

# GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford

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## *Fellowship Time!*

Please see page 3 for details.



## Sunday Worship Schedule

July 5 - September 6

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in Luther Hall

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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  
Christian education,

**Encourage and support one another**  
in Christian living and fellowship.

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## From Pastor Corgan

Dear Friends in Christ,

A billboard near Waterbury has a photo of a newborn baby's face and the caption "there is evidence of God." What's your take on that - **Is a newborn evidence of God?**

Certainly, one aspect of the "God" question is to consider the source of life - yours/mine/ours/all humans/the whole universe and beyond! Where do you think/believe we've come from anyway? Are we part of a progression of life that sprung from nothingness, sort of, accidents of history or, are we here and do we exist because of a creator, a source of life? No doubt, this is one of the mind-boggling questions we humans all face in life. And, this "really big" question stands before each of us and will not go away. **From where have we come?** How do you answer this? Certainly, people, since the beginning, throughout the ages and to this day, have responded in many and various ways.

As you may know, Deborah and I are recent grandparents to **Giorgio Giovanni Pellerito**, son of our daughter, Katharine, and her husband, Vito, born June 6 in Harrisonburg, VA. For me, in a most personal way, Giorgio's birth and very existence, speak to this "God" question of life. Seeing and holding this precious newborn, I realized once again that, **for me, it's impossible not to see right there the wonder and miracle of life!** Looking into the eyes of this little one, I found myself drawn once again and inexorably into the realm of our Creator, the Giver of life, drawn to the One who stands behind this and every newborn's existence and to the One who is the source of the innate love and joy that I experienced that day in the presence of such a wonder. I am not trying to make the case that this is necessarily true for

you/everyone, but rather that it is for me, for my experience. I do wonder, however: what is your reaction to, your experience in the presence of new life, in the presence of a living, breathing, feeling, thinking, smiling, frowning. . . little one?



*Giorgio Giovanni Pellerito, new grandson to Pastor John Corgan and Deborah Nye-Corgan.*

The testimony of scripture of a Creator, of Jesus as the Author and Giver of life, the One "through whom all things were made," and the testimony of so many, over the years, who have marveled at the mystery and wonder of life in a newborn, all of this resonates so very well with my experience; maybe yours, too? At such a time, it is clear to me that all of our explanations pale in the face of simple and profound praise:

**Thanks be to God for life and breath, for the wonder of the human experience.**

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Corgan



**"You will not be alone."  
Sunday, July 19, 6:00 p.m.  
in Luther Hall**

Save that date! This will be an evening for **all ages** to come together and enjoy fellowship and a movie!

We'll transform Luther Hall into a tropical island, pop some popcorn, and watch "Nim's Island," starring Abigail Breslin, Jodie Foster, and Gerard Butler, on our big TV screen.

Why? Because it will be a lot of fun! And because the adventures of these plucky characters (both human and animal) tell us a lot about God's amazing love and how it gives us the courage to live life.



## *Fellowship Time!*

Join us at Peter and Becki Murphy's home in West Hartford for a time of "Gathering & Fellowship" on **July 26**. There's no need to bring anything but yourselves! Refreshments will be served. Please sign-up with Becki Murphy at [becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org), or Vicar Dominic at [dominic.smyth@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:dominic.smyth@emanuelhartford.org), or call 860-525-0894.

**WHERE:** At the home of Peter and Becki Murphy  
**WHEN:** Sunday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m.  
**WHY:** ELC Fellowship Evening Out

## You're Invited - Emanuel Conversation with Pastor Corgan!

Please join me and others for conversation, coffee and goodies on **Wednesday, July 1, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the air-conditioned comfort of Luther Hall.**

The topic of discussion will be our church and our future together. I'm eager to listen as you and others identify strengths and weaknesses of Emanuel as well as your hopes and dreams for our congregation. I'll be sharing some features of Vision 2020 and asking for your on-going support for Emanuel.

Please feel free to bring the whole family. We want to and need to hear from young and old and everyone in-between.

You may sign up on the sheet in Luther Hall or email Becki Murphy at [becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org)

Thanks, Pastor Corgan

P.S. If I have not yet visited with you, as part of my every member visitation, your attending this session will take the place of a visit. If you and I have already met, please know that you're most welcome to attend this Wednesday session.

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## Help Keep the Outside of our Church Attractive and Welcoming.

