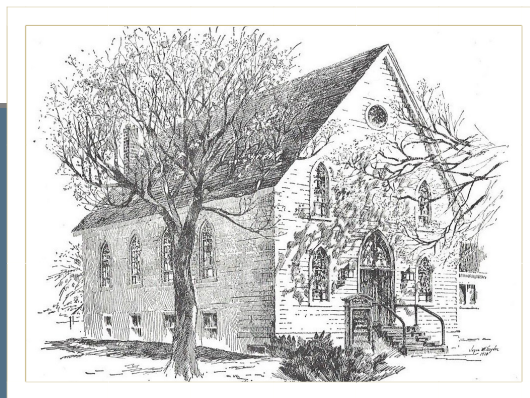


# Emanuel's Word

monthly newsletter of  
Emanuel Lutheran Church

**April 2026**



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### **WORSHIP: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

Organist: Lugene Mitchell Hamilton

Secretary: Brenda Passmore

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 April Birthdays!

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

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

Please email your articles to [office@emanuelconring.org](mailto:office@emanuelconring.org).



## 2026 Church Council

President:	Sharon Trova
Vice President:	Caren Listopadzki
Secretary:	Greg Heffner
Financial Secretary:	Mike Hamilton
Treasurer:	Marcia Ashworth
<b>Council:</b>	
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, March 18, 2026

Budget Income for February 2026: \$6708.56  
 Budget Expenses for February 2026: \$7849.78  
 Deficit: \$1141.22

Dean Jason reminded that the conference structure will be voted on at the Synod Assembly at the end of May. There will be a transition period after approval of the new structure, as there will still be some activities relating to the previous Southern Tier Conference, including Pastor Jennifer's installation.

- The Council has begun review of the Continuing Resolutions. These add necessary detail to the operation of the Church, not found in the Constitution or the Bylaws.
- The new fans have been installed in the sanctuary. New LED bulbs have been installed downstairs and in the Fellowship Hall. The bulbs were replaced by Sharon and Mike Trova, who deserve a big thank you. Their work saved the church a considerable amount of money.
- A retreat scheduled for the Worship and Music team on March 21, 2026 was made an All Teams Retreat, at the suggestion of Caren. It was hoped that this would facilitate the possible reorganizing or consolidation of some teams.
- The UNYS Hunger Justice team has designated this spring's ELCA World Hunger synodical appeal for ministries focused on the care and feeding of orphans and vulnerable children. Each congregation is challenged to bring a gift of \$500 or more to our Spring Assembly, May 26 - 27.

### Calendar Planning

- Thursdays 2/26 - 3/26 - Ecumenical Lenten studies
- 4/2 - Maundy Thursday, 6 pm
- 4/3 - Good Friday Ecumenical Worship at Christ Episcopal, 12 pm

Average Attendance and Facebook Viewers:

Average Attendance for February: 27  
 Average Facebook Viewers for February: 50



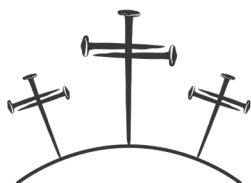
“Christ in Our Home” Daily Devotional -  
*April, May, June edition*

There's still a few of these devotionals available in the church narthex. Take one. It's a great way to start each day!

## HOLY WEEK



MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND, 6PM  
Emanuel Lutheran Church  
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



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH  
AT EMANUEL

## COMING SOON....



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH -  
Bring your jokes (suitable for church!)



EARTH/CREATION SUNDAY, APRIL 19



PASTOR JENNIFER'S FIRST SUNDAY: MAY 3  
Join us and welcome her back!



PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24 - We celebrate the Holy Spirit's arrival to the early church in fire and wind, and the speaking in many languages. If you are willing and able to read a lesson or the Lord's Prayer in a language other than English, please let either Lugene or Sharon know.



### Lawn-mowing Sign-up Sheet

April 6-12

April 13-19

April 20-26

April 27-May 3

It must be Spring!

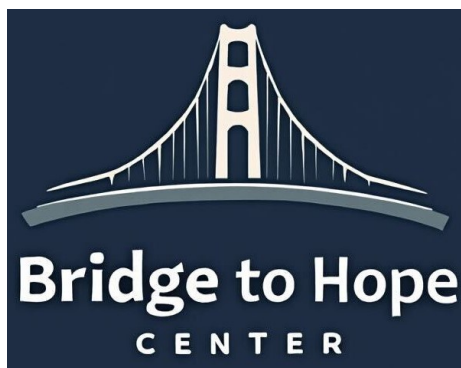
The snow-shoveling sign-up sheet has been replaced by the lawn-mowing sign-up sheet. Hurry and sign-up before all the best weeks are gone!



Blessing Box:

Thank you for keeping our Blessing Box full of blessings for our neighbors.

Please continue to bring non-perishable, healthy food items and paper products to our donation area in the church narthex or the bin in the Fellowship Hall.



