

GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford

There will be three opportunities to worship each week. We will continue to offer two services on Sunday mornings: the traditional service at 8:00 a.m. in our air-conditioned Chapel and the blended service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. **Then on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. there will be a contemporary service in the air-conditioned Luther Hall. This Wednesday worship will begin on July 9 and continue for 6 more Wednesdays concluding on August 20.** We are asking for volunteers to assist with this Wednesday evening service. There are many ways you can participate: by performing in the band or singing in the choir; by reading the lesson; by helping to serve communion; by offering a faith reflection by providing altar flowers or by providing and serving refreshments. There will be a poster in Luther Hall for sign up and a website for those who would like to sign up electronically. Here is the site: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054faca72daafd0-worship>. We hope you will take advantage of this mid week opportunity to worship especially if you cannot attend on Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you at worship this summer in celebration of our Lord's presence, love, and grace.

Summer Worship

Three Opportunities to Worship Each Week:

8:00 a.m. Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, starting July 9!

"God is good, so much!"

-A quote from a child at Emanuel





Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays, 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Sundays, 10:00 a.m. in the Church

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. in Luther Hall
(starting July 9!)



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<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,

We'd like your help. As a result of a motion passed at the annual meeting, **a small group of us is researching "thriving" churches.** We are trying to understand what are common characteristics of churches that are effective and faithful in doing ministry. Here's where you come in. This summer, find some people who are actively involved in churches and ask them: why do they go, what draws them to that church, what is it about that church that encourages them to participate and, as a result, find meaningful engagement and involvement? That is, what makes a church "thrive?" Don't be embarrassed asking these kinds of questions. If you'd like, just blame it on us, tell people your church is asking you to do this. Your research will be helpful to us at Emanuel as we seek to understand how Emanuel can grow into God's future.

During this month of July, we'll experience some more "comings and goings." **On Sunday, July 20, we will bid farewell and Godspeed to our intern, Jane Mountain and her husband, Chuck.** It certainly will be sad to see Vicar Jane and Chuck leave, but this is the nature of the intern program. Interns usually serve for a period of one year and then either return to the seminary or become available for a call to serve a congregation. Vicar Jane will be returning to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg for one more year of course work, before her

availability for call. It has been a blessing for Emanuel to have had Jane Mountain serve as our intern this past year. I've enjoyed our partnership in ministry and know that you have, too. God's continued blessings for Jane and Chuck as they move on from Emanuel.

During July, we will also receive our new intern for the coming year. Dominic Smyth (pronounced "Smith") and his wife, Success, will arrive in mid-July after Dominic completes a month of service at Fort Knox.

Vicar Dominic will begin his ministry here at Emanuel with us on Monday, July 28. He and Success will live in the third floor apartment of the church-owned building on Hungerford Street. Please welcome and greet Dominic and Success to Emanuel.

Next month, I'll tell you about the Narrative Lectionary which we will begin using on Sunday, September 7.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Corgan

P.S. Don't forget—throughout the summer, every Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (July 9 - August 20)—We worship together as God's people!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

College Graduates

Erik Bloomquist graduated from Trinity College in May.

Cameron Ostafin graduated from Southern CT State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He was a Communications major, with a minor in Marketing/Advertising.

Lauren Ostafin graduated from Assumption College in Worcester, MA with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management.

*If your son or daughter is graduating this school year from High School, College, or Graduate School, please let the church office know! Call or email Karen in we'll put the graduate's name in the August issue of "God With Us," our monthly newsletter.
Phone: 860-525-0894
Email: office@emanuelhartford.org*

Camp Calumet Scholarships are available to youth who are members of Emanuel

Please contact the church office today for the \$100 scholarships available for youth, who are members of Emanuel, to attend Camp Calumet this summer. You may fill out the section marked "Camp Calumet Scholarships" on the blue "Welcome to Emanuel" insert on Sundays.

Prayer Friends Needed

by Natalie Bloomquist

Each student in Emanuel's Confirmation program 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.

There is no standard profile for 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.

