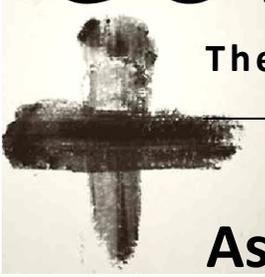


GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2015

Services at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Gather with others to begin the 40 day Lenten experience of reflection, repentance and re-dedication to serving Christ in the world.

Join us as we hear the disciples' question, "Who is the greatest?" and consider Jesus' response from Matthew 18:1-9.

Receive the sign of the cross drawn in ash on your forehead or hand, take bread and wine, and know the presence of God in Christ with you and with all of God's people.

Begin the journey of Lent, remembering that it leads to a cross and an empty tomb.

Thanks be to God!





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,

As we enter the season of Lent this year, I, and we, will be embarking on something quite different, both for me personally and for us as a congregation.

Starting in mid-February, I will be beginning a Visitation Ministry of the entire congregation. Having served as Pastor of Emanuel now for almost 18 years, (since April, 1997) I have, along with the Church Council, decided to set the goal of visiting with each and every one of you, the members of Emanuel during 2015.

My intention and prayerful hope with this visitation ministry is to spend 20-30 minutes in a focused conversation regarding the church that we love and serve. In our time together, I'd like to hear how you are doing and to think and pray with you about Emanuel. I'll share with you my, and our leaders', vision for Emanuel, invite you to express your hopes, dreams and prayers for our

church, and I will ask each of you for renewed support of Emanuel, in regards to your time, your talents and your financial commitment.

I believe that we, as Emanuel Lutheran Church, have a grand resource of God-given potential to help this church thrive into the future. However, that will not happen without the full engagement of our members. In recent years, we have, by the grace of God, done well, but I know that we can do much better!

I also know that it is my and our responsibility to challenge one another and all of our members to use our gifts and resources creatively, dynamically and generously. It is exciting, friends, to think of what Emanuel might be and do and accomplish if all of Emanuel's members were to respond to God's call to this ministry which has been entrusted to us.

In the weeks and months ahead, I'll be contacting you to arrange a visit. I'm hoping to set-up meetings at church, in your home, at a coffee shop, or wherever will work best for you. With the number of visits I'm planning to make, it won't be possible to see all of you in your homes, but with your help, I'm certain we can accomplish this visitation ministry together. I look forward to our time, for the sake of Emanuel and the loving God we serve.

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Corgan*

The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday Worship Services

February 18, 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Services of Worship

during Lent: February 22; March 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Wednesdays in Lent:

February 25; March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. **Meditation Stations and Service of Worship.**

Lent Service in the Chapel on

Thursdays: February 26; March 5, 12 and 19 at 11:30 a.m.

Souper Sunday, February 1

The youth will be collecting your soup donations and loose change to donate to the food pantry.

Upcoming Youth Group Dates:

There are two meetings scheduled for February.

- ◆ National Youth Gathering planning meeting for parents and youth. **Sunday, February 1, 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Meeting will be in the Lounge.
- ◆ Youth Group Spring and Fall planning meeting for youth in grades 8 – 12 and their parents: **February 15, 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Meeting will be in the Lounge.
- ◆ Youth Room cleanup: Tentative date is Saturday, **February 21, 9:00 -11:00 am.** Please let Mark Hollertz (860-462-7818) know if you are able to join.

Sunday School News

by Natalie Bloomquist

On the last Sunday of Advent, the Narrative Lectionary started us on a journey through the Gospel of Matthew. We continue in Matthew through the Second Sunday of Easter.

February lessons:

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

February 1: Lord's Prayer. When Jesus' followers asked him how they should pray, he wanted them to know that they could talk to God in the same way that they would talk to a loving parent. Jesus called God "Abba," which actually means "Daddy! Matthew 6:7-21
Grades 1 and 2 visit the Children's Library.

February 8: Feeding 5,000. This story is about a boy who helped Jesus by sharing his lunch. But it's also about an amazing miracle! We can help Jesus, too, by sharing our food. Matthew 14:13-33
Grades 3 and 4 visit the Children's Library.

February 15: The Transfiguration. The children will remain in worship and interact with the congregation as they hear Jesus tell his disciples that when we think only about ourselves, we can't follow God's commands to love and care for others. Together we'll think about the amazing thing that happens when Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain and how what they experience helps them understand that Jesus is the one they have been waiting for. Matthew 16:24-17:8

February 22: Forgiveness. God's forgiveness never ends. It isn't always easy for us to forgive, but Jesus can help us learn to forgive without limit. Matthew 18:15-35

Our Lent Focus this year will be nurturing a relationship with Mosaic, a faith-based organization that partners with people with intellectual disabilities to provide opportunities for them to enjoy a full life. Details of the Sunday School's involvement will go to all families in an email.

