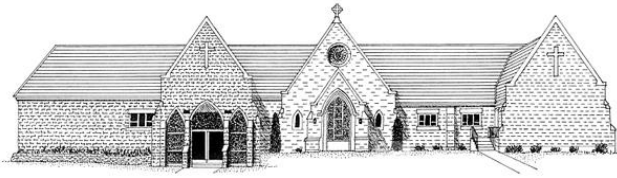


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

FEBRUARY

2023

**We welcome Reverend Christine Olsen,
our full-time, Intentional Interim Pastor.
Pastor Christine will make her first sermon with us
on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.**

**An Official Welcome for Pastor Christine will be on
Sunday, February 26th
Watch for more details!**



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday
February 22, with services of
Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
At Emmanuel Lutheran Church
10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

“Let’s Go Fishing!”

Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got in the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. (John 21:3-6)

I love this event in the life of the disciples. It is so honest. When life gets upended, we have this habit of going to those things that are familiar to us. Obviously, Jesus knows this is where they are going, and he meets them there. And then, he invites them to think outside of the box and put their net out in a new and different way, and when they follow his suggestion, they catch more fish than they know what to do with. When he called them to be followers, Jesus said, “I will teach you to fish for people.” This had to be in the back of their minds as they tried to bring the catch of fish into the boat. Jesus was playfully making a point. Follow his call first and notice how things will fall into place.

I definitely felt called to be your interim pastor for these past few months. It was not what I expected the first year of my retirement would look like. It ended up being better than I expected. Things fell into place in marvelous ways. You are a wonderful congregation in so many ways. Your next pastor will be blessed, indeed.

It has been an honor to be your interim pastor for these few months. I thank you for the wonderful support I have received. I’m excited about the new directions you will be taking as a congregation. With you, I welcome the leadership of Pastor Christine Olson, your intentional interim pastor. Together, Christ will be leading you in wonderful and fascinating new directions. Your “fishing” will take on dimensions that will be way beyond your expectations. I’m sure of that.

Blessings to you, now and always.

Pastor Keith

2023 Church Council

Matt Vanni	President
Terrie Porras	Vice President
Joanna Magrane	Secretary
Debbie Villas	Treasurer
	Youth Council Member
Jim Briar	Stacey Hansen
Jeff Hines	Betty Kohrt
Chris Nelson	Jeremy Sallgren
Gail Sieglaff	Cindy Smith
Bill Taccolini	

The 2022 Annual Report was presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2023 after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. We had a quorum of 80 active voting members to achieve the requirement. The 2023 Budget was approved, various reports were reviewed, and one new council member was elected to serve on the council. We welcome Joanna Magrane to the council. Thank you for your dedication, commitment and faithfulness to Emmanuel.

2023 Lent



Wednesday, February 22, is Ash Wednesday, and is our entrance into the season of Lent. We will worship at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on that day, which will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Emmanuel and Bethel will have shared Lenten soup suppers and midweek services this year which will begin the following Wednesday, March 1st at Bethel Lutheran Church, 1309 13th Street, Menominee.



Bonnie Woodbury passed away December 23 at home. Bonnie will have a private family Celebration of Remembrance. Our sympathy to her child, Cassidy, and step-son, Brian. May all who mourn be filled with the promised hope and joy of resurrection of life eternal.



Valentines' day bring cards and candy, maybe even a party in our children's classrooms. It is a day of love and fun. And, it should be! God is love and through Jesus, we learned that we should love everyone; even those who are hard to love. This is where we, as parents and caring

adults, need to help our kids. Loving those who seem unlovable is difficult, and it's not always easy for adults either. Jesus gave us many examples of his love for us and ways we can love others. We also receive guidance on loving others through God's word. In the NRSV version of the Bible, love is mentioned 348 times! "I give you a new commandment that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34.

The Bible is God's ultimate love letter to us, and it is never too early to help children dive into the Bible. You do not need a theology degree or teaching credentials to help your kids love Scripture. Here are a few simple ways to spark a passion for God's Word:

Find age-appropriate resources. There are many age-appropriate Bibles and Bible Story books in our children's library that you can borrow. You can purchase materials that build spiritual development for your child's particular interest and reading ability at local or online bookstores.

Read the Bible to your children and let them see you reading it. Use one-on-one reading time to read from God's Word. Model a love for Scripture by letting kids see you read, discuss, and live it regularly.

Adapt as your children grow. Watch for cues that children have outgrown Bible storybooks. Preteens might prefer using a Bible app on their phones. After reading with older kids, ask questions that encourage them to dig deeper into God's Word.

May you embrace and share God's love and his many blessings!

Patti Treptow
Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Sunday School

A pajama party was held for the children this past Sunday, January 29th. Here are a few glimpses of the fun the kids had. Thank you, Little Lutheran Youth Committee for hosting this fun event!







Hosted by
Emmanuel's Little
Lutherans Youth
Committee!

