

# GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford

**EMANUEL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Growing in Faith Together.*



## Sunday School begins September 7

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS IN HARTFORD - 1889-2014



## Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays, 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Sunday, August 3, 10 and 17, 10:00 a.m.  
in Luther Hall

Sunday, August 24 and 30, 10:00 a.m.  
in the Church

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. in Luther Hall  
(July 9 - August 20)

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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,

I hope you are finding some time and space to enjoy these beautiful summer days. Deborah and I were fortunate to be able to spend a week with our family on a beach in Delaware.

On July 20th at Emanuel, we had a good Sunday send-off for Vicar Jane and her husband, Chuck. Many of you were there as we celebrated Jane's ministry among us and bid them farewell and Godspeed. On behalf of all of us, I extend our gratitude to Pam Olson, chairperson, and the other members of the Intern Committee. Now, we look ahead to becoming acquainted with and sharing this next year with our new intern, Dominic Smyth, and his wife, Success.

**On September 7,** we will begin using a four-year series of Sunday scriptural texts, called Narrative Lectionary. Each year, Narrative Lectionary focuses on one of the four Gospels. Each Sunday, one primary scripture text is featured. That is, instead of two lessons, a Psalm and a Gospel reading on a Sunday, there will be one text and often, a Psalm. The single text for the day might be one of the great Old Testament stories, or a prophecy regarding the coming Messiah or a Gospel text regarding the ministry, life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

I, and other staff members, are excited about the focus this lectionary will bring to our worship and educational experiences. I believe this will help all of us better relate God's clear Word to daily life, to our experiences in the world and to our mission as a congregation here in Hartford.

God's peace to you.

Pastor Corgan

P. S. Don't forget-make plans to join us for our **125th Anniversary Celebration on Reformation Sunday, October 26.**

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**Please Note: the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 3, 10 and 17 will be held in the air-conditioned Luther Hall due to the ongoing restoration work of the stain glass windows. Please see the article on page 9 for more information.**

This photo was taken at our Congregational Picnic on June 15.



## Summer Worship

There are three opportunities to worship each week. We offer two services on Sunday mornings: the traditional service at 8:00 a.m. in our air-conditioned Chapel and the blended service at 10:00 a.m. in the air-conditioned Luther Hall on August 3, 10 and 17. On August 24 and 30, the 10:00 a.m. service will be held in the sanctuary. **Then on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. there is a contemporary service in the air-conditioned Luther Hall. This Wednesday worship began on July 9 and continues for 6 Wednesdays concluding on August 20.** We are asking for volunteers to assist with this Wednesday evening service. There are many ways you can participate: by performing in the band or singing in the choir; by reading the lesson; by helping to serve communion; by offering a faith reflection by providing altar flowers or by providing and serving refreshments. There will be a poster in Luther Hall for sign up. A link to the online sign up sheet was emailed out to everyone on July 7. We hope you will take advantage of this mid week opportunity to worship especially if you cannot attend on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you at worship this summer in celebration of our Lord's presence, love, and grace.

**Exciting, faith-nurturing times are ahead!**

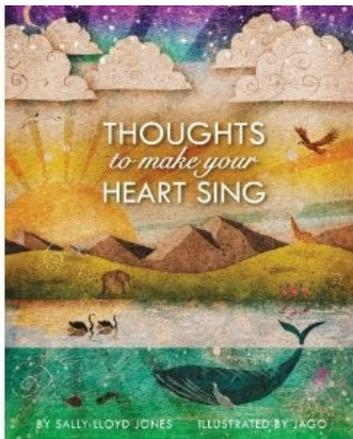
**Sunday School begins September 7.**

On this day we'll celebrate a new year of engaging with the Story of how God loves God's children and comes to rescue them. All the stories in the Bible tell that one Big Story, so we'll begin the adventure. . .at the beginning, with the Bible's stories of Creation and God's desire to share God's Forever Happiness.

With Emanuel's transition to the Narrative Lectionary, each week's Worship/Sunday School/Home connection will be stronger than ever.

An email with all the details for families will go out later this month.

In these last weeks of summer, when you are sitting on the beach or counting the fireflies at night or licking the ice cream dribbling down the cone, take some time to talk with your children about God's Love Story. I highly recommend two books to spark and nurture your conversation:

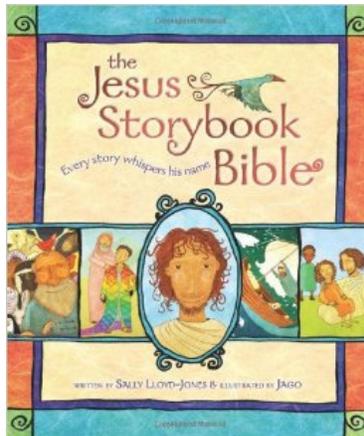


The Jesus Storybook Bible and Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing, both written by Sally Lloyd-Jones and illustrated by Jago.

