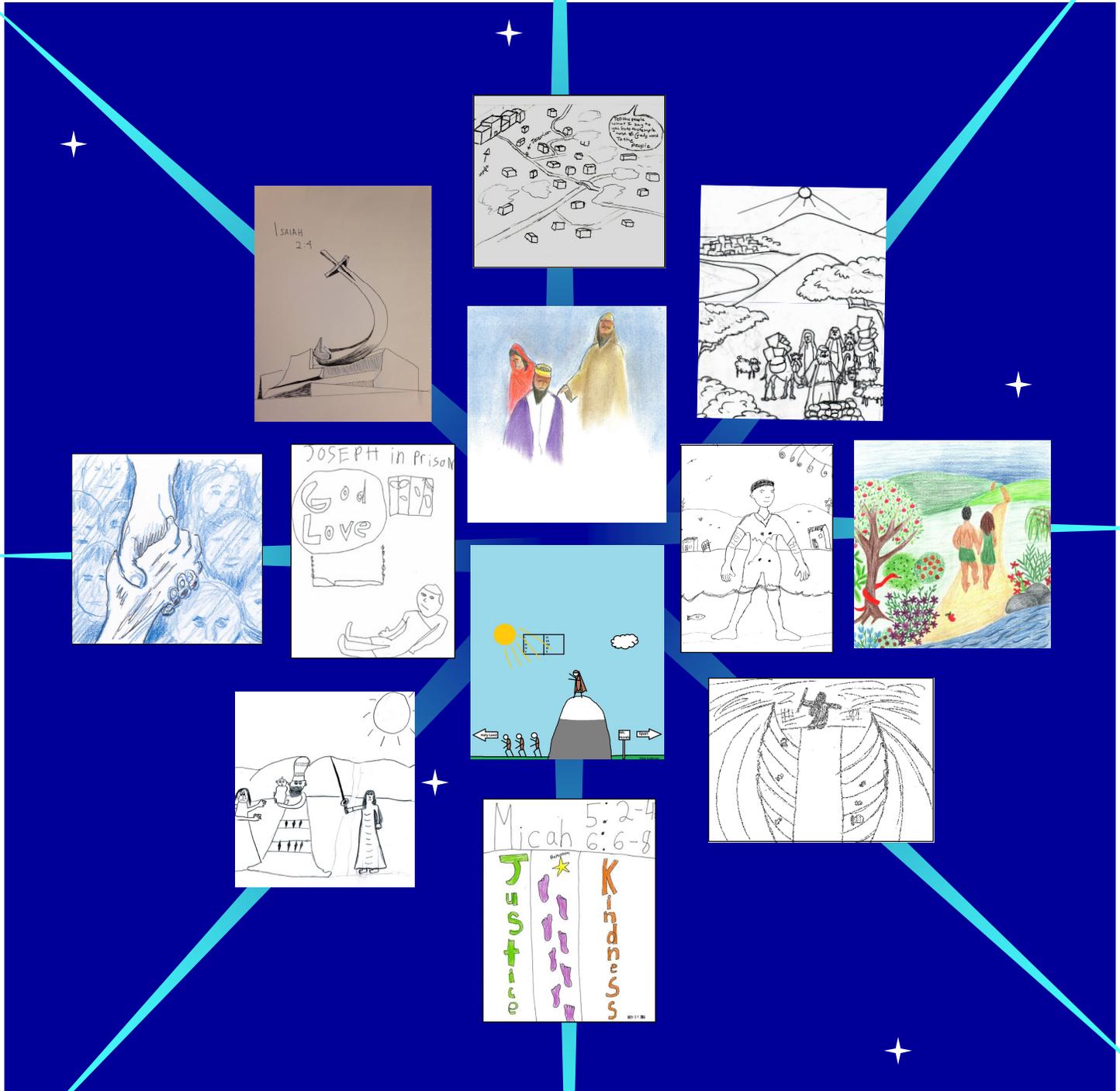


GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford



...and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.**

Christmas Eve services at Emanuel at 5:00 and 11:00 p.m.



Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Thursday Bible Conversation

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

Connect with us on Facebook! Please visit <http://www.emanuelhartford.org/> and click on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/emanuelhartford>



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,

The Gospel of John begins not with Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph, the manger and the baby Jesus, not with a birth narrative, but with a cosmic view of God's entrance into this world: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people." Here, Jesus is introduced as the always-existent Word, the living Logos, the wisdom of God, "the light of all people." Elsewhere in this Gospel account, Jesus is the "light of the world."

In November, Emanuel hosted best-selling author and theologian, Brian McLaren, as part of the Bishop's Convocation. I've been reading and enjoying McLaren's most recent book, [We Make the Road by Walking](#). There, he discusses this Gospel metaphor of Jesus as the "light." Here's an excerpt:

"What do we mean when we say Jesus is the light? Just as a glow on the eastern horizon tells us that a long night is almost over, Jesus' birth signals the beginning of the end for

the dark night of fear, hostility, violence and greed that has descended on our world. Jesus' birth signals the start of a new day, a new way, a new understanding of what it means to be alive. Aliveness, he will teach, is a gift available to all by God's grace. It flows not from taking, but giving, not from fear but faith, not from conflict but reconciliation, not from domination but service. It isn't found in the outward trappings of religion. . .it springs up from our inner being like a fountain of living water. . .This new light of aliveness and love opens us up to rethink everything - to go back and become like children again. Then we can rediscover the world with a fresh childlike wonder - seeing the world in a new light, the light of Christ."

As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, during the quiet peacefulness that Advent can provide, yet, in the very midst of the frenzied, noisy chaos all around us, I encourage you to find some time each day to light a candle and offer thanks for the light that has come, the light that will not be extinguished, the light of the whole world, Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior.

