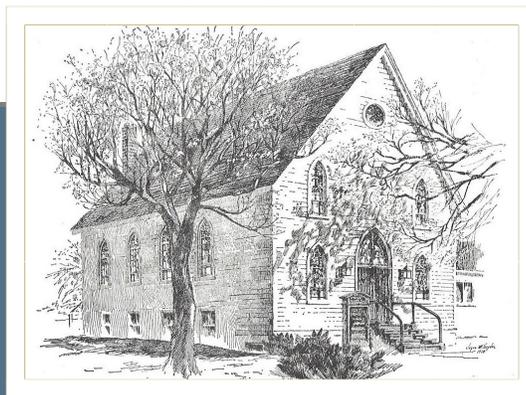


Emanuel's Word

monthly newsletter of
Emanuel Lutheran Church
March 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 March Birthdays!

March 5	Solenne Becker
15	Andre' Schwesinger
15	Mary Ellen Brennan
20	Nick Sweet
21	J.T. Hufnagel
27	Lew 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

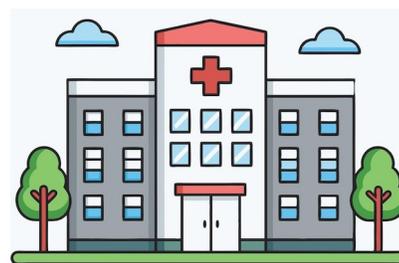
From the Church Office:



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.



In the hospital?

Due to HIPAA privacy rules, the church doesn't usually receive notification from the hospitals when someone is admitted.

Please call the church office, or have a family member call, if you're in the hospital, or at home recuperating, and would like a visit or prayers, just give the office a call (936-4268).

Thanks.

Church Council Update

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Update, February 11, 2026

Budget Income for January, 2026: \$4501.57

Budget Expenses for January 2026: \$8492.46

Loss: \$3990.89

The February Council meeting agenda was modified to consider a notification from the Call Committee. The Committee referred a candidate for the Council's consideration as our new Pastor.

- The Council discussed the issues necessary to consider the hiring of a new Pastor including compensation, health insurance, work schedule, and the Pastor's duties.
- Following discussion, the Council considered possible dates and times for an interview.
- The interview was held on Zoom on February 12, 2026. Following the interview the Council voted unanimously to offer the candidate the position and to notify the Synod of our decision.
- Following Synod approval, a notice was given to the congregation that the Council was presenting the candidate to the congregation. On February 22, 2026, another Zoom interview would be held following the church service, in which members of the congregation could ask questions of the Council and of the candidate. The candidate would also have the opportunity to ask questions of the congregation. The congregation would then vote on hiring the candidate for the position.
- At the time of this report, the congregational meeting had not yet been held.

Calendar Planning:

- Thursdays, 2/26 - 3/26 Ecumenical Lenten Studies
- 4/2 - Maundy Thursday
- 4/3 - Good Friday Ecumenical Worship at Christ Episcopal Church, 12:00 pm

Average Attendance and Facebook Views:

- Average Attendance for January: 27
- Average Facebook Viewers for January: 62

LENT



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.

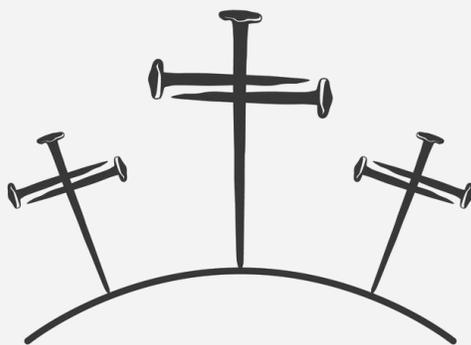


MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2ND, 6PM

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149 West William Street, Corning



ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD, NOON

Christ Episcopal Church,
followed by Stations of the City
33 East First Street, Corning
All are welcome!

