

LENT 2016

Believing in Jesus...
Reflecting on Faith in Christ



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Ash
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details.

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Sunday Worship Schedule
8:00 a.m. in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. in the Church

Thursday Bible Conversation
is held at 10:00 a.m.
in the Nursery every Thursday.

LENT

Please see page 6 for the "Season of Lent" schedule.



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The Mission of Emanuel Lutheran Church
In response to Christ's love we:

Worship God in joyful celebration,
Invite others into this community of Christ,
Serve those in need in the community and
in the world,
Nurture all people in faith through Chris-
tian education,
Encourage and support one another
in Christian living and fellowship.

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FROM PASTOR CORGAN

Lent 2016

Believing in Jesus...

Reflecting on Faith in Christ

Friends in Christ,

We'll begin the Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 10 with services at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

The delayed 12:15 p.m. start will allow time for something new this year. That morning, several of us staff members will be outside to offer ashes and a word of grace to anyone interested who is passing by on Capitol Avenue. **We plan to be on the sidewalk in front of Emanuel from 11:15 until noon. Join us and be a welcoming presence.** I believe we are being called these days to be the Church out in the community as well as inside our buildings. What better day than Ash Wednesday to move into the

neighborhood and speak words that pertain to all of us:

"Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. . .Go with God's grace and peace."

During the season of Lent, at midweek services, we'll have opportunity to think about this statement of faith from the second article of the Apostles' Creed:

"I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord."

What do those words mean for you, for us?

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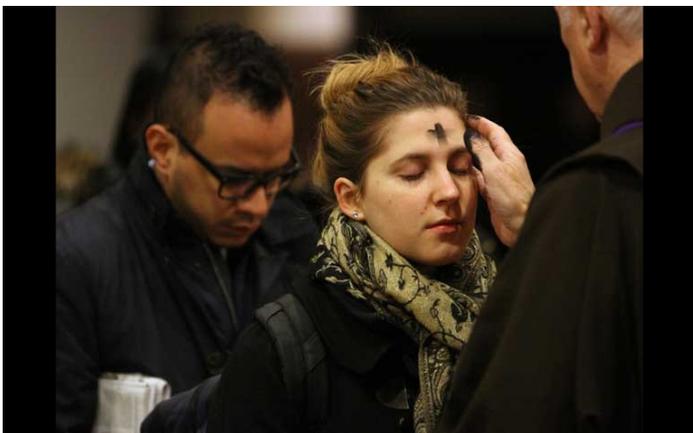
That same meditation will also be shared at the Thursday Responsive Prayer service from 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the main church, February 18 - March 17.

I hope you'll join others this Lent as we worship together and explore the mysteries of the faith revealed in Jesus the Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Corgan

P.S. After consulting with Bishop Hazelwood and the Church Council, I have moved my retirement date to June 30, 2016. My final Sunday will be June 19 with vacation from June 24 - June 30.



**Sunday
School News**

By Natalie Bloomquist

After exploring the story of Jesus’ dazzling transfiguration on February 7, we move right into the Sundays in Lent when the children will explore stories that help us understand who Jesus is and the amazing way he loves us.

February lessons:

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

February 7: Transfiguration In this story, which brings together important Old and New Testament characters, we see Jesus highlight God’s love in a very amazing way. Mark 8:27-9:8

February 14: (First Sunday of Lent) The children will gather in Luther Hall after the children’s sermon to learn about the season of Lent as a time when we get ready to celebrate Easter. They will work together to color a special Hallelujah banner that they will “bury” in the Nave at the end of worship.

February 21: Bartimaeus Healed. (Second Sunday in Lent) The disciples do not yet “see” who Jesus really is, but blind Bartimaeus does. He shows us that when we’re bold in our faith, amazing things can happen. Mark 10:32-52

February 28: Parable of the Tenants. (Third Sunday in Lent) Children will stay in worship as we hear Jesus tell one of his special stories to help us understand who he is and how we are to receive him. Mark 12: 1-12

Prayer for the Month:

Dear Jesus, We know we do not deserve your love – but you love us anyway! We pray for your grace in our lives to strengthen us and to help us share your love with the world. Amen.

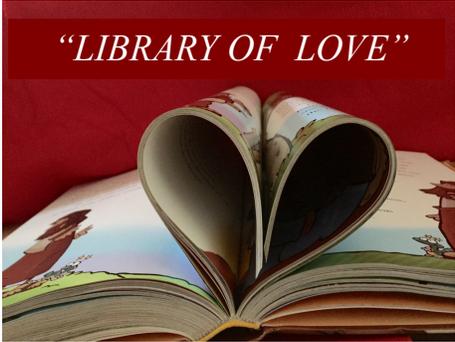
Sarah Asmar and Jonathan Reuning-Scherer Present

Songs We Love

**Sunday, February 14
4:00 p.m. at Emanuel**



Mark your calendars now: Sarah and Jonathan present a lovely mix of art song, opera, musical theater, and 20th century music. A wonderful romantic prelude to a dinner out, or a chance to hear stunning music with your family. About an hour, perfect for kids as well as grown-ups. Free!



