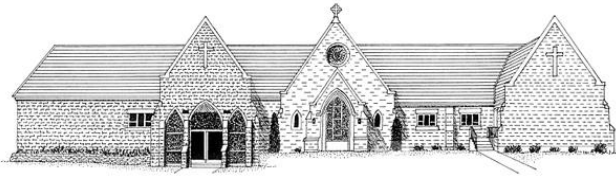


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

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Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

—*Psalm 98:4-9*

Jesus Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!

We continue to celebrate Easter. We do so every Sunday of the year, as each Sunday is a resurrection celebration, but we especially rejoice in the resurrection during these 40 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday—the *Easter Season*. I hope you are enjoying these Easter days, not only with chocolate and jellybeans, but more importantly with Word and prayer and Sacrament. We have life because Christ is alive. Jesus Christ is risen!

Psalm 98 invites us to celebrate. How? With songs and praises! With trumpets and horns! With joyful noises! I love the *abandon* found in these verses. I feel a swelling of joy when I read them. Do you? In day-to-day life, we often get bogged down in routine and the pressures of life. We see the bills we need to pay and we do the same task at work that we've done 10,000 times before. We sense aches and pains in our bodies and can sometimes get trapped by them. We may even become listless at times. Psalm 98 invites us to allow our hearts and our joy to swell, even in the midst of all these troubles in life. We can see Easter joy in the words of this Psalm and respond. Christ's resurrection doesn't take away our earthly woes, but it does instill in us the reminder that those woes won't last forever. Christ's new life for us doesn't take away our every pain, but it does give us courage and strength to deal with them, knowing they are not eternal. Not only that, but Psalm 98 gives us permission and encourages us to express joy *with abandon* in a

society that admonishes us to be carefully controlled at all times and to protect our “image”. Christ has defied the world and its execution and now we are called to do so as well! Let us shout, sing, and rejoice even though it may not seem “appropriate”.

If we cannot dare to so rejoice or cannot find the heart to do so in this moment, the Psalm calls on the rest of creation to do so for us. God’s creation praises God by doing what it was created to do and being as it was created to be. Let the sea ROAR! Let the floods CLAP! Let the hills SING for joy! Can you hear the *Symphony of Creation* that God has prepared? Do you hear the rejoicing of the wind, birds, water, and bees? Can you find the music in the dog’s bark or the cat’s meow? Do you hear the beauty in the child’s laughter? Creation rejoices! Creation rejoices because the Lord is coming to judge the earth, but God doesn’t judge as we judge: God judges with righteousness and equity.

Christ’s resurrection is God’s judgment on the earth: God has judged the earth to be “loved”. Christ has been raised to tell the earth and all that is in it that it is not lost to salvation. Being what we were created to be means participating in the joy of the Easter salvation given to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. No pain, sorrow, or trouble can take that from us. No darkness can stop the praise of God’s Creation.

So, I invite you this Easter Season to rejoice and sing for joy, even if for just a moment, even in the midst of the troubles of this life. Celebrate Easter: make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Blessings to you always in the name of the joyful and joy-giving God!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Christine



Flower Chart

If you would like to have flowers on the chancel in honor or in memory of someone, please sign the Flower Chart by church office. There are envelopes at the base of the chart to put your name, date of when you would like flowers and what you would like printed in Sunday Bulletin. The cost is \$30.00 for the 2 vases of flowers.



May brings about thoughts of planning summer activities, but also those dreaded outdoor household projects and spring cleaning. Chores may not be tops on the list, but with school work coming to an end, spring is the ideal time to get the entire family involved and chart out the family's chore assignments.

You may be wondering what do chores have to do with helping our children grow in faith. As Christians, we are called to serve and help each other. Teaching your children to help the family as well as others, helps them to develop a heart of service. It also provides the opportunity to teach obedience, humility, and perseverance. And, for parents, we learn how to put our patience into practice! The Bible tells us in Colossians 3:23 to "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."

In a 2016 article from *Parenting Christian Kids*, it states that chores help children develop a sense of self-worth and belonging. They also suggest these examples of age-appropriate tasks that your kids can perform:

Ages 3-5: Have young children work alongside you to put away toys, place dirty clothes in a hamper, sort laundry, make their beds and feed pets.

Ages 6-8: Children can dust and vacuum, put away their clothes, empty wastebaskets, set and clear the table, and help with some yardwork.

Ages 9-12: Older kids can load and unload the dishwasher, unpack groceries, mop the floor, fold laundry, wash the car, and help prepare meals.

A helpful tip to get kids to do chores is to focus on teamwork. Designate a time when everyone chips in around the house. For example, do chores at a particular time every Saturday morning. This reinforces the importance of each individual's contributions.

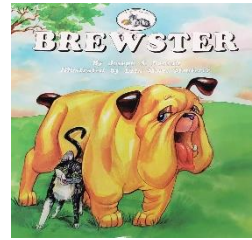
None of us really want to do chores, but they are reality. Our kids will protest and grumble, and we may tire of their complaining, but enlisting the entire family in these tasks benefits all members of the family. Pray for God's guidance and assistance in giving you a positive attitude when encouraging your children to complete their tasks, and ask God to help your children be willing and eager contributors to your family.

