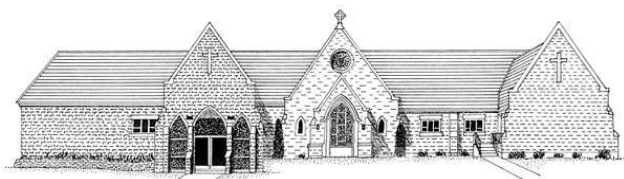


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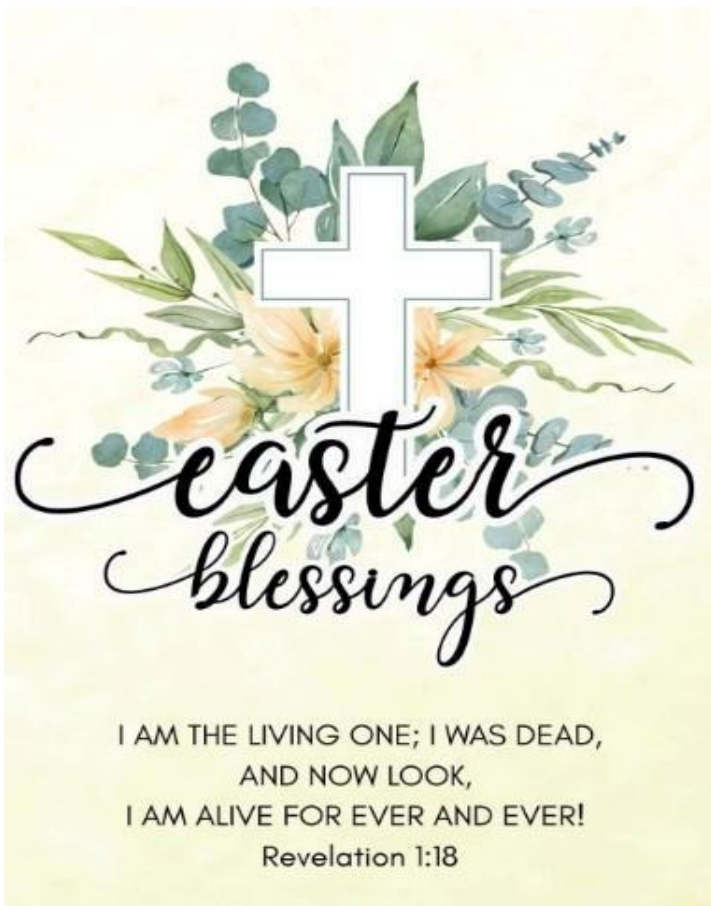


Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

A congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA

April

2026



Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
 praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
 praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound;
 praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
 praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
 praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

— *Psalm 150 NRSVUE*

Easter does not whisper—*it resounds!* After the quiet of the Good Friday tomb, after the grief and waiting, Psalm 150 feels like the only fitting response: trumpets, strings, dancing, cymbals—every sound and every breath lifted in praise! This is not polite or restrained worship. This is life bursting forth.

That's what the resurrection does. It doesn't just comfort us; it reawakens us. The risen Christ meets us not only in the sanctuary on Easter morning, but in the very breath we take. Each inhale is a gift. Each exhale can become praise.

Psalm 150 reminds us that praise is not limited to perfect circumstances or perfect people. It belongs to *everything that breathes*. That includes us—in our doubts, our weariness, our fragile hopes. Resurrection doesn't wait until we have it all together. It meets us where we are and invites us to join the song anyway.

So this Easter, don't hold back. Praise God in the joy you feel and in the hope you're still reaching for. Praise God

with your voice, your work, your relationships, your quiet moments and your loud celebrations. Let your life—just as it is—become part of that great chorus.

Because Christ is risen—and that changes everything.
Alleluia!

Blessings to you always in the name of the One whom we praise with resurrection joy!

—*Pastor Christine*

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***A gift was given to the Furnace Fund
in memory of Shirley Hubert by her Family***

Prayerful Hearts and Healing

2nd Tuesday of each Month

5:00pm

In the “Chapel” (*music room*)

This month on *April 14th*



Come each month for a calming, short (30-minute) service of prayer, healing, and reflection on the second Tuesday of each month.

Together we will explore healing in God’s light and love.

There will be no pressure for anyone to pray out loud or “perform” in any way. All people ages 15+, all personality types (*outgoing and shy, certain and uncertain, members and strangers*) are welcome!

