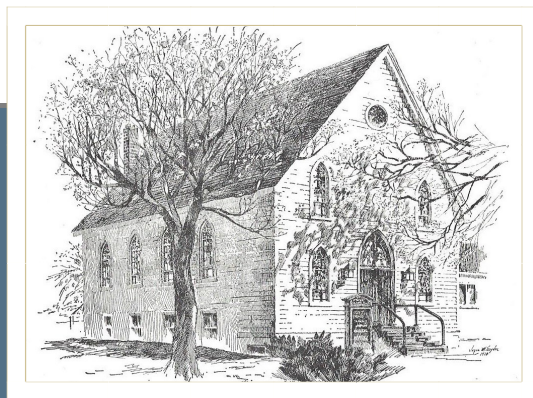


Emanuel's Word

monthly newsletter of
Emanuel Lutheran Church
October 2025



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WORSHIP: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Organist: Lugene Mitchell Hamilton

Secretary: Brenda Passmore

Transition Pastor: Rev. Jason Churchill

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.



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



Church Council Update

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Update, September 17 , 2025

August Budget Income:	\$4,762.38	YTD Budget Income:	\$56,491.29
August Budget Expense:	\$5,877.73	YTD Budget Expense:	\$45,126.00
Loss:	\$1,115.35	Gain:	\$11,365.29

- Bylaws are finalized. They will be emailed to the congregation. Sharon has merged the constitution and bylaws into a new document.
- Finance Team will meet in October to evaluate the 3rd quarter numbers.
- Property Team provided a planned list of projects with projected costs, which were discussed. The possible need for replacing the furnace is a concern.
- God's Work our Hands: 50 bags of personal care kits were assembled on 9/7. The Corning Community Food Pantry volunteers were very grateful when Caren delivered the bags on 9/17. Brenda will choose some items from the leftover items for the Blessing Box, and Sharon will take the rest to the CCFP together with her monthly deliveries of donations from ELC.
- Worship and Music Team met on 9/14 to discuss liturgical settings and plan future events. A planning retreat is scheduled for 10/18 to allow more time for discussions.
- Technology: Brenda spent \$100 on a microphone for streaming the Hope and Healing Service from the FH. To bring the website PHP up to date she needs the help of a consultant, who needs to be paid.
- Hospitality: As we don't have a team currently, Brenda discussed her idea with WELCA that different people should sign up to be responsible for coordinating refreshments for different occasions.
- Altar Guild: more volunteers are urgently needed.
- Cooperation with other Lutheran Churches: When we meet with them on 10/5 Brenda will suggest that we volunteer together at the Food Bank.

Calendar Planning

- 10/5 World Communion Sunday at Our Saviors in Horseheads. Pastor Susan and Pastor Rick will preside, Pot luck afterwards.
- 10/15 - Council Meeting via Zoom
- 10/18 - W&M retreat 10am - 12pm in FH
- 10/26 - Reformation Old Time Lutheran worship. Judy presides. Ice Cream Social and slide show afterwards.
- 11/2 - All Saints Sunday - candles in front of church
- 12/7 - Hanging of the Greens

Attendance and Facebook Views:

Average Attendance for August:	27
Average Facebook Views for August:	115

Caren Listopadzki, Council Secretary

From the Council Vice President:

Constitution, Bylaws, Continuing Resolutions..
Oh no!

Oh yes. That time of year is coming again. The annual meeting is approaching and your church council, especially president Sharon, has been working hard to get documents ready.

Last year we had the first of two consecutive votes on the updated constitution. We will be voting on that update again at our upcoming meeting.

The constitution is the governing document that gives guidance and clarity on how Emanuel Lutheran operates. It is based on the Model Constitution for congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The bylaws give the details of operational rules. For example it may define the purpose of committees. The last time the by-laws were updated was in 2005. That edition is very outdated and the reference numbers needed to be corrected. The church council has been working to get the bylaws ready for the congregational vote (bylaws only need to be voted on one year). The proposed updates are numbered to coincide with the constitution item they define. The bylaws may not contradict nor should they repeat the constitution.

