

I am an avid traveler. I have been to 50 states and 51 countries and the running joke is that I begin planning my next trip on the last day of whatever trip I am currently on. My favorite hobby is, without question, travelling.

However, for the first time for as long as I can remember, I am not planning a trip. Instead, I am in the process of putting down roots.

Oh, I know myself well enough. Come this summer, I will be travelling somewhere, but until then, I am not going to be thinking about travelling to the next place, and instead throw all of my time and energy into one thing--prayerfully figuring out how to lead Emanuel in a shared ministry that focuses on our sense of mutual mission.

In order to do that, and to get to know all of you better, I am going to devote a huge chunk of time between now and May to "Mission and Ministry Meetings" where we will spend time in small groups talking about Emanuel, its values, its mission, its purpose.

Now I can hear a few of you groaning and saying "Seriously, Pastor Paula? Didn't we spend a whole lot

of time during the transition talking about this sort of thing? Isn't it time to DO something?"

I absolutely agree that it is time to do something. When I first arrived, I fully intended to wait a year before enacting any major changes because that what is usually recommended. However, it became readily apparent to me in conversations that people were looking for some changes, so I have responded in kind, while always asking for feedback and input.

In addition, one of the main reasons I was called here, I believe, is because of my experience in working collaboratively in seeking out mission opportunities and part of your planning process during the transition emphasized that you were looking for just such a way to engage in your work in the community.

To that end, when the opportunity to partner with Trinity Episcopal Church on Trinity Academy and the Choir School presented themselves (which are outlined elsewhere in God With Us) I felt it was vital to not wait, so we are laying the groundwork to explore that as a congregation.

However, I believe it is important for me to engage with you in small groups to dig deeper into your dreams for Emanuel and what you see as our purpose at this time, in the place where we have been planted. *(continued on page 3)*

Sundays In January

January 7	Baptism of Our Lord Services at 8:00 a.m.& 10:00 a.m. Communion at the rail Sunday School	Mark 1:4-11
January 14	Second Sunday of Epiphany Services at 8:00 a.m.& 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	John 1:43-51
January 21	Third Sunday of Epiphany Services at 8:00 a.m.& 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Mark 1:14-20
January 28	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Services at 8:00 a.m.& 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Mark 1:21-28

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From the Pastor (continued)

Also, I want a chance to get to know you a bit better, in a more informal setting, and for you to get to know me. I am getting a few more names down every week, but I believe if I sit down with you in a small group setting and we share our visions and our values, it will be easier to attach names to faces.

In the next four months, there will be numerous opportunities to take part in Mission and Ministry Meeting. The general flow of the meeting will be some time of socializing over refreshments provided by a host, with me asking each participant (I am hoping for groups of 8-12) to tell me a little about themselves, what drew you to Emanuel, and ways you would like to be engaged in the church. I will also answer any questions you may have about me.

We will then spend some time as a group talking about Emanuel and where you would like to see it in 5 years, and some dreams that you may have, as well as ways you want to use your gifts to fulfill those dreams. I am a huge believer in mutual ministry and want to build on the history Emanuel has of lay led ministries, as we look forward. I also believe when people are invested in their ministry, it is far more effective.

One aspect of the meeting that is important for me will be to talk about our values. One thing I probably said at least a dozen times over the course of my interviews prior to being called is that I fervently believe that the best way to have effective ministry is to make it values driven. Once you have figured out what your core values are, you determine your choices and decisions based on those values.

It is a practice I have used extensively in my own life. My core values are Integrity, Grace, Justice, Passion, Gratitude, Compassion, Honesty and Faithfulness. Whenever I make a life choice or difficult decision, I refer to my values to see how my different options

honor these values.

As a congregation, I also think it helps define direction, as the council and the membership respond to opportunities and challenges based on how it reflects the values that we have identified as core to our mission and purpose.

I plan to take extensive notes at the meetings, which I will share with my mutual ministry team as well as the council to further hone and then use them during a retreat this summer to come up with a suggested purpose, mission, and values that will become the touchstone for our life together for the next years.

In order to facilitate this process, I am seeking about 10 people to offer to serve as hosts for the first round of meetings, which will be from mid January-mid February. You can either host them at the church or in your home, whichever you prefer. Please email me, call me, or let me know in whatever fashion you prefer if you are willing to serve as a host.

