

Getting Ready for Emanuel's Craft Fair



SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Worship Services are held in Luther Hall for the Summer.

Sunday, August 6	ONE SERVICE SUNDAY	<i>Matthew 14:13-21</i>
9:45	Special Hymn Sing	
10:00	Worship Service	
11:00	Special Fellowship - Coffee & CAKE!	
Sunday, August 13	8 a.m. & 10 a.m.	<i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>
Sunday, August 20	8 a.m. & 10 a.m.	<i>Matthew 15:21-28</i>
Sunday, August 27	ONE SERVICE SUNDAY	<i>Matthew 16:13-20</i>
	<i>Farewell & Godspeed Service & Luncheon for Deacon Natalie Bloomquist</i>	

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Please send any input or announcements for the *God with Us* newsletter to Pastor Maria by the 17th of the month at pastormhammons@gmail.com



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Are You Able to be a Prayer Friend?

Prayer Friend Needed for Youth Entering Confirmation Ministry

As many of you know, each student in Emanuel's Confirmation ministry has a secret Prayer Friend. This person remains their prayer friend throughout all 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 promise to pray regularly for their assigned confirmation student, and they also send simple correspondence and special wishes to the confirmand on birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, holidays, and other special events. A Prayer Friend's identity remains a secret for three years, until they are "revealed" to the confirmand 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. As a prayer friend, you can make a meaningful 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 and pray. All are important and meaningful partners in this ministry.

Please call, e-mail or speak with Deacon Natalie before August 27 for more information, or to let her know you would like to serve as a Prayer Friend.

Hi Friend-
I prayed
for you
today!



Summer Travel?

If you are traveling this summer, know that your Emanuel Church family will miss you and will be praying for you until you come *home* safely to us!

A Special Prayer for Those Who Are Traveling

O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go:
Preserve those who travel:
surround them with your loving care;
protect them from every danger;
and bring them in safety
to their journey's end;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Prayer Shawl Ministry

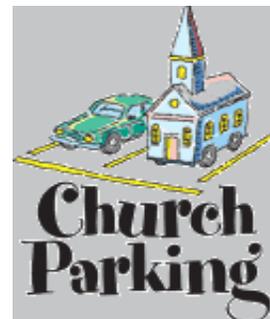
There are always handmade prayer shawls available for anyone in need of this symbol of love and caring.

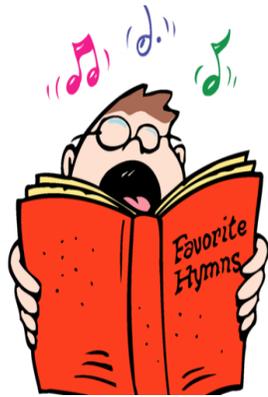
Please speak to Lynn Sherman, Eileen Mitchell, or Jane Wunder in the church office.

To our "able-bodied" Emanuel friends...

Thank you for parking in the State lot on Sundays, so those who have trouble walking a distance can park in our easy access spaces behind the Church building.

We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.





August is Favorite Hymns Sing Month

9:45 a.m. Hymn Sing before Worship
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

**BRING A FRIEND!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



Having our Cake and Eating it too!

Do you like to bake?

We enjoyed some delicious pies on July 4th weekend—so now it's time to "have our cake"!

Bring a cake for our special Labor Day Weekend fellowship gathering after worship on Sunday, (Sept 3rd). Bake your favorite - any flavor, color, shape - and bring it to share with your Emanuel friends!

If you'd like to bake a cake to share with your Emanuel friends, just call the Church Office & leave a message for Pastor Maria (ext. 2), or email her at pastormhammons@gmail.com.

All are welcome! Come join the fun!

Ladies Who "Lunch" - Join us!

To try to include more ladies, we are going to have lunch one month, and dinner at the same restaurant the following month.



Lunches at 12:30 p.m., Dinners at 6:30 p.m.

August 9 - Dinner @ Pond House, West Hartford



Would you like to help with Sunday Worship?

Worship Team

Please contact the ministry coordinators below:

Greeters:	Eileen Mitchell	860-688-4867 or gemitch@comcast.net
Lectors:	Lynn Sherman	860-523-1702
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Worship Ministry ~ Serving This Month

Assisting Ministers

August 6	Janice Favreau
August 13	Mal Doyle
August 20	Brook Nowak
August 27	Deacon Natalie

Communion Preparers

August 6	Bobbee Canfield & Jeannette Urban
August 13	Bobbee Canfield & Jeannette Urban
August 20	Bobbee Canfield
August 27	Val & Craig McDonald

Greeters

August 6	Gardener Family
August 13	McDonalds
August 20	Kannah Family
August 27	Shirley August & Peggy Zachariasen

Lectors

8:00 a.m.

