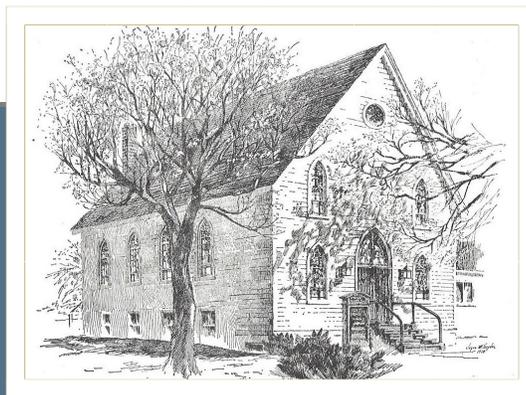


Emanuel's Word

monthly newsletter of
Emanuel Lutheran Church
February 2026



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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:

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

Emanuel Lutheran Church

149 West William Street

Corning, NY 14830

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).





Happy February Birthday!

February 1
Laura Link

February 7
Phyllis Brandes

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

Please email your articles to
office@emanuelconring.org.



2026 Church Council

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

From the Church Office:



We'd like to have an updated contact list to make it easier for all of us to stay in touch.

Is your contact information current?

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



Our new 2026 council member list is to the left of this note. Many thanks to all who volunteered to serve.

Also, thank you to everyone who joined the All Zoom Annual Meeting, which became necessary after our worship service was cancelled due to the impending winter storm.

Thank you to everyone who made phone calls to our members to make sure they were notified of the meeting and service change. Also to our council president, who made sure our important church business was carried out. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to lead ministry teams, submitted annual reports, to our Transition Pastor, Rev. Jason Churchill who joined our meeting and led us in prayer, and to our friends who cleared all the snow at the church.

Many, many thanks!

Church Council Update

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Update, January 14 , 2026

- Dean Jason presided at the graveside service for Suzanne Jeffrey on 1/5/26 at Barnard Cemetery in Corning. He will preside at the funeral and graveside services for Sibylle Sauer on 1/22/26.
- Procedure for Annual Meeting (Technology, Recording of attendees, counters) was discussed.
- Budget for 2026: Sharon explained a few aspects. Council approved the budget.
- Communion practice and altar guild: Sharon explained some changes for more efficiency, and listed a few new volunteers.
- Property: Funds for the replacement of the ceiling fans in the sanctuary will be taken from the Project Fund. The doors and lights of the FH need to be repaired/replaced.
- Finance: The investments of the Finance Committee earned \$14,000 - \$15,000, which were reinvested.
- Education: First Communion classes will start 1/28/26 and run for 3 weeks.
- Worship & Music: Ash Wednesday service will be at the Community Mennonite Church. Brenda will reach out to our ecumenical partners for details on the Shrove Tuesday dinner and for the Lenten Studies.

Council voted to extend Dean Jason's contract as transition pastor for another 3 months.

Calendar Planning

1/25/26 - Annual Meeting. Dean Jason presides and attends

2/8/26 - Council installation

2/11/26 - Council meeting via Zoom

2/15/26 - Jazz Sunday Ecumenical Worship at Christ Episcopal

2/18/26 - Ash Wednesday ecumenical service at Community Mennonite Church
(non-Communion service)

Attendance and Facebook Views:

Average Attendance for December: 26

Attendance for Christmas Eve: 43

Average Facebook Views: 103

Views for Christmas Eve: 97

LENT IS COMING. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.



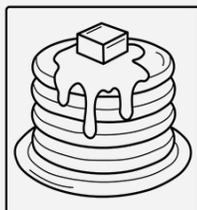
JAZZ SUNDAY

Sunday, February 15, 10:00 a.m.

Christ Episcopal Church

33 East First Street, Corning

***Please join us for worship there since there will be no worship service at Emanuel.**



SHROVE TUESDAY ECUMENICAL PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 17, 4:30–7:00 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ

171 West Pulteney Street, Corning

Proceeds donated to: Corning Community Food Pantry



ECUMENICAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 18, 5:00 p.m.

