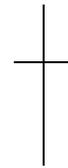


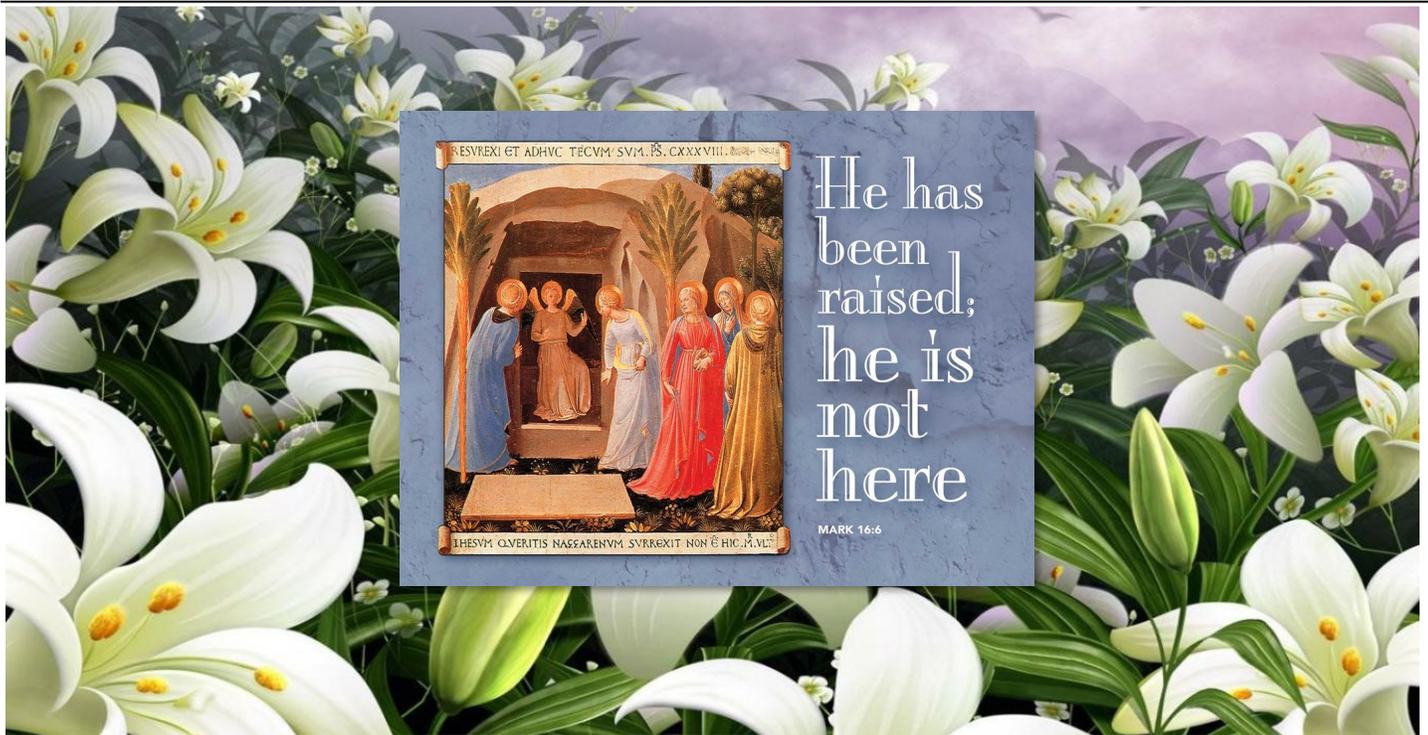
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The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford



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Sundays in April

April 1	Easter Sunday Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. No Sunday School	Mark 16: 1-8
April 8	2nd Sunday Easter Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	John 20: 14-21
April 15	3rd Sunday of Easter Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Luke 24: 36b-48
April 22	4th Sunday of Easter Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	John 10:11-18
April 29	5th Sunday of Easter Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	John 15:1-8

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From the Pastor



After over six months of packing and unpacking, I am finally starting to feel completely at home in my new house. It has taken a while, but I told myself I needed to be deliberate as I unpack.

