

March—April 2024

Emanuel Lutheran Church

The Emanuel Witness

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



Maundy Thursday ~ March 28
(Holy Communion)
10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday ~ March 29
1:00 p.m. Service of the Word
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service



Easter Sunday ~ March 31
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



CORNERED WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST



“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” (Gal. 6:14)

Dear Friends of Emanuel,

Why is the season of Lent a time we can grow as Christians? It's about being cornered. Cornered 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. We begin to understand the message the Apostle Paul received from God in his moment of bearing a cross that had no immediate signs of ending. **“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Cor. 12:9)**

Any attempts to justify myself or even think that I have the strength to pull myself out of the mess I'm in makes me suggest God's love from the perspective of the cross of Christ is less than what that love really is. In one sense, I can't get free from being trapped in the corner the season of 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 its 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 what 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 I know 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 to no longer be trapped in the corner I could never free myself from!

Your friend in Christ, *Pastor Stecker*

THY WORD
 is a lamp unto my feet
 and
 a light unto my path
130/740 III Psalm 119:105 J. Blocher

March 1
 Gen. 24:32-52, 61-67
 Mark 8:1-21

March 2
 Gen. 27:1-29
 Mark 8:22-38

March 3
 Gen. 27:30-45; 28:10-22
 Mark 9:1-13

March 4
 Gen. 29:1-30
 Mark 9:14-32

March 5
 Gen. 35:1-29
 Mark 9:33-50

March 6
 Gen. 37:1-36
 Mark 10:1-12

March 7
 Gen. 39:1-23
 Mark 10:13-31

March 8
 Gen. 40:1-23
 Mark 10:32-52

March 9
 Gen. 41:1-27
 Mark 11:1-19

March 10
 Gen. 41:28-57
 Mark 11:20-33

March 11
 Gen. 42:1-34, 38
 Mark 12:1-12

March 12
 Gen. 43:1-28
 Mark 12:13-27

March 13
 Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34
 Mark 12:28-44

March 14
 Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28
 Mark 13:1-23

March 15
 Gen. 47:1-31
 Mark 13:24-37

March 16
 Gen. 49:29-50:7, 14-26
 Mark 14:1-11

March 17
 Ex. 1:1-22
 Mark 14:12-31

March 18
 Ex. 2:1-22
 Mark 14:32-52

March 19
 Ex. 2:23-3:22
 Mark 14:53-72

March 20
 Ex. 4:1-18
 Mark 15:1-15

March 21
 Ex. 4:19-31
 Mark 15:16-32

March 22
 Ex. 5:1-6:1
 Mark 15:33-47

March 23
 Ex. 7:1-25
 Mark 16:1-20

March 24
 Ex. 8:1-32
 Heb. 1:1-14

March 25
 Ex. 9:1-28
 Heb. 2:1-18

March 26
 Ex. 9:29-10:20
 Heb. 3:1-19

March 27
 Ex. 10:21-11:10
 Heb. 4:1-16

March 28
 Ex. 12:1-28
 Heb. 5:1-14

March 29
 Ex. 12:29-32; 13:1-16
 Heb. 6:1-20

March 30
 Ex. 13:17-14:9
 Heb. 7:1-22

March 31
 Ex. 14:10-31
 Heb. 7:23-8:13

April 1
 Ex. 15:1-18
 Heb. 9:1-28

April 2
 Ex. 15:19-16:12
 Heb. 10:1-18

April 3
 Ex. 16:13-35
 Heb. 10:19-39

April 4
 Ex. 17:1-16
 Heb. 11:1-29

April 5
 Ex. 18:5-27
 Heb. 12:1-24

April 6
 Ex. 19:1-25
 Heb. 13:1-21

April 7
 Ex. 20:1-24
 Luke 4:1-15

April 8
 Ex. 22:20-23:13
 Luke 4:16-30

April 9
 Ex. 23:14-33
 Luke 4:31-44

April 10
 Ex. 24:1-18
 Luke 5:1-16

April 11
 Ex. 25:1-22
 Luke 5:17-39

April 12
 Ex. 31:1-18
 Luke 6:1-19

April 13
 Ex. 32:1-14
 Luke 6:20-38

April 14
 Ex. 32:15-35
 Luke 6:39-49

April 15
 Ex. 33:1-23
 Luke 7:1-17

April 16
 Ex. 34:1-28
 Luke 7:18-35

April 17
 Ex. 34:29-35:21
 Luke 7:36-50

April 18
 Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23, 27-31
 Luke 8:1-21

