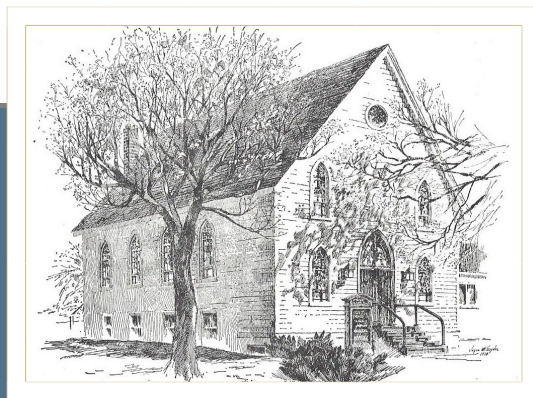


Emanuel's Word

monthly newsletter of
Emanuel Lutheran Church

September 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.

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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).





September Birthdays!

Sept 4 Caren Listopadzki
 8 Oskar Sauer
 9 Kurt Groeger
 12 Brenda Passmore
 12 Eileen Sands
 19 Eugene Mitchell Hamilton
 21 Noah Church

**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

Dear friends,

Regularly scams are
 directed at churches
 using the pastor's name.



They often show up as emails, but this
 summer some received text messages that
 looked like they were from me, but were
 not. The requests can be varied, but
 demand immediate action and include an
 expectation of money, gift cards or some
 other form of purchase or payment.

Please know: I will NEVER send a
 request like this via text or email...
 if you get one, please ignore it, delete it,
 and pass the word that it was not me.

Sincerely, Pastor Jennifer

**Need something repaired?
 There's another Repair Café coming
 soon to Emanuel's Fellowship Hall!**

**REPAIR
 CAFE**

**Toss it?
 No way!**

Free upcoming events

Painted Post Craig Park Pavillion	August 29 12-4pm
Corning Emanuel Lutheran Church	September 19 12-4pm
Hector Valois Logan Hector Fire Company	September 26 10am-2pm
Elmira Steele Memorial Library	October 3 1-4pm

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.



Church Council Update

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Update, August 19, 2026

Budget Income for June 2026: \$ 5,137.53
 Budget Expenses for June 2026: \$ 7,020.12
 Deficit: \$ 1,882.59

Budget Income for July 2026 \$ 10,547.89
 Budget Expenses for July 2026 \$ 8,183.31
 Gain: \$ 2,364.58

YTD Budget Income for 2026 \$ 44,896.99
 YTD Budget Expenses for 2026 \$ 53,322.64

- Pastor Jennifer said her goal going forward is to meet with all members who would like a visit.
- The issue of non-member cars in the parking lot was discussed, especially as a liability issue. It was suggested that a note be placed on non-member cars in the lot, especially as it pertains to keeping the lot cleared for plowing in the winter.
- The Council continued the review of Continuing Resolutions. The focus of this meeting was the job descriptions of the Administrative Assistant and the Organist. After discussion and minor modifications, both were approved as revised.
- Sharon has prepared a presentation for the congregation to review various aspects of the previous budgets, for a five-year period. This will be presented to the congregation prior to the distribution of the pledge cards for 2027.
- There will be a GWOH Rummage Sale on September 12. The neighborhood households in the vicinity of Emanuel have been invited to have their own sales on the same day, taking advantage of traffic we hope to generate.

Calendar Planning:

- September 3 - WELCA Meeting, 1 p.m.
- September 12 - GWOH Rummage Sale
- September 27 - Todd Eames presides
- October 11 - Mission Moment - Southern Tier Reduces
- November 8 - Caren presides

Average Attendance and Facebook Viewers

Average Attendance for June: 27
 Average Facebook Viewers for June: 45

Average Attendance for July: 23
 Average Facebook Viewers for July: 59



Lawn -mowing Sign-up Sheet

Aug. 31 - Sept. 6

Sept. 7 - 13 Mike T.

