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The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford

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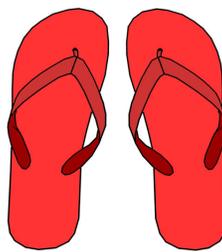
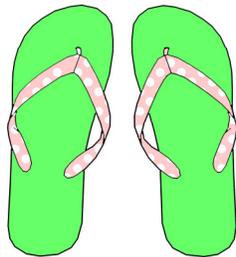
## *Emanuel Pool Party!*

**Sunday, August 23, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**at the home of Eileen Mitchell.**

**Please see the Sunday News and**

**Facebook for more details!**





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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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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was recently in a group that consisted of clergy, seminarians and lay people, and for some reason our conversation quickly transitioned to the subject of "Prayer," as one thing that is "hard for Christians today." I was initially appalled at the audience involved with such discussion - Christians, themselves. I obviously felt defensive and my immediate instinct was to think that it was rather judgmental for this conversation to be happening in the first place. But then I thought to remain open to the conversation and give it some thought. Little did I realize that my initial impulse was actually preventing me from attuning to the reality of my prayer life, which I hope will be helpful to you in this reflection.

As the conversation unfolded, I had a subtle recollection of a moment in my life when I struggled to pray; a struggle that didn't make sense to me at all. And many of my friends and family members didn't also understand my struggle.

The Bible tells us in John 4:24 that, "God is Spirit, so those who worship God must do so in spirit and in truth." I believe strongly that one way this worship can be adequately observed is in "silence," which I have discovered to be very essential to "centering prayer." "Centering prayer" is associated with the "Desert Fathers and Lectio Divina prayer traditions of the early Christian and Benedictine monasticisms"; it is also a form of prayer that hinges a lot on contemplation, and works well in



## From Vicar Dominic

availing oneself to a spirit of gentle inquiry with the hope that any dialogue that results can only strengthen our relationship with God. And so I believe if "centering prayer" is inevitably an essential to contemplation, then meditation is very imperative to the entire process.

After practicing "centering prayer" for a while, I have since realized that prayer goes beyond

words, thoughts and feelings; it propels one's disposition to openness and ushers one into a total surrender to God. Inasmuch as I think contemplation is an innate gift and disposition we all have from God, I think personally, it has to be nurtured and cultivated for our individual realization and enhanced experience. This is one form of prayer that has broken the deadlock to my spiritual life and made me more aware of the power and richness of prayer — which is our only means and source of enriching and fostering our communication and relationship with God.

Life can sometimes be busy, given the economic and industrial society we live in today, where we are always running out of time, which also factors into the challenge we often face in finding the space and time to be with God. But no matter how challenging this might be for us, it is yet a possibility that we, Christians, can cultivate the discipline to foster and deepen our relationship with the God we serve.

While there are other prayers that help us focus on the presence of God in the beauty of things around

us, it is quite reassuring for me to know that "Centering Prayer" has the ability to help its audience focus on the presence and closeness of God within them; it allows us to be with God, thereby strengthening our relationship with God; identifying and learning how we can grow closer and closer to God each day. I believe "Centering Prayer" is one of the great forms of prayer there are to strengthen our individual relationship with God.

And so as we go about this summer, taking out time with family members, friends, and loved ones or on vacation, I encourage you to intentionally think about your prayer life and consider what you might do to either foster or enhance your relationship with God through prayers. "Centering Prayer" might have done the trick for me; this may not necessarily be the case for you. But I honestly urge you to reflect on your prayer life and think about whatever forms of prayer work best in strengthening your relationship with God. It is too easy to slip into the temptation of turning to God in prayers only when we are in trouble. But Paul, in Philippians 4:6, tells us to seek the Lord at all times, in every area of our lives; even thanking the Lord in advance for our blessings, seen or unseen.

I believe that a healthy prayer life is a great way to deepen our relationship with God, especially in the midst of the too many attachments in life that often shadow our relationship with God. I wish you all a blessed summer and fall.

Vicar Dominic Smyth



*This is Ford Field at the 2015 National Youth Gathering in Detroit where our Emanuel Youth and Adults enjoyed worship, prayer, music, and speakers. Over 30,000 Lutherans came to Detroit for this gathering on July 15 - 18, 2015.*

## Sunday School News

*by Natalie Bloomquist*

Joyful. Joyful and grateful. That's how I'm feeling as we approach the beginning of another year of nurturing children's relationships with Jesus.

I'm joyful because I'm constantly amazed by these little theologians. Their hearts deeply and beautifully trust Jesus, but their minds are constantly wondering, asking questions, and wanting to understand more about God.

I'm grateful because:

- I learn so much from the children;
- we have an incredible group of teachers who are passionate about sharing God's love and growing disciples who will share that love;
- Emanuel is continuing to follow the Narrative Lectionary so our Sunday School experiences will connect directly with worship, further strengthening the Worship/Sunday School/Home connection.

Last year the teachers greatly appreciated being able to jump right into the Bible story for the day, not having to introduce the story since the children had already begun to explore the story with the adults in worship. Parents also appreciated the enhanced family faith conversations that grew out of everyone exploring the same Bible story each Sunday.

In the same way the children have been learning about the Bible in Sunday School, following the Narrative Lectionary meant that now the parents could also gain a better appreciation of the narrative arc of the Bible. As each week's Narrative Lectionary text built upon and made connections to the previous weeks' stories, the whole congregation was able to journey together learning the Salvation Story of how God loves God's children and came to rescue them.

