
Emanuel Lutheran Church is today?

What do you think would be useful to Emanuel growing?
How could you be a part of that growth?

I'll be asking some of these questions of the newly installed leaders of the church AND YOU, if you'd like to join us for the leadership retreat happening on May 11th! Save the date! I think it would be useful to have many voices as a part of the conversation... would you share what you're thinking by being present at the retreat? If you can't make the retreat... I'd be happy to make time to hear what you're thinking and you could talk to any of our congregation's current leaders. Looking forward to the chance to hear what you're thinking.

Peace, Pastor Jennifer

From the Vice President:

Well, I have now given two sermons. The congregation was a bit small on Feb 25, but number who commented on my sermon was high. I really appreciate the support of you all. I'm glad my words can have meaning for so many. If you missed it; you can always go to Facebook and see what I had to say.

We can always use the healing hand of Christ. I know that there are sometimes "miracle healings". I don't personally know of any, but maybe I have seen the working of Christ in a different way.

My father had prostate cancer, he was given six months to live. He survived for the next three years. This gave my younger sister and I the chance to visit him and our elder sister in Oklahoma. Dad took us around to many of his favorite places. We visited the Tall Grass Prairie where we watched herds of buffalo and of mustang. We visited an Osage museum. We dined at the Prairie Woman's restaurant and browsed her Mercantile. We also visited the ranch house where she films her shows. Dad had a long conversation with one of he cowboy/ranch hands. We all visited the Cowboy Museum where Dad and I were pushed in wheelchairs. My sisters had an impromptu race with Dad and I laughing. This is just a small listing of the wonderful time given to us.


Was this extra time with Dad gift from God? I don't know that is was, but you will not convince me that it wasn't.

Peace be with you, Annette VP

*The deadline to submit newsletter articles is the **25th** of **each** month. Please email your articles to **office@emanuelconring.org**.



Happy March Birthday!

	March 5	Solenne Becker
	7	Tom McGrew
	15	Andre' Schwesinger
	15	Mary Ellen Brennan
	20	Nick Sweet
	21	J.T. Hufnagel

Happy Anniversary!

March 3	Annette and Todd Gardner
22	Frauke and Stefan Becker
25	Brenda and Jim Passmore

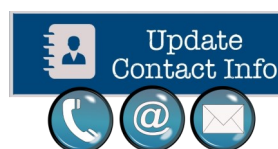
From the Church Office:

Anyone have a small, wired color printer they're no longer using? We could use one in the office. Let us know. Thanks.



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.



2024 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

Church Council Update - February 7th Meeting via Zoom.

- Pastor Jennifer attended the Corning Area clergy meeting that day. Five congregations will attend the Ash Wednesday service at Emanuel on 2/14.
- Council granted Pastor Jennifer's request for 6 weeks off: unknown date in April, June 2, 23 & 30, September 22 and October 13.
- YTD budgeted expense is \$1,279.78 more than YTD budgeted income.
- Continuing Resolutions were discussed for 15 minutes. The resolution on Ecumenical Relationships was accepted, with the addition of Ash Wednesday.
- Annual Meeting recap:
 - Date for Council Installation: 3/3/24.
 - Council voted to have future installations on the first Sunday in February.
 - The technology part went well. Brenda and Sharon will meet soon to discuss possible improvements.
- Annual training: sexual harassment prevention, safety (NEW!!) is due 2/29/24.
- Leadership Retreat: We need to dream big and think of the larger direction where to go. Pastor Jennifer is planning to lead the retreat on 5/18/24. It will be open to all current and want-to-be leaders.
- Free library on church property was suggested by Sharon and discussed as an outreach project to our community. Discussion to be continued next month.
- Stewardship: During the Mission Moment on 3/17 a Master Gardener will discuss Pollinator Gardens. There are plans to replace the day lilies on the east side of the Fellowship Hall with a pollinator garden.
- Worship & Music Team recommends that duties of Ushers and Greeters will be combined, due to a shortage of volunteers, and that Worship Assistants be trained as Acolytes/IT support.
- Property: The furnace in the church was repaired on 2/13/24 at a cost of \$392.10. It requires an annual maintenance check for \$350.00.
- RIC: Brenda has filled out the survey and has donated an amount to be sent to the RIC organization as our first contribution. We are awaiting final approval to display the RIC logo.
- Finance: Janette will be the liaison person.

