

The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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We Are Easter People!

We have come through the Season of Lent! We make our way through Holy Week, and shout Alleluia on Easter morning. We spend the next fifty days in the Easter Season until Pentecost.

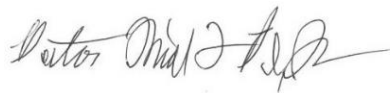
But the truth is, we have been Easter people throughout all of this. And we will be Easter people after Pentecost.

We are Easter people because we live on this side of Christ's resurrection. God, through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit has sealed the promises made to us by God, before we were formed.

Even on Good Friday, we are Easter people; even on Good Friday, we know that Easter is coming. There is no doubt.

So, go out into the world, proclaiming the Easter story that Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Peace,



Pastor Mike

CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED *Alleluia*

Sunday School News

- April 2 - Palm Sunday
Please meet in the Gathering Space at 9:10 where our Sunday School class will participate in the palm procession. Then, it's back up to our classroom to fill eggs and pack baskets for our "Eggers" to deliver.
- April 9 - Easter Sunday
Join us at 9:15 for an Easter egg hunt and hear about the resurrection of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ
- April 30 - Movie Day
Meet us on the 4th floor for a movie, snacks and crafting.

This month we are focusing on: The King is Coming, An Easter Surprise, Doubting Thomas Believes, The Road to Emmaus and The Good Shepherd's Voice.



Scholarship Recipient Announced

Congratulations to Austen Valentine, who has been awarded the Rita Herbst Scholarship for this year. Austen is planning on attending Terra State Community College in Fremont, Ohio. He will be working to become a Physical Therapy Assistant.

Training for Acolytes in Worship

We will have a short training session for all who would like to serve in this very important leadership role. The role of acolyte is open to people of all ages, one through one hundred. We are just asking that if the person is a younger youth, that an adult be with them at worship to help them out a little. We will gather in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:30am worship service on Sunday April 30th. If this is a ministry you might want to try, feel free to join us.

Childcare is collecting empty frosting containers!

If you use store bought frosting, don't toss that container. Childcare teachers have found out they are the perfect size for storing crayons! They don't have use for lots of frosting (though the kids might disagree), but if you have empty containers they will gladly take them to repurpose. Thank you!



You Know You Are A Steadfast Lutheran If...



- You never questioned where the money in the Birthday Bank went, and subconsciously you still save your pennies for it.
- You think that playing cards at Church Camp is pushing the sanctioned activity list a little too far.
- You believe that dancing should not be a part of Lutheran wedding celebrations because the Bunny Hop, Macarena, Electric Slide or Cha Cha Slide are not in any of the hymnals.

Musings from the Church Mouse...

I know Jesus can turn water into wine, but is Jesus changing the color of our grape juice at Communion??

As the one who usually downs the leftovers, it's been very confusing for me. First, we had those pre-packaged juices from when we still had COVID restrictions. But I'll be honest, the taste of those was starting to get a little old for this ole' mouse. And my tiny fingers couldn't get those things open anyway. I would just lick the open ones!

Then, all of a sudden, there was grape juice in them little glasses you all use. But it was white grape juice. My eyes couldn't see them the first time I scurried over them trays, my feet went into one cup and it was sticky wet! I couldn't tell because it matched the color of the tray and blended in.

Now, it looks like you have gone to grape-colored grape juice, which looks like wine! What is going on? But I tasted it, and it is juice.

If I ever see that blue or orange stuff the kids are drinking, I am going to stay away!

See ya' at worship!
Church Mouse



Holy Week Worship Services

April 2nd – Palm Sunday, 8am, 9:15am, 10:30am – We will remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the waving of palms.

April 5th Holy Wednesday, 7pm – We will have our final Lenten Midweek worship, looking at the last petition of the Lord's Prayer. There will be a dinner before starting at 5pm.

April 6th – Maundy Thursday, 7pm – Worship will include Holy Communion, a foot washing, and the stripping of the altar.