I would prefer a variety of times and locations--some on weekends, after church, in the evening and during the day. Once we have the dates set, there will be times for people to sign up to attend. After the first round, where we work out some of the kinks, we will have another set of 10-15 meetings. My hope is to have everyone attend one--and if people don't sign up, I will be contacting people to offer some options.

This is going to be a time intensive undertaking, but I believe it is absolutely vital to my success as your Senior Pastor, so that whatever directions we take are informed by a shared vision.

And I believe it is worth the effort because I am not planning on going anywhere for awhile.

Peace, Pastor Paula

Pastor Paula's Installation

Come celebrate the Installation of Pastor Paula as our Senior Pastor on Saturday, January 6, 2018 (Epiphany) at 4:00 PM. Reception to follow in Luther Hall. This will be a very special Service and Event!

Help us make this a festive reception by signing up to bring homemade cookies. A sign-up sheet can be

found in Luther Hall, or contact Rae Ann Gremel at 860-676-4459 or ragremel29@gmail.com. Cookies, marked for Pastor Paula's reception, may be delivered to the Luther Hall kitchen anytime Wednesday January 3 through Saturday January 6.

Please save the date and plan on attending.

Since You Asked....

I noticed that The Senior Luncheons were no longer listed in the budget last year. Is there a reason?

This was a specific question, that I answered by explaining that the support of this ministry was included in the line item Church Life and Growth/Fellowship, but it raises a larger concern that I wish to use **Since You Asked** to address. I believe it is important to ask questions about anything you are concerned about, in order to get accurate information, especially as it relates to church finances. Transparency and openness are vital, since the budget is a product of our shared funds as we respond to God's call to be stewards of our gifts. In a church, we trust the leadership and the staff to effectively use those funds, but if you ever wonder why something is the way it is, it is best to ask, rather than to assume or wonder. This question is a perfect example of a ministry that had not changed (and I believe one Pastor Elizabeth will take part in, as well), but due to structure changes was reported in a different way. So please, if you have any questions, please ask.

I heard that you made some changes to Confirmation. What are they?

I am firm believer that Confirmation is not about getting kids "through a program" and instead a time to focus on building a deepened relationship with Jesus as a disciple. We are saved by grace and disciples by decision, and affirming one's baptism is a time to make that decision for a God who has already saved you by grace. In addition, I believe that one should make that decision when they are more mature and aware of its implications. To that end, I don't think eighth grade, when kids are going through a whole host a physical/psychological, social changes, is a good time to make that choice. Also, I

have noticed over the years that it is better to vary instruction, so that it isn't a weekly or bi-weekly class like school, and instead, done through a variety of different formats--some classes with parents and as a small group, but also by using mentors, service in the church, and retreats, as well as in conversation with me.

I have thus made some significant changes--both in age and format. Kids will start in 7th grade and each year, 7th-9th, they will have 3 classes with parents and kids as well as a series of mini retreats during the year (3 or 4) in 7th and 8th grade. In 9th grade, they will be paired with a mentor of their choosing, who is a member of Emanuel, with whom they will meet a minimum of 5 or 6 times over the course of the year to talk about faith, using a guided format. In 10th grade, they will have a meeting with their parents and me, as well as the opportunity to complete a devotional/faith reflection coupled with 3 meetings with me, either alone or with a couple of other 10th graders. Throughout the whole program, they will need to commit to 5 service hours a year. Once they feel ready to make a discipleship commitment, they will write a faith statement and affirm their baptism. This program has fewer classes, more flexibility in our busy society, but most importantly, I believe a deeper opportunity to engage in faith in a meaningful way, so that they become active members of the church with a more sincere understanding of what that means.

Because I don't believe in "bait and switch," the parents of eighth graders will be given the option of either having the program completed this year or doing the longer program, but 7th graders will be part of the new vision for Discipleship Training.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

It was not a hard job. Anybody could do it, but Everybody thought that Somebody would do it. In the end, Nobody did what Anybody could have done. Don't let this happen to the Coffee Hour!!

We all enjoy this social time.

As 2018 gets underway, the long-standing, important tradition of after-church Coffee Hour is in need of hosts for the new year. Please prayerfully consider if you, your friends, or your family could commit to this

fellowship ministry for a date or dates. **We need YOU to keep Coffee Hour from becoming endangered.** It can be really fun to serve your fellow congregants, and it needn't be complicated or expensive. We all have gifts to share!

Please contact Monica Swanson at mwalshswanson@gmail.com or 860-205-2836 if you have any questions or comments. You can contact Monica to sign up for a date as well

An Exciting New Partnership Under Consideration!

