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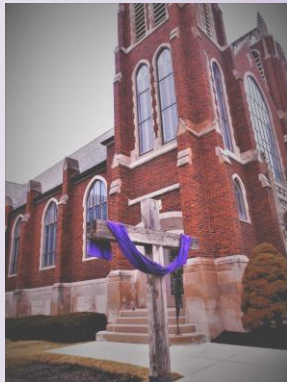
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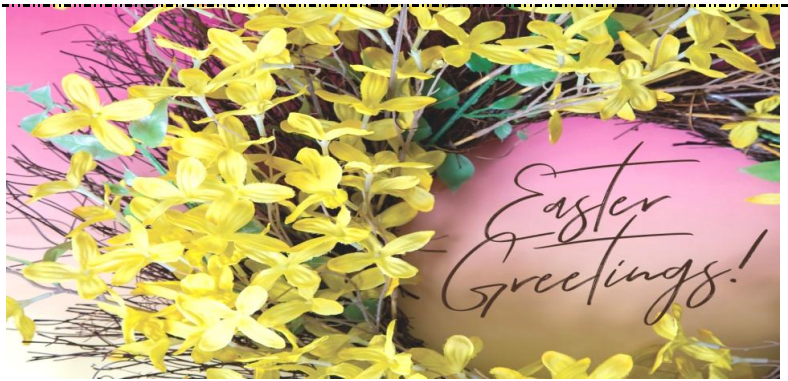
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Emanuel: God With Us ~  
Loving Christ - Loving Others



## Maundy Thursday

April 18 - 7:00p.m.

The service will include:  
Holy Communion,  
First Communion &  
Stripping of the Altar

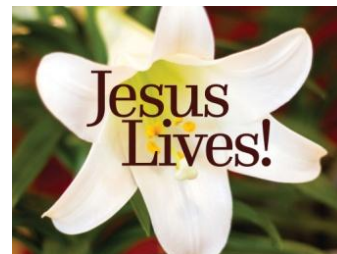
## Good Friday

April 19 - 7:00p.m.

### Tenebrae Service:

The word Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." It can also be translated as "night" or "death." The Tenebrae service is an ancient tradition in Christian history.

The Service is broadcast on WMRN



## Easter Sunrise

April 21 - 6:30a.m.

The Youth will lead this service of celebration.  
Holy Communion will be served.

**Easter Breakfast** will be served following the service until 10:00a.m.

## Easter Worship

April 21-8:00; 9:15; 10:30a.m.

Holy Communion will be served at each service.

**He Lives! Jesus Lives Today! Hallelujah!!!!**

## FROM THE PASTOR



Unless you have neglected to check the news lately, you know that we, as a nation, are in the middle of a situation full of pain, violence, discord and death. This situation has been playing out for decades, and is not declining but rather continually increasing; filling our society with fear, taking away our joy and unfortunately, often hardening our hearts to the point of leaving us paralyzed or speechless just as the prophet Isaiah denounced during his time: *"The just have perished, but no one takes it to heart; The steadfast are swept away, while no one understands"* (Isa 57:1). The joy of living frequently fades, lack of respect for others and violence are on the rise, and inequality is increasingly evident. It is a struggle to live and, often, to live with precious little dignity.

But in my reading of the life and times of Jesus Christ, I believe we are to follow our Lord in the way of peace. As God's church, we are called to reduce violence and should, in most cases, restrain ourselves from using violence. Whether it is a child murdered and stuffed in a bag in Florida or a worshipers in New Zealand, every person wounded or killed is a precious child of God.

As the Pastoral Letter on Violence from the Conference of Bishops states: *"As people of God we begin by confessing our own brokenness - revealed in both our actions and our failure to act. We trust that God will set us free and renew us in our life's work to love our neighbors. In this time of public attention to gun violence, local communities of faith have a unique opportunity to engage this work. As bishops, we were thankful to recognize the many resources our church has already developed. We begin by listening: listening to God, to Scripture, and to each other. Providing a safe place for people to share their own stories, together we discern courses of action. Together we act. And together we return to listening - to assess the effectiveness of our efforts to reduce violence."*

In the Large Catechism Luther says, *'We must not kill, either by hand, heart, or word, by signs or gestures, or by aiding and abetting.'* Violence begins in the human heart. Words can harm or heal. To focus only on guns is to miss the depth of our vocation." These words helps us begin rightly in the discussion by setting the discussion of violence in the proper context: confession, prayer and scripture.

As we CONFESS our own brokenness, we recognize our own participation in violence. I would say the best place to begin this CONFESSION is with the Ten Commandments. In Luther's explanation of the eighth commandment, **"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"**, he wrote *"We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light."*



"Thou shalt not  
bear false  
witness  
against thy  
neighbour."

