

## Affirmation of Baptism 2017



### SUNDAYS IN JULY

*Worship Services move to Luther Hall for the Summer beginning July 2nd.*

Sunday, July 2	ONE SERVICE SUNDAY	<i>Luke 10:1-11,16-17</i>
9:45	Special Patriotic Hymn Sing	
10:00	Worship Service	
11:00	Special Independence Day Fellowship - Coffee & PIE!	
Sunday, July 9	8 a.m. & 10 a.m.	<i>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</i>
Sunday, July 16	8 a.m. & 10 a.m.	<i>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i>
Sunday, July 23	ONE SERVICE SUNDAY	<i>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</i>
	<i>Special Guest Preacher - Pastor Sara J. Anderson (Emanuel's former Vicar Sara) Associate to the Bishop, New England Synod</i>	
Sunday, July 30	8 a.m. & 10 a.m.	<i>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-45</i>

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Please send any input or announcements for the *God with Us* newsletter to Pastor Maria by the 17th of the month at [pastormhammons@gmail.com](mailto:pastormhammons@gmail.com)



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*From the  
Pastor...*

## **GOD BLESS US... EVERYONE!**

Summer's upon us! School's out, the flowers are in bloom, the ocean is calling, summer vacations are underway... and now we're planning our July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations - cook-outs and fireworks!

Independence Day – a celebration of that day more than 200 years ago when our forward-thinking, very courageous, founding fathers *declared independence* from the tyranny of Great Britain & King George III. July 4, 1776 – the birth of a nation - our nation, the United States of America! In the persuasive and inspirational words of Thomas Jefferson's *Declaration of Independence* - the 2nd Continental Congress pledged their land, their fortunes, their “sacred honor” - even their very lives - to proclaim...

***We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.***

What power those words had in 1776!  
What power they still hold for us today in 2016!

The musical “1776” is a favorite of mine. Danny & I watch it every July 4<sup>th</sup>. It's a great way to remember the struggle for American independence. While there are many humorous lines and powerful dialogue - it may surprise you to learn that there are also many statements of faith. One of the simplest comes at a time when two leading proponents for independence – Congressmen John Adams & Benjamin Franklin - talk about their struggles with Congress. Feeling very discouraged, John Adams grumbles, “God help us.” Ben Franklin replies... “Oh, he will, John. He will.”

And the rest - as they say - is history.

And yet... despite the fact that Adams, Franklin, and Jefferson eventually achieved Congressional approval for the “Declaration of Independence” – they didn't achieve everything they hoped for. In order to get the votes to declare independence, the draft Declaration was changed to meet the requirements of those who didn't agree with the principal of *equality of all men*. To achieve the goal of American independence, Jefferson, Adams, and Franklin had to sacrifice their principles and remove the words against slavery. And so, while this was a great move forward for freedom for a nation, they knew they would have to continue

the fight for freedom for all individuals. Slaves were not freed; women were not equals; and - even among white men - only those who owned land were given the vote.

Thankfully, the fight did continue. And while we still have much work to do to ensure true freedom and equality for all people in America - U.S. citizens of all races and genders - have the legal right to vote.

So we thank God for the blessings we have, and ask God to continue to bless America – as in the song by Irving Berlin, kind of our “unofficial national anthem”; a song that takes the form of a prayer...

***God Bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Thru the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam  
God bless America, My home sweet home.***

Interestingly, the author of “God Bless America” - Irving Berlin, was a Jewish immigrant from Siberia. He published his song in response to the horrors of World War II & Hitler's Germany. A *thanksgiving* for his being safe in America, and a prayer that God continue to guide his beloved new home.

That same prayerful song can be our reminder each July 4<sup>th</sup> of how blessed we are, as we give thanks for the many blessings we have as Americans. And, as we thank God for our blessings, this song can also be a reminder that the fight continues. That the battle for freedom and equality for all people begun by Adams, Franklin, and Jefferson, continues today. It can help us remember that not all people are free.

Sadly, poverty, hunger & homelessness, oppression & injustice, abuse & violence - still exist throughout our world - even in America. All of these horrors get in the way of true freedom – obstruct the unalienable rights of life & liberty; hinder pursuit of happiness.

