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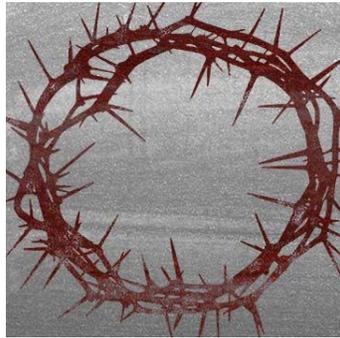
The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford



Maundy Thursday

April 2

Services of Holy
Communion at **Noon**
and again at **7:00 p.m.**
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Good Friday

April 3

Our Good Friday liturgy
will be at **7:00 p.m.**
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Easter Day

April 5

On Easter Sunday, we
will rejoice in Jesus'
triumph and resurrection
at **9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**
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Calumet Sunday

April 19

Join us for lunch **after the**
10:00 a.m. service and
bring your Calumet and
camp stories!
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Walk Against Hunger, May 3

Come join the Emanuel
Team!
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Stephen Ministry

Christ Caring for People
Through People
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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. in the Church

Thursday Bible Conversation

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Adult Classroom of the Parish Building. We'll be discussing studying the text for the coming Sunday. Please see page 8 for a listing of texts.

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**The Mission of Emanuel Lutheran Church
In response to Christ's love we:**

Worship God in joyful celebration,
Invite others into this community of Christ,
Serve those in need in the community and in the world,
Nurture all people in faith through Christian education,
Encourage and support one another in Christian living and fellowship.

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From Pastor Corgan

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently, I read a pastoral reflection regarding Easter. The author noted that many contemporary people have seemingly moved beyond a literal understanding of the resurrection, that belief now is different from that talked about by Jesus and Paul, now more mystical, symbolic. I have many friends who would fit into that category, perhaps you do, too. Or, maybe, you would put yourself there, you with your questions/doubts. I suspect many of us might, at times, maybe right now...

How do we understand the resurrection of Jesus?

What does it mean, if anything, for you, your family and friends, for us, and for the world?

I happen to be one who believes that Jesus did indeed rise from the dead. As counter-intuitive and insane as it may sound to the reasoning mind, I believe that the empty tomb reality speaks an honest and clear word to a world of people, enveloped in absolutely irrational behavior and activity: warring madness around the globe, drug and alcohol addiction

sapping the life of talented, gifted, beautiful people, hunger and starvation depleting/killing so many while others of us "feast sumptuously," abusive and neglectful behavior toward the littlest, most vulnerable among us, families torn apart by greed, jealousy and envy, the cries of the poor and hungry silenced by the glamour and glitz of the sirens of consumerism; all of this which is indeed our reality, and so much more, all of it in the context of the human existential conundrum: imperfect life, pain and misery, sadness, sorrow, hyper-anxiety, despair, empty souls, and then, to top it all off—Death waits for all—Death: inexhaustible, relentless, merciless, in its pursuit.

From my life perspective, God, entering this reality in Jesus, living, dying and proclaiming life, not death, as the final word through a resurrection, is not beyond us and our belief. In fact, I'm convinced there's no better place to pin our hopes.

I invite you to take some time before Easter Day to read and reflect on the Easter account from Matthew. Let the Word revealed here be for you God's good news regarding life, death and new life in Christ.

Matthew 28: 1-10 The Resurrection of Jesus

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Yours in the Risen Christ,
Pastor Corgan

HOLY WEEK AT EMANUEL



You are invited to join our Emanuel family on **Maundy Thursday, April 2**, for Holy Communion at **12:00 Noon** and again at **7:00 p.m.** Our **Good Friday** liturgy will be at **7:00 p.m. on April 3.**

Generosity

It was truly a blessing to have Linda Staats with us last month to lead our Cross+Gen Generosity Sunday. If you didn't get one of the adorable pigs to take home as a reminder of God's generosity and our opportunity to Share, Save, and Spend, let me know. We have some extras looking to be adopted. Perhaps you would like to share one with a friend!



During Sunday School, before our intergenerational lunch and fellowship, the children explored the parable of the laborers in the vineyard found in Matthew 20:1-16. You can probably imagine the reaction of children who are experts on what is and isn't fair!

But as we talked, we realized that God's love is very special. It's a love that isn't about fairness but about generosity. God's generosity is unending, and we can share that generosity with others without worrying that it will run out or that there's not enough for everyone.

After thinking about this parable that they heard in worship, they got busy making pigs to take home and to share with everyone who would be joining them for the Cross+Gen Generosity lunch. It was lots of fun and - thanks to the teachers and teen classroom aides - controlled holy chaos!

Third Graders Receive First Holy Communion

We rejoice with the following young people who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time during the Maundy Thursday worship service: *Brittany Caldwell, Seth Hartnett, Ava Johnson, Olivia Jarvis, Sayee Kannah, Aron Kiehne, Patrick Liddell, Isabel Orton.*

April lessons:

How do these stories help you understand God and how God works in our lives?

April 5 (Easter Sunday): The children remain in worship to discover the happy surprise of the empty tomb. Jesus proved that even after death we are safe with God/Jesus. That's Good News! Matthew 28:1-10

April 12: The Great Commission. Jesus wants us to tell everyone about his special love. Even when it may not seem easy, Jesus promises he will be with us. Matthew 28:16-20

April 19: Peter's Vision. The children remain in worship to hear how God gave Peter a vision of animals sliding down a bed sheet from heaven! All ages will be together to think about how God's love is not limited to just some, but is for everyone. Acts 10:1-17, 34-35

April 26: Saul to Paul. God chose Saul, an enemy of Christians, to become Paul, one of our church's greatest leaders. Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18
PreK-K students visit the Children's Library.



Prayer for the Month:

Dear God, thank you for all kinds of people to help you spread the word about Jesus. Help us tell others about how much you love everyone! Amen.