Don't miss out on Emanuel's next intergenerational event! It was absolutely beautiful seeing the interaction between our children and adults during our "Celebration of Baptism" lunch event last month. March 1 will be another opportunity to enjoy time together in fellowship and conversation. Linda Staats of the ELCA and *Homegrown Faith* will be with us to playfully help us think about how we can live out of God's generosity.

We had over 80 people for last month's intergenerational event, so check out page 8 for more information on the March 1 event and be sure to register before space fills up!

Prayer for the Month:

Dear God, we give you our abilities and strengths so they may be miraculously increased by you. Multiply our gifts so that we may share them with others and bless your kingdom. Amen.

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 to learn more or to register your toddler.

Confirmation News

by Natalie Bloomquist

Wow! Were you at the Celebration of Baptism luncheon event last month? Our confirmation students radiated God's love – and impressed the adults and inspired the younger children. It wasn't so much their eloquence (although they were eloquent) or their knowledge (although they know a lot), but it was their comfort in sharing their thoughts about their faith and their willingness to listen to others. Pastor Corgan and I were reflecting on this and wondering if some of that comfort and confidence comes from practicing "faith talk" with their parents and peers at our bi-monthly confirmation gatherings and from the natural progression of continuing those conversations with family at home. I suspect the Holy Spirit has something to do with it, too.

(Go to page 8 for information on our next cross-generational event on March 1. We had over 80 people for last month's event, so be sure to register before space fills up!)

Anyway, a huge thank you to the parents who have added so much to our gatherings. I still sometimes just sit and watch and dream about the amazing impact these youth could have in God's world. By committing to and engaging in faith exploration and conversation, parents are saying loudly and clearly to their youth, "This is important to our family. It matters."

February 18 is Ash Wednesday. We will not have a gathering but all students are expected to attend worship at 7:00 p.m. We hope families will also be with us in worship.

(continued on next page)

Confirmation News (continued)

We will gather each Wednesday in Lent (February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25) at 6:30 p.m. in Luther Hall.

Please note the 6:30 beginning time. Our time together will be focused on ways we can connect with God through prayer. The Lord's Prayer will serve as our foundation.

At 7:15 p.m. each week we will go upstairs to the Nave and join others in quiet time at a variety of meditative stations and transition into worship that will conclude by 8:00 p.m.

Confirmation students will also attend 7:00 p.m. Holy Week worship services on **Maundy Thursday (April 2)** and **Good Friday (April 3)**.

Our **Lent Focus** this year will be nurturing a relationship with Mosaic, a faith-based organization that partners with people with intellectual disabilities to provide opportunities for them to enjoy a full life. We will have opportunities to spend time at the Mosaic home in West Hartford, sharing games, conversation, food, and helping where needed. Mostly, we'll get a chance to know and learn from each other. Details will go to all families in an email.

Time to register for Confirmation Camp at Calumet! Our weekend this year is April 24-26. I need a commitment to attend from all youth by February 11 so we have enough time to plan for chaperones and transportation. An email with details went out January 21.

Altar Flowers - \$45.00

The form to provide altar flowers is on page 19.

The Stories of our Faith Practices

On February 8, 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: March 8, 2015; April 19, 2015; and May 17, 2015.

Hats, Mittens and Gloves and Scarf Collection

All winter long we will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for the children who attend our SPROUT program. We do have some siblings who join us for breakfast, so the age group is Kindergarten - Grade 8, both boys and girls items needed. The hats, mittens and gloves may be new or gently used, but the children definitely know which ones are new and they get selected first. This will be an on-going collection all winter, as the children often lose a mitten or glove over time, and need new ones as the cold weather lingers. Look for the container in Luther Hall. Many thanks!

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 **February 1 at 11:30 a.m.**

Important Notice for All You Basketball Players!!!!

In March, due to a congregational luncheon on March 1, **1st Sunday Hoops will be held on March 8, the second Sunday of the month.**

Don't be confused! Just come with your sneakers on March 8 to play some ball and have some fun!!!