Every day, I would pick a room to focus on and I would take care of one or two tasks, more on my days off. I plan to be here for a long time, so I did not want to rush, but I wanted to be intentional about taking the steps I needed to make progress. The final piece was hanging my artwork. Having travelled extensively, I have a lot of unique pieces I have picked up all over the world, and I took my time figuring out where everything belonged. In the end, because I took my time but was also very committed to the process, I feel so good about what I have created, which was a place that felt like home. The proof of the pudding was when my son Ian came home for a couple of days over his break last week. He leaned back in his recliner and looked around and said "It's a different setting but it still feels like home."

Being deliberate and intentional about planning has also been my focus these first months as your pastor. I want to be doing things to move forward, but I also want everything to fit together as we do.

That is one of the reasons I have put so much stock into the Mission and Ministry Meetings I have been holding the last couple of month. So far, we have had 10 meetings, and I must say, they have been a time of incredible learning and visioning. As I say at each meeting, my desire is to learn more about the DNA of the congregation so that as we engage in mission and ministry together, what we are doing is true to the heart of Emanuel. In a world where authenticity is what matters, it never makes sense to try to be something you aren't. Emanuel, as I have learned over the course of the meetings, is a congregation with a rich history of community engagement, an appreciation for liturgical Lutheran worship, and a deep commitment to support one another.

During the meetings I have heard wonderful stories from those who have attended about support for each other that has been astounding. One fami-

ly shared that Emanuel literally was the life blood for a child who needed transfusions. I have learned about the willingness the congregation has had to step out in faith in mission and bold action.

One of the best parts of the meetings is hearing everyone's story, finding out what drew them to Emanuel and what keeps them here. Themes have clearly developed, including those who feel deep family ties that span generations and those who have joined more recently, where almost, if not all, have said they were drawn to Emanuel because Emanuel seeks to "be in the city for good." Part of the meetings involve talking about short and long term goals and we are already taking action on many of the ideas offered up--whether it is as simple as a table in the back of the chapel for materials or a spiritual boost like starting a more formal prayer chain or returning to a long held tradition like the Senior Luncheon (which based on feedback we received will be rebranded Emanuel Community Luncheon so people don't have to decide if they are seniors or not.)

We are also exploring bigger long term goals, like having a Block Party, exploring staffing, and possible ways to expand our outreach both to the legislative community at our front door and the Frog Hollow Community in our backyard. We are also planning an Activity and Engagement Fair for the fall.

In this issue of *God With Us*, you will find dates for a Women's Retreat next March and a Vacation Bible School this August--both the result of suggestions at our Mission and Ministry Meetings.

I also feel more connected to members of the congregation as a result of the meetings. It gives me a chance to learn more about you, as members, and I feel like, as I look around on Sunday morning, I am seeing more faces of people whose names I know than those I don't. In other words, it is beginning to feel like home.

My hope is that any members who haven't attended a Mission and Ministry Meeting, will do so in next round of meetings. I am in the process of set-

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From the Pastor (continued)

ting up dates for 5 more meetings--2 in homes, 2 after 10 am worship and 1 after 8 am worship. If you are willing to host one, please let me know. Once the dates are finalized, we will post a sign up link on the Facebook page, place a sign up sheet in the narthex, and also email members who have not yet attended, with the times and dates.

Everyone I have talked to about them has indicated that they enjoyed them, largely because they learned things about Emanuel and fellow members that they didn't know. There has been a lot of laughter and honest conversation. It really is a great image of what the church should be.

Once I have completed all of the meetings, I will be sharing the information I gained as well as the input offered, so we all are aware of what people are thinking and feeling. These will be the tools we

will use to continue to build and shape Emanuel in the coming years, as it will become the framework for our planning and focus.

By being deliberate and intentional, we are laying the groundwork for the path forward as a congregation, knowing that our vision, mission and purpose are best articulated when we hear from the most voices. My sincere prayer is that every member will choose to participate, because together, we are the body of Christ, and we need each other.

So if you have come to one, thank you. And if you haven't, please sign up. So that together we can make Emanuel the most vibrant and faithful church home it can be.

Peace, Pastor Paula

Since you asked...