Calendar Planning-

2/15 - 3/21 (Thursdays) Lenten soup and study at Mennonite Church at 6pm

3/13 Next Council meeting at 6pm via Zoom

3/17 Mission Moment (Down)- Pollinators

4/13 Spring Conference Assembly at Bethany, Elmira, at 3pm

4/27 Master Garden session at Corning Library on pollinator garden

5/18 Leadership Retreat

6/3-4 Synod Assembly at Bethany Baptist in Syracuse

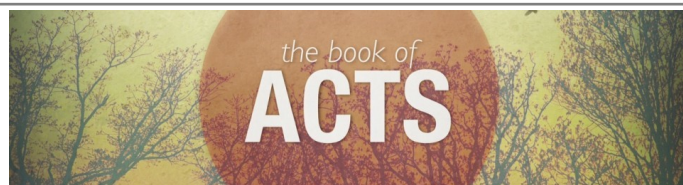
Caren Listopadzki, Council Secretary



Corning Community
Food Pantry
March Collection:

Fruits and vegetables in either
pop top or plastic containers.
Please place your items in the basket
in the church.

*Thank you for supporting the Corning
Community Food Pantry.*



Bill's Bible Study Returns
Tuesday, March 12th at noon.

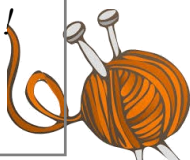
We'll return to the book of Acts
and pick up where we left off
in October.



*We are grateful to be a part of this Ecumenical
group! Photos from Jazz Sunday and the Ash
Wednesday Service.*

**Yarn
Swap!**

*A photo from
the Yarn
Swap on
Feb. 3rd!
Thanks for
organizing
the event
Sharon!*





WELCA had a very successful Soup Sale in early February!! We brought in about \$1,425 to add to our Kitchen Fund. AND, the Kitchen Renovation is now scheduled for this year. Marcia has talked to the contractor and he has scheduled the start. We have started cleaning out the cupboards and have sold some of the old heavy Pyrex dishes.

A “Household Items and Tool Sale” is scheduled for May. So save all the household items you would like to bring in to donate to the sale.

WELCA’s next project is making 12 Easter Baskets for homeless veterans. (See next page.)

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 7 at 1:00 p.m. See you there!!



Tomato Swiss soup with a grilled cheese sandwich! Thanks for a great lunch WELCA!!



Phyllis, Phyllis & Julie!



Many hands make light work!

Easter Baskets for Vets



WELCA's next project is making 12 Easter Baskets for homeless veterans. These will be distributed by the VA in Bath. Some of the contents include personal items as well as socks, knitted hats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, flashlights and a few goodies to eat!

If you'd like to donate to this needy cause make a check out to WELCA or place cash in the VA Fund box located next to our offering plate.

We'll accept donations through Sunday, March 24! THANK YOU for helping!



Emanuel's Mailbag.....



Dear Partners in Ministry at Emanuel Lutheran Church,
Congratulations on adopting your Welcome Statement and welcome to the Reconciling in Christ community! ReconcilingWorks is proud to have your community as a partner in this Holy ministry of welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy.

ReconcilingWorks prays the journey of adopting your welcome strengthened and enriched the life of your community. ReconcilingWorks will add your community to the roster of Reconciling in Christ (RIC) partners. With your community's addition, the RIC roster now exceeds 1,030 communities! Look for your community soon on the map here: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/findric/>.

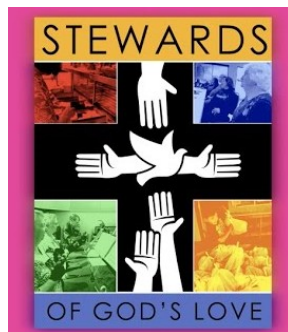
Thank you for your public partnership! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask. Welcome to the RIC Community!

We are so glad you're here.

Joy Strunk
(Pronouns: She/Her/Hers)
Administrative Assistant
ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation



Stewardship Team Update



Spring is just around the corner and the Stewardship Team will be having a Mission Moment on March 17th during worship and also join us for snacks and conversation in the Fellowship Hall after church.

We will be hearing information from Beth Honadle, Master Gardener from Cornell Cooperative Extension, regarding “pollinator gardens”, with the hope and intent of implementing a safe haven for bees and butterflies on the east side of the Fellowship Hall.

Did you know that bees are at risk of extinction largely due to human activities such as large-scale changes in land use, industrialized agricultural practices, and the detrimental use of pesticides? These have all contributed to destroying their habitats and reducing their available food sources! You might ask, “how does that affect us?” please join us in our Mission Moment on March 17th to learn more.

This presentation in March begins our 2024 journey of “Stewards of God’s Love”. As we make the sign of the cross, we begin by “going down”, just as God came down to us and gave us creation. As stewards, it is our responsibility to take care of all the beauty that surrounds us! See you on the 17th!