Parents of Toddlers

If your child has or will turn three years of age in 2014, he or she may be ready to start Sunday School at Emanuel in September. Please contact Natalie Bloomquist at Natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org to learn more or to register your toddler.

The 100th Lucia DVD Set Now Available!

This two DVD set features both the 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. performances from this past year's memorable 100th Lucia Festival. You may purchase a set for \$10.00 by contacting Brian Lysik at 860-558-8214 or blysik@rc.com.

Harper Music Instruction Scholarship

Applications for funding for private music instruction for 2014-2015 are now being accepted. Each recipient receives \$150-\$200 per year to support private music instruction. The brief application can be found at <http://reuningscherer.net/harper/>. Applications are **due July 15, 2014**. If you have questions, please contact Jonathan Reuning-Scherer at jonathan.rs@emanuelhartford.org or call/text 860-906-8197.

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.

Please take a copy of the Tentative Calendar of 125th Anniversary Events, which is on aqua blue paper in the back of the church and in Luther Hall.

If you'd like to get involved with ideas or planning for this year's 125th Anniversary of Emanuel Lutheran Church please contact Judy Johnson at 860-953-3064 or rjmets@sbcglobal.net.



"Emanuel Seniors Together" Picnic Luncheon, Thursday, July 17!

This indoor picnic will be at 12:00 Noon in Luther Hall. Please sign up with Brook Nowak on Sundays in Luther Hall.



Farewell with Our Utmost Gratitude

Who could imagine when I came to Emanuel last August to begin a year of internship, that a year could go by so quickly? I can hardly believe that we will soon be saying goodbye to each other. My last Sunday at Emanuel is July 20. I've already said my farewells to a few people who have left Connecticut for the season, and I'm still getting questions about why I am leaving.

For seminarians training to become pastors, the internship year is often a highlight of the learning experience. It provides a safe setting in which to try out ideas and grow in pastoral skills. This has certainly been the case for me. You have welcomed me into your hearts and homes, and you have taught me what it means to be church in this place and time. You have let me try out the role of "future pastor" as your intern.

I can hardly believe that in a little less than three short weeks, Chuck and I will be packing up the truck to head back to Gettysburg for another two semesters at seminary. I eagerly look forward to finishing my theological education and completing the process of qualifying to become an ordained pastor in the ELCA. Many of you are asking what happens after that, but only God knows where I might be called to serve in the future.

You see, going to seminary and becoming a pastor is a great adventure. When Chuck and I left

Denver, we had the idea that we would return to a congregation there someday. But only a few weeks into seminary classes, I realized that God calls pastors through the church to serve wherever God may call. As in all of our lives as Christians, this God-adventure is a bit unpredictable. My calling is not to a specific place that I might have in mind. Rather, it is a call to the broader church in a place where God would have me serve.

In the meantime, part of this process is saying goodbye to all of you who have so faithfully shared my adventure. You have given me an outstanding experience and have welcomed me to New England and the Hartford area. You have generously allowed me to experiment and learn in your presence. You have encouraged me and allowed me into some of the deepest experiences of your lives as a church and as individuals. I will remember this year as a distinctive period of my life and education.

As we say our goodbye's, let's keep in mind your ministry to the church in training future pastors. This is such a vital ministry in the church and it requires that you "let go" of each intern as you send that person out into the world. You "let go" in order to welcome a new intern. Your next intern will not be like me. He will be his own person. He will not do things like I did, but will have his own ideas to try out. If you do not let go of me and send me out with your blessing, you will have difficulty receiving your next intern and becoming fully engaged in helping him become the "new" vicar.

And I must let go of you too and give you my blessing. If I do not do this, I will be unable to focus on the next step of my theological education. It makes me sad to even think about saying goodbye, but I knew when I

came nearly a year ago that the time for farewells would come sooner than I ever could imagine.