**Confirmation begins in October.**

Early adolescents and their parents need to spend time with God's Love Story, too. And the Worship/Confirmation/Home connection will also benefit from our use of the Narrative Lectionary. Our gatherings will be at times playful, at times serious, always relevant.

An email with all the details for families will go out later this month.



Oh, and I've heard (and seen online) that teens are all about *The Jesus Storybook Bible*. I would love to see what kinds of creative ideas come from our confirmation youth after checking it out. See me if you need a copy.

**Prayer Friends Needed**

*by Natalie Bloomquist*

Each student in Emanuel's Confirmation program has a secret Prayer Friend who remains with him or her throughout the three years of confirmation instruction. Through prayer, the Prayer Friend has an impact on the life of the student through intercession to God. Prayer Friends pray regularly for their assigned confirmation student and send simple correspondence and special wishes on birthdays, baptismal anniversaries and holidays. Their identity remains a secret for three years until they are revealed just days before Affirmation of Baptism Sunday.

***Would you consider serving as a prayer friend?*** Early adolescence is a difficult time, and the academic and social pressures society places on our middle school youth are tremendous. You can make a difference in their lives by keeping them intentionally in prayer and reminding them that Jesus is with them always, and that they are in your thoughts and, most importantly, your prayers.

***There is no standard profile for Prayer Friend!*** They are individuals, couples, families and friends teaming together to serve. All are important and meaningful partners in this ministry.

Please call, e-mail or speak with me at church for more information or to offer your service.

**Parents of Toddlers**

If your child has or will turn three years of age in 2014, he or she may be ready to start Sunday School at Emanuel in September. Please contact Natalie Bloomquist at [Natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:Natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org) to learn more or to register your toddler.

**On the Cover and below:** These beautiful illustrations are from The Jesus Storybook Bible and were created by the artist, *Jago*.



**The Craft Fair is Coming!  
The Craft Fair is Coming!  
Saturday, November 1, 2014**

**Please note the new date of November 1, 2014!** If you have a special craft that you do, please consider donating items to Emanuel's annual craft fair. As in the past, your special donations make the FAIR unique and interesting. Home crafters are a welcome addition to the work that the Tuesday and Thursday crafters accomplish. Contact Judy Johnson (rjmets@sbcglobal.net or 860-953-3064) if you are interested. Thank you in advance.

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**Accessibility Moving Ahead**

The project to improve Emanuel's accessibility is moving along! CJ Lawler, the architect with whom we had been working over the past five years, recently retired and as such, over the past six months the Building Committee has worked diligently to identify other architects, request and receive proposals, and interview three qualified architects. A final selection was recently made and the committee will now continue design and planning with Bostwick Architects located in Hartford. The committee is excited not only about some of the ideas Bostwick has already brought to the table, but also the grant writing resource he has engaged as part of the planning team. Their experience and knowledge about historic preservation grants in CT will be a valuable resource to Emanuel, with potentially significant financial outcomes.

Additionally, geotechnical surveys have been done and an environmental assessment is in progress. Design can proceed efficiently with all these resources in place, and we look forward to sharing drawings and ideas with the congregation as the design progresses.

The budget for this project is about \$1.4 million. As you may recall, \$1 million was set aside for accessibility from the Capitol Towers proceeds. An additional \$203,500 has been committed as matching funds to the \$205,000 raised in the capital campaign. To date, about 65% of the total amount pledged has been received - thank you! As the project kicks into high gear, we encourage everyone to continue to pay on their pledges for this project. In September you will receive the usual financial statement from church, indicating both your annual pledge as well as your pledge to the accessibility project, and payments made to date. If paying by check, please simply note "access project" on the memo line. Labeled envelopes are also available in the pew racks and narthex. And of course, if you haven't yet contributed to this important project, additional gifts are most welcome!

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**Volunteer Needed – only 4 to 6 hours per year**

The Altar Guild is looking for a person to fill our candles with liquid "wax" for 2 months out of the year. Ideally, there is a group of six people or pairs of people, so the job is rotated among them every 6 months, and each "team" takes responsibility for one month. There are currently only five "teams." The job is quite simple – requiring a steady hand and a minimum 5-foot height (to reach the highest candle!). If you'd like to observe before committing, that's fine! "On-the-job" training and/or "in advance" training will be provided. Please contact Diane Troutman at 860-659-0919 or [drmt1313@gmail.com](mailto:drmt1313@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**Coffee Hour**

Sharing a cup of coffee, some goodies and a conversation after worship on Sunday mornings is a vital part of our life together here at Emanuel. **We are deeply grateful to Eleanor Doyle for her dedication and efficient coordination of coffee hour for the past five years - always making certain that the congregation was greeted by smiling hosts and something delicious to eat. Thank you, Eleanor, for a job exceedingly well done!**

As Eleanor retires as the coffee hour coordinator, we're looking for another person or even a team of several people willing to take on the coordination role for this important Sunday morning ministry. Procedures are in place and there are plenty of willing hosts - but we really need someone to provide overall coordination. If you might be willing to take on this leadership/coordination role, please let Pastor Corgan know. Thank you in advance!