Living with You in the Light,
Pastor Corgan

Celebration of the Nativity December 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Volunteers of all ages are needed for "front stage" and behind-the-scenes support. Please contact this year's Director, Becki Murphy, at beckimurphy@ymail.com or (860) 558-9783.



Can You Help?

We are facing a financial challenge with this year's budget. Income is lagging behind budgeted expenses. It appears that when we made our projections regarding income last year in the budget process, we overestimated. As a result, we are now looking at a probable shortfall at year's end. We are hoping that some of you might be able to help. If you have the means, would you please consider making an additional financial donation to Emanuel?

Checks should be made out to Emanuel and designated "Faith Budget." All gifts of whatever amounts will be appreciated greatly. Thank you to each of you for your ongoing support of our church and our ministries.

Please see page 9 for a complete listing of
Upcoming Special Worship Services and
Holiday Events at Emanuel!

December lessons:

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

December 7: The second Sunday of

Advent. Queen Esther. God works through us to do God's work. Like Esther, we can be brave and stand up and speak our faith where needed. Jewish people today still remember the story of Esther. On the internet or at the library or from your Jewish friends, learn about the Jewish celebration of Purim. What parts of the event do you recognize? Esther 2:5-18; 3:1-6; 8:1-17

**December 14: The third Sunday of
Advent. A Child Called Immanuel.**

"Immanuel" is a comforting name that means "God is with us." God spoke through the prophet Isaiah and promised a child. Just like Isaiah, we can share God's promises with others. Isaiah 7:10-17

**December 21: The fourth Sunday of
Advent. Celebration of the Nativity**

– **10:00 a.m.** The Sunday School children and Confirmation youth welcome all members and friends of Emanuel to join them in visiting the signs and prophets' words that foretold the birth of the Savior. This is a precious opportunity to guide your children away from the secular trappings of the season and to the Star that guides us to the greatest gift ever given. Please read further information from Director Becki Murphy in this newsletter.

December 28: The Magi Visit. The children will enjoy a special worship service lead by Emanuel's college youth home for the holidays. Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer for the Month:

Dear God, it can be so hard to focus on getting ready for the birth of Jesus. We get distracted by so many unimportant things. Thank you for the prophets and the signs that remind of your patience and the grace you offer. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Confirmation
News**

by Natalie Bloomquist

Spoiler alert: *if you believe in Santa Claus, don't read any further.*

A good friend asked me the other day, "How did you raise your daughters without doing the whole Santa thing?" I had to think for a few minutes because I didn't really know how to answer. Although anyone who knows me knows I have serious objections to playing along with Santa as reality – even if it's only for "those magical years" - I'm not aware that I had an actual campaign against Santa when our daughters were young. (To be fair – they might disagree.)

I think it probably wasn't so much about what my husband and I were going to do or not do in regards to Santa but was more about how our activities and words were wrapped up in how we observed the season of Advent. When the focus is on the wonder and joy of preparing for Jesus, the most precious and satisfying gift ever given, there's really no room for Santa.

Santa couldn't be found among our house or Christmas tree decorations, but you could find lots of Nativity sets to play with and shepherd, angel, and baby Jesus ornaments. Whenever we talked about Santa it was with a lightness and a silliness that communicated we really had no deep stake in who Santa was or what Santa was about. Instead of focusing

on what we wanted Santa to bring us and how we better be careful because Santa was watching, we focused on how God loved God's children so much that God sent Jesus to love the world in a way that no other human (even Santa with all his elves and magic) could.



I think we were living out our identity as God's children.

It may seem strange that the Narrative Lectionary story for the second Sunday in Advent this year is about Esther. The Book of Esther doesn't even mention God! But there is so much to this story. It's packed with historical background and is suspenseful, exciting, and beautiful. At its heart, the story of Esther is a story of deliverance. Jews today still act out this story of deliverance every year at Purim.

This is the story we'll explore during our **confirmation gathering on December 3.**

We may not read God's name in the story of Esther, but it was their identity as God's children that gave Esther and her cousin Mordecai the strength to trust in God and serve as God's agents in delivering God's people from extinction.

As our confirmation youth and their families enter the season of Advent, how might they live out their identity as God's children? It's hard to avoid the distractions and challenges of the secular demands of the holiday season? Middle school youth already know what it's like to hide parts of their identity for fear of how they will be received. As a faith

(continued on next page)

community, let's support our confirmation families as they observe Advent faithfully and struggle against the temptations of our consumerist society. Let's work together to re-claim the season as a time to proclaim God's love for everyone and God's desire that we serve others.

In the story of Esther, when the stakes are especially high, Mordecai tells Esther that perhaps she's come into the kingdom for just such a time as this – that maybe a word of hope and purpose is needed by people who are trying to figure out who they are and why they are here.

As Christians living in a world that is increasingly non-Christian, perhaps Emanuel is called to live our identity as God's children in just such a time as this.

After exploring that possibility on December 3, we'll have an opportunity to put it into action at our next **gathering on December 17** as we help the directors of the Celebration of Nativity get ready for December 21. We'll spend some time with the story of Jesus' birth and then work on carrying, finishing and setting up props and scenery and anything else that needs to be done to be ready to tell the Big Story of the birth of our Savior.

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. Please contact Natalie Bloomquist at Natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org to learn more or to register your toddler.



"Seniors Together"

Christmas Brunch!

**Thursday, December 11, 2014
12:00 noon in Luther Hall**

Please join us for a delicious Brunch! We'll be singing Christmas Carols and putting together toiletry packets for Hands on Hartford's MANNA Program.

The "Emanuel Seniors Together" Toiletries Collection for Hands on Hartford's MANNA Program

We're now collecting travel size toiletries. While you're traveling, please consider saving the toiletries that are given away at hotels and resorts. We ask that you donate them to the MANNA Program by placing them in the collection box in Luther Hall. Thank you.

Emanuel's New Cookbook is Available to Purchase

The cookbook can be purchased at coffee hour or through the church office. It is offered at only \$15. Remember to grab extras for hostess gifts or stocking stuffers!

