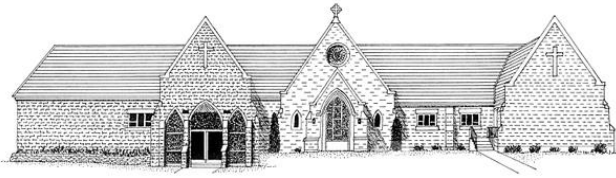


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

APRIL

2023

Holy Week & Easter at Emmanuel

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday - April 2

Worship at 8:00am and 10:00am

Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday Service - April 6

Worship at 10:00am and 6:00pm

4:00 pm 1st Communion Session/ 5:00 pm Seder Meal

Good Friday Ecumenical - April 7

First United Methodist Church

601 10th Ave. Menominee

Noon to 3:00 pm

Good Friday Service at Emmanuel - April 7

Worship at 6:00pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord - April 9

Worship with communion at 8:00am and 10:00am

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

—*Psalm 16*

Jesus Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

Another Easter has arrived, so once again we celebrate and give thanks for the New Life given to us by Christ. Yet, we celebrate it not only on Easter, but every day that we have to give thanks to the Lord! Psalm 16 can help us to celebrate Easter.

Psalm 16 is a love letter to the God who first loved us. We recognize the safety we find in God, a safety that we have even when things do not go our way in this life. We see the proof of this refuge: for though Christ was beaten, killed, and put into the grave, he came to new life again! And, not just into normal life, but he returned transformed! The resurrection reminds us that

even when we struggle or suffer, those struggles are not the end. Resurrection—new life—is the end!

Psalm 16 gives thanks for the blessings that we have received from God. “I have no good apart from you” and “I have a goodly heritage”, the psalmist proclaims. We give thanks to God for all the good in our lives, even in difficult times. Scientific studies have been done on gratitude and have shown that grateful people are generally happier people. When we’re grateful, we see the good and put the good to the forefront of our eyes and minds, emboldening our hearts to endure and to recognize love, even when it’s difficult. Easter does not wipe away every pain and hardship in this life. Nor is it meant to make us feel guilty for “not being happy enough”. Easter offers hope by reminding us of the good gifts of God in our lives. Though we travel through darkness, the light endures. Though we don’t have everything we want, what we have is a gracious gift from God. Easter gives us eyes to see this.

Psalm 16 reminds us of the precious relationship we have with God. “I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me,” says the Psalm writer. Easter reminds us to listen for the voice of God in our lives, for our God is a Living God. Some of the worst that we humans do to each other was done to Jesus: mocking, betrayal, beatings, oppression, starvation, torture, and murder. Yet, through it all, Jesus returned forgiveness, care, and love to the crowds, and when Jesus was transformed to new life, he shared that new life with his followers. The One who has endured these things not only continually offers new life to us, he counsels us on how to live well and to love, even when it’s difficult. Easter reminds us that love and forgiveness are far more powerful and life-changing than hate or revenge. Easter also leads us into a relationship with the God who loves us so much!

Psalm 16 turns us once again to God’s path: “You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” We are not left alone in this life. We are not abandoned. In fact, even death cannot tear us from God’s arms. Easter proves this point in dramatic fashion and

points us once again down God's road. Jesus shows us the way in life. Jesus brings us joy. Easter is the Great Turning, where things are turned around: hope shines through what was only despair, life comes from death, grace springs from torment. This is true not only once, on this day, long ago, but it is true for each of us every day. Easter reminds us to look for it—to look for Christ at work in our lives and in the world and to see that work with wonder. Remember that God is with you and loves you more deeply than you can imagine.

Blessings to you always in the name of the One who brought forth life from death.

Pastor Christine Olson



John Wills and Alane Wills daughter, **Tracy Hall**, of London, England passed away February 18 after a seven month battle with cancer. A funeral was held March 24 in London. A celebration of life for Tracy will be held in Menominee at a future date. Our sympathy to Tracy's family and friends

Carol Bell passed away February 28 at the Luther Home. A private graveside service will be held in Spring/Summer. Our sympathy to her granddaughters, Andrea (Bryan) Polzin and Alicia (Nick) Radliff and their families.