Why don't you announce when someone is in the hospital? I was told that previously it was always announced when someone was hospitalized and I wanted to let everyone know that I take a different approach. I firmly believe in providing support and allowing the community to know how best to be present when people are ill. However, I also wish to honor people's privacy and agency in terms of determining what is shared in a public venue. If an individual, or their family, in the case of someone who does not have the capacity to make a decision, gives me permission to share information, I will do so. However, without that consent, I will always err on the side of privacy as a matter of pastoral care and confidentiality. The same is true for the new prayer chain we have established. If it is a member who is added, I will

only add names once it has been approved by the member who stands in the need of prayer or their family. Also, as an additional note, the pastoral staff can only provide care when we are informed if someone is hospitalized, so please let us know.

How do I get on the Prayer Chain? If you want to receive emails or a phone call as a part of the Emanuel Prayer Chain, you can simply email the church office and you will be included on the list. We will also have a sign up sheet in the narthex and Luther Hall. We are trying to reduce unwanted emails for those who do not wish to receive them, and focus on our weekly email, but still provide targeted emails and phone calls to those who make the commitment to be faithful prayer warriors.

Camp Calumet Vacation Bible School Dates Set--August 6-10

This summer, Camp Calumet will be coming to Emanuel to put on a Vacation Bible School. It will be held August 6-10. They provide the counselors and curriculum and Emanuel provides the kids. A full day of VBS is offered Monday-Friday, 9-4 for ages 6-14. A half day of VBS is offered Monday-Friday, for ages 4-5. Youth ages 14-15 in the

congregation are encouraged to serve as Counselors-in-training (CITs). They will meet with the Calumet staff on Sunday, August 5 at 4pm. More information will be forthcoming, but contact the church office if you want to register your child or if you are willing to provide housing for the Calumet staff from Sunday-Thursday.

First (hopefully annual) Emanuel Women's Retreat at Camp Calumet--March 22-24, 2019

Get these dates on your calendar now for the First (hopefully annual) Emanuel Women's Retreat. There was no availability until next year, but we were able to reserve the Village Cabins and the Micah Room for that weekend. If you are interested in being on the Retreat Planning Team, let

Pastor Paula know. As time draws closer we will get more details, but we wanted it on everyone's calendar now.

Potluck and Pictures--Pastor Paula's Presentation on Palestine

Pastor Paula will be sharing stories and pictures from her trip to the Holy Land in two parts. The first part will focus on Bible Places and the second part will share the stories of Palestinian Lutherans and the ministry of the Lutheran Church in the Holy Land.

On Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30, we will have a potluck and her presentation will start at 7, focusing on the people of Palestine and the Lutheran Church. There will also be potluck at noon and

presentation following it on April 19 as well. The Bible Places potluck will be Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 with presentation at 7. She will also be the featured speaker at the Community Luncheon on May 3 at noon.



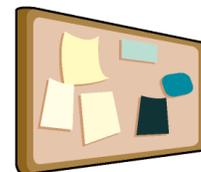
Connections!

Look for the new bulletin board titled "Connections!" in Luther Hall. A throwback to pre-social media days, this community bulletin board is a place where members and friends are invited to post items or services. Whether you're searching for something or have something to offer, take a look at what's on the board. From household goods to odd jobs, free or priced, this is a place where we can connect with one another -- it's a good way to upcycle and a good way to create a sense of community!

The rules:

- ◆ Please keep the posting to no larger than 5 1/2" X 8". It should be dated and must have your name and contact number.

- ◆ Postings will stay up for one month and then will be retired. You are welcome to put up a new posting.
- ◆ Emanuel makes no warranties or promises regarding the condition, quality or pricing of any goods or services -- Emanuel only provides the space and opportunity for postings.
- ◆ No services or goods that require professional licenses or permits may be posted.
- ◆ Sorry -- please no company business cards.
- ◆ It's OK to use Emanuel's parking lot for delivery/pickup, but the church cannot receive, transport or store any items.



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February 2018 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order and all were welcomed.

Capital Plan 2018 Review - Jane Wunder distributed a copy of the preliminary 2018 Capital Plan which included chapel smoke detection, parking lot lighting, gym safety padding, Luther Hall rear door replacement, rekeying, Luther Hall air conditioning, gym door replacement, and preliminary study on the west tower masonry. Funding was proposed to come from the Capital Needs Fund (supplemented by unspent accessibility and tower funds). During discussion, there was consensus that the plan should be amended to include changes to the exterior front signage to convey the message that “all are welcome, with no exceptions.” There was also discussion on the needs, priorities and estimated costs. Council will continue discussion at its next meeting in preparation for scheduling a special meeting of the congregation to vote on it.