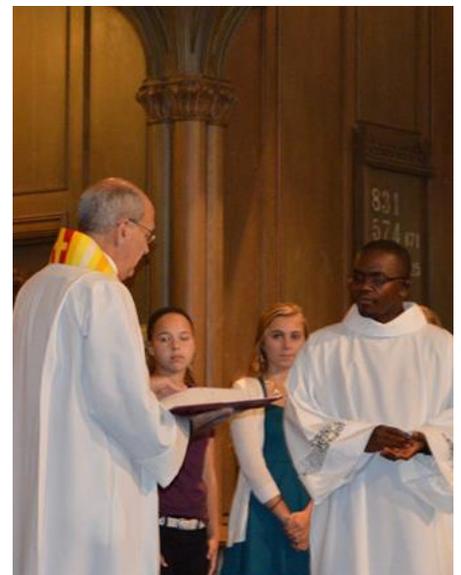
-The Cookbook Committee

Thank you from Success and Vicar Dominic

What a wonderful baby shower! We are so grateful for all the fabulous gifts that all of you have given us for our baby girl. Now we have all that we need to welcome her into our home. You have made this possible for us. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the group gifts, who brought presents, who decorated Luther Hall so festively, and who cooked and brought such a delicious feast. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and your love. Thank you again. *-Success and Vicar Dominic*

New Members to be Received Sunday, December 7, 2014

Please see Pastor Corgan if you'd like to become a member of Emanuel or for more information contact him at 860-525-0894 or john.corgan@gmail.com.



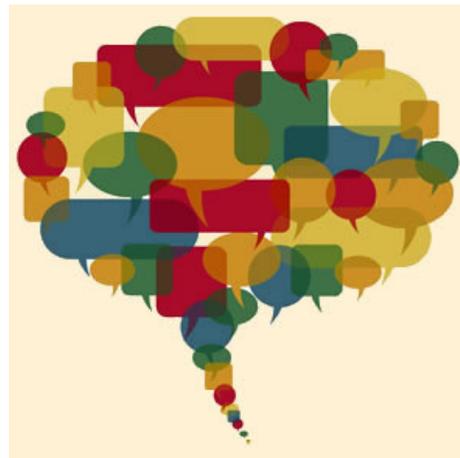
1st SUNDAY HOOPS!

Join Pastor Corgan, Vicar Dominic and others in the gym after worship for some basketball on the first Sunday of every month. The next date is **December 7 at 11:45 a.m.**

Children's Library News

This month we continue visiting our new Davey and Goliath DVD series. Volume 3 begins with "Pilgrim Boy" where Davey learns about pilgrims via a flashback. Next comes "The Silver Mine." Davey ignores danger signs and finds himself trapped in an abandoned mine. He must rely on Sally and Goliath for help. "Ten Pin Alley" finds Davey fearing parental rejection when he doesn't make the track team. What important lesson does he learn from this? Davey gets separated from his father at a carnival in "Boy Lost". Though he is frightened, Davey is sure that his father will find him. In "A Sudden Storm," Davey's family gets caught in a storm and the lights go out during a family vacation. Volume 3 ends with "The Bell Ringer." Davey helps Mr. Opp, a bell ringer at his church, by winding clocks while Mr. Opp is out of town.

Volume 4 also contains 6 classic episodes. "Not for Sale" teaches Davey that after he loses one of his father's skis, he can't buy forgiveness. In "The Shoemaker," Davey is at first suspicious of an immigrant



“Sunday Conversation”

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

Please join us after the 10:00 a.m. worship service for a discussion group focusing on the Lectionary reading for that Sunday. Grab a cup of coffee and come on into the Sandberg Library - we welcome your thoughts and insight!

shoemaker. He eventually learns compassion for the man and his sick wife. Davey runs off to the circus in "The Runaway." The daily chores of the circus send him back home where he belongs. "Officer Bob" finds Davey with a broken bike after he disobeys Officer Bob's warning about not riding on the handlebars. Goliath stars as a fierce lion in "The Parade". He and Davey join in a parade hoping to win a pony. "The Dog Show" finds Davey entering Goliath in a doggie talent show. When Davey falls ill, Goliath is unable to complete his roller skating act.

Besides visiting the library to view all of our new DVDs, please come and check out our large supply of wonderful Christmas books. We are fortunate to have a wonderful collection of books for all ages that are looking for Emanuel homes to visit over the holidays.

New Innovative Coffee Hour - Sign Up Today!

In that no one has yet volunteered to serve as **coffee hour coordinator**, we are trying a new approach. See the sign-up sheet on the table in Luther Hall. Coffee, cream and sugar are provided, and we're inviting members to share a plate of treats. In addition, If you see a creamer that needs to be refilled, or something that needs to be wiped up or washed, feel free to pitch in and help. Please note that the position of Coffee Hour Coordinator, either as an individual or as part of a team, is still open. If you're interested, please contact Terri Dwyer, Council Vice President at terri.dwyer@comcast.net.

