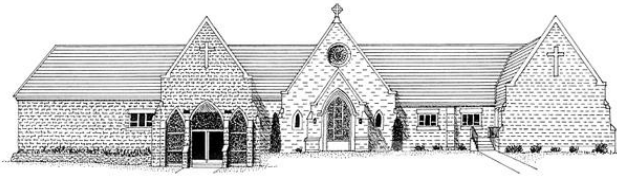


THE MESSENGER



Monthly news for Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Menominee,
Michigan

MAY

2021



Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, 2021

FROM THE PASTOR...

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Back in February I had to say goodbye to my beloved 2006 Chrysler Town & Country mini-van, known affectionately as the “man van.” My hope was to hold out until after Easter to purchase my next ride, but circumstances beyond my control (most notably, an unsettling and rattling knocking from under the hood which gave the impression of some beast trying to escape from within), I had to finally send her up to that big parking lot in the sky and find her replacement.

I had owned this van since the fall of 2010, before I even began my first ministry call, so we’d been through a lot together. I was very comfortable when I was behind the wheel, though other passengers often didn’t have the same level of comfort. I don’t know if it was the professionally two-tone blend of blue paint and rust that they found most upsetting, or if it was ever-expanding hole in the muffler, which seemed to draw more attention to her every time I put my foot on the accelerator. While I would joyfully navigate from destination to destination, for some reason, my family preferred to be dropped off several blocks away, find another ride, or simply walk. It was their loss to not embrace the full experience of this sweet ride.

Point was, after this many years and miles behind this familiar, no longer power steering wheel, it felt very strange to get into a new vehicle, especially one that is so radically different in most every aspect. As with most newer vehicles, my new one being a 2019 model, this one has all the bells and whistles accorded to it, most which I haven’t even taken the time to discover. Since there are many, many months left on my car loan, I’ll have time to figure some of them out.

But one aspect of the new car is the dash display. I have several options as to what I want displayed, and, lately I’ve settled on the built-in compass one. Because this compass is tied into the built-in navigation system, as long as I have a destination programmed in, the compass will let me know if I’m heading in the right direction. But, since I know the Menominee and Marinette areas pretty well by now, I haven’t put any addresses into the navigation system; and so, on the dash, above the rotating compass, the display says simply, “No Destination.”

Those can be unsettling words. There can be a bit of anxiety when we don’t have a destination in mind. If I have no destination toward which I am heading, am I just wasting my time? Am I just going in circles? What am I missing?

May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday, and as I read the Book of Acts and the events of this Day of Pentecost, there's a feeling there that Jesus' followers, up until that day, didn't really have a destination in mind yet either. Prior to his ascension, Jesus had promised his followers that the Holy Spirit would come to them and would be a guide for them. The problem was that they didn't know where, when, or how that would come about. When the Holy Spirit did come upon them when they were gathered on the Day of Pentecost, the second chapter of the Book of Acts, where this account is noted, reads as if it was a chaotic event, as all began to speak in other languages as the Spirit rested upon them and gave them the ability. The image that I have of this event is an unfiltered cacophony of voices that may have been jumbled garble mass, much like the radio reception that I was getting in my van after the antennae snapped off.

But their distinct gifts gave each of them a destination. They were now equipped to follow Jesus' mandate to go and make disciples of all nations. And go they did. The Day of Pentecost meant that now there would be no corner of the earth where the Good News couldn't be proclaimed. In the 2000 years since this event, the Gospel has been shared with a countless number of people who have come to know God's love, exactly what was intended with this event.

And that work is not done yet. As Jesus' modern-day disciples, we are equipped in the same manner to continue to share this good news. We all have destinations on our dash, and it's important that we trust the navigation system that is the Holy Spirit to get us there. It's exactly why we've been brought to this time and place – to ensure that the Day of Pentecost is not just a one-day event, but is the Holy Spirit endowed upon us to be present to those who long and need to hear that the undeserved, yet unconditional, love of God is upon them, just as it is with those who know and confess it.

