March 2018

Newsletter of Emmanuel Lutheran Church

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13:13 ESV

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Check out our Live Sunday Service (10:30am) on the Web!
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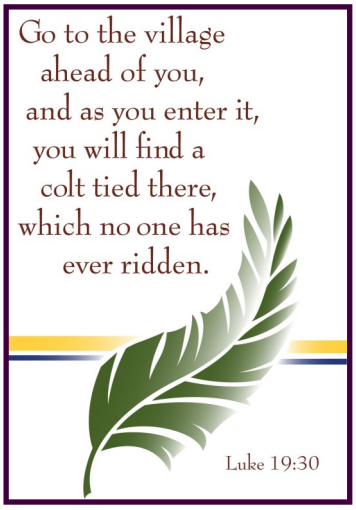
A Note from Pastor David McCarty

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well here you have it, another gorgeous day in southeast Michigan. And who says that winters in this state are unbelievable. I guess 50 degrees and sunshine at the end of February is pretty unbelievable.

We are just finishing up the second month of the New Year and also the second week of the Lenten season. As we move forward into March we will be continuing our Lenten Midweek series "Our Suffering Savior". This series is centered on the foreshadowing prophecy of the passion of Jesus Christ, as it is described in the book of Isaiah Chapter 53. What an amazing depiction this prophecy is concerning the suffering our Savior endured, as He made His journey to the cross, to give His life as the full payment for the sins of mankind. What is mindboggling is the fact that Isaiah wrote this account 700 years before it actually happened. One might question how a message such as this one, found in Isaiah, could be so accurate and graphic about an event well into the future? If the plan of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection was something which God Himself had put into place clear back in the Garden of Eden, when Adam and Eve sinned, He would definitely know what the future held. And because He did know the events of the future He was able to convey the upcoming story through the prophets of the Old Testament. Now that we are immersed in the Lenten season of the Church Year what are we to look forward to as the month unfolds? Certainly, I am encouraging all of you to set aside the next 3 Wednesday evenings so you can be with us for the Midweek meals and services. What a wonderful time this is to enjoy great food, fellowship, and faith-filled worship with fellow Christian brothers and sisters. On March 25th we will begin Holy Week with a Palm Sunday service. Then on the 29th, Maundy Thursday, at 7:00 pm, we will be in the Lord's house to celebrate the Lord's Supper in remembrance of the night Jesus gave us this precious meal of His body and blood. The next day, on Good Friday, we will once again have our cross walk from 2:00-3:00 pm in Britton. This is a very meaningful and moving experience to be a part of. That very evening, here at Emmanuel, we will celebrate our Tenebrae service (service of darkness) as we reflect on the brutal persecution, crucifixion, and death of our Lord and Savior. The following Sunday, which leads us into April, we will be back at church for the 7:00 am Easter Sunrise service, Easter breakfast, and 10:30 service. These services will have special music provided to help enhance our worship experience as we celebrate Christ's glorious resurrection and victory over death. I pray that each of you will make plans to be with us for these special (cont. on next page)



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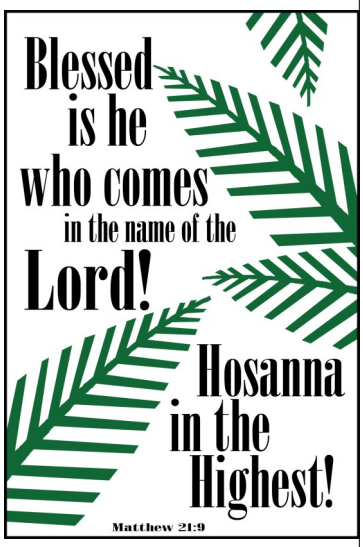
services and activities.

The last point I want to make in this March article is one of thanksgiving. Recently, as a congregation, we have experienced a couple of setbacks. One setback was the loss of our kitchen's commercial grade refrigerator. The other stemmed from the need for a new copier for our church's office. Because of the use of memorial funds and the wonderful generosity of a number of our members we were able to buy a new refrigerator and also purchase a very good used copier.

