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Emanuel: God With Us ~

Loving Christ - Loving Others

April ~ May 2018 Good News Newsletter

Easter Is Eternal



If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that **eternal truth is eternal**. You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again. Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow ... but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn.

—Donald H. Tippet



Maundy Thursday Worship - March 29 @ 7:00p.m.

In keeping with Jesus' final command to his disciples before his death, may we love one another, both in worship and when we depart.

Good Friday Worship - March 30 @ 7:00p.m.

"Everyone has sinned Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in His sight ... through Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:23-24, NLT). Let us worship our Savior.

Easter Sunday Worship - April 1:

6:30a.m. Sunrise Service;

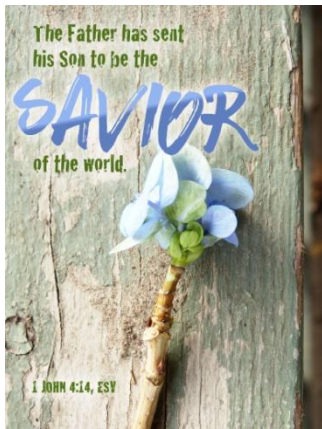
7:15-10:00a.m. Easter Breakfast;

8:00a.m.; 9:15a.m.; and 10:30a.m. - Easter Worship

"The resurrection ... was only the beginning of a great, grand and vast outreach that has never ended and will not end until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again."

—A.W. Tozer

A Message from Pastor Mark Schuring



For You. For Me. For Us.

Avid students of the Small Catechism marvel at the simplicity of Luther's answer to the potentially vexing question, "Who, then, is worthy to receive this sacrament?"

Luther's answer: the person who has faith in the words, "for you."

Faith is what lies behind the single word we say when receiving the sacrament. After hearing the words, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you," our "Amen" spoken in response is not primarily an affirmation of the claim that this is Christ's body and blood, but that Christ's body and blood are "for me!"

"Amen!" we say. "As surely as I am in need of forgiveness, life and salvation, so surely has Christ given me and all sinners this wondrous gift! Amen!"

Luther's answer is no innovation, but a perfectly simple application of the apostolic faith to a person of faith. In the creed, we find the same joyful confession: "For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven." Understood in light of the communicant's single-word response, "Amen," our use of the creed is not primarily to identify a list of divine attributes and actions we hold to be true, but to embrace the whole business as having been done "for us!"

In the spirit of this joyful, simple faith, let me draw your attention to a Lenten hymn written about 100 years before Luther, Oh Love, How Deep. (LBW #88; ELW #322) Its medieval English tune can be a little stark for some, but as a treasure of "for us" faith, this hymn has no rival.

No less than thirteen times, the hymn sounds forth with one or another example of how Christ's life was lived, given, endured, shared, "for us."

The first "for us" is Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan River. The last is his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit at Pentecost. And as a frame around all thirteen examples of Jesus' self-giving for us, the hymn's author names the incarnation and our hope of eternal life.

At every turn, the pious 15th century monastic author of this hymn, Thomas à Kempis, sees Christ giving himself again for us and for our salvation. His hymn has remained in use for 600 years, if you can imagine that! I wonder if its lasting quality is its unabashed awe at the gift of Christ.

And I wonder if we might think of our life in such a way. Perhaps we as a community of faith might think of practical ways to live this out.

The narrative of Christ that we ponder and celebrate is the incarnate God who lives, dies, and rises "for us." In a glorious exchange, God takes our sinfulness and gives us life and salvation in return. If this is the central story of our faith, our simple joy, how can our life together be anything different? Is not the Church, at its best, a community of faith lived for its neighbors?

Rev. Mark Schuring



Consequently Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25

As we studied our lessons for the Fifth Sunday of Lent I came across a commentary from Luther Seminary's *Working Preacher* website written by Jennifer T. Kaalund, an Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York. Her commentary on the Letter to the Hebrews provides some interesting insight into prayer.

Although classed with the letters of the New Testament, the Letter to the Hebrews is considered to be a sermon or as its conclusion labels it, a *word of exhortation*. We heard part of it read on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. As we studied it earlier in the week Kaalund points out that the writer of Hebrews connects the earthly Jesus to the heavenly Christ by informing us, *In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission* (5:7). As Jesus was on this earth he prayed fervently and then the writer of Hebrews reveals that once he ascended to heaven Jesus continues to pray *since he always lives to make intercession for us*.

