

EMANUEL CHURCH

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FROM PASTOR RON

God is love (1 John 4:9)

As we finish our season of Lent 2026 and begin Holy Week (today!) with the celebration of Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we have reflected on God and Jesus in amazing and deep ways. Bible studies, theology classes, book studies, worship services, personal testimonies, breaking bread together, and sermons. Christianity today can prove challenging in so many ways. Not just in how we live, but how we understand our God. It is enough to make our heads explode! But hopefully not so much so that we give up on God and the church.

Holy Week, during which we seriously reflect on Jesus' Passion which culminated in his execution by crucifixion, prepares us for what happens on Easter morning. The person of God, holy and without sin, who loved us so much that he died to save us from our own sins, is resurrected by God— raised, not just in spirit, but bodily. So that, not only are our sins forgiven and forgotten, but we now are also provided with eternal life which (should) eliminate our fear of human death.

In these few days, after thousands of years before and thousands of years since, we see God as he truly is— God is love! Not weepy, not emotional, not tough, not angry and vengeful, not coveting. God "is" agape. God is sacrificial, unselfish, putting us before himself. God is love!

That, my friends, is what Easter is all about. That is what Christianity is all about. Love God and love others, sacrificially, putting God first and others before ourselves.

Everything else we do is designed and meant to lead us to this single, simple point.

Happy Easter!
Pastor Ron

FROM THE TREASURER – GREG RUFVOLD

Financial Update

	Thru 2/28/26	YTD Budget	Thru 2/28/25
Offerings	\$44,330	\$55,342	\$46,796
Expenses	<u>\$54,061</u>	<u>\$55,342</u>	<u>\$50,601</u>
Net Income(loss)	(\$ 9,731)	\$0	(\$ 3,805)

EMANUEL WOMEN

We meet monthly to enjoy fellowship and discuss fund raising projects and local needs. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 14th at 1:30p, in the church library. Agnes Holt will provide the program, and Linda Zara will provide the dessert. Last year, we provided over \$2,500 in financial aid and products for local charities. We would like to expand our group and invite you to join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Hope to see you on April 14th!

PASTOR & CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Pastor

September thru May

Monday – Wednesday 9:00a – Noon

June thru August

Friday & Saturday 9:00a – Noon

Pastor Off: Monday & Tuesday

Emergencies happen- Always good to call ahead or schedule an appointment.

Office

Year Round

Monday thru Thursday 9:00a – 1:00p

Closed: Church & National holidays

Messages left on church answering machine after 1:00p on Thursday will not be received until the following Monday.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FROM DANI

Holy Week

No Wednesday Programming
Wednesday, April 1st

Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
Thursday, April 2nd at 6p

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 3rd at 6p

Easter Worship
Sunday, April 5th at 8a or 10:30a
- NO Sunday School

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

We return to our bible study classes on Wednesday, April 8th.

- Women will be studying Psalms at 10a & 6p
- Men will be in the book of Ephesians at 6p

VBS PLANNING

Come join the adventure! This summer our VBS theme, **Emerald Crossing**, will take kids on a journey through Ireland as we discover the comfort and truth of **Psalm 23** and learn how the Lord is our Shepherd: June 15th-18th, 2026- 4:45p-7:30p.

Interested in helping with VBS? We'd love to have you join us to hear about the vision, explore volunteer roles, and help us start planning a fun and faith-filled week for our kids. The next planning meeting is Tuesday, April 7th at 5:30p.

There's a place for everyone—whether you enjoy crafts, games, decorating, snacks, or simply loving on kids. Come see how you can be part of the journey!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Castle Rock Lake Women's Retreat:
Saturday, May 2nd, 9a-3p.

We invite you to join us for a day centered around the theme: "Come Boldy", with a focus on confident prayer and courageous faith in the Lord.

A light breakfast, lunch and beverages will be provided. Refer to the sign up for more information and needs.

Address: 1909 Goodin Road, Adams, WI -
carpooling options on sign up

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER AND Q&A

Worship at 8a & 10:30a on Sunday, April 19th
Unraveling Together: When Grief is Real
with Pastor and Author Dianne Deaton Vielhuber.

Grief changes everything. It reshapes the landscape of our lives. Drawing upon stories and nuggets from her book *Unraveling Together: Sharing the Threads of Grief*, Pastor Dianne guides us through grief's tender journey. Join us for worship where we remember we heal best when we heal together and a *brief workshop with Q&A following the late service*.

Books are available for purchase and signing after both worship services.

RED BIRD MISSION TRIP, JULY 19-24

Emanuel is heading back to Red Bird Mission this summer to serve through building and repair projects that bless families in Kentucky.

Interested in joining the team? Come to our information meeting on Sunday, April 12th, right after the 10:30a service to learn more about the trip, the work we'll be doing, and how you can be part of it.

We'd love to have you join us in serving together!

WEATHER

We've expanded our reach to notify you in case of weather-related cancellations. You can find updates through the following media outlets:

- 99.7 MAX FM (Baraboo radio station): Updates are posted on their Facebook page (99.7 MAX FM) and announced on air once an hour.
- WMTV 15: Closings are posted on their website (www.wmtv15news.com) under First Alert Weather, Closings, and will also appear on the scrolling banner on TV.
- WKOW 27: Closings are posted on their website (www.wkow.com) under Weather, School Closings and Delays, and will also appear on the scrolling banner on TV.

Hopefully our snow is done until next winter!

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