Also, on Sunday, February 25th, our congregation was presented with the opportunity to help a family in our community, who was experiencing an emergency situation. At the end of the service a collection was taken up and we were able to raise $242 worth of assistance. Those gifts were used to directly impact and avert the crisis that was at hand for this family.

What a blessing all of these monies were to our congregation, to this family, and to the ministry we are doing in Jesus' name. Thank you for opening your hearts and your finances to addressing these immediate concerns. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!!!!!!

God bless,
Pastor McCarty



February's Giving

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Giving
February, 2018

February **Budgeted** Income	$11,240.00
February **Actual** Income	$14,559.00
Surplus (*includes special giving)	$3,319

* Includes giving towards refrigerator, copier, community

Elder's Letter

March Blessings from the Board of Elders!

The Board of Elders met February 22, 2018
Attending: Michael Korunka, Don Schroeder, Harry Jones, Ed Tritt and Pastor Dave.

Our 2018 "Those Who Serve" list has been completed. Teresa has emailed or left a copy in your mailbox for those of you serving this year. Please let myself or the church office know, if you are unable to make your schedule day of service. The Board of Elders appreciates everyone serving this year.

I would like to thank Ed Tritt for his hard work updating the duties of the Board of Elders. The update will be presented to the MMC for approval before our May's Voters Meeting.

The board is putting the final touches on our letter and questionnaire which is being sent out to members who haven't attended church in more than a year. Those members will be sent a letter and questionnaire asking them if they still wish to be members of Emmanuel Lutheran. Our heartfelt desire is to reconnect with those families. If anyone has questions, please see myself or your Elder.

It has been brought to my attention that our sanctuary carpet needs a good steam cleaning. The board agrees and will be addressing this in the near future.

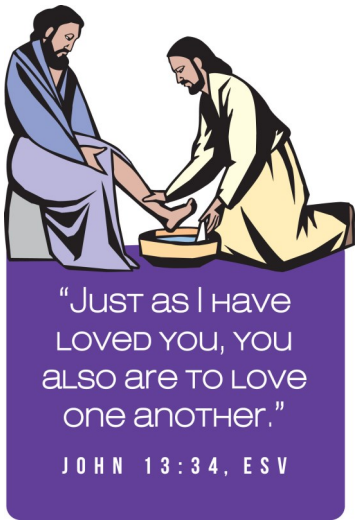
We finally finished Chapter Six of the "Pastors and Elders" book. We're planning to have an overall review of this book at our March meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your Elder. Our next schedule Elder's meeting is March 22nd.

God's Blessings!
Michael Korunka
Director of Elders

fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

Mission & Ministry Counsel News



MISSION AND MINISTRY COUNCIL
Reflections
March, 2018
Chairman Ken Huner

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." (1 Chronicles 16:34).

We have much to be thankful for. Our Lord has blessed our congregation in so many ways. And I thank the members of the Mission and Ministry Council for their labors of love. And I appreciate the congregation for giving us the opportunity to try a little different way of approaching ministry in our congregation. Pastor McCarty's energetic and resourceful leadership has been truly valued during these past several months.

By God's grace and direction, we have established the Family Life Coordinator position in the person of Carolyn Reitz. We're looking at developing a Community Outreach Coordinator position. We have a Parish Nurse with Laura Merritt. We have purchased a new Christmas tree, refrigerator, and copier. From my perspective, the Mission and Ministry Council has worked extremely well together in reaching decisions, carrying out the approved Mission Statement and goals of our Church, and just getting things done. The real goal is to engage as many people as possible in creative and effective ways to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord.

Please mark your Calendars for Sunday, April 8th, for a congregational meeting following our church service. Refreshments will be provided. At this meeting the proposed change in By-Laws will be presented for approval. If approved, it will be sent to the Michigan District for their consideration and final approval.

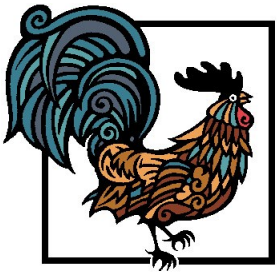
In the meantime, since elections will be coming at a Voters' Meeting in May, nominations are being received for the following:

Chairman of the Congregation
Chairman of the Board of Elders
Treasurer
Elders
Mission and Ministry Council members

Details will be forthcoming but please feel free to submit names to either the Church Office or the Chairman's mail slot in the narthex.