Lent Focus – “Library of Love”
This Lenten season, the children will focus on sharing Jesus’ love by giving children’s books to the students in the tutoring program at Rawson Elementary School in Hartford. One of our Sunday School teachers (Elizabeth Kieschnick) and three other members of Emanuel serve as tutors at Rawson. The school has a library but does not have funds for a librarian, which means the children do not get to take books home to read!
Each Sunday in Lent, there will be a “Library of Love” book cart next to the lectern. As the children come forward for the children’s message, they will bring up the books they are donating and place them on the cart. New books would certainly be

appreciated but gently used books are welcome as well.

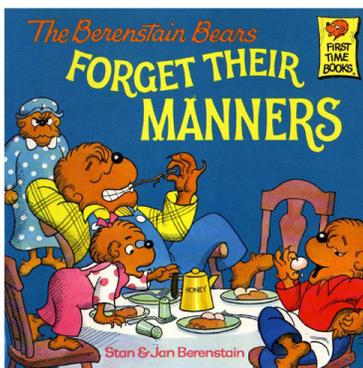
Parents can talk with their children about their favorite books and books they think children might like to read. Children are encouraged to share a portion of their allowances, birthday or other gift money, money from odd jobs, etc. to help purchase new books. Sharing a love of reading and stories is a wonderful way to share Jesus’ love.

3rd grade parents take note!
First Communion Instruction will be offered with Pastor Corgan and Natalie Bloomquist on:

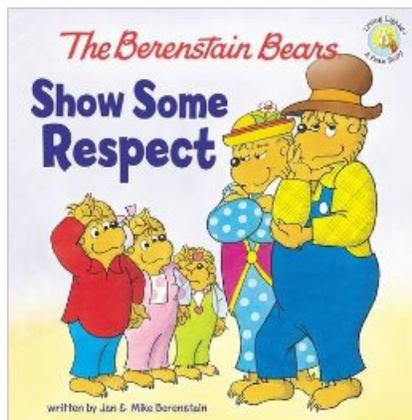
- **March 6 and March 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the upper level classroom
 - for 3rd graders and their parents and anyone who is interested in learning about and preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- First Communion will be received during evening Maundy Thursday worship on March 24.
- Contact Pastor Corgan or Natalie Bloomquist with any questions.

Children's Library News

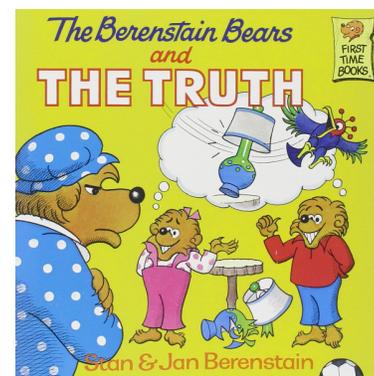
Along with the new Veggie Tale materials that were highlighted last month, we are also excited to have some new Berenstain Bear books in the library. Brother and Sister Bear find themselves in trouble when they are playing ball in the house and knock over Mama Bear's favorite lamp in The Berenstain Bears and the Truth. Mama Bear tells the cubs that she is more upset that they told her a lie than she is about the fact that they broke her favorite lamp. The cubs learn that trust is one thing that you can't glue back together once it is broken. Mama Bear comes up with a plan to correct the Bear family's rude behavior in The Berenstain



Bears Forget Their Manners. When she finds that even Papa Bear is part of the problem, she decides that and comes up with involves a penalty for every incident of poor manners. The cubs learn that once you start practicing polite behavior, it starts to come naturally. In The Berenstain Bears Show Some Respect, Brother and Sister Bear are reminded of the importance of respecting their elders when they set out for a picnic with Mama, Papa, Gran and Gramps. When Gramps informs them all that they are showing disrespect to each other, they allow him to pick out the perfect picnic spot. They are all surprised to find out where that



perfect picnic spot is. Sister Bear tends to be overly friendly to everyone that she meets while Brother Bear is extremely cautious. The Berenstain Bears Learn About Strangers teaches Sister that she should be careful about speaking with strangers but the lesson backfires when she becomes afraid of everyone she doesn't know. Mama Bear teaches her that all strangers are not bad, most people are friendly and would not hurt anyone, but you have to be careful just in case. These delightful bears are waiting to visit homes and teach their valuable lessons.



Confirmation News

Last month we started exploring the Apostles' Creed – that thing we say in worship each week that has a nice, hypnotic rhythm to it. (No, not the Lord's Prayer, although that has a pretty good hypnotic rhythm, too.)

We found out that the Apostles' Creed is a confession or statement of shared belief about who God is and how God acts. We decided we better pay attention to the words, ask where they came from, and figure out what they mean - because when we say them we are joining with

believers around the world saying we believe something about God. Do we believe that? (It's really okay to ask that question – especially in confirmation.)

Digging into the concepts that are foundational for understanding the Apostles' Creed was good preparation for Lent at Emanuel because our Lenten theme is "Believing in Jesus...reflecting on faith in Jesus Christ." The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed is the thread that will run through each Wednesday evening worship service.