If I could name each one of you who has contributed to my education, there would not be space to do so, or—worse yet—I would inadvertently leave someone out. Instead I thank you all as:

- Emanuel Hartford congregation, its staff and friends
- Emanuel's Internship Committee, Pam Olson, Chairperson; Bruce and Linda Cutler, Karen Obadowski, Lee Sherman and Kathryn West
- Pastor Corgan, my supervisor, mentor and friend

I thank God that I have had this internship opportunity, and, sadly, I bid you farewell. Chuck and I both thank you all for welcoming us into your midst. We wish you the best as a congregation growing into the future in Christ's love.

Goodbye and blessings,
Vicar Jane

Moving Day for Vicar Jane and Chuck

How we would appreciate some help on our moving day! We pack the truck on **Saturday, July 19, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** If you are able to help us work and celebrate that day, please let me know by email jane.mountain@emanuelhartford.org or by phone 720.270.9633. Remember, many hands make light work.

Vicar Jane

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	2	3 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall No Bible Study for the summer No Choir Rehearsals for the summer	4 Church Office Closed in observance of Independence Day  Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	5 No SPROUT for the summer
6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion No Sunday School for the summer	7	8 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	9 7:00 pm: Service of Holy Communion in Luther Hall	10 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall No Bible Study for the summer No Choir Rehearsals for the summer	11 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	12 No SPROUT for the summer
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20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion At the 10 am service: Holy Baptism - Aubrey Sanchez Vicar Jane's last Sunday at Emanuel No Sunday School for the summer	21	22 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson 7 pm: Church Council Meeting in Luther Hall	23 7:00 pm: Service of Holy Communion in Luther Hall	24 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall No Bible Study for the summer No Choir Rehearsals for the summer	25 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	26 No SPROUT for the summer
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Children's Library News

The Children's Library is closed for the summer, please visit us in September!

Bible Readings

For the Month of July

July 6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson:
Zechariah 9:9–12
Psalm 145:8–14
2nd Lesson:
Romans 7:15–25a
Gospel:
Matthew 11:25–30

July 13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson:
Isaiah 55:10–13
Psalm 65:1–13
2nd Lesson:
Romans 8:1–11
Gospel:
Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

July 20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson:
Genesis 1:1–2:4a
Psalm 8
2nd Lesson:
2 Corinthians 13:11–13
Gospel: Matthew 28:16–20

July 27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson:
1 Kings 3:5–12
Psalm 119:129–136
2nd Lesson:
Romans 8:26–39
Gospel:
Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Anniversary News

A Huge Thank You!

Many thanks to Wendi and Dave Johnson, Mike and Jen Johnson and Becki and Peter Murphy, for the wonderful congregational picnic. When you see them, tell them how much you enjoyed the beautiful day.

The Anniversary Directory

The anniversary directory is very, very nice. It is the "happy book" of Emanuel! Even if your picture is not in the directory, you will definitely want one. They will be available in Luther Hall. If you are visiting a shut-in, please remember to take a directory (if appropriate - your call) and an anniversary magnet. If there

are any questions about the visitation, please check with Pastor Corgan, Pastor Marschhausen or Vicar Jane.

Looking Ahead

Senior Luncheon in July - new cookbook and "Taste of Emanuel" in the fall - Craft Fair - Bishop Hazelwood preaching - Anniversary Luncheon - a concert - history of Emanuel magazine and some more! What fun!

Have a wonderful and safe summer, but do not forget about attending church!

*Judy and Roland
Arlene and David*

Tentative Calendar of 125th Anniversary Events

July 17

Senior Luncheon, "Rejoicing"

August 31

Youth burying Time Capsule

September 28

Taste of Emanuel Coffee Hour

September 28

Anniversary Cookbook debut/sale

October 25

Annual Harvest Holly Craft Fair

October 26 - Reformation Day

Bishop Hazelwood preaching and Anniversary Luncheon

November 16

Recognition of those doing God's Work!

December 5

St. Lucia Festival and Reception

December

Senior Luncheon, "Reaching Out"

Anniversary Steering Committee

*Judy and Roland Johnson, Co-chair
Arlene and David Parmelee, Co-chair
Pete Larson, Treasurer
Ellen Anderson, Secretary
Eric Carlson
Judy Larson
Becki Murphy
Abby Stadlander
Scott Tibbo*



youth group news

From Ryan Clancy Coordinator of Youth Activities

Ryan's contact information:
rmclancy101@gmail.com or 207-
408-9935.



