

"Now What?"

AS WE GATHER

In the face of death, the question, "Now what?" cannot be answered by this world. No political platform can respond to this question. No "how to" morality can shed light on this mystery. No amount of material wealth, no intellectual ideal, no social theory, nothing the world speaks can cut through the pall of silence and answer the question that death asks. The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death, and no one escapes this truth. Yet to this ultimate question, Jesus speaks: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." Today, this is God's promise to you.

THE GATHERING TIME

We encourage our members to greet each other with God's peace and to warmly welcome visitors into our fellowship. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING SONG: "Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)"

For what we have done and left undone We fall on Your countless mercies. For sins that are known and those unknown, We call on Your name so holy. For envy and pride, For closing our eyes; For scorning our very neighbor. In thought, word, and deed, We've failed You, our King; How deeply we need a Savior.

(Chorus)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

For what You have done, Your life of love You perfectly lived, we praise You. Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes; You finished the work God gave You. And there on the tree, A King among thieves, You bled for a world's betrayal. You loved to the end, Our merciful friend; How pure and forever faithful. (Sing Chorus twice)

For hearts that are cold, For seizing control; For scorning our very Maker. In thought, word, and deed, We've failed You our King; How deeply we need a Savior. (Sing Chorus twice)

(Please stand as you are able)

THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit,

People: **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Psalm 36:5, 7-9)

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

People: **Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Leader: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

People: **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

Leader: They feast on the abundance of Your house,

People: **and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

Leader: For with You is the fountain of life;

People: **in Your light do we see light.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection and confession)

Leader: Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins—those of which we are not aware and those we know full well. We do not love You and other people as we ought. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities of our lives. Yet it is our intent to say and do that which honors You. For the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.**

Leader: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

People: **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)"

(Solo)

Lord from sorrows deep I call hen my hope is shaken; Torn and ruined from the fall, hear my desperation. For so long I've pled and prayed, "God come to my rescue!" Even so, the thorn remains; Still my heart will praise You.

(Praise Team)

Storms within my troubled soul, Questions without answers; On my faith these billows roll - God be now my shelter. Why are you cast down my soul? Hope in Him who saves you. When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.

(Congregation joins)

Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him. Sing, oh sing, through the rag-ing storm; You're still my God, my Sal-va-tion. Should my life be torn from me, ev-'ry world-ly plea-sure; when all I pos-sess is grief, God be the my trea-sure. Be my vi-sion in the night; be my hope and re-fuge. 'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord my heart will praise You. Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him. Sing, oh sing, through the rag-ing storm; You're still my God, my Sal-va-tion. Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him. Sing, oh sing, through the rag-ing storm; You're still my God, my Sal-va-tion.

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THE FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of

righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:17-27, 38-53

When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine!
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE MUSICAL RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

(Chorus)

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! For the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gates to open wide.

He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. (Chorus)

Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way.

He's prepared a home for me, And some day His Face I'll see. (Chorus)

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THE MINISTRY MINUTE

The Story Continues

(Please stand, as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For faith in Jesus, the resurrection and the life, as we await His attention in our time of need; and that through His Spirit, He would give strength to our prayers, heal our weaknesses and restore all our losses, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the downtrodden, the faithless, the fearful and the outcast; and that the Lord would lay His hand on pastors of every era to proclaim His Word, that all might live, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our homes and all who reside therein, that husbands and wives, brothers and sisters would rejoice to hear the promises of Christ, steadfastly believing them and ever living in their light, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those in authority over the lives of our people, that they would exercise this God-given duty humbly and in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those loved of the Lord who are ill and in need of His holy care, that He would make haste to help them, spare their lives and call them out of their graves on the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all the baptized, that they would live according to the Spirit they have received, shunning the works of the flesh and living in the hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken together)

During the Lord's Prayer, the church bell tolls three times to encourage those outside the sanctuary to join with the church in corporate prayer.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING SONG: "Your Grace Is Enough"

Great is Your faithfulness, O God, You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead me by still waters and to mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

(Chorus)

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice God. You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God. (Sing chorus twice)

So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God. (Chorus)

Your Grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.

God, I see Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me.

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THE POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is. 50:4-9a; Ps. 118:19-29; Phil. 2:5-11; John 12:12-43

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Oscar and Grace Kammeier and Denny Kammeier from Sandy Ely and family and in loving memory of Dealus and Bertha Lasley, with love from Ed, Darlene and Kaitlyn Judkins.