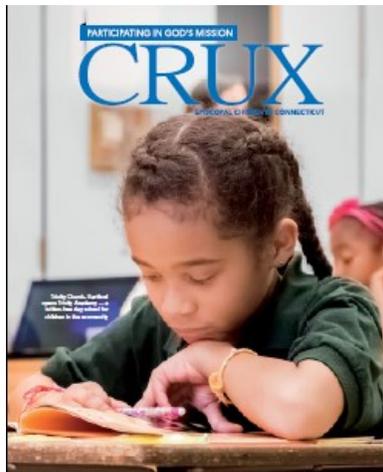
During December, Pastor Paula, Jonathan Reuning-Scherer and Chet Brodnicki visited the Trinity Academy located at Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Sigourney Street in Hartford. Envisioned eight years ago by Trinity Episcopal's Rector, the Rev. Dr. Don Hamer, Trinity Academy is a tuition-free extended day school for children in the community, grades 2 through 4. Currently the school has 40+ students, 85% of whom come from Hartford and the rest from Bloomfield and New Britain. Most of the school's funding comes from sponsors, donations, grants and annual appeals, but also benefits from rent-free space and utilities provided by Trinity Episcopal along with volunteers helping in various capacities to enrich the programs. The curriculum covers language arts, reading and writing, math, social studies, science, art and physical education. "The church is a great resource," said Karen Connal, Trinity Academy's head of school. "It's important to be a part of a bigger community and share resources. The school isn't faith based, it's spiritually based. We deal with core values and community service."

Trinity Academy follows the model of the NativityMiguel Coalition first started in Manhattan's Lower East Side. This model "provides a quality, tuition-free education to low-income children who desire to learn in a challenging, academic environment. The model promotes small class sizes, with an extended day, parent involvement and lessons in life skills, with a focus on academics, physical, social, creative, emotional, physical and spiritual education."

Trinity Academy now serves as a feeder school for nearby Grace Academy (for girls) and Covenant Preparatory School (for boys) and shares an admission process with these two independent schools. The academy "thrives on community resources and partnerships," ranging from its many volunteers sharing their gifts and passions, to nursing support from the Hartford Public Schools, to Travelers buying, provid-

ing and cooking the food for breakfasts and lunches. One important factor in the school is that admission is not based on having superior test scores. They have an open policy to every child who can be served by the school.

As Hamer reflects, they "saw a desperate need in their local community and created partnerships with local businesses and other community groups to serve a need that was not being met. Their extended nine-and-half hour days provides Trinity Academy an opportunity to impact the lives of children living in poverty in a way that a typical six-hour school day cannot." Hamer further sees this as "living out the values of our Baptismal Covenant, and building up our students by helping them to see themselves as beloved and valued children of God."



Their next step is to add grades K and 1 by September 2018, and ultimately a pre-K level, but their current constraint is space and facilities. That's where Emanuel might come in. With an eye to partnering with Trinity, Emanuel invited Dr. Hamer, Karen Connal, and Principal Jennifer Scanzano to tour our facilities. They are as excited as we are about the possibilities of using Emanuel's spaces. As a result, Pastor Paula and Hamer have agreed to collaborate on further details of what this partnership might look like.

As discussions progress, Pastor Paula expects to engage the congregation in conversation about this exciting opportunity. As Dr. Hamer notes, "the collaboration of Trinity Episcopal and Emanuel Lutheran is an exciting opportunity for ecumenical collaboration in service to two adjacent neighborhoods both of which have a high percentage of underserved children and families." How wonderful to use the facilities Emanuel has been blessed with on an everyday basis rather than just once a week -- and to share our abundant resources in a way that is consistent with our other ministries and programs like Friday Night Program and SPROUT, and that builds on our com-

An Exciting New Partnership Under Consideration (continued)

mitment to be “in the city for good.” Using our buildings and resources to expand our ministry and reaching out into the community in partnerships to do God's work -- that's what mission and good stewardship are all about!

