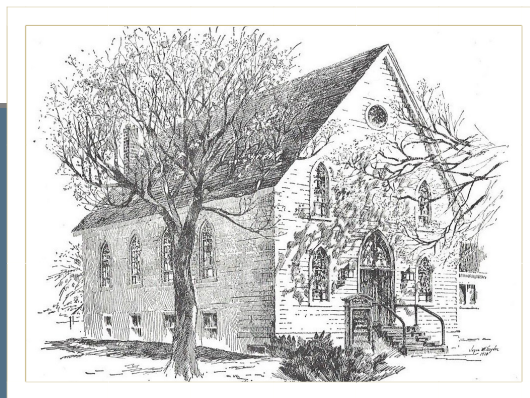


Emanuel's Word

monthly newsletter of
Emanuel Lutheran Church

MAY 2026



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WORSHIP: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Long

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).



MAY

Happy May Birthdays!

May 10 Ben Hufnagel
21 Sue Doyle Rector



*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

Budget Income for March, 2026: \$ 5,876.71
 Budget Expense for March, 2026: \$ 5,695.00
 Gain: \$ 181.71
 YTD Budget Income: \$17,086.84
 YTD Budget Expense: \$22,037.24
 Deficit: \$ 4,950.40

Emanuel Lutheran Council Meeting April 15, 2026

- The Council continues to review the Continuing Resolutions, which provide necessary detail to the operation of the church, not found in the constitution or bylaws. The Council is currently reviewing items relating to definitions of membership.
- Pastor Jennifer will be back as our pastor on May 3rd. A coffee hour will be held following the service welcoming her back to Emanuel. Pastor Jennifer's 30th anniversary of her ordination is coming in July. No date has been set yet for this important event. More information will follow.
- The Finance Committee notified the Council that a new firm, Professional Accounting Service, a local company, has been contracted to provide payroll services.

Team Reports:

- Visitation: Caren has made two visits to members since Easter.
- Outreach: Brenda noted that the Repair Cafe is being held on Saturday April 25th in the Fellowship Hall. It is sponsored by several community organizations, and a considerable attendance is expected. Brenda also noted that the Blessing Box has been heavily used.
- Hospitality: Preparations are being made for coffee hours following the service on May 3rd and May 10th.

The UNYS Hunger Justice team's ELCA World Hunger synodical appeal, focused on the care and feeding of vulnerable children, continues until the Spring Assembly, May 26 - 27. Each congregation is challenged to bring a gift of \$500 to the Assembly. Donations can be placed in the collection plate using the blue envelopes in the pews.

Calendar Planning

- 5/1 WELCA Free Community Lunch - Fellowship Hall
- 5/3 Coffee Hour - Pastor Jennifer
- 5/7 WELCA Meeting
- 5/10 Coffee Hour - Mission Moment
- 5/25 Repair Cafe - Fellowship Hall
- 5/26 Spring Cleanup at Emanuel
- 7/19 Joint Worship at FCUCC
- 8/16 Joint Worship with FCUCC at Emanuel

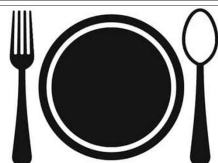
Average Attendance for March: 28
 Average Facebook Viewers for March: 59



We're in need of a treasurer.

Please consider whether you think you can fulfill this role, and also consider whether you know someone who might be able to do this for Emanuel. Please contact Sharon Trova if you are interested or know someone who might be.

First Friday Free Lunches



Emanuel Lutheran
Church Fellowship Hall
11:30 - 12:30 pm

Absolutely all are welcome!



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FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH!

Friday, May 1, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30pm

Emanuel Lutheran is hosting another lunch for our neighbors. Caren is making turkey chili, Brenda's making rice pudding, and if anyone wants to donate dessert, please bring it to the Fellowship Hall Friday morning. Stay for lunch while you're there! You're invited to bring goodies for Pastor Jen's return too, and we'll keep them in the refrigerator for Sunday. Hope to see you there!

Stewardship Mission Moment: **Sunday May 10th during worship**

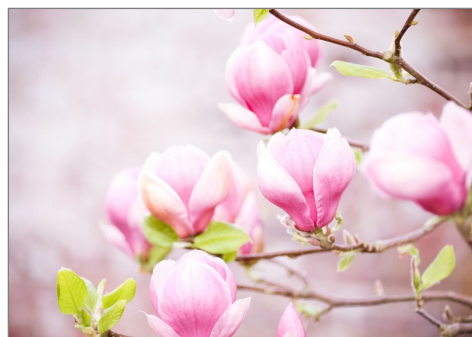


**FAITH
IN ACTION
STNY**

We look forward to hearing from Edna Keyes, executive director of Faith in Action of Steuben County. Edna will give a brief presentation regarding volunteer opportunities in the organization and services that could be helpful to our members. Weather permitting, we will enjoy the hospitality cart with snacks and refreshments outside after worship. Rain location will be the Narthex.