**Coffee Hour Notes for August 2014**

In August, coffee and refreshing cold drinks will be served. There will be no formal coffee hour this month.

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**A Special Thank You Note**

*"90" thanks for the flowers.  
As Always,  
Barbara Erskine*

# Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

## *Stephen Ministers are there:*

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

[www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org)

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# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 No Friday Night Program for August	2 No SPROUT for the summer
3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 8 am: Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel 10 am: Service of Holy Communion in Luther Hall No Sunday School for the summer	4	5 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	6 7:00 pm: Service of Holy Communion in Luther Hall	7 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall No Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting at the church for the summer No Bible Study for the summer No Choir Rehearsals for the summer	8 No Friday Night Program for August	9 No SPROUT for the summer
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## Bible Readings

### For the Month of August

#### Aug 3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Isaiah 55:1–5  
Psalm Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21  
2nd Lesson: Romans 9:1–5  
Gospel: Matthew 14:13–21

#### Aug 10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9–18  
Psalm 85:8–13  
2nd Lesson: Romans 10:5–15  
Gospel: Matthew 14:22–33

#### Aug 17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6–8  
Psalm 67  
2nd Lesson:  
Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32  
Gospel: Matthew 15:10–28

#### Aug 24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Isaiah 51:1–6  
Psalm 138  
2nd Lesson: Romans 12:1–8  
Gospel: Matthew 16:13–20

#### Aug 31 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson:  
Jeremiah 15:15–21  
Psalm 26:1–8  
2nd Lesson: Romans 12:9–21  
Gospel: Matthew 16:21–28

## Children's Library News

The Children's Library is closed for the summer, please visit us in September!

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

## Anniversary News

### The Anniversary Directory

The anniversary directory is very, very nice. It is the "happy book" of Emanuel! Even if your picture is not in the directory, you will definitely want one. They will be available in Luther Hall. If you are visiting a shut-in, please remember to take a directory (if appropriate - your call) and an anniversary magnet. If there are any questions about the visitation, please check with Pastor Corgan, Pastor Marschhausen or Vicar Jane.

### Looking Ahead

New cookbook and "Taste of Emanuel" in the fall - Craft Fair - Bishop Hazelwood preaching - Anniversary Luncheon - a concert - history of Emanuel magazine and some more! What fun!

Have a wonderful and safe summer, but do not forget about attending church!

*Judy and Roland  
Arlene and David*



### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Hoops!

Join Pastor Corgan, Vicar Dominic and others in the gym after worship for some basketball on the first Sunday of every month. We'll start on **September 7 at 11:30 or 11:45 a.m.**



## youth group news

### 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering July 15 - 19, 2015

If you are interested in your son/daughter attending the Gathering, please contact Diane Durant at 860-953-4918 or via e-mail at [DDurant5@cox.net](mailto:DDurant5@cox.net). We need to get an estimate of youth interested in attending the Gathering for planning and fundraising purposes.

### Tentative Calendar of 125th Anniversary Events

#### Date to be determined

Youth burying Time Capsule

#### September 28

Taste of Emanuel Coffee Hour

#### September 28

Anniversary Cookbook debut/sale

#### October 26 - Reformation Day

Bishop Hazelwood preaching and Anniversary Luncheon

#### November 1

Annual Harvest Holly Craft Fair

#### November 16

Recognition of those doing God's Work!

#### December 5

St. Lucia Festival and Reception

#### December

Senior Luncheon, "Reaching Out"

#### Anniversary Steering Committee

*Judy and Roland Johnson, Co-chair*

*Arlene and David Parmelee, Co-chair*

*Pete Larson, Treasurer*

*Ellen Anderson, Secretary*

*Eric Carlson*

*Judy Larson*

*Becki Murphy*

*Abby Stadlander*

*Scott Tibbo*



## Stained Glass Windows

Over the next few weeks, be sure to take a close look at the “diamond” cathedral windows in the main part of the church nave. Notice the beautiful tinted glass that bathes the interior in gentle pastels. Notice the series of medallions or shields that honor the apostles and prophets. Notice at the base in whose memory a particular window was given or which groups donated a window.

And if you look very closely, you’ll also notice the bulging and sagging of the panels, the deteriorated lead came and putty, and a cracked piece of glass here or there. But thanks to the congregation’s approval in May to commit \$285,000 from remaining Capitol Towers proceeds, we will begin the stained glass restoration project in early August. Our

tentative schedule is:

- **July 28 through August 1** - scaffolding will be erected on the exterior of the church (east, west and north sides)
- **August 4 through August 15** - stained glass panels will be removed and plywood inserts temporarily installed
- **November 10 through November 21** - the newly restored stained glass panels will be reinstalled

Since the putty holding the stained glass in place is so old and hard, the removal process is likely to be very dusty and messy. We’ll be removing equipment and then wrapping much of the church interior in plastic to protect the organ, pipes, piano, chancel area and woodwork from as much dust and debris as possible. The more securely we wrap, the more manageable the clean up will be!

