

Our Mission Statement

Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church shows our loyalty to Jesus Christ through:

- **devotion in WORSHIP**
- **excellence in EDUCATION**
- **and SERVICE that is faithful to the needs of our members, families, neighbors, and community.**

Dear Friends,

It's February and we are close to the season of Lent already. Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day this year. The worship team will be working on all the details for the Lenten season. We will be using another version of liturgy designed by "Sanctified Art" for the season. The theme will be "Wandering Heart". "We are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower, and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us. I think that is very appropriate for the beginning of our year together as we navigate the future mission of our congregation and prepare for possible upgrades to our buildings and look at starting new ministries that strengthen our faith and our community. I am excited for the possibilities and how this will all unfold.

At our council retreat this weekend, we will be discussing our goals for the year based on the listening we have been doing and set a timeline to accomplish those goals. We will prepare a document that we can share with the congregation. Our ministry teams are hard at work planning for the year ahead. It is my hope that these teams will also grow by engaging more people in the congregation.

God has gifted us with many resources to be able to do God's work in this place. It is our job to steward those gifts to the best of our abilities together. There will be some discernment regarding the future of how this church will grow. I am talking about our legacy, how this church will live on long after many of us are no longer here. The legacy of God's church in Greenvine has been going for 140 years as of this year. It is my hope that we look at how we can be a part of sustaining the church to continue this legacy for another 140 years and beyond. The world around us continues to change and evolve and so must we. We want to be transformed by God to understand how we fit into this new world we live in. If you do not feel called to serve on a ministry team or volunteer with other activities at the church, please know that your prayers are just as important. All of us need to pray for the future of this church and for God's kingdom here and now.

Let's take time during this Lenten season to tune our hearts toward God and begin to map out our journey for this next year and beyond together with the help of God. I am truly blessed to be able to lead and to walk with all of you on this faith journey. Keep listening and keep showing up where God calls you and let God do the rest. The spirit is alive in this place. Thanks be to God. Let our journey begin for the year of 2024 and beyond.

Blessings, Pastor Cindy

Please keep in prayers.....

FEBRUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 12-Carrie Busch
13-Diane Boehnemann
14-Connie Higgs
Addison Diehl
Stephanie Eckert

Feb. 15-Lacy Eckert
18-Wendy Warner
22-Dyllin Harrison
27-Alexis Antkowiak

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 01-Kelley Diller
04-Kaya Kitt Thiemer
06-Trenten Rolling
09-Sheila Rolling
Glenn Linke
10-Charli Majewski
11-Karlie Weidemann
Jerri Linke
13-Kristina Newton
Jeramy Diehl
Brian Wostal

20-Callen Schulte
21-Jimmie Eckert
22-Debbie Kieke
23-Jeremy Higgs
25-Gary Krinke
Dyllin Harrison
26-Michelle Cloud

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 02-Abby & Dustin Majewski
13-Kristina & Dennis Newton

Feb. 18- Morgan & Russell Shay



PRAYER LIST

SHUT-INS: Vernell Mertz, Lois Jurries, Rosalie Moehring, Jeanette Schwartz, Daulene Hopmann, Billie Eckert, & Richard Hanath.

MEMBERS of our CONGREGATION: Cathy Ganske, Carrie Busch, Diane Boehnemann, Glenn Linke, Ralf Thiemer, James Chapman, Lee Sikes, John Busch, Paige Fritsch, & Linda Gaskamp.

FRIENDS and FAMILY MEMBERS of OUR CONFREGATION: Dusty Morgan, Pat Joswiak, Lynnlee Kocurek, Albert & Caroline Linke, Bill Holland, Jeffrey Pittman, Sandy Teufel, & Randy Lewis.

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE:

03-53 10-52 17-56 24-107 31-51



SPECIAL THANKS

To My Church Family,
In my goodie bag from you before Christmas, were a lot of Christmas cards and I enjoyed reading all of them. Thanks so much. I also enjoyed the cookies, candy, popcorn, etc. Thanks again for remembering me. You made my day. Bless you all.

Love,
Daulene Hopman



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School has resumed for 2024 with a focus on scriptures from the four gospels this winter and spring. On February 11th, we are celebrating Madis Gras with a pancake breakfast and revisiting the church calendar year with a lesson on "What is Lent? Several other special activities are planned through the middle of May during the Sunday School hour. Please join us each Sunday from 9 to 9:45!!



NEWS from the YOUTH/CHILDREN MINISTRY TEAM

Mark your calendar for upcoming events sponsored by the Youth/Children's Ministry Team. Additional details will be published in the church bulletin, on Facebook, or the church's webpage.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 3

Feb 18 th – Sunday Funday after church.

- Be prepared for food, fellowship, fun and games following church.
- Bring a game that you would like to share with others.

April 12- 14 Luther Hill Family Retreat Weekend.

- Just a "heads-up" on a planned upcoming event. Join other families from our church for a weekend retreat.
- Watch for upcoming information and updates regarding this event.

