

Emanuel News – May 20, 2018

INVEST IN THE YOUTH GROUP

On June 26th-July 1st, 11 youth and 2 adults from Emanuel will attend the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. To support this trip, our youth are holding a Stock Sale where you can invest in our youth and receive a postcard or letter from a youth on the trip and attend a Stockholders' Dinner in the fall where you can hear about the Gathering and our youth's experience. Shares cost \$25 each and you may purchase as many shares as you like. This is the final Sunday to make your investment! The Youth Group is close to reaching their goal so help please be generous in your support.

ARE YOU OR YOUR DAUGHTER/SON GRADUATING THIS YEAR?

If you or your daughter or son is graduating from High School or College this year Emanuel would like to know!

- High School Graduates: In addition to their names, let us know what high school they attended and what their plans are. If it's college then what college are they planning on attending. Did they receive any honors or recognitions?
- College Graduates: Let us know the school, the degree and major and what their plans are.

There are sheets for recording this information in Luther Hall. You can also email the information to john.franzis@emanuelhartford.org. We will be honoring our graduates on an upcoming Sunday!

2018 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Emanuel is proud to maintain thirteen scholarship endowment funds, valued at approximately \$1.15 million at the end of 2017. Last year, thirty members of Emanuel's family received \$71,050 in scholarship or grant awards, bringing the awards for the past ten years to over \$540,000 for 150 individuals.

Applications for the Emanuel scholarships are available on the Emanuel website:

<http://emanuelhartford.org/grow/scholarships/>. If you are unsure whether your particular educational pursuits qualify for a specific scholarship, please fill out one of the "General" applications. A completed application will help in determining which of the funds an individual might be eligible for.

Forms should be submitted by June 30, 2018.

MANNA COMMUNITY MEAL

Emanuel is hosting the Manna Community Meal on May 29 at Christ Church Cathedral from 5:00—7:30 PM. We need volunteers to prepare casseroles and cupcakes and volunteers to help serve. Sign-up in Luther Hall. If you have any questions call or text David Kiersznowski at 860-716-9753 or email him at daveski@live.com.

ITEMS FOR THE POOR AT THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

As in previous years, there will be a collection of items for the poor at the Synod Assembly on June 7. This year the request is for bedding. The Emanuel Congregation has generously supported these collections in the past and will support the collection this year. Please place your donation in the large bin in Luther Hall that has a "For the Synod Assembly" on it.

USHERS NEEDED FOR THE 8:00 AND 10:00 AM SERVICES

Ushers are needed for both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services. If you are willing to welcome worshipers on Sunday, distribute Worship Bulletins, help with the offering, the Communion Service, and offer assistance when needed then please consider becoming one of the ushers. If you have any questions, please see either Bob Graulich or Jim Ashwell on Sunday morning. There are sign-up sheets in the Chapel for the 8:00 AM service in the Luther Hall for the 10:00 AM service. You can also sign-up online for the 10:00 AM service at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45ada82aa7fc1-ushers>

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ON AUGUST 6TH THROUGH AUGUST 10TH.

- A full day will be offered Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for ages 6 through 14.
- A half day of VBS will be offered Monday through Friday for ages 4 and 5.
- 14 or 15-year old's can serve as "Counselors in Training". Those that are interested in serving as "Counselors in Training" will meet with the Counselors on Sunday, August 5th.
- There is no charge for participating in the Vacation Bible School program.
- There is additional information about this year's VBS program, permission forms and sign-up sheets in Luther Hall. We will need the name of the child, their age, the name of the parent/guardian and the parent/guardian's contact information.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EMANUEL

- May 20—Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Sunday
- May 27—Baptism of Kai & Izzy Hazard
- May 28 —Memorial Day—Church Office Closed
- May 29—Community Manna Meal at Christ Church Cathedral from 5—7:30 PM
- June 12—Property Committee Meeting at 7:00 PM
- August 6-10—Vacation Bible School

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

The Friday Night Program needs Volunteers! There are two time slots available each Friday, one from 3:30—6:00 PM and one from 6:00 PM—9:00 PM. We need two volunteers for each time slot.

The primary duty of the Volunteers is to check participants in (a check in table is set up in the lobby of the new entrance) and direct them up the stairs to the Gym. You do not need to know anything about basketball!

We have three ways for you to sign up.

- A signup sheet is available in the Luther Hall.
- You can also call the church or email john.franzis@emanualhartford.org with the dates and timeslots that you are able to volunteer for.
- Sign-Up on line at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45ada82aa7fc1-friday>