Can you imagine how much more delightful and constructive our life together would be if we followed this simple commandment? Each and every week, I encounter violence at Emanuel in the spreading of hearsay and gossip. And while you may consider the use of the word "violence" a bit overdone, the effect of these conversations is "life taking."

As our public confession simply asserts, "let's be honest." Let us actively help one another to not sin by turning away from the violence of gossip and betrayal, and turning to coming to one another's defense, speaking well of one another, and interpreting everything we do in the best possible light."



If we start there, maybe we'll have light to shed on the communal violence around us.  
**Pastor Mark**



*Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people...(Luke 6: 17)*

The last two Sundays of Epiphany this year we heard Jesus, in Luke's gospel, teach what is called the Sermon on the Plain. This parallels the more famous and lengthier Sermon on the Mount that is found in Matthew's gospel. Until an article was shared at our weekly lectionary study I had never given it any prior thought that one gospel writer tells us of this great discourse taking place on a plain and another tells us of it taking place on a mountain.

While many Bible commentaries will explain to us that going up the mountain indicates a connection to the divine, just as Moses met God on Mount Sinai, some scholars explain that there is maybe even a greater significance in Jesus teaching the people on the plain--on a *level place*. In Luke's gospel (6:12-49) Jesus begins on the mountain top in prayer through the night, then he calls his twelve disciples and then he begins his teaching and mission on a *level place*.

We can find that the geographical setting of a plain, a *level place*, has a significant function in the Gospel of Luke as we go back into teachings in the Old Testament. Some prophets used the word *level* as they referred to places of corpses, disgrace, idolatry, suffering, misery, hunger, annihilation, and mourning. So then it follows in Luke's gospel that Jesus teaches of the kingdom of God in the very midst of the broken world on such a *level place*. Jesus has come to renew these *level places* that the prophets referred to.

Matthew begins the Sermon on the Mount with nine beatitudes, whereas Luke begins the Sermon on the Plain with four beatitudes and four woes. Jesus is telling us in Luke's gospel that though we are blessed in the kingdom of God that there will also be suffering in this world. It is then on this *level place* that Jesus spells out the representative qualities, the blessings, that we are to live by as the kingdom comes down to our world. While standing in a broken *level place* Jesus teaches the ways of the present and the coming renewal that is the kingdom of God.

Luke's gospel brings us the message that our world is broken and that Jesus blesses our world. As we began our Lent journey on Ash Wednesday we were reminded that sin is part of this world as we received the ashes with the words, *Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return*. These are the very words of God as he banished Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. We are indeed sinners, but Jesus meets us in our sinful world, on this *level place*, and offers us the hope of God's kingdom. The hope that we live in as we know that at the end of our Lenten journey we will not only experience Christ on the cross forgiving us of our sins, but we also will experience the risen Christ who grants us the kingdom of God and allows us to share in his glory. This is indeed the greatest blessing we can embrace in this broken *level place*.

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

-Deacon Kevin

**Confirmation Class News:** April 12-14, the confirmation students will be attending a retreat at Lutheran Memorial Camp.

**Confirmation is on Pentecost** Sunday, June 9 at the 10:30 worship service.





## A Message from Family Life Ministry Coordinator - Parish Deacon Tanyce Addison

The Procession of The Palms into Jerusalem on Passion Sunday, The Remembrance of The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, The Crucifixion on Good Friday and the Glorious Redeeming Resurrection on Easter Sunday extremely important events in our Christian lives. It is very important to teach and share this gift of grace that we receive from our God. " For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

I encourage you to have family discussions and participation in these worship services. May our focus as Christian leaders and disciples of Christ be centered on Jesus Christ.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**All students 3rd grade - High School** are part of the **Easter Sunrise Service**. We will rehearse on Saturday, April 20 at 10AM. Please get your t-shirt sizes to Tanyce.



### Sunrise Easter Service And Breakfast!

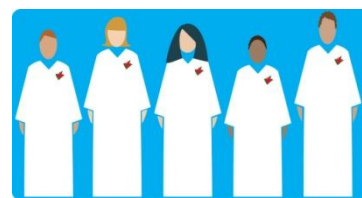
The Youth will be leading the 6:30a.m. Sunrise Service and serving Breakfast following the Sunrise Worship until 10:00a.m. **We are in need of donations** of bulk sausage, eggs, cheese, milk, coffee cakes, orange juice, prepared pancakes (frozen), and milk. If you would like to donate, please let Tanyce know by contacting the church office (740.383-2184) or writing it on your yellow slips! Thank you so much!



### 2019 GRADUATES of High School and College

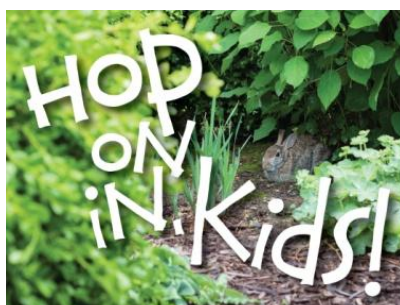
We invite you and your families to a special breakfast at 9:15 in the Parlors on Sunday, May 19. We will have a special gift and presentation for you! Please share this with all those you know who will be graduating this year!