This year will be a real challenge with all the construction going on. During the past few years a few people get together on Tuesdays and plant the gardens, weed and generally pick up trash. A commitment of a couple hours a week is all it takes. If you are not retired, you could do it on Saturday. Our small group is dealing with health issues, but we are willing to show you what to do. For further information call **Bernie Johnson 860-649-6661.**



From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.  
Psalm 113:3

## We are inviting families and the whole Emanuel faith community to share via our Facebook page and on Instagram and in Luther Hall

all those places and times you have witnessed God at work in the world. As Psalm 113, verse 3 reminds us: All day, every day, wherever we are, we praise God. The summer brings special opportunities to find God at work in ways we might miss during our busy schedules. God is so great! What are all the ways God is so great and how many different ways can we express how great God is? If you go to the beach, to a park, to a museum, to the library, to a farm, to visit family – all the fun things we do during the summer, you will see God at work. You may see God at work in the sunrise or in the sunset. But remember also, we are Christ's hands on this earth and Psalm 113 reminds us that God is to be praised for doing wonderful things on behalf of those who are in need. Where this summer will you see God's children serving and loving others? Share what you see and what you experience. Photos, drawings, poems, stories – anything that helps us praise God.

It's going to be great!

## Parents of Toddlers

If your child has or will turn three years of age in 2015, he or she may be ready to start Sunday School at Emanuel. Please contact Natalie Bloomquist at [Natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:Natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org) to learn more or to register your toddler.

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## Congratulations to Sue and Dick Johnson!

God's continued blessings to Susan and Richard Johnson who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, June 24. The month of June also marked their 65th college graduation anniversary. Both Sue and Dick graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1950. In thanksgiving for God's many blessings over these sixty-five years, the Johnsons have made a special financial contribution to Emanuel. Congratulations and thanks be to God!

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## 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 as we move into the spring months, 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*

## **New Baby!**

Congratulations and God's blessings to Katharine Nye Corgan and Vito Pellerito on the birth of their first child, a son, Giorgio Giovanni Pellerito. Giorgio was born on June 6, 2015 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He's 7 lbs., 14 oz. and 20 inches in length.

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## **The Antique Quilt was on display in Luther Hall on May 24**

This beautiful, antique quilt was found in the tunnel cabinets of Emanuel and sewn into its squares are the names of the members of the congregation from that time. A list of the names is available in the church office. It is hoped that you will find a name that is familiar. Please contact Judy Johnson and Linnea Liljedahl if you have any information or questions about the quilt.

## **Rite of Affirmation of Baptism**

On Sunday, May 31 we rejoiced with six youth of Emanuel who publicly affirmed the faith in which they were baptized. Our gracious God, through water and the Spirit, made these young men and women God's own, forgave them of their sins and brought them to newness of life. Pray God's blessings upon each of these young lives as together they grow in faith and love of God and assume greater responsibility in the life of this Christian community.

**Kelly Lynn Caldwell**  
**Maire Linnea Hollertz**  
**Luke Richard Johnson**  
**Jennie Brianna Livingston-Michael**  
**Joel David Reuning-Scherer**  
**Alycia Denaya St. John**

We give thanks for the following **Prayer Friends** for this year's Confirmands:

**Terri Dwyer for Kelly**  
**Lynn Sherman for Maire**  
**Dick Allison for Luke**  
**Bob and Rosie Vojtek for Jennie**  
**Joan Feldmann for Joel**  
**Becky Thomas for Alycia**

We give thanks for the following **Teachers** for this year's Confirmands:

**Natalie Bloomquist, A.I.M.**  
**Pastor John Corgan**  
**Vicar Dominic Smyth**



*From left to right in the foreground of the photo: Emanuel Confirmands - Joel Reuning-Scherer, Luke Johnson, Kelly Caldwell, Jennie Livingston-Michael, and Alycia St. John. Unfortunately, confirmand Maire Hollertz was unable to attend due to illness, so she is not in this picture. In the background, from left to right, are Pastor Corgan; Natalie Bloomquist, Director of Christian Education; and Vicar Dominic Smyth.*

**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
- Allan Urban - July 23
- Irving Wilson - July 24
- Martha Ekwall - July 27
- Ruth Jeanfaivre - July 27
- Lorraine McCann - July 28
- B. A. Johnson - July 31

**Special Emanuel Anniversaries During July**

- Elizabeth and Lewellyn Anderson - July 26, 57th
- Ramona and Harlan Pergande - July 30, 61st

**We Need Volunteers for Two Positions**

- Coordinator(s) of Coffee Hour
- Coordinator(s) of MANNA Meals (Please see page 12 for details.)