To Him be the glory as we lift high the Cross of Christ!

LWML News



LWML Mission of the Month – March, 2018

Your Mite Box located in the rear of our Sanctuary collects your loose change to support many Missions, some close to home and others around the world. This month we would like to share with you:

““Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt” – countless refugees in the Middle East are trying to survive in camps without adequate human needs. They live desperate lives. This grant will provide funds to the Lutheran Hour Ministries, allowing them to provide new Christian television broadcasts from Cairo, Egypt. The Egyptian-dialect is widely known in this war torn area and will reach many with the saving gospel message to provide hope for them.

Thank you for your donations!
Your Lutheran Woman’s Missionary League

Next LWML Gathering: Thursday, April 19, 2018 @ 6:30 pm.
All women are encouraged to attend!

Please save your cancelled stamps ~ Save your stamps that have their perforations intact, are not too heavily cancelled, and are not torn, cut or stained. Leave at least ¼ inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope or postcard. Or, save the whole envelope or postcard to turn in. Stamps may be placed in office secretary’s box, or given to Teresa Bohannon, our contact person for stamp collection.

Lenten News

Good Friday—March 30, 2018
2:00—3:00pm
Meet at Britton School parking lot

Please join as we follow the cross listening to the story of the Passion.

Greetings in Christ! Thank you to everyone who joined MMC, Youth & Elders for the Lenten Suppers in February! Suppers continue in March with LWML hosting 3/7/18; open date on 3/14 and the congregation asked to bring 150th Anniversary Cookbook favorites on 3/21 at 6 pm.
Setup for Easter Breakfast will be on 3/31 at 12:30 pm. Anyone able to help please signup on the sheet in the narthex. Please have any food donations to church by noon that day. Easter Breakfast will be served 4/1 at. 8:30 am; those who can help with prep, cooking, serving or cleanup, please sign up also. Thank you ! Lorrie Tritt

Liles will again be $12.00 this year. Place completed order form with money/check clearly marked for lilies in offering plate or in the office. Please look in this Sunday's bulletin and in the narthex for order forms. Due date will be March 19th.

Other News

Lectures Needed! We are still looking for 4th Sunday readers for the months of May, July, August, October, and November. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Nursery Help! Please check the sign up sheet on bulletin board by library.

Money Tellers! Sign up sheet is on table by church office. We need at least 2 people per Sunday/Month.

Ushers Needed! Please contact Mike Korunka

Please take note the new 2018 Flower Chart is up. Flower arrangements are $18 a vase. Remember if you want a specific date on the calendar to write that date on the chart. Please feel free to take the flower arrangement home after worship. Thank you

Please take note that March 31, 2018 is the last time this year to designate Choice $

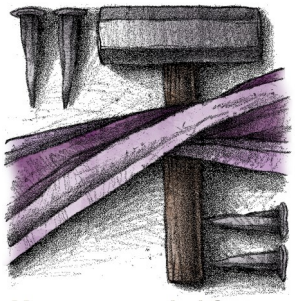
Winter has arrived and so has the snow and ice!

At times, for the safety of the congregation, a closing of what may be going on at the church, is necessary. Notification will take place by email, Emmanuel's website (emmanuelontheridge.com), facebook, and by listening to WLEN (103.9 FM). Hopefully, this will not happen often.

Stay safe and warm!

Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

MATTHEW 27:37



He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities…

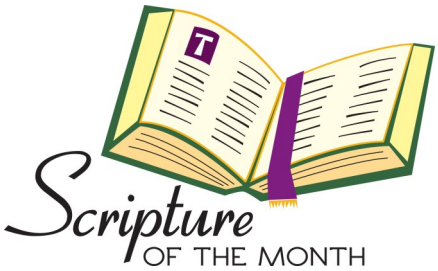
Isaiah 53:5, NRSV

Other News

March 11, 2018

Remember to set your clocks ahead an hour before going to bed on Saturday!

