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TRAPPED IN LENT

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

Dear friends of Emanuel,

There is a penetrating reason why Lent is such a fruitful time of the year—it's about being trapped. Trapped in a corner whereby Lent's theme leaves us with no options but One. It leaves us so helpless. At the same time, it brings the most resounding hope one can ever imagine. The only true hope that exists. The hope that is eternal. I am left with a weakness I can't muster the strength to overcome, and a realization that my strength has nothing to do with the solution.

Any attempts to justify myself makes me suggest God's love from the perspective of the cross of Christ is less than what His love really is. In one sense, I can't get free from being trapped in the corner Lent keeps driving me to reside in. When I try to reduce the severity of my faults, it reduces the severity of Christ's Passion. My justifications are an attempt to rely on my merit which become a mockery of the cross and Christ's effort in successfully enduring it's shame. Therefore, trapped in the corner I remain!

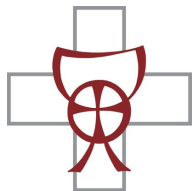
At the same time, the theme of Lent causes me to understand that I do not want to reduce the severity of Christ's passion. How can I? Why do I dare? I realize that I do not want to reduce the severity of my sin. That reduces the severity of the cross. To reduce what He endured on the cross only suggests God's love is less than it is. In reality, God's love is limitless.

And here is the beauty of it all: when we stop justifying ourselves, that is when we begin to understand how to be free from the sin that traps us. When my sin is beyond my strength to overcome, the corner where I reside has no escape until the very cross that does not allow me to free myself becomes the very means by which God sets me free by way of His devotion of love. His mercy is all I have left to rely on for my escape. It is the most humbling and peaceful realization to know that His mercy is the only thing I need in order to no longer be trapped in the corner I could never free myself from!

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Stecker

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



Maundy Thursday ~ April 6

(Holy Communion)

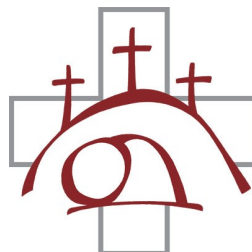
10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday ~ April 7

1:00 p.m. Service of the Word

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service



Easter Sunday ~ April 9

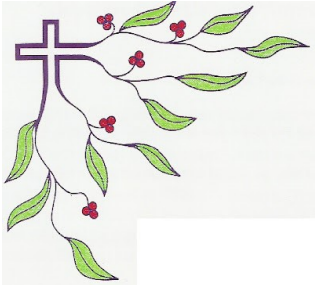
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

7:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Festival Services with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Gathering with Holy Communion




There will be no Saturday evening service on Easter weekend.



I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
John 15:5

Our DCE, Andrea Hoover, has challenged Emanuel's high school youth to READ THEIR BIBLES during Lent. Let's join them in their Lenten Bible Reading Challenge !

LYFE LENTEN BIBLE READING CHALLENGE - 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2/22 Mark 1:1-13	2/23 Mark 1:14-28	2/24 Mark 1:29-45	2/25 Mark 2:1-17
2/26 Mark 2:18-28	2/27 Mark 3:1-19	2/28 Mark 3:20-35	3/1 Mark 4:1-20	3/2 Mark 4:21-41	3/3 Mark 5:1-20	3/4 Mark 5:21-43
3/5 Mark 6:1-13	3/6 Mark 6:14-34	3/7 Mark 6:35-56	3/8 Mark 7:1-23	3/9 Mark 7:24-37	3/10 Mark 8:1-21	3/11 Mark 8:22-38
3/12 Mark 9:1-13	3/13 Mark 9:14-32	3/14 Mark 9:33-50	3/15 Mark 10:1-12	3/16 Mark 10:13-31	3/17 Mark 10:32-52	3/18 Mark 11:1-19
3/19 Mark 11:20-33	3/20 Mark 12:1-12	3/21 Mark 12:13-27	3/22 Mark 12:28-44	3/23 Mark 13:1-23	3/24 Mark 13:24-37	3/25 Mark 14:1-11
3/26 Mark 14:12-31	3/27 Mark 14:32-52	3/28 Mark 14:53-72	3/29 Mark 15:1-15	3/30 Mark 15:16-32	3/31 Mark 15:33-47	4/1 Mark 16:1-20
4/2 Philippians 2:5-11	4/3 Hebrews 9:11-15	4/4 I Corinthians 1:18-25	4/5 Romans 5:6-11	4/6 I Corinthians 11:23-32	4/7 Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9	4/8 I Peter 4:1-8



Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

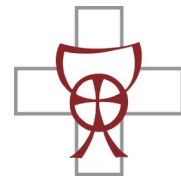
Higher Things Retreat at St. Paul's Ft. Wayne took place Friday, January 6 – Saturday, January 7. Seven churches participated, with a total of 36 youth. Pastor Harrison Goodman, Content Executive for Higher Things, was the speaker. The retreat opened with Divine Service for Epiphany. Pastor Zeckzer preached at Matins on Saturday morning and Pastor Hoover preached at the closing Responsive Prayer service.



Our Lutheran Heritage - Worship

The Lutheran Service Book, our hymnbook begins with this introduction, “Our Lord is the Lord who serves. Jesus Christ came into the flesh not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Jesus came to our world to give of Himself for all people. The Introduction of the Lutheran Service Book continues, “On the cross He offered Himself as a spotless sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. Through His perfect life and death, He accomplished forgiveness and salvation for all before the Father in heaven. By His empty tomb and ascension into heaven, He declared His victory over sin and death to all the world. Seated now at the Father’s right hand, He graciously serves His Church with the gifts of salvation. On the Last Day, He will come again to gather His elect from every nation to celebrate the feast that will have no end.”

What do we do until Jesus comes again on the Last Day? As God’s people we gather together to receive His gifts. Our Lord serves us today through His holy Word and Sacraments. Through these means, He comes among us to deliver His forgiveness and salvation, freeing us from our sins and strengthening us for service to one another and to the world.



At Holy Baptism, He puts His name upon us, pours His Holy Spirit into our hearts, and rescues us from sin, death, and the devil.

Through Holy Absolution, He pronounces His forgiveness again and again.

With His holy Word, written in Scripture and preached into our ears, He daily proclaims His abiding love for us through all the joys and sorrows of life in this world.

In His Holy Supper, He gives us His own body and blood to eat and drink as a priceless gift to nourish and strengthen us in both body and soul.

It's time to clean out your closets, cupboards, attics & garages. Your unused items may be someone else's treasure. The Emanuel Ladies' Society Spring Rummage Sale will be held on

Thursday, April 20th from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, April 21st from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (A \$2.00 bag sale will be on Friday.)

Please bring your donations (NO Large appliances or furniture – including TV's) to the Fellowship Hall **beginning Sunday, April 16th**, setting up and sorting starts at 1:00 p.m. **No donations will be accepted after Tuesday, April 18th** (Volunteers need to have time to price items and organize merchandise prior to the sale.)

Your helping hands would be greatly appreciated!



Volunteers are needed on Monday & Tuesday from 8 a.m.—7:30 p.m., and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.,

ALSO NEEDED: 6 & 8 FOOT TABLES for our Rummage Sale to be delivered Sunday, April 24th. Please make sure they are marked with your name and be assured they will be used inside. Contact Colleen Peters at (260-402-4336) if you can assist the Ladies and how many tables you are able to temporarily lend. THANK YOU!

A Note From the Meekers ~ Point of Grace Academy



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By God's grace POGA has begun a new normal school year! COVID-19 timing is behind us. This new year ushers in a new curriculum that develops the child to be better equipped with life skills and enables them to contribute positively to society. Tom Deetz's memorial fund will be used to create a home economics (science) room that will help the girls at POGA learn more about how to take care of themselves and their families. Tom's hands of mercy will continue to reach out to POGA through all of you and we will be forever grateful!

The new High School is being fully utilized and as always we are asking you to pray for us! New teachers are entering our campus as the government hires those who meet their requirements.

Community care of the elderly, widows, widowers and orphans are very important to us. As God works through people, those hands of mercy have allowed us to construct a new medical clinic and incinerator to serve the community better. We have medical camps up to four times a year, that group has worked hard to make this a reality. We give our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all praise honor and glory for this mercy.

