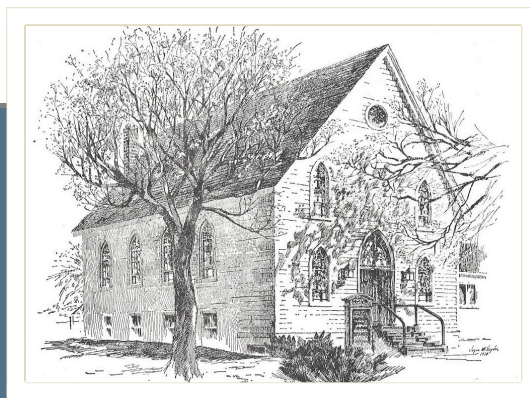


Emanuel's Word

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Emanuel Lutheran Church
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Secretary's Office Hours:

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



Emanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation in the Upstate NY Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Pastor Jennifer's Message:



Liminal Spaces

Come this time of year, I often think of liminal spaces. The word liminal comes from the Latin word “limen,” (knew that high school Latin would be useful for something...) which means threshold. A google search suggests that “to be in a liminal space means to be on the precipice of something new, but not quite there yet... being in a liminal space can be incredibly uncomfortable.”

I see a lot of liminal spaces... Moses and the Israelites stood in a liminal space, an in-between place, on the threshold of the promised land, for 40 years. Pandemic was full of liminal spaces, changing with each shift in numbers and new variants. Christians stand in a liminal space during this time of ‘between’ Lent and Easter. Humans stand in liminal places all the time... when there are entrances and exits in families, job changes, or other shifts. In each of these cases, I have found it both important and useful to notice the liminal space and think about how I want to enter into it.

I see the church in a liminal place... both the church universal, and this particular church called Emanuel. There is a threshold between what has been and what may yet be... and some were considered during the Lenten ecumenical book to explore that space.

There is an opportunity to look at the thresholds that exist for Emanuel during our leadership retreat on May 18th . This is traditionally a gathering of council members, but this year all are welcome (and encouraged) to attend!

It is an opportunity to think together about how to be church today.

This will be a way to think about the liminal space in which we stand as a congregation, and think through how it invites us to cross the threshold and move forward. I look forward to hearing the thoughts of our family of faith as the discussion is engaged.

What liminal spaces have you experienced? What did they look like? I’d be curious to hear if you’re willing share... maybe over coffee?

Peace,
Pastor Jennifer

From the Vice President:

I have been at a loss for a topic for this newsletter. I have decided to try bi-polar weather. You are probably asking "what?"

This winter-spring has been a little unusual. We had very little snow and some very nice days. It has been 70 some afternoons. The next thing I know it is down in the teens at night and days are 20's to 30's. I haven't measured, but I think we have had more snow since spring began than we had during the winter. As I write this on Palm Sunday; I think of the sad, ice covered daffodils I saw in the church flower beds. This pattern could last another month. The year we moved back from Maine (on April 17,2001) there was snow after we arrived.

So now you ask what does bi-polar weather have to do with the church? A couple weeks ago, we heard about pollinator gardens. This is a good time to think about how the changing weather patterns affect God's creations. We can be good stewards of our part of the planet.

Many of us want a perfect yard. That means no "weeds" and perfectly manicured. Well dandelions are important early food and clover a later food for many insects. Have you thought of letting them grow in your yard?

You will not be using the poisonous herbicide to kill these valuable foods. Your lawn will be less toxic (otherwise why do lawn care companies put signs reminding you to stay off for 24 hours?) A little tougher to do in a residential area like the church, but perhaps, consider mowing less often to protect your yard during dryer times. The yard can stay green during late July and August if you let it grow a little longer and don't stress it by mowing during that time. If the broadleaf plants such as the plantain and dandelions get a little tall; mow with the blade in the highest position. You will save money on chemicals and power needed to mow. You will save time mowing less. You will kill less organisms by avoiding the toxic substances to maintain the "perfect" lawn. (Remember how DDT used to kill insects nearly wiped out hawks, eagles and other large birds.) Rethinking our ideals will allow us to enjoy God's creation more.