Signing Authority – A resolution was passed regarding signatories for Emanuel’s operating and investment accounts, so that these signatories can be updated as soon as possible with Webster,

Fidelity and Colony.

Approval of minutes – The January 30, 2018 minutes were approved as written.

Senior Pastor’s Report

- ♦ **March of Our Lives** – CT Lutherans will gather at Emanuel on March 24 to join together for this anti - school shooting march. The focus is on supporting the idea of sane and rational gun laws.
- ♦ **Exchange Board in Luther Hall** - one of the boards in Luther Hall will be a community exchange board. It would be created for Emanuel and possibly Sprout families.
- ♦ **Shared Youth/Young Leader** - We are exploring what Emanuel needs for staffing. We need someone who works with youth and with young adult ministry. The problem is we do not have critical mass, a problem shared by many congregations. We are looking at the possibility of partnering with other congregations to support and share one staff

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February 2018 Council Meeting (continued)

person.

- ♦ **Oberammergau trip 2020** – The possibility of a spirituality and discipleship trip was being explored.
- ♦ **Mission and Ministry update** --Pastor has found learning about congregation members fun and fascinating. One result is that a prayer chain is being developed.
- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** -- Ten years ago, Emanuel ended the Day Camp that they sponsored with Calumet. Calumet now has a more popular Vacation Bible School that could be held with Calumet staff here at Emanuel for a week in the summer. This could be for children in the neighborhood as well as our congregational members. Council was in support of this.

Treasurer's Report - Bobbee Canfield reported that we are lagging in income, but that January is a difficult month to make any conclusions about giving for the remainder of the year.

Trinity Academy Update - Pastor reviewed the

results of the “shy Lutheran ballot” that was taken at the annual meeting. Based on the results, a motion was unanimously passed to move ahead with exploring the possibility of a relationship with Trinity Academy.

Term Limits - Mark Hollertz raised the issue of term limits and the need to address and approve this. There was discussion regarding the need for people who have the “history” as well as new people with new perspectives, task forces versus committees, and the special instances where funds/finances are involved.

Scholarship Task Force -A task force is being convened to look at all the scholarship funds, practices/guidelines and developing an approach that is consistent and transparent.

Stewardship 2018 -- It's Really Just Beginning

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, a sincere **thank you** goes out to all who have pledged and are contributing toward our 2018 Income Budget! As we wrap up the active campaign for pledges, here's where we are:

- ♦ To date – we've received 158 pledges for \$350,251
- ♦ 2018 Budget -- we're counting on \$370,000 in pledges and \$82,500 in non-pledge giving
- ♦ **It is never too late to make a financial commitment** -- pledge cards are always available in the Church Office.

But “stewardship” is not over for the year -- we encourage everyone to think about their financial commitment and their blessings, and about the gifts they give back to the church each Sunday.

And as you think about your commitment in 2018,

ponder these interesting statistics on Emanuel's 2017 giving:

- ♦ 50% of Emanuel's overall envelope/giving “units” made no contribution in 2017.
- ♦ Of the remaining 290 who gave or pledged, 20% give the equivalent of \$1/week or less.
- ♦ Another 18% give between \$1.01 and \$5/week.
- ♦ 8% give in the \$5.01-\$9.00/week range.
- ♦ Loosely, that means that almost ½ of Emanuel givers are giving less than \$10/week.
- ♦ \$9.01 -- \$49.00/week – 35%
- ♦ \$49.01 -- \$99.00/week – 11%
- ♦ \$99.01 or more/week – 8%