2015 ELCA Youth Gathering July 15 - 19, 2015

If you are interested in your son/
daughter attending the Gathering,
please contact Diane Durant at
860-953-4918 or via e-mail at
DDurant5@cox.net. We need to get
an estimate of youth interested in
attending the Gathering for planning
and fundraising purposes.

A special thank you note from "Faces of Homelessness:"

Dear Ryan,

Thank you so much for hosting an
event! It was great to be sharing
with a group who was so engaged.
The generosity of your church is also
top notch. We will definitely
remember you at the end of the
year due to your abundantly giving
hearts. At the end of the day you
have helped pay for food, laundry,
shoes, etc., in the lives of two people
and helped support educating,
empowering, and involving more
people around the state in the world
of homelessness. I wish you the best
of luck in your quest to educate
yourself and the youth on the
hurting in Hartford. CT is very glad
you decided to make the move. If
you need anything in the future, feel
free to use us as a resource.

-Login, *Faces of Homelessness*

From Vicar Jane Mountain *Meals for Recovery*

We currently have a family in our
congregation who needs meals due
to the mother's illness. If you are
able to take a meal to this family,
there are several ways to sign up:

- Call Vicar Jane at 720.270.9633
or email her at
jane.mountain@emanuelhartford.org
to schedule a day.
- Fill out the blue sheet on Sunday
and you will receive a call or email
from Vicar Jane.
- Go to [http://
www.takethemameal.com/
meals.php?t=RHQW3053](http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=RHQW3053) and sign
up to take the meal. You will find
all the information you need on
this easy-to-use website. There
are also easy recipes for you if
you don't know what to cook.

If you would like to provide a meal,
but are unable to deliver the meal or
cannot do so on the dates given, we
can make arrangements for you to
drop it at the church during the
week or on Sundays. Someone else
will deliver. Just let Vicar Jane know
by calling or emailing her using the
contact information in the first
bulleted item above.

Want to help but don't cook?

You can order a meal at [http://
www.takethemameal.com/
meals.php?t=RHQW3053](http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=RHQW3053), and it
will be shipped.

**We also are looking for a Meal
Coordinator. If you are interested
in helping in this way, please
contact Vicar Jane.**

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 July

Burton Anderson - July 4
Vera Birkmanis - July 5
Lanard Krause - July 7
Richard Johnson - July 8
Barbara Blakeslee - July 12
Barbara Erskine - July 15
Edward Glock - July 20
Irving Wilson - July 24
Ruth Jeanfaivre - July 27
Martha Ekwall - July 27
Lorraine McCann - July 28
Karl J. Berg - July 29
B. A. Johnson - July 31

Special Emanuel Anniversaries During July

Elizabeth and Lewellyn Anderson -
July 26, 56th
Ramona and Harlan Pergande -
July 30, 60th

The New England Synod Assembly - June 5-7, 2014

We were very honored to be elected as delegates to the New England Synod Assembly in Springfield and we want you to know that we had a most enriching experience. To be in the company of Lutherans from throughout New England and to learn of the exciting endeavors in which they have embarked was particularly educational. There were a total of 188 Clergy and 300 lay people in attendance as well as 70 visitors and guests at the 3 day event. Most importantly, though, it was a great opportunity to get to learn of Bishop James Hazelwood's thoughts and ideas on ways to "fix our churches" by becoming more externally focused. He noted "We need to join God in the neighborhood" which surrounds each church. Endeavors could include engaging community members in a variety of activities, not unlike the outreach work that is being done at Emanuel.

The speakers at the assembly included ELCA Representative Pastor Ruben Duran, who focused on the same theme as indicated above. He gave examples of outreach work that is being done by congregations and encouraged the assembly to "Think of 'church' in less building and worship centric ways." In encouraging congregations to give consideration to new endeavors he suggested "Change to offer an authentic encounter with God. . . in this day and age and into the future."