Pastor's Bible Challenge

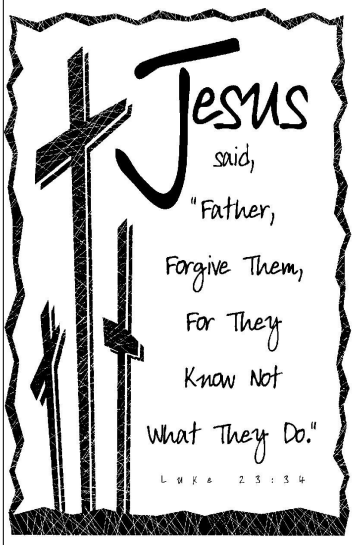


March Reading

Deuteronomy 5-34
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel 1-10

Can't make it to church? You can always worship online with us, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM. Please join us @ http://www.emmanuelontheridge.com/live-streaming-video for our Live Streaming Worship Service. Remember, you have access to our weekly bulletin as well. There's also a way to give an online offering thought Paypal. Feedback concerning our Live Streaming Service would be appreciated.

Other News



Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, what was torn when Jesus died?

A. Mary's headdress — she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief
B. A Roman guard's sash — Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger
C. Jesus' robe — the soldiers divided it among themselves
D. The temple curtain — torn in two from top to bottom

Answer: D (See Matthew 27:51.)

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y
C L E U X B M T H B U C W B
N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y
A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B
N G N L I S N L A I N E D X
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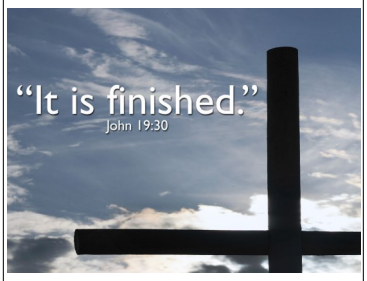
Parish Nurse News

Laura will be available after service this Sunday, March 4th, for congregation members interested in discussing any medical concerns.



Tips for Being Stewards of Our Health - March is National Nutrition Month.

With our busy days, it can be tough to have the time we need to make a healthy meal for our family. Other busy families use some of these tips: 1) Use a slow cooker for at least one of the weekly meals; 2) Make one to two of the meals on the weekend; 3) Give each family member a job for fixing the meal – it could be the little ones get to wash the veggies, or the teenagers get to cut the veggies. Have some favorite family meals? Ask your family to pick their top 5 and keep the pantry stocked with what's needed to make any of these meals. Teach other family members how to make it, then others can be the cook too. Talk about how this family favorites can be made a little healthier (if needed). If you need some new healthier recipes, here is a great cookbook online with fast and healthy meal ideas: https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/lose_wt/eat/recipes.htm or search on your computer for "Keep the Beat Recipes – Deliciously Healthy Family Meals". Visit www.eatright.org or www.choosemyplate.gov for more tips.

American Heart Association also has some great information and meals for anyone looking for healthy eating guides and tips at: https://healthyforgood.heart.org/ Additionally, dietary needs to fit specific health conditions (e.g. diabetes, congestive heart failure, hypertension, & etc.) may be found here.

Come see me after service and I will be happy to assist you through the web sites or supply you with print outs per request.

God's Blessings!
Laura Merritt, Parish Nurse

Those Who Serve in March

Elder:
Mike Korunka

Elder Assistant:
Mar. 4—Bruce Siebarth
Mar. 11– Dave Stahl
Mar. 18—Bruce Siebarth
Mar. 25—Dave Stahl

Usher:
Evan Korunka
Needed

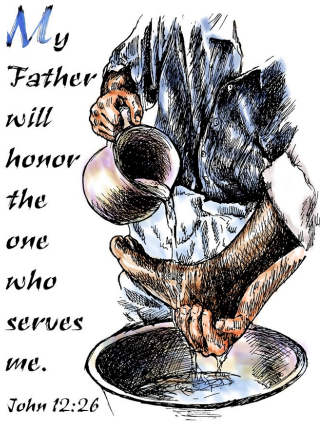
Acolyte:
Mar. 4—Dylan Korunka
Mar. 11—Hailey Ketchum
Mar. 18—Dylan Korunka
Mar. 25—Hailey Ketchum