April 19
 Ex. 39:32-40:16
 Luke 8:22-39

April 20
 Ex. 40:17-38
 Luke 8:40-56

April 21
 Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36
 Luke 9:1-17

April 22
 Lev. 9:1-24
 Luke 9:18-36

April 23
 Lev. 10:1-20
 Luke 9:37-62

April 24
 Lev. 16:1-24
 Luke 10:1-22

April 25
 Lev. 17:1-16
 Luke 10:23-42

April 26
 Lev. 18:1-7, 20-19:8
 Luke 11:1-13

April 27
 Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37
 Luke 11:14-36

April 28
 Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27
 Luke 11:37-54

April 29
 Lev. 21:1-24
 Luke 12:1-12

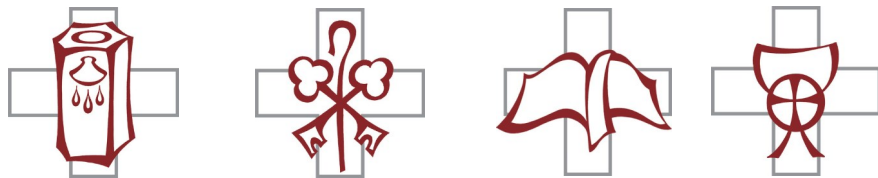
April 30
 Lev. 23:1-22
 Luke 12:13-34



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.



Please Pray for our
Shut In Members

Grace Bates

Jane Brown

Geneva Brueck

Mary Ann Bulmahn

Marilyn Dunaway

Wilma Forks

Mary Ann Gallmeyer

Janice Gilreath

LaVera Linker

Helen Miller

Tom & Marge Myers

Sally Neilson

Sandra Poling

Helen Purvis

Jim Purvis

Ed & Sally Schwehn

Ralph Seddelmeyer

Barb Shriver

Elna Szink

Kenneth Werling

Jim & Anita Wise

RUMMAGE SALE

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 18th from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, April 19th 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 14th**, setting up and sorting starts at 1:00 p.m.

No donations will be accepted after Tuesday, April 16th (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 14th. 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!**

Forgiveness for Lent



All ladies are invited to
**A Lenten Devotion
and Brunch**

**Saturday, March 16
10 a.m.**

at Ascension Lutheran Church
8811 Saint Joe Road
Fort Wayne, IN

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES
www.lhm.org

INDIANA LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION
Energizing Mission
Psalm 89:1-2

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler,
SPEAKER OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR®



SESSION LEADER: Rev. Jason Taber
Outreach Pastor, Cornerstone Lutheran Church,
Indianapolis Campus

SESSIONS:

- Our Lutheran Witness and the Means of Grace
- Dialogues with Those God Sends to Us

**SATURDAY
March 16, 2024**

St. Michael Lutheran Church
2131 Getz Rd • Ft. Wayne, IN 46804

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.
Convention begins at 9:30 a.m.
Closing Worship Service at 2:30 p.m.

Registration: \$20 per person
Includes lunch

For more information or questions, please contact:
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REGISTRATION FORM 2024 INDIANA LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION

Registration deadline **March 5**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Attendees: _____ at \$20 each (includes lunch) Total Enclosed: _____



Congratulations to our graduating class of Stephen Ministers, who recently completed their Stephen Ministry training on February 6! This class gathered in fellowship twice weekly from November - February to learn principles and skills that have equipped them to provide high-quality, Christ-centered, emotional and spiritual care to others. We are so grateful for the ability to continue building this ministry and happily welcome the graduating members of the second class of Stephen Ministers, since renewing our ministry here at Emanuel. The team was commissioned during the Divine Services on Sunday, February 11, and are looking forward to serving their first care-receiver in their time of need. Congratulations to Michael and Patricia Schultz, Pam Robinson, and Laura Robinette!