For people of faith, the most important words of *God Bless America* form the prayer that God will continue to *guide her* - that the light of God's truth will guide our citizens and leaders so America will be a shining beacon of God's hope, God's justice, God's peace, and God's love - for all the world.

As Americans, it is appropriate that we celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> - & that we enjoy the blessings of family & friends and - most especially - our freedom.

As Christians, it is also appropriate that we thank God for the blessings of life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness - and to pray that, one day very soon, the whole world may be just as blessed!

***Tiny Tim had it right ... God bless us everyone!***

*Peace! Pastor Maria*

## Summer Travel?



If you are traveling this summer, know that your Emanuel Church family will miss you and will be praying for you until you come *home* safely to us!

### A Special Prayer for Those Who Are Traveling

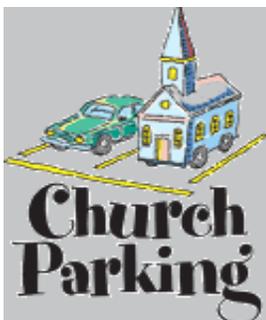
O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go:  
Preserve those who travel:  
surround them with your loving care;  
protect them from every danger;  
and bring them in safety  
to their journey's end;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

There are always handmade prayer shawls available for anyone in need of this symbol of love and caring.

Please speak to Lynn Sherman, Eileen Mitchell, or Jane Wunder in the church office.



### To our "able-bodied" Emanuel friends. . .

Thank you for parking in the State lot on Sundays, so those who have trouble walking a distance can park in our easy access spaces behind the Church building.

We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.



We're celebrating July 4<sup>TH</sup> on Sunday, July 2nd!

### PATRIOTIC HYMN SING & APPLE (or cherry) PIE SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. Hymn Sing before Worship  
10:00 a.m. One Service Sunday  
11:00 a.m. Coffee, Pie & Fellowship

**BRING A FRIEND!  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**WE  
NEED  
PIE!**



### Do you like to bake?

We need pies for our special July 2nd fellowship gathering after worship. They can be as American as apple pie or George Washington's traditional favorite cherry pie!

If you're willing to help, call the Church Office & leave a message for the Pastor (ext. 2), or email her at [pastormhammons@gmail.com](mailto:pastormhammons@gmail.com).

**All are welcome!  
Come join the fun!**



### Ladies Who "Lunch" - Join us!

To try to include more ladies, we are going to have lunch one month, and dinner at the same restaurant the following month.

Lunches at 12:30 p.m., Dinners at 6:30 p.m.

**July 12 - Lunch @ The Pond House, West Hartford**

Oasis Chorale At Emanuel  
Free Concert  
Friday, July 7, 7:00 p.m.



**IN CONCERT**  
JULY 2017 TOUR

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**  
311 Capitol Ave . Hartford, CT  
Friday, July 7, 2017 at 7 P.M.

Contact: Jonathan Reuning-Scherer  
jonathan.rs@emanuelhartford.org (860) 525-0894

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC • A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE LIFTED

WWW.OASISCHORALE.COM

Emanuel will have the pleasure of hosting a *free concert* by the Oasis Chorale on Friday, July 7, at 7 pm. This is **one of the best a cappella religious choirs** in the country. Save the date & invite your friends! This is an event not to be missed! You can listen to them here : <http://www.oasischorale.com/>

**We are also hosting the choir** - so we need host families, and I will also need assistance providing a dinner and reception for the choir. I will be in touch with many of you over the next few weeks. In the meantime, please sign up to host a choir member or two at - <http://www.reuningscherer.net/eventchoir/signup.asp> . All the details are on the website.

Thanks! Jonathan



**Church by the Pond!**

**It's Emanuel's turn to host  
Church by the Pond!**

**Saturday, July 22nd**

**We need at least 6 volunteers...  
Can you help?**

**12:30 p.m.  
2:00 p.m.**

**Meet at Luther Hall to make lunches  
Worship Service at Bushnell Park**



***Birthdays and Anniversaries are noted for those who are:***

- 80 years of age and older
- Married for 50 years or more

**Special Emanuel Birthdays**

Burt Anderson	July 4
Vera Birkmanis	July 5
Lanny Krause	July 7
Barbara Blakeslee	July 12
Mal Doyle	July 13
Barbara Erskine	July 15
Ed Glock	July 20
Brud Wilson	July 24
Martha Ekwall	July 27
Ruth Jeanfaivre	July 27
Lorraine McCann	July 28
B.A. Johnson	July 31

**Special Emanuel Anniversaries**

Lynn & Paul Strecker  
Harlan & Ramona Pergande

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***Crafters' Corner***

**Tuesday Crafters meet at the home of Judy Johnson at 10:00 a.m.**

Call Judy at 860-953-3064 or email [rjmets@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjmets@sbcglobal.net).