With all this activity in the church nave, **the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday August 3, 10 and 17 will be in the air-conditioned Luther Hall.** On those Sundays, as you sit and prepare for worship, consider this: from 1914 until 1924, Emanuel worshipped every Sunday in this very basement space - because the magnificent upper church structure was not yet built! How fitting to gather for worship in the basement for a few Sundays during our 125th anniversary year!

Plans are to prepare and wrap the church interior on Sunday August 3. It’s a big job - and we could use additional help. We’ll also need help with the major dusting after the removal. If you’re willing to help with either the preparations or the clean up, please let either Bernie Johnson or Jane Wunder know. Or just remember to bring some work clothes on August 3—we’ll have plenty of jobs to do. Thank you!

(For more info on Emanuel’s beautiful stained glass windows, refer to “Through a Glass Brightly” prepared by the late David E. Harper, Minister of Music Emeritus. This brochure is available in the church office or as a PDF on Emanuel’s website.)

## **Congratulations to Salima Etoka!**

Salima Etoka has been a regular worshipper here at Emanuel while attending Trinity College. Salima, who is a QuestBridge Scholar and native of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has been awarded the prestigious Truman Scholarship for 2014. She is one of only 59 college

students in the country to receive the honor and the first Trinity student to be selected in 28 years. Salima is an American citizen and resident of Boise, Idaho and is currently studying in Senegal. Her major is urban studies, political science, and French and ultimately she would like to get her Ph. D. in urban policy or urban studies. For

the future, she’s considering the London School of Economics, where she would study urbanization and development, or perhaps Columbia University, where she would focus on urban policy.

## Calumet – Senior Hostel Plans for October; Book Ahead!

Each fall and again for the spring, Calumet, our New England Synod Recreational Center in New Hampshire, offers opportunities for our senior members to enjoy; *Hostels* – a get-a-way for three days with a theme and learning experience offering what the older bunch likes, great enjoyment with friends made, lots of good hymn singing with Bible study, great food for our meals, and an adventure trip within the region of central New Hampshire, Maine, and the White Mountains and lakes so beautiful.

The offers this fall give a choice of two events in October we show below:

### A. Fall Flavors Lutherhostel

**October 6-9, 2014**

**(Monday lunch – Thursday lunch)**

**Chaplain: Pastor Dan Carlson**

**Theme: “Trains, Trips, Travels and Journeys in the Bible”**

**Trip: Conway Scenic Railroad**

### B. Autumn Lutherhostel

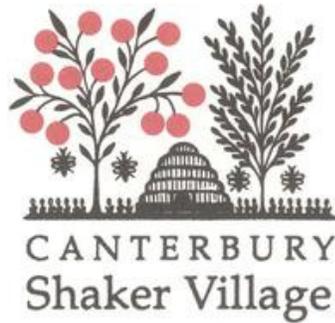
**October 14-17, 2014**

**(Tuesday lunch – Friday lunch)**

**Chaplain: Pastor Doug Behm**

**Theme: “The Road of Life”**

**Trip: Canterbury Shaker Village**



Of course you are free to attend both if you are able to drive yourself up to Calumet, but in order of cost and use of the Calumet bus/van, we'd like to select: **B. Autumn Lutherhostel**, which has the theme: "The Road of Life," as a new experience and better timing for maximum fall foliage of the area. In the past, many have experienced the train ride of the Conway Railroad, sometimes good, sometimes not, depending on weather, the train engine, and the crowd it attracts, etc. If stuck in North Conway, I've yet to find much to excite me for shopping! The Canterbury location offers lots of small village shops to visit if the time allows.

But for now, let's get our reservations set ASAP with an open ear for opinion?

Please call the Starkes, 860-561-2897 or see us after services in Luther Hall.

## 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!

## Have A Car to Donate?

One of our families is in need of a vehicle, ideally a mini-van. If you'd be willing to make a donation of such to Emanuel, please contact Pastor Corgan, 860-525-0894 or [john.corgan@gmail.com](mailto:john.corgan@gmail.com).

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## Please Welcome to Emanuel... our Intern for 2014-2015, Vicar Dominic Smyth (pronounced "Smith") and his wife, Success.

Dominic began his ministry among us on Monday, July 28. His first Sunday will be August 3.

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## 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.

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## "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 July, August, September 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. It is especially helpful to read the texts and reflections written for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week as they prepare the reader for the lessons and Gospel texts that will be read in worship that Sunday morning.

# The Taste of Emanuel

Sunday, September 28!

Come and enjoy this special Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 28! We'll be serving samples from the "125th Anniversary Cookbook" along with hot coffee and juice. This is the first day the cookbook will be available to purchase!