Help Keep the Outside of our Church Attractive and Welcoming.



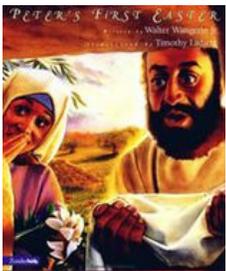
This year will be a real challenge with all the construction going on. During the past few years a few people get together on Tuesdays and plant the gardens, weed and generally pick up trash. A commitment of a couple hours a week is all it takes. If you are not retired, you could do it on Saturday. Our small group is dealing with health issues, but we are willing to show you what to do. For further information call **Bernie Johnson 860-649-6661.**

Children's Library News

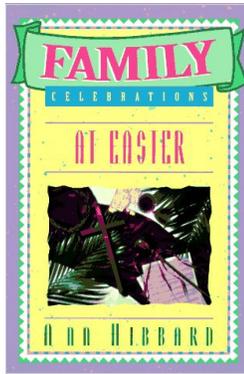
It's hard to believe that Easter is right around the corner. That means that it's time for a visit to the Children's Library to check out our wonderful collection of Easter books. We have

books for every level, beginning with board books for toddlers and advancing to family devotions for all ages. Family Celebrations at Easter contains an entire section of family Lenten devotions. Each devotion begins with an introduction and includes a Gospel reading, discussion questions, a final thought, a prayer, a hymn verse and symbols to hang on an Easter tree. There is also a section which will help you explain Passover to your children.

The Toddler's Bible Easter Book encourages toddlers to rejoice in the Easter story. Told in simple language, this colorful book tells the story of Jesus, from His ride into Jerusalem to His ascension into heaven. The book also contains tips for parents and instructions for making a simple cross to hang in your toddler's room. You will also find 5 simple "Talk About It" discussion questions that a toddler will easily understand.



For older children, Peter's First Easter by Walter Wangerin Jr. is a poignant story that shows us the wonder of God's forgiveness through Peter's earthly relationship with Jesus. It is the story of the last



days of Jesus' life, from the Last Supper to His crucifixion and resurrection, told from the point of view of Simon Peter.

These are only a few of the wonderful books in our Easter collection. Make sure you pay a visit to the library and make use of our books, videos and DVDs to share stories of Holy Week and Easter with your family.

A Special Note

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for the enormous ways you've stood by us and our family during our loss (Success' Mom). Your cards, calls, text messages and visitations were ardently consoling enough for us to know that we have a truly caring family in Emanuel, a place where "God is with us" regardless of our circumstance. Many blessings to you and your family!

Success and Vicar Dominic Smyth

The stories of our Faith Practices

On April 19, in Luther Hall, between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services, Vicar Dominic will be facilitating discussions on faith practices: **Prayer; Food; Worship; Sacraments; Money; Service; and Community.** This is an opportunity for us to meet and engage one another in faith discussions in a way that is more enriching. One of the great ways of deepening the faith we profess on Sundays is to actually encourage, create and cultivate an atmosphere where we can continue to talk about our faith in a safe and nurturing environment. Please feel free to join us once a month as we rethink some of the established practices of our faith, while snacking during coffee hour fellowship. A future date: May 17, 2015.

EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

On Easter Sunday, we will rejoice in Jesus' triumph and resurrection at **9:00 and 11:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary. Please join us for Easter Fellowship at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. After the 11:00 a.m. worship, please consider taking

one of the Easter Plants on display and, **at your convenience, delivering it to a special**



person who is homebound, in a health care facility, recently hospitalized or bereaved. We'll have cards with names and addresses on them in Luther Hall.

Faith Budget

The faith budget is that portion of our operating budget that both enables Emanuel to meet its ministry commitments and provides opportunity for each of us to share over and above our regular pledges.

In 2014, many of you gave generously, providing over \$50,000 in contributions toward the faith budget. I commend you for your good stewardship!

For 2015, the budget approved at the annual meeting includes a faith budget line item of \$37,000.

The Church Council and I want you to be aware of this as we move into the spring months, trusting that some of you will begin to make donations as you're able. For some, I know, there is little or no discretionary money available in your personal budget. For many others of us, that is not the case. Please consider this need and opportunity prayerfully and share as generously.

Pastor Corgan

CALUMET

SUNDAY

April 19, 2015 at Emanuel

Join us for lunch after the 10:00 a.m. service when we'll share our Calumet and camp stories across the generations.

Bring any camp memorabilia, paraphenalia, momentos, photos, caps, sweatshirts, etc. . . anything, except dead fish!!! and come ready to share your stories. . .

Sign up in Luther Hall. We are limited to the first 80!



Birthdays and Anniversaries are noted each month for persons who are:

- 80 years of age and every year thereafter.
- Married for 50 years and every year thereafter.

Special Emanuel Birthdays During April!

- Susan Johnson - April 1
- Ronald Lindlauf- April 3
- Burton Hedling - April 7
- Pauline Cochrane - April 8
- Donald Ahlberg - April 10
- Dorothy Bloomquist - April 20
- Alice Henry - April 28

Special Emanuel Anniversaries During April!

Dr. and Mrs. William Bronson - April 3, 61st Anniversary



Prayers and Godspeed for Emanuel's Colonel John Wiltse and his battalion as they deploy to Afghanistan in March for the remainder of 2015.

"Sunday Conversation"

On Sundays at 11:20 a.m. in the Sandberg Library

Please join us after the 10:00 a.m. worship service for a discussion group focusing on the Lectionary reading for that Sunday. Grab a cup of coffee and come on into the

Sandberg Library - we welcome your thoughts and insight!

On Sunday, March 15, the ministry of Assisting Ministers was recognized, with prayers offered.