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.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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|  | 1 | 2 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson | 3 5:30 - 8 pm: St. Lucia Dress Rehearsal in Sanctuary 7 pm: Gathering of Confirmation Students and Parents 7 - 9:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training, in the Parish Building Classroom | 4 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir | 5 No Friday Night Program St. Lucia Festival - Performances at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. with a reception following each performance | 6 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym | |
| | 7 Services of Holy Communion 8 and 10 am At 10 am: Receive New Members During the 10 am service: Sunday School ■ See Chart Below ☞ See Chart Below 11:45 am: 1st Sunday Hoops! in the Gym | 8 Swedish Relief Society in Luther Hall | 9 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson | 10 7 - 9:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training, in the Parish Building Classroom | 11 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom 12:00 noon: Seniors Together Christmas Brunch, Luther Hall Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir | 12 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm | 13 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym 9:30 am - 12:00 noon: Stephen Ministry Training, in the Parish Building Classroom |
| | 14 Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am Sunday School 9:15 am: "Faith Practices" Discussion in the Sandberg Library with Vicar Dominic ■ See Chart Below 11:15 am - 12:15 pm: Celebration of the Nativity rehearsal (full cast) in the Nave ☞ See Chart Below | 15 Deadline for "God With Us" | 16 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson | 17 7 - 9:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training, in the Parish Building Classroom 7 pm: Gathering of Confirmation Students and Parents | 18 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir | 19 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm | 20 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym 10 - 11:30 am: Celebration of the Nativity rehearsal (full cast) in the Nave |
| | 21 At 8 am: Service of Holy Communion At 10 am: Celebration of the Nativity ■ See Chart Below ☞ See Chart Below | 22 | 23 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson | 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm: Candlelight Festival Service of Worship 10:30 pm: Christmas Prelude 11:00 pm: Candlelight Festival Service of Worship | 25 Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed | 26 Church Office Closed | 27 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym |
| | 28 First Sunday of Christmas, one service at 10 am (no 8 am service this day) No Sunday School ■ See Chart ☞ See Chart | 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve at Emanuel 5 pm: Service of Worship with Hot Chocolate to follow 6 pm: First Night Fireworks in Bushnell Park! | | | |

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| <p>Chart</p> <p>■ = Prosperity Congregation in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>☞ = "Sunday Conversation" in the Sandberg Library at 11:20 am</p> |
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Anniversary News

Tentative Calendar of 125th Anniversary Events

Date to be determined

Youth burying Time Capsule

December 5

St. Lucia Festival and Reception

December 11

Senior Brunch, "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

Anniversary Directory News

The directories can be picked up today in Luther Hall.

-Eric Carlson, Judy Johnson

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.

"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 October, November, December 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.



A special thank you to Greg and Yvonne Gardner, pictured above. Greg is the General Manager of J. Timothy's Restaurant in Plainville who did a wonderful job of catering our 125th Anniversary Luncheon on October 26, 2014. Thanks, Greg and Yvonne!

The stories of our Faith Practices

On Sunday, December 14 at 9:15 a.m. in Luther Hall, between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services, Vicar Dominic will be facilitating discussions on faith practices:

Prayer; Food; Worship; Sacraments; Money; Service; and Community. This is an opportunity for us to meet and engage one another in faith discussions in a way that is more enriching. One of the great ways of deepening the faith we profess on Sundays is to actually encourage, create and cultivate an atmosphere where we can continue to talk about our faith in a safe and nurturing environment. Please feel free to join us once a month as we rethink some of the established practices of our faith, while snacking during coffee hour fellowship.

Future dates are: January 18, 2015; February 8, 2015; March 8, 2015; April 19, 2015; and May 17, 2015.

Emanuel's Nativity Window Christmas Cards are still available to purchase!

The cost is \$1.00 per card, and if you pre-ordered, they have been packaged and labeled with your name on them. Please contact Deborah Corgan to pick up your order or to purchase cards: nyecorgan@gmail.com or 860-716-8502.

Inside message:

Unto Us a Child is Born

On the back:

Info about the window and Emanuel



On Sunday, November 23 we gave thanks and prayed for those among us who serve as Assisting Ministers. We celebrate their faithfulness and the use of their gifts in service to God and this congregation. Our Assisting Ministers are:

Barbara Berg

Mal Doyle

Janice Favreau,
Ministry Coordinator

Alan Meeds

Brook Nowak

Lynne Strecker



Advent Sunday Worship:

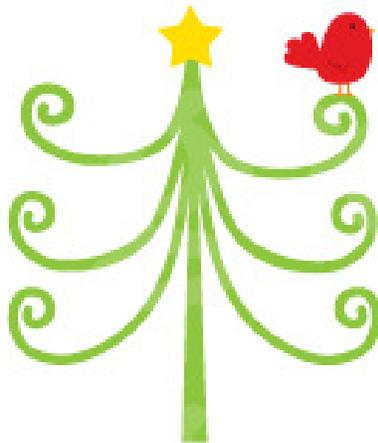
Sundays, December 7 and 14,
8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Services of
Holy Communion AND Sunday,
December 21, 8:00 a.m. Service
of Holy Communion

**Friday, December 5:
101st St. Lucia Festival**

Performances:
5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 21:
Celebration of the Nativity -
10:00 a.m.**

Note: The regular 8:00 a.m.
Service of Holy Communion
will be held on this Sunday.



**Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday, December 24:
5:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve
Candlelight Festival
Service of Worship
10:30 p.m.:
Christmas Prelude
11:00 p.m.:
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Festival
Service of Worship**

**Sunday, December 28 -
First Sunday of Christmas**
One Service at 10:00 a.m.
No Sunday School

**New Year's Eve at Emanuel
Wednesday, December 31**
5:00 p.m. Service of Worship,
Hot Chocolate to follow in
Luther Hall and "First Night
Hartford 2015" –
Fireworks in Bushnell Park at
6:00 p.m.!

**Sunday, January 4, 2015 -
Second Sunday of Christmas**
Services of Holy Communion
at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.



Hands on Hartford thanks Emanuel for the generous donation of \$2,000 to their MANNA Community Pantry in honor of Bishop Hazelwood. This donation will be used to provide respectful, comprehensive services to individuals and families in need of food and other services. It's a helping hand for many struggling in Hartford.

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.

Bible Readings For the Month of November

December 7:
The Second Sunday of Advent
"Esther,"
Esther 2:5-18; 3:1-6; 8:1-17

December 14:
The Third Sunday of Advent
"Light to the Nations,"
Isaiah 7:10-17

December 21:
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
"Jesus as Immanuel,"
Matthew 1:18-25

December 28:
First Sunday of Christmas
"Visit of the Magi"
Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Blue Sheets

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

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

In an Emergency. . .