## The New Cookbook is Hot off the Press!

The new "125th Anniversary of Emanuel Cookbook" will be available to purchase on **Sunday, September 28**, at "The Taste of Emanuel" event.

Please call Brook Nowak at 860-647-8569 if you have any questions or would like more information.



## The 100th Lucia DVD Set Now Available!

This two DVD set features both the 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. performances from this past year's memorable 100th Lucia Festival. You may purchase a set for \$10.00 by contacting Brian Lysik at 860-558-8214 or [blysik@rc.com](mailto:blysik@rc.com).

If you'd like to get involved with ideas or planning for this year's 125th Anniversary of Emanuel Lutheran Church please contact Judy Johnson at 860-953-3064 or [rjmets@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjmets@sbcglobal.net).

Please take a copy of the *Tentative Calendar of 125th Anniversary Events*, which is on aqua blue paper in the back of the church and in Luther Hall.

## Camp Calumet Scholarships are available to youth who are members of Emanuel

Please contact the church office today for the \$100 scholarships available for youth, who are members of Emanuel, to attend Camp Calumet this summer. You may fill out the section marked "Camp Calumet Scholarships" on the blue "Welcome to Emanuel" insert on Sundays.

## A New Baby!

Congratulations and God's Blessings to **Amy and Brian Lysik** on the birth of their daughter, **Norah Quinn Lysik**, on July 18, 2014. Congratulations to big brother **Matthew!** There was a rose on the altar on Sunday, July 27 in honor of the new baby.

## Baptized into God's family on July 20, 2014:

**Aubrey Marie Sanchez**, daughter of Melanie Smith and James Sanchez. Aubrey was born on January 21, 2014. Her godparents are Frederick Villafane and Elizabeth Hibine. Our water carrier for the baptism was Brendan Murphy. Congratulations to the newly baptized and her family!

## 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.

## 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.

## June 2014

### Church Council Meeting Highlights

For devotions, Pastor shared scripture from Matthew 11:28-29 “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Pastor reflected on how we are made alive through Christ and that life with Jesus is not burdensome but rather a gracious invitation.

**Senior Pastor’s report:** Pastor Corgan reported on several items:

- Emanuel is awarding six A. Elizabeth Jacobsen scholarships of \$500 each this year.
- Our 2014/2015 intern, Dominic Smyth, will be moving here with his wife Success and will start as our new vicar on Monday July 28.
- Lee Sherman will serve as chair of the new Intern Committee. Many thanks to Pam Olson who is stepping down as committee chair. Existing members of the committee are welcome to stay on if they’d like.
- The Audit Committee has met with Blum Shapiro and is making good progress.
- Pastor, three staff members, and Chet Brodnicki attended a Foodshare event which focused on new strategies to deal with the underlying problem of hunger.
- Emanuel will be changing to the Narrative Lectionary beginning on Sunday September 7, 2014. This program involves reading one primary text each Sunday and a four year rotation through the Gospels. Pastor is excited about the clearer focus that this approach may provide, resulting in increasing our understanding of the Biblical texts.

**Intern Report:** Vicar Jane Mountain reported on the broad experience her internship here has provided and shared highlights of her year. She thanked everyone for their support and appreciates our continued prayers as she heads back to seminary for a final year. Mark Hopper mentioned that we should also celebrate Emanuel’s continuing commitment to be an Intern Site.

**Treasurer’s report:** Treasurer Marschhausen presented the 2014 Income and Expenses to date. Offering income through June 24, 2014 is down by \$13,898 and expenses are close to projections.

**Where Are We Going?** Pastor Corgan recently spoke with Jeff Kjellberg, President of Kairos and Associates, who recommended their consultant, Mary Pechauer, for our particular needs. She will meet with Council and other interested members at the July 22 Council meeting, after which Council will discuss a possible recommendation to the congregation.

**Thriving Churches Task Force Update:** Terri Dwyer, committee chair, reported that committee members, including Terri, Eric Carlson, Chet and Glenna Brodnicki, Mark Hollertz and Keren Paquette, have talked to members at thriving churches in the area such as Asylum Hill Congregational, St. James Episcopal, and the Church of the Living God in Manchester. Common denominators were a sense of community, strong outreach, small group ministry, and child and youth ministries. Members of the committee will attend various churches over the summer and will meet again at the end of August.

**Mission and Benevolence Philosophy Discussion:** President Mark Hopper initiated discussion noting that Emanuel needs to establish a Mission and Benevolence Policy as a basis for considering funding requests that come in. The Sandberg Task Force will prepare a report for the July

meeting on what we are doing now, what has been requested, and what benevolence is currently supported in the annual budget. We need to look at what the parameters should be, what we want to support and why, and what our priorities are. Chet Brodnicki provided materials on Mosaic, a ministry of the ELCA dedicated to supporting and empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities. In the coming months, Council will further discuss this program and possibilities for providing financial support.