**Thursday Craft Group**

Meets 10 am–2 pm; bring your lunch, at the home of Ramona Pergande. For info/directions, call Ramona at 860-646-6954. (Guys, you're invited too!)

More help is needed for:

Sketching    Painting    Sealing  
Sanding    Decorating

**CRAFT CORNER NEWS**

Did you know that there are 25 active crafters at Emanuel? There are four others who have worked at home, and one "friend of Emanuel" who has donated items our Fair. I have not counted the very patient husbands who stand by & shake their heads! Many of the 25 crafters have also worked at home to create items to buy in October and at the Lucia reception in December.

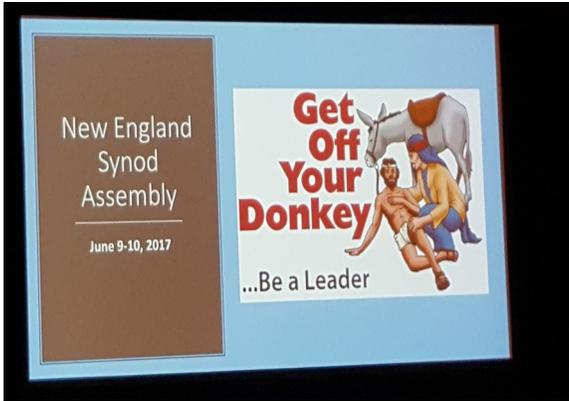
Guess what? **We need more** of you to join us. As I mentioned in the last newsletter - we need knitters, felt workers, painters, and wood cutters (no one has yet responded).

There is always something for you to do (like painting toothpicks for the candles in the Lucia crowns). Silly stuff that makes us laugh and we enjoy doing them.

We are blessed that members of Emanuel take time out if their busy lives to volunteer and to support the craft fair. Many of our crafters are over 80 years of age. We even have one man - Don Ahlberg - who joins us. This is quite the ministry!

**REMEMBER THE FALL FAIR DATE!  
SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 28, 2017**

## New England Synod Assembly 2017



Glenna and I thank you for giving us the opportunity to attend the New England Synod Assembly in Springfield, Mass, on June 9 & 10. It was an exciting two days of assembly meetings, as well as three educational workshops we had the opportunity to attend. The workshops we attended included 1) a description of an exciting Outdoor Church Ministry with no church facility, 2) a workshop conducted by the Greater Hartford Sponsoring Committee on charitable endeavors, also engaged in initiatives to support justice, including systemic change, and 3) Financial Peace University program that helps individuals and families learn how to manage their finances. The workshops were all very informative.

There were important actions voted upon at the Assembly and they were as follows:

- 1) Approval of the 2018 Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers, Pastors and Deacons
- 2) Approval of Call to Sanctuary resolution
- 3) Approval of Resolution, a portion of which is listed below:

“Whereas in the light of the growing positive and rich multi-faith engagement of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we have come to a new humility about the question of God’s relation to other religions: Be it resolved that the New England Synod memorialize the ELCA Churchwide Assembly (CWA) to initiate a process to amend the phrase “bring all people to faith in Christ” in Constitution 4.02b and its constitutional parallels in order to achieve greater consonance with both our understanding of Christian witness and sensitivity to our inter-faith contexts.

And, be it further resolved that the resources of the ELCA enlist and consult its teaching theologians, Bishops, and other leaders in the drafting of such an amendment for consideration at its subsequent CWA.”

The details of all of these actions can be found at the New England Synod website.