April 7th – Good Friday, 12noon – Stations of the Cross; 7pm - Worship will include an Adoration of the Cross.

April 9th – Sunday of the Resurrection, 8am – Easter Sunrise Service will include a drama and Holy Communion. Worship at 9:15am and 10:30am will include Holy Communion.

He is Risen

Pastor Poole's Pins

These are the pins that got Pastor Mike started in collecting – Hard Rock Café pins! The first one was Jesus playing the guitar (we had an article last year on that pin – When Pastor Mike was an intern here and went with Emanuel youth to the Youth Gathering in Atlanta). Pastor Mike tries to pick up a Hard Rock pin when he travels if there is one in the area and he can get to it.

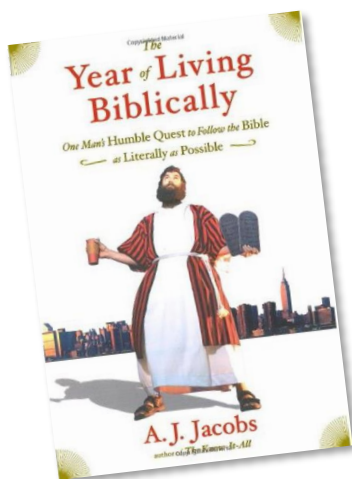


Journey Through the Bible Together

Pastor Mike has started a new Bible study on Sunday afternoons. We are taking time to read the entire Bible together, from Genesis to Revelation, from cover to cover. It is interesting that the vast majority of Christians have not actually read the entire Bible once. This is the book that we confess to be the rule, source, guide and norm of all that we think, say, and do. Maybe we should actually read it.

We began with Genesis and will take one to three weeks working through each book, depending on the discussion and conversation. Pastor Mike has notes and handouts to guide us through this journey. This has always been an enjoyable journey for Pastor Mike in all his congregations. We have about 20 people gathering for this study, but there is still more room for you to join us.

We meet on Sundays from 2p – 4p. We will meet most Sundays. You don't have to be at every single week to get benefit from the study. We will let everyone know where we are in the Bible from week to week. So, join us when you are able. We have just completed 1 Chronicles, so you can still jump in!



Book Study

Our Lenten book study was "The Last Week – What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem," by Marcus J. Borg & John Dominic Crossan. We had almost 30 people working through the book. The summer book study will be "The Year of Living Biblically – One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible", by A.J. Jacobs. A year or so ago, there was a television series (very short lived) that was based on this book. **We will be starting up in May**, so go ahead and grab your copy of the book.

Communication and Evangelism

A few notes of interest...

- Our prayer room is up and running in the chapel. It is available anytime the building is open. The boards inside the chapel, feature parts of “The Lord’s Prayer” for your consideration and prayer. We have even included a singing bowl and an electric windmill.
- We are holding a prayer vigil on Holy Saturday, April 8th. It will be 24 hours, not 12. Most of this vigil will take place in your home. We will have the church open from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, so you can come to the church and pray. In the Gathering Space there is a sign-up sheet and prayer resources.
- Prayer Ventures is a monthly resource created by the ELCA. We will continue to have copies in the Gathering space. This guide allows you to pray with people throughout the nation with the same voice.
- We are hosting the Lenten meal on April 5th, Chili and baked potato bar, yum. We will also be hosting the Sunday morning snacks on June 11th.
- Upcoming events
 - Our team will be pairing up with the Board of Fellowship to have a joint meal/ card making event. This will occur in June. More information to come.
 - We also will be pairing up with the Board of Spiritual Life to have a blessing of the bookbag event in August. We plan on making this a big deal and will invite the community to join us.

Social Ministry News...

Saturday, April 15 is our spring **Laundry Day**. We will again be working with Colonial Laundromats from 11:00– 2:00 to provide washing and drying for our neighbors in need. Sign up to work with us for an hour or longer and join in this worthwhile project, it is a great experience. Work at either 610 Bellefontaine Ave or 587 N Main St location. Find the signup sheet in the Gathering Space beginning March 26.