Peace be with you, Annette VP



April 1 Charlotte Estep
10 Shirley Bobrick
10 Theresa Welfling
12 Kimberly Hufnagel
24 Kathleen Schwesinger
25 Melina Schwesinger
26 Lee Ann Tyler
29 Stefan Becker

Happy Anniversary!

April 29 Caren & Dariusz Listopadzki

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

Please email your articles to

office@emanuelconring.org



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

Emanuel Lutheran Church Zoom Council Meeting Update, 3/13/2024

- Pastor Jennifer reports that she will not take a Sunday off in April, but only 2 week days. Confirmation classes will start 3/17/24. The first session will be in person, the others mainly via Zoom. There is only one confirmand. Pastor Jennifer will lead the Ecumenical Lenten Study tomorrow night.

Budget Income for February:	\$8,036.80
Budget Expense for February:	\$7,102.03
Gain (Loss)	\$ 934.77
YTD Budget Income:	\$14,816.67
YTD Budget Expense:	\$15,161.68
Gain (Loss)	(\$345.01)

- Continuing Resolutions were discussed for 15 minutes. The Resolution on staff evaluations was approved.
- Mutual Ministry Team tasks will be performed by the Executive Committee, in the absence of a team, per our Constitution.
- Technology: A laptop for the fellowship hall is being considered to replace the old PC, as it would be multifunctional (for administrative work and meetings, etc.). It will need Microsoft Publisher, as this is not part of the package any more. Currently the color printer in the office is non-functioning.
- Supply minister: Per our Constitution (C12.04.g) the Congregation Council shall 'arrange for pastoral service during the sickness or absence of the pastor.' As it is easier for the pastor to do it, she is first asking the CALMs, and then consults the list provided by the Dean.
- Free library: Site of placement and content of books need to be considered. The structure might serve a dual purpose (books and food).
- Possible effects of reduced cleaning: Marcia had to pick up some items after a Red Cross Blood Drive. Brenda has since contacted them to remind them to remove their trash, and things have improved. We need to educate users to remove all food, to prevent a mice infestation.
- Brenda reports that Tithely is not working for her. She will call the company.
- RIC: The Certificate of Membership was shared on our Facebook page and Welcome Statement added to our website.

CALENDAR PLANNING

- Thursdays 2/15 - 3/21 Lenten soup and service at Mennonite church
- Mission Moment 3/17/24 - Pollinators (Down) with Coffee Hour after worship
- 4/10 Next Council Meeting at 6pm via Zoom
- 4/14 - Spring Conference Assembly at Bethany Lutheran, Elmira
- 4/27/24 - Master Garden session at Corning Library on pollinator garden (stewardship)
- 5/18 - Leadership Retreat
- 6/3-6/4 - Upstate Synod Assembly at Bethany Baptist, Syracuse

ATTENDANCE

- Average attendance for February: 28 - Average Facebook views: 42

Caren Listopadzki, Council Secretary

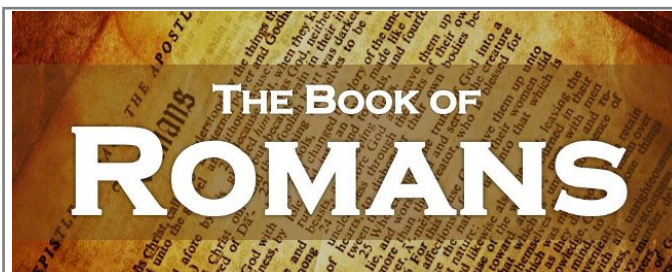


**HOLY HUMOR
SUNDAY
APRIL 7TH
BRING YOUR JOKES
(SUITABLE FOR
CHURCH!)**



Corning Community
Food Pantry
April Collection:
Our focus for April is
canned pasta and beef stew.

