

*Emanuel Lutheran Church*  
*April 2023*  
*Enlightener*



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# *Congregational Leadership*

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Dale Weingartner ~  
Building & Property

*Emanuel Lutheran Church has both a Facebook page and website! Catch up on upcoming and past events, our monthly calendar and Enlightener newsletters at*

***[www.be-lutheran.org](http://www.be-lutheran.org)***



Sunday Worship begins at 9 a.m.  
With Adult Forum at 10:30am.

All are Welcome!

***2023 Worship Times at Emanuel Lutheran Church  
March-June 9AM***

## *Birthdays Blessings*



*April 1~Paula Jo Farmer*

*April 2~Carol Mattson*

*April 3~Dale Weingartner*

*April 7~*

*Breanna Bahrman*

*April 11 ~Tiffany Ridolphi*

*Hailey Ridolphi*

*April 17~Dan Rickaby*

*April 18~Sally Negilski*

*April 20~Mike Ruotsi*

*April 24~Karen Maki*

*April 25~Paul Koski*

*April 30~Jean Contois*



*Thank you to Mary Lou Behrens for  
sponsoring the April bulletins  
in honor of her family.*

*Thank you for serving during worship!*

### Date

04/02

04/09

04/16

04/23

04/30

### Lector

Sarah Kimball

Christie Johnson

Jesse Kainulainen

Pati Bergdahl

Barb Bach

### Ushers

Jesse & Leah Kainulainen

Bahrman Family

Roger & Sarah Kimball

Tom & Barb Bach

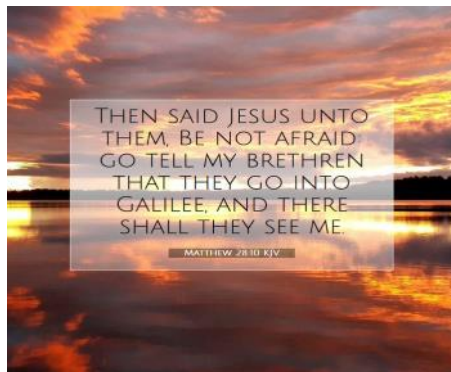
Richard Cooke

***“Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” Matthew 28:10***

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, God’s grace and peace be with you. At times it seems like we are rushing ahead at light speed, there are places to go, people to meet and deadlines to keep. This newsletter may have had a little more impact if it could have been delayed until after Easter or maybe that is just my perception. However we choose to look at it that Christ is risen from the dead is good news worth hearing.

While a trip to Galilee would be completely awesome I don’t believe that many of us will take such a trip. Daily however we travel hither and yon, meeting all sorts of peoples so there is a tidbit that we can glean from this passage, “do not be afraid.” Sounds like great advice to me, do not let fear control your life. It would be easy to let fear grab hold of you after meeting the risen Lord face to face but on the other hand what is there to be fearful of? How wonderful it would be to see our savior face to face, to feel his warm embrace to hear him declare his love for us, nothing to fear at all.

We have to ask ourselves then why are we so fearful of sharing this good news with the people we meet. Think of it perhaps a stranger that crosses your path is really Jesus. Imagine telling someone the story of Jesus crucified dead and buried then raised from the dead that we to will have life. Much like the road to Emmaus one never knows who you might run into and break bread with. Do not be afraid.



Christ crucified and raised from the dead has asked us to do a thing, to go into the world and tell all that we meet of the love that God has for us all, that peace shall rule the world and that all are invited into his tender care. Be brave, be bold and tell everyone you meet of the life that Christ has prepared for all and invite them to a meal that they too may know of God's presence and the peace that may be found in him. The roads can be rough, maybe even treacherous at times, yet we know that Jesus walks with us through everything, assuring us that all we be alright. "Do not be afraid".