Please see Pastor Corgan if you are willing to help.



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

**Education Ministry to Children**

On Sunday, June 7, we celebrated and gave thanks to God for Emanuel's educational ministry with our children.

We thanked our dedicated teachers for answering the call to serve in educational ministry and giving of themselves to help our children learn about God's love. And we thanked the classroom aides for modeling Christian service by playing, assisting, comforting and sharing their faith with Emanuel's children.

**Teachers**

PreSchool - Kindergarten

Jim Flanders, Elizabeth Kieschnick, Brian Lysik, Becki Murphy

Grades 1 and 1

Natalie Fulmer, Hilarie Orton

Grades 3 and 4

Kathleen Graulich, Shannon Graulich, Deepak Pedada, Mrudula Pedada

Grade 5

Linnea Bloomquist, Jonathan Fairchild

**Aides**

PreSchool - Kindergarten

Lindsey Anderson, Allyson Graulich, Samantha Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, Rebekah Strand, Deirdre Volk

Grades 1 and 2

Lindsay Altschuler, Kelsey Anderson, Matthew Graulich

Grades 3 and 4

Jacob Johnson, Matthew Kloss, Rhiannon Kiersznowski, Lindsay Varney

Grade 5

Toby Hollertz

We are especially grateful to our graduating seniors for their years of service to Emanuel's educational ministry: Kathleen, Kelsey, Toby, Rebecca, Rebekah, Deirdre. We pray blessings upon them as they use their gifts and talents in this exciting next stage of life.

**Thank you, Teachers and Aides!**



**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**

**High School Graduates**

**Kelsey Anderson** graduated from Glastonbury High School. Kelsey is a National Honor Society Member. She will be attending Stonehill College in Easton, MA this fall.

**Toby Hollertz** graduated from Conard High School in West Hartford. He will be attending Juniata College in PA this fall.

**Rebecca Rose Johnson** graduated from Wethersfield High School. Rebecca is an honor student and will be attending Stonehill College in Easton, MA this fall.

**College Graduates**

**Michael Dwyer** graduated from Providence College in May with a degree in Economics. He was also Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He reported for duty at Fort Benning, GA on June 7, 2015.

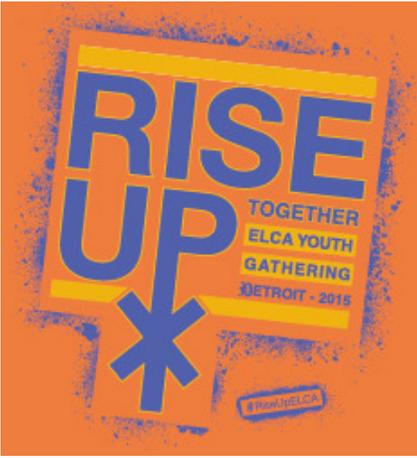
**Tyler C. Gabriel** graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, in May. He received his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, with honors. In the fall, he will continue his education with the Master's degree program at Stevens Institute of Technology.

**Margaret Liljedahl** graduated from the University of Vermont. She has earned the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Science with a minor in Spanish.