At the monthly **Fresh Food Distribution** we are looking for May recipes that include bananas, broccoli, cauliflower and eggplant. Want to join in? May recipes should be dropped off in the Social Ministry mailbox in the Martin Luther room or sent to Barb Russo at russofarm3@gmail.com by April 26.

Our next **GWOH** opportunity to serve benefits the Oak Unit Creative Crochet Therapy program at Marion Correctional Facility. Members of this program learn to crochet and the items they make are donated to Faith Mission Homeless Project, abuse shelters, and VA homes in the area. During April, May, and June we want to collect your unused or excess yarn of any color or weight that will be given to this group for their use. So, when spring cleaning, don’t throw away that yarn; donate it to benefit this program. Look for the wicker laundry basket in the Gathering Space throughout April, May, and June. Your donations help men develop a contemplative habit, learn to make something useful and beautiful as well as experience the joy that comes with giving of oneself.

Reminder: Please leave the handicap parking spaces available for those who need them. Thank you!





Welcome to the April Music Notes!

"April, Come She Will" goes the song by Paul Simon. And with it brings Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the first four Sundays of Easter. The final Lenten mid-week service will be on Wednesday April 5th, with services following on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We will then resume our regular schedule of Thursday evening services beginning on April 13th.

This month I would like to say a few words about some of the hymns we will be singing in April, as they may be unfamiliar to us. Our Closing Hymn on Palm Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 will be the *Pange Lingua* ("Sing, My Tongue"), ELW #356. A Medieval Latin hymn attributed to Venantius Fortunatus, 6th century Bishop of Poitiers. It is traditionally sung at the Divine Offices of Matins and Lauds during Passiontide.

Rest assured we will not be singing this hymn in Latin or to the original Plainchant tune (LBW #355). Instead, we will be singing the English translation by Anglican Priest John Mason Neale (1818-1866), to a more recent hymn tune by Carl Schalk (1929-2021). Schalk, professor of church music at Concordia University Chicago, was a prolific composer of choral compositions, hymn tunes, and carols. Several of his hymn tunes are found in the ELW.

The text of "*Sing, My Tongue*" tells the story of the crucified Christ, beginning with the fall of humanity in the Garden of Eden, through the birth of Jesus and his ministry, to His death on the Cross, "like a lamb he humbly yielded on the cross his dying breath." The text then turns to the Cross itself, "O tree of glory," upon which did the "Lord of heav'nly beauty gently on your arms extend." The "faithful" cross, the "noblest tree," is the symbol of the world's redemption, and its "burden" is Christ on the Cross, which sets us free.

We will be singing another hymn tune by Carl Schalk on April 23rd, the 3rd Sunday of Easter. The Gospel for that day is Luke 24:13-35, which tells the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Encountering a stranger on the road, He reveals Himself as the risen Christ as they break bread together that evening, They then go to the rest of the disciples and tell them that the Lord has risen indeed.

The hymn, "*Day of Arising*", ELW #374, explicitly retells this story, reminding us of Christ's promise, that He is with us in the bread and wine. The beautiful, evocative text is by the late hymn writer Susan Palo Cherwien, 1953-2021. "Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,/bread of compassion, open our eyes./Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning/that all creation with you may rise."

Another hymn that we will sing on April 23rd, also based on Luke 24:13-35, is "*Stay With Us*", found in *With One Voice* #743. The hymn text is by the great Lutheran pastor and hymn writer Herbert Brokering (1926-2009), and the tune is by the organ and choral composer Walter Pelz (b. 1926). Brokering takes the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and turns the experience of their longing, grieving, and joyous hearts into our own. Jesus is implored to "open our eyes," to "take us to [His] side," to "lift the heavy cross," to "take us to the light," which is the "prize" of His Resurrection.