Bridge to Hope Center  
37-41 Bridge Street, Corning

Founded in 2021, the former Landos building was transformed into the Bridge Street Hotel, paving the way for the Bridge to Hope Center. Every day they provide safe, transitional housing for over 40 individuals and connect them with the support and services they need to rebuild their lives, while expanding their programs to reach more people in need.

**We'd like to collect personal care items to donate to their center. They've also told us Bibles are needed.**

**Please bring your donations to the collection area in the narthex. Thanks!**

## BOOK CLUB



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

We'll discuss "*A Gift From the Sea*" by Ann Morrow Lindbergh, "*A Walk on the Beach*" by Joan Anderson and "*Westering Women*" by Sandra Dallas. Please contact the office for the Zoom link.

## From the Mailbag....

*A note shared on Facebook from Bridge to Hope about Emanuel:*

Today we had the honor of visiting Emanuel Lutheran Church in Corning with some of our clients

On the first Friday of each month, they open their doors at 149 W William Street to the community for a free lunch. Today's menu was homemade tomato and Swiss soup with bread and crackers, and it was absolutely delicious

In addition to their kindness through food and fellowship, they also generously donated Bibles for our center—reaching stomachs and souls one generous act at a time.

A heartfelt thank you to Sharon Trova, Gisela Smith & Brenda Passmore and the entire church for your hearts to give back to our community.

Bridge to Hope Center

## Property Team Report



Sunday April 26th, 11 am - ?

We'll clean up the grounds (leaf removal, weed pulling, trimming, general gardening). In addition, lawn work is needed as the grass continues to struggle.

A quick inspection of the lawn mower needs to be done. Please sign up for a mowing slot if you're able.

**There's interest in planting some vegetables near the Blessing Box with a sign saying "If it's ripe, help yourself". Thoughts, concerns, or interest in this? Share your thoughts while we work!**

REFUNDABLES FOR PAWZ AND PURRZ ANIMAL RESCUE, INC.

We met representatives from Pawz and Purrz during one of our Mission Moments, a non-profit, all-volunteer, foster-based rescue organization serving the Southern Tier. They rescue, rehabilitate, and find loving homes for homeless cats and dogs. We can support their work by donating refundable bottles and cans.

I bring containers from the Fellowship Hall to the Beartown Redemption Center in Painted Post. If you're able, please consider bringing your refundable containers from home as well—together, we can make an even greater impact.

**There's a collection can labeled for Pawz & Purrz in the Fellowship Hall for your donations.** Thank you for helping care for these animals in need.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Caren Listopadzki



# G.R.A.C.E. mindset

Synod Assembly  
May 26-27, 2026

*"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth!"  
— Isaiah 43:19a*

Something new is springing forth — Tuesday, May 26 – Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Syracuse for a full Assembly experience under one roof. This year, they'll lean into curiosity, courage, and creativity as they explore what it means

to cultivate a GRACE mindset in a season of experimentation.

Our synod representatives are asked to attend ready to be inspired, challenged, and energized for ministry in this moment.



## Synod Hunger Challenge:

The UNYS Hunger Justice team has designated this spring's ELCA World Hunger synodical appeal for ministries focused on the care and feeding of orphans and vulnerable children.

**Each congregation is challenged to bring a gift of \$500 or more to our UNYS Assembly, May 26-27.**

As Jesus welcomed and embraced children, despite the Disciples' disapproval, so we, too, are called to respond to the plight of those whose families have been fractured,

leaving children vulnerable to malnutrition and disease. Through our support of ELCA ministries of feeding, nutrition and health care, we are demonstrating Jesus' compassion for "the least of these", and those alone with no means to care for themselves.

We who serve on the UNYS Hunger Justice Team count on your faithful generosity and thank you for your advocacy of ELCA World Hunger in your congregation. Working together, we live in hope "that all the world may be fed".



ELCA Advocacy helps translate Christian values into public policy that reflects justice and peace. We work to restore and reconcile communities, recognizing that local decisions profoundly impact our neighbors' lives. In a divided world on a fragile planet, we defend human dignity, stand with people in poverty, pursue justice, build peace and care for creation.

Across more than 17 states, the ELCA State Public Policy Office partners equip and mobilize Lutherans for effective, faithful advocacy. Go to [elca.org](http://elca.org), then find: How We Serve ELCA in Society ELCA Justice & Peace Sign up for alerts



The first Corning Repair Café will happen in our Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, April 25th from noon-4pm.**

Prepare for Repair. The Corning Restore is one of many great organizations supporting Cornings's first Repair Café. This free event invites the community to bring your broken items and sit with friendly volunteers who will help you repair:

- Clothing and textiles, small appliances, lamps and electronics, toys and stuffed animals, wooden items, small furniture, knives and tools to sharpen, bicycles in need of minor repair or adjustment.

Families encouraged! Children can bring their well-loved stuffies for repair at our "Teddy Bear Hospital."