**Palm Sunday
April 2nd**



Pancake Breakfast Youth Fundraiser

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sausage, fruit, juice and coffee will be available.

FREE WILL OFFERING

Proceeds go toward the summer 2023 Tri-Synod Youth Gathering and other activities for our youth!



Spring has sprung and with it are many reminders of new life and rebirth. We celebrate the warmer days, the grass greening up, trees budding, and flowers blooming. For Christians, this time of year brings the most important celebration of new life - Jesus' resurrection from the death on Easter Sunday. Children may focus on bunnies, baskets, and candy on Easter, so it is important for us to share with them the real reason we rejoice - Jesus's empty tomb.

The events of Holy Week and Easter may be frightening or confusing to younger children. Share the message in age-appropriate ways by using these tips:

Ages 2 to 5: You can say that the people who hated Jesus nailed him to a cross on Good Friday and left him there until he died. Explain that Jesus' friends were sad and afraid until Jesus came back to life three days later on Easter Sunday. And because of Jesus, we no longer have to fear death.

Ages 6 to 9: Fairness is important to kids at this age, so as you explain Good Friday, tell kids that Jesus was willing to die for us because He loves us so much and Jesus knew that he would be raised from the tomb on Easter Sunday. Through his death and resurrection, our sins have been forgiven and we will have eternal life because of Jesus.

Ages 10 to 12: Preteens are familiar with the details of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Most are ready for the "why". You can tell them that when Adam and Eve first sinned, humans had a broken relationship with God. And, the only way to help us turn back to God was for Jesus to live with us, teach us and ultimately take our sins away by his death and resurrection. Through Jesus, we receive God's love, grace, the joy of forgiveness and eternal life. Alleluia!

Along with attending worship, Sunday school, and reading the Bible and books of faith, engaging in family activities together help with the understanding of the Easter message and for making wonderful family memories that can be passed through the generations. Here are a few fun ideas:

Prayer Eggs - During Holy week, use plastic eggs to encourage your family to talk to God. Place slips of paper with prayer topics inside the eggs. Make enough eggs for each person to open one each day during Holy Week. Include praises and thank-you's, and prayer requests for friends, family, and the community. Open the eggs at meals or

bedtime and pray together for the requests. Place the read prayer eggs in a basket on Easter morning to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

New Life – Go on a nature walk to collect lots of twigs. Help children use a low-temp glue gun to attach the twigs to the outside of a clean soup can. Then fill the "vase" with fresh flowers as you talk about how the twigs are like our lives before Jesus (dead and broken) and how the flowers represent our lives with Jesus (new and alive).

Jelly Bean Joy – Use colorful jelly beans to remind your children of Jesus' love and the joy we receive when we follow him. In this poem, each color represents part of the Easter account:

Orange is for the sins we've done

Red is for the blood of God's Son

White is for the grace He gives

Green is for new life in Him

Yellow is for your place in heaven

Invite Jesus into your life and be forgiven!

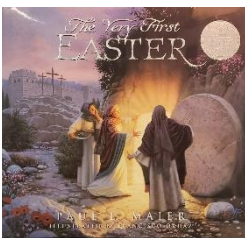
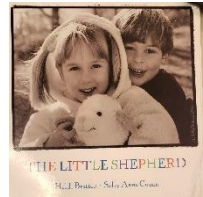
God's blessings to you and your family as you celebrate Jesus' love for us this Easter!

Patti Treptow

Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Children's Library "Book of the Month"

This month's book is ***The Little Shepherd***. A retelling of the parable of the good shepherd that uses simple text and endearing black and white photos to convey the message that each of us is special and worthy of being found. Another book available this month is ***The Very First Easter***. In this book, Mom and Dad tell Christopher about the sorrow and joy of Jesus'



trial, death, and resurrection. A book for parents to read with their older children, this book tells the Easter story in great detail and with beautiful artwork.