**Graduate School**

**Eric Caracuzzi** graduated from UCONN Graduate School on May 9, 2015 with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|
|    |   |  | <b>1</b><br>7 - 8 pm:<br><b>Emanuel</b><br><b>Conversation</b><br><b>with Pastor</b><br><b>Corgan in</b><br><b>Luther Hall</b> | <b>2</b><br>9:30 am: Crafty<br>Painters, Luther Hall<br><br>No Prayer Shawl<br>Ministry<br><br><b>"Bible</b><br><b>Conversation"</b><br><b>will not meet for</b><br><b>the summer</b><br><br><b>No Choir Rehearsal</b><br><b>(for the summer)</b>        | <b>3</b><br>Friday Night Program<br>3:30 - 9:00 pm<br><br><b>Church Office closed</b><br><b>in observance of</b><br><b>Independence Day</b>   | <b>4</b><br>No SPROUT for the<br>summer<br><br>Happy 4th of July!<br><br> |
|  | <b>5</b><br><b>Sixth Sunday after</b><br><b>Pentecost</b><br><br><b>Services of Holy</b><br><b>Communion:</b><br><b>8 am in Chapel</b><br><b>10 am in Luther Hall</b><br><br><b>11:20 am: "Sunday</b><br><b>Conversation" in the</b><br><b>Sandberg Library</b> | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br>10 am: Tuesday Crafters<br>at the home of Judy<br>Johnson  | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b><br>9:30 am: Crafty<br>Painters, Luther Hall<br><br>No Prayer Shawl<br>Ministry<br><br><b>"Bible</b><br><b>Conversation"</b><br><b>will not meet for</b><br><b>the summer</b><br><br><b>No Choir Rehearsal</b><br><b>(for the summer)</b> | <b>10</b><br>Friday Night Program<br>3:30 - 9:00 pm  |
| <b>12</b><br><b>Seventh Sunday after</b><br><b>Pentecost</b><br><br><b>Services of the Word:</b><br><b>8 am in Chapel</b><br><b>10 am in Luther Hall</b><br><br><b>11:20 am: "Sunday</b><br><b>Conversation" in the</b><br><b>Sandberg Library</b>   | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b><br>10 am: Tuesday Crafters<br>at the home of Judy<br>Johnson   | <b>15</b><br><b>Deadline for</b><br><b>"God With Us"</b>   | <b>16</b><br>9:30 am: Crafty<br>Painters, Luther Hall<br><br>No Prayer Shawl<br>Ministry<br><br><b>"Bible</b><br><b>Conversation"</b><br><b>will not meet for</b><br><b>the summer</b><br><br><b>No Choir Rehearsal</b><br><b>(for the summer)</b>       | <b>17</b><br>Friday Night Program<br>3:30 - 9:00 pm   | <b>18</b><br>No SPROUT for the<br>summer   |
| <b>National Youth Gathering in Detroit, July 15 - 19</b>   |   |  |  |  |   |  |
| <b>19</b><br><b>Eighth Sunday after</b><br><b>Pentecost</b><br><br><b>Services of Holy</b><br><b>Communion:</b><br><b>8 am in Chapel</b><br><b>10 am in Luther Hall</b><br><br><b>11:20 am: "Sunday</b><br><b>Conversation" in the</b><br><b>Sandberg Library</b><br><br>Youth arrive home from<br>Youth Gathering<br><br>6 pm: "Nim's Island" movie<br>in Luther Hall | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b><br>9:30 am: Staff Meeting<br><br>10 am: Tuesday Crafters<br>at the home of Judy<br>Johnson<br><br>7 pm: Executive<br>Committee Meeting                 | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br>9:30 am: Crafty<br>Painters, Luther Hall<br><br>9:30 am: Prayer<br>Shawl Ministry<br><br><b>"Bible</b><br><b>Conversation"</b><br><b>will not meet for</b><br><b>the summer</b><br><br><b>No Choir Rehearsal</b><br><b>(for the summer)</b> | <b>24</b><br>Friday Night Program<br>3:30 - 9:00 pm   | <b>25</b><br>No SPROUT for the<br>summer   |
| <b>26</b><br><b>Ninth Sunday after</b><br><b>Pentecost</b><br><br><b>Services of Holy</b><br><b>Communion:</b><br><b>8 am in Chapel</b><br><b>10 am in Luther Hall</b><br><br><b>11:20 am: "Sunday</b><br><b>Conversation" in the</b><br><b>Sandberg Library</b><br><br>7:30 pm: ELC Fellowship<br>Evening Out at the home of<br>Peter and Becki<br>Murphy             | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b><br>9:30 am: Staff Meeting<br><br>10 am: Tuesday Crafters<br>at the home of Judy<br>Johnson<br><br><b>7 pm: Church Council</b><br><b>in Luther Hall</b> | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>9:30 am: Crafty<br>Painters, Luther Hall<br><br>No Prayer Shawl<br>Ministry<br><br><b>"Bible</b><br><b>Conversation"</b><br><b>will not meet for</b><br><b>the summer</b><br><br><b>No Choir Rehearsal</b><br><b>(for the summer)</b>       | <b>31</b><br>Friday Night Program<br>3:30 - 9:00 pm   |  |



### **National Youth Gathering – How You Can Participate!**

During the few weeks, before the National Youth Gathering, our youth will be collecting cash donations to purchase disposable diapers and non-perishable food, two needs that local leaders from our sister organizations, like Lutheran Social Services, tell us are badly needed in Detroit. Please bring your loose change, and bills, small and large. You can also participate by following us on Emanuel’s Facebook, July 15 - 19! If you have any questions, or want to make a donation, please call Mark Hollertz at 860-462-7818.