This year we will again have occasional Sundays when the children remain in worship so that all ages can share together in cross+generational opportunities to find themselves in God's story and make meaning of faith in their daily lives.

Here's another reason I'm grateful. Almost all of our teachers are able to return to serve again this year!

**Preschool – Kindergaren:** Elizabeth Kieschnick and Jim Flanders, Becki Murphy and TBA

**Grades 1 and 2:** Natalie Fulmer, Hilarie Orton

**Grades 3 and 4:** Deepak and Mrudula Pedada, Shannon Graulich

**Grade 5:** Linnea Bloomquist, TBA

**Sunday School begins September 13!**

During worship the *Preschoolers* will receive their Prayer Pillows, and the *3<sup>rd</sup> Graders* will receive their Bibles. During class the teachers and aides

will have an opportunity to get to know the children and introduce them to all the fun they'll be having in Sunday School this year.

**First Communion** instruction will be offered to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the spring. They will receive their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday worship service.

If you have not returned the **"Covenant for Continuing Partnership in Faith Education"** that was emailed last month, please do so as soon as possible. This gives vital information to the teachers and helps them provide a comfortable and safe environment for your children. The updated parental permission is also necessary to comply with our Safe Church Policy.

**Reminder:** the box of Sunday School **offering envelopes** received last January has envelopes for each Sunday through December 2015. Preschoolers will receive envelopes on the first day of class.

### 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](mailto:natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org) to learn more or to register your toddler.

### We Need Volunteers for Two Positions

- Coordinator(s) of Coffee Hour
- Coordinator(s) of MANNA Meals (Please see page 15 for details.)

Please see Pastor Corgan if you are willing to help.



by Natalie Bloomquist

### Confirmation begins October 7.

Last year we tried something new. We included parents in our confirmation gatherings, and it worked! It was inspiring to witness the interactions between the adults and the youth and to hear stories of deeper conversations on the way home and during the week based on thoughts and questions that came out of our discussions. It was also affirming to hear that both youth and adults found it helpful to study the upcoming Sunday's Narrative Lectionary story together. The time spent in conversation and exploration meant an enhanced engagement with God's Word during worship.

Based on the positive comments we received, we will include parents in our confirmation gatherings again this year. We'll try a few tweaks like including opportunities for youth-only discussions and parents-only discussions, and extending the time by fifteen minutes to allow for more games and movement.

### Throughout the year we will gather the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

We'll also follow the Narrative Lectionary as our biblical foundation, but throughout the year we'll build on that foundation to help us be prepared for the "goal" or the "end" of confirmation. What do I mean?

Well, at the culmination of three years of confirmation ministry, youth stand before God and the congregation and make five promises:

† to live among God's faithful people,

- † to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- † to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- † to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and
- † to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Our study of the Bible, the Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed should help them be prepared to do these things and keep these promises.

### Affirmation of Baptism will be Sunday, May 22, 2016.

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

### NINE Prayer Friends Needed!

by Natalie Bloomquist

Each student in Emanuel's Confirmation ministry 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.

**The benefits of this ministry flow both ways.** God created us to be in relationship with others, and this ministry not only brings joy to both the Prayer Friend and the confirmation youth but also meaning and a depth of faith that comes from regular, simple, down-to-earth prayer.

**There is no standard profile for a 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.



Emanuel Youth and Adults attending the 2015 National Youth Gathering in Detroit. They thank everyone at Emanuel for their generous donations which totaled \$500 and were used to buy 2,018 diapers and 1,008 wipes!

## Emanuel's Safe Church Policy

*From the New England Synod Website:*

"Historically churches have been seen as places of sanctuary and safety. In our culture we can no longer simply assume that this will happen, but must be intentional about providing a framework in which we live together in community where everyone feels safe and nurtured."

As documented in Church Council minutes for the April and May 2015 meetings and reported in the "Council Highlights" articles of the June and July 2015 issues of "God With Us", Emanuel's Church Council adopted an official Safe Church Policy, which establishes safety and security policies, procedures, and guidelines.

Emanuel's commitment, as stated in its Safe Church Policy, is to implement and follow policies and procedures "to help ensure that Emanuel Lutheran Church's ministry is a place where all people can feel they are safe, loved, and valued. The congregation is committed to providing a safe environment for all."

These policies and procedures have been developed with special focus on the most vulnerable, particularly children and youth, and concern not only physical situations but also our social media and online presence as well. Following standard safe church procedures and our insurance company's recommendations, background checks will be required for staff and any volunteers whose ministry puts them into contact with children, youth, or financial matters.

If you have any questions or would like to read Emanuel's Safe Church Policy, please contact Natalie Bloomquist or Council representatives Peter Murphy and Linnea Bloomquist.



From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.  
Psalm 113:3

**We are inviting families and the whole Emanuel faith community to share via our Facebook page and on Instagram and in Luther Hall** all those places and times you have witnessed God at work in the world. As Psalm 113, verse 3 reminds us: All day, every day, wherever we are, we praise God. The summer brings special opportunities to find God at work in ways we might miss during our busy schedules. God is so great! What are all the ways God is so great and how many different ways can we express how great God is? If you go to the beach, to a park, to a museum, to the library, to a farm, to visit family – all the fun things we do during the summer, you will see God at work. You may see God at work in the sunrise or in the sunset. But remember also, we are Christ's hands on this earth and Psalm 113 reminds us that God is to be praised for doing wonderful things on behalf of those who are in need. Where this summer will you see God's children serving and loving others? Share what you see and what you experience. Photos, drawings, poems, stories – anything that helps us praise God. It's going to be great!