Confirmation youth will attend Ash Wednesday worship on February 10 and each Wednesday night worship service during Lent. Our confirmation families have very busy lives, but we hope and pray that the Lenten spiritual practice of midweek worship will be a welcome retreat from life's hectic pace.



The Season of Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday February 10

11:15 am - 12 noon: Outside
Ministry on Capitol Avenue

12:15 and 7 pm:
Services of Holy Communion

Sunday Services of Worship during Lent at

8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

February 14, 21, 28;
March 6 and 13.

Wednesday Lenten Services at 7:00 p.m.

February 17 and 24;
March 2, 9, and 16.

Thursday Lenten Services, 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon

February 18 and 25;
March 3, 10, and 17

Last Chance to "Kick in a Brick!"

Sunday, February 7 is the last day that orders will be accepted for the inscribed pavers that are part of the new paving design in the courtyard and memorial garden project. The total Emanuel order for these pavers will be finalized shortly and submitted to the stone contractor so that they will be ready for installation this spring. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of Emanuel's history by purchasing a paver to honor loved ones or special Emanuel events. We're still shooting for a total of 200 inscribed pavers – as of January 31, paver orders total 131! Order forms are available on Emanuel's website or by calling the church office - copies may also be found in Luther Hall and in the rear of the church.

If you any questions, don't hesitate to ask Bernie Johnson, Jane Wunder or Mike Nowak.

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!

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, 61st

Elinor and Wesley Ertelt -
February 20, 51st

Ans and Robert Swanson -
February 22, 54th

**A Special thanks to the
College Students, Modeen
Scholars, and young adults
who led us in worship on
Sunday, December 27, 2015.**



SPROUT

This program invites children from our Frog Hollow neighborhood to come on Saturday mornings, eat a healthy breakfast, play active games in the gym and leave with a bagged lunch. Please contact Terri Dwyer at (860)521-0714 or e-mail her at terri.dwyer@comcast.net for more information.

**Annual Reports are
available in the rack in
the back of the church.**



**Alice Milner died on January 3,
2016.** A funeral service was held on
January 7, 2016 at Carmon Funeral
Home.

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

2016 EMANUEL HARTFORD YOUTH GROUP (Grades 6-12) CALENDAR

| DATE | EVENT | TIME | NOTES |
|--|---|---|--|
| Jan. 24, '16 | Youth Ice Skating Party @ Bushnell Park, HTF | 11:30am-12:30pm | Back to School Skating Party at Bushnell Park for all Youth (Parents are also welcome). |
| Feb. 21, '16 | Food Packaging Event at ELC in Luther Hall | 11:15am-4:15am | Youth will participate in a community endeavor at ELC to help fight against hunger in our community through our annual Food Packaging Event. |
| Feb. 26-28, '16 | Skiing weekend at Calumet | ALL WEEKEND | Youth from ELC will join other youth from around New England Synod for a winter weekend of fun skiing, faith sharing and fellowship. |
| March 12-13 | ELC Youth Lock In | Sat. 6:00pm to Sun. 9:00pm | Youth will engage in an overnight of interaction and fellowship among themselves. Youth will also watch and discuss a faith formation movie (Movie Night). |
| March 26, '16 March 27, '16 | Set Up/Easter Egg Hunt Youth Easter Egg Hunt | 12:00pm - 4:00pm 11:15am-12:15am | Youth and Parents will interact and participate with Confirmation and Sunday School children in a planned and organized Easter Egg Hunt Event at ELC. |
| April 29-30, '16 | Youth & Adult Youth Leaders Retreat | TBD | A weekend of Retreat, faith and spiritual nourishment for youth and adult youth leaders. |
| May (TBD), '16 | Peace Builders Training - COMPASS Youth Collaborative Inc | TBD | Youth will gain skills as peace builders for life through conflict mediation, resource connection and crisis intervention. |
| June 7, '16 | End of Year Potluck Dinner in Luther Hall | 6:00pm -8:00pm | Youth, Parents and adult youth leaders will gather to fellowship and have fun at the end of the school year. |

*Parents and Youth, please mark your calendars with these important dates & time. As indicated, this calendar highlights scheduled events/activities for ELC Youth Group. Both Youth and Parents are encouraged to mark their calendars and prioritize their participation in these events accordingly. You will be informed of all and any necessary updates and changes. For more information or clarifications, please contact me at dominic.smyth@emanuelhartford.org or 215-820-9113 / ELC Office: 860-293-0870

TRANSITION PLANNING

As we begin 2016 we are acutely aware that by the end of June Pastor Corgan will have ended his tenure as Pastor at Emanuel. Although we are saddened by his impending departure, we are also happy for him and Deborah as they enter a new chapter in their lives. The Church Council has been very involved in beginning preparations for this transition. The following are the activities that have occurred and/or are in process.

- The Council met with Bishop James Hazelwood of the New England Synod and The Rev. Paul D. Sinnott, Associate to the Bishop, to discuss with the council the steps that will need to be taken as we go through the transition. Based on our meeting and after discussions by the Council it was unanimously decided that we will hire an Interim Pastor to start in July 2016.
- The Council will appoint a committee to take responsibility for planning activities that will honor Pastor Corgan over the next 6 months.
- The Council is also investigating utilizing a consultant to help us prepare for the next phase in the life of Emanuel's ministry, which is to include a self-study that will help identify us to identify where the congregation ministry is at this time and what the future might hold for Emanuel. This study is required by the Bishop and when complete will be used to share with potential candidates for the hiring of a new Pastor. This phase of work will commence upon Pastor Corgan's departure.
- A Call Committee will be appointed once the self-study is complete.