This spring, rejoice in what the Lord provides and enjoy the beauty that this season brings!

Patti Treptow
Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Children's Library "Book of the Month"

This month's book is *Brewster*, by Joseph S. Bonsall. Through the adventures and troubles of Molly the cat, the story tells how God brings help when we are in trouble, even to all creatures! Molly's helper came in a crazy dog named Brewster.



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



5th Grade First Communion

Three of our 5th graders participated in the symbolic Seder meal and received their first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6th. We welcome Kylie Sevon, Joshua Rod, and Jordyn Sallgren to the Lord's Table. Thank you to Donna Hipke and Nancy Camps for preparing our seder meal.



Next month, Daly Butler and Jereson Camps will receive their first communion.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

Our Children rejoicing in the Lord!





Final Class & Family Luncheon **Sunday, May 21st – 11:00-12:30**

8th graders will present their faith statement projects to the class and their family. Both 7th & 8th grade students are expected to attend. And all parents and siblings are invited to attend this final class and luncheon.



GLOW Youth Group

7th-12th grade

May 3rd - 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!

This month, weather permitting, we will meet outside and enjoy a fire, hotdogs, and smore's!



Ignite Creative Arts Afterschool Program

7th-12th grade youth
Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 pm September - May
All of our community's youth are invited!



Our program year will be ending on May 24th. We had a fun year preparing for "Medieval Day"! The youth have planned the entire program year for this fun event. Children and adults are invited to attend. It will be held on Sunday, May 7th immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Our Ignite members will be providing games and crafts for the children, finger food for everyone and a short theatrical production written and performed by the Ignite youth. Activities will be held outside in the 13th street parking lot weather permitting. If raining, the event will be in the fellowship hall.

See more information the Medieval Day on the next page.



Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 4th

Emmanuel's high school graduates will be honored at our "Graduation Recognition" during the 9:00 a.m. worship service on June 4th. A cake and punch reception will follow. The Carl and Marian Johnson Memorial Scholarship awards will also be presented during worship. A letter with more information on this special event will be going out soon to all parents of our high school graduates.

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to all who helped prepare and serve the breakfast and those who enjoyed the meal! Your support means so much to our youth!



Summer Camp 2023

Registration for Fortune Lake summer camp is still open, but filling fast! Register as soon as possible. We understand that the cost of camp is difficult for some families. Emmanuel does have scholarship funds available. Scholarship information can be obtained in the church office.

Youth Retreat

Eight of our youth attended the youth retreat at Fortune Lake this past month. Here are a few photos of the fun they had!



Vacation Bible School

July 18th, 19th, & 20th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Kindergarten - 5th grade

6th graders are welcome to serve as crew helpers!

More information and registration forms will be sent out next month....watch your mail!



Adult Ministries

Prayer Groups

Weekly: Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Monthly: Third Tuesday 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.

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

Linen Collection for St. Vincent DePaul
May 7 – May 28

The Outreach Committee will be collecting the following much needed linens for St. Vincent DePaul. The linens may be gently used or new. **washcloths, hand towels, bath towels, sheets & pillow cases of all sizes, and blankets.**

You may place your donations in designated area in the narthex.
Thank you for helping our community!



Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee is in the process of planning activities to build community within our congregation. It's our Mission! We would like your ideas for what you may most likely participate in. You may pick up a survey form in the narthex to complete by May 21st. Thank you!



Office Administrative Professional's Day

There is a national day set aside in April to recognize and honor such professionals. **The congregation and council of Emmanuel Lutheran Church honor Judy Raygo for her work among us.** At the 10am service on April 16, a small gift was presented to Judy in thanks for her 31 years (*and continuing!*) service as our Office Administer here at Emmanuel. We are blessed to have someone with such professionalism, experience, knowledge, kindness, and passion for ministry in our office! **Thank you, Judy! We are blessed to have you working with and for us.**





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 9:30am;

Monthly on the Third Tuesday (*May16th*) 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.**

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.**

We need your information!

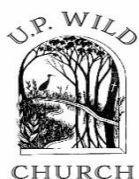
We need your

**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.

The church email is mail@e-mmanuel.com



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/>.

Northern Great Lakes Synod News

If you are curious as to what might be happening around the Synod, check out the Northern Great Lakes Website at www.nglsynod.org.

To view Bishop Finegan's and Assistant to the Bishop Duehring's newsletter articles, they can be found at www.nglsynod.org/newsletters-articles.



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.

Worship Assistant Schedule – May 2023

May 7

Ushers

8:00

Ann Koehler
Greta Hodge

10:00

Darrell & Linda Eland

Reader

Jim Briar

Scott Bell

Communion

Jim Briar

Sylvia Blom, Scott Bell
Betty Kohrt

May 14

Ushers

Cathy Hipke,
Jean Davis

Jerry & Chris Nelson

Readers

Dorothy Jozwiak

Judy Gleisner

May 21

Ushers

Dennis & Chris
Siem

Shannon Jones
Oliver Jones

Readers

Chris Siem

Shannon Jones

Communion

Randy Demeuse

Les & Gail Sieglaff
Linda Davis

May 28

Ushers

9:00

Bill & Connie
Taccolini

Reader

Connie Taccolini

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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