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### Altar Flowers - \$45.00

The form to provide altar flowers is on page 19.

## 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.

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*

**"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."  
1 Peter 4:8-10**

## The Antique Quilt was on display in Luther Hall on May 24

This beautiful, antique quilt was found in the tunnel cabinets of Emanuel and sewn into its squares are the names of the members of the congregation from that time. A list of the names is available in the church office. It is hoped that you will find a name that is familiar. Please contact Judy Johnson and Linnea Liljedahl if you have any information or questions about the quilt.



**Nurses, we need you: New Parish Health Ministry begins on St. Luke's Sunday, October 18, 2015.**

If you are a Registered Nurse or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Emanuel needs you! We are beginning a Parish Health Ministry here and invite you to participate, sharing your gift of healing.

We will have a Planning Meeting on **Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m.**, in Luther Hall to discuss this new ministry, the services we can offer to Emanuel, and the community. Refreshments will be served. Bring your ideas and help us get started. RSVP to Joy Elwell at [joy.elwell@gmail.com](mailto:joy.elwell@gmail.com).

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**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.**

**Our Sunday Worship - August 9 through September 6**

Our Sunday worship for the last five Sundays of this summer will have as our biblical readings five passages from the New Testament *Letter to the Hebrews*. This often overlooked letter near the end of the Bible is packed with powerful messages about a congregation's life of faith anchored in the Lord Jesus Christ. The paragraphs below are a brief introduction to *Hebrews* from Dr. Craig R. Koester, Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Please read Dr. Koester's comments carefully; think and pray about them. They will not only help you "get into" each Sunday's readings, but they will also help you take home the faith-messages of each of the Sunday sermons.

"The opening chapter of *Hebrews* takes people into the heavenly realm of the angels. In what follows the author seems to live in the world of the Old Testament rather than his own. He quotes passage after passage from the Psalms, ponders the relationship of Jesus to Aaron, then takes people on a tour of the tabernacle that is described in Exodus. One might wonder: What's the point?

That impression changes quickly when you realize that the writer is addressing issues facing his congregation. He gives us glimpses into three moments in the congregation's life.

First, his readers began their faith journey on a high point. They had a vivid sense of the goodness of the gospel and the power of God's Spirit working in their lives (2:2-4).

Second, their newfound faith created tension with others, who did not share their beliefs. They found others marginalizing them and acting with hostility. Yet that

negative social pressure made Christian community all the more important, and the congregation pulled together (10:32-34).

But third, that sense of community faded. The gospel initially seemed glorious, but congregational life fell far short of the kingdom of God. Now they faced the challenge of **indifference**. Things are "dull" (5:11) and "sluggish" (6:12). The congregation is declining - not because of a major crisis but out of neglect (10:25).

The challenge is to reinvigorate a congregation that is faltering and discouraged. And the writer does this through writing that rekindles the imagination. As we walk through *Hebrews*, think visually. Allow the word pictures in the texts and in the sermons to inform your listening and reflection. The *Hebrews* congregation began with a vivid sense of the goodness of the **Word**. If it is to have a future, the **Word** must rekindle their faith."

How might the Holy Spirit be speaking this coming month to your faith and to the faith and life of Emanuel through the *Letter to the Hebrews*? God bless our five - Sunday spiritual journey together.

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**The Craft Fair is Coming!  
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Saturday, October 31, 2015**

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](mailto:rjmets@sbcglobal.net) or 860-953-3064) if you are interested. Thank you in advance.

**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  
Emerrene Bailey - August 8  
Virginia Morse - August 9  
Walter Ekwall - August 10  
Rudolph Gaydos - August 10  
Jean F. Bronson - August 11  
Abby Stadlander - August 11  
Ramona Pergande - August 29

**Special Emanuel Anniversaries During August**

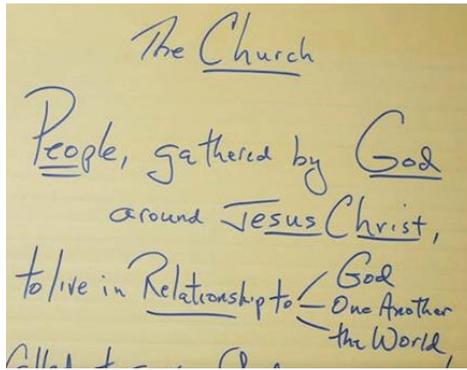
- Mary and Donald Sondergeld - August 3, 58th

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**THANK YOU, THANK YOU to Mark Hollertz for all his effort and great organizational work, making it possible for our Emanuel youth to experience Detroit!**

And, a great big thank you, as well, to Keren Paquette, Stephanie Thogmartin and Vicar Dominic for their willingness to serve as chaperones, giving of their time and energy to travel with and support our youth!

Welcome back to our young people who were part of the youth gathering in Detroit! We are eager to hear about your experiences and insights.