For example the constitution says:

C10.01 The congregation shall have at least one regular meeting per year. The regular meeting(s) of the congregation shall be held at the time(s) specified in the bylaws. Consistent with the laws of the State of New York, the bylaws shall designate one regular meeting per year as the annual meeting of this congregation.

The proposed bylaw is: C10.01.01 The annual congregational meeting will be held on the last Sunday in the month of January.

The continuing resolutions can be used to describe the day-to-day operating procedures such as the role of each officer. These will not need to be voted on by the congregation.

Peace,
Annette, VP



Happy October Birthdays!

Oct.	2	Coral Reed
	2	Kathryn Allen
	3	Linda L'Amoreaux
	5	Bill Groeger
	6	Duane Miller
	6	Chris Allen
	15	Michael Brennan
	15	Jodi Machuga
	17	Augie Andrukat
	19	Arland Tyler
	28	Georg Sauer
	29	Janette Smith

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

Please email your articles to

office@emanuelconring.org



2025 Church Council

President:	Sharon Trova
Vice President:	Annette Gardner
Secretary:	Caren Listopadzki
Financial Secretary:	Mike Hamilton
Treasurer:	Marcia Ashworth
Council:	
Greg Heffner	Brenda Passmore
Theresa Welfling	



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2872 Westinghouse Rd., Horseheads

Join us to celebrate World Communion Sunday
at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

There won't be a service at Emanuel,
so please worship with us there if you're able.
A Dish-to-Pass will follow. We're to bring side

dishes. All are welcome! Keep in mind, extended travel time due to the Wineglass Marathon.

**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

REFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26
10:00 AM**

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🏳️‍🌈🕊️ ALL ARE WELCOME!

"Old" Style Worship with our favorite classic hymns.

*After church, we'll head to the Fellowship Hall for an "old" photo slideshow,
and a Fellowship Hall treat! **Don't forget to wear red!***



Care Team

VISITATIONS

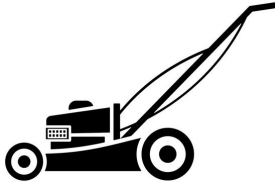
I am available to visit members, bring communion, and invite others in the congregation to pay a visit as well. If a pastoral visit is specifically desired, arrangements can be made through one of the pastors providing pulpit supply or our Transition Pastor.

If you, or someone you know, would appreciate a visit, please don't hesitate to reach out. I will gladly come myself, or ensure that someone else is able to visit.

Caren Listopadzki,
Congregational Lay Minister
607-368-9642



Property Team



Lawn Mowing Sign-up Sheet

Sunday, Oct. 6 - 12	Jim
Sunday, Oct. 13 - 19	Tom & Augie
Sunday, Oct. 20 - 26	
Sunday, Oct. 27 - Nov. 2	

Thanks everyone who mowed this year!

Property Team Meeting:
Sunday, October 26th at 9 a.m. in the Church Lounge. We'll discuss 2026 property needs and the budget. All are welcome.

Fall Clean-up!
Saturday, November 1st or Sunday, November 2nd, depending on weather and people's availability.
 We'll rake, clean up the gardens, and general maintenance to prepare for winter.

The restoration of the front church lights was very time-consuming. Thanks to all that helped get the project completed.

The last item is shoveling of the walks (blah !). I will post a sign-up sheet soon. Anyone can sign up (friends, neighbors, grandkids, etc....). Last year was a very mild winter for snow and shoveling was done minimally.



Regards, Jim



Corning Community Food Pantry Collection:

Thank you for your donations!

In October, we'll continue collecting boxed side dishes, as well as pop-top cans of fruits and vegetables.

BOOK CLUB



The next meeting is Thur., Oct.. 23rd, 12:30 on Zoom. All are welcome.

Apparently last month's pick "*Theo of Golden*" by Allen Levi is so good, and attendance was low in September, it'll be discussed at the October meeting. Please contact the office for the Zoom link.



The Blessing Box: Please bring non-perishable donations to the Church Narthex or the bin in the Fellowship Hall.

