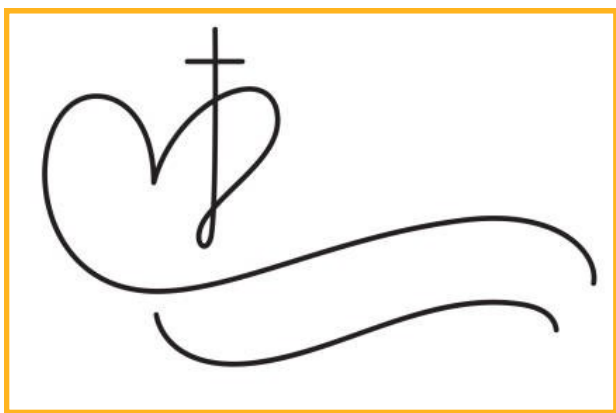
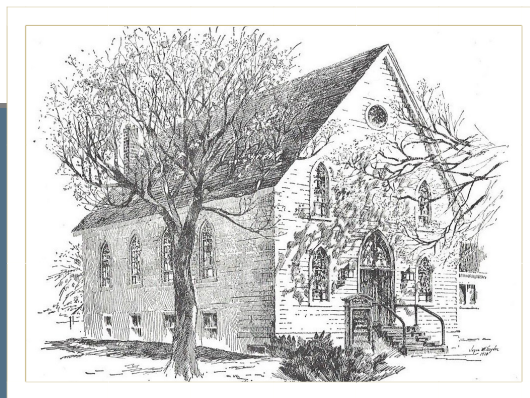


Emanuel's Word

monthly newsletter of
Emanuel Lutheran Church
November 2025



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Organist: Lugene Mitchell Hamilton

Secretary: Brenda Passmore

Transition Pastor: Rev. Jason Churchill

Secretary's Office Hours:

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

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Christ known in our church,

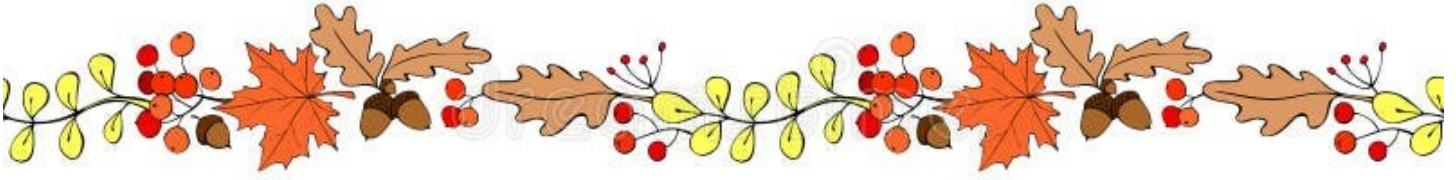
our community, and the world.



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, October 15, 2025

YTD Budget Income: \$62,054.75
 YTD Budget Expense: \$51,242.77
 YTD Gain: \$10,811.98

Council is beginning a review of the Continuing Resolutions like the review of the Bylaws just completed.

Transition Pastor Report: Dean Jason reported the following:

- Caren has been approved to preside at Christmas Eve service, including Communion.
- Supply pastors are scheduled through December.
- Synod is proposing a realignment of the conferences. Emanuel, is currently in the Southern Tier Conference. We will be in The Genesee Finger Lakes Conference.
- Dean Jason requested a list of all homebound or ill members.

Council discussed visitation of homebound and ill members.

- Members are urged to contact Caren when they would like a visit.
- Property Team is developing a list of prioritized projects to be funded from the Projects Fund, for congregation approval at the annual meeting.
- Sue Doyle has volunteered to head the Hospitality Team.
- Corning Tree Group is planting trees the first week of November.

Calendar Planning:

Nov. 2 – All Saints Sunday
 Nov. 19 – Council Meeting via Zoom
 Dec. 7 – Hanging of the Greens
 Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service

Attendance and Facebook Views:

Average Attendance for Sept.: 26
 Average Facebook Views: 74

Please...let the church office know if you've had a change of address, email, or phone number. If you're not on our contact list and would like to receive our newsletters and other church information, please email the office and ask to be added to the list. Thank you.

From the Council Vice President:

Pulpit Supply:

Since we still don't have a pastor, I thought it would be nice for you to know how our weekly preachers are found. There is an order to who is chosen to fill the pulpit.

It's obvious the first choice would be our own pastor. But since we currently don't have a pastor, the first choice for Sunday preaching would be another ELCA pastor.