Sept. 14 - 20

Sept. 21 - 27 Tom

Sept. 28 - Oct. 4 Jim



Saturday, October 24th at 10 AM.

Join us for the fall clean-up of the church grounds, raking, trimming trees, and general maintenance of the property. Help get the church ready for the winter season.

BOOK CLUB



The next meeting is Thur., Sept. 24th, 12:30 on Zoom. All are welcome.

We'll discuss "*Rebecca*"
by Daphne du Maurier and
"*The Answer is No*"
by Fredrik Backman.

Please contact the office for the Zoom link.



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.

Our next Mission Moment is October 11th with Southern Tier Reduces.



Bridge to Hope needs 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!



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

Thank you for continuing to be a blessing to our neighbors. Please bring donations of non-perishable, healthy food items, toiletries, paper products, etc. to the donation area in the church narthex or the bin in the Fellowship Hall, or put them right in the box. Thank you!

Technology Team

An unstable Wi-Fi signal led to issues with our live worship broadcast, so new Wi-Fi extenders were purchased at a cost of about \$350, but there was no installation cost because Jim's brother Raymond helped him get the job done. Before the purchase, Jim confirmed with Spectrum that the issue wasn't with them or our office router or modem.

We weren't able to go Live on August 23rd, because of a Meta AI pop-up window that refused to close, blocking our ability to set-up the broadcast. It seems like that's fixed.

We appreciate our online worshipers who keep us informed when there are issues with the broadcast.
Many Thanks, Brenda



Budget Meeting & Coffee Hour
Sunday, October 18th, after worship

HOW IS OUR CHURCH DOING?

Join us for a coffee hour and a special budget presentation for the congregation in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

This is intended to inform everyone about the state of our current finances, our projected finances, our mission, and the time and talent needs of the church.

Questions and discussion will be highly encouraged. I hope that many of you will be able to attend. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Trova.

REFUNDABLES FOR PAWZ AND PURRZ ANIMAL RESCUE, INC.

Bring your refundable cans to the labeled can in the Fellowship Hall, and Caren will turn them in for redemption at the Beartown Redemption Center toward the Pawz & Purrz' account



Every little bit counts, and our cans will help support their non-profit, all-volunteer, foster-based rescue organization working to find homes for homeless cats and dogs in the Southern Tier.

Join us for

"God's work. Our hands."

A dedicated day of service in our community.

More yellow "God's Work, Our Hands" t-shirts were ordered!

If you have one, please wear it for the sale on **Saturday, September 12th** & worship on **Sunday, September 13th.**

But don't worry if you don't have one.

We needed more in the larger sizes, and they'll be available in the narthex very soon. The minimum order from *Old Lutheran* was 12 shirts, so there should be plenty. They charge \$15 each, but donate what you can and take what you need! **Thanks.**

If you or your kids have outgrown your old one, please return it to the church in case someone else could use it.

Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose!!

God's Work, Our Hands Neighborhood Rummage Sale

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

Our neighbors have been encouraged to have sales of their own. First Congregational UCC is having their Flea Market too, so there should be plenty of customers in the neighborhood!

**We'll serve our community by providing low-cost items to our neighbors,
and keep reusable items out of the landfill!**

On September 6th after worship, we'll set up the tables and accept donations.

Bring your donations to church that day.

We're advertising everything is free during the last hour to reduce the amount left over.

Questions, thoughts, concerns? Let me know. Brenda Passmore, Outreach Team Leader

Emanuel Lutheran Church Neighborhood Rummage Sale Saturday, September 12th

8:30 am - 3 pm



Emanuel's Fellowship Hall

Free - Will Donation Sale

Prices won't be marked. Pay what you can!

***LAST HOUR, EVERYTHING IS FREE!**

Please bring your own bags.

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Many volunteers needed! Fun opportunities for all!