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

Calling All E-mail Addresses

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

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

Craft Fair News

The annual fair was, once again, a huge success! Thank you to all who worked to make it happen.

Approximately \$6,300 was taken in on Saturday and Sunday and additional items will be sold at the Lucia reception.

Many thanks also to the youth and their parents who helped pack up the tag sale area. Andy Gray took the leftovers to Goodwill. Thank you, Andy.

This fair could not be held if it were not for the dedicated men and women who work each week almost all year to cut, sand, paint and make new items to be sold at the fair. These members of Emanuel deserve recognition for their work. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A donation of new unused items was made to me by a friend and on Sunday, November 16 they were sold and \$258 will go to the Samaritan Fund. Thank you to all who opened your wallets and supported this sale and who gave a donation to the fund.

-Judy Johnson

On Sundays, in December, we'll pray for all who serve through the ministry of music.

On Sundays, in November, we prayed for all who serve through the ministries of the church. We gave thanks for all every-day members (laity) who serve so generously and faithfully, and for all whose vocations are church-related.



Look and See

"Christianity thinks of human individuals not as mere members of a group or items in a list, but as organs in a body - different from one another and each contributing what no other could"

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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 December!

- Vera Biorlund - December 4
- Karin Stetson - December 10
- Marjorie Acker - December 13
- Inger Swanson - December 14
- Ellie Olson - December 18

Special Emanuel Anniversaries During December!

- Elaine and Lanard Krause
December 15, 58th
- Nancy and Richard Smith
December 29, 58th

St. Lucia Festival

101 Years

December 5, 2014 at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. at Emanuel!

Please join us for the St. Lucia Festival, which is presented by the young people of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

We'll have Swedish refreshments and crafts available after each performance. Tickets are available at the door and are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children, 12 and under.

Rehearsal:

December 3, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
"Dress" Rehearsal (Sanctuary)



We could use the help of any and all parents. Please let us know if you're available to help with costumes, the reception, the program, or publicity. Please contact Nancy Altschuler at nancyaltschuler@mac.com.



St. Lucia Festival, 2013

October 28, 2014

Church Council Meeting Highlights

Council President Mark Hopper convened the meeting and welcomed Council members and guests. Pastor Corgan led devotions, reflecting on Psalm 46; God is gracious and is our strength in daily life.

Audit Report on Internal Controls:

President Hopper thanked Audit Committee members Russ Bjorklund and Lanny Krause and Finance Committee members Gary Bloomquist, Richard Martin, Ken Swanson and Mike Nowak for being present with Council to jointly receive the Report on Internal Controls as prepared by the accounting firm of Blum Shapiro. Russ Bjorklund, on behalf of the Audit Committee, introduced Jonathan Fink, Partner, Blum Shapiro. The Audit Committee noted their agreement with the findings and recommendations of the Blum Shapiro report and then Jonathan Fink presented the report in detail. Discussion centered on findings related Emanuel's current process, particularly the lack of segregation of duties in both the operating accounts and investment accounts, and the resulting exposures and potential risks. There was good Council discussion. Treasurer Marschhausen noted that the treasurer is responsible for formally responding to the Audit Report and as such, presented the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Church Council of Emanuel Lutheran Church, at its regular meeting of October 28, 2014, receive and accept the Report on Internal Controls presented to the Church Council by the Audit Committee and Mr. Jonathan H. Fink, CPA, of Blum, Shapiro & Company P.C., along with the Appendix – Blum

Shapiro Observations and Recommendations, and

Be it further resolved that the Church Council request of its staff, officers, and the standing committees responsible for the management of Emanuel Lutheran Church's financial assets that the recommendations included in Appendix – Blum Shapiro Observations and Recommendations be implemented as quickly as practically and reasonably possible, and that the Church Council be advised on a regular basis concerning the progress of the implementation.

The resolution was moved and seconded. Comments and discussion centered on the responsibility and timing for the implementation. It was emphasized that past practices have not been wrong, but change is now needed due to Emanuel's significant financial growth. It was noted that the process should be designed to protect Emanuel as well as all those involved in the financial process, with an approach of "trust but verify." After discussion, the resolution passed unanimously.

Stained Glass Window Update:

Jane Wunder provided an update on the stained glass window restoration project. (Please see the special article on this for more details.) The non-discretionary repair work on the deteriorated masonry discovered on the east and west sides is projected to cost a total of \$92,030. The existing project contingency will cover \$47,020, leaving a shortfall of \$45,010.

Fortunately, the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation approved Emanuel's application for a Maintenance & Repair Grant of \$15,000. The Finance Committee recommended the following sources to fund the remaining \$30,000 shortfall:

- \$5,715 (approximately) from

- Church Building Preservation (Endowment Fund #37, restricted),
- \$15,000 from the 2014 annual funds available from the Capital Needs Endowment,
- \$9,295 (approximately) from the Bunker bequest (held in Endowment #50, unrestricted).

Council support of the Finance Committee funding recommendations was moved and seconded. After further discussion, the resolution passed unanimously. The increased scope of masonry work also necessitates that the schedule for reinstalling the stained glass windows be pushed out to Spring 2015.

Kairos Funding Discussion: Pastor Corgan reported that he is working with the Finance Chair on possible funding sources for the consulting fee to proceed with Kairos & Associates on a congregation-wide planning effort. Council strongly supports moving ahead on this collaborative effort to refine Emanuel's future direction.

Prosperity Chapel International: Pastor Marschhausen provided an update on the initial three month trial with Prosperity Chapel International, a new mission congregation of greater Hartford residents of Liberian background. During this time, with a few minor and very reasonable adjustments, Prosperity Chapel International's pastor and people have been completely responsible in observing their part of the agreement for using Emanuel's chapel and one classroom on Sundays from Noon until 2:00 PM. As previously agreed and prior to any longer-term agreement, a second six-month trial agreement is recommended. Pastor Marschhausen presented a resolution for a six-month agreement with a \$35 per week charge. The resolution was passed unanimously.