Our library is located in the Sunday school wing at the end of the hallway. There are numerous books, DVDs, and videos that may be checked out. Come and visit!

Youth Ministries

Palm Sunday Children's Events at Emmanuel April 2nd

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 9th so our families can worship together for the entire Easter Sunday service.

5th Grade First Communion



The final communion class will be on Palm Sunday, April 2nd following the Palm Procession. On Maundy Thursday, April 6th 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.

Our First Communion participants are

***Daly Butler Jereson Camps
Joshua Rod Jordyn Sallgren Kylee Sevon***



Upcoming Classes

April 16th & 30th
11:00 am - 12:30 pm



GLOW Youth Group

7th-12th grade
April 5th - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

We meet monthly, usually the first Wednesday of each month.
Join us for a night of faith, friends, food and fun.
Bring a friend!



Ignite Creative Arts Afterschool Program

7th - 12th grade youth Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 p.m. **all of our community's youth are invited.** This year the Ignite youth are preparing for a "Medieval Day" for Sunday, May 7th immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Our youth will be providing games and crafts for the children, food for everyone and a play. Activities will be held outside weather permitting.

Spring Junior/Senior High Youth Retreat

at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

April 21st-22nd

Eight Emmanuel youth will be attending the retreat. We ask that you pray for safe travels, good weather, and for our youth to be energized and renewed in their faith.



Tri-Synod Youth Gathering!

Youth 8th - 12th grade
All Emmanuel youth who are
currently in 8th-12th grade
are invited to join us for

JOURNEY youth gathering at the UW River Falls campus July 24-27
where we will encounter God and one another in new ways through
creative ministry, challenging conversation, inspiring guest speakers,
service learning, and uplifting worship.

Informational Meeting: April 23rd at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Contact Patti Treptow for more information!



Ignite! Creative Arts
Afterschool Program
PRESENTS

MEDIEVAL DAY!

Sunday, May 7th
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Emmanuel's 13th Street Parking Lot
(Fellowship Hall if raining)
Theatrical Production: A comedy - *The Knights Quest*
Food Tent, Crafts & Games for children



FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Sumer Camp 2023

Registration for Fortune Lake summer camp is open. We understand that the cost of camp is difficult for some families. Emmanuel does have scholarship funds available. Scholarship applications and more information on camp can be obtained in the church office.



FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 11-16	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
Week 2	June 18-23	Intergenerational Week (all ages)	See website
	June 19-22	On-Site Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$110
Week 3	June 25-30	High School Week (Grades 9-12) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	\$425
	July 9-12	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
Week 4	July 9-14	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #1 Option	\$425 No charge
	July 16-21	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Camp ACTS (Grades 3-12) LIT #2 Option	\$425 \$455 No charge
Week 6	July 23-28	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-8) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) Art Camp (Grades 3-8) LIT #3 Option	\$425 \$455 No charge
	July 30-Aug 4	Intergenerational Week (all ages)	See website
Week 7	Aug 1-4	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
	Aug 6-8	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$205
	Week 8	Aug 6-9	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) MashUp (Grades 4-8) LIT #4 Option

More info at FortuneLake.org

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

Adult Ministries

Prayer Groups

Weekly: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Monthly: Third Thursday at 6 p.m.

Come together with other faithful brothers and sisters in Christ to join in prayer for our community, church, and those in need of healing.

Emmanuel Women's Group

First Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m.
Join us in the Friendship room for Bible study and fellowship.
Because of Holy Week, we are moving our next
group date to April 13th

Care & Share Alzheimer's Support

A support group for caregivers of loved ones with
Alzheimer's and other dementias is being offered at Emmanuel
Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the church narthex.

Yoga at Emmanuel

Tuesday's, 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Join us for this wonderful exercise taught by Sally VanEyck,
certified yoga instructor. All abilities are welcome.
Dress comfortably, bring a yoga mat and water.
Classes are \$5.00 per session.