August 6	No 8 a.m. Service
August 13	Monique Jennings
August 20	Kathy Haller
August 27	No 8 a.m. Service

10:00 a.m.

August 6	Janice Favreau
August 13	Lynn Sherman
August 20	Carol Dennler
August 27	Elizabeth Kieschnick

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NEW CRAFT FAIR GARDEN SHOP!

NEEDED ...

Rooted plants - donated plants - jellies - jam - relishes, etc for the new GARDEN SHOP.

Baked goods for the BAKE SHOP.

Cookies for the COOKIE WALK.

Mark your calendar!

Set up will be Thursday & Friday before the Fair in the gym.

WANTED!

**IMMEDIATE OPENING
PUBLICITY PERSON
FOR CRAFT FAIR**

Crafters' Corner

**Tuesday Crafters
meet at the home of
Judy Johnson at 10:00 a.m.**

Call Judy at 860-953-3064 or
email rjmets@sbcglobal.net.

Thursday Craft Group

Meets 10 am-2 pm; bring your lunch, at the home of Ramona Pergande. For info/directions, call Ramona at 860-646-6954. (Guys, you're invited too!)

More help is needed for:

Sketching Painting Sealing
Sanding Decorating

EMANUELS CRAFT FAIR DATE IS APPROACHING! OCTOBER 28, 2017

It is amazing that so many people outside of Emanuel ask about our FAIR. Word of mouth & publicity are the key to A successful day.

WE HAVE A GREAT NEED FOR A VOLUNTEER TO DO PUBLICITY FOR THE FAIR.

Flyers, internet, newspapers (a really big thing), radio & so forth. We have copies of what has been done in the past. However, if you have been following the newsletter, you know that most (if not all) of us are 70 and older. Realistically, technology is not a priority! The need is immediate.

That October date is approaching and deadlines have to be met. If you have the time and know the computer/internet please call. You are needed!

We would welcome with open arms anyone interested in doing the publicity for the Fair. It is only once a year in September/October - takes a few days. There is also the opportunity/possibility for the job could extend into November with publicity for the St. Lucia Pageant, if you are interested.

And remember - help is always needed (men, women, youth and families) to "set up and take down" in the new space the gym!

Contact Judy Johnson at 860-953-3064 or rjmets@sbcglobal.net.

Another Opportunity to Kick in a Brick!

A little over a year ago, we celebrated the completion of our new Memorial Garden and Courtyard. The project included all new landscaping, irrigation, granite memorial markers, and a new hardscape with engraved pavers. About 160 engraved pavers were installed; members and friends ordered pavers in memory/honor of loved ones, special events and Emanuel committees. If you haven't done so already, take a minute to wander through the courtyard and read the stones. Whether you're inspired to etch a name, an event, or a quote in stone, the courtyard has ample space for more engraved pavers!



We hope to offer the opportunity annually to purchase engraved pavers. If you missed the chance last year and are interested in adding an engraved paver to Emanuel's courtyard, now is the time. The cost for one engraved paver is \$100. It may include up to three lines of 16 characters each. Forms can be found in Luther Hall on the large bulletin board, or request one via email to jane.wunder@emanuelhartford.org.

We'll be accepting orders through August 31 – so think about kicking in a brick!



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For those who are struggling with illness or other challenges:

Elaine Wilson † Alice Gustafson † Betty-Lois Benson
 Judy Johnson † Burt Hedling † Barbara Blakeslee † Eliana
 Carol Johnson † Emerrene Bailey † Pamela Vigil † Tommy
 Beverly Swanson † Maria Vitrano † Gloria Burke † Al Behr
 Lauren & Steve Belschner † Eric Hammons † Ron Rounds

If you would like to add or remove a name from our congregational prayer list, please let the Church Office know, or fill out a blue form on the back usher's table.

In Memoriam



May the comfort and hope of the resurrection be with the family and friends of Diane Roule & Rose Dooley and all of the saints of Emanuel.



Calling All E-mail Addresses

Please be sure to keep the Church office updated with your most current email address. This is especially important given the transition and call process.

If you have any questions, please contact Operations Manager Jane Wunder at 860-525-0894 x5, or jane.wunder@emanuelhartford.org
Thank you.



Meet Emanuel's Pastoral Call Committee

Lee Sherman, Chairperson

Linnea Bloomquist - Council Representative

Matthew Graulich - Youth Representative

RaeAnn Gremel

David Kierznowski

Elizabeth Kieschnick

Mike Nowak

Deepak Pedada

TRANSITION TIMES UPDATE ... NOW WHAT?