If you have any questions about this information please don't hesitate to discuss with any Council member. Thank you.

Mark Hopper, Council President

A Note of Thanks from Camp Calumet

Thank you for the gift of \$375 to Calumet's Annual Fund.

A Note of Thanks from the New England Synod

Thank you for your generous gift of \$50,000 to the designated ministries of Camp Calumet, the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and the Sacred Places project of the New England Synod.

A Note of Thanks from Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your recent life-changing gift to our "2016 House of Faith," which helps bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.

A Note of Thanks from Billings Forge Community Works

Thank you for your end of year gift of \$1,000 which will help children, teens and adults of the Frog Hollow community realize their dream.

A Note of Thanks from Hands on Hartford

Thank you for your \$916.66 monthly gift, which will have a lasting impact, giving hope to our Hartford neighbors and renewing human possibility.

Please remember to bring in donations of food (canned, non perishable) for the MANNA Food Pantry - we have a collection box in Luther Hall. Thanks!

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

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!

Welcome

To Our Newest Members!



Standing from left to right in this photograph: Quoigai Lavala (new member), Vicar Dominic Smyth, Bill and Joan Farquhar (new members with Pastor John Corgan standing between them), and William Baysah (new member).

William Baysah -

Bill hails from Liberia, where he served as the then Financial Comptroller for Cuttington University until he came to the USA, prior to the civil conflict in Liberia. He worked for the State of Florida for 20 years before moving to Hartford, where he now lives for over fifteen (15) years. Bill has six (6) adult children.

Joan and Bill Farquhar -

Joan & Bill Farquhar grew up in the Boston area and will be married for 50 years in May 2016. Bill and Joan have three adult children - Patti, Bill, Jr., and

Heather; and two grand-daughters - Mebret & Olivia. They love to travel and, since Bill retired, have taken many trips!

Quoigai Lavala -

Quoi, who normally goes by "Q", is originally from Liberia. He came to the Hartford area from Rhode Island since 5 years ago, upon completing a Master Degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Maine. Quoi currently works at EverSource Energy as an Electrical Engineer. Q loves sports, especially running, which he has enjoyed by participating in the Hartford Marathon for a couple of years now. For Q, Emanuel is like a

home for him and is glad to be a member.

Beverly Swanson -

Beverly (Bev) Swanson is married to Inger Swanson, a long-time member of Emanuel. Bev and Inger live in Wethersfield where they enjoy keeping busy around their home. Bev is thrilled to become a member of Emanuel. (Please see page 11 for more information about Beverly.)

Emanuel is blessed to welcome all of you into this Body of Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS!

-Vicar Dominic

**From Becki,
Coordinator of Ministries**

On Sunday, January 17 over 60 people gathered for a luncheon in Luther Hall to review and discuss topics of great passion and concern for people at Emanuel. In an effort to keep the conversation of Emanuel's community moving forward, this email provides links to recent items that have been added to Emanuel's social media sites.

(1) 2015 Annual Report (85 pages) - many thanks to all who contributed to this report and to Karen Rudewicz, Administrative Assistant, for compiling it! As always, copies have the report have been printed and will be available at church.
<http://emanuelhartford.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/2015-Annual-Report-Final.pdf>

(2) 2015 Year in Review Photo Slideshow (3 minutes)
<https://youtu.be/Umh8IOC-c2A>

(3) Updated 2016 Event Schedule (EVENT LIST ATTACHED)
<https://www.facebook.com/emanuelhartford/events>

(4) Courtyard Renovation Campaign
<http://emanuelhartford.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/DOC123115.pdf>

(5) All Weekly Bulletins and Monthly Newsletters are posted to Emanuel's Website under the "About Us" Page: <http://emanuelhartford.org/aboutus/archives/>

(6) Please SAVE THE DATE for Pastor Corgan's Retirement on Sunday, June 12 at Noon at The Bond Ballroom, 338 Asylum Ave.
The purpose of the EVITE is to help spread the word to the congregation

about the date. Here's the link:
<http://evite.me/WZPATVq7tT>

Highlighting 3 ministries this week for you to consider:

- **Assisting Ministers needed:** please contact Becki or Janice Favreau ALL reading materials provided!
- **Ushers needed:** please contact Becki or Arnie Benson ALL ages welcome!
- **Friday Night (basketball in the gym) Program help needed:** please contact Becki or Judy Johnson NO basketball skills required!

CHECK OUT THE PHOTO COLLAGE FROM SUNDAY'S SKATING EVENT IN BUSHNELL PARK! AS OF TODAY, 516 PEOPLE HAVE VIEWED THIS PHOTO ON FACEBOOK! (See photo below.)

I'll be providing more information about an upcoming Technology Training Event in February. Tentative date: Tuesday, February 16.