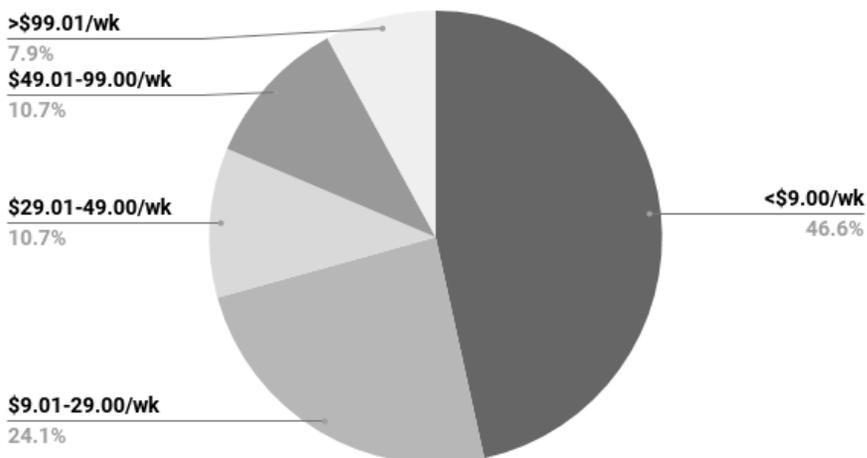
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Stewardship 2018 -- It's Really Just Beginning (continued)

Can we do better? Let's make 2018 a year of intentional, prayerful giving in thanksgiving for the many blessings that come from God.

Let good stewardship of time/talent/treasure be an everyday focus -- not an annual campaign. Be a part of God's exciting work here at Emanuel by supporting the annual budget. Thanks be to God!

Weekly Giving 2017



Sharing Our Blessings

Each year within the operating budget, Emanuel plans for benevolence giving as an important component of our ministry and mission. Our policy and our commitment is to tithe an amount that represents at least 10% of our faith-based giving (regular and special offerings) for annual charitable giving. For 2018, that equates to giving about \$50,000 or more.

We are also blessed to have the Stanley Sandberg Mission Endowment Fund, the purpose of which is to fund "mission beyond Emanuel" and from which each year we can use about 4-5% of the fund's average value (over 5 years). This fund enables us to reach beyond Emanuel's programs and congregation needs to support a wide range of charitable organizations, community groups, faith-based initiatives and projects in the community or further into the world.

In 2017 and now again in 2018, one of the organizations being supported is Ascentria Care Alliance. Previously known as Lutheran Social Services of New England, Ascentria's goal is to "break the cycle of poverty, and build thriving communities where everyone has the chance to achieve their full potential, regardless of background or

disadvantage." Their mission "to strengthen communities by empowering people to respond to life's challenges" is at the heart of the services they provide:

- ◆ Children and Family Services (Adoption, Foster Care, Teen Parenting, Family Connections, Unaccompanied Refugee Minors)
- ◆ Good News Garage
- ◆ In-Home Care
- ◆ Language Bank
- ◆ Services for New Americans (Refugee and Immigrant Services, Legal Assistance)
- ◆ Services for Older Adults (Emanuel Village, Luther Ridge, Quaboag and Laurel Ridge Rehab and Skilled Care facilities)

With gratitude for Emanuel's many blessings, we are happy to provide financial support for the important work of Ascentria.

For more information about Ascentria Care Alliance, please visit www.ascentria.org.

Giving made simple.... with Simply Giving

Many people already take advantage of today's technology to manage their finances and pay bills effortlessly and on time. There are similar ways to pay your pledge and contribute to church on an ongoing basis. Many of us have banks that provide free bill paying services -- why not consider putting Emanuel on an automated bill paying schedule? Another approach is the Simply Giving program endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union -- it is a convenient, safe way for individuals to make automatic payments to Emanuel through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts. Using Thrivent's Simply Giving program is a real win-win:

- ♦ No more remembering to write checks and grab your envelopes as you leave the house for worship on Sunday,
- ♦ No worries about keeping up with your pledge while on vacation,
- ♦ It's a greener, more cost effective solution to ongoing giving -- the church spends approximately \$1,600 per year on contribution envelopes,
- ♦ It provides Emanuel's operating budget with a predictable, steady flow on the receipt of your financial commitment -- which helps reduce very real cash flow problems.

Simply Giving is, quite honestly, simple to use and set up. If you're interested, a form is available in the church office or online. Check out the details at Simply Giving at www.simplygivingbythriventcu.com/ -- this will bring you to the VANCO Services website which administers the Simply Giving program.