It's a free-will donation sale, avoiding the work of pricing everything, but we'll still need many to organize donations, bag purchases, make change, keep tables organized, and clean-up after!

Jim agreed to lead a grilling station effort to serve hotdogs in front of the church. He needs help setting up the tent in front of the church and then tearing it down, as well as grilling and serving hotdogs and chips. If you can help with hotdogs/tent, let Jim know.

If you have donations for the sale, the drop-off schedule is below. Please let Brenda know if you need a special time or help bringing your donations to the church.

Day/Date	Time
Wed., Sept. 2	Noon - 3pm
Thurs., Sept. 3	1pm - 3pm
Sun., Sept. 6	after church
Tues., Sept. 8	6-7, 8-9pm
Wed., Sept. 9	Noon - 6pm
Thur., Sept. 10	All Day

WELCA Meeting
Thursday, September 3rd,
1pm in the Fellowship Hall



Absolutely all are welcome to attend!

WELCA meetings open with devotions and celebrations and concerns, but then we'll move onto discussion of the rummage sale, including a look around our church and Fellowship Hall to see what we are no longer using and could donate to the sale.

If you have items to donate to the sale, you're welcome to stop by to drop them off.



We were thrilled to hear Oskar Sauer play the Prelude, "Jesus Shall Reign" in church on Sunday, July 26th. Thank you!!!

Property Team

There are some property projects that weren't completed this summer and are listed below. Your help is appreciated. They can still be done before winter by willing individuals. But, keep in mind, with our financial situation, no cash is available for these projects. You probably don't need my assistance, but let me know if you're willing to take responsibility for one and need help with materials.

- Sanding, painting repair of window on the back of the church next to the lift entrance and sanding and painting of a couple windows on the Fellowship Hall.
- Sanding and rust proofing the lift threshold before winter.
- Clean windows in the Fellowship Hall.
- Second coat of marine spar varnish on the wooden church sign and doors.
- General cleaning of the siding on the back of church/Fellowship Hall entrance, manually or with a power wash.
- Removal of large hornets' nest on the roof line on the front of the church.

Thanks in advance if you are willing to help.

Jim



Lift threshold



This isn't a project, just a photo of the mysterious, sudden decline of this shrub!



Church window.

Photo Gallery

Lunch and fellowship on the patio at First Congregational UCC after shared worship on Sunday, July 19th.



First Congregational UCC joined us for worship and fellowship on Sunday, August 16th, and we celebrated the Baptism of Willow Sage Josephine Church too!





SEPTEMBER STEWARDS SCHEDULE

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Worship Leader	Annette Gardner (CALM)	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Todd Eames (SAM)
Assisting Minister	Brenda Passmore	Caren Listopadzki	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore
Reader	Brenda Passmore	Caren Listopadzki	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore
Tech Acolyte	Gage Machuga	Caren Listopadzki	Ben Hufnagel	Brenda Passmore
Usher	Jodi Machuga	Laura Link	John Rector	Jim Passmore
Greeter	Charlotte Estep	Augie Andrukat	John Rector	Jim Passmore
Altar Guild	Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova	Sharon Trova

* *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
30 10am - Worship	31	1 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	2 12pm - Cleaning 12pm - Office Hours	3 9am - Bone Builders 1pm - WELCA	4	5
6 Rummage Sale 10am - Worship	7	8 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	9 12pm - Office Hours	10	11	12
13 God's Work, Our Hands 10am - Worship	14	15 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	16 12pm - Cleaning 12pm - Office Hours 6pm - Council Meeting	17 9am - Bone Builders	18 Repair Cafe	19
20 10am - Worship	21 9am - American Red	22 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	23 12pm - Office Hours	24 9am - Bone Builders	25	26 Private Event- Church
27 10am - Worship	28	29 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - AI-Anon	30 12pm - Cleaning 12pm - Office Hours	1 9am - Bone Builders 1pm - WELCA	2 12:30pm - First Friday	3

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