Children's Library News

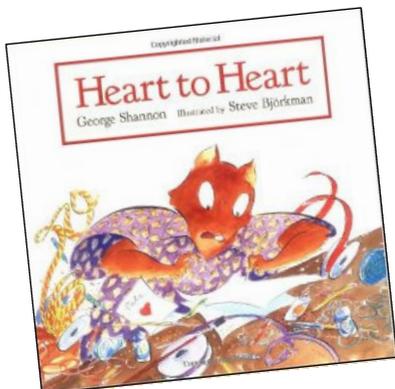
It's February and you will find our collection of Valentine books when you make a trip to the Children's Library. Valentine's Day by Miriam Nerlove gives a brief history of Valentine's Day. This is followed by a little girl's account of her celebrations at preschool and at home. The story is told in rhyme.

Another book, also entitled Valentine's Day, is by Gail Gibbons. It describes Valentine's Day as a



special day for love and friendship. It also begins with a history of Valentine's Day. How many of you knew that an original belief was that this was the day that birds chose their mates? The book continues with many of the traditions that are celebrated today and ends with an idea on how to make your own valentines and valentine boxes.

A third favorite book is Heart to Heart by George Shannon. Upset that he has forgotten a valentine



for his friend Mole, Squirrel starts to make a fancy card but discovers a better gift. Strangely, the discovery happens because Squirrel can't find a pair of scissors to make his fancy valentine. The valentine he finally makes involves memories that are shared only by Mole and Squirrel and is the most beautiful valentine Mole has ever seen.

Please come and check out these and our other valentine books. Also, a gentle reminder to check for Christmas books that still have not been returned. Thank you.

New Innovative Coffee Hour - Sign Up Today!

Please 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.

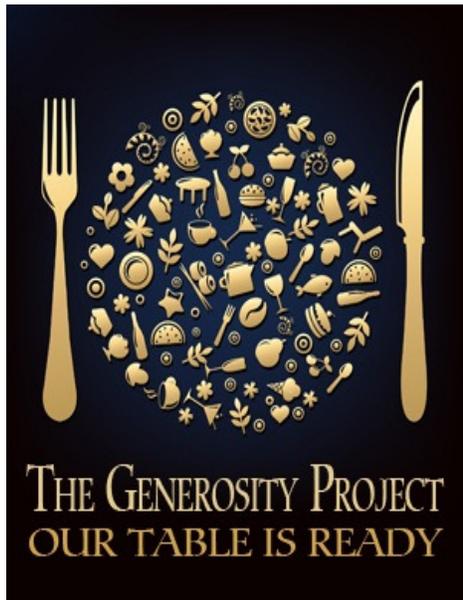
Emanuel's Stephen Ministers, from left to right in the foreground of the photo: Chet Brodnicki, Glenna Brodnicki, Dick Allison, and Deborah Nye Corgan.



On Sunday, January 4, 2015, our Sunday School students acted out "The Magi Visit," in Luther Hall.

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion 8 and 10 am</p> <p>At 10 am service: Holy Baptism of Savannah Ellen Smith</p> <p>Prayers for Healing</p> <p>Souper Sunday - Please see page 3</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ See Chart Below ☞ See Chart Below <p>11:30 am: 1st Sunday Hoops! in the Gym</p> <p>11:45 am - 12:30 pm National Youth Gathering Planning Meeting - see p. 3</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 am: The Stories of our Faith Practices in Luther Hall, Vicar Dominic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ See Chart Below ☞ See Chart Below 	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Transfiguration Sunday</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion 8 and 10 am</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 am: "Faith Practices" Discussion in the Sandberg Library with Vicar Dominic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ See Chart Below ☞ See Chart Below <p>11:45 am - 12:30 pm Youth Group Meeting Please see p. 3</p> <p>Deadline for "God With Us"</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p> <p>7 pm: Executive Committee Meeting in the Conference Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Worship Services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm</p> <p>Confirmation Students to attend worship at 7:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>22</p> <p>First Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion 8 and 10 am</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ See Chart ☞ See Chart 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p> <p>7 pm: Church Council Meeting in Luther Hall</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 pm: Confirmation Students to Gather in Luther Hall; then attend the service below</p> <p>7:15 - 8 pm: Wednesdays in Lent - Meditation Stations and Service of Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:30 am: Lent Service in the Chapel</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Chart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ = Prosperity Congregation in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m. ☞ = "Sunday Conversation" in the Sandberg Library at 11:20 am </div>	<p>28</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>



GENEROUS GENERATIONS - A CIRCLE OF BLESSING

Everyone is invited - All Ages!
Light Lunch and Fun, Interactive Workshop

Sunday, March 1
11:15 a.m. in Luther Hall

RSVP to natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org
or 860-525-0894, ext. 3, by February 22

Join 6 generations of Emanuel in this lively, interactive gathering for all ages. We will:

- ◆ recognize and celebrate the gifts of every generation
- ◆ share a meal
- ◆ grow a spirit of generosity through conversation, games, and the faith practice of giving thanks.