Snow-shoveling Sign-up Sheet

Feb. 23 - March 1	Jim
March 2 - 8	John
March 9 - 15	Mike T.
March 16 - 22	
March 23 - 29	



Blessing Box:

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

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.

BOOK CLUB



The next meeting is Thur., March 26th, 12:30 on Zoom. All are welcome.

We'll review "*Here We Go*" by Sandra Hazelip and Eleanor Hamby and "*A Year By the Sea*" by Joan Anderson. Please contact the office for the Zoom link.

*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.



This month's focus: paper products. Essential paper product donations for food pantries include toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, and napkins. These items are in high demand, rarely donated, and cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits (food stamps). Other critical, non-food, paper-based items include diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products, and cleaning supplies.

Thank you for supporting the Corning Community Food Pantry.

From the Mailbag....



January 29, 2026

On behalf of seafarers like these two pictured with our port chaplain Pastor Tammy, thank you for your support of our ministry to seafarers and to legal asylum seekers.

These winter days, you are warming hearts by welcoming the stranger. Thank you for your donation of \$217 for general support . In the ports of Albany, Baltimore, Duluth, Houston, New Haven, and New York/New Jersey, our port chaplains visit crew members on container-ships bringing with them essentials they have requested, Wi-Fi hot spots to connect them with their loved ones, and companionship. They also offer transportation to the few seafarers with shore leave so they can see a local mall or medical facility.

In New York City, we provide a warm meal and affordable accommodations to seafarers, who are looking for their next assignment in the nearby union halls or have to go to a medical checkup. We also provide safe shelter for asylum seekers. Recently, one asylee was released from a detention center near midnight and had to travel six hours on a bus through a snow-storm to reach the haven, which is Seafarers International House, at 4 in the morning. We are providing him with social work assistance until he finds a permanent home likely within three weeks.

Your donation makes these acts of kindness possible. Thank you for spreading warmth into this cold world.

With warm regards,
Henryk Behnke, Director of Development & Communications

February 5, 2026

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church Friends,
Please accept the enclosed as a little gift to help support your wonderful community outreach with the soup luncheon. I wish I could be there!

Blessings on the hands that prepare it and all who come to enjoy.

In Christ,
Susan Husted

Property Team Report

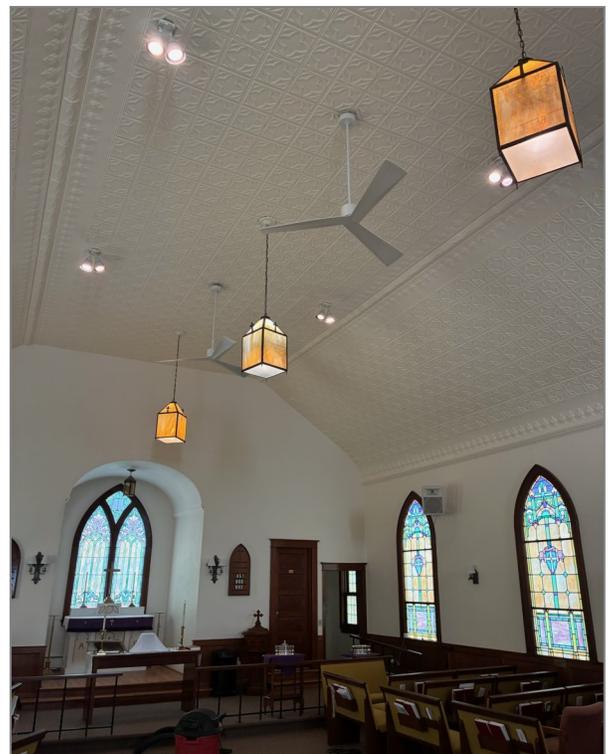
The fluorescent light to LED project has been completed in the fellowship hall and church. Converting to LED lights was important for energy efficiency. They use up to 70% less energy with little or no heat emitted. They have a longer lifespan of 25-50,000 hours compared to 10-15,000 hours from fluorescent which may flicker before dying. LED are much easier to maintain and have superior light performance. Lastly, they are environmentally safer because there is no mercury content which makes LEDs easier to dispose of.