Peace,  
Michael

P.S. I thank you all for your prayers and support. The procedure that I was to undertake in Green Bay was stopped because it was more complicated than anticipated. They will make the necessary repairs April 24th. Thanks again

April Scriptures	Reading	Psalm	Gospel
April 2	Isaiah 50:4-7a Philippians 2:5-11	Psalm 118: 25-29	Matthew 21: 1-17
April 9	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24	Matthew 28:1-10
April 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	Psalm 40:9-10	Matthew 28:16-20
April 23	Exodus 19:2-8a	Psalm 100	Acts 10:1-17,34-48
April 30	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Psalm 13	Acts 13:1-3,14:8-18



Prayer Shawl  
Ministry

We have many beautiful hand made Prayer Shawls available for those in need. Prayer shawls are given to those who are experiencing a difficult time, are in need of comfort and healing, to let them know they are not alone and to provide them with a sense of

God's peace and healing. Please let the office know if you would like one, or know of someone in need of a prayer shawl.



*“For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter  
under heaven.”*

~Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

What time is it?

In our Synod Office, we have two clocks on the conference room wall, one set to Eastern Time and the other to Central Time. Between the two clocks is the above verse. I find this to be a helpful reminder, not only that our Synod spans two time zones, but that all things have their time. And God’s time, or rather God’s timing, plays a part in what our time will hold.

So what time is it for you? In your life? In your congregation’s life? In the life of the Church? In the context of our changing culture and world?

As I look back on the times of my family, we are now past the season of small children and the rhythm of school activities, events, and sports. I am glad for the time we spent watching games, choir concerts, piano lessons, and so much more. I’m both sad and relieved that I don’t have to sit on the bleachers in a windy blizzard anymore, trying to distinguish the boy and the ball on a gridiron covered with falling snow. These seasons of life pass, and while we’re glad to have had them, we know that time does not stand still. We expect that there will be different seasons in a lifetime.

It is more difficult, I think, to witness the end of a season that has spanned generations. When a congregation closes, it is easy to feel not only deep grief, but a sense of failure, that somehow the current generation has not done what is necessary. But what if that community of faith has accomplished all that was needful in its season? No congregation that was founded by the apostles in the first century is still in existence.

Those communities of faith served for a time, the time that was given to them. And they accomplished what was needful for their time, planting seeds of future churches and future faith.

For everything there is a season; for people, for churches, for institutions. I grieved along with you at the announcement that Finlandia University will begin to end. The impact on the community, the blow to its economy, to its sense of self and pride, can hardly be estimated. It is a huge loss.

And yet, I find it helpful to put this loss within the context of Ecclesiastes. For Finlandia, its season is over, along with hundreds of other small colleges and universities that also will close because they cannot withstand the challenges and realities of our time. This is not the result of some failure or lack of creative strategy or dedicated effort.

This simply is. Finlandia's season is completed. And what remains is to end with grace and gratitude for all that was accomplished during its time. We celebrate the vision of its founders, the education excellence, the nurturing of character and integrity of so many students, the dedication of faculty, staff, management, coaches, and more.

No one and no thing lasts forever; not people, not congregations, not institutions. Kingdoms and nations rise and fall. Indeed, it is when something has existed for generations that we expect it to outlive us also. But this generation may well witness the end of many things whose seasons will be complete during our time.

Consider the rotary dial phone, the 35 mm film camera and the end of Kodak, the manual typewriter, cassette tapes, and the whole polyester fashion debacle of the 1970's. These things that were so essential to their time are not only obsolete now, but they only exist in antique shops, thrift stores, and dusty garage boxes.

By the grace of God, our ministry efforts of the past, and those that will end in our time, will plant seeds for future churches and

and future faith. The assets of one whose season is ending will provide new life for one whose season continues for future ministry. The work of Christ and God's purposes are far bigger than any single person, congregation, or institution. God in Christ Jesus is in the business of new life, and has a particular flair for new life after death. As the season of ministry ends for beloved efforts, traditions, congregations and institutions, God brings new life, new energy, new possibilities, new opportunities.