Plus – adopt and bless a pig!

Linda Staats is the Coordinator of the ELCA Generosity Project, an effort to equip homes as the center for the faith practice of generosity. Her hope is to engage, equip and empower all generations for serving like Jesus at home and in the world. Her roots and experience in the Lutheran church are deep. An experienced workshop leader, you can read about Linda on her web site: www.homegrownfaith.net. She joins us from sunny AZ.



A free will offering is appreciated.

The Generosity Project is made possible through a grant from the ELCA.



Thank You!

Many thanks to all the bakers who supported the Nativity Festival Reception.

The many varieties of treats were enjoyed by all, and our Sunday School children enjoyed the reception held in their honor.

*Thank you again,
The Nativity Festival Reception
Committee*

A New Baby!

Congratulations and God's Blessings on the birth of **Comfort B. Smyth**, daughter of Vicar Dominic and Success Smyth. Comfort was born on Tuesday, December 30, 2014.

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!

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.

**CONGREGATIONAL
ANNOUNCEMENT,
January, 2015**

I'm writing to inform you that we are making changes in our staff structure. We are doing so in response to recommendations from the Audit Committee. This committee, appointed by the Church Council last February of Russ Bjorklund and Lanny Krause, enlisted the accounting firm of Blum Shapiro to engage in a review of our practices, policies, management and controls. From that review, the first priority recommendation to the Church Council was for Emanuel to hire an accountant to serve as a part-time **Financial Manager**. We have now done so. Eileen Hurley, an accountant who has worked for other non-profits for over 20 years has been hired for 10 hours per week. As the financial manager, she will be responsible for all bookkeeping, accounting, financial reporting, income and expense statements, working with the Treasurer to develop consistent, understandable reporting formats, record keeping and financial statistics, payroll and benefits, church insurance and serve as liaison with the Treasurer and with these committees: Finance, Investment, Endowment and Stewardship.

In addition, we are creating the position of **Financial Secretary**, a position common in many congregations and recommended by the ELCA. This will be a volunteer position overseeing the counting, banking and recording of Sunday offerings. If you have interest in serving in this ministry, either as the Financial Secretary, or as one of the assistants, please contact our treasurer, John Marschhausen or Bobbee Canfield, a member of the Executive and Finance committees.

In the spring we will be interviewing

and hiring for two new positions. The first, that of **Operations Manager** will be a part-time position for oversight of the day-to-day operations of the church (non-pastoral functions like coordination of facility use and service calls, cleaning supervision, ordering of supplies, etc.) The second, the **Coordinator of Ministries**, will be a part-time position that will be responsible for activities and programs that foster growth in our congregation, in our relationships with one another and in faith formation. This position will also assume social media responsibilities. We will be publishing detailed job/ministry descriptions for these positions along with information regarding the interview processes in the coming weeks.

In light of these changes, the position of **Administrative Assistant**, filled now by Ellen Anderson and Harlan Pergande, will conclude at the end of April. We all have appreciated greatly the outstanding work of these two faithful staff members over the past, many years. I hope you will take the time to thank each of them personally. We will have an opportunity to do so as a congregation at a reception in their honor to be held on Sunday, April 19.

I believe that these staffing changes will put Emanuel in a strong position to meet the growing demands of our sizable operational budget, our much increased endowment/savings resources, and our expanding ministries and facility use. If you have questions regarding any of these details, please contact me or any member of the Executive Committee: Mark Hopper, Claudia Bellis, Bobbee Canfield, John Marschhausen or Jane Wunder. Thank you.

Pastor Corgan



Hands on Hartford thanks Emanuel for its recent monthly donation of \$916.66. The ongoing support has made a huge impact on those they serve.

In addition, **Hands on Hartford** thanks us for the \$500.00 gift, on behalf on one of our parishioners.



The Village for Families and Children thanks Emanuel for its generous donation of \$5,000.00 which will be used to support their weekend backpack meals program.



Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity thanks Emanuel for its recent life-changing gift for their *2015 House of Faith* program which helps bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.



Ascentria Care Alliance thanks Emanuel for its gift of \$375.00, which will help empower the individuals and families they serve to respond to life's challenges.