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



BILL'S BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday, April 23rd at noon

Bill said he'll probably start
the Book of Romans,
but he might surprise us!



BOOK CLUB



BOOK CLUB: We will meet on Zoom
Thursday, April 4th, at 12:30.

We will review the book -
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store,
by James McBride.
All are welcome to join us
for the book discussion.
Please contact the church office
to receive the Zoom link.

Church Leadership Retreat - May 18th - You are welcome to join us!

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

*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?*

If this question is really to be considered, the whole congregation is needed!
Please join Church Council for this important retreat. We are still making plans.

We'll share more details as they become available.

Emanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall Kitchen Renovation is scheduled to begin in April.



There will be no kitchen space available for use once the project begins. However, we should be able to continue to use the main hall for those commitments already on the schedule. Additionally, the renovations may impact some of the parking area adjacent to the hall and church, i.e. construction dumpster during demolition, contractor's vehicles in the parking lot during the week days. Please use caution accessing the parking lot and fellowship hall during the project. Thank you for your understanding.

If there are any FH schedule concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Marcia Ashworth (Call or text: 607-368-6651 or email mashworth1@stny.rr.com).

Property

There's a new lawn-mowing sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please sign-up for a week if you're able. Each week covers Monday - Sunday with the emphasis on having a freshly cut lawn for Sunday morning. We have few volunteers, so any week would be a tremendous help.

Time for a Spring Clean-Up! Saturday April 27th, 9am - ? We'll focus on cleaning the grounds but if we have enough participation, we could power wash the back of the church and Fellowship Hall, clean Fellowship Hall windows, gardening, etc.



You are also invited to a Property Meeting, May 12th, after worship. We'll discuss projects for the summer season, including installation of a bench and bike rack, landscape work around the sidewalks, quote for sealing the parking lot, repairing the church sign, and others. ALL are invited!

WELCA News



Look at the beautiful Easter Baskets created for homeless veterans to be delivered to the Bath VA. Inside is a chocolate bunny, insulated vest, water, and many other goodies.

Emanuel's Mailbag.....



Please accept my deep and heartfelt thanks, Emanuel, for so many things...

- For the amazing Christmas gift! I used the gift of cash on my most recent trip to Florida, for some special evenings out for Tom and I. My apologies that this thank you did not get in an earlier newsletter! I was sidetracked by some of what's below.



- For the gift of grace the week that my father died, and the Sunday that you gave me off. I also received flowers from WELCA, and cards and food from many of you. It made those early, difficult days much easier to navigate.

For your presence and prayers leading up to and at the funeral at the end of January, as well as being in the kitchen and managing the luncheon food that we brought in and the food you provided. There were so many ways I was surrounded and supported that day.

These examples show how gracious this congregation is, and of how blessed I am to serve among you!

Again, apologies for the thanks being so belated... know they are no less heartfelt,

Pastor Jennifer

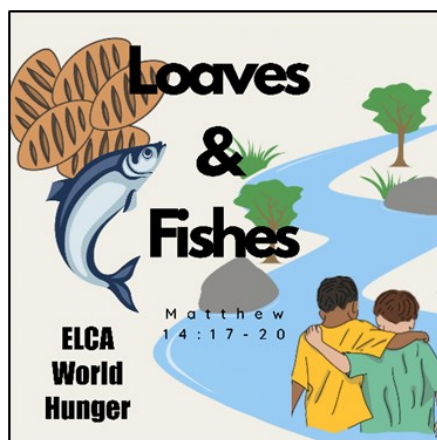
We were copied on a note to Habitat for Humanity from First Congregational UCC.

Thank you to everyone from Emanuel who helped support the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Here's an excerpt.....

"Please find a check for \$730.56 which was collected at the five-church, ecumenical Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper that was cooked and served at our church on February 13, 2024. All the churches agreed that the net proceeds should go to Habitat. We all want you to reopen your Restore buildings as soon as you can!"