**News from Coordinator of Ministries, Becki Murphy**

Do you recognize this handwriting? Yes, it's Pastor Corgan's handwriting and between Instagram and Facebook, 700 people saw this post in early July! Yes, that's correct, this one image from Emanuel reached 700 people! You might ask, *How can that be when Emanuel's Facebook page has fewer than 300 "fans?"* It's how Facebook and all social media work, the more people click, like or share a post the higher the probability is that people will see it. Social Media sites like Facebook have intricate algorithms that determine who sees what and when. These algorithms are supposed to keep the end-user interested as the most talked about stories will be "fed" to them at the beginning of their newsfeed. So, if you're on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube or Twitter please don't shy away from liking, commenting or sharing posts from Emanuel.

And, the message that Pastor Corgan shared in his June and July group conversations is one that can and should be shared on a regular basis as a reminder that Emanuel is as much defined by our physical buildings and history as it is by the people who worship and serve together today. Why do people worship together? Why do they serve together? We do this because as Lutherans it is a response to God's grace.

My role as Coordinator of Ministries was developed by Pastor Corgan and approved by The Church Council to help people at Emanuel find ways to connect and serve together. Thus, I want to hear from you. *What ways would you like to connect and serve the people and the community of Emanuel?* As noted in the image, Church isn't a place to sit and take in, it's a place to engage and respond. I believe that people don't volunteer for ministries in the same way they have in the past, so I'm here to help bridge the communication so people can feel welcome to engage at whatever level fits them best.

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**Some special thank you notes:**

*Dear Emanuel Friends,*

*Thank you all SO MUCH for your prayers, cards, visits and calls during my recuperation from my fall resulting in two broken arms. I still welcome calls and visits since I no longer can drive.*

*Love,  
Anna-Lisa Johnson  
7 Brimfield Way, Rocky Hill  
860-257-7401*

*Dear Friends of Emanuel,*

*Thank you all SO VERY MUCH for the beautiful basket of flowers for our 55th anniversary. The flowers are so pretty and some still lasting since June 25th!! We still vividly remember our wedding reception in the Parish Building with a delicious turkey dinner catered by Mrs. Lantz (\$1.50 per person!). We also enjoyed a delicious wedding cake made by Mrs. Linnea Lindquist.*

*Blessings to you all.  
Brad & Carol Dennler*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>August</i>			1 No SPROUT for the summer
2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  Services of Holy Communion: 8 am in Chapel 10 am in Luther Hall  11:20 am: "Sunday Conversation" in the Sandberg Library	3	4 9:30 am: Staff Meeting  10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson  7 pm: Capital Needs Ad Hoc Task Force, in the Conference Room	5	6 9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall  No Prayer Shawl Ministry  "Bible Conversation" will not meet for the summer  No Choir Rehearsal (for the summer)	7 Friday Night Program, Closed for August	8 No SPROUT for the summer
9 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  Services of the Word: 8 am in Chapel 10 am in Luther Hall  11:20 am: "Sunday Conversation" in the Sandberg Library	10	11 9:30 am: Staff Meeting  10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	12	13 9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall  No Prayer Shawl Ministry  "Bible Conversation" will not meet for the summer  No Choir Rehearsal (for the summer)  7 pm: Sunday School Teacher Meeting in Sunday School Wing	14 Friday Night Program, Closed for August	15 No SPROUT for the summer  Deadline for "God With Us"
16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  Services of Holy Communion: 8 am in Chapel 10 am in Luther Hall 11:20 am: "Sunday Conversation" in the Sandberg Library  11:30 am: Executive Committee Meeting	17	18 No Staff Meeting  10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	19	20 9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall  No Prayer Shawl Ministry  "Bible Conversation" will not meet for the summer  No Choir Rehearsal (for the summer)	21 Friday Night Program, Closed for August	22 No SPROUT for the summer
23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  Services of Holy Communion: 8 am in Chapel 10 am in Luther Hall  11:20 am: "Sunday Conversation" in the Sandberg Library  3 - 6 pm: Emanuel Pool Party at the home of Eileen Mitchell	24	25 9:30 am: Staff Meeting  10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson  7 pm: Church Council in Luther Hall	26	27 9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall  9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry  "Bible Conversation" will not meet for the summer  No Choir Rehearsal (for the summer)  7 pm: Thriving Churches meeting	28 Friday Night Program, Closed for August	29 No SPROUT for the summer
30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  Services of Holy Communion: 8 am in Chapel 10 am in Luther Hall  11:20 am: "Sunday Conversation" in the Sandberg Library  11:30 am: Conversation with Pastor Corgan in Luther Hall	31					



**Bible Readings**

**For the Month of August**

**August 2:**  
**Tenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
 "Love and Passion"  
 Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7

**August 9:**  
**Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost**  
 "God Has Spoken"  
 Hebrews 1:1-4

**August 16:**  
**Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost**  
 "Praise for Those Being Tested"  
 Hebrews 2:10-18

**August 23:**  
**Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
 "Jesus the Great High Priest"  
 Hebrews 4:14 – 5:10

**August 30:**  
**Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
 "Earthly and Heavenly Sanctuaries"  
 Hebrews 9:1-14

**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.



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

*Emanuel hosted "Church by the Pond" on June 27 in Bushnell Park. Pastor Corgan, Vicar Dominic and Jonathan led worship that day and members of the congregation provided bagged lunches to some of the homeless of downtown Hartford.*

**Volunteers Needed for SPROUT's Third Year**

SPROUT, our Saturday morning program had a successful second year. The program invites children from our Frog Hollow neighborhood to come on Saturday mornings, eat a healthy breakfast, play active games in the gym and leave with a bagged lunch. Our attendance has continued to average 18-22 children in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade each week. Our program stopped for the summer on June 20. Next year we would like to continue SPROUT, starting again on September 26.