**Hands on Hartford** thanks Emanuel for its monthly donation of \$916.66 to help support our neighbors in need. This gift will help change lives in Hartford.

**Please note: In the next issue of “God With Us,” we’ll repeat the list of names of our graduates, so if your son or daughter has graduated this school year from High School, College, or Graduate School, please let the church office know and we’ll add him or her to the list!**

Call or e-mail Karen in the church office.  
Phone: 860-525-0894  
Email: [office@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:office@emanuelhartford.org)

### **Volunteers Needed for SPROUT’s Third Year**

SPROUT, our Saturday morning program had a successful second year. The 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. Our attendance has continued to average 18-22 children in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade each week. Our program stopped for the summer on June 20. Next year we would like to continue SPROUT, starting again on September 26.

To continue the program into the next school year we need volunteers. If you haven’t participated in SPROUT before but are interested, we can use you. The commitment is approximately two hours every five weeks. Our most pressing need is helpers in the gym to coordinate the active games. We could also use bakers to make homemade cookies and brownies for the lunches; registration people to check the children in; cooks and a clean-up crew in the kitchen; and shoppers to purchase the groceries.

It has been a rewarding two years. The children love coming to the program and enjoy both the active

play in the gym and the good food. If you would like to help out next year please call Terri Dwyer at (860) 521-0714 or e-mail her at [terri.dwyer@comcast.net](mailto:terri.dwyer@comcast.net).

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### **Harper Music Instruction Scholarship**

Applications for funding for private music instruction for 2015-2016 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, 2015**. If you have questions, please contact Jonathan Reuning-Scherer at [jonathan.rs@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:jonathan.rs@emanuelhartford.org) or call/text 860-906-8197.

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## **Bible Readings**

### **For the Month of July**

**July 5:**  
**Sixth Sunday of Pentecost**  
“Praise and Trust”  
Psalm 146  
Luke 7:18-23

**July 12:**  
**Seventh Sunday of Pentecost**  
“Trust and Honor God”  
Proverbs 1:1-7, 3:1-8

**July 19:**  
**Eighth Sunday of Pentecost**  
“The Gifts of Wisdom”  
Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36

**July 26:**  
**Ninth Sunday of Pentecost**  
“For Everything There is a Season”  
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17

## Council Highlights

May 2015

### Church Council Highlights

Council President Mark Hopper called the meeting to order and Vicar Dominic led devotions on Psalm 1. The minutes of the April 28, 2015 Council meeting were accepted unanimously without discussion.

**Senior Pastor's Report** - Pastor Corgan asked for prayers for Pastor Augustus Sealy and the people of the First Church of the Nazarene, Capitol Avenue in Hartford where Pastor Sealy was shot as he placed flags outside his church in honor of Memorial Day. Pastor Corgan provided the following updates:

- Jane Wunder has begun work in the new staff role of Operations Manager. Becki Murphy will begin working as Coordinator of Ministries shortly. Planning for the transition of Vicar Dominic to Emanuel's Ministerial Assistant has begun.
- Doug Larson is the new chair of the Worship & Music Committee.
- Sunday worship in July, August, and on Labor Day will be held in Luther Hall. There will be no Wednesday night service this summer.
- He thanked Natalie Bloomquist for leading the confirmation classes this year using a new format with parents attending and participating in the conversations.
- The upcoming Town Hall Meeting will provide updates on the Thriving Churches Committee, Stained Glass Window project, North wall condition and repairs,

Building Committee, organ restoration, and the transition of Vicar Dominic to Ministerial Assistant.

**Treasurer's report** - Treasurer Marschhausen presented the April and year-to-date financials in the new format. Income is good and expenses are in line.

**Where are We Going?** - Pastor Corgan reflected on the current religious landscape and the need to seriously, creatively consider what it means to be the church and how to do God's work in this environment. Discussion covered various ideas and also examples of what other churches are doing successfully. How far are we at Emanuel willing to go to experiment with other options? Pastor Corgan noted that our Bishop encourages change. This important discussion will continue at future meetings.

**Council Resignation** - President Hopper notified Council of Jane Wunder's resignation from both the Executive Committee and Council due to joining Emanuel's staff. Council unanimously approved the Executive Committee's recommendation that Chet Brodnicki replace Jane as Vice President. Mindy Olson was then nominated and unanimously approved to become the second at-large member on Executive Committee.