Building mud houses for the community have become very popular for teams as the poor and needy are served in faith and love. God has allowed 52 homes to be built thus far! Many of the families of our children's lives are improved to the extent that is difficult for us to comprehend.

We thank each and every one of you for your prayers and support as we continue to work in the Lord's vineyard! The peace of God be with you all! Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dennis and Deaconess Lorna Meeker

Please Pray for our Shut In Members

Sally Neilson
Kenneth Werling
Glenn Witte
Helen Miller
Estella Peters
Elna Szink
Sandra Poling
Helen Purvis
Jim Purvis
Grace Bates
Geneva Brueck
Wilma Forks
Ralph Seddelmeyer
Maxine Remenschneider
Marilyn Dunaway



Central Lutheran Open House
Friday, March 3rd, 4-6 pm

Your family is invited to explore Central Lutheran School on Friday, March 3, between 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tour the classrooms, enjoy March Madness-themed activities, and enjoy a snack.

Please come and talk with administrators and current CLS parents and teachers to find out more about the caring, loving, sharing family of Christians at CLS and the quality, Christian education available for your child.

CLS serves students from preschool through 8th grade.

We offer preschool classes for 3-5 year olds with half and full-day options.

For more information, please contact CLS at 260-493-2502 or visit www.cluth.org.

2022 New Haven Food Bank Data

The data listed below relates to the performance of the New Haven Food Bank in 2022.

Family Units	First Time	Repeats	Males	Females	Est. Meals	Cumulative Meals	Whites	Blacks	Hispan-ics	Others	Female Heads	60+	Disabled	Vets	Men Served	Kids 0-5	Kids 6-17	Vols	Vols Hours	Coats
56	2	54	76	68	2145	942,467	105	20	2	13	4	28	30	9	53	12	34	145	580	3
63	6	57	107	99	3090	945,557	177	19	1	9	4	35	41	14	64	23	50	148	592	1
89	4	85	135	147	4230	949,787	243	27	10	2	14	62	61	9	73	18	87	188	752	0
88	6	82	137	144	4215	954,002	218	51	12	0	10	56	54	9	82	25	80	153	612	0
93	3	90	135	157	4380	958,382	216	44	21	11	12	59	50	10	77	26	85	198	792	0
92	7	85	129	171	4500	962,882	219	61	16	4	11	72	59	14	80	25	90	162	648	0
78	2	76	106	106	3180	966,062	158	41	12	1	8	52	52	13	65	9	51	156	624	0
139	12	127	164	210	5610	971,672	326	33	8	7	19	105	93	17	104	14	87	188	752	0
106	6	100	130	157	4305	975,977	230	39	14	4	14	63	59	11	80	16	64	152	608	0
113	12	101	150	179	4935	980,912	284	25	12	8	14	75	73	10	104	18	77	147	588	0
150	8	142	199	240	6585	987,497	373	44	18	4	21	101	99	21	117	20	113	195	780	36
99	6	93	148	174	4830	992,327	246	49	6	21	20	58	67	15	74	26	88	148	592	18
1166	74	1092	1616	1852	52005	992,327	2795	453	132	84	151	766	738	152	973	232	906	1980	7920	58
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Gave all the students slime!

Triplets came in this week to daycare.



Let the little children
& COME TO ME,
do not hinder them,
for the KINGDOM of GOD
belongs to such as these.
LUKE 18:16

Travis Corneliusen, an Emanuel member, enjoyed his time at POG!



5 Maasai children arrived yesterday.
2 speak no English or Kiswahili and 2
speak minimal English.



The Early Childhood Library at POG Academy.



Cheryl Brockmann
spent some time at
Point of Grace
Academy and sent
these pictures to
share with us.
God is good, all the
time!