Jesus' earthly prayers were pleas; Jesus was crying out to God. We can easily recognize this Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane. In Hebrews the writer indicates that Jesus continues to pray. Jesus is referred to as a *priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek*. Kaalund explains that the office of the high priest was held in great regard in antiquity. Priests stand between God and God's people. They are mediators. In fact, the Latin word for priest, *pontifex*, means *bridge maker*. Isn't it appealing to think of the concept of priests or preachers as bridge makers?

What is even more appealing is the thought of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord, as a bridge maker. God sent Jesus of Nazareth to this world to be a bridge maker. Jesus is the connector for us between this world and God's kingdom. God is revealed to us through Jesus and the world is saved through the death and resurrection of Christ.

Another way we can consider Jesus to be a bridge maker is through our prayer life. Kaalund writes; God calls us into relationship, through communication--after all, this is what prayer is--and as a result we move closer to the source of our eternal salvation. Prayer is the iron for that bridge that connects us to God. Jesus, then and there, as well as here and now, prayed for us, makes intercession on our behalf.

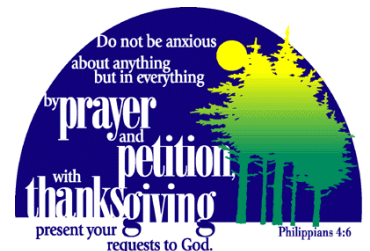
Having someone in our corner, being our rock when we find ourselves in hard places provides an example for how we are to act likewise. Can you be a rock? Will you build a bridge?

So as we celebrate this Easter Season let us continue to keep the words of St. Paul in mind as we deepen our prayer lives and strive to be bridge makers...

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

Until next time, may the peace and healing of God be with you all.

Deacon Kevin



The Final Confirmation Dates for 2018 are April 15 and May 13. We will be on retreat at LMC April 20-22 and **Confirmation will be on the Feast of Pentecost** Sunday, May 20 at the 10:30 service. **Keep the Class in your prayers.**



A Message From Family Life Ministry Coordinator - Tanyce Addison

I want to **thank all of you** for your guiding prayers and support for the Emanuel youth and our Family Life Ministry. In our Service Sundays, activities, and weekly classes we are experiencing God's love and purpose in our lives. Thank you.

Easter Sunday - April 1

The youth will lead our 6:00a.m. Sunrise Worship
then they will be serving Easter Breakfast
from 7:15a.m. to 10:00a.m.

Menu:

EASTER EGG CASSEROLE; STEAMING HOSANNA SAUSAGES
PRAISE PANCAKE STATION with all the fixings! HALLELUIA PASTRIES!
JOY OF BEVERAGES - WATER, JUICE and a CHRISTIAN COFFEE BAR!

Don't miss our EASTER CELEBRATION at the SUNRISE SERVICE
and BREAKFAST!

The **Mission Trip Lock In** was a success! We are so excited to be heading to Benton Harbor at the end of June! We will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner in the spring to help with funds, but most of all for you to meet these kids that are sharing God's news to the state up north!!



Coming up!

April 15 is our next Service Sunday.

We will be planting seeds! Come and see!

May 20 is Confirmation Day! We will be serving breakfast to the Confirmands families at 9:15!

MAY 27 Sunday School Recognition Morning during the 9:15 hour! Come and thank our dedicated teachers!



Vacation Bible School will be at Emanuel this summer. We are trying it during the daytime and including our Childcare children. The themes is "Shipwrecked". Mark the dates of **June 4 - June 7** on your calendars! **9:00 - 11:30a.m.** and we will be serving lunch! **WE ARE SEEKING** Volunteers to teach, help, prepare, and **SERVE** during this adventure!

We were thrilled to donate items to the

Ronald McDonald House and Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus in honor of **Cayden Jolliff**.

This was possible with all the love shown by our Sunday School children and adults at our March 18 Service Sunday!

Thanks every one for your donations and support! We are still collecting pull tabs!



Alicia Mayes Spring Message:



Some of you in the congregation may not be aware of what happens to the food after you donate it on *Care and Share Sunday*. I thought I would explain.

