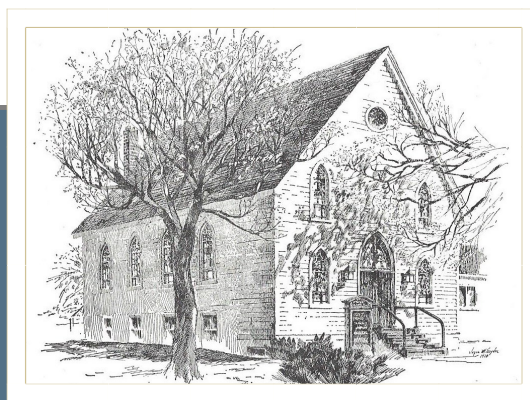


Emanuel's Word

monthly newsletter of
Emanuel Lutheran Church

October 2026



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WORSHIP: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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Organist: Lugene Mitchell Hamilton
Secretary: Brenda Passmore
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).





October Birthdays!

2 Coral Reed
 2 Kathryn Allen
 3 Linda L'Amoreaux
 5 Bill Groeger
 6 Duane Miller
 6 Chris Allen
 15 Michael Brennan
 15 Jodi Machuga
 17 Augie Andrukat
 19 Arland Tyler
 28 Georg Sauer
 29 Janette Smith

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

Please email your articles to office@emanuelcorning.org.



2026 Church Council

President:	Caren Listopadzki
Vice President:	vacancy
Secretary:	Greg Heffner
Financial Secretary:	Mike Hamilton
Treasurer:	Sharon Trova
Council:	
Kim Hufnagel	Brenda Passmore
Theresa Welfling	Annette Gardner

Devotions:

The new *Christ in Our Home* devotionals, October, November and December edition are available in the church narthex.

Please feel free to take one.



Also available in the church narthex, at the usher's stand, are the

Sharing God's Story @ home weekly devotion inserts.

They go along with the Narrative Lectionary scripture lessons. All are invited to take one and continue your weekly worship at home.

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!" ~Matthew 13:1-8

When I spend time with the parable of the sower, I often wonder: what is it I need to 'have ears' to hear?

I have known times in my life that have been like each of the seeds Jesus speaks of: times without depth, times when things heated up, and thorny times. Perhaps part of 'hearing' is observing what life around me looks like, and where I might know God's presence in the midst of it.

I have also known times of good soil... of growth and hope and promise, and God's presence has been in the midst of that as well. There are many who, like the sower in the story, have attended to my faith over the course of time, asked important questions, offered their thoughts and companionship on the journey. It reminds that the journey of faith is not one taken alone, but surrounded by the community of faith.

Perhaps 'having ears' to hear is simply the work of listening for God... in all times and places. How would you think about it?

Speaking of 'hearing,' here are some things that are coming up in worship!

- Retro Sunday will be happening on October 11, 60s & 70s music, camp songs and dress--come in your finest as the Jesus Movement of that era is remembered.
- Reformation Sunday is celebrated the last Sunday of October... don't forget to wear red!
- All Saints' Day is on the first Sunday in November, and candles will be in the back of the church that can be lit in memory of loved ones who have joined the saints triumphant.

Beloved, what do you hear when you spend time with this gospel lesson? I'd love to hear what you're thinking... maybe over a hot beverage as the days are cooling off... or even a cold one.

Peace, Pastor Jennifer



Church Council Update

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Update - September 16, 2026

Budget Income for August: \$ 6,184.64

Budget Expenses for August: \$ 9,692.61

Deficit: \$ 3,507.97

YTD Budget Income: \$ 51,081.63

YTD Budget Expenses: \$ 63,015.25

Deficit: \$ 11,933.62

- The Council is continuing its update of the Continuing Resolutions. This month the duties of the officers were reviewed. Some of the tasks of the officers were modified to better reflect current practices.
- The duties of the teams and committees were also reviewed. Like the officers' duties, the tasks of some committees and teams were modified or assigned to other teams. Some teams and committees were eliminated that no longer function.
- Still to be addressed are the continuing resolutions concerning an Emergency Plan, Records Management, and other organizations, such as WELCA and Men in Mission.
- Pastor Jennifer is looking to develop a community Bible study, possibly meeting twice monthly. The study would be based on the weekly lessons, Pastor Jennifer's sermons based on those lessons, and what is learned and can be applied to the individual, the family, and the community. More information to follow.
- Brenda reported that the Rummage Sale was very successful. There was good fellowship with the neighbors, and the sale raised \$1600.
- Following the September council meeting, Caren will assume the presidency to the end of the year, and Sharon will become treasurer.