**Stewardship Committee** - Chet Brodnicki reported on stewardship activities. He noted that Bishop Hazelwood will be at Emanuel for a stewardship event on October 15. The Pledge update as of the end of April is \$436,864, up very slightly from last year. Various methods of giving, including electronic giving, are being investigated.

**Finance Committee** - Treasurer Marschhausen reported that the Finance Committee met and had very productive discussions regarding policy and process under the new accounting system.

**Investment Committee** - Bobbee Canfield reported on first quarter investment earnings and steps the committee is taking to maximize performance. The Committee has already met with Vanguard (manages the Modeen Scholarship money) and will meet with the other fund managers (Merrill Lynch and Fidelity) for annual reviews.

**Safe Church Policy Task Force Update** - Peter Murphy and Linnea Bloomquist worked with Natalie Bloomquist on finalizing the Safe Church Policy document. After lengthy discussion on specific policy items, it was moved and seconded to adopt the Safe Church Policy as presented in the May 2015 draft. The motion carried with one opposed and no abstentions. The policy will be made available to all members. Further discussion will be necessary on communications, reporting and implementation, but all agreed that a task force would be helpful. Natalie was thanked for all her work in initially tailoring the model policy to meet Emanuel's needs. (The Safe Church Policy is a comprehensive set of policies and procedures "to help ensure that Emanuel is a place where all people can feel they are safe, loved, and valued." The policy is necessary to affirm and protect children and youth, volunteers and staff, and the church as well as to raise awareness.)

**Stained Glass Window Update** - Jane Wunder reported that the East and West windows are nearly complete. North exterior sandblasting has revealed worse

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## May Church Council Highlights (Continued from page 9)

masonry conditions than expected. Repair strategies and cost estimates are due June 1. On the towers, additional testing of the concrete precast is being done prior to developing costs for those repairs.

**Accessibility Building Committee Update** - President Hopper reported that an independent estimator is reviewing the architectural drawings for a budget check prior to proceeding further. The Request for Proposal for a construction manager is in process.

**Capital Expenditures Task Force** - Council supported President Hopper's recommendation to establish a task force to study the issues of replenishing the Capital Needs Endowment and future draws from Endowment for the 2016 Budget. The task force will make recommendations to Council in September. Dean Orton will chair the task force which will include members from Council, Property and Finance committees. Jim Flanders and Gary Troutman agreed to serve.

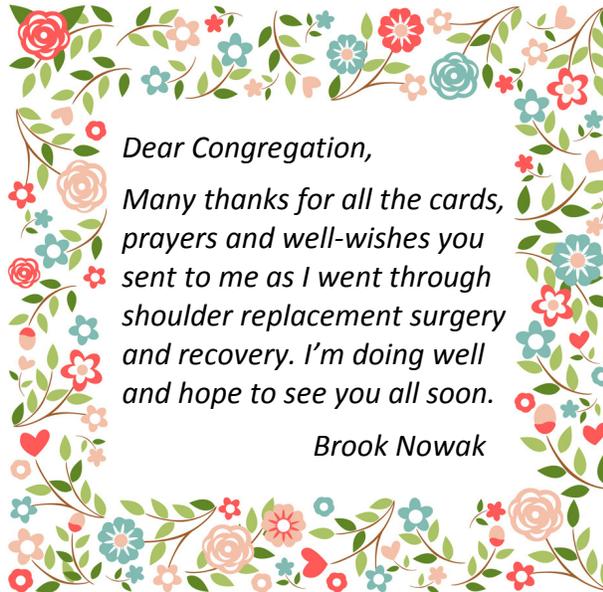
**Other Business** - Gary Troutman reported that Habitat for Humanity will be building two houses close to Emanuel. We will be supporting the projects financially and with volunteers.

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m.

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### 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](mailto:office@emanuelhartford.org). Thank you.



do justice  
love kindness  
walk humbly  
with your God.

Micah 6:8



I'd like to thank everyone for the warm welcome as I begin a new role here at Emanuel as *Coordinator of Ministries*. I believe the focus of my work is linked to this part of Emanuel's mission statement: *Encourage and support one another in Christian living and fellowship*. My short-term goals are (1) to help facilitate Pastor's group meetings in June and, (2) coordinating with staff to plan the multi-generational Movie event on July 19 as well as the gathering on July 26. I will continue to fine-tune how best to engage and share with others on Emanuel's Facebook, Instagram, Website and Twitter pages. For example, time is dedicated each

week to process and upload the weekly 10 a.m. audio sermon to the website and then share it on Facebook and Twitter for others to listen or "bring" to family, friends and shut-ins who might not have internet connection or smartphones. My long-term goals are related to information sharing and storytelling so people at Emanuel can find ways to encourage and support one another in Christian living and fellowship. I hope people are willing to step out of their comfort zones and try something new as together we can learn and grow from these shared experiences. Not every event I co-plan will be a success and not every "success" will require an event. All I ask is that when you see opportunities to gather or share input you take them seriously as you are all valued members of our faith community.