Watch for opportunities for information sharing and discussion in the near future. The plan is to have a

town hall meeting with leaders from Trinity Academy available to answer any questions members may have, as well as an open discussion at the annual meeting, prior to making any firm commitments. If you'd like a copy of the recent article in Crux (Episcopal Church publication) about Trinity Academy, please go to <https://www.episcopalct.org/>

Possible Children's Music Venture at Emanuel

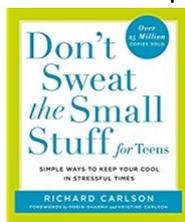
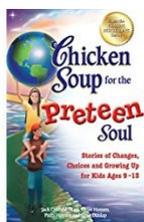
Discussions are underway for a possible collaboration between Emanuel and the Choir School of Hartford (<http://www.choirschoolofhartford.org/>), currently based at Trinity Episcopal Church on Farmington Ave. This Royal School of Church Music program provides an opportunity for excellent musical instruction for children in Hartford and in surrounding communities. Participants move through a graded set of exams so that those who complete the program have exceptional musical skills upon graduation.

Free piano lessons are offered to interested participants, and the choir sings weekly. It is a serious commitment for kids – four hours of rehearsal each week, plus one or two weekly Sunday commitments. Our hope is that the choir may come and sing at Emanuel once or twice per month, that we'll be able to identify some Emanuel members and neighborhood kids who might participate, and that we would become supporters of the program with personnel and financing.

Children's Library News

We so often highlight our wonderful collection of picture books and DVDs, it's about time we remind you that we also have a wonderful collection of books for older children and teens. There are so many great books in the Chicken Soup series and we have many including Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul and Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul. They both teach that we all have something to offer each other. Among the many sections that both teens and preteens may find helpful are sections on relationships, family and friendships.

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff for Teens is a wonderful collection of 100 simple ways to keep your cool in stressful times. There is such a large range of ideas that there is something that every teen can relate to. They include getting involved in sports, seeing your choices as forks in the road, seeing all possibilities, and just being glad to be a teen. One of my favorites



is to make space in your heart for a really bad day. They are unavoidable, everyone has them, so be accepting and they will soon disappear.

What Do You Think? is a kid's guide to dealing with daily dilemmas. The book presents children with a dilemma such as what do you do when your younger sibling comes into your bedroom and goes through your belongings, even though you've asked them repeatedly to stay out? Upon turning the page, there are a

series of questions for discussion with an adult to help you come up with a solution to the problem.

The dilemmas may involve home, school, the community, or what you might face when out with friends.

Finally, a reminder if you have not returned the books that you checked out for Christmas. We would appreciate their return as soon as possible. Thank you.

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November 2017 Council Meeting

Council President Chet Brodnicki welcomed everyone to the meeting and Pastor Paula led devotions during which Council members each shared something for which they are grateful. The minutes of the Oct 26, 2017 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

Operations: Jane Wunder reported that only a few items remain outstanding on the Accessibility project. Options regarding the disposition of 315 Capitol Ave will be a priority in 2018. Emanuel and Capitol Towers will continue to discuss possible leasing arrangements for the site based on plans to remove the building and improve the site for a drive-through from Capitol Ave to the Capitol Towers parking lot. We are currently seeking legal counsel to work out lease options as well as strategies to establish community, preservation and demolition support. Lead based paint abatement work has started on the 3rd floor of the Hungerford Street apartment house. After completion, 2nd floor plans will be determined depending on where the Chelali family will reside. With the increase in requests for using Emanuel's facilities, it was agreed that the

policies for "Use of Emanuel Facilities" need to be revisited with clear criteria established for eligible individuals and groups (i.e. non-profit organizations, other churches, members, non-members) and associated fees. Peter Murphy and Jacob Fulmer volunteered to work with the operations manager on updating this policy.

Pastor's report: Pastor Paula visited the person who gave the generous gift of \$90,000 dollars to Emanuel in October. It was clarified that there were no restrictions on the gift. Pastor conveyed how incredibly grateful Emanuel is for this gift! Pastor Paula is looking to make some changes to communion procedures, starting with Assisting Ministers assisting the Pastors. Pastor also expects to identify other changes through Mission and Ministries meetings as well as meetings with the ushers. Pastor shared her ideas for modifying the confirmation program and her plans to engage the confirmation students and parents in discussion on these changes. The goals of the changes are to avoid burn out, foster relationships with confirmation students and members of Emanuel, and get families

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more involved. Pastor Paula thanked the Council again for her ministry trip to the Holy Land, and she hopes that in the future members of Emanuel might also participate in such a trip to the Holy Land.

Treasurer's Report - Bobbie Canfield distributed the financial reports for review by Council. November showed a significant drop in offerings; however, the \$90,000 gift in October has put offerings year to date 12% ahead of budget. This allowed us to repay the \$50,000 loan from endowment needed earlier in the year for cash flow needs. To complete the audit, research has been completed on endowment accounts and insuring that the original donor intentions have been met. While this research does not change the value of Emanuel's investment accounts, it has resulted in some changes to the restricted and unrestricted accounting designations.