**Space Request – Liberian Christian Congregation:** Pastor Corgan reported that Emanuel has been approached by Pastor Klayee B. Juty, of a Christian Liberian church, Prosperity Chapel International, to use our chapel on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for 15 to 50 worshippers. Their use would be for an initial three month trial period, with an additional 6 month trial if all goes well. Pastor Marschhausen will work out the details and oversee the terms of the trial along with Ellen Anderson. A motion to approve entering into a 3 month trial period with Prosperity Chapel International was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Accessibility Building Committee Update:** Mark Hopper reported that Bostwick Architects has been chosen for the project. The primary distinguishing criteria was their inclusion of a grant consultant to work on securing possible funding from the State Historic Preservation Office. Mark attended a workshop on the overall process and timeline for these grants, the application for which is due in October. The restoration of the diamond stained glass windows may also qualify for the grant since they don’t contain religious artwork.

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Luther Hall. If you have any questions, please e-mail Terri Dwyer at [terri.dwyer@comcast.net](mailto:terri.dwyer@comcast.net).

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**June 2014  
Church Council Meeting  
Highlights (continued)**

**Coffee Hour Coordinator Position:**  
Pastor Corgan announced that Eleanor Doyle has resigned as coordinator and we are very grateful for her 5 years of service.

**Upcoming Council Meetings:**  
August 26 at 7:00 p.m.

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**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 August**

- Robert Brown - August 3
- Richard C. Smith - August 6
- Emerrene Bailey - August 8
- Virginia Morse - August 9
- Walter Ekwall - August 10
- Jean F. Bronson - August 11
- Abby Stadtlander - August 11
- E. Kenneth Grahn - August 12
- Ramona Pergande - August 29

**Special Emanuel  
Anniversaries During August**

Mary and Donald Sondergeld - August 3, 57th

**Church by the Pond**

Come join, or volunteer, with Emanuel at **Church by the Pond, on Saturday, August 23 at 2:00 p.m. in Bushnell Park.** Emanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting a worship service and providing a bag lunch. Volunteers are needed to help shop for food and prepare and serve bagged lunches for about 80 homeless people who will attend the service that day. It is a wonderful opportunity to help the struggling citizens of Hartford, as well as a great opportunity to do some of God's work outdoors. All are welcome to attend and/or volunteer. Please contact Yvonne Gardner by email at [swaney64@hotmail.com](mailto:swaney64@hotmail.com) for more information.



**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!

**Summer Collection for "Church  
by the Pond"**

Many of you are familiar with "Church by the Pond" which is held each Saturday, rain or shine, at Bushnell Park. It is a church service and lunch for the homeless and working poor. Emanuel has participated in it several times, and we are scheduled for August again this year. Many of you were here during the Lenten service when Don Richey from Christ Church Cathedral spoke about the program.

The organizers of this program have several ongoing needs, and we were hoping that Emanuel could help them out. We will have a summer collection of the following men's items. They could use a few size medium, but mostly large and extra large:

White socks – new

Boxer shorts – new

Undershirts – new

T-shirts – new and gently used, laundered and clean

Deodorant

Backpacks – new and used. Please remember this collection when your children finish school this year.

Donations will continue all summer and can be placed in the bin marked "Church by the Pond" down in

## The Emanuel Archives

**Gifts and talents of our seniors today when they were young and doing the work of the church that made the marks we celebrate today! - 1979**



*by John Starkes*

It always brings joy to me, the writer of this series I truly look forward to writing each month, when the article can begin with music. How fortunate we as a church of celebration to have a full-time organist and choir director to stir up the glory of music in our worship to the Lord, to pull out all the stops of pipe and horn each Sunday, the sound of our voices to lift the Spirit—Alleluia! We started the year with a concert of choral music with the collegiate abilities of the Wagner College of Choir. The excellent connections in Hartford with CCC - Center City Churches, offered a pulpit exchange to bring in the Very Rev. Stephen Gushee, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford to preach at Emanuel, with our Pastor Stadlander preaching at First Presbyterian. But I think the real highlight was the start up of Emanuel's "Tape Ministries Project" of our Caring Ministries that would tape our Sunday services to be brought to members of Emanuel confined to their homes, each supplied with a player through the appointed visitor of the project. I, the writer of this series, was proud to be a part of Caring Ministries from its startup to bring Emanuel's love and prayer to those we miss that were confined to their home or a hospital due to illness or age. Now they could have the service each Sunday by their bedside!

The Sunday School continued with Heifer Project International during Lent by saving money collected for honey bees! The children were to receive educational material about bees and honey as a learning experience. These days it seems very little is said about honey on breakfast toast, as a part of the breakfast setting to fight a cold? To back up the issue of home confinement we were addressing, LCW (Lutheran Church Women) presented a program on Hospice dealing with "those we love for care at home." Emanuel's youth led worship on a Sunday morning with special guests, "The Good News Kids" from Newport, Rhode Island, lots of song and witness to consider from a different level!