The keynote speaker for the event was Claudio Carvalhaes, Associate Professor of Worship and Liturgy at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Continuing on the same theme of looking outward he encouraged us, through our actions, to "Make faith much more meaningful. "

Scott Thumma, from the Hartford Seminary provided statistical data on the decreasing engagement of people in regular worship services and encouraged congregations to become "both innovative and contemporary."

There was a worship service "on the green" the first evening, modeled on *The Cathedral in the Night*, which was led by Pastor Stephanie Smith and Bishop James Hazelwood. The dinner on Friday evening was particularly meaningful as Holy Communion was shared during the meal.

There were acknowledgements of lengths of services of Pastors, votes on resolutions, a presentation of outreach endeavors to Latino families and numerous information booths provided at the assembly.

All in all, it was a most exciting and educational experience for both of us and we thank you all. (Additional information regarding the Assembly can be found at The New England Synod website.)

*Peace,
Glenna and Chet Brodnicki*

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.

"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 July, August, September

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. It is especially helpful to read the texts and reflections written for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week as they prepare the reader for the lessons and Gospel texts that will be read in worship that Sunday morning.

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!



**GOD doesn't go on vacation.
Please keep up your pledge.
Thank you.**

A special note from Eleanor Doyle, our Coffee Hour Coordinator:

Dear Friends at Emanuel Lutheran Church,

When I first started to coordinate the “Coffee Hour” schedule in September of 2009, there were quite a few members of our congregation I did not know, or did not know me.

Several times I had to refer to the church directory in order to contact someone scheduled for a specific “Coffee Hour.” It also worked in reverse. There were also times someone would call me and I would have no idea who I was talking to in the beginning of this very rewarding ministry. Today, I can thankfully put names and faces together and actually know who I am speaking with in church and on the telephone!

I cannot begin to tell you how fulfilling these past five years have been, simply because I have met and worked with so many wonderful people.

At this time I have decided to end my role as coordinator and hopefully another member of Emanuel Lutheran Church will serve in this capacity effective September 1, 2014.

I’m taking this opportunity to thank everyone who has been so kind and helpful during these past five years. I have been truly blessed to have met warm and caring individuals, and also develop new friendships.

My worship and personal experiences have enriched me because of you, and I have considered it a privilege and honor to have served as your “Coffee Hour” coordinator.

*Very sincerely,
Eleanor Doyle*



Coffee Hour Notes for July and August 2014

On Sunday, July 6, 2014, Rachid will help us celebrate Independence Day by providing a cake following the 10:00 a.m. service.

For the remaining Sundays in July and August, coffee and refreshing cold drinks will be served. There will be no formal coffee hour during those two months.

Congratulations to Emanuel member, Pat Meiser.

Pat Meiser, Athletic Director for the University of Hartford, was selected as the recipient of the DI-AAA Gary Cunningham Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is presented annually to an individual who, for a minimum of 15 years as an AD and 20 years overall, has contributed to intercollegiate athletics in such a manner as to bring honor to herself, her institution and the profession. The award, which was presented on June 9 in Orlando, FL, is the highest honor by the association. Meiser is retiring, effective July 31. “It is especially heartwarming to be honored by your peers across the country and particularly gratifying to be the first female recipient of such a prestigious honor,” Meiser said.

Many thanks to the many bakers that made cupcakes for the Sunday School Birthday Party on June 8, 2014. Thanks from the Coffee Hour Group!

Congratulations and God’s Blessings to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Deibel who were married at Emanuel on May 31, 2014.

The beautiful bride was Emanuel member Laura Kasmarzyk, daughter of Sue and Bill Kasmarzyk and granddaughter of Sue and Dick Johnson!

Baptized into God’s family on June 22, 2014.

Robert Timothy Johnson, son of **Jessica and Carl Johnson**. Robert was born on November 20, 2013. His godparents are Erica Buss and Scott Vautour. Proud grandfather is Bob Johnson. The water carrier for the baptism was Kylie Hazard. Congratulations to the newly baptized and his family!