Finance Committee – Tim Elwell reported that the Finance Committee and Stewardship Committee met to review the process for the budget and a first draft of expenses. At the December 19 Council meeting, The Colony Group, our investment manager, will make a presentation on fiduciary responsibilities. The Colony Group will meet with the Finance Committee prior to the Council meeting to discuss investment performance.

Sandberg Mission: Linnea Bloomquist presented a recommendation for the distribution of remaining

funds; \$1,500 to Operation Fuel; \$1,000 for MOSAIC; \$1,000 South Sudanese Leadership & Community Dev; \$600 to Food Share. Motion was seconded and passed.

Youth – Mark Hollertz and Melissa Johnson reported on the food packaging event (25,000 meals were distributed to MANNA) and the basket raffle fundraising for the National Youth Gathering in Houston. Ten youth have expressed interest in going. Multiple fundraising ideas are in the works to offset the estimated \$1,400/person cost. Additionally, some support would come from the Youth Endowment fund.

SPROUT: A new program is being initiated to assist families with immediate food needs by providing emergency bags of groceries. This could fill the time gap before they can get Hands On Hartford assistance.

Contract for Pastor Elizabeth Krentz-Wee: Church Council previously agreed to a temporary position for Pastor Elizabeth. A motion was made to continue the agreement with Pastor Elizabeth working part time as Visitation Pastor for an initial one year term. Additionally she would be available for pulpit supply as needed. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next Council meeting is on January 16 (with a primary focus on the 2018 budget). All are welcome!

Stewardship 2018

If you have already returned your pledge card for 2018 – THANK YOU! Thus far, we have received 125 pledges totaling \$298,875. We have a distance to go to meet last year's pledge base of about \$362,000 – so if you have not yet pledged, we en-

courage you to do so. If you need a pledge card, please call the Church Office and one will be mailed to you. Please support the ministry and mission of Emanuel in 2018 by making a pledge of financial support. *Every gift is important.*

Sprout!

A big word of thanks goes out to everyone who participated in the SPROUT Christmas celebration on December 16th. If you donated money to purchase gifts for our SPROUT kids, bought a gift or filled a stocking, we are indebted to you. We were able to provide each SPROUT family with a \$50.00 gift card to Stop & Shop. In addition, we celebrated Christmas with the kids by passing out the stockings and gifts carefully chosen for them; they enjoyed some Christmas refreshments; and they picked out a special box of candy for their parent, grandparent or provider and wrapped it for them. It was a heartwarming morning made possible by the SPROUT volunteers and others who offered to come and help. Things are often not easy at home, and your efforts helped make Christmas even more special for our SPROUT children. Many thanks to all involved.

Would you like to help with Sunday Worship?

Please contact our ministry coordinators:

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Worship Ministry for December

Acolytes & Crucifers

January 7	Acolyte	Alejandro Morales
	Crucifer	Lily Maynard
January 14	Acolyte	Addison Fastiggi
	Crucifer	Brittany Caldwell
January 21	Acolyte	Maya Johnson
	Crucifer	Ava Johnson
January 28	Acolyte	Sam Johnson
	Crucifer	Olivia Jarvis

Aides

January 7	PreK-K	Brynn Murphy
	1st & 2nd	Griffin Fairchild
	3rd & 4th	Meredith Swanson
January 14	PreK-K	Samantha Johnson
	1st & 2nd	Trey Hazard
	3rd & 4th	Matthew Graulich
January 21	PreK-K	Maire Hollertz
	1st & 2nd	Lizzy Arcand
	3rd & 4th	Rhiannon Kiersznowski
January 28	PreK-K	Lindsey Anderson
	1st & 2nd	Hannah Karim
	3rd & 4th	Luke Johnson

Assisting Ministers

January 7	Janice Favreau
January 14	Mal Doyle
January 21	Brook Nowak
January 28	Lynne Strecker

Communion Preparers

January 3	Val and Craig McDonald
January 10	Eileen Mitchell and Marjorie Johnson
January 17	Bobbee Canfield
January 24	Lynne Strecker

Greeters

January 7	Gary and Diane Troutman
January 14	Elizabeth Kieschnick and Jim Flanders
January 21	Martha Nyama and Family
January 28	Shirley Leich and Kristina Gleason

Lectors

8:00 a.m.