Although these hymns may be new to us, I believe they will enrich our worship and understanding of the Biblical texts from which derive. As always, I encourage you to take a moment to read and meditate on the hymn texts prior to worship. This may lead to a deeper appreciation and understanding of the hymns we sing during Worship.

I will leave you with final verse of "*Stay With Us*", *With One Voice* #743:

Stay with us, till day is done:
no tears nor dark shall dim the sun.
Cheer the heart, your grace impart:
Jesus, bring eternal life.

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul

HEAVY METAL



Teri, Ron, Barkley and Wagston

Look! Up in the sky! Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No. It's just lil ol' me, Batina Belfry swooping down to reveal this month's special ringer. Hint: she's everywhere, does everything asked of her, plus so much more, and scurries around more than our church mouse. She's our favorite dynamo, Teri Turner. From way up here, it's amazing to see her go so many places so quickly.

"Miss Teri" grew up here in Marion, graduated from Pleasant, Ohio Wesleyan University and the Ohio State University where she received her Master's degree in Vocal Music Education. Going out into the real world, she was a music teacher at River Valley schools for 34 years; leading elementary children for 9 years and the remaining time at the middle and high schools. She has experienced all aspects of the music education life from directing bands and choruses to musicals at the Palace.

Before coming to Emanuel, she and her husband Ron attended Trinity Baptist Church where they participated in all the available music programs, including bell choir. Now at Emanuel, this self-described "Lutherapist" follows her mother's adage: "It's better to wear out than rust out" by leading the Praise Team, directing the children's choir, and being a member of the adult choir. When not performing musically, Teri serves the Lord by operating the sound system with an occasional break to read during the services and participates in the Thanks and Giving ministry.

Outside of the church she can be seen with her "boys" Wagston and Barkley going to nursing homes to spread doggie love therapy to others.

I don't know how she makes time for her hobbies of sewing and arts and crafts. For rest and relaxation, she and her family travel out of the country, having visited about 23 countries. We're so very glad when she comes back!

Whew! I can't keep up with her, even using my wings. So, enjoy yourselves during the seasons ahead; and most of all, be a blessing to others.

From the rafters,
BB

Faith Journeys

Our Faith Journeys event for April will be the Mission/Vision/Identity Workshop. We will be looking at what the Bible says about mission, vision and identity of the church. Other topics during the day will be mission / vision statements, context, and how do we get started.

Future Faith Journey Events:

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| • Wednesday | April 5 | 7pm | Lenten Lord's Prayer worship |
| • Saturday | April 15 | 9a-5p | Mission / Vision / Identity Workshop |
| • Monday | May 22 | 6p-7p | Faith Journey Questions |
| • Sunday-Friday | June | 25,26,27,28,29,30 | Confirmation Camp |

Looking Back with Alicia Mayes

In my research I found that the first Lenten supper was held in February of 2015. Before that, we had Lenten lunches on Wednesdays through Lent. The Lenten suppers are before the church services and hosted by different boards and groups. In 2020 Ash Wednesday service was on February 26. Our Daycare hosted the supper on March 4th and Altar Guild hosted March 11th. That's when everything changed. The Covid-19 threat closed the church to all services. The Lenten suppers were suspended for 2021 and 2022. This year the suppers have returned! Please come and enjoy food and fellowship before Lenten worship.

Until next time,
Alicia



Thank you for all the support through Patrick's long fight with dementia. We especially appreciate the visits from Pastor Mike and Deacon Ann, the lovely remembrance throw from the congregation, the funeral meal, the cards, the Facebook messages, the personal expressions of sympathy, and the donations to Emmanuel in Patrick's memory. Our strength came from your prayers. The Patrick Thomas family.



Thanks to everyone who sent cards and prayers my way on my 90th birthday. I enjoyed two good days of celebration. God Bless you all, Galen Teel.

Happy Birthday to Nancy Mash! Nancy celebrates her 93rd birthday on April 25th. Let's remember Nancy with our cards and prayers. (contact the church office for address).