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



Council Highlights

May 27, 2014

Church Council Meeting Highlights

For devotions, Vicar Jane Mountain shared a Psalm about sailing and how the Lord calms the sea of our lives.

The minutes of the April 29, 2014 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

Senior Pastor's report: With Ryan Clancy's upcoming departure, the executive committee will be considering staffing, specifically the open youth coordinator position, with an eye toward both short term and long term needs. The Thriving Churches Committee will provide a report at the June meeting.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Marschhausen presented the 2014 income and expense report to date. They are both right on schedule. A question about the use of Lenten envelopes will be referred to the Stewardship Committee.

Where Are We Going? Pastor Corgan recently spoke with Jeff Kjellberg, president of Kairos and Associates. A specific consultant has been recommended for Emanuel, and arrangements will be made for this person to come meet Council and other interested members. Pastor initiated a discussion by asking "What is the future of the inner city church?" Council needs to think creatively about why people will come to Emanuel into the future. Chet Brodnicki and Mark Hollertz shared information from a recently attended Kairos webinar on giving patterns of the millennial generation. Eric Carlson reflected on his visit to Church of the Living God in Manchester. Other Council members shared their thoughts and experiences about what may attract new members. Further discussion is planned for the June meeting.

Camp Calumet Presentation: After discussion, it was agreed that instead of referring Knute Ogren's Calumet funding requests to the Sandberg Mission Endowment spending team, these requests will be considered as the budget is developed for the next year. Calumet is currently funded as a benevolence line item in the operating budget, which is then supported by the Sandberg Fund. This year \$18,035 is left for the spending team to recommend for funding other requests. Discussion followed on the need to review and articulate our mission philosophy. It was also noted that Council should look at current benevolence support line items next month in preparation for 2015 budget planning.

Accessibility Building Committee Update: The committee narrowed the list of potential architectural firms to three who were each interviewed on 5-6-14. There was a unanimous decision to hire one firm - to be announced at the next Council meeting. The selected architect has also suggested a professional resource for pursuing historic preservation grants which could potentially cover payment of the architect and engineering fees; this will be investigated further.

Remainder Fund Discussion: Two projects, organ refurbishment and stained glass windows, were approved at the May 18, 2014 Congregational Meeting. Jonathan Reuning-Scherer is waiting for the additional organ refurbishment proposals and after selection, scheduling and logistics will be coordinated. On the window project, Stained Glass Resources Inc. has checked their studio schedule and it is expected that the windows will be removed in mid to late July with a completion date before Reformation Sunday in October of this year.

Pastor Corgan also shared a document explaining the difference in the Remainder Fund balance as

reported in the 2013 Annual Report (\$471,694) versus the actual amount (\$456,548). Earnings from the base endowment account holdings were incorrectly applied to the Remainder Fund. A short explanation is planned for the next issue of God with Us.

Property Committee Update: The large crack in the north wall in the balcony was looked at by Joseph Gnazzo Company, the restoration company who did Emanuel's steeples and has also done repair work since then. Macchi Engineers, who also was involved on the steeple project, will be contacted to review the issue. A more in-depth review is needed as the extent and severity of this issue are unknown at this point.

Upcoming Council meeting: Tuesday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m.

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.



Hands on Hartford thanks Emanuel for its recent monthly donation of \$916.66. They say in their letter that Hands on Hartford wouldn't be possible without Emanuel's continued support and they are grateful to be involved with us, a "well-regarded, Hartford institution." They extend their congratulations on our 125th (anniversary) year!



Luther Hall. If you have any questions, please e-mail Terri Dwyer at terri.dwyer@comcast.net.

Volunteer Opportunities on Sundays

If you are interested in volunteering to be a Coffee Hour Host, Greeter or Lector, please contact the coordinators below.

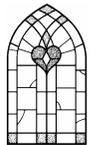
Coffee Hour Hosts: Eleanor Doyle, 860-561-1582 (contact until September)

Greeters: Eileen Mitchell, 860-688-4867 or gemitch@comcast.net

Lectors: Lynn Sherman, 860-523-1702

Thank you Eleanor, Eileen and Lynn for your service to these important ministries.