Thank you again for giving us this wonderful opportunity.  
Peace. *Chet and Glenna Brodnicki*

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### **Thank you to the Bunch of Guys Concert Planning and Work Team!**

On behalf of the Church Council and the members of the congregation, I want to thank both the planning team and those who worked on putting the Bunch of Guys benefit event together on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

There were close to 180 in attendance and the Bunch of Guys concert was most enjoyable. The team made sure that there were volunteers to help out that Sunday afternoon in ushering, giving directions to attendees, selling CDs, and providing tasty refreshments (served by our youth).

*Special thanks go to Mindy Olson, Lance Hansen, and Melissa Johnson  
for their work in pulling this event together.*

The funds raised will be divided amongst **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, 350.org (climate issues nonprofit organization), and Hands on Hartford.**

Thank you for your support of this event.  
*Chet Brodnicki, Council President*



## Altar Flowers

### Flower Chart

Please use the **“Flower Chart” on the bulletin board near the kitchen in Luther Hall** to pick a Sunday when you would like to donate altar flowers. Checks (*made out to Emanuel Lutheran Church, and indicating “altar flowers” and the date requested on the memo line*) may be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate. Thanks for making our beautiful sanctuary, even more beautiful, to the glory of God.

- July 2**      *Open*
- July 9**     *In memory of my parents - Maragaret A. Johnson and Edwin Anderson, given by Ellen A. Anderson*
- July 16**    *Open*
- July 23**    *Open*
- July 30**    *Open*

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### Brighten someone’s day! Take our altar flowers to them!

Each Sunday several beautiful arrangements are made from our altar flowers to bring to our hospitalized or shut-in parishioners. Claudia Bellis, Brook Nowak, Ellen Anderson, Marjorie Johnson, and Rae Ann Gremel, do a beautiful job with our flower ministry. If you’re planning on visiting someone one Sunday, or would just like to help by making a delivery, just look for one of them near the Luther Hall kitchen. Help brighten someone's day!



## Worship Team

**Would you like to help with Sunday Worship?**

### Here are Some Opportunities

Please contact any of the ministry coordinators below:

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

**Lectors:** Lynn Sherman  
860-523-1702

**Ushers:** Jim Ashwell  
860-667-0264

**Assisting Ministers:**  
Janice Favreau  
860-978-1681

**Sound System:** Mal Doyle  
860-561-1582

**Thank you for your service to these important ministries.**



### Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

- Elaine Wilson † Alice Gustafson † Betty-Lois Benson
- Judy Johnson † Burt Hedling † Barbara Blakeslee † Diane Roule
- Rose Dooley † Emerrene Bailey † Lisa Hazzard
- Beverly Swanson † Richard Dusel † Eliana † Pamela Vigil
- Ron Rounds † Gloria Burke † Al Behr
- Lauren & Steve Belschner † Eric Hammons
- The family & friends of Bernie Johnson and Arline Olson.
- Martha Nyama & the Kannah family, for the death of Martha’s father.

*If you would like to add a name to our congregational prayer list, or if any of the above names can be removed, please let the Church Office know, or fill out one of the blue forms on the back usher’s table.*

## In Memoriam



*May the comfort and hope of the resurrection be with the family and friends of Bernie Johnson, Arline Olson and all of the saints of Emanuel.*



## COLLECTING USED BIKES!

The Graulich guys have been fixing up used bikes for kids in Emanuel's local neighborhood - many of whom are also our *Sprout* children. Here are some photos of the happy kids!

**Thank you Bob & Matt for this wonderful ministry!**



**MANNA  
FOOD  
PANTRY**

Remember to bring in your donations for the MANNA Food Pantry! Look for our collection box in Luther Hall.

The food pantry needs jelly, boxed cereal, low sodium soups or canned vegetables, as well as toiletry/household items like toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent, etc. Also, pet food is always welcome.

*Thank you!*

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**COMMUNITY MEALS**  
— LOVE IN ACTION —

**Hello Manna Community Meal Champions!**

Thank you to our Emanuel Youth for serving as hosts for our May 30th Manna meal!

The remaining dates for Emanuel to serve as host in 2017 are:  
**August 29 and October 31.**

If you'd like to know more about the Manna Community Meal, please talk with me on a Sunday morning or email me at [daveski@live.com](mailto:daveski@live.com)

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

*Peace! Dave*





## Calling All E-mail Addresses

Please be sure to keep the Church office updated with your most current email address. This is especially important given the transition and call process.