WELCOME BACK PASTOR JENNIFER!

Sunday, May 3rd - All are welcome to join us for worship and then after in the Narthex for refreshments and a snack. It will be a celebratory reunion as we welcome back Pastor Jennifer as our pastor. Hugs are encouraged!



Pentecost Sunday, May 24 - Don't forget to wear red!

We'll 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

May 4 - 10

May 11 - 17 Mike T.

May 18 - 24 Tom

May 25 - 31 Jim

BOOK CLUB



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

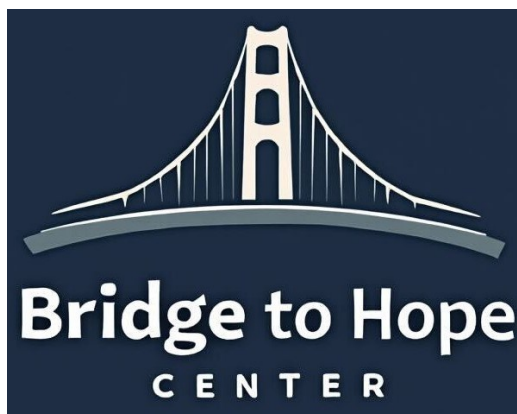
We'll discuss "*A Gift From the Sea*"
by Ann Morrow Lindbergh, "*A Walk on the
Beach*" by Joan Anderson and "*Westering
Women*" by Sandra Dallas. Please contact
the office for the Zoom link.



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

The personnel at Bridge to Hope need these
items for their clients: personal care and
feminine hygiene products, individual meals
and microwavable items. The personal care
items can be any size, from travel to full size.
These will be delivered monthly instead of
taking the items to the Food Bank. Thank
you for helping our neighbors in this way.

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

Women ^{of the} **ELCA**  

Thursday, May 7th at 1 pm
**(the 1st Thursday of each month in our
Fellowship Hall)**

All are welcome! We'll begin with
Devotions and Celebrations and Concerns,
send cards, and then we'll discuss possible
future projects. Moving forward without
Julie isn't easy, but we'll talk about our
mission and goals.

- Do we have the ambition to have a
rummage sale in September?
- Do we want to host Bible Studies,
play Bible Trivia? **Join us and find out!**



MEN IN MISSION-
Sunday, May 17th after
worship

*Spring has sprung, the grass is riz.
I wonder where dem bodies is.*

It's a new season and new life is all around us. We'd like to jump start Men in Mission again. To that end I'd like to have a brief meeting with all men interested in reinvigorating the group.

Let's meet in the Fellowship Hall right after church on Sunday, May 17th.

Bill

Mailbag

(Received in appreciation for adding an extra Blood Drive to our Fellowship Hall calendar.)

April 28, 2026

Brenda,

We are so grateful for you and the church. Thank you so much for allowing us to come out and do this work on Saturday. Staff are scheduled to arrive around 8:15. We already have 18 donors signed up to give, and likely will have some more sign up as we get closer to Saturday. I'll make sure the room is left spotless.

All the best to you and the church for being so generous with us.

Zachary Potter,
American Red Cross



Synod Hunger Challenge:

Each congregation is challenged to bring a gift of \$500 or more to our UNYS Assembly, May 26-27. **Mike H. says we're a little over \$100 away from our goal, with a couple more Sundays left to donate. Please contribute if you're able.**

This spring's ELCA World Hunger appeal is for ministries focused on the care and feeding of orphans and vulnerable children. Working together, we live in hope "that all the world may be fed".

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

May 26 – May 27, our synod reps. will attend the full assembly experience under one roof at the Double-Tree by Hilton in Syracuse.