You can choose to give weekly or monthly. You can use Simply Giving whether or not you have formally pledged. Simply Giving automatically deducts the amount you pre-authorize from your bank account and deposits it in Emanuel's operating account. Emanuel receives weekly confirmations of these deposits, insuring that your gift is then posted to your Emanuel account. You pre-determine when these automatic deductions are to terminate or change. And if you think you'll miss the tradition of placing something in the offering plate each Sunday, Simply Giving can provide cards that indicate you're a Simply Giving participant.

It's a good program that can enhance your stewardship experience. Simplify your giving -- join the growing number of people at Emanuel that have given up check writing!

Any questions, please call the Church Office at 860-525-0894.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game...

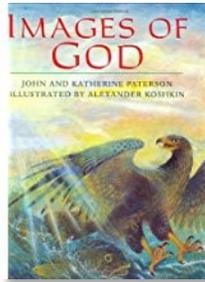
Mark your calendars for May 5! Game time is 6:05pm and the location is the new Dunkin' Donuts stadium where the Hartford Yard Goats will play the Portland Sea Dogs. This is a great opportunity for a good game of baseball -- and a chance to enjoy the spring weather and the fellowship of other Emanuel families.

Tickets are only \$11 and can be purchased through the Church Office. We have a limited number of tickets so place your order soon!

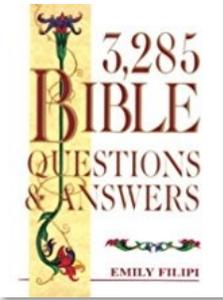


Children's Library News

Where in the world can we find images of God? In the book Images of God by John and Katherine Paterson the authors explore some images that Biblical writers use to teach us about God. These include images from nature such as light and water and images from our ordinary life such as mothers and fathers. These images are tied in with specific Bible stories.



3,285 Bible Questions and Answers by Emily Filipi is a Bible quiz book. There are a variety of questions whose answers may be true or false, matching or fill in the blanks. There are matching questions such as matching Jesus' method of healing with what person He healed and what person held what job. Do you know who in the Bible was a farmer? Did



you know there were sportsmen in the Bible such as a dart thrower? There is a true/false quiz about happenings in the Christmas story. You would be surprised by some of the answers! Fill in the blank questions include knowing who in the Bible was hungry and who was thirsty. Answers are found at the back of the book and Biblical references are given to help you discover the answers.

Finally, a gentle reminder...don't forget to return your Easter books if you have not already done so.

Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering—May 5, 2018



The theme of the Spring Gathering is "**It's better to build a longer table than a taller fence**" and is based on the words written in **Romans 12: 9-21**.

- ♦ Date: Saturday, May 5th, 2018
- ♦ Time: 8:45 am to 3:00 pm
- ♦ Location: Zion Lutheran Church.
531 Woodruff St, Southington, CT 06489

zog Betkoski will present a work shop called "**Love in Action**" based on these passages and **IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services)** from New Haven will also host a work-shop so it will be a lively event!

This event is open to all women and their friends and family.

Pastors Stephanie Pope and Pastor Joanna Hert-

Please tear off and register by April 30th, 2018

Name of Church _____

Name(s) _____

Please list the names of everyone attending, thank you!

Number attending _____ @ \$20.00 each Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please make your checks payable to **NE/WELCA** and mail to:

Zion Womens Group c/o Zion Lutheran Church, 531 Woodruff St., Southington, CT 06489

Trinity Academy Excellence Gala

Trinity Academy is an independent tuition-free elementary school serving students and their families in the Hartford area. They will be holding their Excellence Gala “Shoot for the Stars” on April 28th beginning at 6:00 PM. The Gala will be at the Delmar Hotel, Blue Back Square in West Hartford. Free valet parking will be provided.

Tickets are \$150 per person (\$75 of which is tax deductible) or a table of 10 for \$1,400. This includes the Cocktail reception, Dinner, Auction and Entertainment. Business attire is appropriate.

If you are interested in attending we have invitations available in the Church Office. You can either

pick one up or we can mail one to you.

Trinity Academy admits students in grades 1st through 4th. Trinity Academy offers an intensive, extended school day (from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) and provides a healthy breakfast, lunch and snacks for all students. The objective of Trinity Academy is to educate students in a nurturing and inclusive environment with a focus on academics, the arts, literacy and critical thinking, and to help students to develop the strong core skills needed to grow socially, emotionally and spiritually.