So, my friends, peace be with you all as you live out the identity of this very same Holy Spirit coming to you in your baptism. May your destination glow bright on your dash; and even if you feel that your ability to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ reflects my old "man van" in that it may seem clunky and limited, know that it will still get you to your destination; and that's all Jesus asks of us, so let us do so faithfully and joyfully.

In Christ,

Pastor Mark

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Church office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31st, Memorial Day.** If you need to conduct church business outside of these times, please contact Pastor Mark at (906) 424-0003.
- **Sundays in-person Worship will continue through June 6 at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. As well, we will continue to stream the 8:00 service on Facebook Live.** If you are planning on attending in-person, please be in compliance with all in-person practices, so that we can honor the health of all who gather here.
- **Safe Distancing Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sundays, May 2nd, 16th, 23rd (Pentecost Sunday) and 30th** during the 8:00 am and 10:00 am worship services. Drive-through Safe Distancing Communion will then be available for those who wish to receive it from 11:00 am – 11:30 am at the 14th Street building entrance on May 2nd and May 23rd (**NO Drive-through communion on May 16th or May 30th.**

EMMANUEL BUDGET NEWS

As of March 31, 2021

*Your Contributions to the General Fund	\$54,845.47
*Your Approved Budget Amount	\$57,305.34

Thank you to everyone for you incredible and generous contributions during a unique and trying time in our history. We are blessed and empowered to celebrate God’s love and God’s presence in 2021 because of your commitment!



Fellowship

If anything, Covid has shown us the importance of those we care about, and to be thankful for those relationships. The Fellowship Committee is planning to share each month the members of our congregation that have birthdays during the month. It is a small way we can celebrate each other with a simple Happy Birthday wish, a prayer, or maybe even a handshake or hug in the future! A "Birthday Board" will appear in the Narthex starting in May. Stop by and see who has reached a new reason to celebrate a new year!

Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 6th



Emmanuel's high school graduates will be honored at our "Graduation Recognition" during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on June 6th. A letter with more information on this special event will be going out soon to all parents of our high school graduates.



GLOW Youth Night

Every Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

All high school youth are invited for a night of faith, food, and fun! We will meet outside in the 14th street parking lot by the fire pit.

Opioid Training Opportunity

As many of you know, opioid abuse and addiction is something that has plagued Menominee and Marinette Counties, along with countless other American towns, for quite some time.

The M and M community foundation partnered with Bellin, has started a training session called the “Harm Reduction Project.” This presentation will provide an overview of opioids and discuss what’s happening in our area. All are invited. This will be a virtual opportunity on Friday May 7th at noon. If you would like to attend please email Paula at paula.gruszynski@mmacf.org and she will send you a link to the presentation. Or you can come to Porterfield Lutheran Church Friday May 7th at noon to watch the virtual presentation with others gathered and we will have a discussion afterwards (please bring a mask along). If you plan to attend at Porterfield RSVP to Pr. Christina (952) 465 4274 or cforsythe007@gmail.com This is a great educational opportunity that can really help us better understand our community struggles.



A Letter from Bishop Finegan

Bishop Katherine’s monthly article is available to all on the Northern Great Lakes Synod website, which is: <http://www.nglsynod.org/newsletter/articles>.



World Hunger Collection May 2nd and 9th

A kettle has been placed in the narthex to collect loose offering during the first two Sundays of May for Synod Assembly. While the Synod Assembly is once again not meeting in person, hunger in our world persists. Please prayerfully consider what you can give toward this necessary ministry of our church.

Kitchen and Fellowship Hall



As we have shared throughout the past year, the property committee has overseen many updates that have been done in our Fellowship Hall and kitchen. The final update was to paint the kitchen cabinets. Since the doors and drawers had to be removed for this to be done, a wonderful group of ladies, Donna Hipke, Kay Hebert, Jeanette Lawton, Linda Villas and Gerrie Tupper, swooped in and gave all the cabinets, as well as the rest of the kitchen, a much-needed and thorough cleaning. Thank you, ladies! It all looks wonderful, and we'd love for you to see it as well. Next time you're in church, take a stroll downstairs and check it all out for yourself!