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour



My Cup
Overflows
With Your
Blessings

Join us for coffee and conversation in the narthex
between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.



Emmanuel's Outreach Projects

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.





Darkness to Light Child Protection Training Offered

As people of faith, we are called to care for “the least of these” and “the smallest of these.” Faith leaders (pastors, council members, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, parents) and all who are interested in creating a

safer community for our children are invited to a Stewards of Children® training on **Monday, May 8 at 5:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran** (2901 13th St, Menominee). This 2.5 hour program is offered by Pastor Kari Vadis (Trinity, Rhinelander), an Authorized Facilitator, and is approved for 2.5 contact hours of continuing education (2.5 CEUs).

Darkness to Light is a national not-for-profit leader in the prevention of child sexual abuse. Guided by the vision of a world where children can grow up happy, healthy, and safe, Darkness to Light is committed to empowering people to prevent child sexual abuse. They believe that protecting children is an adult’s responsibility, and that through education and training, adults will be empowered to act. Stewards of Children® is an evidence-informed, award-winning, two-hour training that teaches adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Through interviews with child sexual abuse survivors, experts, and treatment providers, Stewards of Children® teaches adults practical actions they can take to reduce instances of child sexual abuse in their organizations, families, and communities.

This program is sponsored and supported by the Northern Great Lakes Synod Youth Ministry Team. There is no charge to attend the class, but pre-registration is encouraged by emailing Stefanie Ehle (youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org) to ensure enough workbooks are available.



We have several new groups starting at Emmanuel where you can grow in faith and serve God while serving others. Read about these new groups below.

Praying Groups

James 5:13-15—Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? ...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

Two Prayer Groups are now meeting: Weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00am; Monthly on the Third Tuesday at 6:00pm. If you have a desire for God's Spirit and you long to support and uplift the body of Christ, you are invited! Come together with other faithful brothers and sisters in Christ to join in prayer for our community, church, and those in need of healing. ALL ARE WELCOME. *There will be no pressure for you to pray out loud.* Both verbal and silent pray-ers are welcome. Come when you can. Talk to Pastor Christine with questions.

Praying Chain

James 5:16b—The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Join our Prayer Chain to pray from your home for those in our congregation who have special needs arise for healing. If you prefer to pray in your own time and space, you can provide a powerful ministry by praying for others in times of their need. When a need for prayer arises, those on the Prayer Team get a call to let them know to pray. We always need new people to be a part of this prayer chain. **Call the church office to add your name to the Chain.**

Caring for the Saints Team

Matthew 25:36b—I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.

We are forming a Visitation Team for the purpose of Visiting the Homebound and Hospitalized Members of our congregation and we need your help! If you have the ability to listen and to make 1-2 visits a month, you can serve on this vital and important team. Visiting the saints—our brothers and sisters in Christ—is an extremely important task of the church. It helps the church remain connected, even as physical issues get in the way. It brings hope and light to the most vulnerable among us. It also helps the pastor with her/his work. You can go by yourself or be teamed up with someone else to go out on your visits. The pastor will train you and support you in this ministry. We are looking for ten to twenty people to join this team. **Please text, call, email, or stop by to see the pastor with questions or to sign up.**

Helping Hands Team

Galatians 6:2—Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Are you a “hands-on” person? Are you handy around the house or yard? Do you love to share Christ’s love with others by doing helpful and useful tasks? **We are forming a team of people with Helping Hands! This ministry is an expression of God’s love to Emmanuel’s elderly, disabled, and single parents through the helping hands of the body of believers from our congregation.** Our goal is two-fold. First, to assist members of the church who cannot complete tasks around the house or yard that require only a helping hand. Second, is to allow church members who wish to express the love of Christ through physical action an opportunity to serve. **With questions or to sign up, please contact Pastor Christine or Patti Treptow.**