Thank you for your life-changing work. May you see renewed success as you help our neighbors in the Corning community.

*In Christ's Service,
Jennifer Fais, Treasurer
First Congregational UCC*



SYNOD ASSEMBLY WORLD HUNGER CHALLENGE

The Synod Hunger Justice Team is inviting all synod congregations to participate in the annual hunger mission. This year's theme is "Loaves and Fishes" and we are challenging congregations to collect \$500 or more for irrigation systems and fish farms.

Donations will be brought to the synod assembly by Brenda and Caren June 3-4 in Syracuse. *During worship, you can place your donations in the World Hunger envelopes located in your pew rack. Or you can mail your donation to the church.*

Jesus said to them, "...You give them something to eat." Matthew 14:16

Dear Siblings in Christ, In keeping with this year's celebration of the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger, your Upstate NY Synod's Hunger Justice Team invites you and your congregation to participate in "Loaves and Fishes," inspired by Jesus' miraculous feeding of the 5000 with only five loaves and two small fish (Matthew 14:17-20). Your contribution of \$500 or more will provide long-term solutions to ending hunger by establishing fish farms and irrigation systems in communities living with food insecurity.

Fish Farm: It starts with a pond, training and a few fast-growing fish such as tilapia. Soon the pond provides the community with a supply of fish, rich in vitamins, minerals and protein.

Irrigation systems, coupled with training and maintenance, can help vulnerable farmers and their families become more resilient to the impacts of climate change and give them the tools to protect their water supply.

Thank you for your generosity! Your gift, combined with others, will provide food for today and hope for tomorrow.

"The Cup of Our Life" ecumenical Lenten Study at Community Mennonite Fellowship - Caren played the piano and Pastor Jennifer led the session on "The Broken Cup". It was a meaningful study, and many found that it inspired spiritual growth and deeper relationships among those who attended.



Steward Sightings!



On Thurs., March 14th Lugene & Phyllis are spotted gathering items for the Easter Basket for Veterans project.

While..... Caren and Sharon work diligently on our church constitution.

Bill is finally able to complete his Bible Study on the Book of Acts on March 19th! Looks like it might be the Book of Romans next.

Stewardship Mission Moment with Beth Honadle, Master Gardener from Cornell Cooperative Extension on March 17th



Julie, Lugene, and Phyllis put the final touches on those Easter Baskets for Veterans on March 19th.



Steward Schedule

Date	April 7 Holy Humor	April 14	April 21	April 28
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer
Worship Assistant	Mary Ellen Brennan	Annette Gardner	Brenda Passmore	Caren Listopadzki
Reader	Mary Ellen Brennan	Annette Gardner	Brenda Passmore	Phyllis Brandes
Tech/ Acolyte	Jacob Hufnagel	Ben Hufnagel	Josephine Sauer	Gage Machuga
Usher	Laura Link	Augie Andrukat	Jim Passmore	Jodi Machuga
Greeter	Laura Link	Augie Andrukat	Jim Passmore	Jodi Machuga
Altar Guild	Miller Team	Miller Team	Miller Team	Miller Team
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 Worship @	1 Steuben County Election	2 Presidential Primary 6:30pm - Al-Anon	3 8am - Cleaning	4 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	5	6
7 Worship @	8 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	9 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	10 8am - Cleaning 6pm - Church Council	11 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	12 2pm - Scrapbookers	13 9am - Scrapbookers
14 Worship @	15 9am - American Red	16 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	17 8am - Cleaning	18 9am - Bone Builders 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Office Hours @	19	20
21 Worship @	22 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Bible Study with 6:30pm - Al-Anon	23 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Bible Study with 6:30pm - Al-Anon	24 8am - Cleaning	25 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	26 9am - Spring Clean-Up	27
28 Worship @	29 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	30 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	1 8am - Cleaning	2 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	3 2pm - Scrapbookers	4 9am - Scrapbookers

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