In Memoriam



Vera Grabowski died on June 8, 2014.

Angel Perez died on June 16, 2014.

Lorraine Anderson died on June 18, 2014.

May the comfort and hope of the resurrection be with the family and friends of these saints.



Church by the Pond

Come join, or volunteer, with Emanuel at **Church by the Pond, on Saturday, August 23 at 2:00 p.m.** Emanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting a worship service and providing a bag lunch. Volunteers are needed to help shop for food and prepare and serve bagged lunches for about 80 homeless people who will attend the service that day. It is a wonderful opportunity to help the struggling citizens of Hartford, as well as a great opportunity to do some of God's work outdoors. All are welcome to attend and/or volunteer. Please contact Yvonne Gardner by email at swaney64@hotmail.com for more information.



Brighten someone's day by taking our beautiful altar flowers to them!

Each Sunday after the late service, we try to make arrangements for the delivery of the altar flowers to our hospitalized and/or shut-in members. Claudia Bellis and Brook Nowak do a great job with our flower ministry. If you'd be willing to help on a Sunday with a delivery, please look for Claudia or Brook in or near the Luther Hall kitchen. Thanks. You'll surely brighten someone's day!

Summer Collection for "Church by the Pond"

Many of you are familiar with "Church by the Pond" which is held each Saturday, rain or shine, at Bushnell Park. It is a church service and lunch for the homeless and working poor. Emanuel has participated in it several times, and we are scheduled for August again this year. Many of you were here during the Lenten service when Don Richey from Christ Church Cathedral spoke about the program.

The organizers of this program have several ongoing needs, and we were hoping that Emanuel could help them out. We will have a summer collection of the following men's items. They could use a few size medium, but mostly large and extra large:

White socks – new

Boxer shorts – new

Undershirts – new

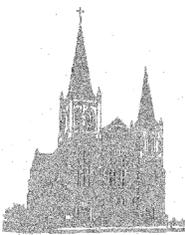
T-shirts – new and gently used, laundered and clean

Deodorant

Backpacks – new and used. Please remember this collection when your children finish school this year.

Donations will continue all summer and can be placed in the bin marked "Church by the Pond" down in

Gifts and talents of Emanuel's staff and members reach beyond our congregational borders to share in new ways our wealth of faith - 1978



by John Starkes

It seems that a true gift of the Spirit in faith and talents within our congregation has come alive in so many ways to spread the word and gifts of the holy spirit beyond the borders of Hartford. It's about as if we've realized the package of meaningful worship and joy within our church for the Hartford area. Now let it flow outward beyond our borders to share the gifts we have in the congregation that can be as fruits of joy to spill out of our basket God in Christ has so generously given us.

But let us remember a little of our community to start, the night the roof of our new Civic Center in downtown Hartford collapsed from the weight of ice, wet snow, and water following a storm that evening. All this occurred not long after a sporting event had been played in the stadium filled with fans; nobody was hurt, but the building was destroyed. As I drove by on I-84 headed for my job that morning it looked like a 747 airliner had crashed in the city.

The children of our Sunday School were participating in the Heifer Project for Lent, this time saving money for rabbits that would be used for breeding purposes, the results to bring a source of food and clothing to poor villages beyond.

The Lutheran Seminary Choir of Philadelphia directed by Dr. Robert Bornemann presented a concert at Emanuel, there were 55 members for us to enjoy. And the director of Hartford's Center City Churches, Rev. David S. King resigned after 8 years of service for the churches.

After Easter, the "Strength for Emanuel" established their goal for 1978, a priority of \$175,000 giving a special added committed share for the "Strength of Missions" program of the LCA over the regular benevolence of the Synod. Among those requested amounts was funding for Emanuel's stained glass windows, badly in need of repair and restoration. To emphasize his goals, Pastor Stadlander stated, "I cannot imagine a group of people with whom I feel more comfortable than I do with the people of Emanuel. Time and time again they have proven themselves in a variety of ways." At that point the campaign had passed the \$95,000 mark of the goal of \$100,000 goal contributed just by the members!

