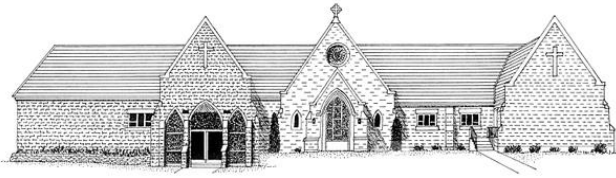


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Menominee, Michigan

March

2025

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday,
March 5, with services of
Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
at Emmanuel
10:00 AM and 6:00 PM



Evening Midweek Lenten Activities
will be held at Bethel Lutheran,
1309 14th Ave, Menominee

Services will take place on
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM, *beginning on March 12*

A soup supper will be served at 5:00 PM each week

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
let my cry come to you.
Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress.
Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call.

For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.
My heart is stricken and withered like grass;
I am too wasted to eat my bread.
Because of my loud groaning,
my bones cling to my skin.
I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,
like a little owl of the waste places.
I lie awake;
I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.

My days are like a lengthening shadow;
I wither away like grass.

But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever;
your name endures to all generations.
You will rise up and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to favor it;
the appointed time has come.

Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
They will perish, but you endure;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You change them like clothing, and they pass away,
but you are the same, and your years have no end.
The children of your servants shall live secure;
their offspring shall be established in your presence.

—*Psalm 102:1-7, 11-13, 25-28 NRSVUE*

This month we begin the church season of Lent with the Ash Wednesday worship services on March 5th. Lent literally means “lengthening of days” (“spring”) and signifies the slow movement from winter into spring; darkness into light.

During Lent, we remember the gift of grace given to us by God in Christ. We recognize how we “miss the mark” (as Julian of Norwich put it) and our need to lean into Christ’s love because of it. We “miss the mark” by doing and saying things that are selfish and unkind and by not doing or saying things that would make the world a fairer, lovelier, and kinder place. In other words, we make mistakes that show the fallibility of our humanity. We call it “sin” in the Judeo-Christian context. Lent is the season of the year where we take stock of ourselves as honestly as possible and realign our hearts again with God so that we might be more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in the world.

Do you remember the literal meaning of “repentance”? It means “to turn around”. To repent literally means to turn back from the way you are traveling and go in the opposite direction. In Lent, we recognize the ways in which we have veered off course from God’s way and we “turn around” so that we are again following God’s path. *In our turning, we come face to face with God!* We turn back towards God and set our course once again on the principles that God values: compassion, forgiveness, generosity, kindness, honesty, and love. A part of that “turning” is admitting our fallibility and confessing our need for God’s help in living a life of discipleship. More importantly, we recognize our deep need for God, God’s-self! We need God’s presence, God’s love, and God’s grace to even ATTEMPT to love a life a love. We need God for the strength to continue in the disciple’s path of love and we need God’s grace when we “miss the mark” in our attempts to do so.

As Lent begins, I invite you to read Psalm 102 in its entirety. Reflect on the need for God that the psalmist expresses. Use the psalm to confess your own sins, to ask for God’s help and support in your daily life, and to remember God’s presence and constancy in your life. And, give thanks to God for this season of “turning”.

Blessings to you always in the name of the One who hears our cries and answers with love.

— *Pastor Christine*





It is almost the season of Lent. This special time of year is a time to do a little "spring cleaning" of ourselves before we celebrate Easter. Psalm 51:10 tells us "Create in me clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with me."

Lenten "spring cleaning" helps us to recognize our sins, repent, and ask God for forgiveness so we are no longer separated from Him. Lent helps us to strengthen our relationship with God.

Lent is not just for grownups. We can help our children grow deeper in faith during this Lenten season. Each of our Sunday school families will receive a Lenten devotion called "Stepping Stones Through Lent". This devotion is written specifically for kids where parents can help their child experience each day of Lent stepping closer to Jesus.

Our GLOW youth group will also be focusing our weekly devotion time on the Lenten season. We will explore our failings and things we have done that turn us from God to then finding ways to turn back to God and grow in our faith.

Through prayer, daily devotions, and attending church we strengthen our faith by realigning our hearts on Jesus. By giving up something special like treats, TV, or screen time, we remember Jesus' sacrifice. And, through our giving and helping others, we follow God's will.

May this Lenten season bring you much peace and growth in your relationship with God.