Currently there are six individuals serving as Assisting Ministers. Each was presented with a cross and necklace and a liturgical folder for use on Sundays. The six are **Barb Barg, Mal Doyle, Alan Meeds, Brook Nowak, Lynne Strecker and Janice Favreau, coordinator.**

Anyone interested in serving in this ministry is invited to attend a training session on Sunday, April 12, at 11:30 a.m. and/or contact Janice Favreau at jefavreau@cox.net or 860-978-1681.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL</p> 			1	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>Maundy Thursday Worship Services at 12 noon and 7 pm At the 7 pm service: First Communion</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>No Friday Night Program</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Easter 9 and 11 am Services of Holy Communion</p> <p>No Sunday School</p> <p>10 - 11 am: Easter Fellowship in Luther Hall</p> <p>■ See Chart Below</p> <p>☞ See Chart Below</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p> <p>10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm: Intern Committee Meeting in the Lounge</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:30 am: Training for New Assisting Ministers</p> <p>■ See Chart Below</p> <p>☞ See Chart Below</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p> <p>10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson</p> <p>7 pm: Thriving Churches Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Deadline for "God With Us"</p> <p>7 - 9 pm: Stephen Ministry Continuing Education in Adult Education</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion 8 and 10 am Calumet Sunday Sunday School in Worship</p> <p>9:15 am: The Stories of our Faith Practices in Luther Hall, Vicar Dominic</p> <p>11:30 am, Luncheon: Calumet's Ministry</p> <p>■ See Chart</p> <p>☞ See Chart</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p> <p>10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson</p> <p>7 pm: Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7 pm: Confirmation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p> <p>4 pm: Confirmation Youth leave for Camp Calumet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Confirmation Youth at Calumet</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am Sunday School</p> <p>■ See Chart</p> <p>☞ See Chart</p> <p>Confirmation Youth return home from Calumet</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p> <p>10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson</p> <p>7 pm: Church Council in Luther Hall</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Chart</p> <p>■ = Prosperity Congregation in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>☞ = "Sunday Conversation" in the Sandberg Library at 11:20 am</p> </div>	

WELCOMING TEAM TO BE FORMED!

As many of you are aware, a small group of Emanuel members have been meeting over the past year to explore the topic of what it means to be a “thriving” church and to try to identify some of the key factors that enable a church to thrive and accomplish its mission statement. There has been a good deal of discussion within the committee based on various books we have read on the subject as well as observations of local congregations that we generally agree are, in fact, thriving. One of the key ingredients that we have identified is that these thriving churches are generally seen as very welcoming to visitors and those looking to “try out” a church

for possible membership. In the hope of making Emanuel a more welcoming church, we have decided to create a “team” of existing members that will specifically try to improve the level of interaction with visitors most especially during fellowship hour in Luther Hall. We anticipate that a little bit of training for those interested in being part of this “Welcoming Team” would be helpful. If you are interested in participating in such a team or would simply like to learn more about this effort and see if you would be a good “fit” for this ministry, **please call me, Eric Carlson, on my cell phone (860) 978-5891 as soon as possible.**

ACTIVITIES & NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH

The National Youth Gathering is just 4 months away. It will be an opportunity for 9 youth from Emanuel to engage with peers from across the United States and the

world who share a common commitment and faith in Christ.

Please consider making a donation to help offset the costs for sending the youth to Detroit.

“Christ in our Home”

Be sure to look in the back of the Nave, near the Guest Book outside the Chapel and in Luther Hall on Sundays. There you will find the April, May, June complimentary issue of *Christ in our Home*, a wonderful devotional that offers daily opportunities for reflection and prayer. Each day provides a short Bible text with a brief, thoughtful message and simple prayer.

“You should never be proud of doing the right thing. You should just do the right thing.”

-Basketball coach **Dean Smith**, who died last month, as quoted by sportswriter John Feinstein. Smith didn’t want credit for helping to desegregate restaurants in Chapel Hill, NC (NPR, February 8).

Bible Readings

For the Month of April

April 2

Maundy Thursday
“Words of Institution,”
Matthew 26:17-30

April 3:

Good Friday
“Crucifixion: Matthew”
Matthew 27:27-61

April 5:

Easter Day
“Easter”
Matthew 28:1-10

April 12

Second Sunday of Easter
“Great Commission”
Matthew 28:16-20

April 19

Third Sunday of Easter
“Peter’s Vision”
Acts 10:1-17, 34-35

April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter
“Paul’s Mission”
Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

Volunteer Opportunities on Sundays

If you are interested in volunteering to be a Greeter or a Lector, please contact the coordinators below.

Greeters: Eileen Mitchell,
860-688-4867 or
gemitch@comcast.net

Lectors: Lynn Sherman,
860-523-1702

Thank you Eileen and Lynn for your service to these important ministries.

Altar Flowers - \$45.00

The form to provide altar flowers is on page 19.

Council Highlights

February 24, 2015 Council Highlights

Council President Mark Hopper called the meeting to order and Vicar Dominic led devotions on Matthew 20: 1-16, reflecting on God's abundant grace, love and justice for all. The minutes of the January 6, January 25, and February 3, 2015 Council meetings were accepted unanimously without discussion.

Senior Pastor's report: Pastor Corgan highlighted upcoming activities and progress on staff restructuring. His every member pastoral visits are beginning, with individual stewardship being one of the topics discussed. (Mark Hollertz reported that the current 2015 Pledge total is \$427,000 from 201 pledges versus \$436,000 for 2014's total.)

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Marschhausen introduced Eileen Hurley, our new Financial Manager. She is an accountant recommended by Jonathan Fink of Blum Shapiro. She described the new system being set up for Emanuel's finances, and the formats which will capture Emanuel's net worth, including our assets and liabilities. She walked Council members through the work-in progress balance sheet and went over the Profit and Loss Statement which shows not only income and expenses by month, year to date, and annual budget figures but also the appreciation/depreciation and dividends of all our investment funds. It was noted that it will be important to introduce and explain the new format to the congregation.