If you have any questions, please contact Operations Manager Jane Wunder at 860-525-0894 x5, or [jane.wunder@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:jane.wunder@emanuelhartford.org)  
Thank you.



## Meet Emanuel's Pastoral Call Committee

Lee Sherman, Chairperson

Linnea Bloomquist - Council Representative

Matthew Graulich - Youth Representative

RaeAnn Gremel

David Kierznowski

Elizabeth Kieschnick

Mike Nowak

Deepak Pedada

## TRANSITION TIMES UPDATE ... NOW WHAT?

- ◆ Call Committee Chairperson, Lee Sherman, informed the congregation that the Call Committee has now received profiles of pastoral candidates from the Synod Staff, and will be interviewing in the near future.
- ◆ Once the Call Committee believes they have a candidate that is a good match for Emanuel's Pastor, they will go to see the candidate preach at a "neutral site", i.e. not Emanuel; not the Pastor's current church.
- ◆ If, after the neutral site visit, the Call Committee feels this is the right candidate for Emanuel, they will forward the profile to the Council, and set up a meeting with Council to talk about the candidate.  
*(If, at anytime in the process, the Call Committee does not feel like they have found a match, they will talk with the Associate to the Bishop, and request additional candidates from the Synod Staff.)*

**Please remember that the Call Committee's work is strictly confidential. They cannot talk about candidates or interview dates, or basically anything except to explain how the process works. As chairperson, Lee Sherman will make periodic announcements to keep the congregation informed. Please honor the need for confidentiality.**

- ◆ The Council schedules a time to interview the recommended Candidate. Council can accept the candidate, or inform the Call Committee and Bishop why they do not feel this person is a good match for Emanuel. If that happens, the Synod staff works to identify an additional candidate and the process begins again.
- ◆ Once Council approves a candidate, a financial package is negotiated by the Executive Committee with the candidate, and with the review/approval of the Bishop.
- ◆ A special congregational meeting is then held on a Sunday morning, starting with worship, so parishioners can meet the candidate, and hear them preach and preside. A representative of the Bishop will be present.
- ◆ After worship, the candidate is asked to wait elsewhere, while the Synod representative leads the meeting. They will invite questions and discussion, after which a vote is taken for the congregation to approve the candidate as Emanuel's new pastor, and then to approve the financial package.
- ◆ Once the votes are completed and the candidate is approved, Emanuel's newly-called Pastor is invited back to the sanctuary and enthusiastically welcomed by the congregation.
- ◆ A start date is set with the new Pastor. If needed, the Synod Staff will help arrange for Supply Pastors for Sunday coverage until the Pastor begins.
- ◆ On the Pastor's first Sunday, ***they and their family*** are warmly welcomed at worship, and a celebration is held!

**And Emanuel's faithful journey continues!**

*Remember... A sign of God is that you will be led where you did not intend to go!*

## Council Highlights

### Meeting - May 23, 2017

Council President Chet Brodnicki called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Devotions were shared by Deacon Natalie Bloomquist.

The April 25 Council minutes were accepted unanimously.

### Special Report:

Deacon Natalie Bloomquist shared an update on future plans for the Sunday School and Confirmation programs, as well as visitation ministry.

Natalie was excited to share that parishioner Jeff Potter has agreed to coordinate the Sunday School program during this time of transition. Jeff is a teacher with administration experience, and he is excited about leading this ministry. Jeff is expected to serve in this role through December, as the new pastor arrives.

Parishioner Patty Farquhar will assist in coordinating Confirmation with the parents of the confirmands, although a formal program will await guidance of the new pastor.

Parishioner Nancy Gray will continue on with the Cradle Roll ministry.

In response to the Council's question about future Christian Education ministry, Natalie shared that it is her hope that Emanuel will be open to some changes for future education programming, including cross generational education.

Natalie also briefly summarized steps she is taking relative to pulling together and expanding the visitation program that is

in place as she becomes familiar with the home bound or assisted living members who are or need to be on Emanuel's visitation list.

Natalie was thanked by the Council for her tremendous work over her 16 years of ministry at Emanuel.