Sincerely,
The Stewardship Team



**Interested in learning more from Beth Honadle
about pollinator gardening?
She is also hosting a series of workshops on gardening at the
Southeast Steuben County Library.**

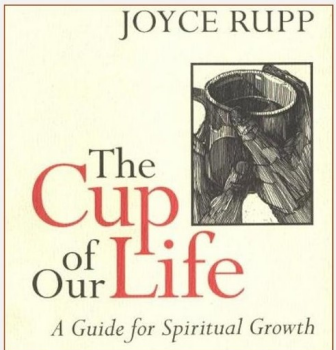
The workshops require pre-registration. (<https://ssclibrary.org/activities/garden-planning-beth-honadle/>). The first of these is on March 2 from 1:00-3:00 on Garden Planning.



ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDY

**Thursdays
February 15 -
March 21st**

"The Cup of Our Life"
by Joyce Rupp



Soup Supper at 6 p.m., Study & Discussion at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Community Mennonite Fellowship Church
290 Park Avenue, Corning, NY (entrance on Hammond Street)

This year's Lenten study will follow Joyce Rupp's book, *The Cup of Our Life*. The cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws, and its many blessings.

Along with the fellowship and soup, participants are invited to read the preface for the week and bring a cup of their own to the dinner with them. The study will explore how the ordinary cups used each day can become sacred vessels that connect us with life and the Divine.

All are welcome to join us!

2024 EASTER LILIES



If you would like to honor or remember someone special this Easter, you may purchase an Easter Lily for the Altar. Please fill in the information below, place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office with payment.

Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 24th, and the cost is \$10.00 each.

Given by

In honor of

In memory of

I would like a lily after the service.



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SUN ▪ MARCH 24 ▪ 10:00A.M. ▪ PALM/PASSION WORSHIP
On this day we mark Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem.

THURS ▪ MARCH 28 ▪ 5:00P.M. ▪ MAUNDY THURSDAY
Holy Communion, traditional foot washing and stripping of the altar.

FRI ▪ MARCH 29 ▪ 12:00 NOON ▪ GOOD FRIDAY
An Ecumenical Good Friday service with Corning area churches at Christ Episcopal Church.

SUN ▪ MARCH 31 ▪ 10:00A.M. ▪ EASTER WORSHIP
We're back at Emanuel to celebrate Christ's resurrection!

If you'd like an Easter Lily on the altar and won't be in worship to turn in your slip, please mail your flower dedication information along with your check to the church. Thanks!



Steward Schedule

Date	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24 Palm Sunday	March 31 Easter
Worship Leader	Rev. Jennifer Long	Rev. Jennifer Long	Rev. Jennifer Long	Rev. Jennifer Long	Rev. Jennifer Long
Worship Assistant	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore	Rev. Roger Behrens	Annette Gardner	Caren Listopadzki
Reader	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore	Vicki Behrens	Annette Gardner	Phyllis Brandes
Tech/ Acolyte	Jacob Hufnagel	Ben Hufnagel	Oskar Sauer	Josephine Sauer	Gage Machuga
Usher	John Rector	Jim Passmore	Tom Kleckner	Augie Andrukat	Jim Passmore
Greeter	Laura Link	Charlotte Estep	Phyllis Groeger	Janette Smith	Brenda Passmore
Altar Guild	Phyllis Groeger	Phyllis Groeger	Phyllis Groeger	Phyllis Groeger	Phyllis Groeger
Counters	Hamilton Team	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
25 Lent 2 Shepherd's Table-3:30pm 10am - Worship @	26	27 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	28 8am - Cleaning	29 Lenten Soup Supper -6 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	1	2
3 Lent 3 10am - Worship-Council	4	5 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	6 8am - Cleaning	7 Lenten Soup Supper -6 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	8	9
10 Lent 4 10am - Worship @	11	12 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Bible Study with 6:30pm - Al-Anon	13 8am - Cleaning 9pm - Church Council	14 Lenten Soup Supper -6 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	15	16
17 Lent 5 10am - Worship-	18 9am - American Red	19 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	20 8am - Cleaning	21 Lenten Soup Supper -6 9am - Bone Builders 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Office Hours @	22 2pm - Scrapbookers	23 9am - Scrapbookers
24 Palm Passion 10am - Worship @	25	26 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	27 8am - Cleaning	28 Maundy Thursday-5pm 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @ 5pm - Maundy	29 Good Friday 12pm - Good Friday @ 1pm - Stations of the	30
31 Easter 10am - Worship @	1 Steuben County Election	2 Presidential Primary 6:30pm - Al-Anon	3 8am - Cleaning	4 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	5	6

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