- [Emanuel Hartford's Facebook Page](#)
- [Emanuel Hartford's Twitter Feed](#)
- [Emanuel Hartford's Instagram Page](#)
- [Emanuel Hartford YouTube Channel](#)
- [Sign-up for Ministries & Events at ELC](#)

Help Needed

A man is in need of a full size sofa. You may contact Pastor Corgan for more information or if you have any questions.

A SPROUT family is in need of some furniture. Specifically, they need:

- 1 twin bed
- 2 queen beds
- living room furniture

You may contact Holly Aronson at mhollyaronson@gmail.com.



February 7

**Transfiguration of Our Lord
"Transfiguration"**

Mark 8:27—9:8

February 10

**Ash Wednesday
"Passion Prediction"**

Mark 9:30-37

February 14

**First Sunday in Lent
"First Last and Last First"**

Mark 10:17-31

February 21

**Second Sunday in Lent
Bartimaeus Healed**

Mark 10:32-52

February 28

**Third Sunday in Lent
"Parable of the Tenants"**

Mark 12:1-12

Faith Budget

The faith budget is that portion of our operating budget that both enables Emanuel to meet its ministry commitments and provides opportunity for each us to share over and above our regular pledges. For 2015, the budget approved at the annual meeting includes a faith budget line item of \$37,000.

The Church Council and I want you to be aware of this, trusting that some of you will begin to make donations as you're able. For some, I know, there is little or no discretionary money available in your personal budget. For many others of us, that is not the case. Please consider this need and opportunity prayerfully and share as generously.

Pastor Corgan

The Organ is Back!

After 9 months of extensive restoration, the organ is back! Here are some highlights of the repaired and expanded Austin Organ:

- 3000 wires with decaying insulation were replaced with a single 8 strand fiber optic cable. No more fire hazard!
- Almost 20 new stops, including a solo trumpet, a harp, new strings, and a Zimbelstern (those are the tinkly bells some of you heard).
- New pedal board
- MIDI interface (you might have noticed a laptop playing the organ on Christmas Eve)
- Recording capability
- Entire instrument re-tuned to concert pitch

If you'd like a tour of the new instrument, Jonathan will be happy to oblige! Many thanks to all who supported this project and for your patience while the organ was out.

Confirmation Youth gatherings for middle school students and parents are held twice a month on Wednesday evenings. Please see calendar on page 12. For more information contact Natalie Bloomquist.

Beverly Martensen Swanson

was born in New Britain, CT, and attended St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and School for 8 years. In 1954, she and her late husband, John Martensen, bought a home in West Hartford, one house away from Inger Swanson and his late wife, Elly Swanson. They spent many happy times together enjoying the Swedish and Danish customs.

After they both lost their spouses, Bev and Inger married in 1992 and have spent wonderful years enjoying services at Emanuel and joined Swedish and German clubs.

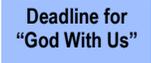
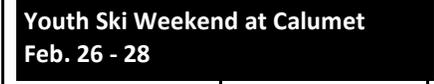
Beverly is honored to become a member of Emanuel and hopes they will be able to participate in more Events at the church this coming year.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 20, 2016 - Spring Luncheon in Luther Hall

Sunday, June 12, 2016 - Pastor's Retirement Party at The Bond Ballroom in Hartford

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 7 pm: Confirmation Class | 4 7 pm: Stephen Ministry Supervision in the Conference Room | 5 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm | 6 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym |
| 7 Transfiguration of Our Lord 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion Sunday School 11:30 am: "First Sunday Hoops," Gym open | 8 6:30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting | 9 7 pm: Worship Committee Meeting | 10 Ash Wednesday 11:15 am - 12 noon: Outside Ministry on Capitol Avenue 12:15 and 7 pm: Services of Holy Communion, Nave | 11 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am: "Bible Conversation," in the Nursery Choir Rehearsals - Please contact Jonathan for information | 12 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm | 13 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym |
| 14 First Sunday in Lent 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion Sunday School 2 pm: Luther Ridge Service 4 pm: A Music Event, "Songs We Love"  | 15 Church Office closed in observance of Presidents' Day  | 16 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 7 pm: Executive Committee Meeting | 17 7 pm: Lenten Evening Prayer Service, Nave (Confirmation Class, please attend) | 18 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am: "Bible Conversation," in the Nursery 11:15 am: Lenten Service, Nave 7 pm: Stephen Ministry Supervision in the Conference Room Choir Rehearsals - Please contact Jonathan for information | 19 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm | 20 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym |
| 21 Second Sunday in Lent 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion Sunday School After the 8 and 10 am services: Food Packaging Event | 22 6:30 pm: Investment Committee Meeting | 23 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 6 pm: Council Supper and Meeting | 24 7 pm: Lenten Evening Prayer Service, Nave (Confirmation Class, please attend) | 25 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am: "Bible Conversation," in the Nursery 11:15 am: Lenten Service, Nave Choir Rehearsals - Please contact Jonathan for information | 26 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm  | 27 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym |
| 28 Third Sunday in Lent 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion Sunday School in worship | 29 Leap Year Monday!  | | | | | |

“Sing to the Lord”

Lutherhostel at Camp Calumet
March 14 - 16, 2016

Presenters:

**Steve Reed, Calumet Friend
and Musician**

**Judy Smith, AIM and Calumet
Staff**

“Sing to the Lord” is open to all who love music. . .you don’t have to be a choir member to attend. . .just one who loves to sing the good old fashioned hymns and spirituals with a few contemporary hymns too!