The project took roughly 30 mins per light and over 20 hours to install. Mike Trova, with the help of his wife Sharon, took on this conversion process and saved the church a minimum of \$2000 dollars in electrician fees.

In addition, the church ceiling fan project was completed on 2/24. This project was approved in 2025 but was never completed even after one fan died. We now have two fully functioning fans purchased from Home Depot. These new fans are run by a remote with multiple speeds. This will assist in moving air on hot summer days when we have high temperature and humidity in the church.

Again, Mike helped with the project, and we saved over \$1000 by selecting Matt McNerny the electrician on the project. Many thanks to Mike and Sharon for their dedication to the project!

Jim



IT'S OFFICIAL!

Our new pastor is our beloved old one -
Rev. Jennifer Long!
Call Committee, Council and our members voted
unanimously that we'd love to have her back.
Her start date will be in May. God is good.



Women of the **ELCA** 

WELCA's next meeting is
Thursday, March 5th at 1pm
in the Fellowship Hall.
All are welcome!



Worship/Music Planning Meeting
Emanuel's Fellowship Hall
Saturday, March 21st
10:30 a.m.

Can't attend in-person? Give Lugene a list
of items you want discussed or have
questions about. All are welcome!



FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH!

Friday, March 13, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30pm

Emanuel Lutheran will host another Free Community Lunch for the neighbors on Williams Street. Lunch will be served from 11:30 - 12:30, and we will be setting up and making soup starting at 9:00. This is open to all.

The event will be advertised on the boards on the church property as well as through communication with the Food Pantry, the senior center on Williams Street, Bridge for Hope, and the apartment complexes near our property.

Photo Gallery



Church Council Installation on Sunday, February 2nd.



Jazz Sunday at Christ Episcopal on Feb. 15th. Caren does one of the readings.



Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at First Congregational UCC.





March Steward Schedule

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Worship Leader	Annette Gardner (CALM)	David Banner (SAM)	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond	Annette Gardner (CALM)	Rev. Cheryl Ann Elfond
Assisting Minister	Caren Listopadzki (CALM)	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore	Caren Listopadzki (CALM)	Brenda Passmore
Reader	Caren Listopadzki	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore	Phyllis Brandes	Brenda Passmore
Tech Acolyte	Caren Listopadzki	Gage Machuga	Brenda Passmore	Ben Hufnagel	Brenda Passmore
Usher	Augie Andrukat	John Rector	Jim Passmore	Lew Brandes	Kim Hufnagel
Greeter	Tom Kleckner	Jodi Machuga	Charlotte Estep	Phyllis Brandes	Laura Link
Altar Guild	Marcia and Janette	Marcia and Janette	Marcia and Janette	Marcia and Janette	Marcia and Janette

* 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Worship @ 11am - Mission Moment	2	3 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	4 12pm - Office Hours @	5 9am - Bone Builders 1pm - WELCA Meeting 6pm - Lenten Study @	6	7
8 10am - Worship @	9	10 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	11 8am - Cleaning 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Office Hours @	12 9am - Bone Builders 6pm - Lenten Study @	13 11:30am - Free	14 4pm - Private Tyler Event
15 10am - Worship @	16 9am - American Red	17 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	18 12pm - Office Hours @ 6pm - Church Council	19 9am - Bone Builders 6pm - Lenten Study @	20	21 10:30am -
22 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 12:30pm - Book Club 6pm - Lenten Study @	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 10am - Worship @	30	31 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	1 12pm - Office Hours @	2 Maundy Thursday 9am - Bone Builders 1pm - WELCA Meeting	3 Good Friday Service @	4

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Epecially prepared for:



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