POOL PARTY




Emmanuel Lutheran Church Sunday School Children

Sunday, February 26th
11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
YMCA, Menominee

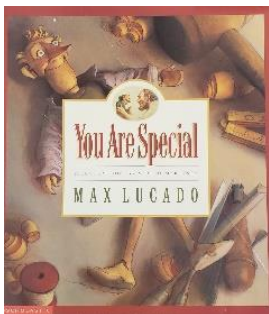


FREE
EVENT!

Detailed information and Registration/Permission forms will be sent home with your child at the end of class on February 5th. Contact Patti Treptow if you did not receive these forms.



All children will be swim-tested and all non-swimmers must have a parent present and be within arms reach of their child while in the pool.



Children's Library "Book of the Month"

This month's book is "You Are Special" by Max Lucado. This is a beautiful story that reminds us that we are special and precious to God just the way we are.

You may check out this and many other books in our children's library which is located at the end of the Sunday school hallway.

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Upcoming Classes

February 5th and 19th
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Confirmation Community Service

Soup suppers and Lenten services will be held each Wednesday evening during Lent at Bethel Lutheran in Menominee, March 1 thru March 29.

Confirmation students will be working with the Menominee High School Culinary Arts students

at Bethel making and serving this meal. A schedule and details of this activity will be distributed in class and emailed to parents.



GLOW Youth Group

Wednesday, February 1st
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Junior/Senior High Youth

Join us for a night of food, faith and fun.

Bring a friend!



Ignite Afterschool Program at Emmanuel

7th - 12th grade youth

Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall

All community youth are invited to join us
for an afternoon of creative arts!



Our Ignite youth honed their
cooking skills and made chicken
fettuccini and apple pie.

It was delicious!



Youth Lock-In!

February 17th-18th

Junior/Senior High Youth

Our youth, a couple of brave parents and our leader Patti will enjoy this overnight event at church. We will make supper and breakfast.

There will be games, movies, crafts, worship led by the youth and a service activity. Details will be emailed to parents.

Spring Youth Retreat

at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

April 21st-22nd.

Emmanuel youth will go as a group and join with other junior/senior high youth from around our church synod for an overnight experience of faith, songs, games, campfire, sauna and awesome camp food! Patti and a few parents will be transporting and participating in this fun event! Contact Patti if you have not received a registration form.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp! Registration for summer camp is now open! Camps fill up fast, so register online soon. Emmanuel does have scholarships for families who are in financial need. See Patti Treptow for more information.



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)	\$425
		LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	
Week 4	July 9-12	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
	July 9-14	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #1 Option	\$425 No charge
Week 5	July 16-21	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6)	\$425
		Camp ACTS (Grades 3-12) LIT #2 Option	\$455 No charge
Week 6	July 23-28	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-8) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8)	\$425
		Art Camp (Grades 3-8) LIT #3 Option	\$455 No charge
Week 7	July 30-Aug 4	Intergenerational Week (all ages)	See website
	Aug 1-4	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
Week 8	Aug 6-8	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$205
	Aug 6-9	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
		MashUp (Grades 4-8) LIT #4 Option	\$305 No charge

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

More info at FortuneLake.org

ADULT MINISTRIES

Care & Share Alzheimer's Support

Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

A support group for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Gentle 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 - new to yoga or experienced. Dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat. Classes are \$5.00 per session.

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. Our next meeting will be February 2nd.

Financial Statements

We are not mailing out the end of the year financial statements unless you request one. You can either stop in the office or call the church office and Judy will print it up for you.



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12th. You may drop off your cans of soup in the narthex on that day. This one-day collection of soup will be given to St. Vincent DePaul's Food Pantry.

Please join in and help make a difference by tackling hunger in our community!

Once again Emmanuel's Outreach Committee is sponsoring the "Souper Bowl of Caring" to help tackle hunger. Our congregation will be collecting cans of soup on Super Bowl Sunday, February



Worship Assistant Schedule – February 2023

February 5

Ushers

8:00

Gary & Robin
Gustafson

10:00

Dan & Donna
Roetzer

Reader

Robin Gustafson

Linda Davis

Communion

Denise Ruleau

Les & Gail Sieglaff
Linda Davis

February 12

Ushers

8:00

Tom & Bonnie
Strohl

10:00

Ronda Pedersen
Chris Nelson

Readers

Matt Vanni

Scott Bell

February 19

Ushers

Matt Vanni,
Cindy Smith

Ron & Gerry
Tupper

Readers

Deb Villas

Al Rasmussen

Communion

Rob Villas

Tim & Debbie Lemery
Kim Schroeder

February 26

Ushers

Dennis & Rosie
Draska

Glen Magrane
John Wills

Readers

Dorothy Jozwiak

Joanna Magrane

March 5

Ushers

Betty Kohrt,
Nancy McDonald

Readers

Sue Larson

Judy Gleisner

Communion

Randy Demeuse

Judy Gleisner, Terrie Porras
Sylvia Blom

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. in person
Online Worship 8:00 a.m.
Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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