See the January newsletter or talk with Pastor Christine for more info.

Youth Ministries



Sunday School

No classes Easter Sunday, April 5th so families can worship together for the entire service.

Sunday school classes resume April 12th.



First Communion

Our 5th graders will complete their final first communion instruction on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd starting at 4:00 p.m. This will be 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.

We welcome to the Lord's Table:

Benton Behrens

Cole Brezsko

Colt Christiansen

Dean Gerondale

Calvin Jones

Henry Karkkainen

Peri Perket

6th Grade Pre-Confirmation Prep!

Mark your calendars for our next class: **Sunday, April 19th**. We will meet at **11:00-12:00 in the Friendship Room** and then at 12:00, we will join the confirmation class in the fellowship hall to introduce you to our confirmation students and to see what a typical confirmation class is like. **We ask that a parent join each youth in the class, as possible.**



7th & 8th grade class

Sunday, April 19th
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

On Sunday, May 3rd, our 7th & 8th grade confirmation students will enjoy a fun day at the Get Air Trampoline Park in Green Bay. We will meet at church at 11:00am, eat lunch and head out to the trampoline park. We will return to church at approximately 5:00pm.



Vacation Bible School!

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
August 11-13, 2026

Theme and other information will be
announced soon!



GLOW Youth Group 7th-12th grade

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

Thank you to our Glow youth who provided a Bingo game event for the residents of the Luther Home.

The event was held on Sunday, March 22.

It was a packed event complete with wonderful conversation and prizes!

Way to share God's love, Emmanuel youth!



LOCK IN

Our Glow youth are hosting a lock-in!

All of Emmanuel's 7th-12th graders are invited. Join us for an overnight event at church with games, worship, food, and friends!

Deadline to sign-up is April 22nd.

Sign-up & permission slips will be available in the narthex. Leaders/chaperones are Patti Treptow and Matt Nowack.

Check-in: 7pm, Friday, April 24
(contact Patti if a later check-in is needed)

Pick-up: 10am, Saturday, April 25



FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Summer Camp 2026

Registration for Fortune Lake summer camp is open.

Register online at FortuneLake.org

Emmanuel has scholarship funds available.

Scholarship applications and more information on camp can be obtained in the church office. Registration for Fortune Lake summer camp is open.

Register online at FortuneLake.org



Carl & Marion Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Emmanuel's 2026 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. If you did not receive a letter/application, please contact the church office.

**Deadline for the application is
Wednesday, April 1, 2026.**

Presentation of scholarship(s) will be on Graduate Sunday, June 7th during the 9:00am worship service.

Adult Ministries

Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM

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 9 at 1:00 PM

Join us in the Friendship room for Bible study and fellowship.

All women are welcome!

Gentle Yoga

Tuesday 5:30-6pm \$8.00/person

Join us for this relaxing, stretching exercise. Led by Sally VanEyck.

Congregational Financial Update

(through February 28, 2026)