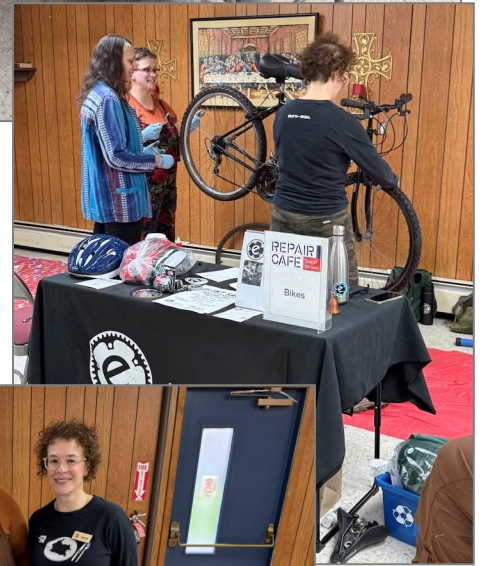
They'll lean into curiosity, courage, and creativity as they explore what it means to cultivate a GRACE mindset in a season of experimentation. And they're asked to attend ready to be inspired, challenged, and energized for ministry in this moment.

The Repair Café Saturday, April 25th in our Fellowship Hall

The Repair Café is a collaborative effort led by the Southeast Steuben County Library, Makerspace at Corning Community College, Southern Tier Reduces, Steuben County Habitat for Humanity ReStore and the Steuben County Habitat for Humanity Tool Library.



Looks like
Caren's getting
some jewelry
repaired.



FELLOWSHIP HALL USE: Wonderful to see so many people enjoying our Fellowship Hall! WENY News was there and reported "The Emanuel Lutheran Church on West William Street was buzzing with activity Saturday afternoon, filled with the sounds of sewing machines, tools, and conversation at the first Repair Café, a volunteer led event aimed at helping to make easy repairs to household items, giving them the refresh they need and keeping them out of a landfill". *Making our Fellowship Hall available as a Community Hall was one of the mission goals in our Ministry Site Profile Form. This event fit in with our Creation Care mission too.*

It's always available for our members too. If your family gatherings are too large for your home, it's easy to book the hall. Contact Brenda in the office, fill out the online building use form on our website, or you can talk to Jessica Church, who has offered to help.

Photo Gallery



Caren dishes up some soup at the Lenten Study at Community Mennonite Fellowship. Fabulous quilt wall-art they have there!



Marcia and Brenda strip the altar at the end of the Maundy Thursday service.



Easter Care Kits delivered by Lugene and Phyllis G. to the Bath VA. Items included in the Care Kits: 2 pair socks, 2 Thrivent t-shirts, soap, shampoo, deodorant, comb, non-perishable food items, Easter candy, toilet tissue, Kleenex, and lip balm.



Jessica impresses us all! She's probably the first reader to read scripture from the pulpit while cradling her new baby.



The Easter Bunny wants to share a little Easter love with Duane.



The Passmore Grandkid Rosie on Easter morning after church.



Noah and Jessica find an Easter egg.



Bill's display board in the Fellowship Hall is updated with a few new confirmation photos and a new cover page. If you've never checked it out, you should. It's filled with interesting information about church history and great photos too.

Jim set up a nice lunch with Sharon's left-overs from the Free Community Lunch. It was a treat to enjoy hotdogs and beans after church. Bill & Phyllis look hungry.





	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24 Pentecost	May 31
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer
Assisting Minister	Brenda Passmore	Sue Doyle	Caren Listopadzki	Annette Gardner	Brenda Passmore
Reader	Jessica Church	Sue Doyle	Caren Listopadzki	TBA	Brenda Passmore
Tech Acolyte	Brenda Passmore	Gage Machuga	Oskar Sauer	Ben Hufnagel	Brenda Passmore
Usher	Jim Passmore	John Rector	Augie Andrukat	Kim Hufnagel	Jim Passmore
Greeter	Laura Link	Jodi Machuga	Tom Kleckner	Kim Hufnagel	Charlotte Estep
Altar Guild	Linda L.& Eileen Sands	Linda L.& Eileen Sands	Linda L.& Eileen Sands	Linda L.& Eileen Sands	Linda L.& Eileen Sands

* *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
26 9am - Worship @ 9am - 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 9am - American Red
3 Pastor Jennifer's Back 9am - Worship @	4 4	5 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	6 8am - Cleaning 12pm - Office Hours @	7 9am - Bone Builders 1pm - WELCA Meeting	8 2pm - Scrapbookers	9 9am - Scrapbookers
10 Faith in Action 9am - Worship @	11 11	12 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	13 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Office Hours @	14 9am - Bone Builders	15 15	16 Private Event - Andrukak
17 9am - Worship @ 9am - Men in Mission	18 18 9am - American Red	19 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	20 8am - Cleaning 12pm - Office Hours @ 6pm - Church Council	21 9am - Bone Builders	22 22	23 23
24 Intercessory 9am - Worship @	25 25	26 UNYS Assembly 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon Meeting	27 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Office Hours @	28 9am - Bone Builders	29 2pm - Scrapbookers	30 9am - Scrapbookers
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