**EASTER MEMORIAL
BOOKLET
2021**

*Thank You
for your gift of Lilies
to beautify our church in
the Easter season and for your
memorial and special gifts
in support of our various ministries*

LILIES

*In thanks to God for our parents, children and grandchildren by
Jeff & Karen Hines*

In memory of Tony Camps by Francis & Nancy Camps

In memory of Sophie & Gordon Doran by Francis & Nancy Camps

In memory of Bud & Marion Camps by Francis & Nancy Camps

*In memory of Ivon's sister, Mary Simmons, by the Don Butman
Family*

In memory of Ed & Ellen Raygo by Tim & Judy Raygo

*In memory of Walter & Bernice Carviou, Ronald Carviou, Bonnie
Gorshe and Sherry Carviou by Tim & Debbie Lemery*

*In memory of Jack & Pat Lemery, Michael Lemery and Karlene
Niemann by Tim & Debbie Lemery*

*In memory of their Sisters and Brothers by Warren & Mary Ann
Klitzke*

*In honor of our children, Scott & Hannah and Brian Bell, and our
grandchildren, Cam & Barrett Bell, by Deb & Rob Villas*

*In memory of our parents Al & Linda Villas and Lefty Smith and in
honor of Barb Smith by Deb & Rob Villas*

*In memory of our parents, Al & Ruth Pears and Bill & Marion
Kohrt, by Betty & Tom Kohrt*

*In memory of our niece, Brielle Beres, by Troy & Deb Clausen and
Family*

In honor of Randall Anderson, Kara, Matt, Delaney, Avery and Hadley Johnson, by Pete & Jeanne Anderson

In memory of those who have passed away from COVID by Marilyn Mouritsen

In honor of those pandemic essential workers like health care workers, grocery staff, teachers, truckers etc. by Marilyn Mouritsen

In honor of our beautiful Family by Carl Servatius

In memory of her parents, Harold & Lorraine Kohel, by Denise Ruleau

In memory of their son, Greg Carlson, by Jeannie & Keith Davis

In memory of Dean Furton by Mike, Angie, Nathan, Courtney, Morgan Furton & Zach Parrett

In memory of Evelyn "MeMe" Servatius by Mike, Angie, Nathan, Courtney, Morgan Furton & Zach Parrett

In memory of her parents, Joe & Claudia, and brother, Joey, by Debbie Braley

In honor of his wonderful Family by John Wills

YOUTH MISSION FUND

In memory of Carol Klumb by Mark, RaeAnne, Courtney & Kendell Klatt

In honor of Vic Klumb by Mark, RaeAnne, Courtney & Kendell Klatt

In thanks to God for Tim & Debbie Lemery by Kim & Josh Schroeder, Alexis, Kaiden and Jaida

In thanks to God by Kerri Weigal

In memory of Edwin "Pete" & Shirley Pedersen by Paul & Ronda Pedersen

In thanks to God for our awesome granddaughters, Delainey Elyse, Gwendolyn Daisy, Theodora Barry and new baby 2021, by Barry & Kim DeDamos

In memory of Jerry Leeson, gone too soon, forever missed, dad & grandpa, by Barry & Kim DeDamos

In memory of our son, Scott, by Warren & Mary Ann Klitzke

In thanks to God for our children, Steven & Misuk Anderson, Heidi & Michael Oczus, Karen & Jeffrey Hines, and our grand and great-grandchildren by Axel & Barb Anderson

In memory of her dear friends, Shirley Pedersen Ellen Raygo and Bonnie Mylener, by Marilyn Mouritsen

In honor of Mark, RaeAnne, Courtney and Kendell Klatt, by Vic Klumb

In thanks to God for our Emmanuel Youth by Pastor Mark & Amy Laatsch

In thanks to God for a wonderful friend by Pete & Jeanne Anderson

In memory of Warren Manske by Lois Manske

In memory of Rudolph Raminger, Sr. and Anna Mae Raminger by Rudy Raminger

In thanks to God for David & Renae Prange, Danae, Braden & Colin by Rudy Raminger