# EMANUEL'S RECENT INTERNS

## From Pastor Corgan:

### An Update:

Many thanks to Pastors Sara Anderson, Diane Rainson, and Brandon Cian and soon-to-be ordained Jane Mountain for their wonderful descriptions of life since their time here at Emanuel. It's inspiring to see how God works in the lives of those called to serve. We look forward to hearing from E. J. Sweeney next month.



### Help us keep our books in order!

Emanuel, like most churches, maintains a database of information on its membership. Keeping this database up to date is important. Addresses and birth dates allow us to understand the demographics and trends of our congregation, help us develop relevant programming, project Sunday School class sizes, and recognize significant birthdays. Accurate information helps our pastors in their ministry to the congregation. It keeps letters, God With Us and statements going to the right place. It keeps statistics accurate for annual synod reporting. It provides contact information important to committee work and scheduling meetings. And it helps keep our records of "voting members" up to date in the event of a congregation vote. (A voting

member is a confirmed member who has both communed and contributed in a given calendar year.)

So this month, please fill out the blue insert in your Sunday bulletin indicating you've attended and communed. Filling this out just once a year will suffice. It eases the burden on our pastors trying to recall whether all 300+ of us have communed during the year! And for members who have joined the Emanuel family recently, if you haven't yet filled out the information sheet, please help us by completing and returning it. (If you need another copy, just let the church office know.)

If you've moved, please let us know – while it costs only pennies to send the God With Us newsletter out to each member, the US Post Office charges us a whopping \$2.95 for each edition returned due to address problems. And if you're a snow bird and/or would like your God With Us to follow you to a second home—it is a simple change to make.

As we do some housekeeping on the Emanuel database in the coming months, you may hear from us as we try to fill in missing information. We appreciate your help!

## 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.

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## Altar Flowers - \$45.00

The form to provide altar flowers is on page 15.

**"And God is able  
to provide you with every  
blessing in abundance,  
so that by always having  
enough of everything, you  
may share abundantly in  
every good work."**

**2 Corinthians 9:8**

spiritual  
Gifts



### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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 in 2015! Thanks for your help.



### Please visit our website at: [www.emanuelhartford.org](http://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/>

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

Please contact **Becki Murphy** at [beckimurphy@ymail.com](mailto:beckimurphy@ymail.com) if you have any questions.

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### 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!

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**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!**

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

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**MANNA needs your help.** We are looking for one or more people to take over this ministry. MANNA is a program of Hands on Hartford that serves and ministers to people in need in the city of Hartford. On the 5th Tuesday of some months in 2015, Emanuel is responsible for providing a dinner for approximately 100 – 120 individuals at Christ Church Cathedral, on the corner of Main and Church Streets in downtown Hartford. In 2015 we'll provide dinner four times. The dates are September 29 and December 29. If someone is willing to take on one or more of the dinners, please let me know. Maybe the college students home for the holidays may want to take the December 29, 2015 meal.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a hands-on experience to really feel that you are helping those less fortunate. If you are able to help, please e-mail Wendi Johnson at [wendilj@cox.net](mailto:wendilj@cox.net) or give her a call at (860) 257-1038 or (860) 977-8022. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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### Nepal Area Earthquake

Please pray for the people of Nepal who have been impacted by the earthquake. If you'd like to give a gift online, go to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org). Other ways to give are:

#### Mail

Evangelical Lutheran Church  
in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Please make checks payable to **Lutheran Disaster Response**. Write "Nepal Area Earthquake" on your check's memo line.

#### Phone

Credit card by phone:  
800-638-3522 or email  
[disaster@elca.org](mailto:disaster@elca.org) with any questions.