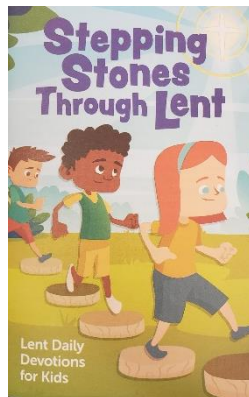
Blessings,

Patti Treptow, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Youth Ministries

Sunday School

Our children will be receiving a devotional book called "Stepping Stones Through Lent". One book for each family will be distributed on Bible Story Sunday, March 2nd. Parents and family members are encouraged to read together the devotion each day starting with Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Blessings to you and your family as you step through your Lenten path.



Upcoming Classes

Sunday, March 9th & 23rd
11:00 - 1:00



Communion

First Communion Classes

March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13

Any 6th grader who has not yet taken Holy Communion instruction is also welcomed to join us. The classes will be held during the same time as Sunday school classes in the conference room located at the end of the office hallway. Students are to go directly to class (not to worship) at 10:00 a.m. If you have not received a letter and registration form and are interested in taking the classes, please contact Patti.



GLOW Youth Group

7th-12th grade

EVERY Wednesday

6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

Our GLOW youth will be hosting a Bingo Party, complete with fun prizes, for the Luther Home residents on Sunday, March 30th at 1:30 pm.



Ignite Creative Arts **Afterschool Program**

7th - 12th grade youth

Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 pm
September through May



Carl & Marion Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Emmanuel's 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 early February. If you were missed, please contact Patti. **Deadline for applications is April 1st.**

Presentation of scholarship(s) will be on Graduate Sunday, June 1st during the 9:00am worship service.

Little Lutherans Committee Valentine Tea!

Our committee members hosted a wonderful Valentine Tea for our members of all ages on February 16th. Children and adults enjoyed lovely piano music by Amber Camps. Delicious food and fun prizes were provided by our committee members Kim Schroeder, Molly Starzynski, Holly Bayerl, Natasha Fox, and Patti Treptow. Thank you to Amy and Emily Lenca for taking photos for our photo booth. And, thank you to our youth helpers Elizabeth Aichner, Andrew Miller, and Jaida Schroeder. Photos from our photo booth will be available in marked envelopes in the church narthex by March 9th. *Here are a few glimpses of the event!*





FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Summer Camp 2025

Registration for Fortune Lake summer camp is open.

Register online at FortuneLake.org

Emmanuel does have scholarship funds available.

Scholarship applications and more information on camp can be obtained in the church office.



FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

2025 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 8-13	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$645
Week 2	June 15-20	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Treehouse Adventures (Grades 7-12)	See website \$490
Week 3	June 22-27	High School Week (Grades 9-12) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	\$490
Week 4	June 29-July 2	All Staff Reunion 3-night Event (with Special 1-day Event June 29!)	See website
Week 5	July 6-11	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #1 Option (*No charge)	\$460
	July 13-15	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$230
Week 6	July 13-16	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) MashUp (Grades 4-8)	\$320
	July 13-18	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) LIT #2 Option (*No charge)	\$460
Week 7	July 20-25	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-9) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) Art Camp (Grades 3-9) Dungeons & Dragons Camp (Grades 6-9) <i>New!</i> > LIT #3 Option (*No charge)	\$460 \$490
	July 21-24	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$135
	July 27-Aug 1	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) LIT #4 Option (*No charge)	See website \$460
Week 8	July 28-31	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$135
	July 29-Aug 1	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
Week 9	August 4-7	Evergreen Camp (ages 55+)	See website

Scholarships Available
Everybody is welcome at camp regardless of ability to pay!

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

More info at FortuneLake.org

**Registration for Summer Camp
2025 at Fortune Lake is now open!**



Check out some of
Fortune Lake's
Retreat offerings!

REGISTER
TODAY!

Ages 18-30



Renew & Restore
Young Adult Retreat
Jan 31st - Feb 2nd, 2025

Grades
7-12



In The Body
Jr/Sr High Retreat
April 11-12, 2025

Grades
3-6



Sacred Waters
Youth Retreat
April 4-5, 2025

fortunelake.org

***Registration is open for two upcoming retreats!
Register online at [FortuneLake.org](https://fortunelake.org)***

Sacred Waters Youth Retreat

All current 3-6 graders and their parents/adult leaders are invited to camp for our Sacred Waters Youth Retreat. This one-night retreat includes camp favorites like songs and games, campfire, worship, Bible Studies, and more! Our theme, Sacred Waters, centers around Holy Baptism. Our hope is that all participants, regardless of prior knowledge, come away with a better understanding of this radical promise. There will be a session for adults in attendance on Saturday morning. This retreat is the perfect opportunity to get a taste of camp in a shortened time period.