Bible Readings

For the Month of February

February 1:

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

“Lord’s Prayer,”
Matthew 6:7-21

February 8:

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

“Feeding 5,000,”
Matthew 14:13-33

February 15:

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

“The Transfiguration,”
Matthew 16:24-17:8

February 22:

First Sunday in Lent

“Forgiveness”
Matthew 18:15-35

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.

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!



Calumet Lutheran Camp thanks Emanuel for its donations of \$3,500.00 and \$375.00 in 2014.

Baptized into God’s Family:

On Sunday, January 11, 2015, **Ellyott Jordyn Martinez**, son of Brittany Milano and Jonathan Martinez, was baptized at Emanuel. A most thankful grandmother from Emanuel is Nora Smith. His godmother is Jenna Michaud. Our water carrier that day was Amy Cangro. Congratulations and God's blessings to our newest, baptized member and his family!



On January 18 we met and welcomed **Katharine Miriam Chelali**, newborn daughter of **Leloucha and Rachid Chelali**. Congratulations to Leloucha and Rachid, and big brother, **Adam!** Many thanks from the Chelali family for the kindness and generosity of everyone at Emanuel! *From left to right in the photo: Rachid, Adam, Katharine and Leloucha*

On Sunday, December 28
Emanuel's College Students,
Modeen Scholars, and Young
Adults led us in worship.
Our thanks to:

Julia Cutler - Greeter/
Communion Assistant

Kelsey Hopper - Lector/Usher/
Greeter

Lindsey Hopper- Usher/
Offertory

Linnea Bloomquist - Usher/
Communion Assistant

Emily Tenison - Children
Sermon/Greeter

Rachel Tenison - Children
Sermon

Kristina Leich- Usher/
Communion Assistant

Kathryn Wieber - Usher/
Communion Assistant

Mrudula Pedada - Usher/
Greeter

Deepak Pedada - Usher/
Offertory

Shivani Lal - Usher/Offertory

Hannah Bloomquist - Creed/
Intercessory prayers

Carson Bloomquist - Greeter/
Usher/Communion Assistant

Molly Swanson, Greeter

Paul Corgan, Greeter

Zach Wieber, Usher/Greeter

We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

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*

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.

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 February!

Alice Milner - February 14

Elsie Arcand - February 19

Betty-Lois Benson - February 19

Lillian Rekas - February 20

Virginia Nilson - February 22

Harlan Pergande - February 22

Special Emanuel Anniversaries During February!

Karin and Kenneth Stetson - February 19, 60th

Elinor and Wesley Ertelt - February 20, 50th

Ans and Robert Swanson - February 22, 53rd

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.

November 18, 2014

At 7:02 p.m. Council President Mark Hopper called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Pastor Corgan updated Council on people on the prayer chain and reflected on this fall's stewardship campaign – "Look and See." If congregational giving averaged 5% of their income, we would be able to fund our budget fully without any endowment transfer. Pastor closed with prayer after reading Psalm 100; "Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Enter his gates with thanksgiving."

The minutes of the October 28, 2014 and November 9, 2014 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

Senior Pastor's report: Pastor Corgan reported that Don Johnson is no longer at Philadelphia Seminary and the \$2000 designated to be given to the seminary will be put back into the Sandberg Mission Fund. Prayers for Healing, a new addition to the 10:00 service during communion, began on November 9 and will continue on a monthly basis on the first Sunday of each month. Vocational Prayers have also been introduced and will rotate on a monthly basis.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Marschhausen presented the third quarter report which highlighted the probable shortfall of an additional \$8,000. The Operating Budget has already spent \$17,289 of borrowed Accessibility Funds received in 2014 and the Endowment Fund loan of \$20,000 authorized at the 11-9-14 Special Council Meeting. Spending and pledge giving are as budgeted, but the issue is that the Operating Budget for 2014 was overly optimistic

in non-pledge income expectations. The treasurer and the administrators will continue to monitor this closely.

Budget Challenge: Treasurer Marschhausen and Pastor Corgan echoed that the primary cause of our current challenge is the overly optimistic income projection for 2014. Pastor Corgan reported with gratitude that \$10,000 from the Lindahl-Swanson endowment fund has been given to the "faith budget" to help with the current shortfall. Congregational approval for additional funding will be necessary if additional gifts aren't received to cover the funding shortfall.

Stained Glass Window Update: Jane Wunder reported that the restoration of the actual glass panels is about 75% complete and is going well. Masonry work has started on the West side which is in better condition than the East. Since this complicated work is temperature sensitive, work has stopped and will resume in the spring. The engineer and contractor began reviewing the crack in the North Wall and also the towers using a bucket lift. In the coming month, the engineer will complete his analysis and will provide a cost estimate.

