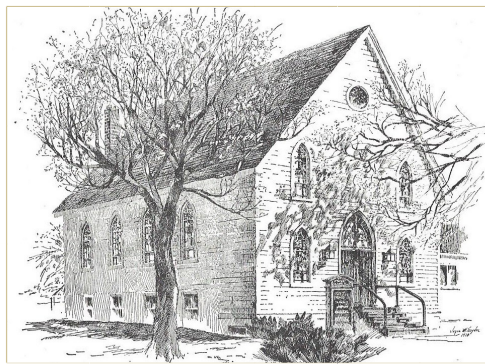


Emanuel's Word



monthly newsletter of
Emanuel Lutheran Church
SUMMER 2026



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WORSHIP: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Long
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Secretary's Office Hours:
Wednesday - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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149 West William Street
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*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).





July Birthdays!

July 1 Elizabeth Zink
 2 Linda Zink
 12 John Rector
 13 Carole Adler
 26 Jim Passmore

August Birthdays!

August 3 Richard Sauer
 7 Evelyn Allen
 11 Jacob Hufnagel
 13 Annette Gardner
 17 Josephine Sauer
 17 Carol Witt
 22 Gisela Smith
 29 Frauke Becker

**Do you have a birthday
 we're unaware of?
 We'd love to wish you a
 Happy Birthday!
 Contact the office with the date.**

*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



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.

For Pastoral Assistance:
 Rev. Jennifer Long, Pastor
 Pastor's phone: 586-727-9247
 Pastor's email:
pastorjenniferlong@gmail.com
 Pastor's Office Hours are by
 appointment. Please email, call
 or text her for an appointment.



Pastor Jennifer's Message.....

Thinking about preaching... how does the pastor choose what she preaches on?

I'm sure different pastors have different ways of deciding on this... for the majority of my career I have used a lectionary, which offers prescribed readings for each Sunday. The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) is the one that is most widely used, and the only one that was available when I was in seminary more than 30 years ago. It is a three-year, year-round cycle, with Matthew, Mark and Luke each being the primary gospel for that year, and the gospel of John sprinkled throughout. When I was hired at Emanuel the first time around, way back in 2016, this is what I used.

As I got my feet under me as your pastor, I learned about (and began using) a newer lectionary, developed by professors at Luther Seminary. It was called the Narrative Lectionary, and began being developed in 2010. The Narrative Lectionary runs on a four-year cycle, which means each gospel gets its own year. The gospels are also read more consecutively, giving the opportunity to hear each more fully. It runs from September through May, which often gave me an opportunity to do sermon series in the summer. For me, the most interesting thing about it was that it focuses on texts from the Old Testament, which showed a greater arc of the narrative in the Bible, and helps connect the two testaments to one another.

Rolf Jacobson, one of the professors who worked to create this lectionary put it this way: But why try the narrative lectionary? The shortest answer is simply this: Because knowledge of the biblical story is crucial to mature Christian faith.

During the time Emanuel was without a settled pastor, the leadership of the congregation chose to return to using the RCL. This June, in conversation with the worship & music team, and at my request, the Narrative Lectionary will be used again this fall. I would love to hear any thoughts you might have about that, now, or over the course of using it. I am available for phone calls, visits, walks... or any way you'd be interested in having the conversation. Just let me know.

When I used this lectionary previously at Emanuel, there were inserts included in the bulletin that offered weekly readings and prayers that reflected on the upcoming scriptures. There are no plans currently to use these again, but if you previously found them, or would find them useful, would you please let me know? It will help in deciding if this is something worth picking up again.

As always... I look forward to hearing your thinking.

Peace,

Pastor Jennifer

Church Council Update

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Update June 17, 2026

Budget Income for May 2026	\$5,925.37
Budget Expense for May 2026	\$10,965.21
Deficit	\$5,039.84

YTD Budget Income for 2026	\$29,211.57
YTD Budget Expense for 2026	\$38,119.21
Deficit	\$8,907.64

- Council continues to review the Continuing Resolutions. This month the resolutions concerning “Membership” were addressed. Several definitions were modified, and some sections deleted completely, to reduce redundancy with the Constitution.
- The search continues for a new Treasurer. Sharon has contacted several other churches to find out how they fill the Treasurer position, but has not received any responses as yet.
- There was a discussion about the possibility of using the Fellowship Hall as a Red Cross warming or cooling station during temperature emergencies. The Red Cross will be contacted to find out more information.
- The Stewardship team has several tentative activities in the planning stage. More information to come.
- WELCA is considering a rummage sale for September. In addition, the monthly community lunches will continue on Friday, July 10 and Friday August 8. Any other lunches will be discussed after August.