In The Body Jr/Sr High Retreat

Fortune Lake is thrilled to welcome Rachel Kurtz to camp for the In the Body Jr/Sr High Retreat! This retreat is open to all current 7-12 graders and their parents/adult leaders and will take place at Fortune Lake April 11-12. Rachel will lead Bible Studies for the youth as well as provide an adult training session on Saturday morning. Our theme, In the Body, will speak to being present in our own bodies as well as how we show up within the Body of Christ. The weekend will conclude with a concert open to the public on April 12th. We hope to see you there!

Adult Ministries

Downsizing with Friends

Mondays at 9:00 AM

"Weight Loss on the honor system." Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Food Planning, Recipe Sharing, Fun Conversation, and more.

Yoga at Emmanuel

Tuesdays, 5:30—6 PM

\$8.00 per class. All abilities welcome for this gentle yoga class.

Prayer Group

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:30 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, March 6 at 1:00 PM

Join us in the Friendship room for Bible study and fellowship.
All women are welcome!

Congregational Financial Update

(through January 31, 2025)

Approved 2025 budgeted offerings: \$20,740.00
Amount ahead approved budget: \$3,192.00

Total offerings and income received: \$25,482.00
Total expenses: \$20,091.00
Income greater than expense by \$5,391.00

We give thanks to God for your continued generosity.



Emmanuel's Outreach Projects



tacklehunger.org

**Thank you congregation
for your generous
donations of soup!** 163
cans were collected and given
to Abundant Life Shelter and
the Salvation Army Food
Pantry.



Sponsorship **of the Messenger and weekly bulletin**

If you would like to sponsor a 2025 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.



Ash Wednesday

March 5

Worship at 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM



The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday. On this special day of reflection, we wear a marking of the cross in ash on our foreheads. The ashes symbolize our mortality – *“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”* **This reminder may seem despondent, but it is meant**

to help us live more vibrantly and fully. In recognizing death, we are encouraged to truly live each moment. We also remember how much we rely on God’s grace for our life both in this world and in the world to come. **Come to worship either in the morning or evening to begin your Lenten journey by receiving ashes and Communion.**

Lenten MORNING Mid-week Worship

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

March 12—April 9 at Emmanuel

Theme: *“Open My Life, Lord”*

This year we are offering a morning service option for Lenten Wednesday worship. Come and join us at Emmanuel at 10am if you can’t make it to Bethel in the evening. These services will be led by Pastor Christine.

*Loose offerings from this service will go towards our giving goal for **Lutheran World Relief** this Lent.*

Lenten Evening Mid-week Schedule

Wednesdays from March 12 — April 9

Lent is a time of reflection and growth in the life of the faithful. We use special disciplines, services, and studies to help with this growth. The Church provides a mid-week time of fellowship and worship to give you an opportunity to interrupt your regular schedule with some reflection.

We partner with Bethel Lutheran for these Lent activities.

This year, Bethel is hosting the suppers and worship.

Soup Suppers at 5:00 PM at Bethel

Come to Bethel for fellowship and soup before we go upstairs for worship. Meet Pastor Christine there and join in for some good soup and conversation.

Worship at 6:00 PM at Bethel

Our evening mid-week theme this year is taken from the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10: 25-37.

Who Is My Neighbor?

We will have a half-hour worship service in Bethel's sanctuary each week to help us pause and reflect. We are blessed to have help from local pastors each week to bring God's word to us.

March 12: Pastor Scott Ehle

March 19: Pastor Lee Goodwin

March 26: Pastor Christine Olson

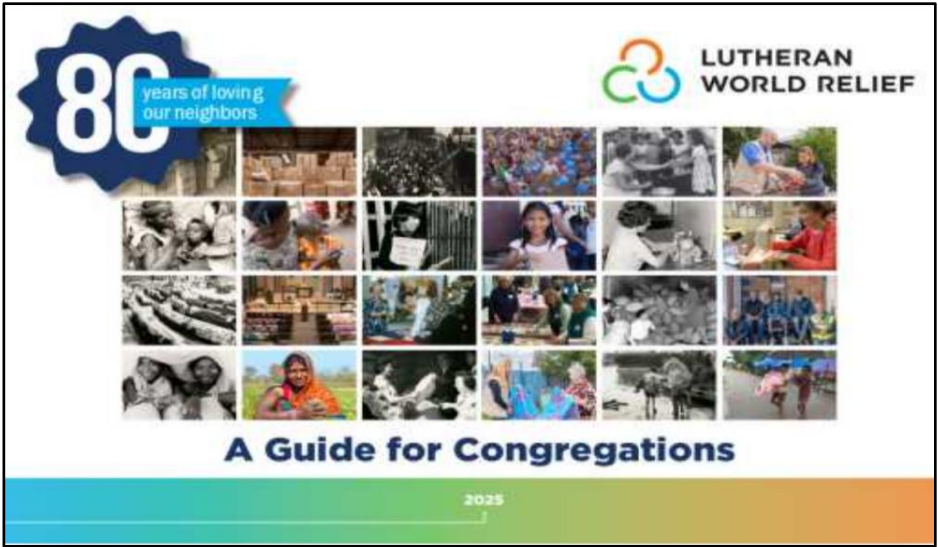
April 2: Pastor Doug Schoen

April 9: Pastor Sharolyn Swenson —*the Synod DEM*

Donations from the Soup Supper will go toward the Menominee High School Culinary Class.