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October 28, 2014 Church Council Meeting Highlights (continued)

Accessibility Building Committee

Update: Mark Hopper reported that the grant submission for \$200,000 is being finalized to meet the October 31, 2014 due date. Preliminary design plans are in progress and the Committee is reviewing proposals for a Construction Manager.

Sandberg Funds: Pastor Corgan presented an update of the Sandberg Mission Fund recommendations. As of October 28, the undesignated balance in Sandberg funds for 2014 is \$7,235. The Team is recommending a gift of \$2000 for the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and \$900 for the purchase of \$50 grocery store gift cards to be given to the SPROUT families for Thanksgiving. That will leave a balance for 2014 of \$4,335. After discussion, a motion to accept the proposals as presented was made and was approved unanimously.

Before adjourning, Pastor Corgan thanked the Anniversary Committee chairs and other committee members who helped make the Anniversary Luncheon such a success.

November 9, 2014 Church Council Meeting Highlights

Council President Mark Hopper called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending the emergency meeting. Pastor Corgan informed Council that based on input from the Administrative Assistants, there will likely be a shortfall in the operating account and inadequate funds to cover the payroll withdrawal of about \$30,000 in the coming week. Treasurer Marschhausen reported that the exact amount of the shortage will be determined after counting the November 9 offering.

There is not a clear understanding yet of what has brought about this situation, although expenses have remained steady and in line with the budget. Two possible reasons could be either a lag in transferring endowment money to cover project expenses and/or delays in pledge giving for the months of October and November. Treasurer Marschhausen will work with the Administrative Assistants to determine the causes of this shortfall.

To cover the immediate deficit and meet payroll, it will be necessary to take a loan from Endowment, to be paid back by the end of the year. (Historically, there has been an uptick in giving in November and December.) Treasurer Marschhausen then presented a motion that Council authorize \$20,000 to be transferred as a loan from the base Endowment Fund to be repaid early in January 2015, if not sooner.

Council discussion ensued. It was noted that this \$20,000 is in addition to \$18,000 in funds made available last month for cash flow problems. There was consensus that identifying the causes of this situation should be a top priority. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

What's Your Passion?

Do you have a passion around a particular mission or service? Would you like to do something about hunger, literacy, social justice or any other social ministry? Now is your opportunity to do something about it!

If you have the passion we can help you make it happen. Our Social Ministry team will help you find the right plan, the appropriate resources, and other people who share your passion to help. We will help you take your idea and your passion and turn it into action.

Don't have a specific idea? We have a variety of opportunities available for your consideration. For example, we will need someone to take over coordination of Manna Meals for 2015. Our current Coordinator (Wendy Johnson) will help you learn everything you need to know to help us serve 2 to 3 meals per year.

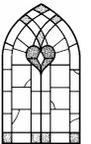
Please contact Pastor Corgan, Terri Dwyer, or Bob Graulich for more information.

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!

In Memoriam

Dolly Johnson, a former member of Emanuel, died on November 5, 2014 in Nebraska.



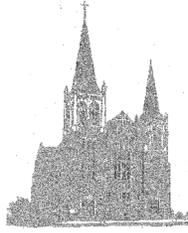
May the comfort and hope of the resurrection be with the family and friends of this saint.

We are looking for a Coordinator for Meals for Recovery

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

The Emanuel Archives

Emanuel moves on into the decade of the 80's with public programming on radio that will be a joy for central Connecticut listeners of all faiths – WJMJ – “thanks be to God” – 1981



by John Starkes

Actually WJMJ's Radio Voice of Religion has begun its fourth year of broadcasting operated by the archdiocese of Hartford, hosted by Emanuel Lutheran's David Harper, our Minister of Music. The program of Sunday morning featuring his collection of sacred music also includes Pastor Stadtlander for a Sunday meditation; an hour long program for those of all Christian denominations, a great favorite that will continue for many years; our thanks to their Bishop of the Hartford Archdiocese!

In later years on this station, David Harper will have wonderful classical music from his collection that will be broadcasted each evening through the week without commercials hosted by David and WJMJ's Ivor Hugh. And while we're at it, The Gettysburg College Choir offered Emanuel a fine concert of inspirational music to start the month.

Remember Emanuel's Caring Ministries volunteers, a program set up by Rev. David Powers. The original teams were commissioned at our worship service after a period of training geared for home and hospital visitations. The selected members of Emanuel's mostly elderly confined by age or medical limits could be ministered by trained volunteers at home or in the hospitals and nursing homes; or in their own homes. I was of that initial staff not only to visit those at home or nursing facilities, but also in the hospitals. It was a very good program well supported that continued for several years. Those to be visited were selected by Pastor, and to be monitored by written reports back to Pastor. All the visitors of Caring Ministries had been carefully trained for the visits with well-prepared knowledge, all selected by Pastor. Visitation reports were forwarded back to Pastor by the volunteer through Caring Ministries staff coordinator on blue cards. Their program continued for several years!

Sunday mornings had a special adult education period between services on Sunday. They included "Martin Luther," "Struggles for Faith in South Africa," "New Life Possibilities," and "The Gospel of Mark." Well?

To help the cause for interest that may have been a bonus for some – "A Battle Report: The War Over the Family," and "Looking for a Compass in the Sexual Wilderness!" Another alternative – Emanuel joined with St. John's Lutheran of New Britain to celebrate the 50th year of ordination for Pastor Sandberg who was serving as Visitation Pastor at St. John's. What's the best way to get to New Britain?