Welcome to New Council

Members: President Hopper welcomed Linnea Bloomquist, Jim Flanders, Dean Orton and Gary Troutman (in absentia).

Stained Glass Window and North

Wall Update: Jane Wunder provided an update, highlighting the March 8 information meeting and the March 15 congregation vote. After discussion Council voted in favor of a resolution supporting the signing of contracts to secure Emanuel's place on two contractors' schedules (no expenses would be incurred until the congregation approves the additional funding). (Please see the separate article for details on this project.)

Ernest & Laura Wignall Scholarship

Fund: Pastor Corgan provided an overview of the history of the Ernest & Laura Wignall Scholarship Fund. In May 2002 Emanuel received memorial gifts to establish this fund, and recently at the request of Ernest Wignall, the funds will begin to be used for scholarships. Based on his specific recommendations, a resolution was presented specifying that starting with the 2015-2016 academic year,

1. a \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to each of two (2) qualified students attending a four-year college or university, and
2. a \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to each of three (3) qualified students attending a two-year community college or a two-year vocational/technical school.

"Qualified" students must have a 2.5 or better grade point average and be a full-time student, attending an accredited four-year college/university studying for a Bachelor's degree or an accredited two-year college studying for an Associate's degree or a two-year vocational/technical school studying for a

certificate of completion. This level of award (\$19,000 in total) is to be continued annually until the balance of assets in this fund have been depleted. The resolution also requires that the Council establish a Student Selection Committee for the purpose of awarding the scholarships and delegates the Modeen Scholarship Committee to secure at least three members of that committee to serve as this committee, with renewable terms of one year. The resolution was seconded and approved unanimously, with much gratitude to Ernest Wignall, his family and his friends.

Prosperity Chapel Decision: Pastor Marschhausen reported to the Council that the letter indicating the termination of the trial period arrangement with Prosperity Chapel International as of April 30, 2015 at the latest was delivered to Pastor Klayee Juty and Prosperity Chapel International.

Next council meeting:
Tuesday April 28

Please visit our re-released website at www.emanuelhartford.org.

The website can be added as a button on your SmartPhone or tablet. Recent updates to the website include Sermons, FAQ's, and Newsletters.

Listen to MP3 files:
<http://emanuelhartford.org/worship/sermons/>

Here's the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) link to our website:
<http://emanuelhartford.org/aboutus/faqs/>

Calendar on page 7 of our newsletter, "God With Us."

Please contact **Becki Murphy** at beckimurphy@ymail.com if you have any questions.

Update on the Windows and Masonry Project

On Sunday March 8, an informational meeting on the stained glass windows and masonry project was attended by about 75 members of the congregation. Through a photographic slide presentation and the circulation of masonry samples, Mike Nowak, Property Chair, provided an update on the expanded restoration project and its three distinct phases;

1. Side Windows and Walls: This project to restore the “diamond” stained glass windows on the east/west sides and in the balcony was originally approved by the congregation in May 2014. Work began in August with the removal of the plastic overglazing and the stained glass panels. The stained glass panels themselves are 100% complete in the studios of Stained Glass Resources and are awaiting reinstallation. During the window removal phase, however, unexpected masonry deterioration was discovered in the precast concrete window frames. Detail analysis by both our structural engineer and exterior masonry specialist identified significant problems including; masonry deterioration and broken pieces, delamination of masonry coating, cracks allowing water intrusion, eroded/missing mortar joints, dried out sealants, and misaligned stone window frame pieces. The extensive work to address these problems requires additional funding of \$100,000 (beyond the previously approved \$330,000) and is necessary to restore the integrity of the window openings and permit stained glass reinstallation.

2. North Wall and Windows: The engineer and masonry specialist also did an extensive evaluation of

the large cracks and masonry problems in the north wall and around the balcony window. Problems identified included displacement of the stone window frame, structural cracks in brick masonry, severe delamination/displacement/cracking of cast stone, joint separation, and interior cracks with water/air



intrusion. The lack of vertical expansion joints in this wall followed by decades of weather/temperature-related expansion and contraction have progressively worsened the cracks and deterioration. Work to correct these problems (and permit reinstallation of windows) is even more extensive than the other sides and will cost an estimated \$125,000.

3. Towers: During the engineering investigations on the north wall, masonry deterioration was also identified on both towers. There are sections of deteriorated masonry on the east tower in danger of detaching and falling below as well as an area of leakage. Upon discovering this last fall, the “covered” entryway at the east front entrance and fencing were installed to insure pedestrian safety. The affected areas on the towers and area of leakage will be temporarily encapsulated and stabilized by late fall 2015. During

2015 the engineer will develop specifications for a permanent repair, to be done in 2016. The cost to do the temporary work and complete the engineering is \$25,000. (A separate funding request for completing the full repairs in 2016 will be submitted in the future.)

In total, the additional funding needed for the above three phases is \$250,000. At a special meeting on Sunday March 15, the congregation voted in favor of funding the needed \$250,000 through three sources, as recommended by Finance Committee and the Council:

- \$35,000 from the Remainder Fund (funds remaining undesignated from the Capitol Towers sale proceeds),
- \$30,000 from the Capital Needs savings account, and
- \$185,000 from the principal of the Capital Needs Endowment Fund (representing a change from the annual 4-5% transfer allowed by the policy established for this fund).

The motion and background information shared with those gathered to vote highlighted this one time policy change to take from the principal of the Capital Needs Endowment Fund, and the subsequent impact on annual transfer amounts (i.e. the reduced principal will result in less available for annual transfer). Additionally, it was noted that Emanuel faces other major capital projects in the coming 5-10 years such as restoring the painted stained glass windows, additional masonry repairs, the permanent tower repairs, and interior work, all necessary to maintaining our nearly 100 year old building. The total price tag for these future projects could easily

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wipe out the Capital Needs Endowment Fund - unless the congregation begins planning and creatively thinking about how such capital projects can be funded without decimating our endowed resources.