Accessibility Building Committee Update: Mark Hopper reported that the committee met with the architect and reviewed preliminary plans. The architect will make revisions in the next week based on the meeting. Plans are focusing on the back of the church since it provides for a more efficient layout and approach on the materials.

Nominating Committee: Bob Graulich, Abby Stadlander, and Kathryn West are going off after 6 years and Terri Dwyer will be resigning. Terri will coordinate the nominating process with Pastor Corgan.

Staffing Discussion: Pastor Corgan reported on recent Executive Committee decisions. Based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee and the Audit Report by Blum Shapiro, Emanuel will hire an accountant to be the Financial Manager for an estimated 15-20 hours/week, starting early in 2015. Lanny Krause and Russ Bjorklund, from the Audit Committee, will assist in the interview process. Additionally we will pursue the creation of a Financial Secretary position which would be an unpaid, voluntary position responsible for the counting and logging of income on a weekly basis. A resolution to establish the position of Financial Secretary passed unanimously.

The council then voted to go into Executive Session. Once the Executive Session discussion was over, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m. Pastor Marschhausen led Council in prayer.



**“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!



CALUMET SENIOR LUTHERHOSTEL EVENT APRIL 13-16 “FAITH AND ART IN LOCAL CHURCHES”

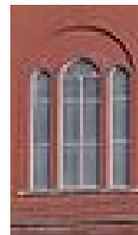
We will visit several area churches of the New Hampshire area, perhaps even into western Maine to explore how faith intersects with church architecture. Lutherhostels are fun and inspiring programs for adults over 50. Our leader at Calumet, Judy Smith, AIM, is the program coordinator. We explore a theme, go on trips, have meaningful discussions and Bible studies, enjoy wonderful hymn singing, have wonderful meals together, play games in the evenings, relax, go on nice walks about the grounds of the camp along Lake Ossipee’s shore, and make new friends we’ll see again next time! Go once, and you’ll want to come again and again!

So get started on the basics, call for more details if interested, or to place

a booking to get a room and place with the April Lutherhostel early, there are limits on the numbers that can be accepted!

A representative of Calumet will be in contact with your requests on the room you might require, and the pricing. We’ll have details on the Van that will take you up and back if desired, seating is limited so don’t wait. If you prefer to drive, you still need to book a room.

Call John Starkes, 860-561-2897.
Betsy at Calumet will contact you later for other details you require on lodging.
Do it now, this event sells out!



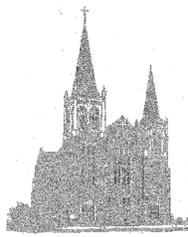
“Christ in our Home”

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 January, February, March 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.

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 March 31, June 30, 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 or give her a call at (860) 257-1038 or (860) 977-8022. Your help is greatly appreciated.

In 1983 - "The Lutheran Church Women Present Funds to Completely Remodel Luther Hall" - What is Described as an Impressive Gift from the LCW to the Congregation



by John Starkes

Steps are being taken towards a total refurbishing of Luther Hall, including the kitchen and the restrooms. I'm having trouble in trying to recall what the layout had been of Luther Hall in the 70's and 80's? Indeed that area has been reorganized time and time again, each involving major changes!

As a final event with David Harper's 25th year with Emanuel, a banquet for his honor was held at the Marriot Hotel in Farmington. In honor of David's service to Emanuel and his Lord, a scholarship was established in his name to benefit those in the parish who pursue musical studies. First of all we know that there has been a "Luther Hall" going back in time with the basement of the church once the formal center of worship which was finally completed by the mid-twenties, our beautiful sanctuary that had been changed very little in what we created for our worship experience. But time had brought about changes to the area over the years to meet the needs of the congregation for its other functions of church and education; keeping in mind that the back of a basement often becomes the "front" centered on another space where people gather as one in purpose; so we have "Luther Hall" for gathering to put the mind in order!

I'd begun this memory exercise by reflecting back to the fifties of my confirmation class experience, much of it held in Luther Hall on Saturday mornings. Time for this writing does not allow much research so what's left of my memory must be picked!

It seemed to me that there were a few classrooms along the west side of the hall, and an open space in the center for tables and chairs that folded down to store if not needed. The kitchen was unchanged for the years that passed mainly as a source for coffee after the services for special events, but not the pit stop for visiting as we have now. Everybody back then gathered outside to visit on the front walk before going off to find their car for home once the Sunday School got out.