The team was led in training by our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Elaine Fisher, Julie Hockemeyer, Heather Pankop, and Kathy Schaffer and are supported through counseling and Pastoral care by Jill Buhlman & Pastor Stecker.

Remember - If you or anyone you know may be in need of a Stephen Minister, please contact our Church Office. Your request will be held in confidentiality and forwarded to a member of our Stephen Ministry Leadership/ Pastoral team who will work to pair you with a minister who is ready and willing to be a supportive listener and friend for anyone in need.

In His Grace,

Your Stephen Ministry Leadership Team





Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

LYFE Lenten Bible Reading Challenge is back!

Spend 40 days reading through the book of Matthew. Check our story on social media every day for highlights. The congregation is encouraged to read along with us!

LYFE LENTEN BIBLE READING CHALLENGE - 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2/18 Matthew 1:1-17	2/19 Matthew 1:18-25	2/20 Matthew 2:1-23	2/21 Matthew 3:1-17	2/22 Matthew 4:1-25	2/23 Matthew 5:1-26	2/24 Matthew 5:27-48
2/25 Matthew 6:1-15	2/26 Matthew 6:16-34	2/27 Matthew 7:1-29	2/28 Matthew 8:1-34	2/29 Matthew 9:1-38	3/1 Matthew 10:1-15	3/2 Matthew 10:16-42
3/3 Matthew 11:1-15	3/4 Matthew 11:16-30	3/5 Matthew 12:1-21	3/6 Matthew 12:22-50	3/7 Matthew 13:1-58	3/8 Matthew 14:1-36	3/9 Matthew 15:1-39
3/10 Matthew 16:1-12	3/11 Matthew 16:13-28	3/12 Matthew 17:1-27	3/13 Matthew 18:1-35	3/14 Matthew 19:1-30	3/15 Matthew 20:1-16	3/16 Matthew 20:17-34
3/17 Matthew 21:1-11	3/18 Matthew 21:12-46	3/19 Matthew 22:1-46	3/20 Matthew 23:1-39	3/21 Matthew 24:1-28	3/22 Matthew 24:29-51	3/23 Matthew 25:1-46
3/24 Matthew 26:1-19	3/25 Matthew 26:20-75	3/26 Matthew 27:1-26	3/27 Matthew 27:27-66	3/28 Matthew 28:1-20	3/29 	3/30 

 Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

PIC•COLLAGE

ULTRAZONE THE ULTIMATE LASER ADVENTURE



On Sunday, January 21, EJV Worked Hard and Played Hard. They made Cards of Hope for cancer patients through the organization Phil's Friends, then it was time for some laser tag!



Emanuel members Lizzie Gatchell, Augie Hoover, Emily Castens, Andrew Castens, Shelby Anderson, Cillian Hoover, Ashton Widenhoefer, Pastor Hoover, and Reagan Salzbrenner (from St. Paul Gar Creek) reunited at the Y4Life Conference in Washington D.C. as part of their trip to the National March for Life.

Emily, Shelby, Cillian, Ashton, Reagan, and Pastor Hoover traveled with Right to Life of Northeast Indiana in a caravan of 3 buses.

Lizzie and Augie flew from Chicago with CUC4Life while Andrew flew from Nebraska with CUNE Bulldogs4Life.

Y4Life "seeks to equip high-school- and college-aged youth to be Gospel-motivated voices 4 Life" and is part of Lutherans for Life.

March Birthdays

Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains poured for me the lifeblood from His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal in that blood I find; blest be His compassion, infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream which from endless torment did the world redeem!

Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies; but the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high, angel hosts rejoicing make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices, swell the mighty flood; louder still and louder praise the precious blood!