With the immediate \$250,000 now in place, the current scope of work will resume on the east, west and north sides. Scaffolding has reappeared in the sanctuary and will be present for the next several

months as our three contractors do their work. The schedule anticipates the windows on the sides to be reinstalled during the summer and then on the north side by late fall -- our hope is to improve on those timeframes if weather cooperates and if there are no more surprises.

We appreciate everyone's support on this much expanded project. We hope the scaffolding and extra dust will not prove too great an

inconvenience! Please make a point of looking at the window frames as they undergo dramatic restoration -- and check out the schedule chart in Luther Hall to see which contractors are in our church. We're happy to answer any questions you might have -- please ask Mike Nowak, Jane Wunder or Property Committee.

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NOTE: All phone numbers in the above chart have the 860 area code, unless specified.

EMANUEL'S RECENT INTERNS

From Pastor Corgan:

Sue Johnson asked me a while ago if we could have updates on our previous interns. What a great idea! I've written recently to them, inviting them to share whatever they'd like regarding their lives, their ministries, etc.

This month, we hear from our second intern, (at least, during my 18 years here at Emanuel) **Pastor Diane Rainson**.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I can hardly believe it's been nearly a decade since the good folks of Emanuel nurtured my faith and guided my discernment as an intern. Often I think back fondly on the warmth and support of the community of Emanuel. My thanks to you all for the strong start in ministry you gave me. Special thanks to Pastor Corgan, the best mentor an intern could have (I still call him for advice!).

These 'early years' of ministry have definitely been eventful. I remain in my first call, serving the congregation of First Lutheran Church in Waterbury, CT. It is a small, vibrant congregation, filled with faithful and loving people, striving to serve God and our community. Together we've faced some big challenges. You wouldn't believe the learning I've received here; a genuine liberal arts education including finance, realty, contract negotiation, human resources, plumbing, grant writing, crime investigation and the ever-valuable skill of boiler repair. Never a dull moment! But in all my learning to date, what I've come to know is the grace, courage, and power of communities that work together in God's name to make a difference in the world. In spite of all

our challenges, discipleship, faith, service, and Christian love grow stronger here all the time.

Right now our congregation is in major transition. We are in the beginning stages of consolidating with a neighboring Lutheran church, and we have big plans to grow our community and spread the gospel wider than either congregation could do alone. We are all excited,



nervous, and so very, very busy! These days I am stressed and blessed in equal measure. But it's a good stress - the tension of risk-taking and making great leaps of faith. And if you remember me at all, then you remember that I was never one to shy from an adventure (not long ago I found myself zip-lining from cliffs and scuba diving in caves of the Yucatan Peninsula). But so far, riding the wild winds of the Holy Spirit has been the greatest adventure of all. With your prayers, a good motorcycle, and the love of one enormous cat (yes, the inimitable Mr. Boogie remains my faithful sidekick), I'm ready to keep following the path Christ sets down for me, wherever it leads.

My brothers and sisters in faith, please know you remain in my heart and in my prayers, which are filled with gratitude for your friendship.

*Yours in Christ,
Diane Rainson*

Please remember to bring in donations of food (canned, non perishable) for the MANNA Food Pantry - we have a collection box in Luther Hall. Thanks!

Parents of Toddlers

If your child has or will turn three years of age in 2015, he or she may be ready to start Sunday School at Emanuel. Please contact Natalie Bloomquist at Natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org to learn more or to register your toddler.

Hats, Mittens and Gloves and Scarf Collection

All winter long we will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for the children who attend our SPROUT program. We do have some siblings who join us for breakfast, so the age group is Kindergarten - Grade 8, both boys and girls items needed. The hats, mittens and gloves may be new or gently used, but the children definitely know which ones are new and they get selected first. This will be an on-going collection all winter, as the children often lose a mitten or glove over time, and need new ones as the cold weather lingers. Look for the container in Luther Hall. Many thanks!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please remember, there are always prayer shawls available for anyone in need of this symbol of love and caring. Speak to Helen Johnson (860-649-6661) or Karen in the church office.

Large print worship bulletins are available each Sunday morning. Please let an usher know if you would like one.

Social Ministry

C O R N E R

“God does not need our good works, but our neighbor does.”
-Martin Luther

Social Ministries at Emanuel: A Closer Look

GET ENGAGED! We have an important opportunity right now where you can help:

- **“Walk Against Hunger” on May 3.** . . . Come Join the Emanuel Team! Participating in the walk can help us drive monetary support from outside of the congregation to support **Hands on Hartford**. Though the walk is sponsored by Foodshare, 100% of the Emanuel Team’s congregation will help Foodshare provide direct food support to **Hands on Hartford’s** food programs. WE NEED YOUR help! Contact the office or Bob Graulich (bobgraulich@comcast.net) to join our team on May 3.
- **Can’t join the “Walk Against Hunger? Please support us with a contribution.** It’s never too early to make your contribution so feel free to drop it in the offering plate (please notate its to support the walk) or Bob will be happy to collect the donation from you.

Thank you.

Brighten someone’s day by taking our beautiful altar flowers to them!

Each Sunday after the late service, we try to make arrangements for the delivery of the altar flowers to our hospitalized and/or shut-in members. Claudia Bellis and Brook Nowak do a great job with our flower ministry. If you'd be willing to help on a Sunday with a delivery, please look for Claudia or Brook in or near the Luther Hall kitchen. Thanks. You'll surely brighten someone's day!



New Baby!

Congratulations and God's blessings on the birth of **Rishon Joshua Pedada**, son of Mrudula Adilene Mutyam and Deepak Pedada. Rishon was born on March 3, 2015.

The Samaritan Fund

Just to remind you, the loose offering received on the first Sunday of the month goes to the Samaritan Fund. The Samaritan Fund, administered by Pastor Corgan, is used to assist people in need.