Many parked their cars on the road across Capitol Avenue that ran up to the Capitol. Below the road was the gorge of the "Hog River" that entered a concrete conduit toward Bushnell Park and the railroad tracks; I-84 did not exist.

But in Luther Hall there was a meeting place for church issues and special worship for smaller situations of gathering, Sunday School among them. And let's remember all the meetings where the leaders needed a raised platform. Let's not forget the confirmation public Examination of years ago when we were "held at bay" to recite on demand something form Luther's Small Catechism! Then with the class hymn to sing by memory, "A Mighty Fortress"!

But mystery of mysteries, where did the big choir have their room for robing? My best guess is that the choir room for rehearsal was at the back corner of Luther Hall about where the more recent bathrooms are at present; remembering that the downstairs tower room was the place where all others were directed, "breathe deeply" before entering! Well in those days, a flush could put you in Wethersfield Cove! Whatever the case, the choir members were usually not seen in numbers downstairs before the service, but had probably drained the first pot of coffee in Luther Hall after the service! But "thanks" Choir, they were good!

Well, our "Thanks" to the LCW, an impressive gift was presented to the church that would allow for the total refurbish of Luther Hall to also include the new kitchen and fine restrooms. Added to the hall was a fine working library for the adult members with selected new books on shelves, picture books on subjects of distant lands, certainly many of familiar places we had known only in writings of the Holy Land. Things to look at for the spouse who's Hubbie or Wife were left to roam as the other marched onward in the choir for morning drill. Many books found new homes on tables after the shelf dust of Pastor's room had offered a new exposure when the dust was blown away. For many like me, a whole new world came to be with video films of great motion pictures the theatres seldom bothered to show; or at least this was something better to have on TV that a good library person looked for as family entertainment, all in the Sandberg Library!

*Source – God With Us– 1889-1989,
by Norma Westlund Sandberg

March Madness Celebration:

March 29 Last year Pastor set a record. How many baskets will he make this year? Start thinking about forming your 3-3 basketball team now.



BASKETBALL

“Celebration of Baptisms,” An Intergenerational Event held at Emanuel on January 11, 2015

Luther Hall was filled to capacity (83 people!) for a free luncheon event celebrating baptisms. Each table had at least 2 different generations represented. It was an hour of sharing and connecting with each other and with our faith. We saw certificates, gowns and photos from 1906-2008. And, we heard lots of great stories that helped us remember that through our baptisms we are all children of God.

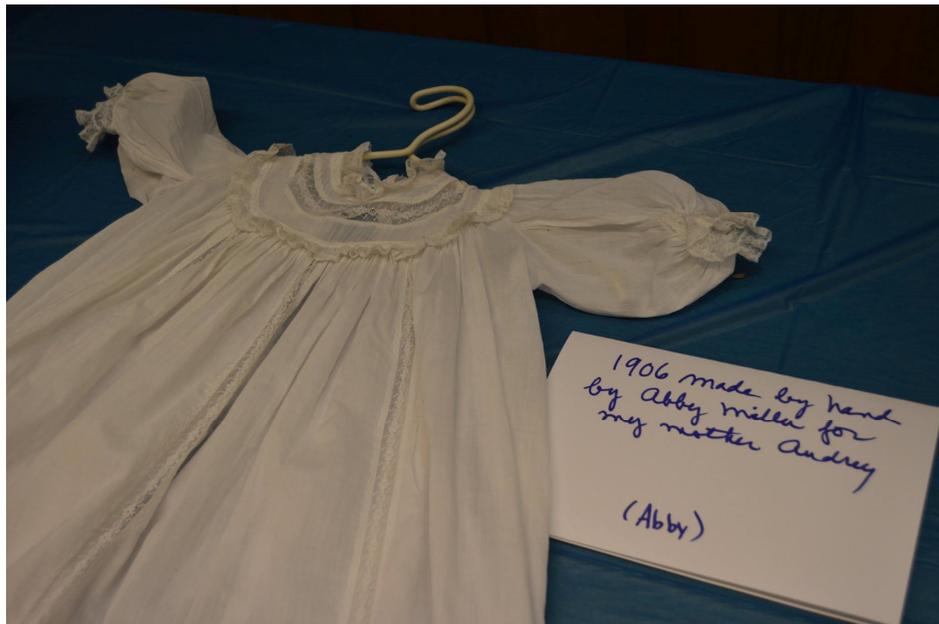
Many thanks to Krause Catering for the quiche and salads and to Lisa Martin for the decorated baptismal cookies. If you were unable to attend this event please look for registration information on page 8 for the next event that will be held on Sunday, March 1.

