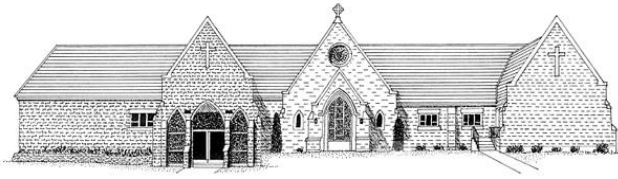


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

April

2025



Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

—*Psalm 85:8-13 NRSV*

Spring! What a beautiful word—especially at the end of a cold and dreary winter! Spring speaks of new life: flowers, leaf buds, robins, warm breezes, cool rain, and days of longer light. Do you remember from last month that the word “Lent” actually means “springtime” or “lengthening of days”? Lent is literally the time when we move from darkness into light, cold into warmth, and winter into spring. During Lent, we move from dying into new life. As we learn again to repent (turn back to God), we find life and hope waiting for us in the springtime. The Psalmist shouts: *Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people.*

How is your Lenten journey going? Have you found new wisdom or hope by intentionally turning again to God? Have you again touched the awe of the Almighty? Through the process of Lent, have you simply found again the grace to endure through winter days?

This month of April contains not only Lent and the beginnings of spring, but Easter as well. We turn towards God again and find hope in new life. We let go of the old and grab a hold of the new. New life also turns into eternity in this

beautiful month and our sorrow at the cross becomes joy (and befuddlement) at the empty tomb. *Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.*

I invite you to pray Psalm 85 in its entirety from your Bible this month. Pray the psalm as we enter into these precious gifts of spring, as we see the ending of winter, and come into new hope. Give thanks for the strength to endure the winter and for the hope of the spring. Give thanks for the resurrection and the new life that it brings. Give thanks for all the ways that God renews life and hope. *The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.*

Blessings to you always in the name of the One who brings us the hope of springtime and new life through the cross and empty tomb.

— *Pastor Christine*



Jeanette Kelly passed away on March 2. Her funeral was held March 7th at Thielen Funeral Home. Our sympathy to her children and their families.

*Eternal rest grant her, O God,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*



As we continue our Lenten journey and begin to prepare for Holy week and Easter Sunday, we are offered experiences that help our families grow in faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus. Faith is an essential foundation for our families. Our relationship with God shapes our values, character, and helps define our sense of purpose. Parents and adults play a crucial role in passing down faith to children by guiding them in their spiritual journey and helping them to develop a strong, personal relationship with God.

Children learn by example and often imitate what they see. When parents and guardians actively practice their faith – praying, reading scripture, attending church, and living out Christian values, children are more likely to follow in their footsteps. Faith-based traditions strengthen a child's connection to their beliefs, create cherished memories, and create a legacy of faith that can be passed down for generations.

"Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." *Proverbs 22:6*

God's blessings to you and your family as you continue your Lenten journey and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

Patti Treptow

Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Youth Ministries



First

Communion

First Communion Classes

March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13

The classes will be held during the same time as Sunday school classes in the conference room located at the end of the

office hallway. Students are to go directly to class (not to worship) at 10:00 a.m.

On Maundy Thursday, April 17th starting at 4:00 p.m., the students will participate in final instruction and a communion practice in the sanctuary. This is followed by a symbolic Seder meal in the fellowship hall at 5:00 p.m. involving their families, and then ending with the Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:00 p.m. where the children will receive their first Holy Communion with their family.

Palm Sunday Children's Events at Emmanuel April 13th

Palm Procession



The Sunday school children will be participating in the traditional palm procession on Palm Sunday, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Parents, please leave your children in the narthex at the beginning of worship to prepare for the procession.

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

All children from toddlers to 6th grade are welcome join in an egg hunt at 11:00 a.m. Please meet in the narthex following worship/Sunday school to start the hunt!



Note, that there will be **no Sunday school on Easter Sunday**, April 20th so families can worship together for the entire Easter Sunday service.



Upcoming Classes

Sunday, April 6th & April 27th
11:00 - 1:00



GLOW Youth Group

7th-12th grade

EVERY Wednesday

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us at church for Bible devos, group discussions, food, games, and fun. ***Bring a friend!***

Our GLOW youth will be hosting a Bingo Party, complete with fun prizes, for the Luther Home residents on Sunday, March 30th at 1:30 pm.