MANNA needs your help. We are looking for one or more people to take over this ministry. MANNA is a program of Hands on Hartford that serves and ministers to people in need in the city of Hartford. On the 5th Tuesday of some months in 2015, Emanuel is responsible for providing a dinner for approximately 100 – 120 individuals at Christ Church Cathedral, on the corner of Main and Church Streets in downtown Hartford. In 2015 we'll provide dinner four times. The dates are June 30, September 29 and December 29. If someone is willing to take on one or more of the dinners, please let me know. Maybe the college students home for the holidays may want to take the December 29, 2015 meal.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a hands-on experience to really feel that you are helping those less fortunate. If you are able to help, please e-mail Wendi Johnson at wendilj@cox.net or give her a call at (860) 257-1038 or (860) 977-8022. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Hands on Hartford thanks Emanuel for its monthly donation of \$916.74 to help support our neighbors in need. This gift will help change lives in Hartford.

“For as long as I live, I will not let this suffering be normal,. . . something we just accept.”

-**Kayla Mueller**, the American aid worker who traveled to Syria to help children caught in the civil war. She was taken captive and apparently killed by the Islamic State (*The Christian Science Monitor*, February 6).

**Refurbishing, Retreating, Retirement,
Reformation Recapture, Reception;
so many things to Remember!**



by John Starkes

We had ended our last Archive article with the subject matter of Emanuel's problem with the tower's leakage that led to our very nice addition of twin steeples to resolve the situation. Enough funding was gathered to allow our thoughts to go beyond with several "Cottage Meetings" that could lead to long overdue efforts for updating our facilities through refurbishing Emanuel's interior layout, a better use of the space we'd need for future growth. But there was also a wonderful time to have a fine reception for our Pastor Emeritus Stanley Sandberg to celebrate his 80th birthday. We honored that event with a worship service led by the Rev. Harold R. Wimmer, our Bishop of the New England Synod - LCA to preach - followed by a reception to be enjoyed by all as memories were reflected on times of personal involvements with Pastor and family before his retirement a good period into his ministry that began in the forties when our services of worship still included the Swedish tongue.

Emanuel's young adults group called, "Synthesis" spent a weekend of "Retreating" on Block Island, one of my favorite places to visit - sailing the big ferries out of Point Judith, Rhode Island.

Emanuel experienced a bit of loss in the unexpected retirement of Priscilla and Arthur Anderson, both very important to the congregational life of Emanuel with the Sunday School leadership, and our very special Lucia Pageant for several years, our director and producer of 14 years with great dedication. I had done a painting for them, not quite finished at the unexpected hast of their departure. I know they got it through memories of another event later on. Their departure had a great impact of concern for the future performances of Emanuel's Lucia Pageant! Our grateful appreciation for their dedication and wonderful changes that improved the Archive of Lucia!

As we moved on into the season of Fall and October, Emanuel celebrated the 95th year since its founding, and to enjoy the particular pomp of the stirring service of Reformation Sunday to add to the joy. David Harper dug out the old Augustana Order of Worship cherished by the

Senior Choir to combine the two great events, tied together with Pastor Stadlander's sermon, giving all of the overflowing congregation visions for the future; now that was surely a service I'd really enjoy even if two hours long! He combined Emanuel's history with the events of the Reformation. His gift with this sermon was to tie the vision of the Reformation to a meaningful vision also for Emanuel's future years.

So we move onward into a new year, 1985, with Emanuel's youth group called, "Future Highways." They've set plans for a LCA Youth Gathering called, "Power in the Cross" that was held at Purdue University in Indiana. Another event for the new year was a guest at Emanuel to lead a two hour session among the guest clergy to report events in progress of "The New Lutheran Church" being developed by a commission called, "The Seventy" in reference to the New England Synod being developed for a base in Worcester, MA. With these future plans our own Emanuel instituted a change in our worship format to have *just one major worship service at 10:00 a.m.*; the earlier Chapel service at 8:00 a.m. would continue.

As we continue the busy year of 1985, the LCW (Lutheran Church Women) arranged an evening program for all of Emanuel's members to learn more of Hartford's new effort to get people to enjoy the city's waterfront, "Riverfront Recapture," the planned development for the city's future draw, the potential to make Hartford a city of interest for all the family throughout the year. That would mean more than just a fireworks event on the Fourth of July! Of course, it's worked very well as you're invited now to think of what you've enjoyed over the years to the present. Have you taken a dinner cruise along the river? or watched Dragon Boat races? There's more to the Riverfront than just fireworks!

But for Emanuel, 1985 brought about some other things of interest. We had a bomb threat in the fall, the results of involvement in consequence of our decision to allow Planned Parenthood the use of our facilities for a legislative conference. Later in the fall season, we bought a block of tickets for the Civic Center for the Billy Graham Crusade, a great experience!

There was a mix of joy and sadness in the passing of Olga Hulteen, widow of Dr. B. Julius Hulteen, our Pastor of Emanuel from 1917 to 1948. She passed at the age of 98 years. She leaves of Emanuel a daughter, Ellen Walker of West Hartford, one some of us in Caring Ministries remembered through visits.

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Emanuel Archives (continued)

As before mentioned, our now newly renovated Luther Hall, the Music Room and the restrooms were just about ready to win our approval, all suddenly flooded as the destructive hurricane Gloria passed through central Connecticut. The cause was due to damaged underground drainage pipes from the street and parking lot being unable to handle the excessive storm rainfall. Quick action to mop up the water helped avoid too much damage. Perhaps the quick response encouraged a new vocal group, Emanuel Choir's "Joyful Noise" debut as well!

Just a little later in the fall, Emanuel members had the opportunity to attend a special worship experience featuring the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Desmond Tutu at St. Joseph's Cathedral. As we moved on into fall, our Caring Ministries presented an important program dealing with aging, "When Your Parents Grow Old - Decisions in Aging."