January 7	Christine Dalton
January 14	Randy Olson
January 21	Rosie Vojtek
January 28	Bob Vojtek

10:00 a.m.

January 7	Karen Paquette
January 14	Marjorie Johnson
January 21	Claudia Wieber
January 28	Chris Bellis

Sound & Recording

January 7	Harry Arcand
January 14	Rhiannon Kiersznowski
January 21	Lindsey Anderson
January 28	Lizzy Arcand

Special Emanuel Birthdays (80 and older) during January

Shirley August (January 14), Ernest Wignall (January 22),
Gail Hazard (January 25), Elizabeth Anderson (January 20),
Ken Weeks, Jr. (January 30)



Special Anniversaries (Married for 50 or more years) during January

Inge and Roy Levin were married on January 6, 1955
Eileen and John Wygmans were married on January 23, 1965

ELC Youth Group Fundraiser For Gathering in Houston

Congratulations to the winners of the Gift Baskets! Over \$1,200 was raised to help fund the Youth Group's trip to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston.

- ◆ Movie Night— *Janet Craven*
- ◆ Kitty Heaven basket—*Kandace Shuff*
- ◆ Dunkin Donuts Coffee—*Altschuler Family*
- ◆ Spice of Life—*Jim Flanders*
- ◆ Spring Time—*Jane Wunder*
- ◆ Prayer Changes Everything—*Altschuler Family*
- ◆ Chocolate Delight — *Jonathan Reuning-Scherer*
- ◆ Holiday Wooden Games—*David & Alene Parmelee*
- ◆ The Cat's Meow—*Lynne Strecker*
- ◆ 7 Deadly Zins Wine Basket—*Eileen Mitchell*
- ◆ Chocolate Lovers Dream—*Hazard Family*
- ◆ Dog-Gone Good basket—*Hazard Family*
- ◆ A Visit to Grandma & Grandpa's—*Glenna Brodnicki*
- ◆ Taste of Asia basket—*Glenna Brodnicki*
- ◆ Holiday Baking—*Karen Hollertz*
- ◆ Professional Harvest Sweets Basket—*Janice Favreau*
- ◆ LEGO® Creator Star Wars basket—*Jen Jarvis*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl ministry meets every Thursday morning in the church lounge from 9:30 to 11:30 am to knit or crochet prayer shawls. Some of our members are unable to attend so they knit or crochet at home. We welcome all who are interested to join us. Once we complete a shawl, we wrap it with ribbon, affix an angel pin and place it in the prayer shawl closet where it waits to be delivered to someone in

need. If you or a friend would find comfort and blessing from a prayer shawl, please just speak to Pastor, any of the church staff, or a member of the committee who will be happy to let you choose a shawl. We pray that as the recipient wraps himself in the shawl, he will feel the healing arms of Christ surround him.



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Luke Strand † Ann Louise Swanson † Mal Doyle † Tom LaPointe † Carol Johnson †
 Dick Johnson † Elaine Wilson † Judy Johnson † Kathryn LaPointe † Joan Feldmann †
 Doris Barron † Pamela Vigil † Betty Lois Benson † Eliana † Vincent † for those working to recover from
 hurricanes, earthquakes, & fires †

The Rev. Ken West, step-father of Natalie Bloomquist, passed away on Wednesday, December 6th after a year long battle with cancer. God's comfort and consolation to his family.

Remember and/or Honor Someone with Altar Flowers — \$45.00

Please provide the following information for a flower donation and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Thank you.

Today's Date: _____

Date for Flowers: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Questions? Call the Church Office 860-525-0894

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Years Day No Services Church Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry meet in Lounge</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Paula</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>  <p>Friday Night Program 3:30—9 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Alan Meeds & Eleanor Gonzalez Wedding</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Church by The Pond</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Pastor Paula's Installation</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Baptism of Our Lord</p> <p><i>Worship Services at 8 & 10 a.m.</i></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Calumet Interviews</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry meet in Lounge</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Paula</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>  <p>Friday Night Program 3:30—9 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sprout!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p><i>Worship Services at 8 & 10 a.m.</i></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Council Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry meet in Lounge</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Paula</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p>  <p>Friday Night Program 3:30—9 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sprout!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p><i>Worship Services at 8 & 10 a.m.</i></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry meet in Lounge</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Paula</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p>  <p>Friday Night Program 3:30—9 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sprout!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p><i>Worship Services at 8 & 10 a.m.</i></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ February 11: Annual Meeting 		

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