Calendar Planning:

- July 12, Annette presides
- July 19, Joint worship with FCUCC
- July 26, Mission Moment - Bridge to Hope - Coffee Hour
- August 16, Joint worship with FCUCC at Emanuel
- September 27, Todd Eames presides
- October, Mission Moment, date TBA
- November 8, Caren presides

Average Attendance - May 2026 - 31

Average Facebook Views - May 2026 - 60



Lawn -mowing Sign-up Sheet

July 29-5

July 6-12

July 13-19 Trova

July 20-26 Tom

July 27-2 Jim

Aug. 3-9 Trova

Aug. 10-16

Aug. 17-23 Tom

Aug. 24-30 Jim

All are welcome to help maintain the gardens at Emanuel. Pull some weeds, water the trees, flowers, add mulch, etc. No permission or sign-up required! Happy Summer!



Blessing Box: Because the Blessing Box is emptying so quickly, we recommend just placing a few items in at a time.

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, the bin in the Fellowship Hall, or put them right in the box. Thank you!



Our Stewardship Team thinks it's important to provide opportunities to connect our hearts to the causes of area non-profits and highlight the impact of what they do and how they serve our community.

On July 26th, Bridge to Hope is scheduled to join us during worship for a Mission Moment.

Come and learn more about how they serve the people in our community.



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. Thank you for helping our neighbors in this way.

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

BOOK CLUB

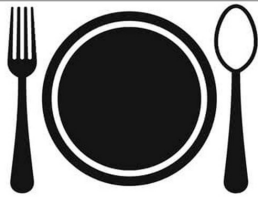


The next meeting is Thur., July 2nd, 12:30 on Zoom. All are welcome.

We'll discuss "*Heart of Barkness*" by Spencer Quinn and "*Serviceberry*" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Please contact the office for the Zoom link.

All are welcome.

First Friday Free Lunch!



Emanuel Lutheran
Church Fellowship Hall

11:30 - 12:30 pm

Absolutely all are welcome!



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**The July lunch is actually on
Friday, July 10th
because of the July 4th
holiday weekend.**

In August, it's August 7th.

You are invited to volunteer to help
serve lunch or clean-up after, or
you're more than welcome to come
enjoy lunch and fellowship!

Absolutely all are welcome.

Technology Team

During the last few weeks we've experienced technical difficulties with our Facebook Live worship broadcast. It cuts out after a little while, or we have problems getting it started. The problem seems to be the strength of our Wi-Fi signal in the sanctuary. We have Wi-Fi extenders because our router is in the church office, and that always worked before.

We troubleshooted a couple things, but still are experiencing inconsistency in our signal. Jim stopped at Best Buy to find out how much an in-person visit to Emanuel would cost, and we're looking into a person who may be able to help us with an in-person visit, which is definitely needed because this issue is beyond our knowledge. If you know someone reliable, and willing to make a personal visit to Emanuel, let Jim know.

We continue to try to solve this problem.

Brenda

REFUNDABLES FOR PAWZ AND PURRZ ANIMAL RESCUE, INC.

**Do you have refundable cans to return? How about using them to support
Pawz and Purrrz, a non-profit, all-volunteer,
foster-based rescue organization serving the Southern Tier?**

Pawz & Purrrz has an account at Beartown Redemption Center in Painted Post to help support their work: rescuing, rehabilitating, and finding loving homes for homeless cats and dogs.

You can bring your refundable containers to the redemption center yourself like I do,
or you can bring them to our Fellowship Hall, and I'll take them for you.

There's a labeled can for your donations in the boiler room.

Together, we can make a greater impact.

Thank you for helping care for these animals in need.

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

Caren Listopadzki





Emanuel Lutheran Church
& West William Street Neighborhood Rummage Sale
SATURDAY, Sept. 12 • 9am - 3pm

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

WELCA GWOH Neighborhood Rummage Sale: Saturday, September 12th!

We're getting older. Can we still pull off a rummage sale? And why bother?

- Our neighbors will be encouraged to join us! Over the summer I'll distribute fliers to our neighbors' porches inviting them to fill their porches and garages with items to sell. They'll benefit from our advertising, and we'll enjoy a neighborhood event. It looks like First Congregational UCC is having their Flea Market the same day!
- We help our neighbors and our members part with unused items, keeping them from landfills and providing no or low-cost items to those in need.
- We'll make a little money. Our hope is a large, wall-hung TV in our Fellowship Hall for Bible Studies, etc.
- Depending on our ambition, we could put one of our tents out front with bake sale items to make additional funds and be more visible on West William Street.

We'll be serving our community by providing low-cost items to our neighbors, helping them sell their items, and keeping reusable items out of the landfill!

Can we manage it, and how can we make it easier? My plan:

- September 6th after worship, we'll set up tables and label them for donations. There will be a drop-off schedule for donations, and people will place them on the appropriate table. I'll block off that week on our calendar for the sale.
- I went to a church rummage sale that was donation only. When I asked one of the helpers "how much?", they replied donation only, and I paid what it was worth to me. That would definitely save us a lot of work pricing everything.
- We'll advertise everything is free during the last hour to reduce the amount left over.

Questions, thoughts, concerns? Let me know.