In thanks to God for her Family by Lorraine Jacobson

In memory of William Lawton by Jeanette, Carol, Mike and Family

In honor of his wonderful Family by John Wills

In memory of my dad, George Staquet, by Sally Kudlicki

In memory of her husband, George, and their parents by Margaret Staquet

EMMANUEL MAINTENANCE FUND

In honor of our grandchildren, Kyla, Jaida, and Kade Lesperance, and Danny & Jack Burns, by Vince & Sharon Burns

In memory of his wife, Mary, by Rellen Chernetski

In memory of Harry & Eleanor Gaugh and Bob Place by Mike & Sheryl Gaugh

In thanks to God by Bob & Ann Koehler

In thanks to God for a good life! By Warren & Mary Ann Klitzke

In memory of Alex & Mary Kienitz by Warren & Mary Ann Klitzke

In memory of her parents, Fran & Erv Mouritsen, by Marilyn Mouritsen

In thanks to God for blessings of family and friends by Marilyn Mouritsen

In memory of Carol Klumb by Vic Klumb

In honor of Mark, RaeAnne, Courtney and Kendell Klatt, by Vic Klumb

In honor of his wife, Darlene, by Dave Gokey

In memory of Allen VanWinkle by his wife, Eleanor, and children, Tony and Terri

In honor of their children, Renae & Gary and Dana & Aaron, by Dave & Darlene Gokey

In honor of their grandkids, Derek, Andrew, Seth, Addison and Addy, by Dae & Darlene Gokey

In thanks to God by Kay Hebert

In memory of Dr. William & Marilyn Swanson by Lori Connors

In honor of our beautiful Family by Carl Servatius

In memory of her brother, Nicholas Kohel, by Denise Ruleau

In memory of their son, Greg Carlson, by Jeannie & Keith Davis

In thanks to God for the baby boy, Furton, blessing us in July by Mike, Angie, Nathan, Courtney, Morgan Furton & Zach Parrett

In memory of Warren Manske by Lois Manske

*In memory of Rudolph Raminger, Sr. and Anna Mae Raminger by
Rudy Raminger*

*In thanks to God for David & Renae Prange, Danae, Braden &
Colin by Rudy Raminger*

In thanks to God for her Family by Lorraine Jacobson

In thanks to God for her husband, Dan, by Debbie Braley

In honor of his wonderful Family by John Wills

In memory of Henry Haulotte by his wife, Isabel

In thanks to God for my Family by Sally Kudlicki

In thanks to God for her Family by Margaret Staquet

WORLD HUNGER

In thanks to God by Cookie and Mike Kramer

*In memory of Walter & Alma Klitzke by Warren & Mary Ann
Klitzke*

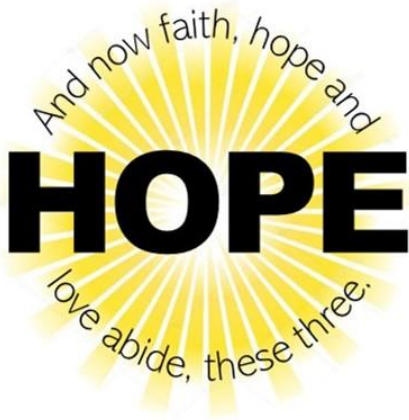
*In memory of our parents, Axel & Emily Anderson, and Elmer &
Ann Klasell, by Axel & Barbara Anderson*

*In memory of her grandparents, Aunt Leona and Aunt Marian, by
Marilyn Mouritsen*

In thanks to God by Vic Klumb

In memory of William Lawton by Jeanette, Carol, Mike and Family

In honor of his wonderful Family by John Wills



NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2021

The 2021 Synod Assembly is entirely virtual!
May 10-15, 2021.

Visitors are more than welcome at all of our Synod Assembly events. You do not need to register this year and links to participate in the workshops and observe the business meeting will be available here on our website. nglsynod.org

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT EMMANUEL

**In-person 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Online Worship 8:00 a.m.
Livestreamed on our Facebook page**

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