*Loose offerings from Worship will go to our neighbors at **Inspiring Hope**, a sober living facility for women located at 1717 14th Ave (just down the street from Bethel) run by Catholic Social Services.*

More info can be found at cssup.org/womens-recovery



Emmanuel Lent Giving Initiative:

Lutheran World Relief

Info from the LWR website: “In 1945, our Lutheran forebearers joined together to **be the Body of Christ in the world**, responding boldly to the needs of our neighbors in Europe after World War II.

With each passing year, God has opened our hearts to the ever-growing needs in our hurting world, and **our ministry has grown**. Today, together, we go where no one else goes — to the front lines of war, and to places even cars can't reach. And we stay as long as we're needed to help families recover and rebuild.

Thank you for continuing the legacy of love that began 80 years ago, **until your love reaches every neighbor.**”

Join with your Council and Lutheran neighbors throughout the country to support the work of LWR this Lenten season.

Our giving goal is to raise \$1,945 — in honor of the year LWR was founded.

You can help us try to reach the goal by giving as you feel moved.

Look for LWR offering envelopes in the pew.

You can find more information about Lutheran World Relief in the narthex or online at <https://lwr.org>



Open for Prayer
Wednesdays during Lent
from 10:30 AM until 3:00 PM



Come to the sanctuary for some quiet prayer and reflection on Wednesdays during Lent. Come and go as you please. Pray, meditate, and reflect in the quiet and muted light of this holy space during this holy season.

The pastor will also be available in the office during these hours, if you wish to seek her out for prayer, direction, or consolation.

**Are you interested in the future and
direction of Emmanuel Lutheran Church?**

Can you pitch in?

Discovery Team for Reaching Young Adults

We are looking for people interested in becoming part of a committee to look into ways to reach young adults. Young people are drifting away from the church. Many view the church suspiciously. How can we reach them? We're looking for people who would like to explore this issue.

Discovery Team for Contemporary Worship

We are looking for people with a passion for contemporary music for worship. Are you talented in music and would like to see contemporary elements added to our services here at Emmanuel? We're looking for a person or persons to spearhead contemporary worship research and implementation.

Please contact Pastor Christine if you feel called to lead or participate in either of these discovery teams.



Fellowship Event

JOIN US FOR LUCKY BUNCO!

Tuesday, March 18 at 6:00 PM

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day we will be hosting **Lucky Bunco in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM on Tuesday the 18th**. **Wear your lucky green**, and come to have some fun and laughs. **You may bring \$3**, if you wish, to help provide the prizes, and there will be snacks and wine offered. If you would like to bring another beverage to share, you are welcome to do so.

Bring a friend! Men and women are both invited and encouraged to come. *Hope to see you there!*



—The Fellowship Team



Daylight Savings Reminder
Sunday, March 9, 2025



BLESSINGS ON YOUR



LENT
JOURNEY



On Facebook Live on Emmanuel's page

Mondays at 8:15 PM

During Lent — *March 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7*

Compline is a **Night Prayer Service** that is performed at the end of the day. It is a time for quiet reflection and preparation for sleep. The term "compline" comes from the Latin word "completorium", which means "completion". It signifies the completion of the day and leads into a deep and restorative sleep.

The best way to participate in online Compline is to download the outline of the service that the pastor will provide and follow along, participating in the comfort of your own home. Or, you can simply close your eyes and listen. **The service lasts about 20 to 30 minutes and moves at a reflective pace.** After the service, people often feel ready to drift off to sleep.

Join in online on Mondays this Lent in Nighttime prayer.

Northern Great Lakes Synod News

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

www.nglsynod.org

Save the Date!

Multi-Synodical Youth Gathering this Summer!



The NGLS is once again partnering with the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin to offer a Multi-Synodical Youth Conference for high schoolers (students who have completed 8th-12th grades are eligible to register).

The event will take place **July 8-11, 2025** at UW River Falls.

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*The messenger is given in honor of
all her Family and Friends
by Kay Hebert*

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

8 & 10 AM in person

Online Worship 8:00 AM

Livestreamed on our Facebook page

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