To continue the program into the next school year we need volunteers. If you haven't participated in SPROUT before but are interested, we can use you. The commitment is approximately two hours every five weeks. Our most pressing need is helpers in the gym to coordinate the active games. We

could also use bakers to make homemade cookies and brownies for the lunches; registration people to check the children in; cooks and a clean-up crew in the kitchen; and shoppers to purchase the groceries.

It has been a rewarding two years. The children love coming to the program and enjoy both the active play in the gym and the good food. If you would like to help out next year please call Terri Dwyer at (860) 521-0714 or e-mail her at [terri.dwyer@comcast.net](mailto:terri.dwyer@comcast.net).



**Hands on Hartford** thanks Emanuel for its monthly donation of \$916.66 to help support our neighbors in need. This gift will help change lives in Hartford.

## Council Highlights

June 2015

### Church Council Highlights

Council President Mark Hopper called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Pastor Marschhausen led devotions on Psalm 40, a Song of Thanksgiving, closing with prayer. The minutes of the May 26, 2015 Council meeting were accepted after correction.

**Senior Pastor's report:** Pastor Corgan reported that he and the Intern Committee both submitted their final internship reports in mid-June and it is hoped that the Synod will approve Vicar Dominic for candidacy in July. He outlined Vicar Dominic's responsibilities in his new position as our Ministerial Assistant, beginning on 8-1-15, including youth group leadership, neighborhood outreach, visitation, teaching and preaching. He also noted two leadership positions to be filled: Financial Secretary (current) and Treasurer (for 2016). Group "pastoral conversations" are being scheduled as an alternative to individual meetings - he encouraged Council members to sign up (additional sessions are being scheduled).

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Marschhausen presented the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for May and Year to Date in the new "accrual basis" format. Income is good and expenses are in line.

**Where are We Going?** Pastor Corgan encouraged everyone to keep Mother Emanuel AME Church in South Carolina in our prayers. Continuing discussion about our future, Pastor Corgan stressed that

Emanuel needs to be a church which is intentional and clear in welcoming all people of color; looking at everyone in a loving manner as people of God and working deliberately to counter racism.

**Intern Report:** Vicar Dominic Smyth reported on his internship and how humbled he feels to be here at Emanuel. His initial goals were learning about ministering in America, pastoral communications and discovering his pastoral identity within the American context. Emanuel has helped him with building relationships, preaching and teaching, and outreach via different ecumenical activities such as Church by the Pond. He thanked Emanuel for the incredible opportunity to live, work and engage in mission together as well as for the congregation's support of his family.

**Ministerial Assistant Position:** After discussion held in executive session, a motion was made that Emanuel fund the position of Ministerial Assistant for the period from 8-1-15 to 12-31-15 (or earlier) using the amount remaining in the 2015 budget for the intern program plus additional as needed from unrestricted endowment funds. The motion passed unanimously.

**Safe Church Policy Task Force Update:** Peter Murphy and Linnea Bloomquist agreed to work with Natalie Bloomquist on implementation of the Safe Church Policy.

**Continuing Resolution Task Force Update:** The final revised document was presented for a vote and approved unanimously.

**License Agreement Renewal For State Parking Lot:** President Hopper reported that the lease for the use

of the State's Capitol Avenue Parking Lot is coming to an end. Council approved a resolution authorizing Pastor Corgan to initiate the license renewal process and to negotiate and execute the necessary agreements to insure continued use of this important parking lot.

**Stained Glass Window Update:** Jane Wunder reported that the East and West windows are 100% complete. Work on the North wall continues, but given the complicated nature of the North wall repair work, a second engineering opinion is being pursued. Contractor pricing is being evaluated against the \$125,000 budget previously approved. On the towers, additional laboratory testing of the precast concrete is being done. The covered entry will remain well into 2016 as a safety precaution.

**Accessibility Building Committee Update:** President Hopper reported that the Building Committee is evaluating the most recent budget estimate which is higher than the amount approved by the congregation. The priority is to modify the design to achieve cost savings without impacting functionality. The construction estimate will be refined further once the construction manager becomes involved.

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### Seniors and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

It's estimated that 4 million seniors are missing out on nearly \$4.5 billion in food benefits from SNAP. Many simply don't know about the program or are confused about how it works.

Find out if you or a family member qualifies for SNAP by visiting [ctsnap.org](http://ctsnap.org) or by calling 866.974.SNAP (7627).

## **You're Invited - Emanuel Conversation with Pastor Corgan!**

Please join me and others for conversation, coffee and goodies in the air-conditioned comfort of **Luther Hall** on any of the following dates:

- **Sunday, August 30, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, September 20, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

The topic of discussion will be our church and our future together. I'm eager to listen as you and others identify strengths and weaknesses of Emanuel as well as your hopes and dreams for our congregation. I'll be sharing some features of Vision 2020 and asking for your on-going support for Emanuel.