Ignite Creative Arts **Afterschool Program**

7th - 12th grade youth

Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 pm
September through May



Carl & Marion Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Emmanuel's graduating high school seniors who are attending a university or vocational/technical college are invited to apply for this scholarship.

Applications for scholarship have been mailed to our graduating seniors early February. If you were missed, please contact Patti. **Deadline for applications is April 1st.**

Presentation of scholarship(s) will be on Graduate Sunday, June 1st during the 9:00am worship service.



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Summer Camp 2025

Registration for
Fortune Lake summer

camp is open. Register online at FortuneLake.org

Emmanuel does have scholarship funds available.
**Scholarship applications and more information on
camp can be obtained in the church office.**

2025
SCHEDULE

FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 8-13	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$645
Week 2	June 15-20	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Treehouse Adventures (Grades 7-12)	See website \$490
Week 3	June 22-27	High School Week (Grades 9-12) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	\$490
Week 4	June 29-July 2	All Staff Reunion 3-night Event (with Special 1-day Event June 29)	See website
Week 5	July 6-11	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #1 Option (*No charge)	\$460
	July 13-15	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$230
Week 6	July 13-16	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) MashUp (Grades 4-8)	\$320
	July 13-18	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) LIT #2 Option (*No charge)	\$460
	July 20-25	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-9) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) Art Camp (Grades 3-9) Dungeons & Dragons Camp (Grades 6-9)	\$460 \$490
Week 7	July 20-25 <i>NEW!</i>	LIT #3 Option (*No charge)	
	July 21-24	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$135
	July 27-Aug 1	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) LIT #4 Option (*No charge)	See website \$460
Week 8	July 28-31	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$135
	July 29-Aug 1	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
Week 9	August 4-7	Evergreen Camp (ages 55+)	See website

*Scholarships
Available*
Everybody is welcome
at camp regardless
of ability to pay!

*LIT program requires an application process. Week #1 has a fee; subsequent weeks do not.

More info at FortuneLake.org

Adult Ministries

Downsizing with Friends

Mondays at 9:00 AM

"Weight Loss on the honor system." Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Food Planning, Recipe Sharing, Fun Conversation, and more.

Yoga at Emmanuel

Tuesdays, 5:30—6 PM

\$8.00 per class. All abilities welcome for this gentle yoga class.

Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM DURING LENT

Come together to join in prayer for our community, church, and those in need of healing. *There will be no pressure for you to pray out loud.*
New people welcome!

Care & Share Alzheimer's Support

Wednesdays, 3:00—5 PM

A support group for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's and other dementias is being offered at Emmanuel in the church narthex.

Emmanuel Women's Group

Thursday, April 3 at 1:00 PM

Join us in the Friendship room for Bible study and fellowship.
All women are welcome!

Congregational Financial Update

(through February 28, 2025)

Approved 2025 budgeted offerings: \$35,711.00

Amount ahead approved budget: \$1,570.00

Total offerings and income received: \$41,045.00

Total expenses: \$41,367.00

Expense greater than income by \$322.00

We give thanks to God for your continued generosity.



Emmanuel Lent Giving Initiative: **Lutheran World Relief**

Info from the LWR website: “In 1945, our Lutheran forebearers joined together to **be the Body of Christ in the world**, responding boldly to the needs of our neighbors in Europe after World War II. With each passing year, God has opened our hearts to the ever-growing needs in our hurting world, and **our ministry has grown**. Today, together, we go where no one else goes — to the front lines of war, and to places even cars can't reach. And we stay as long as we're needed to help families recover and rebuild. Thank you for continuing the legacy of love that began 80 years ago, **until your love reaches every neighbor.**”

Our Lent giving goal is to raise \$1,945
— in honor of the year LWR was founded.

**See the display by the entrance to the sanctuary
to see our progress towards this goal.**

You can help us try to reach the goal by giving as you feel moved.

You can find more information about Lutheran World Relief in the narthex or online at <https://lwr.org>

Lenten MORNING Mid-week Worship

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

through April 9 at Emmanuel

Theme: "Open My Life, Lord"

*Loose offerings from this service will go towards our giving goal
for **Lutheran World Relief** this Lent.*



Lenten EVENING Mid-week Schedule

Wednesdays through April 9

This year, Bethel is hosting the suppers and worship.