USHERS: Dave and Tammy Bair

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
 - Stephen Ministers - The following individuals will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers at the 10:30 a.m. service: Janet Fisher, Peggy Krueger, Chris Larimer, Becky Lutz, Roxanne Pratt, John Ripke, Chris Sauer, Sarah Schwantz, Cole Strater. Please pray that God would bless each of them as they begin this ministry.
 - We give thanks with Frank and Heather Dinius who were united in marriage. We ask the Lord to bless their relationship with a love for each other that is based on His perfect love. Pray that He will guide their life together and keep them always grounded in the faith that they may be a blessing to each other and to those around them.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Pam Carmichael (sister of Deb Percy), River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Williams, Gene Franklin (father of Sandy Behling), Vickie Kidwell (mother of Sandy Behling), Phil Arthur, Deb Percy, Ed Braun, Norv McClure, Janine (friend of Lauryn Longworth), Gracelynn Anderson (granddaughter of Tim and Cindy Anderson), Randi Gramling (cousin of Deb Percy), Stan Thompson, Deb Epperson, Salem Lee Hilty, Faith Behling, William Rush, Wayne McClure, LuAnn Reichhart (mom of Brent Reichhart), Cohen (grandson of Matt and Kim Benne), Lynn Auman (father of Kim Faley), Michaela Procise, Melissa Henry (sister of Judy Huesner), Sandy Kolsek
 - Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Wes Harless, Larry Von Gunten, Catherine Peterson, Kathy Lash, Becki Elonzae, Ruth Ann Hernandez, George Elonzae, Judy Huesner, Mary Smith, Kelsey Westrick, Nancy Wilkins (mother of Kristen Saurer), Nan Gotsch, Kathy Freimuth

- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Bonnie Havener (sister-in-law of George and Becki Elonzae), Karen Burtch (sister-in-law of Lori Richey), Amy Krontz (daughter-in-law of David and Karen Wyss), Mary Grosjean, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith), Tina Bennett, Dennis McFadden, Lisa Toth (Pepple), Laura Herrick (Caroline Eber's niece), Art Klausmeier, Roger Kuehnert, John Jennings (friend of Dave and Tammy Bair), Bruce Williams, Rob Roehm, Ann Schwartz, Hazel Krenzke (Brian and Anna Snodgrass's niece), Robert Burmeister (Hannah Swor's dad), Roxanne Moore, Marsha Sappenfield, Jenny Nehrenz (niece of Charlene Hess), Rick Bair (brother of Dave and Tammy Bair), Gary Thompson (father of Carly Bennett), Carol McGuigan (mother of Kevin McGuigan), Amanda Cornyn-Bradford (daughter of Mike and Aprel Cornyn), Linda Raatz, Dave Schlie
- Prayers for PALS - PALS is a program in which Emmanuel members partner with Washington School students to build relationships and strengthen reading skills in a Christian environment. Each week we will pray for some of our Washington School PALS or helpers, and we encourage you to join us in the ministry. This week, we are praying for Brandon.
- Join our staff in praying for the following members:
 - Joseph and Stephanie Coleman, Steven, Preston, and Alexandria
 - Donald and Joni Collins, David
 - Kevin and Barbara Comer, Emily, Jessica, and Elizabeth
 - Nicole Conn
 - Elizabeth Conner
 - Gwen Cook
 - Roseann and Allen Coomer
 - Mike and Aprel Cornyn
 - Rachel Corwin
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - Heidi Wilkinson - Ethiopia
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
 - Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260-616-0679.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism: Thank God for the baptisms so far in 2026:
 Callaghan Miller Austin Hayward Calvin Chess

The Teaching of the Church

Want Help Growing in the Word? Regularly visit Pastor Brunow's website <http://www.genesbrunotes.com>. The website offers notes on each chapter of Scripture, Bible studies, tips for preparing for worship, and a weekly devotion based on the Gospel reading for the coming week. You can find these devotions under the "Sermon Notes Plus" option.

Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 3)	School Room A5 (Extended Care)
4-5 Year Olds	School Room A3
K-1 st Grade	School Room A1
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B3
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5
6 th -7 th Grade	School Room D2
8 th Grade	School Room D3 (Art/Science)
High School	Loft
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall
Galatians	LL Ebenezer
Genesis	Sanctuary

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Monday Morning Moms	Loft	Monday (every other)	8:30 a.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	3:30 p.m.
LifeLight: Luke	Ebenezer Hall	Mondays	5:30 p.m.
Study the Psalms	Chapman's	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:30 a.m.
Pastor's Bible Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	10:00 a.m.
Friends in the Word	Loft	Thursday (every other)	8:30 a.m.

Bible Study & Fellowship	Chapman's	Thursdays	6:00 p.m.
@917 (Ages 25-45)	Ebenezer Hall	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
This Is Most Certainly Brew	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 a.m.