Emanuel LGBT & Allies Fellowship Group

Our group met on March 5th for food and fellowship.

2023 Schedule

First Sunday Each Month At 6PM

April 2nd

July 2nd

October 1st

May 7th

August 6th

November 5th

June 4th

September 3rd

December 3rd

These LGBT and Allies Fellowship get-togethers are a potluck format, so please bring a favorite dish to share. Beverages (iced tea, lemonade, water & coffee) as well as table service will be provided.

Questions: email at LGBT.Emmanuel@gmail.com, calling or texting 740-262-2655



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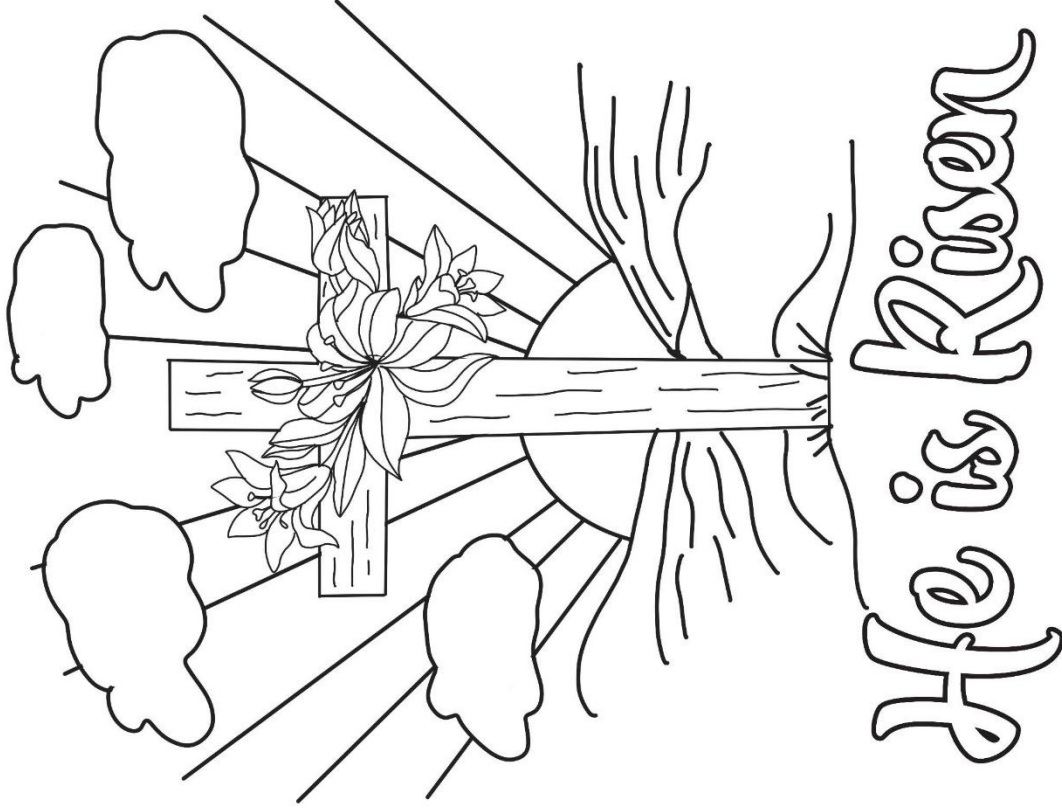
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2 Palm Sunday 8:00am. - Worship 9:15 - Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 2pm Bible Study 6pm LGBT & Allies	3 6:00 Communications 6:30 Fellowship Bd.	4 8:30 Quilters 6pm Praise Team	5 9:30 Bible Study 5:00 Meal 6pm Adult & Children's Choirs 7pm Lenten Worship	6 Maundy Thurs. 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship	7 Good Friday 12pm Stations of the Cross 7pm Good Friday Worship	8 10am - 2pm Prayer Vigil
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