Soup Suppers at 5:00 PM at Bethel

*Donations from the Soup Supper will go toward the Menominee
High School Culinary Class.*

Worship at 6:00 PM at Bethel

Our evening mid-week theme this year is taken from the
story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10: 25-37.

Who Is My Neighbor?

April 2: Pastor Doug Schoen

April 9: Pastor Sharolyn Swenson —the Synod DEM

*Loose offerings from Worship will go to our neighbors at **Inspiring Hope**, a sober living facility for women located at 1717 14th Ave
(just down the street from Bethel) run by Catholic Social Services.*

Holy Week & Easter schedule

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday -

April 13

Worship at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday Service - April 17

Worship at 10:00AM and 6:00PM

4:00 PM 1st Communion Session

5:00 PM Seder Meal

Good Friday Ecumenical Service - April 18

Community Covenant Church

1123 13th St, Menominee

Noon to 3:00PM in half hour segments

Good Friday Service at Emmanuel -

April 18

Worship at 6:00PM

Bethel joins us for this service.

The Resurrection of Our Lord - April 20

Worship with communion

at 8:00AM and 10:00AM



Emmanuel's Outreach Projects

Easter Baskets for our Shut-ins



The Outreach Committee will be putting together Easter baskets for our shut-ins. The baskets will contain treats and fun items that will lift the spirits and let our members who can no longer attend our worship services or church activities know that we are thinking of them. The baskets will be delivered during Holy Week.

Sponsorship of the Messenger and weekly bulletin

If you would like to sponsor a 2025 monthly publication of the Messenger or a weekly publication of the bulletin in honor or memory of a person or event, please contact the church office.

***\$125 covers the cost of a Messenger publication
and mailing.***

\$30 covers the cost of a weekly bulletin.



Open for Prayer
Wednesdays during Lent
from 10:30 AM until 3:00 PM
through April 16th



Come to the sanctuary for some quiet prayer and reflection on Wednesdays during Lent. Come and go as you please. Pray, meditate, and reflect in the quiet and muted light of this holy space during this holy season.

The pastor will also be available in the office during these hours, if you wish to seek her out for prayer, direction, or consolation.



On Facebook Live on Emmanuel's page

Mondays at 8:15 PM

During Lent — April 7 & 14

The best way to participate in online Compline is to download the outline of the service that the pastor will provide and follow along, participating in the comfort of your own home.

Or, you can simply close your eyes and listen. **The service lasts about 30 minutes and moves at a reflective pace.**

After the service, people often feel ready to drift off to sleep.

Join in online on Mondays this Lent in Nighttime prayer.

Find-A-Pastor Paperwork

You can help us answer questions about our church and community for the paperwork for our search for a pastor!

Join us in-between the services, from 9:15—9:45 AM:

Sunday, April 13

Sunday, May 18

The place will be determined by how much space we need. We'll meet either in the Friendship Room or the Music Room.

Find a sheet with the questions in the narthex on the table, if you'd like to think about the questions ahead of time.

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM:

Trivia Night at Spirit House

Do you like Jeopardy? Do you know fun facts? The Fellowship team is coordinating a sign up for **Trivia Night at the Spirit House in Menominee on Thursday May 1st**. Teams can consist of up to 6 players each—let's get a few teams! It runs from 5:30 (registration), play starts at 6:00, and after a mid-game break, it is over at 8pm. They have alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, and promises to be a fun evening! *So who's in?* There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

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*The messenger is given in thanks
to God by Bruce Peters.*



*All Easter memorials must be received by
Sunday, April 13
to be included in the Easter Memorial
booklet.*

Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

I would like to:

\$ _____ Place an Easter Lily in the chancel (*\$18.00 each*)

\$ _____ Emmanuel Maintenance Fund

\$ _____ ELCA – World Hunger Appeal

\$ _____ Lutheran World Relief

Given _____ In memory of _____

_____ In honor of _____

_____ In thanks to God _____

By _____

Envelope Number _____

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8 & 10 AM in person

Online Worship 8:00 AM

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