March Birthdays

2

Jack Cain
Linda Friend
Michelle Widenhoefer
Nicole Aldrich
Tayler Knoblauch

3

Rose Sweet
Denise Sauders
Donna Baker
Logan Smith
Raylynn Gerardot

*When I behold Jesus
Christ, true God who died
for me, I wonder much at
His love as He hung on
the tree.*

*(Refrain) What kind of love
is this? What kind of love
is this? You showed Your
love, Jesus, there to me
on Calvary. What kind of
love is this? What kind of
love is this? You showed
Your love, Jesus, there to
me on Calvary.*

*For me You gave all Your
love, for me You suffered
pain; I find no words,
nothing can Your
selflessness explain.*
(Refrain)

*You had no sin, holy
Lord, but You were
tortured, tried; on
Golgotha there for all my
sins You bled and died.*
(Refrain)

*What love is this?
Greater love no one has
ever known. My life with
God—this I owe to You,
and You alone. (Refrain)*

**CLS Chapel Hymn of the
Month: LSB 542**

4

Marilyn Dunaway
Janet Locatelli
Julie Vincenski
Scarlett Gillingham

5

Cathy Dunn
Rick Stemmler
Abbigayle Werling

6

Ty Luginbill
David Herman
Julia Evans

7

Esther Smith
Robin Johnson
Carlos Taylor

8

Kimberly Doster
Kathryn Gotschall
Katie Melin
Mackensie Neumann
Ellie Benjamin
Gabriella Gillingham
Racheal Zellers
Eric Richeson
Mattis Richeson

9

Cynthia Louis
Brent Bremer

10

Jane Brown
Randy Short
Elly Vardaman
Isabella Essex

11

Ned Busche
Sue Bunnell

12

Helen Fisher
Brandon Parker
Megan Rosswurm
Kenzi Swygart
Mason Jackson

13

Dennis Bradtmiller
Brad Peters
Shelby Anderson

14

Mark Schuller
Karly Gotschall
Rylee Benjamin
Joe Rodriguez

15

Colleen Peters
Alexandra Webb
Vayda Schorey

16

Ryan Hellinger
Chrystal Pranger
Jakob Girardot
Sophia Russell

17

Megan Figueroa
Everett Burford

18

Donald Vogtman
Marilyn Herman
Brenda David
Nancy Graham
Grayson Price

19

Troy Waidelich
Jodi Espy
Jami Girardot
Justin Zozulia
Emmett Cheviron

20

Vicky Schmidt
Chloe Lynch
Lucas Carter

21

Larry Hockemeyer
Renee Schuller

22

Kelly Gerig
Tabitha Trzynka
Emily Zeimet
Tyrus Gatchell
Kathryn Fitzwater

23

Paul Shoemaker

24

Jaime Renninger
Leslie Baumgarte
Rachel Remenschneider
Laura Robinette
Samuel Hartman
Jaxon Espy
Chelsey Coulter
Joshua Smith

25

Richard Yingling
Christopher Graham
Noah Andrus

26

Karen Rodriguez
Robert DeBolt
Amanda Lambert
Tyler DeCamp
Nick Price

27

Joellyn Rinard
Garrett Jordan
Grace Harmon

28

Paul Bultemeier
Suzanne Busche
Laura Hartman
Pamela Cobb
Ava Doster

29

Patricia Scott
Faye Roemke
Edward Harper
David McGraw
Justin Renninger
Amanda Gehl
Sean Miller
Kaitlyn Warney
Hudson Kurtz

30

Helen Miller
Robin Hormann
Sara Scavone
Norah Werling
Lilliana Hernandez
Henry Werling
Elizabeth Hoeppner

31

Michelle DeCamp
Amber Rhodes



April Birthdays

1

Charlene Hormann
Karson Fensler
Alyrah Page
Alissa Coulter

2

Sharon Christianer
Marcie Weber
Mark Beck
Taylor Barrette

3

Dalton Waidelich
Genevieve Waidelich
Michael Mackin
Eli Johnson
Leah Koeneman

4

James Wise
Courtney Loshe
Piper Pontsler

5

James Swain

6

Darwin Werling
Kristine Corbin
Stephanie
Schneider-Dawson
Natasha Dommer
Luke Aumick
Zachary Fensler

7

Paul Niccum
Wayne Meyer
Jennifer Hanley
Skyler Messman
Addison May
Brooke Schorey
Addilynn Young