### Interim Pastor's Report:

Pastor reviewed her report, with comments on membership versus attendance numbers, the call process, and the Ministry Site Profile.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Bobbee Canfield distributed the April 2017 Treasurer's Report, noting that actual income is below projected, and expenses are under plan. Overall, we are doing okay financially, but the current trend is not good. Investment returns have been healthy, but overall assets are going down as the construction projects progress.

Council supported the idea that a letter go out to the congregation in June sharing income concerns and encouraging people to keep up their pledges over the summer. There was also consensus that the Stewardship and Finance committees work together to look at Emanuel's giving trends and financial challenges.

### Construction Projects:

Emanuel's Operations Manager Jane Wunder reported on the progress of the Accessibility Project (please see Hard Hat Zone on page 12 for details).

On the Hungerford Street three-family building, the results of the environmental testing are due shortly, and then plans for any necessary renovation can be determined.

Alternatives for a new church phone system are being investigated.

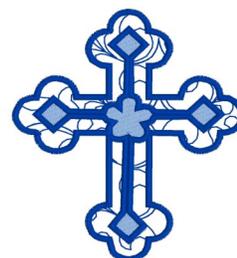
### Transition Process:

The Ministry Site Profile has been completed and approved by Council, soon to be approved by the congregation at the June 4 Special Congregational meeting. It will then be submitted to the ELCA and Synod.

Discussion followed on how to keep moving on key ministries like Friday Night Program even during the transition to a new pastor, the need to engage other parishioners to help, and the opportunity to talk with people in the local community to better understand neighborhood needs.

Emanuel's Congregational Council meets on the 4th Tuesday of most months, at 7 p.m., in Luther Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend regular meetings of the Council.

If you would like to come to address the Council on a particular matter, please contact Council President Chet Brodnicki.  
860-236-3050  
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## JULY HARDHAT ZONE

**Accessibility:** Otis elevator technicians are hard at work installing the new elevator. Work in the new lobby has remained very slow as staging for the elevator installation has taken over nearly the entire space. New windows were installed, and soon the new red doors will replace the plywood construction doors. Final painting is in progress. Some of the flooring has been completed, but other areas must wait until other work is complete to avoid damage to new floors. Based on new pricing (and the congregation's May 7 approval), priorities are being set for extending painting and flooring finishes into adjacent corridors. Repaving the rear parking lot is now in progress with completion targeted by July 10; upon striping there will be 3 full size handicapped parking spaces immediately adjacent to the new entrance, as well as three handicapped spots near the Luther Hall entrance. Landscaping proposals are also in design.

Our construction schedule has slipped into July for important final details, finish work, parking, landscaping and cleaning. As the project approaches completion, and spaces become available, progress is also being made on purging and reorganization. A few extra weeks will be well worth the wait!



**Tower:** Exterior masonry restoration work and scaffolding removal – done and done! Enjoy the crisp white restored towers against the summer sky! The scaffolding in the church balcony may need to be up a bit longer as the decorative ceiling ribs are replicated and installed. Once this final detail is complete, the church nave can be thoroughly dusted and polished and readied for worship services in the fall.

**Thank you for your patience ...  
we're almost there!**

### EMANUEL PARKING LOT NEWS!

As so often happens, construction plans change! Contractors have started some site work and digging around the new addition, but the latest schedule is as follows:

**Week of June 26 :**

- Continued digging throughout the main parking lot.
- Tree removal; gravel and compacting; pouring concrete sidewalks
- We can use the lot to park, but may have to move vehicles around as work progresses.