The News of the Church

Easter Egg Hunt - Join us on Saturday, April 4, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Emmanuel's Gym. Kids of all ages are invited to search for eggs, enjoy treats & crafts, and experience the Easter story. Bring your basket and a friend. No registration required. If you have any questions, contact Liz Bejot, Director of Children's Ministry. How You Can Help: Pick up a bag of empty eggs from Ebenezer Hall, fill them with treats, stickers, or small toys, and return them by Sunday, March 29. (Please make sure all candy is pre-packaged.) Prefer to purchase pre-filled eggs or have extra eggs at home to donate? That works too! Thank you for your support!

Palm Sunday Palm Prep - We would love your help getting ready for Palm Sunday! Join us on Saturday, March 28, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. In Ebenezer Hall as we prepare palm branches and create palm crosses for the weekend's services. Please note, this event is not intended for young children. If you plan to attend, please sign up by scanning the QR code.



Help Prepare the Lord's Table - Altar Guild Ministry is a vital ministry that supports our weekend services that offer Holy Communion. You would serve for 1 month throughout the year alongside other members. This opportunity is open to women, men and married couples who would like to serve together. No experience is needed as training and guidance will be provided. We need members who attend the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve, and if you would like to become part of this ministry, or would like more information, call Becki in the church office or you can email her at becki@emmanuelutheran.org. Thank you.

Washington Elementary is asking for donations of pants and sweatpants, size 5-10. Please bring these to the church office. Thank you!

Lunch Bunch Field Trip- Our members around 60 or over are invited to join us for a field trip to Sweetwater for our next Emmanuel Lunch Bunch activity on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. We will meet by 9:45 a.m. in the Sweetwater front lobby which is located at 5501 Highway 30. We will enjoy a tour and a drum circle from 10:00-11:00 a.m., and we will eat lunch together following the tour. The lunch includes your choice of sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie and drink. The cost of our boxed lunch is \$15.00 and needs to be preordered by completing the Sweetwater Boxed Lunch Order Form available at the connections Counter or church office and turned into the church office along with your payment by Monday, April 6. Unfortunately, late

orders cannot be accepted. The tour is handicap accessible and for those not using a wheelchair, there is some walking involved. We are hopeful that this opportunity to tour Sweetwater will be well received by our Lunch Bunch friends.

Middle School Youth - All 6 - 8 graders are invited to join us for Emmanuel's Middle School Youth event on March 22. We will be roller skating together at Roller Dome North (444 W. Coliseum Blvd.) from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Your registration includes two hours of skating, skate rental, and all-you-can-eat pizza. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Bejot at LBejot@emmanuelutheran.org

GriefShare: 13-Week Grief Support Group - GriefShare is a Christ-centered support group for adults grieving the loss of a family member or friend. We will be meeting Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., March 31 - June 23 in Ebenezer Hall. Leading this group will be Kathy Eggold and Mary Harper. To register (so books can be ordered), contact Lana Hille at 260.417.5639 or lanah@emmanuelutheran.org.

Food Pantry Thank You - On behalf of both the volunteers and patrons of Emmanuel's Food Bank, thank you for your incredible generosity and support during our February food drive and for your continued support throughout the year. Your donations and resources make a meaningful difference for families in both our congregation and neighborhood. Your willingness to give reminds people that they are not alone and that their community truly cares about them.

Call Extended - ESM is blessed to share that we've extended a Call to Mrs. Sarah Haupt to serve as kindergarten teacher beginning next school year. Sarah is a graduate of Concordia Wisconsin with a degree in Early Childhood Education and a certificate in Adaptive Education. She is positive and energetic and heavily involved in church and school ministry with a passion for sharing Jesus with all children. Please keep the Haupt family in your prayers as they consider serving with us at ESM.

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL'S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$482,483	Anticipated Need Through March: \$625,714
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$188	Year to Date: \$3,284
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CUP OF KINDNESS

Distributed by Lutheran Social Services to local families who have crisis needs.

Last Week: \$110	Year to Date: \$995
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

"IAG" Total Received: \$6,613,029	Mortgage Balance: \$884,311	Total Cost* \$7,450,365
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*Total Cost = Mortgage Interest Paid to Date + Construction Cost

The Calendar of the Church

Monday, March 23

6:30 a.m. Iron and Clay Weekly Devotion
8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Moms
3:30 p.m. Lighthouse
5:30 p.m. Lighthouse
6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, March 24

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
6:00 p.m. Psalms at Chapman's

Wednesday, March 25

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Homeschool Religion
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Lenten Communion Service
3:30 p.m. PALS
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thursday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
8:30 a.m. Friends in the Word
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
6:00 p.m. Bible Study at Chapman's
7:00 p.m. @917 Bible Class

Friday, March 27

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, March 28

5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/
Communion

Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible
Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/
Communion