Approved 2026 budgeted offerings received: \$41,071.00

Amount ahead approved budget: \$1,301.00

Total offerings and income received: \$44,112.00

Total expenses: \$41,513.00

Income greater than expenses by \$2,599.00

Holy Week + Easter schedule

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday – March 29

Worship at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

11:00 AM: Easter Egg Hunt for children

Final Online Compline – Monday, March 30

8:00 PM, live on Emmanuel's Facebook page

Maundy Thursday Service – April 2

Worship at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM

4:00 PM: Final 1st Communion Session

5:00 PM: Seder Meal for 1st Communion families

Good Friday Ecumenical Service – April 3

at Pioneer Presbyterian

1947 Riverside Ave, Marinette

Noon to 3:00 PM, in half hour segments

Good Friday Service at Bethel – April 3

Worship at 6:00 PM

The Resurrection of Our Lord – April 5

Easter Worship with communion

at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

No Sunday School this Sunday



Sponsored by the Twin County Ministerial Association

Friday, April 3

Pioneer Presbyterian — 1947 Riverside Ave, Marinette

Theme: Love Poured Out: *the cross as radical, costly love*

12:00—12:30pm

Self-Giving Love — John 3:16

Pastor Keith Kolstad, Retired ELCA

12:30—1:00pm

Love That Endures Betrayal — John 13:1

Pastor Scott Ehle, Bethel Lutheran

1:00—1:30pm

Love Without Retaliation — 1 Peter 2:23

Pastor Christine Olson, Emmanuel Lutheran

1:30—2:00pm

Love for Enemies — Luke 23:34

Pastor Linnea Ek, Community Covenant

2:00—2:30pm

Love in Silence — Isaiah 53:7

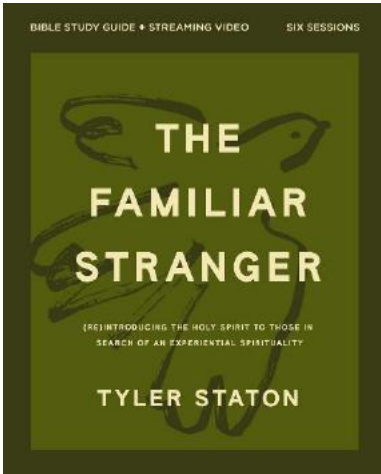
Pastor Gordon Grigg III, First United Methodist

2:30—3:00pm

Love to the End — Romans 5:8

Pastor Keith Schroeder, First & Pioneer Presbyterian

Special music will be offered in each half hour segment. Worshipers may attend any or all of the segments. There will be a brief interlude between segments. Carpooling is encouraged.



Easter + Pentecost Study:

**Wednesdays,
5:00—6:30 PM**

May 6, 13, 20 and
June 3, 10, & 17

Cost \$20

Is the Holy Spirit a stranger in your faith?

Have you ever felt there's a gap between the life promised in the Bible and the one you're living?

For many followers of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is a familiar stranger—a rumored figure we know of, but don't truly know. We hear stories of God's power but struggle to see it in our own lives. This study guide is an invitation to close that gap.

Join pastor and author Tyler Staton on a six-session journey to rediscover the most misunderstood person of the Trinity. Moving from rich theology to practical application, this study provides a framework to experience the Holy Spirit in profound, new ways.

You will learn to:

- **Hear God's Voice:** Develop the practice of discernment to recognize God's whisper amidst the noise.
- **Move in God's Power:** Explore the spiritual gifts of prophecy, healing, and more, not as ancient history, but as a present reality.
- **Redeem Your Pain:** Understand how God meets us and works through our suffering.

A vibrant relationship with the Holy Spirit starts now!

The study guide includes:

- Individual access to six streaming video sessions
- Personal study for deeper reflection between sessions
- Video notes and comprehensive structure for group discussion time

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This study is your invitation to move beyond rumor and theory into a real, transformative relationship with the most misunderstood person of the trinity.

**Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or
by contacting Pastor Christine
*by April 19th.***

Emmanuel's Outreach Projects

Easter Baskets for our Shut-ins



Easter blessings to our shut-in members! Thank you Outreach Committee.

Sponsorship of the Messenger and weekly Bulletin

If you would like to sponsor a 2026 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.***



Trivia Night at Spirit House will on Thursday April 16th 6-8pm!

Come have some fun! Everyone knows something—come and be part of a team—and enjoy some good company! Alcoholic drinks and non-alcoholic drinks available—just bring some snacks to share! There can be up to 6 people per team!

Northern Great Lakes Synod

To find out what is happening around our Synod, check out the Northern Great Lakes Website at www.nglsynod.org



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Upcoming Youth Retreats at FLLC

Hands and Feet: Jr/Sr High Retreat April 10-11, 2026

Current 7th-12th graders are invited to Fortune Lake for a one-night retreat that will center around our call to serve. Together campers will complete a group service project, engage in conversations that ground our work in Scripture, and debrief what it means to serve others.

***Adults are invited to attend a special workshop on Saturday morning with Jackie Baumhover of the ELCA to learn more about the God's Love Made Real initiative and ways to implement it in our Synod.**

In the Body: 3rd-6th Grade Retreat April 24-25

This year's retreat theme is "Daily Bread," which will allow us to take a closer look at The Lord's Prayer through interactive lessons and hands-on activities. Participants will learn, ask questions, play, worship, and sing together. ***Adults are invited to a special workshop on Saturday morning with State Trooper Tom Kinnunen, who will provide a cyber safety presentation with a focus on social media and its potential dangers.**



*This month's Messenger is given in
thanks to God for His Blessings
By Marilyn Mouritsen*

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

Worship: 8 & 10 AM in person

Online Worship 8:00 AM

Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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