Cost

- \$110 Adult(13 +)
- \$80 Child (ages 2-12)
- Under 2 yrs- free
- Family Maximum is \$360



OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

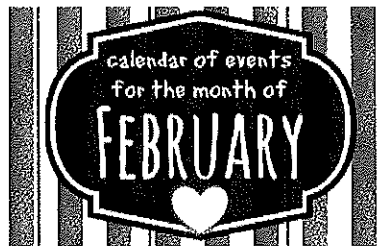
Burton ISD

Dr. Kennedy, Superintendent of Burton ISD has given GEL the green light for "Prayer at the Pole." This special event will be on March 8, 2024, before school starts at the Burton Elementary campus outdoor flag pole. Student participation is on voluntary basis. Grades K thru 12th grade are invited as well as staff and parents. Pastor Cindy will lead this time of prayer. The Outreach Team hopes this will be an ongoing endeavor with the students at the Burton schools.

CPR Class for Our Members, Friends & Neighbors

We are checking to see if there is an interest to offer a CPR class at our church. You would receive a certificate, it would last a few hours and if we can get 20 or more to sign up there would be no charge. If you, your friends and/or neighbors are interested in taking the class, please sign up on the sheet at the narthex of the church. The time and date would be decided at a later time.

Any question, please call Bonnie at 979-251-2495.



February Calendar

February 7, 2024 6:00 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting

February 11, 2024 Souper Bowl Sunday (Bring canned soup and socks to donate to BBM)

February 14, 2024 6:30 a.m. –9:00 a.m. Ashes to Go at the White Horse Tavern

6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

February 16-18 Gulf Coast Synod Youth Gathering at Lutherhill

February 18, 2024 Sunday Fun Day after Worship

February 19, 2024 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

February 21, 28, 2024 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Mid-Week Service for Lent

Worship Ministry Schedule FEBRUARY

Date	Altar Flowers	Communion Committee	Assisting Minister	Acolytes	Head Usher – Donna Putnam	Tellers
Feb 04	Jo Ann Bedkermann	Carol Schmidt Linda Gaskamp	Thelma Doppelhammer	Jacob Brode	Nikki Boehnemann Karlie King	Troy Weidemann Alexis Antkowiak
Feb 11	KylieAntkowiak Alexis Antkowiak	Diane Boehnemann Angie Fritsch	Luke Eckert	Gracyn Kaminski	Ashley Brode John Brode	Carolyn Thiemer Tonja Scheer
Feb 18	Charles & Linda Gaskamp	Donna Putnam Kelley Shuford	Chris Siemsglusz	Callen Schulte	Leslie Boehnemann Marlyn Doppelhammer	Betty Clark Melissa Diehl
Feb 25	Kay Matthies	Denise Brode Kareen Resendez	Sherry Krinke	Ronson Muegge	Barbara Donnelly Connie Higgs	Lacy Eckert Marlyn Doppelhammer5

Memorials –

Gifts received this past month were given in memory of **Grace Boehnemann** and **Evelyn Fuchs**. Thank you for honoring our loved ones with a gift to our church's Memorial Fund.



THE CHURCH THAT FEEDS, LEADS, AND LOVES

Church Council Meeting

Date: December 10, 2023

Attendees: not noted (Church Council Christmas Party)

The December meeting was held in conjunction with the Church Council Christmas Party and was graciously hosted at the Doppelhammer house. We are so very thankful for their hospitality.

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

Marlyn presented the Treasurer's Report. The report was reviewed and a motion was made, seconded and the motion passed unanimously to accept the report as presented.

The council reviewed the Council Election results from the November meeting.

The election results are as follows:

President: Troy Weidemann

Vice-President: Sharon Chapman

Treasurer: Alexis Antkowiak

Secretary: Lacy Eckert

A motion was made and seconded to elect the aforementioned members of council to their respected positions. The motion passed unanimously.

Christmas staff bonuses were discussed and bonuses will follow our budget respectfully.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

The next council meeting will be January 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lacy Eckert

Secretary -- Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Emmanuel Lutheran Monthly Banking Financial Data
As of December, 2023

Total Cash
Balance
Amounts

12/31/2023 General Operating Fund

Year 2023 Total Budget Income Amount	\$15,857.53
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Budgeted Expense	\$14,242.16
Year 2023 Net profit/deficit	\$1,615.37 profit

12/31/2023 General Fund Balance - \$15,440.71

12/31/2023 Total SUPER NOW Fund

Year 2023 Total Income/Deposits	\$4,179.47
Year 2023 Total Checks Written for Non-Budgeted Expense	\$1,059.81
Year 2023 Net profit/deficit	\$3,119.66 profit

Portion Balances of the SUPER NOW Fund

Memorial Fund Balance	\$11,022.26
Property Fund Balance	\$9,516.90
Cemetery Fund Balance	\$4,574.91
LYO Fund Balance	\$2,843.98
Camp Fund Balance	\$7,558.65
Parish Hall Upgrade Fund Balance	\$2,873.60
12/31/2023 TOTAL Money Market Fund Bank Balance	<u>\$38,390.33</u>

12/31/2023----2nd Mile Giving Fund \$2,571.34

12/31/2023 Emmanuel Lutheran TOTAL Cash Balance \$56,402.35