Onward with Emanuel's year - 1978, the Emanuel Choir's "Pops Night" concert presented tunes from "Music Man," and Pastor Emeritus Stanley Sandberg was also out for running the Center City Churches.

At this writing Emanuel is working on a special Christian ministry of caring for those struggling with loss and pain called *Stephen Ministries* - Caregivers. But looking back to 1978, our new Assistant Minister, Pastor Powers was developing something even more involved with sick and aging members of Emanuel called "Caring Ministries," a new program of faith that enabled lay members of our church to gain the skills of caring visitations to other members of our church facing difficulties in health, loss, and aged loneliness in their homes, at facilities for the aged, and hospitalized visitations where possible. Following a good period of training, the Caring Ministry visitors would have their assignments for on-going visits, and to report these to their coordinator of the CM staff leaders. Their findings would reach Emanuel's Pastors for follow-ups of value where necessary. The visitors would be responsible to their coordinators of the Caring Ministry cabinet of ten persons as leaders to report their findings to the Pastor. The Caring Ministries program was frequently updated by the Pastors for new church members looking for visits. The Caring Ministries cabinet of ten were selected by age, interest and experience in visitations that would be reported to the pastors after each visit. Caring Ministries was very successful and kept on for several years after Pastor Powers moved on.

What else could we add to this great year of our Emanuel? We enjoyed David Harper, our organist, every evening on Radio WJMJ-FM of the Archdiocese of Hartford - wonderful classical recordings of music; and Pastor Stadlander joined in on Sunday morning with a meditation for David's Festival of Sacred Song at 9:00 a.m. This programming would continue for many years!

Emanuel's music also enjoyed the wonderful voice of a tenor soloist, Allan Nelson, who presented a recital of music from the masters, Handel, Bach, Bizet and Grieg. Emanuel's Choir sang at the Thomaston Opera House as part of The 85th Anniversary of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Towards the end of the year, Emanuel's Lucia Pageant was presented in New York City's new St. Peter's Church in Manhattan, preceded by an organ recital by David Harper. Finally, the property of 21-23 Hungerford Street was purchased by Emanuel. We'll hear more of that next time!

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

Serving in July

Acolytes

July 6	Savion Jennings
July 13	Joel Reuning-Scherer
July 20	Jennie Livingston
July 27	Luke Johnson

Altar Flowers

July 6	Open
July 13	Open
July 20	In memory of Allan Anderson, long-time member of Emanuel. He would have been 104 years old on July 25. Allan lived a long life and loved Emanuel. Flowers are given by Nancy Johnson, his daughter.
July 27	Open

Assisting Ministers

July 6	Alan Meeds
July 13	Janice Favreau
July 20	Alan Meeds
July 27	Malcolm Doyle

Childcare in the Nursery

July 6	Open
July 13	Open
July 20	Open
July 27	Open

Children's Library

Closed for the summer

Coffee Hour

July 6	<i>Independence Day</i> - Rachid Chelali
Please note:	For the rest of July and August there will not be a formal coffee hour, however, coffee and cold drinks will be served.

Communion Preparers

July 6	Open
July 13	Open
July 20	Open
July 27	Open

Communion Servers

July 6	Open
July 13	Open
July 20	Open
July 27	Open

Greeters

July 6	Michael and Celine Coons
July 13	Barbara Erskine
July 20	Doug and Jan Larson
July 27	Gary and Natalie Bloomquist

Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

July 6	Becky Thomas
July 13	Kathy Haller
July 20	Carol Dennler
July 27	Randy Olson

Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

July 6	Alan Meeds and Lee Sherman
July 13	Janice Favreau and Roland Johnson
July 20	Natalie and Gary Bloomquist
July 27	Glenna and Chet Brodnicki

Sound and Recording

July 6	Mal Doyle
July 13	Mal Doyle
July 20	Tyler Gabriel
July 27	Jeff Potter

Ushers

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



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.

Today's Date: _____

Date for Flowers: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

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

No summer session - new session will begin
in September 2014