There was a group formed called "Reader's Theater" in June timed to celebrate the opening of a completely re-organized church library in Luther Hall. I cannot recall

anything of their presence so I must assume they were lost behind a stack of Pastor Sandberg's books placed in the "Sandberg Library?" For quite some time Emanuel's custodian had been Ralph Starkel; a special luncheon was held to honor him, termed by many as "a rare and remarkable human being." It often seemed that he'd retired only to suddenly re-appear just when needed. Maybe he had dedicated his efforts to find the "lost" Reader's Theater members? It all seemed the first half of 1979 needed a theme to hold up for the second half of the year, and so it did to Pastor Stadlander's delight!

For some time Emanuel had been holding property on Hungerford Street, 21-23 just behind the church that we had bought for future interests. It was hoped by outside interests that Emanuel would restore the building for rental housing, but that did not fit the investment factor. We had other plans to eventually tear the building down with the valuable space then converted for much needed parking space that would be evenly split for our use and that of the residents of Hungerford Street during the week. It was also noted that in building Capitol Towers we had lost parking space that could now be restored if the apartment building 21-23 Hungerford was torn down!

So the church and the folks of Hungerford Street are all happy with what we brought for parking that both could share. Charges against Emanuel made earlier in the newspapers that Emanuel preferred the "sound of bulldozers as preferable to the noise of children," were quickly dropped when our defense added "In building Capitol Towers, Emanuel created 144 housing units, some 157 elderly persons call home!" Pastor Stadlander added, "if we had not built Capitol Towers, most of the residents of Hartford would otherwise have been compelled to leave the city!"

How many of Emanuel members remember the parking for Sunday Services we use to have on the strip of road across Capitol Avenue that ran up to the Capitol?

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



**GOD doesn't go on vacation.  
Please keep up your pledge.  
Thank you.**



### Meals for Recovery

We currently have a family in our congregation who needs meals due to the mother's illness. If you are able to take a meal to this family, then please sign up:

- Go to <http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=RHW3053> and sign up to take the meal. You will find all the information you need on this easy-to-use website. There are also easy recipes for you if you don't know what to cook.

**Want to help but don't cook?**  
You can order a meal at <http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=RHW3053>, and it will be shipped.

### We are looking for a Coordinator for Meals for Recovery

If you are interested, please sign up on the blue "Welcome to Emanuel" insert.

### A Special Thank You Note

*Thank you for the pretty flowers for my 94th birthday. I feel good.*

*The projects I used to do in a short time take longer and accomplishing seems more of a project now.*

*But I have my sweetheart and without her I would be lost.*

*Thanks to all at Emanuel.*

*-W. E. "Hop" Wiltse*



**125th Anniversary Luncheon will be catered by J. Timothy's in our gymnasium on Sunday, October 26, 2014, after worship.**



Tickets will be on sale in Luther Hall on Sundays in September. Join us as we celebrate Emanuel's history and rejoice in it's evolving presence here in the City of Hartford. Please contact Becki Murphy if you would like to decorate a table by displaying centerpiece decorations inspired by your family's culture. We're planning for 20 rectangular tables in the gymnasium. The Anniversary Committee will provide tablecloths and napkins.

### ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. **Please pray and consider a gift.**

#### Give by Mail

Lutheran Disaster Response  
39330 Treasury Center  
Chicago, IL 60694-9300

#### Give by Phone

800-638-3522

#### Give Online:

<http://www.elca.org/>



### Volunteer Opportunities on Sundays

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

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Eleanor Doyle, 860-561-1582 (contact until September)

**Greeters:** Eileen Mitchell, 860-688-4867 or [gemitch@comcast.net](mailto:gemitch@comcast.net)

**Lectors:** Lynn Sherman, 860-523-1702

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



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

### High School Graduates

**Samuel Wunder** graduated from Conard High School in West Hartford and will be attending the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford.

### College Graduates

**Erik Bloomquist** graduated from Trinity College in May with a Bachelor of Arts in theatre and dance, and music.

**Laura Kasmarzyk Deibel** graduated in May with a degree of Master of Science in Nursing. She specialized in the Family Nurse Practitioner track and received her degree from the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford.

**Cameron Ostafin** graduated from Southern CT State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He was a Communications major, with a minor in Marketing/Advertising.

**Lauren Ostafin** graduated from Assumption College in Worcester, MA with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management.