There may be yet more for the year 1985, but lets apply those of the fall - October included for the Worship season of 1986!

*Source – [God With Us– 1889-1989](#), by Norma Westlund Sandberg

A very old quilt

measuring approximately 7' x 8' was recently found in the lockers in the tunnel area. It is estimated that it is about 100 years old. No one seems to know where it came from or for what occasion it was made for.

It has the names of the congregation and some embroidery in each square. It is in excellent condition and is quite beautiful. I am looking for any information in regard to preserving it and some suggestions about hanging or displaying the quilt. Please email me at

rjmets@sbcglobal.net if you have any information. -Judy Johnson

New Innovative Coffee Hour - Sign Up Today!

See the sign-up sheet on the table in Luther Hall. Coffee, cream and sugar are provided, and we're inviting members to share a plate of treats. In addition, if you see a creamer that needs to be refilled, or something that needs to be wiped up or washed, feel free to pitch in and help. Please note that the position of **Coffee Hour Coordinator**, either as an individual or as part of a team, is still open. If you're interested, please contact Terri Dwyer, at terri.dwyer@comcast.net.

On Sundays, please notice the beautiful floral arrangement

in front of the altar, which is created each week by our new florist, A Special Place in West Hartford. With a memorial gift from the Cirilli family, the altar guild has purchased a new brass vase that holds a large arrangement. On the credenza altar, framing the Jesus statue, the vases are filled with silk greens. As in the past, the arrangement will be broken down into smaller ones to deliver to members who are hospitalized, sick, bereaving, or shut in.

New Flower Chart

In order to encourage people to sign up for altar flower donations in the new year, note the "Flower Chart" on the bulletin board near the kitchen in Luther Hall. Please use this chart to pick a Sunday, or Sundays, when you would like to donate altar flowers. Checks (indicating the date for flowers on the memo line) may be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate with the form from the blue sheet. We hope to have flower donations for every Sunday in 2015! Thanks for your help.

On Sunday, March 15, the following prayer was offered by the congregation for all those living with developmental disabilities

Loving God, we come to you in prayer with all of our limitations. We confess that we often try to mask our challenges from those around us. We pretend that we are whole to mask the brokenness in our lives. Where there can be healing, we ask that you help restore us. Where healing is not possible, we ask that you give us acceptance of our limitations and the strength to forge on. **Help us to be patient with ourselves and tolerant of others. Give us the wisdom to not focus our attention on our limitations as humans, but on our giftedness as your unique children. Help us to recognize the giftedness of others, even when they struggle to see the good in themselves.** Shift our mindset from what we are not, to what we are and are yet to be. Move us forward together as a community for your glory and our neighbors' good.

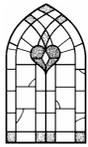
We give thanks for making each of us unique, created in every vast facet of your image. Thank you for all of the things we can learn from each other, our similarities and our differences. Allow us to see the special talents in everyone around us, especially those hidden behind behaviors we don't understand or diagnoses which make us apprehensive. Help us to move beyond stereotypes and preconceived notions to nurture the true spirit of all in our midst. **Provide us with the resources needed to discover how we can all give back to you and our community, in our own creative and extraordinary ways. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March to be "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month"

Blue Sheets

Thank you to all who make good use of the blue "Welcome to Emanuel" insert sheet on Sundays. The office has received great responses to volunteer opportunities as well as important information that's passed on to the pastors and other staff members.

Please do make frequent use of these blue sheets. They really do serve as an excellent means of communication for us as a congregation. One request: if you have a comment or suggestion, please be sure to include your name, so that we can respond in a helpful way. Thanks!



In Memoriam

Ruth Aronson died on February 15, 2015. A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for her life was held at Emanuel on March 7, 2015.

Donald Olson died on March 8, 2015. A funeral service was held at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home on March 12, 2015 .

Success Smyth's mother died in Liberia. Success is the wife of our Intern, Vicar Dominic Smyth.

Hans Erickson, husband of Eleanor Erickson, died in March.

May the comfort and hope of the resurrection be with the family and friends of these saints.

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Current opening for an Operations Manager

Job responsibilities include overseeing the day to day operations of the church, including all non-pastoral functions such as coordination of facility use and service calls, cleaning supervision, ordering of supplies, etc. The Operations Manager will proactively manage the office and facility operations in an efficient, cost effective manner to support the ministries and programs of the church, committees, staff and members.

This is a part-time, 20 hour per week position. Working hours will be Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Two weeks paid vacation will be provided annually.

Skills required for this position include:

- excellent written and verbal communication skills
- ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously
- excellent computer skills
- proven past experience in management and supervision
- facility management experience
- excellent interpersonal skills
- ability to work under time constraints
- ability to prioritize effectively

If you are interested in this position, please contact Pastor Corgan by Monday, April 13 at john.corgan@gmail.com

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Current Opening for a Coordinator of Ministries

Job responsibilities include creating an intentional small group ministry, and developing, expanding and implementing opportunities for ministry and fellowship for all members and friends in order to build strong connections and relationships.

This is a part-time, 15 hour per week position. Specific work hours will be determined by the Senior Pastor and the Coordinator of Ministries. Two weeks paid vacation will be provided annually.

Skills required for this position include:

- excellent written and verbal skills
- strong computer skills and familiarity with various social media
- proven past experience working effectively with individuals and various groupings of people
- proven creativity

If you are interested in this position, please contact Pastor Corgan by Monday, April 13 at john.corgan@gmail.com

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World Malaria Day 2015

The ELCA Malaria Campaign is inviting you to observe World Malaria Day on Sunday, April 26 and through the following week.

More than 2 million people have been empowered by Lutheran malaria programs to change their lives for the better. The work of the ELCA Malaria Campaign stretches throughout 13 countries in Africa. Together, we can touch lives and make a lasting impact. You can make a gift any time at www.ELCA.org/malaria/donate.