Pet food is popular, paper products like toilet paper, baby food, breakfast bars, easy side dishes. It's fall, so hats and gloves too. Thanks.



Prayers.....

Rev. Jennifer Long, Beanie and Patrick McGrew, and Rev. Susan Husted.

If you'd like to add a name to the list, please contact the office.

A couple photos I emailed them.

Corning Trees

After learning about a group called Corning Trees, a group trying to restore the tree population in Corning, we decided to contact them. Brenda emailed, and some brief highlights from their emails are below:

From Brenda: *“In 2016, the city was concerned about four maple trees surrounding our church and removed them. A few new trees were planted, but they're in front of our Fellowship Hall. Summer worship is hotter without their shade, and we've seen the results of the loss of tree protection to our original wooden sign, front doors, lights, etc.*

From Corning Trees:

We love these before/after photos, thanks for sharing! I wish folks could see the differences more often. Humans intrinsically seek out shaded streets and it's so much better for us, our buildings, and our other-than-human neighbors when we live under a tree canopy. May we use these pictures to show our virtual audience? I have you on our list and we will be in touch soon to let you know how many we can afford to plant this season!

As far as the stumps or roots of the old trees go, we will bring a saw and cut them away as needed. The new trees will happily grow around them and they will add nutrients to the soil as they decompose. We have our order in. We'll be ordering your trees this week! I'll let you know when the planting week will be and we can coordinate to have your folks participate if they want!

I would like to plant four native varieties of trees around the main building... two on Williams and two on Woodlawn Ave. Because there are no power lines to speak of, we can plant large trees that will really help with the biodiversity of the neighborhood! I'm hoping for two oaks and two maples. But it will depend on the availability from our nursery. The maples are \$125/per and the oaks are \$134/per so the total for those four will be \$518. Any financial contribution your church can make would be so helpful! We are still learning how to fundraise, so most of our tree purchases are just crowdsourced amongst our small crew.

A donation link for the Corning Tree Project at the Community Foundation was included with their email. But it'll be easier if you write a check to Emanuel Lutheran Church with Corning Tree Project on the subject line, and we'll send one check from our church. We'll keep you up-to-date on the planting date for those who'd like to participate. Any questions or concerns, please speak to Brenda Passmore.





October Steward Schedule

	Oct. 5 World Communion	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26 Reformation
Worship Leader	Join us and Bethany Lutheran Church for combined worship at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 10:30 a.m. A Dish-2-Pass will follow.	TBA	Todd Eames (SAM)	Judy Mica- Guerin (SAM)
Assisting Minister		Caren Listopadzki	Annette Gardner	Brenda Passmore
Reader		Caren Listopadzki	Phyllis Brandes	Jessica Church
Tech Acolyte		Gage Machuga	Oskar Sauer	Ben Hufnagel
Usher		Augie Andrukat	Lew Brandes	Jim Passmore
Greeter		Jodi Machuga	Phyllis Brandes	Charlotte Estep
Altar Guild		Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova

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

*Would you like to see your name on
this schedule? Contact the church office.*

Stewardship Team

The following submission is sent on behalf of the Stewardship Team. It is a piece that was written in “Living Lutheran”, entitled “The Grace of Giving” by Mindy Holland. There will be more information in the November Newsletter regarding the Annual Financial Appeal Kick-Off along with our Time and Talent pledges.

“When we choose to share from what our prodigal Father has already extravagantly given, we open ourselves to extraordinary possibilities to bless others and be blessed. I encourage you to take a leap of faith and increase your giving this year, and again next year, as you prayerfully set goals. It likely means giving up some luxuries. It certainly means creativity, both in what you let go of and in whom you choose to bless. Trust that our playful, inspired God of abundance will provide, likely in unexpected ways. Open your hands. Listen deeply for the Spirit. Go and give somewhere new. Remember it all belongs to God, the one who loves us. You may well encounter a beautiful, inspiring fellow member of the body of Christ, who gives you just what you need in return.”

WELCA



WELCA will meet Thursday, October 2nd, at 1pm in our Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us.