(The article above was posted to our church's Facebook page on January 11 along with 25 photos.)

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



A baptismal gown shown at the “Celebration of Baptisms” event.

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.

On Sundays, please notice the beautiful floral arrangement

in front of the altar, which is created each week by our new florist, A Special Place in West Hartford.

With a memorial gift from the Cirilli family, the altar guild has purchased a new brass vase that holds a large arrangement. On the credenza altar, framing the Jesus statue, the vases are filled with silk greens. As in the past, the arrangement will be broken down into smaller ones to deliver to members who are hospitalized, sick, bereaving, or shut in.

New Flower Chart

In order to encourage people to sign up for altar flower donations in the new year, note the “Flower Chart” on the bulletin board near the kitchen in Luther Hall. Please 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.

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 February

Acolyte and Crucifer

Feb. 1	Alycia St. John Erika Cangro
Feb. 8	Noah Fairchild Christopher Liddell
Feb. 15	Trey Hazard Noah Kiehne
Feb. 22	Savion Jennings Grace Maynard

Altar Flowers

Feb. 1	Open
Feb. 8	Open
Feb. 15	In memory of Susan Carlson, given By Eric, Christian and Kurt Carlson
Feb. 22	Open

Assisting Ministers

Feb. 1	Alan Meeds
Feb. 8	Brook Nowak
Feb. 15	Alan Meeds
Feb. 22	Barb Berg

Childcare in the Nursery

Feb. 1	Open
Feb. 8	Open
Feb. 15	Open
Feb. 22	Open

Children's Library

Feb. 1	Diane Troutman
Feb. 8	Diane Troutman
Feb. 15	Open
Feb. 22	Deborah Corgan

Coffee Hour

Feb. 1	Rachid Chelali will be providing a cake in honor of his mother.
Feb. 8	Open
Feb. 15	Open
Feb. 22	Open

Communion Preparers

Feb. 1	Marjorie Johnson and Bobbee Canfield
Feb. 8	Lynne Strecker and Jane Wunder
Feb. 15	Eileen Mitchell
Feb. 22	Val and Craig McDonald

Communion Servers

Feb. 1	Open
Feb. 8	Open
Feb. 15	Open
Feb. 22	Open

Greeters

Feb. 1	Michael, Brook and Max Nowak
Feb. 8	Chris and Claudia Bellis
Feb. 15	Carol and Stan Johnson
Feb. 22	Anthony and Julie Mujic, Carolyn and Rosalie

Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

Feb. 1	Monique Jennings
Feb. 8	Becky Thomas
Feb. 15	Kathy Haller
Feb. 22	Bob Vojtek

Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 1	Deborah Nye-Corgan
Feb. 8	Karin Stetson
Feb. 15	Roland Johnson
Feb. 22	Cooper and Mike Johnson

Sound and Recording

Feb. 1	Kelly Caldwell
Feb. 8	Mal Doyle/Rhiannon Kiersznowski
Feb. 15	Rhiannon Kiersznowski
Feb. 22	Jeff Potter

Sunday School Aide Schedule

Feb. 1	PreSchool/ Kindergarten: Lindsey Anderson Samantha Johnson Grades 1 and 2: Kelsey Anderson Grades 3 and 4: Rhiannon Kiersznowski
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Feb. 8	PreSchool/ Kindergarten: Deirdre Volk Allyson Graulich Grades 1 and 2: Lindsay Altschuler Grades 3 and 4: Jacob Johnson Grade 5: Toby Hollertz
Feb. 22	PreSchool/ Kindergarten: Rebekah Strand Rebecca Johnson Grades 1 and 2: Matthew Graulich Grades 3 and 4: Matthew Kloss

Ushers

8:00 a.m.	Ron Lindlauf
10:00 a.m.	Head Usher: Arnie Benson; Captain: Alan Anderson Ushers: Bruce Cutler, Gary Johanson, Ken Swanson



You are cordially invited to the second planning meeting for the ELCA Hartford/Central and Eastern Conferences Spring Gathering!

Date: February 21, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Snow Date: February 28, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Christ the King Church
465 Park Avenue
Windsor, CT 06095

Contact: Tracy Carlson, 860-620-4166 or Linda Ringquist, 860-558-3809

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.



**Please Join and Support
Emanuel Lutheran Church's effort
against HUNGER in Hartford, in a
"FOOD PACKAGING EVENT"
on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.,
in Luther Hall**

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