**The Christian Board of Education** will be serving our Confirmation Breakfast on Sunday, June 9 at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlors. All Confirmation Students in the 1st year and their families are also invited as we celebrate with the Confirmation Class of 2019 and their families. Grandparents, aunts and uncles are all invited!

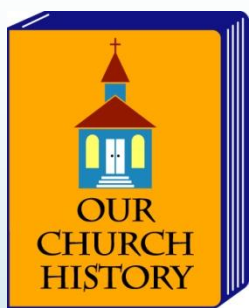


Kudos to Our Confirmands

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** dates will be announced as soon as we confirm when all the Snow Days will be made up! It's going to great fun! Watch for more announcements!



I thought you might find it interesting some of the requests that come in to the church office about the history of Emanuel. When Darlene, our Church Office Manager, gets these requests she sends them to me to research in the archives.



In the past 2 weeks we have had 2 requests. \*One was from a woman that said she and her mother were researching the needlework of the First Ladies and in the process Emanuel had come up as a place that one of the items they were researching was quilted. She said that the "Harding Front Porch Quilt" back in the 1920's, when Warren Harding was President, was quilted at Emanuel. She had 2 newspaper articles she sent with the request telling about the quilt. It was made by the "Whatsoever Circle" of the "Kings Daughters" here in Marion. These ladies had the help of Mrs. Harding. The woman wanted to know any

information that we might have. I found no information at all.

\*We also had a request for a picture of the 5/31/1874 Confirmation Class. This woman is researching her family history and was hoping we had this picture.

I found no information on the "Harding Front Porch Quilt" and the earliest confirmation picture in the archives is 1899.

If any of you have any information about either of these requests would you please let me know.  
Alicia Mayes



**Waldo Fresh Food Distribution  
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waldo**

**Donations:**

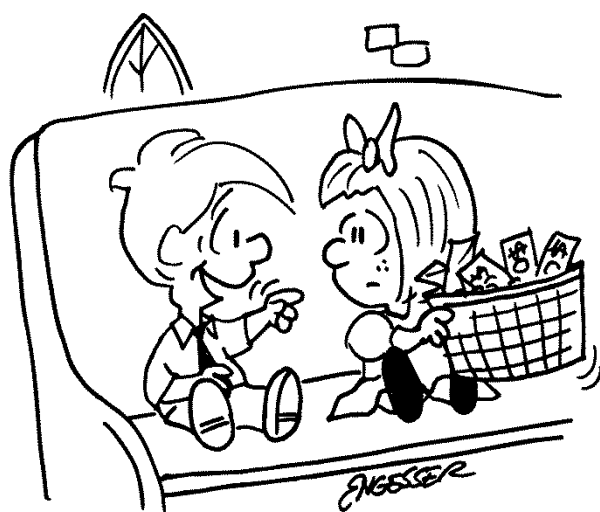
**Friday, April 5--**toilet paper and cleaning products

**Friday, May 3--**toilet paper and first aid/personal care items

**Friday, June 7--**toilet paper and toothbrushes and toothpaste

**Volunteers are always welcome!**

**Join us at 10:00a.m.**



"I put in a jelly bean for pastor."



**Members of our Church Family Celebrating 90 & 90+ Birthdays**

**Eileen Buttermann** - 97th birthday on April 3!

**JoAnn Blank** - 90th birthday on May 3!

**Dewey Yake** - 90th birthday on May 6!

**Jean Roecker** - 90th birthday on May 9!

**Jane McMahan** - 95th birthday on May 17!

**Juanita Hartman** - 92nd birthday on May 18!

**Dr. William VanRiper** - 91st birthday on May 19!

**Virginia Klingel** - 92nd birthday on May 24!

**Donna Key** - 92nd birthday on May 30!

**We remember them with our prayers and cards!**





## Recent Events at Emanuel

**Setting Apart:** On Sunday, February 10, Ann Thomas was commissioned as a Lay Parish Deacon. Those Set Apart to be Parish Deacons are accountable to the pastor and serve in the congregation. Through words and actions the parish deacon brings God's love to all people. Ann is the second person to be commissioned as a Parish Deacon at Emanuel Lutheran.

**Congratulations Ann!**

(Thank you to Daryl Kraner for the pictures)

## **February & March Service Sunday Pictures and Mission Trip Fund Raiser - "Love Event"**







**Thank You:** The Mission Team and Youth would like to extend our deepest gratitude of thanks to all who prayed for us, helped set up, donated items, food, and money, and to all those who attended and shared the evening with us at the 'Love Event.' A very special thank you to The Shovel City Improv Group! It was truly a "LOVE"-ly Event!