If you have noticed there is always a list in the bulletin each month telling us in the congregation what is needed for *Care and Share Sunday*. The food is housed in the church office on well-organized shelves. Sometimes there is too much of this or that so the list tells you what the Food Pantry needs.

To collect your donations Frank Fanello places the donation containers at the front and side entrances to the church. The following Monday Bill Lambert and Roger Klepzig bring the items to the Food Pantry and sort and shelve them. A big thank you to Frank, Bill, and Roger for doing this. It's a big job to carry all these items from the church to the office, sort, and shelve.

Those who receive food are referred to us by Love INC. Volunteers of LoveINC contact the church office with the family name and number of individuals in the family and also ages of the children. The office staff then go to the pantry and bag the food and toiletries.

Each family is given a 3 day supply of food to cover 3 meals a day. We also give each order: toilet paper, dish detergent, laundry detergent, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, etc. It's important that we remember the toiletries and detergent. These items are not always available.

The church office also does referrals from local agencies such as Marca, the Health Department, Turning Point, etc. We also receive names from our own church family.

This is a wonderful outreach for our church family and community. Remember, it's the 4th Sunday of every month.

The **Social Ministry Board** is again working this year with Voice of Hope and their Baby Bottle Campaign to raise money for their ministry. The Board Members will have Baby Bottles available on Sunday, May 6, the campaign runs through May 27. Thanks in advance for your support.



*Prayers
Go Up
Blessings
Come Down*

Message from the Board of Communication/Evangelism: Do you like the idea of a quick prayer, a moment with someone in need or just a smile? **Blessings to Go** is a developing Ministry at Emmanuel Lutheran. This ministry is looking for people who may be interested in providing prayers and blessings on the go. If you would like more information about this ministry, please sign up in the Gathering Space or contact Tanya Vela or Ann Thomas. We will be having a training in the near future.

The **May Fellowship Lunch** will be Thursday, **May 3 at 11:30AM**. Our speaker is Dr. Vale from the Marion Medical Campus speaking on "Sugar Is Bad For You!" Hope to see you there, Sue Rakow, Lou Ann Showalter, and I, Alicia Mayes hope you will join us.





100th Year Anniversary Banner

Carol Hoch and Ann Thomas are making an Anniversary Banner to Celebrate the 100th year of the Emanuel Lutheran Church building.

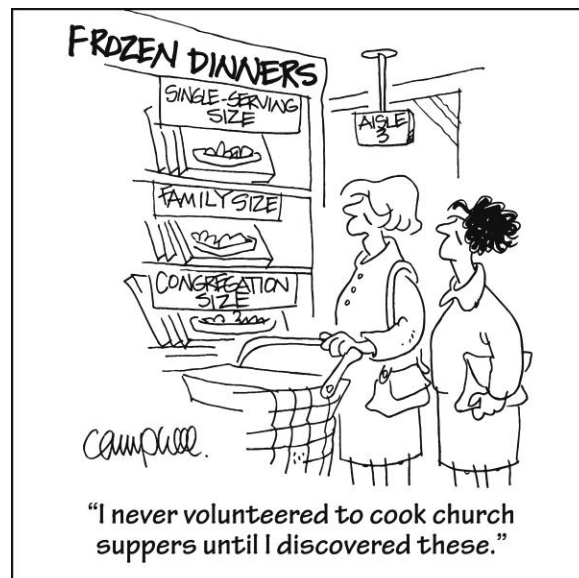
Part of the banner will include the signatures of the current members of the congregation. We will be using 5x5 inch pieces of fabric which will be pieced together into the banner. Church members will be asked to sign the fabric with special fabric pens. On Sunday May 6, 13, 20 and 27 there will be a table in the narthex and one in the Gathering Space for you to sign pieces of fabric. Communion Assistants will help get signatures of homebound members in May and June.

Hauling Hope is the furniture ministry of Love In the Name of Christ. Four churches in Marion are involved with this ministry. The churches provide volunteers to either pick up donations or deliver furniture to those in need. **We currently are in need of useable living room, dining room, and bedroom furniture.** If you have any furniture to donate please contact Love INC at 740-382-3340, office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9-11:30 am or email at mail@loveincmarion.org. Emanuel will be delivering and picking up in June and October. If you are interested in helping move furniture please contact Deacon Kevin.