*If your son or daughter is graduating this school year from High School, College, or Graduate School, please let the church office know! Call or email Karen in we'll put the graduate's name in the August issue of "God With Us," our monthly newsletter. Phone: 860-525-0894 Email: office@emanuelhartford.org*

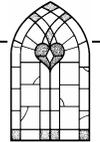
### A Special Thank You

*Dear Friends,*

*It doesn't seem possible that another year has passed and that another lovely floral arrangement had arrived at our home.*

*Thank you for adding beauty and pleasure to our special day.*

*Sincerely,  
Susan and Dick Johnson*



### In Memoriam

**Harriet Birgit (Wennberg) Fernquist** died in Hingham, MA on January 8, 2014. **Harriet** and her husband, **Harold** (also deceased) were long-time, active members of Emanuel. A graveside service for both of them was held on June 21, 2014.

**Angel Perez** died on June 16, 2014. A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held at Emanuel on June 25, 2014.

**Lorraine Anderson** died on June 18, 2014. A funeral service was held at Glastonbury Funeral Home on June 23, 2014.

**Karl Berg** died on June 29, 2014.

**Bill Patton** died on July 8, 2014.

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



### From Habitat for Humanity:

*Thank you for your recent donation. Your support will help provide affordable home ownership opportunities for hard-working families in Hartford and several surrounding towns.*



### From Hands on Hartford:

*Thank you for your monthly donation of \$916.66. We are very grateful for the support; the members of Emanuel have had a huge impact on the lives of the people we serve. We've started the work on our new Hands on Hartford home in the Parkville section of Hartford, which we'll move into in a year and a half.*



### From Lutheran Social Services:

*On behalf of Lutheran Social Services and the New England Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, thank you for your generous response to our appeal at the New England Synod Assembly. Your donations of toiletries, gift cards, and bedding items for LSS clients, and sneakers, towels, and socks for the children in the "Footprints" program was amazing and reflects your loving and generous heart of service in Jesus' name.*



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God's work. Our hands.

### From the New England Synod:

*Thank you to the members of Emanuel for giving \$33,916.67 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

Our Congregational Picnic  
June 15, 2014





**Serving in August**

**Acolytes**

Aug. 3 Alycia St. John  
 Aug. 10 Gunnar Johnson  
 Aug. 17 Cole Liljedahl  
 Aug. 24 Noah Fairchild  
 Aug. 31 Maire Hollertz

**Altar Flowers**

Aug. 3 Open  
 Aug. 10 Open  
 Aug. 17 Open  
 Aug. 24 Open  
 Aug. 31 Open

**Assisting Ministers**

Aug. 3 Lynne Strecker  
 Aug. 10 Janice Favreau  
 Aug. 17 Mal Doyle  
 Aug. 24 Brook Nowak  
 Aug. 31 Alan Meeds

**Childcare in the Nursery**

Aug. 3 Open  
 Aug. 10 Open  
 Aug. 17 Open  
 Aug. 24 Open  
 Aug. 31 Open

**Children's Library**

Closed for the summer

**Coffee Hour**

Please note: For August there will not be a formal coffee hour, however, coffee and cold drinks will be served.

**Communion Preparers**

Aug. 3 Lynne Strecker and Jeannette Urban  
 Aug. 10 Bobbee Canfield and Jeannette Urban  
 Aug. 17 Bobbee Canfield and Jeannette Urban  
 Aug. 24 Lynne Strecker and Marjorie Johnson  
 Aug. 31 Ellen Anderson and Eileen Mitchell

**Communion Servers**

Aug. 3 Open  
 Aug. 10 Open  
 Aug. 17 Open  
 Aug. 24 Open  
 Aug. 31 Open

**Greeters**

Aug. 3 Elinor McCue  
 Aug. 10 Susan and Ed Maher  
 Aug. 17 Carol and Stan Johnson  
 Aug. 24 Judy and Roland Johnson  
 Aug. 31 Marjorie Johnson

**Lectors - 8:00 a.m.**

Aug. 3 Sue Johnson  
 Aug. 10 Kathy Haller  
 Aug. 17 Carol Dennler  
 Aug. 24 Becky Thomas  
 Aug. 31 Randy Olson

**Lectors - 10:00 a.m.**

Aug. 3 Noah and Jonathan Fairchild  
 Aug. 10 Janice Favreau and Diane Troutman  
 Aug. 17 John Starkes and Pastor Marschhausen  
 Aug. 24 Alan Meeds and Dottie Marschhausen  
 Aug. 31 Lynn and Lee Sherman

**Sound and Recording**

Aug. 3 Eric Carlson  
 Aug. 10 Mal Doyle  
 Aug. 17 Tyler Gabriel  
 Aug. 24 Jeff Potter  
 Aug. 31 Eric Carlson

**Ushers**

8:00 a.m. Katherine Haller  
 10:00 a.m. Head Usher: Arnie Benson;  
 Captain: Michael Coons  
 James Ashwell,  
 Celine Bailey Coons,  
 Russ Bjorklund,  
 Gary Bloomquist

**Altar Flowers—\$45.00**

Please use the form below for a flower donation and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Thank you.

In Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date for Flowers: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call the Church Office 525-0894

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Fax: 860-246-3720

**Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Church

**Sunday School**

No summer session - new session will begin  
on September 7, 2014