God With Us

We haven't abandoned our efforts to go green! If you're currently receiving church announcements and notices via email, but are still receiving the mailed copy of God With Us, we're encouraging you to try the online version. Each month you'll receive an email from the church with the new newsletter as an attachment -- it's in color, it's easy to access, and best of all, it is immediately available once we finish the newsletter

(versus a week or more via periodical snail mail). If you still prefer the paper copy, there are always copies at the back of the church in the rack. And if you would still like a mailed copy, just let us know! (For those of our members who are at home and unable to get to church -- don't worry, we'll *always keep you on the mailing list!*) Thanks.



Sunday Worship Bulletin

You probably have noticed, the “Sunday Bulletin” now focuses much more on “Worship” than on providing news and announcements about Emanuel. It's not that news and announcements about Emanuel are not important but rather that our focus during Worship should be on the Word of God. In order to support this focus the Worship Bulletin provides all of the parts of the service except for the hymns that are found in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* aka “red book”.

The impact of expanding what parts of Worship are included within the Worship Bulletin is that there is physically less room for announcements. The pages of Worship Bulletins are:

- ♦ 1 page for the cover
- ♦ 1 page for the “Welcome” and list of those serving this Sunday.

- ♦ 11 pages for the Worship (readings, prayers, hymns etc.
- ♦ 1 page for the calendar providing events and activities at Emanuel for the next 5 weeks.
- ♦ 1 page for the back cover that provides a list of those serving next Sunday and staff contact information.

That leaves one page for the *Prayer List* and any announcements.

In order to address the need for providing the congregation with the “news and events” of Emanuel we have been sending out an “Emanuel News” email every week containing much more detail about upcoming Emanuel events. However, since not everyone has email we will print some copies of the contents of the “Emanuel News” email and leave them on a table near the name tags in the Narthex.

Prayer Chain

Those participating in the Emanuel Prayer Chain will receive prayer requests from members/friends of Emanuel, who may or may not be members of Emanuel. In addition, they will receive updates that have been approved by the member/family members about the health of members who have been hospitalized or are recovering from an illness or surgery.

Our first priority will be confidentiality, so we will only share what those who are in need of prayer permit, but we believe this will help us build community and will support each other intentionally

as we "stand in the need of prayer."

There will be two ways to be on the prayer chain. Those who use email will get an email when there is a request of an update. Those who do not, will receive a call. To facilitate that, we need people who are willing to be "prayer chain callers."

In order to become part of the Emanuel Prayer Chain you can let the office know or you can add your name to the sign-up form in the Narthex.

Please consider participating in this important ministry of Emanuel.

Chili Cook Off - April 22nd

Come join the congregation in Luther Hall on Sunday, April 22nd and judge your fellow members on their chili making skills. The Chili cook off will help raise funds for the youth gathering in Houston Texas this summer. Try out delicious chili recipes and vote for your favorite!

If you are interested in making a chili for the cook off contact Wendi Johnson at 860-977-8022 or Wendilj@cox.net.



Would you like to help with Sunday Worship?

Please contact our ministry coordinators:

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Worship Ministry for April

Acolytes & Crucifers

April 1	Acolyte	Ava Johnson 9 am Mebret Farquhar 11 am
	Crucifer	Maya Johnson 9am Olivia Jarvis 11 am
April 8	Acolyte	Libby Karim
	Crucifer	Delanie Halstead
April 15	Acolyte	Ava Johnson
	Crucifer	Maya Johnson
April 22	Acolyte	Sam Johnson
	Crucifer	Ellie Protulis
April 29	Acolyte	Gifty Kannah
	Crucifer	Olivia Jarvis

Aides

April 1	No Sunday School	
April 8	PreK-K	Lindsey Anderson
	1st & 2nd	Hannah Karin
	3rd & 4th	Matthew Graulich
April 15	PreK-K	Brynn Murphy
	1st & 2nd	Griffin Fairchild
	3rd & 4th	Rhiannon Kiersznowski
April 22	PreK-K	Samantha Johnson
	1st & 2nd	Trey Hazzard
	3rd & 4th	Luke Johnson
April 29	PreK-K	Maire Hollertz
	1st & 2nd	Lizzy Arcand
	3rd & 4th	Charles Sinche