As summer marked the half way of 1981, a family picnic was held on the grounds of Connecticut General Insurance in Bloomfield. The Sunday School project continued with Heifer Project International, with money to help a dairy program in Cameroon, Africa. Their donation went to cover the shipment of animals and supplies, shipped by DC-8 Cargo plane with a total gift of \$111,000 that included 85 cattle, 61 goats, 54 sheep, 35 pigs, 50 rabbits, and 1,100 chicks!

Back at Emanuel, the Rt. Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, preached for a combined service to celebrate CCC's 14th year of service to the community.

Most unexpected, Pastor David Powers, resigned to become Pastor of First Lutheran Church back in his home area, Rockford, Illinois. We were all so sad to find the family gone with little opportunity to say our "good-byes." There were bigger plans for his future as opportunity had knocked. We were able to hear a little more of the family later where they had spent some time in France, but the opportunities were set in good order for the Mid West and Illinois.

Our church gift to him was a fine leather chair; would he have use for it? Yes, indeed! Very much!

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

Emanuel's YOUNG ADULTS with Vicar Dominic



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

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

Please email me at rjmets@sbcglobal.net if you have any information.

Judy Johnson



**Celebrate New Year's Eve
at Emanuel!**

Once again, we are offering a unique way to usher in the New Year. Come

to church on **Wednesday, December 31, at 5:00 p.m.** for a short 20 minute family oriented service. Then join us in Luther Hall for hot chocolate and cookies. At 5:40 p.m. we will walk across the street to enjoy the First Night fireworks display behind the Capitol Building. If you happen to have any leftover Christmas cookies that you would be willing to share, please bring them with you to the service. What a fun way to close 2014 and welcome 2015. Please join us.

November 4, 2014

The Rev. John Corgan, Pastor
and Members Of
Emanuel Lutheran Church
311 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106



New England Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Dear Pastor Corgan and Members of Emanuel,

It was wonderful to be with you on October 26th to celebrate the anniversary of 125 years as a congregation. Thank you very much for inviting me to join you, and a very special thanks for the \$2,000.00 contribution made to Hands on Hartford in my honor.

Congratulations on the work you are doing as a church to serve the community. In 1889, when your congregation was formed, there was a time of great transition in our younger U.S. American society. In the midst of that time of transition, people chose to form a ministry to meet that challenge. Today we are also in a time of change. I am very grateful for what you are doing to meet the needs of hungry people in your community – people who are hungry for food, hungry for meaning and purpose, hungry for the goodness and richness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for all you do.

I appreciate the partnership that we share. May you be blessed with many more years as faithful followers of Jesus.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James E. Hazelwood'.

A handwritten note in black ink that says 'Thank you all!'.

The Rev. James E. Hazelwood, Bishop
New England Synod

An Important Update to the Congregation on the Stained Glass Windows Project

The restoration process for Emanuel's beautiful stained glass windows is proceeding smoothly up in the studios of Stained Glass Resources in MA. (Check out the photos on Facebook or in Luther Hall.) Thankfully there have been no surprises with the actual glass! Back here at Emanuel, though, removal of the plastic overglazing on the exterior of the windows uncovered significant deterioration of the masonry window frames. While the glass itself had been protected over the years, the masonry surrounding the glass was deteriorating undetected behind the plastic.

AJP (structural engineer) and Joseph Gnazzo Company (exterior masonry contractor) have studied, sampled and run tests on the concrete window frames and brick facade on the east and west sides. Specifications for repairs were developed and then agreed upon with Stained Glass Resources. Progress has been made on the repair work this past month, but the cold weather now prevents any further work; repairs will resume in the spring. Given the scope of this unanticipated masonry work and the onset of colder weather, the reinstallation of the restored windows must also be postponed until Spring 2015. This is a huge disappointment for all of us, but a necessity. The masonry work, which impacts both concrete and brick, is absolutely essential, and must be completed prior to reinstallation of the windows.

Besides impacting the schedule, this unexpected work also impacts the budget. Back in May 2014, the congregation approved a project budget of \$285,000 which included approximately \$47,000 in

contingency to cover unknowns. The unforeseen masonry scope, which includes structural engineering, sandblasting, hazardous material removal, masonry repair/rebuilding, and elastomeric finish coating, along with a marginal contingency, totals \$92,000. This results in a funding shortfall of \$45,000. This past week we learned the great news that Emanuel's application for a \$15,000 Maintenance and Repair Grant from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation has been approved. This grant reduces the project shortfall to \$30,000.

To cover the \$30,000 shortfall for this non-discretionary work, at its 10/28/14 meeting, the Council approved the Finance Committee's recommendation to appropriate the following funds;

- \$5,715 (approximately) from the Church Building Preservation Fund (Endowment Fund #37, restricted for such purposes),
- \$15,000 from the 2014 annual funds made available from the Capital Needs Endowment (established from Capitol Towers proceeds),
- \$9,295 (approximately) from the Bunker bequest held in the Endowment's unrestricted Fund #50.

NOTE: Section 12.05 of Emanuel's Constitution outlines the Council's authority to make such appropriations. The Council is authorized to spend *restricted* endowment funds in accordance with a specific fund's criteria and is authorized to fully expend the funds made available annually from the Capital Needs Endowment on building/maintenance projects. Council is additionally authorized to expend a total not to exceed \$25,000 annually from unrestricted endowment for expenses not related to the operating budget.

With the scope of work for the east and west sides now clear, our engineer will focus on the structural analysis of the north wall, facing Capitol Avenue. The deterioration on this wall is much more extensive than the other facades, and impacts interior as well as exterior surfaces. Emanuel's Property Committee had begun assessing the north wall cracks separately from the window project, but once the plastic overglazing was removed, it became clear the window frame deterioration and the wall cracks should be addressed together. Our current target is to complete the engineering study, specify the remedies and possibly have contractor cost estimates by early January. The repair work for this facade falls beyond the scope and funding for the window project and will be presented to the congregation for action.