Community Mennonite Fellowship

290 Park Avenue, Corning (*entrance on Hammond Street*)



ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDY

Thursdays, Feb. 26–March 26,

Soup 6pm, Program 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Community Mennonite Fellowship, Corning

290 Park Ave., Corning (*entrance on Hammond Street*)

Making Our Way Forward: Lenten Wisdom From Remarkable Lives

This study invites us to learn from the lives of people whose words and actions helped to try to shape a more compassionate world. Each Thursday, a participating minister will lead a session focused on a particular figure—ranging from Martin Luther King Jr. and Mother Teresa to contemporary voices like Dolly Parton—drawing out the wisdom their lives offer for our own journeys. As we walk through Lent together, we will consider how their stories can inspire us to make our own unique way forward in faith, service, and hope.



MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND, 6 PM

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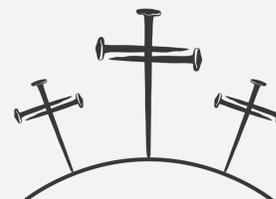
ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 3rd, noon

Christ Episcopal Church,

followed by Stations of the City

33 East First Street, Corning



Property Team

Snow-shoveling Sign-up Sheet

Jan. 26 - Feb. 1	Jim
Feb. 2 - Feb. 8	John
Feb. 9 - Feb. 15	Mike T.
Feb. 16 - 22	
Feb. 23 - March 1	Jim



Blessing Box:

Thank you everyone who has kept our Blessing Box full of blessings for our neighbors.

But.....

When temperatures are below freezing, please don't place canned food items in the box. They expand when frozen, and then when they thaw, the contents can leak from the cans. Boxed non-perishable healthy food items are better in winter. Also, paper products, hats, gloves are very popular.

Please either drop off your donations in the narthex or in the bin in the Fellowship Hall.

If a big storm hits, feel free to drop by with a shovel anytime!

Thanks for all the help.



Corning Community Food Pantry:

In the cold winter months, families who experience financial difficulties often have to choose between paying for heat and buying

groceries. Our donations help them keep their pantry stocked with nutritious foods and personal care items for those in need. Please continue to bring your donations to the church narthex.

Canned and boxed items help keep their shelves stocked with a variety of nutritious non-perishable foods. They also accept necessities such as personal care items, laundry detergent and diapers.

Thank you for supporting the Corning Community Food Pantry.

MATTHEW 25



Whatever you do for the least...

³⁵ *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,* ³⁶ *I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

³⁷ *'Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'* ³⁸ *When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?'* ³⁹ *When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'* ⁴⁰ *'The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* Matthew 25:35-40

From the Mailbag....



Dear WELCA,
Thank you so much for putting a smile on Bob's face (and goodies in his tummy)!
Totally unexpected but greatly appreciated.
Bob (& Linda!)

Dear Julie,
Thank you and the church women for the visit and the cookie tray. Both were so welcome. (Truth be told... the cookie tray is completely empty and has been for at least a week.)

God Bless every one of you—Thank you and God Bless You All! We are expecting company from out of town, so I can't promise we'll make the Christmas Eve Service, but we'll try.

Please give our blessing to all.
Merry Christmas,
Linda Zink

Note from the American Red Cross:
We are so deeply thankful to Emanuel Lutheran Church for your partnership in our shared mission to help those in need. Your church welcomed our team and our donors with grace and generosity—and the results were remarkable. Together, we collected 32 units of blood, enough to help save or sustain up to 96 lives.

Thank you for making your space a place of healing and hope. The American Red Cross is honored to serve alongside such a compassionate and service-minded faith community.