Please feel free to bring the whole family. We want to and need to hear from young and old and everyone in-between.

You may sign up on the sheet in Luther Hall or email Becki Murphy at [becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org)

Thanks, Pastor Corgan

P.S. If I have not yet visited with you, as part of my every member visitation, your attending a session will take the place of a visit. If you and I have already met, please know that you're most welcome to attend any of these sessions.



**In June, Emanuel member, Judy Johnson received a REACH Neighborhood Service Award from SINA (Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance). REACH is sponsored by SINA and its member institutions: Trinity College, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, and Hartford Hospital. This award recognizes individuals in the community who have made outstanding contributions to Hartford neighborhoods.**

### ***An excerpt from the Award Program:***

Stop in most any Friday afternoon at Emanuel Lutheran Church on Hartford's Capitol Avenue, in the neighborhood between Hungerford and Broad, and you're likely to see girls and boys of all ages playing basketball in the church gym and having the time of their lives.

And perched at the front door will no doubt be Judy Johnson who at 74 years young, supervises the energetic goings-on inside like the beloved matriarch she is.

Judy Johnson founded the popular "Friday Night Program" in the church gym more than 30 years ago. "We were collecting food in Hartford for a pantry, and some kids came over and had basketballs. I noticed their basketball court was a crate nailed to a telephone pole," Johnson recalls. "I saw a need in the neighborhood for the children and

one Friday I just said 'let's open the gym.'"

The Friday Night Program was born. At first operating between the hours of 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., the program is now regularly open from 3:30 - 9 p.m. every Friday, providing structured athletic programs in a safe environment for up to 50 youth each week.

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## **New Babies!**

Congratulations and God's Blessings on the birth of Aubrey Liljedahl, daughter of Drew and Linnea Liljedahl. Aubrey was born on June 23, 2015 and proud big brother is Colton. Grandparents are Carolyn and Ed Ostafin, Holly Aronson, and Rick Liljedahl.

William Theodore Young was born July 2, 2015 in California. He is the son of Kelly and J.R. Young, named for his two great grandfathers. J.R. grew up at Emanuel. His parents, and proud grandparents of William, are Carolyn and John Young, now living in Florida. Congratulations and God's blessings to all!

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## **Baptized into God's family on June 28, 2015:**

**Norah Quinn Lysik**, daughter of Brian Lysik and Amy Constantine, born on July 17, 2014. Godparents are Shauna Finley and Mark Finley. Our water carrier was Matthew Lysik, Norah's big brother! Congratulations and God's blessings to the newly baptized and her family!

# 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 Pastor E. J. Sweeney:

*Greetings in the stunning grace and profound peace of our Lord! Pastor Corgan asked if I would give an update on what I've been doing since leaving Emanuel, so here it is!*

*I am now a pastor in the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). Presently, I'm working on planting a church (i.e. starting a congregation from scratch) that seeks to engage those who are skeptical about God and the Christian faith. Over the past two years I've received training in church planting and have done some of the background work - research, networking, etc. - that is required for the planting process. Currently we are putting the core leadership group together with the goal of launching the church this Easter. I've also been doing some supply preaching and presiding, mostly in New York.*

*Concurrently, I've been working on the book I'm writing on Christian apologetics, i.e. the answers I found to the ultimate questions of life and the most difficult questions of faith life that eventually brought me to Christ. The book is geared for the hard core skeptic, as I was when I was in college, in the hope of helping them find Jesus as compelling as I have and, in turn, set their hearts on fire with God's love. As I've been putting it together I've also realized it will be a good resource for those who want to share their faith with people who have*

*doubts, as well as a good source of edification for those who believe but want to see the deeper reasons that undergird their faith. My biggest challenge right now is that it's 750 pages and I have to get it down to about 300! I'm also learning all about the marketing process which I didn't realize was part of the deal!*

*The great theologian Woody Allen once said, "If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans!" The*



*last two things in the world I ever thought I would be doing is, one, writing a book (English was my worst subject in high school even though, or maybe because, my mother was an English teacher!), and two, being an entrepreneur, which is what church planting is all about. Doesn't God have a great sense of humor!!! I just thank God for Cherie who has been incredibly supportive and encouraging through it all!*

*I am very grateful to the Lord for my time at ELC and pray often that He will bless you all with his saving grace and overwhelming joy. May our crucified and risen Lord draw you more deeply into the awesome mystery of His love!*

-Pastor E. J.

**Congratulations and God's Blessings to Jane Mountain, MDiv, who has been called to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Muskegon, MI. Her Ordination will be held on August 1, 2015. Jane is a former intern of Emanuel.**

Her address is:

Jane Mountain  
1884 Crozier Avenue  
Muskegon, MI 49441

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## "Christ in our Home"

Be sure to look in the back of the Nave, 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.

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## 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](mailto:office@emanuelhartford.org). Thank you.



### Help us keep our books in order!

Emanuel, like most churches, maintains a database of information on its membership. Keeping this database up to date is important. Addresses and birth dates allow us to understand the demographics and trends of our congregation, help us develop relevant programming, project Sunday School class sizes, and recognize significant birthdays. Accurate information helps our pastors in their ministry to the congregation. It keeps letters, God With Us and statements going to the right place. It keeps statistics accurate for annual synod reporting. It provides contact information important to committee work and scheduling meetings. And it helps keep our records of “voting members” up to date in the event of a congregation vote. (A voting member is a confirmed member who has both communed and contributed in a given calendar year.)