Brenda Passmore, Outreach Team Leader

Join us for
"God's work. Our hands."

A dedicated day of
 service in our community.

On Sunday, September 13th we'll celebrate God's Work, Our Hands Sunday during worship!
If you need a shirt, and we don't have one available to fit you, let me know by August 19th. We must order at least 12 to get our church name printed on the back, but I can get them without it for \$15 and \$10 shipping. If anyone has a shirt no longer being used, please donate it back to the church. Thanks.



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SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Upstate NY Synod Assembly of the ELCA was held on May 26-27 in Syracuse. Representatives and voting members of Emanuel Lutheran Church were Pastor Jennifer Long, Eugene Mitchell-Hamilton and Susan Doyle.

The highlights included a new logo, many reports of “business” of the ELCA (ie treasurer’s report, Synod Council, etc.)

A fair was held on both days which provided information regarding various ministries throughout the ELCA. It was eye-opening and motivating to see and hear about the work that is being done by the Albany Maritime Ministry and the Lake Chataqua Lutheran Camp to name a few. God is Good!

A plan was approved to realign the conferences of the Synod. The Southern Tier Conference was disbanded and has joined with the Genessee Finger Lakes Conference. We also achieved our goal for the World Hunger Appeal! Total amount raised was \$25,656.85.

This “report” is a small glimpse of the joy, energy and spirit of the Synod Assembly.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, feel free to contact Pastor Jennifer, Eugene or Sue.

In Christ, Sue Doyle

WELCA

A small group met on June 4th to discuss a few items and re-organize the kitchen cabinets to create more space.



The Rummage Sale will be on 9/12/26 (God’s Work, Our Hands). We want to encourage community involvement by advertising it as a neighborhood sale.

The WELCA Cabinet in memory of Julie Miller will cost more than is currently in the memorial fund. WELCA could contribute to make up the difference. We will put items that remind us of Julie in the upper space, which will have glass doors, e.g. teacups and cookbooks, and hospitality items like tablecloths and table decorations in the lower space.

Because the Blessing Box empties quickly, we’ll just put a few items in the box at a time.

Ten members of the congregation attended Emanuel’s Night Out on June 9th! All enjoyed the evening!

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 3rd, with devotions and discussion about the rummage sale.

All are welcome to attend!
Caren Listopadzki



Emanuel’s Night Out!

Worship TOGETHER



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

Sunday, July 19th at 10 a.m.

We'll enjoy worship together at FCUCC,
so no worship service at Emanuel.



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 16th at 10 a.m.

We'll gather for worship at Emanuel,
so no worship at FCUCC.



TREASURER NEEDED! We are in need of a treasurer for the church. We are currently looking into hiring someone to provide this service. If you have a family member or friend who would be interested in being hired for this position, please provide me with contact information.

Thank you.

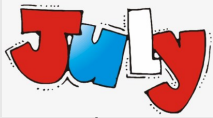
Sharon Trova

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer	Annette Gardner (CALM)	WE'LL BE AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC. JOIN US. THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT EMANUEL.	Pastor Jennifer
Assisting Minister	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore		Caren Listopadzki
Reader	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore		Caren Listopadzki
Tech Acolyte	TBA	Gage Machuga		Caren Listopadzki
Usher	Tom Kleckner	Jodi Machuga		Jodi Machuga
Greeter	Augie Andrukat	Charlotte Estep		Laura Link
Altar Guild	Linda & Eileen	Linda & Eileen		Linda & Eileen

Aug. 2	Aug. 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 30
Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer
Sue Doyle	Annette Gardner	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore	Caren Listopadzki
Sue Doyle	Annette Gardner	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore	Caren Listopadzki
Ben Hufnagel	Gage Machuga	Brenda Passmore	Brenda Passmore	Caren Listopadzki
John Rector	Jodi Machuga	John Rector	Jim Passmore	Charlotte Estep
John Rector	Jodi Machuga	Jim Passmore	Jim Passmore	Laura Link
Marcia & Janette	Marcia & Janette	Marcia & Janette	Marcia & Janette	Marcia & Janette

Summer Steward Schedule: If you are scheduled to serve and find you're unable to attend, please call someone to substitute for you.

Thank you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10am - Worship			1 12pm - Office Hours	2 9am - Bone Builders	3	4
5 10am - Worship	6	7 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	8 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Cleaning 12pm - Office Hours	9 9am - Bone Builders	10 12:30pm - First Friday	11 Private Event-Church
12 10am - Worship	13	14 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	15 12pm - Office Hours	16 9am - Bone Builders	17	18
19 10am - Worship at FCUCC	20 9am - American Red	21 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	22 12pm - Cleaning 12pm - Office Hours	23 9am - Bone Builders	24	25
26 10am - Worship	27	28 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	29 12pm - Office Hours	30 9am - Bone Builders	31	1

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Emanuel's Event Calendar changes often. Please check our website under the calendar tab for the most up-to-date schedule of events.

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EMANUEL'S WORD

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