Waldo Fresh Food Distribution is continuing on Friday, April 6 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waldo. We will collect toilet paper and cleaning products. Food distribution will begin at 11:00 and finish up at 2:00; workers need to report around 9:30/10:00. A signup sheet is posted in the Gathering Space. Following is a list of the other dates we will be distributing food along with the other items we will be collecting. We always collect toilet paper. **St. Paul's Waldo:** April 6 - Cleaning Products; May 4 - First Aid & Personal Care Items; June 1- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste; July 6 - Deodorant;; August 3 - Soap (dish, body, bar); September 7 - Detergent; October 5th - Hats, Gloves & Scarves; **All Occasions Waldo:** November 1 - Lip Balm & Lotion; December 6 - Socks.



Pastoral Visits: If you would like a pastoral visit due to illness, surgery, hospital stay, temporary stay at a care facility, or for whatever reason that may come about, please call us and we will be glad to get back to you in a timely manner to make arrangements—Pastor Mark and Deacon Kevin.





Eileen Buttermann will celebrate her 96th birthday on April 3.

Jane McMahan will celebrate her 94th birthday on May 17.

Juanita Hartman will celebrate her 91st birthday on May 18.

William VanRiper will celebrate his 90th birthday on May 19.

Virginia Klingel will celebrate her 91st birthday on May 24.

Donna Key will celebrate her 91st birthday on May 30.

Happy Birthday Everyone! Please remember them with your prayers and cards.



The Women's Ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ashland, invite you to join them at the Archer Auditorium, Ashland High School for "That Day Is Coming" Tour by

the Collingsworth Family on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00p.m. More information is posted on the bulletin boards or contact Alicia Mayes.

Holy Communion Instructions were held during



Lent. Emmalee Fish and Amelia Varga received Holy Communion Instructions and will take their first communion at the Maundy Thursday worship. May God bless Emmalee & Amelia

as they continue their Christian Journey.



Thank You: To all the people that remembered me on my 90th birthday, I want to say Thank You. Though some of the deepest feelings are seldom expressed in words, they are forever treasured in the heart. Nellie Cahill.

Thank You to Deacon Kevin for the hospital visits, Pastor Mark for his comforting message, and to the Women of the Church for the wonderful meal after the service. God's blessings, the Family of Mary Porter.

Thank You to Deacon Kevin Kehn for his many visits to our home and his wonderful message for Charles' memorial service. From the Charles Klingel Family: Virginia, Kevin, Sonia & Andrew.

To my Emanuel Family thank you so much for the love and support you have provided over the past few months. The cards and calls were so appreciated. My parents and myself were so touched by those that would stop them - checking on how we are doing. Pastor Mark and Deacon Kevin, your hospital visits meant so much. I am so blessed to be part of this caring family. God's Blessings, Lisa Creager.

Ann Thomas has started her Parish Deacon Internship. The members of the congregation will be asked to participate in several projects. The first project is the Prayer Project. The Prayer projects will involve praying for the church Council/Boards and a second group will pray for Marion County Education and Government workers. The second project is the Faith Stories Project. Members will be interviewed to learn their faith stories which will be documented for the church archives and shared with the congregation. Ann will also provide support to the Evangelism Committee in reaching out to people in the church and the community. You may contact Ann at church or by calling 740-360-3546, If you are interested in assisting in the Prayer and Faith Stories Projects.

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PUZZLE

WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?





Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M	N	O
E	F	G	P	R	S
H	I	L	T	U	Y

" _____ your _____
 and your _____,
 the _____ your _____ has
 _____."
 _____ 5:16, NIV

PUZZLE

RESURRECTION HOPE

 Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because  Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.

Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

2+2 = ____ united 2x3 = ____ death 7+6 = ____ resurrection
 3x3 = ____ certainly 18-16 = ____ have 4-1 = ____ been
 0+1 = ____ if 2x4 = ____ we 13-1 = ____ him
 2+3 = ____ in 20-6 = ____ like 2+5 = ____ his
 2x5 = ____ be 8+3 = ____ with

"For _____ we _____
 with him _____ a _____ like _____,
 _____ will _____ also _____ united
 _____ in a _____
 _____ his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a resurrection like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a death like his. Romans 6:5, NIV