So this month, please fill out the blue insert in your Sunday bulletin indicating you’ve attended and communed. Filling this out just once a year will suffice. It eases the burden on our pastors trying to recall whether all 300+ of us have communed during the year! And for members who have joined the Emanuel family recently, if you haven’t yet filled out the information sheet, please help us by completing and returning it. (If you need another copy, just let the church office know.)

If you’ve moved, please let us know – while it costs only pennies to send the God With Us newsletter out to

each member, the US Post Office charges us a whopping \$2.95 for each edition returned due to address problems. And if you’re a snow bird and/or would like your God With Us to follow you to a second home—it is a simple change to make.

As we do some housekeeping on the Emanuel database in the coming months, you may hear from us as we try to fill in missing information. We appreciate your help!

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### Long-time member and former staff member, Rudy Gaydos, has moved from his home in

**Vernon.** Since July 3, Rudy has been living with his daughter, Margaret, and her family in New Hampshire. If you’d like to write to Rudy, the address is:

9 Shady Rock Road  
Brookline, NH 03033-4409

God’s Blessings to Rudy and his family always!

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### 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.

### We’re Moving Things Around

We’re excited to share news of some space changes being planned around Emanuel over the summer:

- The Sandberg Library and its collection of books will move to the Conference Room in the parish building. This move will provide a bright, comfortable environment to visit the library, borrow both fiction and non-fiction books, or sit and enjoy reading. The reference books (Luther’s Works, Bibles and concordances) will reside in the adjacent classroom and the bound editions of 65 years of our church newsletters will be the lounge with the archive displays. Stop in to browse after church on Sundays or during the week at your leisure!
- The Nursery, now in the parish building, will move to the vacated library space in Luther Hall. This brings the Nursery closer and more convenient to our worship space. Parents with little ones will not have far to go to find this comfortable space with plenty of toys and distractions for even the fussiest!
- The space vacated by the Nursery on the office level then allows us to accommodate changing staff and program needs; gathering space for small groups, office space, and with any luck, some nooks and crannies for our storage needs.



We hope to have these space changes completed by September.

## 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.

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## 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.

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## New Flower Chart

In order to encourage people to sign up for altar flower donations, please note the "Flower Chart" on the bulletin board near the kitchen in Luther Hall. You may 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.



## Please visit our website at: [www.emanuelhartford.org](http://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 9 of our newsletter, "God With Us."

Please contact **Becki Murphy** at [becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org) if you have any questions.

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## 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!

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**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!**

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

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**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 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](mailto:wendilj@cox.net) or give her a call at (860) 257-1038 or (860) 977-8022. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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## 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.

### Mail

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in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Please make checks payable to **Lutheran Disaster Response.** Write "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.

### Phone

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800-638-3522 or email  
[disaster@elca.org](mailto:disaster@elca.org) with any questions.

**Online:** [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

**“All things new,  
yet grant us more, O Lord”**



*by John Starkes*

From May 1894 through December of the following year, Emanuel was without a pastor as their first call, Carl Johan Bengston, had accepted a call to New Sweden, Iowa. Through his work and strong support, Emanuel had a new church building in place at Russ and Babcock Streets, a strong and growing congregation and Sunday school. They had a good church newspaper and the church was a part of their lives and the community throughout the week in all their activities.

Finally after some disappointments, a pastor of the Augustana Synod accepted Emanuel's call. A pastor from Minnesota, the Rev. Svante Carl Franzen, born and educated in Sweden, had a resume that included service in the U.S. Army in the western frontiers under General Custer, and personal acquaintance with Indian Chief Sitting Bull, and an expert in the sport of fencing.

It is right to again acknowledge Emanuel's Norma Westlund Sandberg and her wonderful book, [God With Us, 1889 - 1989](#) for the details of Emanuel's history to draw from in these archive writings.

Carl Franzen was ordained in 1885 and had served two parishes. Emanuel had been a congregation for five years when he arrived and had been able to diminish their church debt while without a pastor. Pastor Franzen was offered a salary of \$800 per year, plus the Christmas offering and \$75 for moving expenses. Interestingly his wife Florence made it known that she wouldn't come unless they built a house for the family that had five children and found the rent they would have to pay too expensive for their budget of living expenses. The church at that time had a debt of \$5,000.

The congregation soon unanimously approved \$2,800 for the contractor to build and finish the parsonage. Pastor's wife was most pleased when she arrived from the West to see the house that she declared to be a real paradise. It was completed in 1896 on Russ Street next to the church. In time there would be three more children.

For Pastor Franzen the ever growing number of Swedes among the many immigrants flooding into the Hartford area and elsewhere were of great concern. They were like

like children lost in a strange country, victims of sponsors that would misrepresent them and seduce them of their property, rights, and their weak faith, enemies of the Lutheran faith that must be protected. Having left the power of state supported churches in Europe, it was urgent to guide and nourish these little children for the Kingdom of God, not to allow them to be swept away by those of religious sects called proselytes, found in the jumble of America's freedoms of faith involving many denominations.

Other problems of concern were the mix of language, Swedish and English, and the influx of new songs and hymns of faith that threatened the traditional beloved hymns and music of Swedish Lutherans.