Calendar Planning:

September 27 - Pastor Jennifer away, Todd Eames presides

October 11 - Mission Moment - Southern Tier Reduces

October 18 - Budget Presentation after worship - Coffee Hour

November 8 - Pastor Jennifer away - Caren presides

November 22 - Pastor Jennifer away - Annette presides

Attendance and Facebook Viewers

Average Attendance for August - 32

Average Facebook Viewers - 40

Stewardship

Sunday October 11th, Mission Moment during worship

Aimee Lindner will talk about her work with Southern Tier Reduces, and what we can do to save our own money while simultaneously harming our planet less! Please join us for snacks after worship. Aimee will be available to answer any questions.

Our Stewardship Team thinks our Mission Moments are important 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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP Message from Sue:

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose unto heaven”
Ecclesiastes Chapter 3:1-3

Dear Brotheres and Sisters in Christ,

I will begin by saying the only constant in our lives is change. As the seasons are changing, after much prayerful consideration, I am “stepping down” from my role as stewardship member/leader.

It has been a ministry that brought joy and growth to Emanuel. It has evolved from the annual “giving” campaign to a year-round approach through “Stewards of God’s Love”, with mission moments and living out stewardship not just once a year but every day. Our gifts from God are bountiful. Let us not forget that Emanuel is a congregation that shares these gifts to help others in our church, community and the world.

Please consider getting involved, new faces and ideas help us to continue to grow. Stewardship is the center of who we are as Lutherans and children of God.

Peace and Blessings, Sue

Property

Property Meeting: Sunday, October 4th after worship

Join me to discuss projects for 2027 and our 2027 budget. We'll also discuss winter snow removal and the projects I mentioned in the September newsletter. Thanks, 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.



**Last chance to mow!
Snow-shoveling sign-up sheet is
coming up next month.**

Lawn -mowing Sign-up Sheet

Oct. 5 - 11

Oct. 12 - 18 Mike T.

Oct. 19 - 25 Tom

Oct. 26 - Nov. 1 Jim



Wineglass Marathon Sunday, October 4th

If you're attending church on October 4th, please allow extra time for travel since there are many street closures and extra traffic congestion on Sunday morning.

Hospitality



GREETINGS!

There are two Sundays in October where we will enjoy fellowship and refreshments after worship.

October 11th, we'll hear from "Southern Tier Reduces" for our Mission Moment.

October 25th is Reformation Sunday! If you can contribute snacks or beverages, that would be greatly appreciated.

Blessings,
Sue



WELCA Meeting: Thursday, October 1st, 1pm in the Fellowship Hall
Absolutely ALL are welcome to attend!

The “Abundance Shared” Rummage Sale on September 12, part of our “God’s Work, our Hands” celebration, was a success, bringing in over \$1,600! A huge thank you to Brenda for all her hard work and for her idea of a “Pay-What-You-Can, Free-Will Donation Sale”, which saved a lot of time, since items didn’t need to be priced, while simultaneously benefitting our neighbors who got what they wanted without emptying their bank.

A big thank you also to all who donated to the sale, and who helped before, during and after the sale! We enjoyed connecting with each other, and with our neighbors who were visiting our sale and/or having their own sales in the neighborhood.

During the preparations for the sale, we also sorted out items in the walk-in closet and in the Boiler Room, sold items not used any more, and made it easier to find and reach remaining items.

All are welcome to our next meeting on October 1st. We’ll discuss how to utilize proceeds from the sale and make future plans for the rest of the year.

Looking forward to seeing you there! Caren Listopadzki

Retro Worship, Sunday, Oct. 11th

We’ll sing *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands*, *Kumbya*, and *Michael Row Your Boat a Shore*! Dress in your best style if you’d like!

REFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25
10:00 AM

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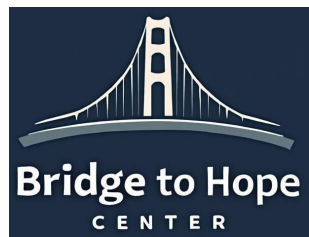
Photo Gallery

"God's work. Our hands."

A dedicated day of service in our community.







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.

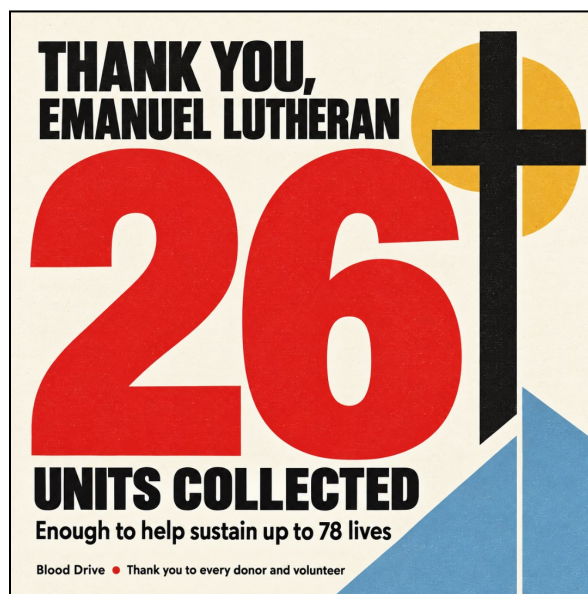
Thank you for continuing to be a blessing to our neighbors. Please bring donations of non-perishable, healthy food items, toiletries, paper products, etc. to the donation area in the church narthex or the bin in the Fellowship Hall, or put them right in the box. Thank you!



REFUNDABLES FOR PAWZ AND PURRZ ANIMAL RESCUE, INC.

You can support Pawz & Purrrz Animal Rescue by donating your refundable bottles and cans. Just place them in the labeled donation can in the Fellowship Hall Boiler Room, and Caren will turn them into the Beartown Redemption Center toward their Pawz & Purrrz account. Every little bit counts. Our cans will help support their non-profit, foster based rescue organization working to find homes for homeless cats and dogs in the Southern Tier.

E-mailed from the American Red Cross after their September Blood Drive in our Fellowship Hall.



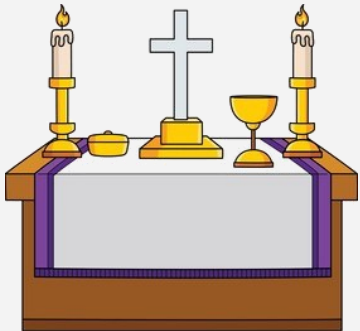
BOOK CLUB



The next meeting is Thur., October 22nd, 12:30 on Zoom. All are welcome.

We'll discuss "*The Correspondent*"
by Virginia Evans

Please contact the office for the Zoom link.



SEPTEMBER STEWARDS SCHEDULE

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Worship Leader	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer	Pastor Jennifer
Assisting Minister	Annette Gardner	Caren Listopadzki	Sue Doyle	Brenda Passmore
Reader	Annette Gardner	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	Tom Kleckner	Charlotte Estep	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
27 10am - Worship	28	29 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	30 12pm - Cleaning 12pm - Office Hours	1 9am - Bone Builders 1pm - WELCA	2	3
4 10am - Worship 11am - Property Meeting 1pm - Private Event - Park	5	6 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	7 12pm - Office Hours	8 9am - Bone Builders	9 10am - Scrapbookers	10 10am - Scrapbookers
11 10am - Retro	12	13 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	14 10am - Sewing Group 12pm - Cleaning 12pm - Office Hours	15 9am - Bone Builders	16	17
18 10am - Worship 11am - Budget Meeting	19 9am - American Red	20 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	21 12pm - Office Hours 6pm - Council Meeting	22 9am - Bone Builders	23	24 10am - Fall Clean-up
25 Reformation Sunday 10am - Worship	26	27 9am - Bone Builders 6:30pm - Al-Anon	28 9am - Crazy Quilters 12pm - Cleaning 12pm - Office Hours	29 9am - Bone Builders 10am - Crazy Quilters	30 9am - Crazy Quilters	31

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