If a Lutheran pastor is not available the next in line would be another rostered minister from a full-communion partner to the ELCA. This is an agreement between the ELCA, Presbyterian Church (USA), Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, Episcopal Church, United Methodist Church, and the Moravian Church. These churches have agreed to recognize each other's ordained ministers and support the mutual sharing of the Lord's Supper among members.

The next level is a SAM or Synod Authorized Minister. A SAM has completed the synod training program of their local synod and is certified to preach in ELCA churches within their synod. After certification, SAMs must take continuing education classes. SAMs submit quarterly and annual reports to the synod of their preaching and continuing education courses. Each SAM is reviewed and reauthorized by the synod on an annual basis.

The last level is a CALM or Congregational Authorized Lay Minister. This is a lay leader serving in their home congregation under the direction of their pastor. CALMs are also required to continue their training. Caren and I are considered CALMs. Dean Jason is trying to get more approval for Emanuel to utilize us for Sunday services.

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Happy November Birthdays!

November	4 Jacob Church
	13 Barbara Woodruff
	16 Timothy Gates
	23 Maretta Kalinich
	25 John Reed
	29 Colleen Zink



*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	

Vice President's Note Continued.....

I have decided to follow my calling and further my training to become a SAM. This means I will have more classes to complete and will have a pastor mentor to guide me. I have met with two pastors who are involved in oversight of the SAM program. I sent them the curriculum for the classes I have been taking for the last two years through the Luther Seminary's FaithLead School for Lay Ministry. I am hopeful that many of the required courses to become a SAM will have been already covered.

What does this mean for Emanuel? I am asking for a "scholarship" to help with costs. There will be an amount in the 2026 proposed budget to cover this. Keep in mind that I will not be accepting compensation anytime I preach at Emanuel. I expect that over time this will save the church on their pulpit supply costs. I ask everyone to prayerfully consider approving the amount in the upcoming budget. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have about this.

In Peace,
Annette, VP

Southern Tier Conference Assembly, October 26th

Caren, Eugene and Brenda traveled to St. Luke's Church in Ithaca for the Southern Tier Conference Assembly. It was nice to see friends from Our Saviour's and Bethany Lutheran Churches, along with Bishop Miller, Dean Jason Churchill (our transition pastor), and quite a few others we knew.

The main item on the agenda was the proposed redistricting of our conferences. The Southern Tier Conference is our Synod's smallest conference, so the proposal is to integrate our church, Our Saviour's and Bethany Lutheran Churches into the Genesee Finger Lakes Conference. It received wide support at this meeting and will be voted on at the Synod Assembly in June.



(We admired St. Luke's sanctuary while we were there.)

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 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

Fall Clean-up!
**Saturday,
November 1st at 9am.**

We'll rake, clean up the gardens, and do general maintenance to prepare for winter. You might want to bring garden gloves and water to drink.



The shoveling sign-up sheet is hanging on the narthex bulletin board for those willing and able.

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 November, we'll collect holiday side dishes. Pop-top cans of fruits and vegetables are especially appreciated.

BOOK CLUB



The next meeting is Thur., Nov. 20th, 12:30 on Zoom. All are welcome.

We'll finally review "*Theo of Golden*" by Allen Levi (some of us are still on a wait list and some haven't finished the book).

Also we'll review "*Becoming Madame Secretary*" by Stephanie Dray. Please contact the office for the Zoom link.

All Saints Sunday,
November 2nd

*In worship we will give thanks
for all the saints "who from
their labors rest."*



There will be candles set up as you enter the sanctuary. You may pause before entering the sanctuary and light a candle in remembrance of one or more faithfully departed loved ones.



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

This time of year, gloves and hats will be especially appreciated. Paper products like toilet paper, breakfast bars, holiday side dishes will all be needed. Thanks!.

WELCA



WELCA will meet Thursday, November 6th at 1pm in our Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us.

October 2, 2025 WELCA met in our Fellowship Hall with 6 ladies in attendance. We enjoyed refreshments and began writing some "Thinking of You" cards.

What are the projects WELCA should focus on in order to help those living in our neighborhood and community? This opened great discussions. Hopefully, at the November 6 meeting, we'll be able to whittle down the many ideas and write them on the calendar. It would be helpful to hear from the congregation with any thoughts you may have- ways we can reach out to interact and help others.

A suggestion to rename WELCA also came up. So we're searching for a warmer, friendlier name that others can understand and identify with.

See you November 6 in our Fellowship Hall at 1:00pm. All are welcome!!!

Julie Miller

Corning Trees

Corning Trees is a group that's part of the Community Foundation. They are trying to restore the tree population in Corning and are planting a few trees around the church on West William and Woodlawn Streets. We were told they would do the planting the week of November 4-6, and would update us as it gets closer, but no additional details yet.