**WHAT! Our reusable glass Communion cups don't hold as much wine as the disposable ones.** *The photo shows the same amount of wine in each cup.*

Creation Care Sunday, April 19: Switch your small glass cup for one that's a little larger. Don't have a cup of your own to bring with you each Sunday? There's a basket in the narthex with cups with a carrying bag. Help yourself. \*Using glass reduces the recurring cost of disposables and is more environmentally friendly.



"NAME that TEAM" challenge!

WELCA - Women of the ELCA - is undergoing a reformation and looking for a new name to go with their new mission.

This re-organizing will be focused on fellowship and community involvement.

ALL are WELCOME - men, women, community members, etc. There will be planning meetings along with fun, Bible study, community lunches, prayer, plus other neighborhood projects. Meeting and activity times will remain at the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.. BYOB - Bring Your Own Bible (and lunch, if you want).

**The next meeting is Thursday, May 7th at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us!**



**FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH!**

**Friday, April 10, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30pm**

Emanuel Lutheran will host another Free Community Lunch for the neighbors on Williams Street.

We will serve hot dogs, baked beans, fruit and dessert, with coffee, tea and lemonade to drink. Join us to help, to eat, or to greet our Williams Street neighbors.

## Photo Gallery



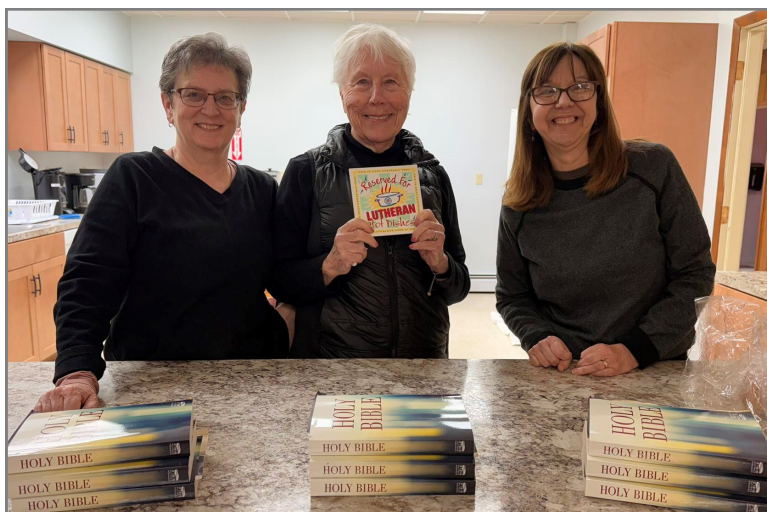
*The Lenten Study on March 12th. Caren leads the discussion about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Sharon plays the piano while Caren leads the hymn "By Gentle Powers" written by Bonhoeffer.*



*Sharon dishing up soup for a volunteer from the Senior Center at our 2nd Free Community Lunch Friday, on March 13th. Quite a few people attended.*



*Denise, the director of Bridge to Hope snapped this photo of Sharon, Gisela and Brenda.*





# APRIL STEWARD SCHEDULE

	<b>April 5</b> Easter	<b>April 12</b> Holy Humor	<b>April 19</b>	<b>April 26</b>
Worship Leader	Rev. Rick Bair	David Banner (SAM)	Rev. Gary Becker	Annette Gardner (CALM)
Assisting Minister	Caren Listopadzki (CALM)	Brenda Passmore	Sue Doyle	Caren Listopadzki (CALM)
Reader	Jessica Church	Brenda Passmore	Sue Doyle	Phyllis Brandes
Tech Acolyte	Caren Listopadzki	Brenda Passmore	Ben Hufnagel	Gage Machuga
Usher	Augie Andrukat	Jim Passmore	Kim Hufnagel	Jodi Machuga
Greeter	Tom Kleckner	Laura Link	Charlotte Estep	Lew Brandes
Altar Guild	Sue Doyle & Arlene Heffner	Sue Doyle & Arlene Heffner	Sue Doyle & Arlene Heffner	Sue Doyle & Arlene Heffner

\* *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
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	3 Good Friday Service @	4
5 Easter Sunday 10am - Worship @	6	7 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	8 8am - Cleaning 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Office Hours @	9 9am - Bone Builders	10 9am - Free Community	11
12 10am - Holy Humor 3pm - Private Event-Park	13	14 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	15 12pm - Office Hours @ 6pm - Church Council	16 9am - Bone Builders	17	18 2pm - Private Event-
19 10am - Creation Care	20 9am - American Red	21 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	22 Earth Day 8am - Cleaning 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Office Hours @	23 9am - Bone Builders	24	25 Repair Cate-Habitat for
26 10am - Worship @ 11am - Spring Clean-up	27	28 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	29 12pm - Office Hours @	30 9am - Bone Builders	1 9am - Free Community	2

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*Epecially prepared for:*



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