WELCA met Thursday, September 4 in the Fellowship Hall with 8 ladies in attendance.

Our first item up for discussion was writing greeting cards to our church family people who need their spirits lifted. At the beginning of our meetings we'll write and send “Thinking of You” cards to these individuals or families in our congregation. But in order to succeed we could use your assistance. Just contact anyone of us or Brenda if you are aware of an individual or family who could use a Thinking of You card. Thank you!

Another big goal suggested for this year is to find ways to involve the people living near our church! We should show our neighbors we are more than just a building. We need to...Open Our Doors a little wider!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 2 in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00. All ladies are welcome to join us. Our goal at this meeting is to outline the upcoming year with definite ideas and dates.

Sincerely,
Julie Miller (jbmiller14830@yahoo.com)

Photo Gallery

God's Work, Our Hands - Sunday, September 7th

We were spiritually fed during a special GWOH's Worship Service.



Thank you! With your help and donations, we packed 50 personal care bags for the Corning Community Food Pantry, plus lots of extras for the Blessing Box.

Thank you also to Corning Wegmans for providing a \$50 gift card to help with the costs of the project.



And had some fun and snacks too!



Caren and some friends from Bethany Lutheran Church, and then Jim and Caren pose for photos before the Bampa's House 5K on September 6th to celebrate God's Work, Our Hands. The 5K supports Bamp's House comfort care mission.



The Mailbag

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Emanuel,

We treasure the memories of our 13 years at ELC & all the friendships we made. Thank you again for the special coffee hour and gift. What a fond farewell. We hope to be back often. Our hearts are in the Finger Lakes!

Blessings,

Mike & Mary Ellen Brennan

From your Church Secretary: I found this thank-you note for the donation from our Ecumenical Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the office mail slot that I don't think I shared:
April 2, 2025

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church Members:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$362.50 in March 2025. With this help, Steuben County Habitat for Humanity can continue to build and rehabilitate affordable decent homes for many other well-deserving families.

At Habitat for Humanity, we also work with families to prepare them for the challenges of owning a home, and with your continued support we can continue to support them, as well as build and rehabilitate homes for other local families to call home someday.

Your contributions help to bring people together to build homes communities, and hope here in Steuben County and around the world.

Sincerely, Steven Daniels

Call Team

*Apologies from
your Church
Secretary, this
was supposed
to be in last
month's
newsletter.*

CALL TEAM formed ..

It's official ... Emanuel has declared a position opening and is actively seeking to call a part-time rostered minister. Our Ministry Site Profile (MSP)

application has been accepted and listed in Synod's current job openings system.

Next, a Call Committee Team has been formed and is tasked with the following ..

PROCESS .. Confidential !!

- Don't ask Committee,
- Committee can't discuss

MISSION .. engage in the Synod Call Process to help identify possible candidate(s) for our open part-time Pastor position at Emanuel.

GOAL .. present a suitable candidate to the Emanuel congregation for introduction and vote by election.

Currently, we await to hear interest in our call for a new pastor. Your prayers are encourage to keep us on the right path towards this ministry goal.

Respectfully, Gisela Smith, Chair Call Committee

Sue Doyle, Jim Passmore, Ben Hufnagel, Bill Groeger, Lugene Mitchell-Hamilton

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10am - Worship @	29	30 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	1	2 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @ 1pm - WELCA Meeting	3	4
5 Our Saviour's Worship @	6	7 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	8 8am - Cleaning 8am - Sewing Group	9 8am - Sewing Group 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	10 8am - Sewing Group	11 2pm - Private Event
12 10am - Worship @ 11am - Stewardship	13	14 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	15 6pm - Church Council	16 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	17	18
19 10am - Worship @	20 9am - American Red	21 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	22 8am - Cleaning 10am - Sewing Group	23 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	24 2pm - Scrapbookers	25 9am - Scrapbookers
26 Reformation Sunday 9am - Property Meeting 10am - Worship @	27	28 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	29	30 9am - Bone Builders 12pm - Office Hours @	31	1

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Epecially prepared for:



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