Serving in April

Acolyte and Crucifer

April 2	Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. - Christopher Liddell and Noah Kiehne
April 5	Easter 9:00 - volunteers needed 11:00 - Jennie Livingston and Meredith Swanson
April 12	Brynn Murphy and Charles Sinche
April 19	Noah Fairchild and Kelly Caldwell
April 26	Trey Hazard and Maire Hollertz

Altar Flowers

April 5	Open
April 12	In memory of Ken Swanson, Sr., given by Ann Louise Swanson In loving memory of Julia B. Olson, given by the Olson family.
April 19	In memory of Laura S. Wignall, given by her husband, Ernest Wignall.
April 26	In memory of the Weeks, Sparrow and Bergeson families, given by Ken Weeks.

Assisting Ministers

April 5	Alan Meeds
April 12	Barb Berg
April 19	Brook Nowak
April 26	Lynne Strecker

Childcare in the Nursery

April 5	Open
April 12	Open
April 19	Open
April 26	Open

Children's Library

April 5	Closed for Easter
April 12	Deborah Corgan

April 19	Closed
April 26	Nancy Gray

Coffee Hour

April 5	Open
April 12	Open
April 19	Open
April 26	Open

Communion Preparers

April 2	Maundy Thursday 12:00 Noon - volunteer needed 7:00 p.m. - Ellen Anderson and Rae Ann Gremel
April 5	Easter 9:00 - Marjorie Johnson 11:00 - volunteer needed
April 12	Lynne Strecker
April 19	Craig and Val McDonald
April 26	volunteer needed

Communion Servers

April 5	Open
April 12	Open
April 19	Open
April 26	Open

Greeters

April 5	Easter 9:00 - Andy and Nancy Gray 11:00 - Rev. Derly Foerste and Glauca Foerste, Matthew and Lucas
April 12	Gary and Diane Troutman
April 19	Dr. Elizabeth Kieschnick and Jim Flanders
April 26	Ken Weeks

Lectors

April 2	Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. - Nancy Gray
April 3	Good Friday 7:00 p.m. - Kathy Haller
April 5	Easter 9:00 - Marjorie Johnson

11:00 - Monica
Swanson

Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

April 12	Becky Thomas
April 19	Carol Dennler
April 26	Kathy Haller

Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

April 12	Bobbee Canfield
April 19	Brook Nowak
April 26	Glenna Brodnicki

Sound and Recording

April 2	Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. - Mal Doyle
April 3	Good Friday 7:00 p.m. - Mal Doyle
April 5	Easter 9:00 - Kyle Bellis 11:00 - Mal Doyle
April 12	Jeff Potter
April 19	Mal Doyle
April 26	Jeff Potter

Sunday School Aide Schedule

April 12	PreSchool/ Kindergarten: Allyson Graulich Grades 1 and 2: Hannah Maynard Grades 3 and 4: Lindsay Varney Grade 5: Toby Hollertz
April 26	PreSchool/ Kindergarten: Lindsey Anderson Samantha Johnson Grades 1 and 2: Kelsey Anderson Grades 3 and 4: Rhiannon Kiersznowski

Ushers

8:00 a.m.	Nelson Gottier
10:00 a.m.	Head Usher: Arnie Benson; Captain: Mike Coons James Ashwell, Celine Coons, Russ Bjorklund, Gary Bloomquist

The Stephen Ministry Connection

Christ Caring for People through People



▶ Leslie Smith, a single parent with two young children, joins your congregation.



- ▶ You meet Leslie, and the two of you spend time talking.
- ▶ You and Leslie greet each other each Sunday morning and often sit together in church.
- ▶ You and Leslie become better acquainted, and you give Leslie your home number.



- ▶ You receive a call from Leslie in which you learn that Leslie is feeling overwhelmed by family responsibilities and the move to a new city.
- ▶ You listen and tell Leslie about Stephen Ministry. You share how others in similar situations have found encouragement, strength, and help from a Stephen Minister.

- ▶ Leslie agrees to your contacting the pastor or Referrals Coordinator about assigning a Stephen Minister, with the understanding that all information will be kept confidential.



- ▶ You call the pastor or Referrals Coordinator and share some basic information about Leslie and Leslie's present difficulties without going into a lot of detail.



- ▶ Leslie meets with the Referrals Coordinator to discuss Stephen Ministry.

- ▶ The Referrals Coordinator calls Leslie. They set up a time to meet to discuss Leslie's situation and to prepare Leslie for Stephen Ministry.

- ▶ The Referrals Coordinator prayerfully considers Leslie's situation and then assigns a Stephen Minister to meet with Leslie on a regular basis.

- ▶ The Stephen Minister contacts Leslie and sets up a time for the two of them to meet.

- ▶ The Stephen Minister and Leslie meet for the first caring visit . . . and caring ministry continues from there.



In an Emergency. . .

Don't hesitate to call Pastor Corgan on his cell phone 860-712-1895 if you need assistance. If a power outage or storm condition threatens your safety, please call Pastor Corgan. We have a church family, ready and eager to help. You're not alone.

Calling All E-mail Addresses

Please be sure to keep the parish office updated with your most current email address. More and more communications are sent out through electronic means rather than paper mailings. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at office@emanuelhartford.org. Thank you.



2015 Spring Gathering - Greater Hartford, Central and Eastern CT Conferences

Saturday, May 2, 2015
Christ the King Lutheran Church
465 Park Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095

The theme this year will be *"Managing a full plate!"*
The cost is \$20. If cost is an issue, scholarships are available. Please register by April 25, 2015.
For more information you may call Lydia Holbrook at 860-628-5788.

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Date for Flowers: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Questions? Call the Church Office 525-0894

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Emanuel Lutheran Church

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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Church

Sunday School

Sunday School begins after the

Children's Message at the

10:00 a.m. worship service.