On this three day retreat we play our traditional “Name that Tune” hymn game and hear about the backgrounds of the composers and hymnists that wrote these beloved songs of the church. Since St Patrick's Day is right around the corner we will take a look at some Irish hymns and songs too! Our Tuesday theme night dinner for 2016 will celebrate St Patrick's Day with a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. . . .

Special Guest on Tuesday evening, March 15 -- Jeff Warner, New Hampshire Musician and NH Arts Council & Humanities To Go Presenter ~ "Banjos, Bones & Ballads," a program about traditional songs which are rich in local history and the distant past. These songs help us interpret present day life with an understanding of the working people who built our country. Tavern songs, banjo tunes, 18th century New England hymns, sailor songs, and humorous stories about traditional singers and their songs highlight this informative program.



To learn more about the "Sing to the Lord" Lutherhostel, please contact Judy at (603) 539-3223 ext. 226. Contact Alice for more information at (603) 539-3223 ext. 220.

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

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



Emanuel's Property Committee!



Prayer Friends Needed!

by Natalie Bloomquist

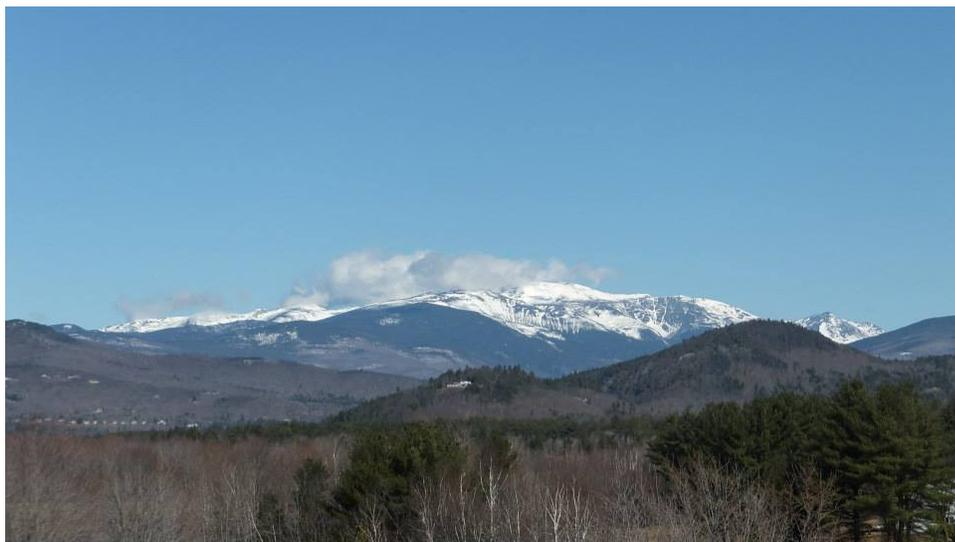
Each student in Emanuel's Confirmation ministry has a secret Prayer Friend who remains with him or her throughout the three years of confirmation instruction. Through prayer, the Prayer Friend has an impact on the life of the student through intercession to God. Prayer Friends pray regularly for their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

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

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

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

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



Spring LutherHostel at Camp Calumet

April 11 – 14, 2016

Chaplain for 2016: Pastor Bryan A. Leone, Shelton, CT

Musician and Coordinator: Judy Smith, AIM, Calumet Staff

Have you wondered about the various faiths in the world today? Bryan will host an interfaith forum to help promote understanding of our religious landscape today.

In addition, Bryan is travelling to the Holy Land in January 2016 and will be anxious to share new insights on the Middle East and peace making efforts in that part of the world. In particular, Bryan will share the current situation in Palestine.

Check back to find out the "Trip of the Week".....past Lutherhostel trips have been to the Mt Washington Hotel, Maine Lighthouses, historic churches, etc.

To learn more about the Spring Lutherhostel exact program, please contact Judy at (603) 539-3223 ext. 226.

Lutherhostels at Calumet bring folks together to think and talk about the issues of the day. Discussions, short

videos, presentations, and guest chaplains & speakers help us explore various topics in a beautiful setting. Calumet will feed your spirit, your soul and your body. . .our food is fantastic!

Get ready for some evening game playing including dominoes, Skip-Bo, cards and lots of popcorn!

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There are no single rooms available.



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.

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.

125th Anniversary Banner

As you are aware, the 125th Anniversary banner continues to be posted on one of the towers and there have been questions raised as to when it will be taken down. At this time, the banner won't be taken down as there is an expense involved in contracting for a bucket loader to remove it. However, a decision will be made by the Council once the work on the towers begins as there is a need for a bucket loader at that time. We will keep you informed.

Messiah

Come enjoy an Epiphany Season Messiah!