Lenten Midweek
Elder:
Mar. 7—Mike Korunka
Mar. 14—Dave Stahl
Mar. 21—Harry Jones
Mar. 29— Ken Huner
Mar. 30—Harry Jones

Elder Assistant:
Mar. 29 —Harry Jones
Mar. 30—Rudy Meyer

Usher:
Mar. 7 —Evan Korunka
Mar. 14 —Needed
Mar. 21—Needed
Mar. 29—Needed
Mar. 30—Troy Phillips

Acolyte:
Mar. 7 —Natalie McNicol
Mar. 14—Chesney Wilke
Mar. 21—Dylan Korunka
Mar. 29—Josie Phillips
Mar. 30—Dylan Korunka



Greeters:
Mar. 4 & 11—Ken & Kim Huner
Mar. 18 & 25—Diana Pape, Jerry & Tammy Pape
Lenten Midweek—Darlene Gergely, Lolly Luegge

Altar Care:
Karen Siebarth

Money Tellers:
JoAnn Bartush
Kim Huner 3/4, 3/11

Nursery:
Needed

Prayer Requests

Illness: Liz Harris, Lennie Day, Arthur (Bud) Butler, Melvin Scheffler, Laura Anderson and Darlene Clark (daughters of Darlene Gergely), Charles Williams (son-in-law of Helen Schmidt), Jerry Williams (grandson of Helen Schmidt), Jeff Peterson (friend of Sue Ellen Smith), Savannah Heiden (granddaughter of Les & Nancy Northrup), Margaret Schroeder, Rev. Mark Smith (Dixie Smith's son), Floyd & Shirley Brown, Dee Hitzemann (aunts & uncles of JoAnn Bartush), Mary Mature (friend of Lolly Luegge), Nancy Fraley & Judy Crittenden (sisters of Wayne Davis), Keith Siebarth (Bruce's brother), Shelley Jeffrey (niece of Eleanor Price), Judy Meyers (friend of Lolly Luegge), Roger Stamm (father of Sue Ellen Smith's principal),Nayyer Iqbal (friend of Krystal Keehn), Eileen Jones, Harold Ruhl (Lolly Luegge's sister-in-law's father), Carolyn Reitz, MacKenzie Murray & Heather Rush (granddaughters of JoAnn Bartush)

Shut-Ins: Velma Brown, Inge Williams, Ed & Lois Schmidt, Lennie Day, and Dorothy Helm.

March Birthdays!

1 Connie Garner
4 Sarah Bartush
7 Lennie Day
7 Elloisa Guzman
8 Jared Davis
11 Rita Horton
11 Lylia Kinnick
12 John Wielfaert
13 Edward Tritt
14 Brandon Garner
19 Susan Dancer
21 Jeffrey Helm
22 Grace Hoelzer
22 Dixie Smith
23 Kim Huner
23 Claudia Rincon
24 Jaxen Barnett
25 Joyce Conrad
25 Sally Schafer
26 Paige Goody
28 Makenna Havens
29 Cenobia Guzman
31 Michael P. Hintz Jr.
31 Charlene Pietrowski
31 Brittany Wielfaert

March Anniversaries!

No Anniversaries this month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm Prayer Mtg. 7pm Handbells	2	3 8am Men's Bible Study 10am God & Life 10:45am God & Church
4 9am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30am Worship	5 6pm Boy Scouts	6 6pm Cub Scout 6:30pm Confirmation 7pm MMC Meeting	7 5:30pm Scouts @ GBB 6pm Lenten Meal 7pm Midweek Service	8 7pm Handbells	9	10 8am Men's Bible Study 10am God & Life 10:45am God &
11 Daylight Savings 9am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30am Worship LWML Mite Box Collection	12 6pm Boy Scouts	13 6pm Cub Scout 6:30pm Confirmation	14 6pm Lenten Meal 7pm Midweek Service	15 7pm Prayer Meeting 7pm Handbells	16	17 8am Men's Bible Study 10am God & Life 10:45am God & Church
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Sunday Worship Times

9:00am Sunday School
9:00am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship Service
April 1, 2018
7am Early Sunrise Easter Service
8:30am Easter Breakfast
10:30 Easter Service
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Saturday: 8:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

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