The "Centennial Year" - 1989  
of Emanuel Lutheran Church



by John Starkes

How best to begin the celebration than to begin with Christmas 1988 - in the festive ways of our services, full of beautiful music with our choirs, soloists, brass horns, the Handbell Choir, and the gloriousness of the great organ at the hand and foot of David Harper, our beloved organist and director; Emanuel's centennial fever has just begun a glorious year to come; the Centennial Calendars are distributed and already marked with events to follow: Midsummer Festival and Smorgasbord, choir concert to prepare for, a banquet on October 28th, and grandest of all, the Anniversary Service for the 29th, all nearly a year out! All of the above still of the old year - 1988!

So we conclude the Christmas Eve midnight service, and its lovely prelude of carols that lead us to worship (or to lull us to sleep in the pews) at 11:30 p.m. But let's remember as well, the New Year's Eve service for our final "Watch" and communion of 1988 that finds many sound asleep at home in the confident peace that God has already forgiven our sins!

So our 1989 Centennial year has begun, it has arrived! What may our Pastor Stadlander have to say in his Annual Report of January 1989, he writes:

*This congregation is grateful to God for what these years have meant. We have been richly blessed by those who, through this magnificent one hundred years of life, have been the pastors and people of Emanuel. We have deliberately chosen to use this year to remember our past, to celebrate that which, by the grace of God, we have been able to accomplish, and to set our sights clearly on creative goals in ministry and mission for the second century of our common life. We hope that by the time of our anniversary service on October 29th to be able to share this vision and its immediate goals with the entire congregation. We are overjoyed that our guest and preacher on the occasion of that anniversary service will be the presiding Bishop of the ELCA, the Rev. Dr. Herbert W. Chilstrom. Dr. Chilstrom is a son of the old Augustana Synod, and because of his heritage, is particularly conscious of Emanuel's place in the history of that celebrated body of Swedish Lutherans.*

In the final words of our author of this record we've enjoyed about our beloved church - Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, CT:

*"May we continue to attempt great things for God, expect great things of God, and find the results for our church to continue to astound us through our faithfulness of God through our Savior, Jesus Christ in all things Holy - 'O Lord my God, how great thou art.' "*

If you have a copy of our source, God With Us - 1889-1989 be sure to review the final pages of staff, and the fine collection of photographs displayed in the final pages of the book. Additional copies of the book may still be available for the asking of the church office.

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



**In Memoriam**

**Theodora (Teddy) Rosenlof** died on May 29, 2015. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life was held at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home on June 3, 2015 .

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



*Farewell and Godspeed on June 7 for Glaucia Foerste and sons, Matthew and Lucas.*



**Serving in July**

**Altar Flowers**

- July 5            Open
  
- July 12            In memory of my parents, given by Ellen Anderson.
  
- July 19            Open
  
- July 26            In memory of Allan Anderson, a long-time member of Emanuel. He would have been 105 years old on July 25. Allan lived a long life and loved Emanuel. Flowers are given by Nancy Johnson, his daughter.
  
- In honor of Henry and Charles Sinche, given by the Sinche family.
  
- In memory of Karl J. Berg, Jr., given by Theresa Berg.

**Assisting Ministers**

- July 5            Alan Meeds
- July 12           Barbara Berg
- July 19           Mal Doyle
- July 26           Janice Favreau

**Childcare in the Nursery**

- July 5            Open
- July 12           Open
- July 19           Open
- July 26           Open

**Children’s Library**

Self-serve check out for the summer

**Coffee Hour**

- July 5            Open
- July 12           Open
- July 19           Open
- July 26           Open

**Communion Preparers**

- July 5            Marjorie Johnson
- July 12           Eileen Mitchell
- July 19           Bobbee Canfield
- July 26           Joan Feldmann

**Communion Servers**

- July 5            Open
- July 12           Open
- July 19           Open
- July 26           Open

**Greeters**

- July 5            Susan Johnson and Eileen Mitchell
- July 12           Sue and Ed Maher
- July 19           Cliff and Myrtle Bloomquist
- July 26           Bobbee Canfield

**Lectors - 8:00 a.m.**

- July 5            Randy Olson
- July 12           Christine Dalton
- July 19           Carol Dennler
- July 26           Kathy Haller

**Lectors - 10:00 a.m.**

- July 5            Lynn Sherman
- July 12           Mike Nowak
- July 19           Roland Johnson
- July 26           Janice Favreau

**Ushers**

- 8:00 a.m.        Nelson Gottier
  
- 10:00 a.m.      Head Usher: Arnie Benson;  
Ushers: Robert Graulich, Abby Stadlander, Eric Carlson



**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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Fax: 860-246-3720

**Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in Luther Hall

**Sunday School**

No summer session - new session  
will begin in September 2015