While unexpected, it is fortunate the masonry problems have been discovered now rather than after another decade of deterioration! Interestingly, our professional consultants have posited that the masonry deterioration likely has its roots in the materials used in 1924 construction -- the quality and consistency of concrete and caulk have come a long way since then. And how fortunate it is that Emanuel was awarded a \$15,000 grant and that we have the resources available to carry out the work needed to fix and preserve our 90-year-old building! We ask for everyone's understanding and patience as we make this wonderful church structure healthy and whole for the future.

If you have any questions about the project, please don't hesitate to ask either Mike Nowak or Jane Wunder.

Serving in December

Acolyte and Crucifer

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| Dec. 7 | Erika Cangro and Savion Jennings |
| Dec. 14 | Noah Kiehne and Gunnar Johnson |
| Dec. 21 | Christopher Liddell and Cole Liljedahl |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.: Volunteers Needed 11:00 p.m.: Volunteers Needed |
| Dec. 28 | Grace Maynard and Kelly Caldwell |

Altar Flowers

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| Dec. 7 | Open |
| Dec. 14 | Open |
| Dec. 21 | Open |
| Dec. 28 | Open |

Assisting Ministers

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| Dec. 7 | Brook Nowak |
| Dec. 14 | Alan Meeds |
| Dec. 21 | Mal Doyle |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.: Lynne Strecker |
| Dec. 28 | Janice Favreau |

Childcare in the Nursery

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| Dec. 7 | Open |
| Dec. 14 | Open |
| Dec. 21 | Open |
| Dec. 28 | Open |

Children's Library

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| Dec. 7 | Diane Troutman |
| Dec. 14 | Carol Dennler |
| Dec. 21 | Closed (Celebration of the Nativity) |
| Dec. 28 | Closed |

Coffee Hour

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| Dec. 7 | Open |
| Dec. 14 | Open |
| Dec. 21 | Open |
| Dec. 28 | Open |

Communion Preparers

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| Dec. 7 | Open |
| Dec. 14 | Open |
| Dec. 21 | Open |
| Dec. 28 | Open |

Communion Servers

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| Dec. 7 | Open |
| Dec. 14 | Open |
| Dec. 21 | Open |
| Dec. 28 | Open |

Greeters

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| Dec. 7 | Mal and Eleanor Doyle |
| Dec. 14 | Ellen Anderson and Rae Ann Gremel |
| Dec. 21 | Sunday School Students |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.: Laura and Lee Sherman 11:00 p.m.: The Corgan family |
| Dec. 28 | Dick and Sue Johnson |

Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

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| Dec. 7 | Monique Jennings |
| Dec. 14 | Sue Johnson |
| Dec. 21 | Randy Olson |
| Dec. 28 | Carol Dennler |

Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

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| Dec. 7 | Janice Favreau |
| Dec. 14 | Melanie Sinche |
| Dec. 21 | No Reader (Celebration of the Nativity) |
| Dec. 28 | College Students |

Lectors - Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

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| 5:00 p.m. | Noah Fairchild and Jonathan Fairchild |
| 11:00 p.m. | Janice Favreau and Kathy Haller |

Sound and Recording

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| Dec. 7 | Lindsey Anderson |
| Dec. 14 | Jeff Potter |
| Dec. 21 | Mal Doyle |
| Dec. 28 | Emma Barresi |

Sound and Recording

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| Dec. 24 | 5:00 and 11:00 p.m. Volunteers Needed |
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Sunday School Aide Schedule

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| Dec. 7 | PreSchool/Kindergarten: Allyson Graulich Grades 1 and 2: Hannah Maynard Grades 3 and 4: Lindsey Varney |
| Dec. 14 | PreSchool/Kindergarten: Lindsey Anderson, Samantha Johnson Grades 1 and 2: Kelsey Anderson Grades 3 and 4: Rhiannon Kiersznowski Grade 5: Toby Hollertz |

Ushers

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



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!

A New Partner in Ministry

Emanuel has welcomed on a trial basis a new Liberian congregation, *Prosperity Chapel International*, to use our chapel as their worship space on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. until about 1:00 p.m. The Church Council approved this agreement at its July meeting with an initial 3-month trial for August through October. If this partnership goes well for the first three months, it could be extended into a second, 6-month trial period running through April of 2015.

Prosperity Chapel International draws its members from the Liberian immigrant community in the Greater Hartford area. They began using the chapel on August 3. Roughly 20-50 people worship on Sundays. The pastor is Pastor Klayee Juty.

Emanuel welcomes this new Christian faith-community to our facilities. We pray that God will bless their ministry and our relationship with them. If you have any questions about *Prosperity Chapel*

International, please ask Pastor Marschhausen, Ellen Anderson or Craig McDonald, who are serving as an informal committee on behalf of the Church Council and Pastor Corgan in relating to Pastor Juty and his congregation.

Message to Thrivent Members

As you may know with the name-change to Thrivent, there is a new program that has been initiated to benefit community organizations with \$250 of new Thrivent funding. (This is separate from your Choice Dollars.) The funding is called **Action Teams**. It gives each Thrivent member the opportunity to meet an unmet need in your community. It provides an easy way to take action. We are hoping that you would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity for Emanuel. For additional information, you can also go to the Thrivent website, sign in and search for Thrivent **Action Team**. If you would like more information about this please sign the Thrivent Sign-Up Sheet in Luther Hall. We will then schedule a meeting for interested members. Any questions, please check with Steve Strand, 860 305-5685 or Chet Brodnicki, 860 236-3050.

One of Emanuel's beautiful stained glass windows in the process of being restored.





Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Cost: \$18.00 each.

Deadline is December 12, 2014.

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone number: _____

Person responsible for payment: _____

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

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

Listen to MP3 files:

<http://emanuelhartford.org/worship/sermons/>

Frequently Asked Questions:

<http://emanuelhartford.org/aboutus/faqs-2/>

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

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

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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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Church

Sunday School

Sunday School is in session during
the 10:00 a.m. Service of Worship