Many of our traditions we know in our church today were celebrated at the turn of the century in the homes: baptisms, weddings, funerals and sick calls. It was recorded in 1904 that Pastor had 381 ministries to homes, 16 more than days in a year. A large church was needed for these functions and the growing number of members. A time to acquire land was urgent for Emanuel within the city, to have one large unified congregation rather than smaller chapels and schools about the city. It was then that Pastor Franzen urged the purchase of land at the corner of Hungerford Street and Capitol Avenue, the price being \$15,000. Twice it was voted down. The value of Emanuel's properties at Russ and Babcock Streets was \$18,000; that was 1909. Later that same year, another vote was taken and approved to buy the lots if the existing church property could be sold; 43 in support and 33 against. The trustees were given the power to implement the sale of the church and the purchase of the lots. How long might it take? Did they place a deposit to hold the land?

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



†God's comfort and consolation to Ken and Karin Stetson and family on the death of Ken's brother, Clayton Stetson.



**Serving in August**

**Altar Flowers**

- August 2      Open
- August 9      Open
- August 16     In memory of loved ones, given by Pauline Cochrane.
- In memory of Inge Swanback, given by her family, Bill, Debra, and Carl
- August 23     Open
- August 30     Open

**Assisting Ministers**

- August 2      Mal Doyle
- August 9      Janice Favreau
- August 16     Mal Doyle
- August 23     Lynne Strecker
- August 30     Alan Meeds

**Childcare in the Nursery**

- August 2      Open
- August 9      Open
- August 16     Open
- August 23     Open
- August 30     Open

**Children’s Library**

Self-serve check out for the summer

**Coffee Hour**

- August 2      Open
- August 9      Open
- August 16     Open
- August 23     Open
- August 30     Open

**Communion Preparers**

- August 2      Jane Wunder
- August 9      Helen Johnson
- August 16     Bobbee Canfield
- August 23     Lynne Strecker
- August 30     Joan Feldmann

**Communion Servers**

- August 2      Open
- August 9      Open
- August 16     Open
- August 23     Open
- August 30     Open

**Greeters**

- August 2      Susan Johnson and Ken Weeks
- August 9      Michael, Brook and Max Nowak
- August 16     Shirley August and Peggy Zachariasen

- August 23     Carol Dennler and Elinor McCue
- August 30     Rick and Barb Berg

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

- August 2      Lynn Sherman
- August 9      Christine Dalton
- August 16     Randy Olson
- August 23     Monique Jennings
- August 30     Kathy Haller

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

- August 2      Natalie Bloomquist
- August 9      Glenna Brodnicki
- August 16     Maria Flanders
- August 23     Monica Swanson
- August 30     Diane Troutman

**Ushers**

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

# AUGUSTANA HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



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June 24-26, 2016

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## PRE-EVENT TOUR:

New Sweden on the Delaware  
Kalmar Nyckel    Old Swedes Church



## EVENT TOUR:

Brossman Center LTSP & Augustana Archive  
Per Johan Svärd, founder Seafarer's House, NYC  
Altar, Zion, Greendale, Worcester, MA



American Swedish Historical Museum  
Celebrating Midsummer's Day



## POST-EVENT TOUR:



Independence Hall  
Gloria Dei Church  
and more!



## EVENT PERSONALITIES:

THE REV. DR. JONAS JONSON  
Bishop Emeritus  
Strängnäs, Sweden

THE REV. DR. MARIA ERLING  
Professor of Church History  
Gettysburg Theological Seminary

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# CALUMET LUTHERAN MINISTRIES AT OSSISPEE LAKE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

## A Calumet LutherHostel for Emanuel's Seniors - A Great Fall Get-a-way!

**October 13 - 16, 2015**

If stones could talk, what would they say? This Lutherhostel will include a special presentation by Mr. Kevin Gardner on "Discovering New England Stone Walls." Kevin's informal talk covers a few of the main topics of his book about New England stone walls, The Granite Kiss, touching on history, technique, stylistic development, and aesthetics. He explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the famous New England landscape.

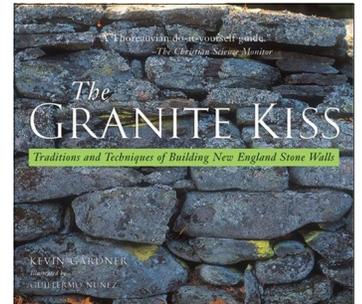
In addition to the presentation, we'll have bible studies with our guest chaplain, singing with Judy, pontoon boat rides, napping, walking by the pretty lake with autumn colors, rocking in our wooden rocking chairs on the

porch, shopping at local antique or country stores, playing games such as dominoes, cribbage or Skip-Bo at night with a BIG bowl of popcorn - this will round out our retreat at beautiful Calumet. The food is fantastic. . . with no dishes to wash at all!

Come and be with others, have lots of fun and see the wonders of God!

Contact Jan or John Starkes at 860-561-2897 ASAP, so we can start planning your reservation and, if you're interested, transportation on the van. Space is limited and we have other church guests who will travel with us in the big, new van!

Please note: Alice, a representative from Calumet, will be in touch with you for final booking and details. There are no single rooms available.



### 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Questions? Call the Church Office 525-0894

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**Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in Luther Hall

**Sunday School**

No summer session - new session  
will begin on September 13, 2015