- ◆ Call Committee Chairperson, Lee Sherman, informed the congregation that the Call Committee would be interviewing the three pastoral candidates by the end of July.
- ◆ Once the Call Committee believes they have a candidate that is a good match for Emanuel's Pastor, they will go to see the candidate preach at a "neutral site", i.e. not Emanuel; not the Pastor's current church.
- ◆ If, after the neutral site visit, the Call Committee feels this is the right candidate for Emanuel, they will forward the profile to the Council, and set up a meeting with Council to talk about the candidate.
(If, at anytime in the process, the Call Committee does not feel like they have found a match, they will talk with the Associate to the Bishop, and request additional candidates from the Synod Staff.)

Please remember that the Call Committee's work is strictly confidential. They cannot talk about candidates or interview dates, or basically anything except to explain how the process works. As chairperson, Lee Sherman will make periodic announcements to keep the congregation informed. Please honor the need for confidentiality.

- ◆ The Council schedules a time to interview the recommended Candidate. Council can accept the candidate, or inform the Call Committee and Bishop why they do not feel this person is a good match for Emanuel. If that happens, the Synod staff works to identify an additional candidate and the process begins again.
- ◆ Once Council approves a candidate, a financial package is negotiated by the Executive Committee with the candidate, and with the review/approval of the Bishop.
- ◆ A special congregational meeting is then held on a Sunday morning, starting with worship, so parishioners can meet the candidate, and hear them preach and preside. A representative of the Bishop will be present.
- ◆ After worship, the candidate is asked to wait elsewhere, while the Synod representative leads the meeting. They will invite questions and discussion, after which a vote is taken for the congregation to approve the candidate as Emanuel's new pastor, and then to approve the financial package.
- ◆ Once the votes are completed and the candidate is approved, Emanuel's newly-called Pastor is invited back to the sanctuary and enthusiastically welcomed by the congregation.
- ◆ A start date is set with the new Pastor. If needed, the Synod Staff will help arrange for Supply Pastors for Sunday coverage until the Pastor begins.
- ◆ On the Pastor's first Sunday, **they and their family** are warmly welcomed at worship, and a celebration is held!

And Emanuel's faithful journey continues!

Remember... A sign of God is that you will be led where you did not intend to go!

Council Highlights

Meeting - June 2017

President Chet Brodnicki called the meeting to order and Pastor Maria led devotions based on the poem *Liminal*, sharing thoughts on living in the "in-between" -- a time between letting go of the past and embracing & living into the future, a time of anxiety but also of creativity and adventure.

Deacon Natalie Bloomquist, Christian Education Director, shared information on the upcoming Sunday School year, the leadership role that Jeff Potter will have as we move forward, and the preparations underway to insure the program year gets off to a good start. Brief mention was made of how Sunday School is changing; and, in light of decreasing Sunday School participation, how some Lutheran churches have moved to a more cross-generational approach.

Interim Pastor's Report --

Pastor Maria commented on the many funerals and memorial services over this past year, noting that it is important to be mindful of the extent of loss and grief the congregation experiences at such times. She also noted how impressive and meaningful the confirmands' faith stories were on Confirmation Sunday. Also, after little response from posting the secretarial position through the Synod and Greater Hartford Conference, it has been posted on web job sites like indeed.com and idealist.com. The 80+ applications now received are being reviewed and potential candidates identified for further interviews.

A bench & prayer box, handmade by Fresh Start at Grace Lutheran in Hartford, were purchased for Emanuel at the Synod Assembly. Both will be placed outside in front of the Church. The bench

will provide the community with a comfortable place to sit while awaiting the bus, and the box will give passersby the opportunity to submit prayer requests that can then be incorporated in Emanuel's weekly intercessory prayers.

Treasurer's Report --

Bobbee Canfield reported that service offerings through May 2017 are behind the year-to-date plan by 8%. Expenses are also under budget, primarily due to staffing vacancies and programs and maintenance deferred due to construction. The 2016 audit books are nearly complete, pending the review of investment accounts and an effort to confirm donor intentions on several long-standing accounts.

Operations Report --

Operations Manager Jane Wunder reported on the approaching completion of the Accessibility and Tower projects (please see Hardhat Zone for details). Based on the current schedule, the accessibility project celebration/dedication will be delayed until September 10. She also shared details on the environmental testing at 37 Hungerford Street, the church's 3-family house, and steps being planned to insure any lead paint is addressed. Progress continues towards a solution for 315 Capitol Avenue. Very preliminary estimates have been received for demolishing the house and creating a drive-through and parking area that would connect with the Capitol Towers parking lot. This is a solution of great interest to Capitol Towers as they are experiencing significant problems with their current parking layout and traffic flow. These improvements, estimated at \$250,000, would be amortized over the course of a lease with Capitol Towers. The next step is drafting lease options for further discussion with Capitol Towers.