Assisting Ministers

April 1	Alan Meeds
April 8	Janice Favreau
April 15	Brook Nowak
April 22	Mal Doyle
April 29	Alan Meeds

Communion Preparers

April 1	Marj Johnson (9 a.m.) Bobbee Canfield (11:00 a.m.)
April 8	Eileen Mitchell
April 15	Rae Ann Gremel
April 22	Jeannette Urban
April 29	Val and Craig McDonald

Greeters

April 1(9:00 a.m.)	Pam Cayward and Don Ahlberg
April 1(11:00 a.m.)	Sarah Parmelee, Jeff Potter and Melissa Johnson
April 8	Lois House and Lorraine McCann
April 15	Yvonne and Greg Gardner
April 22	Nancy and Andy Gray
April 29	Sue and Ed Maher

Lectors

8:00 a.m.	
April 1(9:00 a.m.)	Eleanor Meeds
April 8	Rosie Vojtek
April 15	Kathy Haller
April 22	Randy Olson
April 29	Kathy Haller
10:00 a.m.	
April 1(11:00 a.m.)	Linnea Bloomquist
April 8	Elaine Krause
April 15	Roland Johnson
April 22	Carol Dennler
April 29	Chet Brodnicki

Sound & Recording

April 1	Lizzy Arcand
April 8	Harry Arcand
April 15	Lindsey Anderson
April 22	Noah Fairchild
April 29	Rhiannon Kiersznowski

Special Emanuel Birthdays this Month

Susan Johnson (April 1), Ronald Lindlauf (April 3), Joan Feldman (April 4), Burt Hedling (April 7), Pauline Cochran (April 8), Donald Ahlberg (April 10), Eileen Mitchell (April 13) and Carol Dennler (April 25)

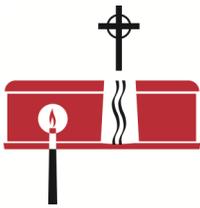
Happy
Birthday

Special Emanuel Anniversaries this Month

Jean and William Bronson (April 3)

Happy
Anniversary

In Memoriam



Elinor McCue, a lifelong member of Emanuel, passed away on March 16, 2018. Please remember her family and friends as she is entrusted into the care of our Savior, in whom we place our trust and confidence in the face of death.

Memorial Services will be held at Emanuel on Saturday, May 19. The family is working with Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home in West Hartford.



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Mal Doyle † Hailey Johnson † Dr. Candi Carroccia † Gail Duek † Karin Gottier † Rudy Peterson †
Carol Johnson † Dick Johnson † Elaine Wilson † Joan Feldmann † Doris Barron †
Betty-Lois Benson

Altar Flower Order Form

Please make checks payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church and note "Altar Flowers" or "Easter Plants" on the memo line. Place your check or \$45 along with the order form below in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Date for Altar Flowers: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please Contact the Church Office (860-525-0894) if you have any questions.

April 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 1 EASTER SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal † Services at 9:00 and 11:00 am • No Sunday School • 8:15 Choir Rehearsal 	2 Emanuel Church Offices Closed	3 Emanuel Church Offices Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 AM Craft Group 	4	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry ▪ 10:00 AM Bible Study ▪ 12:00 Senior Luncheon ▪ 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal ▪ 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
8 2ND Sunday of Easter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Noisy Offering • Sunday School 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 PM Property Committee 	10	11	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry ▪ 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
15 3RD Sunday of Easter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Sunday School 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 AM Craft Group 	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 Potluck and Pictures 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry ▪ 10:00 AM Bible Study ▪ 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry (lounge) ▪ 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout
22 4TH Sunday of Easter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Sunday School • 11:00 Chili Cook Off 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 AM Craft Group • 7:00 Council 	24	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry ▪ 6:30 – 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30 – 9:00 PM Friday Night Program 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 – 12:00 Noon Sprout • 6:00 Trinity Academy Gala @ Delmar
29 5TH SUNDAY of Easter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Services at 8:00 and 10:00 am • Sunday School • 11:30 Mission & Ministry Meeting 	30					

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