8

Lauren Hunter
Liam Herman

9

Kay Remenschneider
Brody Oberlin
Raymond Jones, III
Amy Simkins

10

Ruth Seddelmeyer
Steven Aiton
Mackenna Sorg

Avery Martin
Coltyn Richeson

11

Coleen Harmon
Milan Mutzfeld

12

Kati Blair
Nicole Messman
Kyler Bayes
Connor Abplanalp
Hadlee Shipp
Camrynn Stemmler
Eleanor Bender
Oliver Rehwaldt

13

Kristina Barnett
Madison Baumgarte
Makayla Coomer
Zion Kinnee

14

Timothy Werling
Bella Meadows
Landon Carter

15

Gilbert Bradtmueller
Philip Locatelli
Judy McMichael
Nicole McLaughlin
Max Meyer

16

Lowell Brueck
Cinda Lambert
Tamara Cheviron
Gabriella Trzynka

17

Kelly Blair
Jeffrey Berndt
Christy Rosswurm
Daniel Biedess
Savannah Swygart

18

Ralph Seddelmeyer
James Purvis
William Van Spankeren
Bowen Richeson
Floyd Hickey
Brady Kurtz

19

Jill Lepper

Abby Feasby
Kinley Galentine
Andrew Brooks

20

David Yoder

21

Karen Zimmerman
Jeffrey Berning
Melissa Amstutz
John Kremer
Owen Knittle
Silas Shipp

22

Dawn Williams
Timothy Knoblauch
Cortney Dommer
Grant Bremer
Elijah Figueroa
Evelynn DeBolt
Savannah Favory
Ezekiel Hogle

23

Ashley Galentine

24

Taylor Yoder
Mark Beck, Jr.
Hunter Espy
Carter Yoder
Ezekiel Yoder
Vincent Siders

25

David Stecker
Victoria Nzekwe
Sue Dahling
Brian Blair
Chad Bauer

27

Patricia Speaks
Janet Bulmahn
Thomas Myers
Benjamin Swygart
Andrianna Luna
Cohen Barnett
Theodore Messmann

28

Hudson Blair
Zachary Burnside
Olivia Long
Nicholas Dager
Kaitlynn Pontsler

29

Jayne Scheele
Shannon Zozulia
Linda Gongaware
Lisa Babb
Hannah Biedess

30

Paige Perkins
Spencer Perkins

*Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets
resounding in glorious light!
Splendor the Lamb, heaven
forever! Oh, what a miracle God
has in sight!*

*(Refrain) Jesus is risen and we shall
arise: give God the glory! Alleluia!*

*Walking the way, Christ in the
center telling the story to open our
eyes; breaking our bread, giving us
glory: Jesus our blessing, our
constant surprise. (Refrain)*

*Jesus the vine, we are the
branches; life in the Spirit the fruit
of the tree; heaven to earth, Christ
to the people, gift of the future
now flowing to me. (Refrain)*

*Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be
silent: death put asunder, and
Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: "O
grave, be open!" Clothe us in
wonder, adorn us in light. (Refrain)*

*City of God, Easter forever, golden
Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, River
of life, saints and archangels, sing
with creation to God the I AM!*
(Refrain)

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*Emanuel Lutheran Church
furthers God's Kingdom by
connecting people,
strengthening families, and
proclaiming God's Word.*

EMANUEL'S EASTER GARDEN: As the Easter season approaches, the Altar Circle is once again offering a you an opportunity to purchase flowers that will decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Please complete this form & return it to the church office *no later than Friday March 10*.

Make checks payable to EMANUEL ALTAR CIRCLE.

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

TOTAL PLANTS ORDERED= _____

TOTAL AMOUNT\$ _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Check here if you'd like your flowers at The Gathering _____

Easter Lilies \$11		Mums 6" Pot \$16	
	Quantity		Quantity
6" (1 stem)	-	Purple	
		White	
		Yellow	
Hyacinths 7" Pot \$10		Azalea 6" Pot \$22	
	Quantity		Quantity
Blue	-	Pink	
Pink	-		
White	-		
Purple	-		
Tulips 6" Pot \$10		Hydrangea 6" Pot \$22	
	Quantity		Quantity
Pink		Pink	
Red	-	Blue	
Orange			
Yellow	-		
Purple			
		Daffodils 7" Pot \$10	
			Quantity
		Dwarf Yellow	
		Standard Yellow	-