**Thanks** to each of you for the prayers, calls and get well cards/wishes during my recent hip surgery. It is a great feeling to know that others care. Bob Lehner

**Thank You** so much for all the beautiful cards that you sent me on my 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. God Bless you all, Nellie Cahill.

**Thank You** from the Youth of Emanuel for your support of their Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. It was great.

**Thank you** for all of the cards, calls, prayers, and good wishes following my surgery. I am blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring family as Emanuel! -- Paul Burnside

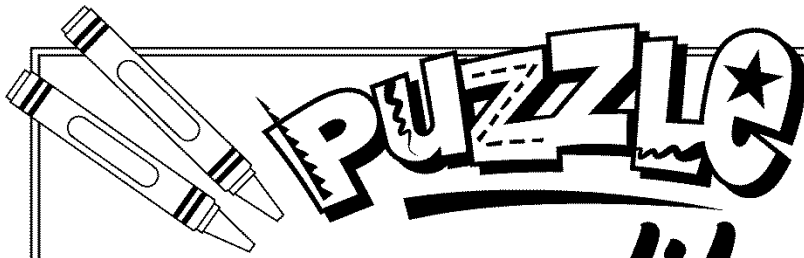
**Thank You** for all the prayers, cards, visits, and food during my illness. My legs are healed after two and a half years, and I have my eye sight back. Still battling cancer and diabetes. So blessed with a loving and caring family at Emanuel. Jeanette Mawer.

**Thank You Comfort Quilters!** March 16 was National Quilting Day! We thank our 'Comfort Quilters' who have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. Lutheran World Relief delivers these gifts that make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors who are struggling with displacement, chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict. Emanuel's Comfort Quilters are: Cindi Bentley, Carla Campton, Bobb Davies, Norma Fanello, Carol Hoch, Chris Kehn, Jeannette Mawer, Elsie Mitchell, and Ann Thomas. If you would like to share in this ministry join the 'Comfort Quilters' on Tuesdays at 8:30a.m. in the Parlor (first floor).



**The Women of The Church** invite you to join them on April 2 at 11:00a.m. as they cut and tie fleece blankets for those in need and for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to donate fleece, contact Joyce Baumgartner for measurements. All we need is you and your favorite pair of scissors!

**Our Lenten Suppers and Worship** continue on Wednesdays thru April 10. Join us for supper - serving from 5:30 to 6:30p.m. in the Parlor (first floor) followed by worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00p.m. All are welcome!



# Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

*Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.*

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)

Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)

Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)

This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)

Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)

Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)

While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)

This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)

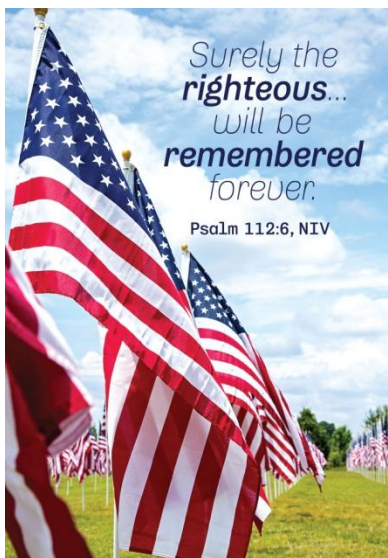
These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)

These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)

Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, spices, linens, stone, silver coins



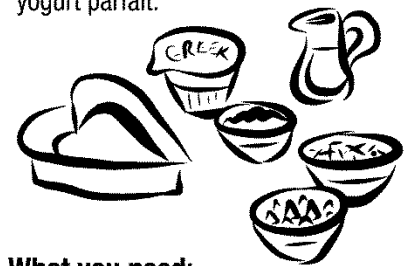
**Memorial Day  
May 27**



# HEART-SHAPED *breakfast*



Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.



## What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

## What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!



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### **Palm Sunday - April 14**

Palm branches are mentioned in only one of the four Gospels (see John 12:12-15). So why do we call the first day of Holy Week Palm Sunday? Tradition plays an important part in church history. During Jesus' time, Rome was the world's leading power. Whenever the Romans were victorious in battle, citizens traditionally threw palm branches in the returning heroes' path. This was the accepted custom of reception. So when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, it was appropriate that he receive a hero's welcome. One week later, he would be victorious over death.

**Join us in Worship on Sunday April 14**  
and wave the Palm Branches as we celebrate

Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem!

The entire Holy Week & Easter Worship Schedule is on the first page of this Newsletter.

**Join Us In Worship:**  
**Sundays:**  
**8:00 or 10:30a.m.**  
**Traditional Worship**  
**9:15a.m. Contemporary**  
**Worship**  
**Sunday School @ 9:15a.m.**