So we contribute what we can, we participate as we are able, in the time that we have been given, to further the work of Christ that we know will continue long after we are gone.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

*The church of Christ in every age  
beset by change, but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.*

~Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book,  
Hymn #729



**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp** is offering many camp opportunities this summer. Registration is open now for anyone interested. See their website for more information:

**[www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org)**

Information is also posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall at Emanuel. Scholarships are also available through Emanuel.





With the season of Easter approaching we will be supplying an Easter meal to those in need. Donations for the meal include, canned peas, canned corn, canned cranberry sauce, and jello of any size or flavor.

Shopping/packing/pickup will be Tuesday, April 4. A special offering will be taken Sunday, April 2. We continue to collect food items for the *Paw Packs* weekend food program for the Gwinn Schools, and clothes for their *Clothes Closet* used during the schools days. Both are being collected in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for your support,  
Sarah Kimball

### ***April Mobile Food Pantry Trucks***

(according to their website)



Wednesday, April 5, 12 Noon at

Eden Lutheran Church, 1150 M-28, **Munising**

Wednesday, April 12, 12 Noon at Building 604

at Avenue C and Third, (Corner of Ave. C and Third Street) ,

**KI Sawyer**

Thursday, April 13, 10AM at Silver Creek Church Thrift Store

219 Silver Creek Road, **Harvey**

Wednesday, April 19, 12 Noon at NMU Berry Event Center at

1401 Presque Isle , **Marquette**



***Christ in Our Home***, (April through June) a devotional resource which encourages readers to live out their faith daily with readings, scriptures and prayer, is available near the entrances of the sanctuary. If you would like one mailed to you, please let the office know.



You are invited to contribute to the purchase of flowers for the altar and sanctuary Easter Sunday, April 9. Please designate the donation as “Easter Flowers” when giving. The Altar Guild will purchase and pick up the flowers and thank you for helping us adorn our sanctuary as we celebrate our Risen Christ!



...to all that helped with Emanuel’s midweek Lenten service and soup supper! Thank you to those that helped set up, serve, and clean-up and to those that donated soups, beverages, bread/crackers and bars & cookies. All was enjoyed immensely! Our community offering for the Harbor House in Marquette collected \$285! Thank you all!

*Remember in Prayer ...*

*Our members, family, and friends who are ill, have health concerns, are grieving, or are in need...*

*our members and friends who are absent from worship.*

*Prayers for John Berglund, Michael Holman, Carol Mattson, Tom Mattson, Carol Wolf, Vernon Haglund, Sally Weingartner, Clayton Johnson Sr., Toni Peterson, Rick Peterson, Jack Holliday, Janet Click.*

*If you have a prayer request, for yourself or others, or would like to be on the prayer team, please let the office know by calling or by leaving a message at 906-942-7245, or by emailing the office at:*

*Emanuel@tds.net*

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Jolene ~Wed. & Fri. 10:30am-2:30pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat
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2 Palm Sunday Worship 9am Adult Forum 10:30	3  AA Meeting 7pm	4	5	6  Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm	7  Good Friday Worship 7pm	8
9   Easter Sunday  9am Worship	10  AA Meeting 7pm	11	12	13	14	15
16 9am Worship Adult Forum 10:30 Council 1pm	17  AA Meeting 7pm	18	19	20	21	22
23 9am Worship  Adult Forum 10:30	24  AA Meeting 7pm	25	26	27	28	29
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**The April Enlightener**  
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*Emanuel Lutheran Church is a people centered  
in Christ, rich in heritage and beauty; living out  
Christ's openness to all. Our ministry is to  
spread the Word of God in our community  
through service, education and fellowship,  
creating a sense of family as we break bread  
together in the company of Christ.*

*Join Us for our Sunday Services at 9 AM  
Easter Day Worship, Sunday April 9*