BOOK CLUB



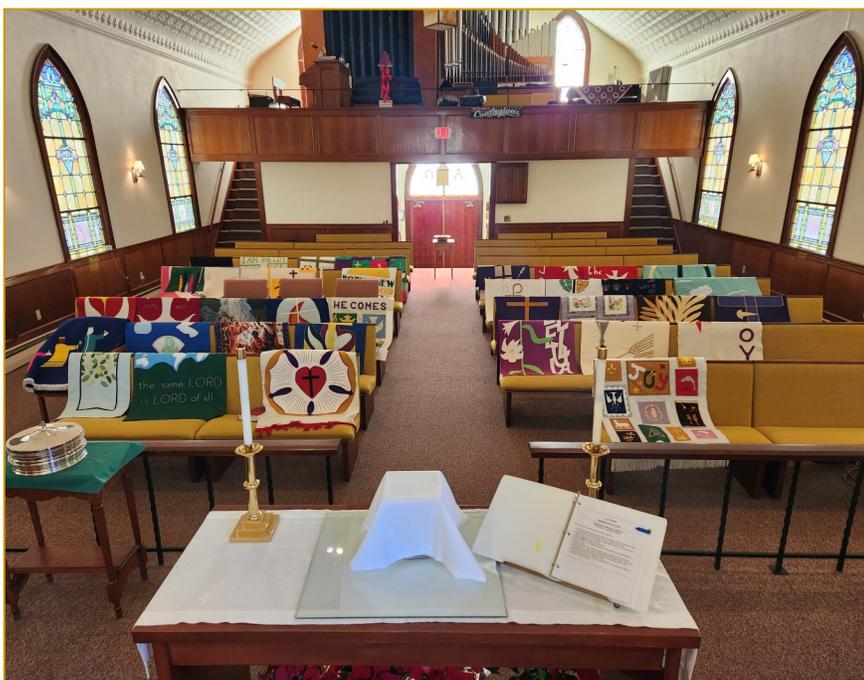
The next meeting is Thur., Feb. 5th, 12:30 on Zoom. All are welcome.

We'll review "*The Persian Pickle Club*" by Sandra Dallas.

Want to read ahead?

They'll meet on Thur., March 26th.

The book is "*Here We Go Again*" by Eleanor Hamby, Dr. Sandra Hazelip. Please contact the office for the Zoom link.



Our beautiful church sanctuary on January 8th after Sharon laid out all the banners before reorganizing them in the altar guild room.

Thanks for your efforts Sharon!

They are a beautiful collection.

WELCA

Women of the ELCA

WELCA and the Stewardship Team are combining efforts to host a free community lunch that will be served in the ELC Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 6 from noon until 1:00 pm. On the menu will be tomato Swiss soup, fresh fruit, coffee, water, and rolls with butter, peanut butter and jelly. All are welcome.

You are invited to join us to help set up and make the soup at 9:00 am, or to serve and talk to the community members who join us for lunch. The event is being advertised on Facebook, on sandwich boards on the church property, at the local senior center and the shelter on Bridge street.

You are also welcome to attend our next meeting in our Fellowship Hall
Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 1:00 pm.



**Friday
 February 6
 noon- 1pm**

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February Steward Schedule

	Feb. 1	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22
Worship Leader	Annette Gardner	David Banner (SAM)	No worship at Emanuel. We'll be at Christ Episcopal Church for Jazz Sunday!	Rev. Jason Churchill
Assisting Minister	Caren Listopadzki (CALM)	Brenda Passmore		Sue Doyle
Reader	Caren Listopadzki	Phyllis Brandes		Sue Doyle
Tech Acolyte	Caren Listopadzki	Gage Machuga		Ben Hufnagel
Usher	Laura Link	Lew Brandes		John Rector
Greeter	Charlotte Estep	Jodi Machuga		Kim Hufnagel
Altar Guild	Phyllis B. & Charlotte	Phyllis B. & Charlotte		Phyllis B. & Charlotte

* *SAM is a Synod Authorized Lay Minister,
CALM is Congregation Authorized Lay Minister*

*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.

Feb 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Worship @	2	3 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	4 12pm - Office Hours @	5 9am - Bone Builders 12:30pm - Book Club via 1pm - WELCA Meeting	6 Free Soup Lunch	7
8 10am - Worship with	9	10 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	11 8am - Cleaning 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Office Hours @ 6pm - Church Council	12 9am - Bone Builders	13	14
15 Jazz Sunday @ Christ	16 9am - American Red	17 Shrove Tuesday @ First 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	18 Ash Wednesday @ 8am - Crazy Quilters 12pm - Office Hours @	19 8am - Crazy Quilters 9am - Bone Builders	20 8am - Crazy Quilters	21
22 Lent1 10am - Worship @	23	24 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	25 8am - Cleaning 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Office Hours @	26 9am - Bone Builders 6pm - Lenten Study @	27	28

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Epecially prepared for:



EMANUEL'S WORD

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