CLS Chapel Hymn of the Month: LSB 433

2
Jack Cain
Linda Friend
Michelle Widenhoefer
Tayler Knoblauch

3
Rose Sweet
Denise Sauders
Donna Baker

4
Marilyn Dunaway
Janet Locatelli
Julie Vincenski
Scarlett Gillingham

5
Cathy Dunn
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
Gabiella Gillingham
Racheal Zellers
Eric Richeson
Mattis Richeson
Casey Cheviron

9
Cynthia Louis
Brent Bremer

10
Jane Brown
Randy Short
Elly Vardaman
Isabella Essex

11
Ned Busche
Sue Bunnell

12
Helen Fisher
Brandon Parker
Kenzi Swygart
Mason Jackson

13
Dennis Bradtmiller
Brad Peters
Shelby Anderson

14
Mark Schuller
Karly Gotschall
Rylee Benjamin

15
Colleen Peters
Vayda Schorey

16
Ryan Hellinger
Chrystal Pranger
Jakob Girardot
Sophia Russell

18
Donald Vogtman
Marilyn Herman
Brenda David
Nancy Graham
Grayson Price

19
Troy Waidelich
Jodi Espy
Jami Girardot
Emmett Cheviron

20
Vicky Schmidt
Chloe Lynch
Lucas Carter

21
Renee Schuller

22
Kelly Gerig
Tyrus Gatchell
Kathryn Fitzwater

24
Jaime Renninger
Rachel Remenschneider
Laura Robinette
Samuel Hartman
Jaxon Espy
Joshua Smith

25
Richard Yingling
Christopher Graham
Noah Andrus

26
Karen Rodriguez
Nick Price

27
Joellyn Rinard
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
Sara Scavone
Norah Werling
Lilliana Hernandez
Henry Werling
Elizabeth Hoepfner

31
Amber Rhodes



April Birthdays

1

Charlene Hormann
Karson Fensler
Alyrah Page

2

Sharon Christianer
Marcie Weber
Robert Knight

3

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 Couture
Liam Herman

9

Kay Remenschneider
Brody Oberlin
Raymond Jones, III
Amy Simkins

10

Ruth Seddelmeyer
Steven Aiton
Mackenna Sorg
Coltyn Richeson

11

Coleen Harmon
Milan Mutzfeld

12

Kati Blair
Nicole Messman
Kyler Bayes
Hadlee Shipp
Eleanor Bender
Oliver Rehwaldt

13

Makayla Coomer
Zion Kinnee

14

Timothy Werling
Bella Meadows
Landon Carter

15

Gilbert Bradtmueller
Philip Locatelli
Judy McMichael
Max Meyer

16

Lowell Brueck
Cinda Lambert
Tamara Cheviron

17

Kelly Blair
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

Cortney Dommer
Grant Bremer
Ezekiel Hogle

23

Ashley Galentine

24

Taylor Yoder
Hunter Espy
Carter Yoder
Ezekiel Yoder
Vincent Siders

25

David Stecker
Victoria Nzekwe
Sue Dahling
Brian Blair
Chad Bauer

27

Patricia Speaks
Thomas Myers
Benjamin Swygart

28

Hudson Blair
Zachary Burnside
Olivia Long
Nicholas Dager
Kaitlynn Pontsler

29

Jayne Scheele
Lisa Babb
Hannah Biedess
Meadow Remenschneider

*Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall
me. Brighter scenes will then
commence; this shall be my
confidence.*

*Jesus lives! To Him the throne high
above all things is given. I shall go
where He is gone, live and reign
with Him in heaven. God is
faithful; doubtings hence! This
shall be my confidence.*

*Jesus lives! For me He died, hence
will I, to Jesus living, pure in heart
and act abide, praise to Him and
glory giving. All I need God will
dispense; this shall be my
confidence.*

*Jesus lives! I know full well nothing
me from Him shall sever. Neither
death nor pow'rs of hell part me
now from Christ forever. God will
be my sure defense; this shall be
my confidence.*

*Jesus lives! And now is death but
the gate to life immortal; this shall
calm my trembling breath when I
pass its gloomy portal. Faith shall
cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my
confidence!*

**CLS Chapel Hymn of the Month:
LSB 490**

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MISSION STATEMENT:

*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 Thursday, March 7.*

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	
Hyacinths 7" Pot \$10			
	Quantity	Yellow	
Blue	-	Azalea 6" Pot \$22	
			Quantity
Pink	-	Pink	
White	-	Hydrangea 6" Pot \$22	
Purple	-		Quantity
Tulips 6" Pot \$10			
	Quantity	Pink	
Pink		Blue	
Red	-	Daffodils 7" Pot \$10	
			Quantity
Orange		Dwarf Yellow	
Yellow	-	Standard Yellow	-
Purple			