Emanuel's Council meets on the 4th Tuesday of *most* months, in Luther Hall, at 7 p.m. Parishioners are welcome to attend regular meetings of the Council.

If you would like to come to address the Council on a particular matter, please contact Council President Chet Brodnicki.
860-236-3050
chetglenna@comcast.net

Please note:

The August Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, at 7 p.m. in Luther Hall.



Birthdays and Anniversaries are noted for those who are:

- 80 years of age and older
- Married for 50 years or more

Special Emanuel Birthdays

8th	Emerrene Bailey
9th	Virginia Morse
11th	Jean Bronson Abby Stadlander Peggy Zachariasen
18th	Jeannette Urban
29th	Ramona Pergande

Special Emanuel Anniversaries

Chet & Glenna Brodnicki - 51 years

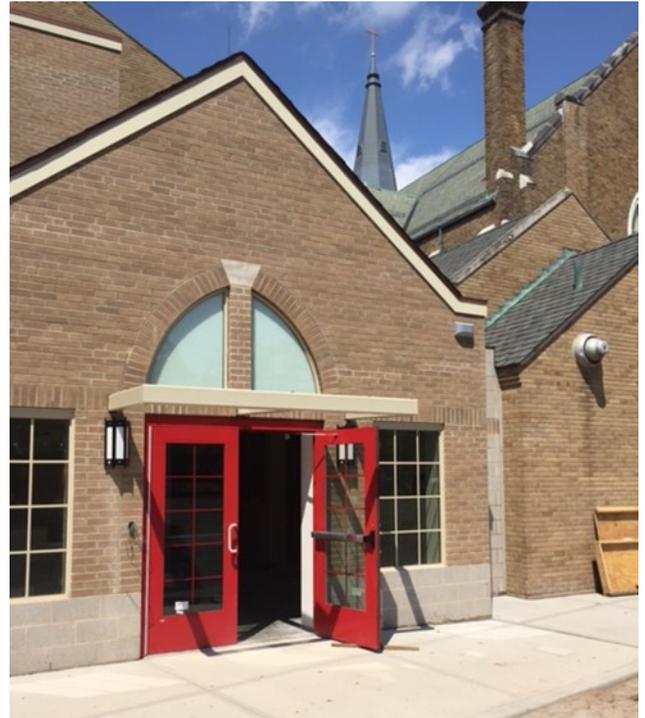


AUGUST HARDHAT ZONE

Accessibility: The new Otis elevator is installed and the final testing/programming is taking place. With Otis technicians nearly done, finish work in the new lobby is in progress – painting, new flooring, new pendant lights, and lobby doors. Construction separation walls are being removed. Final painting is in progress. Work will soon begin on extending the painting and flooring finishes into adjacent corridors.

Inspections are scheduled for obtaining our Certificate of Occupancy, and contractors are taking care of the last details, including any “punch-list” problems identified during walk-through inspections by Emanuel’s Building Committee, Property Committee, and architect. Our smooth, newly-paved parking lot will accommodate three full-size handicapped parking spaces immediately adjacent to the new entrance, as well as three handicapped spots near the Luther Hall entrance. Landscaping and signage are the next priorities.

Stay tuned for the scheduling of our celebration and dedication (which had to be delayed until September). At long last, all of our spaces will be accessible!



Tower: This project is now complete! The exterior restoration is done, the interior balcony ceiling has been repaired - complete with a new fiberglass rib, and scaffolding everywhere is gone.

We are grateful for the congregation’s patience with this work, and for the craftsmanship of the Gnazzo masons who have given these historic masonry details another century of life!

During August, our attention turns to dusting the balcony and restoring the landscaping around the east tower.

Emanuel 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 860-525-0894

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Summer Worship Services will be held in Luther Hall beginning next Sunday, July 2</i></p>	<p>August 2017</p> <p>+ Please note: Worship Services are at 8 & 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted.</p>					
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SAVE THESE SEPTEMBER DATES!

10 or 17th Celebratory Worship & Luncheon Celebration - Construction Completion ... Now What?!

10 17, 24th *Very Tentatively!* One of these Sundays may be a Call Vote Sunday for the new Pastor

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday Services of Holy Communion:
8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (*except where noted below*)

One Service Sundays

August 4 *9:45 a.m. Special Hymn Sing*
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Special Fellowship

August 27 *Farewell & Godspeed*
 Service & Luncheon
 for Deacon Natalie Bloomquist

Sunday School - Summer Break