Come **Sunday, February 7 at 3:00 p.m.** to sing or enjoy the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" at **Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 79 New Park Ave in Hartford.** Our own Sarah Asmar will be singing the soprano solos, and Jonathan Reuning Scherer, our Director of Music, will be participating as well. All monetary donations will benefit The Immaculate Conception Shelter. Donations of winter clothing for men, women, and children would also be greatly appreciated. All are invited to enjoy the concert and those who love to sing are invited to join the chorus - please bring a score if you would like to sing. There is no rehearsal. It's a wonderful time to enjoy making and enjoying music together as a community and benefits a great cause.

"Christ in our Home"

Be sure to look in the back of the Nave, outside the Chapel and in Luther Hall on Sundays. There you will find the 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.

The Altar Flower Form is on page 19 of this newsletter

To see a list of Committees and Ministries of Emanuel and ways you can participate, please go to our website!

1. www.emanuelhartford.org
2. Click on the black tab at the top of the page titled, "Serve."
3. Scroll down and on the right side of the page you'll see the logo for Sign Up Genius. Click on it!



Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in Germany!

This very special trip focuses on Martin Luther. Pastor Corgan endorses and supports this journey.

Tour Overview: 11 days including arrival and departure days

- Starting in Berlin, visit the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and take pictures of Brandenburg Gate and the Holocaust Memorial.
- In Wittenberg, see Luther House, and visit St. Mary's Church and Melancthon House. Continue to Leipzig to visit the Thomaskirche, where J.S. Bach worked.
- Visit Luther's Birthplace Museum, Luther's Death House Museum, St. Andrew's Church, and St. Peter & Paul Church in Eisleben, and the Augustinian Monastery and Merchant's Bridge in Erfurt.
- Journey to Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament, Luther House, and St. George's Church in Eisenach.
- Visit Coburg Fortress one of the largest surviving medieval fortresses in Germany.
- Tour Worms, where the Imperial Council passed judgment on Luther in 1521. Visit Trinity Church where Luther presented his case, and the famed Reformation Monument.
- In Mainz, visit the Gutenberg Museum, and enjoy a romantic Rhine River cruise through the prettiest part of the Rhine Valley. Next is Rothenburg, a medieval walled town famous for its Christmas ornaments, to see St. Jacob's Church and its renowned Blood Altar.
- Follow in Luther's footsteps and visit St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Nuremberg and then onto

Augsburg, where Luther and his followers proclaimed their beliefs.

- In Munich visit Marienplatz with its Old and New Town Halls. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel.
- Recapture your knowledge of the history of the Lutheran Church, enjoy the fellowship of others, and renew your faith.

Please call me to answer questions you have about this exciting opportunity. Lisa Martin
860.929.0708

These photos were taken at the "Kick Off 2016" congregational luncheon on January 17.



The Samaritan Fund

Just to remind you, the loose offering received on the first Sunday of the month goes to the Samaritan Fund. The Samaritan Fund, administered by Pastor Corgan, is used to assist people in need.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please remember, there are always prayer shawls available for anyone in need of this symbol of love and caring. Speak to Helen Johnson (860-649-6661) or Karen in the church office.

New Flower Chart

In order to encourage people to sign up for altar flower donations, please note the "Flower Chart" on the bulletin board near the kitchen in Luther Hall. You may use this chart to pick a Sunday, or Sundays, when you would like to donate altar flowers. Checks (indicating the date for flowers on the memo line) may be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate with the form from the blue sheet. We hope to have flower donations for every Sunday of the year! Thanks for your help.

Please visit our 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/>

Here's the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) link to our website:

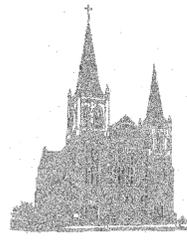
<http://emanuelhartford.org/aboutus/faqs/>

The Calendar is on page 9 of our newsletter, "God With Us."

Please contact **Becki Murphy** at becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org if you have any questions.

The Emanuel Archives

1918 - A Great Year for Emanuel in a Time of World Sorrow and Conflict



by John Starkes

"If we felt afflicted by the war before, it is clear that we now suffer much more. In this country, where one is so accustomed to an abundance of just about everything, we now lack even the most necessary things, and self-denial has become the password of the day. Our country is making completely new demands on us; it demands that with every resource and power we possess, we work toward that goal which looms before us; a swift and honorable victory which will ensure peace in the world." *

In our troubled world and the difficult economy we deal with each day, the above words sound politically familiar to us, but were given by Pastor in January 1918 at Emanuel's annual meeting.

On Good Friday in 1917 our country was forced to enter the conflict of World War I by declaring war on Germany. The powerful words came from a seasoned new pastor to our church, Julius Hulteen, who had become our fourth pastor. Only two months before Dr. Youngert suddenly left Emanuel to resume his previous position at Augustana Seminary.

The gloom of losing a good minister was quickly turned to job as word of a highly regarded Pastor of a Lutheran church in the Boston, MA area had accepted the call to come to Emanuel without delay keeping the enthusiast growth and spirit of our church unaffected by the change.