My own hope is that a couple decades from now, there are still people worshipping at Emanuel, and they'll be able to enjoy fellowship in front of the church under some shade trees again.

Please see me with any concerns or questions. Brenda Passmore

We used to put our Hospitality Cart in front of the church for fellowship and snacks. This 2016 photo is when First Congregational United Church of Christ joined us for worship. Our old friend Inez is grabbing a snack from the cart!



The Mailbag

October 21, 2025

What's quiet, invisible, and still manages to save lives?

Not just the blood. **The kindness behind it.**

The open doors. The open hearts. The decision to say yes when you could've said "maybe later."

Because of that yes—from **you**, from **Emanuel Lutheran**, from everyone who gave or helped—we collected **24 units of blood** yesterday. That means **up to 72 lives** will be impacted. That's not a metaphor. That's a NICU baby. A trauma victim. A cancer patient. A grandmother.

And it all started in a church fellowship hall.

Please extend our deepest thanks to your congregation for their hospitality and grace.

When you opened your building, you created a sanctuary not just for worship—but for healing in the most literal sense.

Zachary Potter, American Red Cross



WE SUPPORT COMMUNITY OUTREACH --

The Human Services Advisory Committee of the Community Foundation recently met to review and recommend funding support to help address community needs. Again, coverage was focused to help children develop, care for our elderly, address food shortages, support mental health counseling, and maintain critical sustainable health. This year grants totaling \$23,250 were awarded to the following organizations to sustain or initiate new programs to support our community needs:

- *Winfield St School reading program,
- *Salvation Army,
- *Special Olympics,
- *Painted Post Food Pantry,
- *Family Services

The Advisory Committee is comprised of local church representatives who review well-documented applications from non-profit organization which support human services needs in our community.

Gisela Smith, Emanuel Representative

Reformation Photo Slideshow:

The photos from the Reformation Sunday Slideshow will be loaded onto the office computer. If you saw a photo that you'd like a copy of, please contact the office. Prints could be made, or you can load them onto your own flash drive and make your own copies.



Construction of the Fellowship Hall

Photo Gallery

World Communion Sunday was celebrated on October 5th. Emanuel and Bethany Lutheran Churches joined Our Saviour's at their church for a lovely combined worship service led by Rev. Rick Bair. After worship, we enjoyed lunch and fellowship.



The people from Bethany and Our Saviour's sorted their personal care kits after lunch, but we didn't have to stay because we sorted ours on GWOH Sunday, September 6th.



Reformation Sunday 2025: Yes, we had a little fun with Martin Luther, old photos, hot fudge sundaes & snacks in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all!





*Some people bring enthusiasm
to set-up and even....clean-up!
T.J. & Sue prepare for our
Reformation Fellowship Time.*





November Steward Schedule

	Nov. 2 All Saints	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Nov. 30
Worship Leader	David Banner (SAM)	Rev. Rick Bair	Todd Eames (SAM)	Judy Mica-Guerin (SAM)	David Banner (SAM)
Assisting Minister	Caren Listopadzki	Annette Gardner	Brenda Passmore	Brenda Passmore	Sue Doyle
Reader	Caren Listopadzki	Phyllis Brandes	Brenda Passmore	Jessica Church	Sue Doyle
Tech Acolyte	Caren Listopadzki	Gage Machuga	Oskar Sauer	Brenda Passmore	Ben Hufnagel
Usher	Augie Andrukat	Lew Brandes	Jim Passmore	Jim Passmore	John Rector
Greeter	Laura Link	Jodi Machuga	Charlotte Estep	Jim Passmore	John Rector
Altar Guild	Julie & Duane Miller	Julie & Duane Miller	Julie & Duane Miller	Julie & Duane Miller	Julie & Duane Miller

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.

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
<div>26</div> <div>Reformation Sunday</div> <div>9am - Property Meeting</div> <div>10am - Worship @</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>9am - Bone Builders</div> <div>6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>9am - Bone Builders</div> <div>12pm - Office Hours @</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div>
<div>2</div> <div>All Saints Sunday</div> <div>10am - Worship @</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Election Set-up</div>	<div>4</div> <div>General Election</div> <div>6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting</div>	<div>5</div> <div>8am - Cleaning</div>	<div>6</div> <div>9am - Bone Builders</div> <div>12pm - Office Hours @</div> <div>1pm - WELCA Meeting</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>
<div>9</div> <div>10am - Worship @</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>9am - Bone Builders</div> <div>6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting</div>	<div>12</div> <div>10am - Sewing Group</div>	<div>13</div> <div>9am - Bone Builders</div> <div>11am - Beta-Chi Event</div> <div>12pm - Office Hours @</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div>
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