Mutual Ministry Team

Hebrews 10:24-25—*And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Once called the “Pastor-Parish Relations Committee” throughout the ELCA, the **Mutual Ministry Team helps with communication between the pastor and parishioners and with guiding ministry within a congregation.** This team provides insight, context, and direction to the pastor and the congregational council. *Members of this 5-7-person team should be well integrated in the congregation, have an ability to see and discern relational patterns, be able to give and receive grace through mistakes, and be trustworthy with confidences.* **With questions or if you are interested in serving a two-year term on this team, please contact Pastor Christine.**

Visioning the Future Team

Proverbs 16:9—*The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.*

What does God have in mind for Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the future? **We are forming a team from among our members to vision, discuss, wonder, and seek God’s will for our congregation.** The team will work with Pastor Christine to seek the answers for these and similar questions:

What is our congregation’s unique calling in our community?

Where does our passion for ministry lie?

What gifts and resources do we have to fulfill this calling?

What steps do we need to take to realize this calling?

Members of this 6-10-person team should be regularly involved in worship, committed to the Gospel, and able to dream about future possibilities for our church. **With questions or if you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Pastor Christine.**

Senior Choir

We would like to extend an invitation to our members to join our choir. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. If you are interested please call the church office.

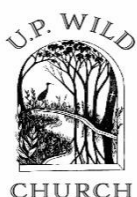
We need your information!

**We need your
Current address, cell phone/landline numbers
and email addresses**

We are trying to update our church directory so that when things come up we can send information out quickly to our congregation. This would include such things as announcing special events at the church or cancelations such as services due to bad weather, etc. Please call or email the church office.

Fund Raiser

Help support *Jameson Wortner*, a 3 year old from Peshtigo who is battling stage 4 Neuroblastoma cancer. They are having a fund raiser on April 4th, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Harbor's Drive thru, 1110 10th Ave. Menominee. For a \$5.00 donation you can get a Brat on a bun, chips, cookie and water.



Synod-Wide Family Hike May 13

The Northern Great Lakes
Synod Youth Ministry

Team and U.P. Wild Church invite you to participate in a Synod-Wide Family Hike on Saturday, May 13. There will be multiple hikes taking place in different locations throughout the synod and you are invited to join one of them! Each hike will showcase the beauty of God's creation and include an outdoor prayer service.

The Menominee Valley Conference Hike will start at 3:00 p.m. at Chickadee Stables, located at the home of Pastor Lee and Jeanie Goodwin (W2234 State Hwy 64, Marinette, WI). This family-friendly event is free and all ages and abilities are welcome. Trail snacks and activities for kids will be provided! Participants are asked to bring their own water bottle and a lawn chair, if desired. Boots and bug spray may also come in handy, depending on our spring weather! Questions can be directed to Jeanie Goodwin (jeanhgoodwin@gmail.com).

A full list of hike locations and times are on the synod website at <https://nglsynod.org/youth/>. You can also learn more about U.P. Wild at <https://upwild.org/>.

Worship Assistant Schedule – April 2023

April 2

Ushers

8:00

Cathy Hipke
Cindy Smith

10:00

Dan & Donna Roetzer

Reader

Cathy Hipke

Linda Davis

Communion

Greta Hodge

Les & Gail Sieglaff
Linda Davis

April 9

Ushers

Volunteers needed

Readers

Sign up in the narthex

Communion

April 16

Ushers

Jean Davis
Cindy Smith

Jerry & Chris Nelson

Readers

Denise Ruleau

Ivon Butman

Communion

Denise Ruleau

Debbie Lemery, Kim Schroeder
Al Rasmussen

April 23

Ushers

Tom & Bonnie Strohl

Ron & Gerrie Tupper

Readers

Cathy Hipke

Shannon Jones

April 30

Ushers

Dennis & Rosie
Draska

Jeff & Amy
Lenca

Readers

Deb Villas

John Wills

Communion

Deb Villas

Judy Gleisner, John Wills
Terri Porras

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. in person

Online Worship 8:00 a.m.

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