Julius Hulteen was personally selected by Dr. Youngert. He was actually born in Sweden of the parish Dr. Youngert had come from, the island of Oland, off the eastern coast. What strength there was for our Swedish Emanuel Lutheran Church of Hartford, as Pastor Bror Julius Hulteen, his wife Olga and children Ellen and Rubert, only nine and one-year-old arrived. We can begin to understand Hulteen's love of and persistence of the Swedish tongue to remain so much a part of Emanuel's heritage for Hartford.

For me, the writer of this series, a significant moment came when I realized a contact at last to the past of Emanuel I write of so proudly. I was one of those baptized by Pastor Hulteen in 1941, probably in Swedish, with Godparents, John and Thea Dahlstrom of Burgoyne Street in Elmwood. Much later, I ministered to Ellen, in her later years, through our Caring Ministries program and I still remember a very old lady, Olga.

Moving into Hulteen years starting at 1918, it was impossible to think of building the church above the basement structure, so efforts were made to pay off the remaining debt of the basement- \$5,750, accomplished by April with \$3,000 to place in the building fund. And in that first year, 200 new members were added to Emanuel's roll.

*God With Us, by N. W. Sandberg, p. 33.

Serving in February

Acolyte and Crucifer

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| Feb. 7 | Christopher Liddell Delanie Halstead |
| Feb. 14 | Harrison Arcand Brynn Murphy |
| Feb. 21 | Gunnar Johnson Maya Johnson |
| Feb. 28 | Griffin Fairchild Noah Fairchild |

Altar Flowers

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| Feb. 7 | Open |
| Feb. 14 | Given by Eric Carlson |
| Feb. 21 | Open |
| Feb. 28 | Open |

Assisting Ministers

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| Feb. 7 | Mal Doyle |
| Feb. 14 | Lynne Strecker |
| Feb. 21 | Alan Meeds |
| Feb. 28 | Janice Favreau |

Childcare in the Nursery

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| Feb. 7 | Open |
| Feb. 14 | Open |
| Feb. 21 | Open |
| Feb. 28 | Open |

Children's Library

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| Feb. 7 | Carol Dennler |
| Feb. 14 | Diane Troutman |
| Feb. 21 | Monica Swanson |
| Feb. 28 | Library Closed |

Coffee Hour

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| Feb. 7 | <i>Church Council,</i> Chet Brodnicki |
| Feb. 14 | Lynne and Paul Strecker, and Lisa and Richard Martin |
| Feb. 21 | Lance and Valerie Hansen, and Carl and Jessica Johnson |
| Feb. 28 | <i>Church Council,</i> Chet Brodnicki |

Communion Preparers

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| Feb. 7 | Lynne Strecker |
| Feb. 10 | Ash Wednesday 12 Noon: Marjorie Johnson 7:30 p.m.: Rae Ann Gremel |
| Feb. 14 | Bobbee Canfield |
| Feb. 21 | Val and Craig McDonald |
| Feb. 28 | Eileen Mitchell and Helen Johnson |

Communion Servers

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| Feb. 7 | Open |
| Feb. 14 | Open |
| Feb. 21 | Open |
| Feb. 28 | Open |

Greeters

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| Feb. 7 | Chet and Glenna Brodnicki |
| Feb. 14 | Lois House and Elinor McCue |
| Feb. 21 | Ellen Anderson |
| Feb. 28 | Ken Weeks |

Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

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| Feb. 7 | Monique Jennings |
| Feb. 14 | Randy Olson |
| Feb. 21 | Carol Dennler |
| Feb. 28 | Kathy Haller |

Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

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| Feb. 7 | David Parmelee |
| Feb. 14 | Alan Meeds |
| Feb. 21 | Elizabeth Kieschnick |
| Feb. 28 | Diane Troutman |

Sound and Recording

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| Feb. 7 | Emma Barresi |
| Feb. 14 | Kyle Bellis |
| Feb. 21 | Mal Doyle |
| Feb. 28 | Rhiannon Kiersznowski |

Sunday School Aide Schedule

Feb. 7

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| PreSchool - Kindergarten: Jennie Livingston |
| Grades 1 and 2: Maire Hollertz |
| Grades 3 and 4: Kelly Caldwell |
| Grade 5: <i>volunteer needed</i> |

Feb. 14

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| PreSchool - Kindergarten: Samantha Johnson |
| Grades 1 and 2: Luke Johnson |
| Grades 3 and 4: Jacob Johnson |
| Grade 5: <i>volunteer needed</i> |

Feb. 21

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| PreSchool - Kindergarten: Lindsey Anderson |
| Grades 1 and 2: Lindsay Altschuler |
| Grades 3 and 4: Rhiannon Kiersznowski |
| Grade 5: <i>volunteer needed</i> |

Ushers

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



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The Women of Emanuel Lutheran Church are cordially invited to attend the Third Planning Meeting for the WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Spring Gathering to be held on April 30, 2016 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Bristol.

The third and last planning meeting will be held at Gloria Dei Church on:
 February 27, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Snow date: March 5, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Refreshments will be served!

If you are unable to attend the planning meetings but are willing to volunteer, please contact Tracy Carlson at 860 620-4166 or tcarlson01@snet.net.

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 begins after the

Children's Message at the

10:00 a.m. worship service.