**Sunday July 2:** O.K. to park, but it is very likely the parking lot will be compacted gravel – so please be careful!

**Monday July 3:** Paving begins. Striping to follow. Parking off limits.

**Tuesday, July 4 - Saturday, July 8:** Parking lot will be off limits for most of the week as the paving cures.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Summer Worship Services will be held in Luther Hall beginning next Sunday, July 2</i></p>	<div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">July 2017</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">+ Please note: Worship Services are at 8 &amp; 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted.</p> </div>					1
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>ONE SERVICE SUNDAY 9:45 Patriotic Hymn Sing 10:00 Worship 11:00 </p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>Pr. vacation</i></p> <p><b>Parking lot closed.</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>Pr. vacation</i></p> <p><b>Parking lot closed.</b></p> <p><i>Holiday!</i> <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p><b>Happy 4th of July!</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> <i>Pastor vacation</i></p> <p><b>Parking lot closed.</b></p> <p><i>No Staff Meeting</i></p>	<p><b>6</b> <i>Pastor Vacation</i></p> <p><b>Parking lot closed.</b></p> <p>10 a.m. Craft Painters meet at Pergandes</p>	<p><b>7</b> <i>Pr. vacation</i></p> <p><b>Parking lot closed.</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> <i>Pastor vacation</i></p> <p><b>Parking lot closed.</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> <i>Pastor Vacation</i></p> <p>Worship Services at 8 a.m. &amp; 10 a.m.</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>10 a.m. Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11 a.m. Staff 12 W&amp;M Staff</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10 a.m. Craft Painters meet at Pergandes</p>	14	15
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Worship Services at 8 a.m. &amp; 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p style="background-color: #D8BFD8; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Deadline for God With Us articles.</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>10 a.m. Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson</p> <p>7 p.m. Exec</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>11 a.m. Staff</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10 a.m. Craft Painters meet at Pergandes</p>	21	<p><b>22</b></p> <p style="background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>Church by the Pond</b> <i>see p. 5</i></p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>ONE SERVICE SUNDAY at 10 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p><b>30</b> Worship Services at 8 a.m. &amp; 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10 a.m. Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson</p> <p>7 p.m. Council</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>11 a.m. Staff</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>10 a.m. Craft Painters meet at Pergandes</p>	28	29

**SAVE THESE AUGUST DATES!**

- August 6**    Celebratory Worship & Luncheon Celebration - Construction Completion ... Now What?!
- August 27**    Farewell and Godspeed Worship & Luncheon - Deacon Natalie Bloomquist

## Serving This Month

### Assisting Ministers

July 2	Mal Doyle
July 9	Monica Swanson
July 16	Janice Favreau
July 23	Lynne Strecker
July 30	Monica Swanson

### Greeters

July 2	Ellen Anderson
July 9	Lois House
July 16	Brook & Mike Nowak
July 23	Patti & Mebret Farquahr
July 30	Chet & Glenna Brodnicki

### Lectors

#### 8:00 a.m.

July 2	<b>No 8 a.m. Service</b>
July 9	Kathy Haller
July 16	Lee Sherman
July 23	<b>No 8 a.m. Service</b>
July 30	Randy Olson

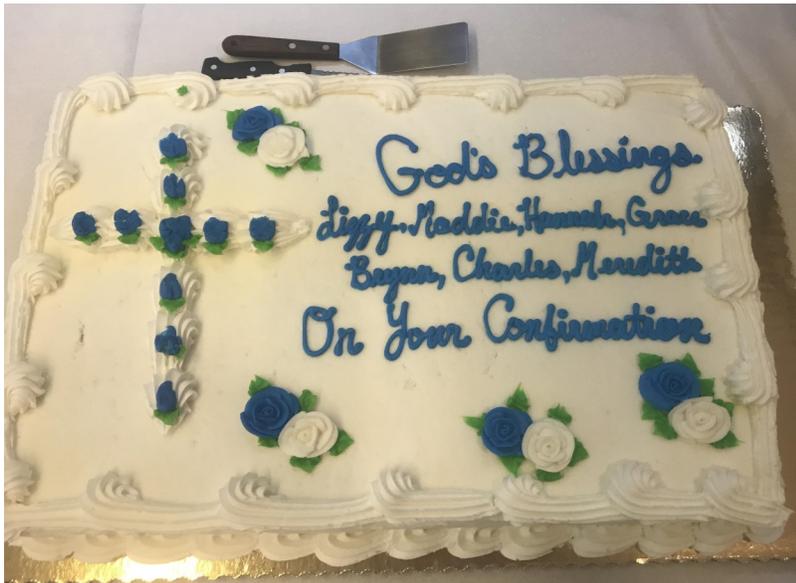
#### 10:00 a.m.

July 2	Janice Favreau
July 9	Roland Johnson
July 16	Brook Nowak
July 23	Lee Sherman
July 30	Melanie Sinche

Thank you for serving in  
these important ministries!

## Bunch of Guys Benefit Concert at Emanuel June 2017





**THANK YOU EMANUEL!**

*I want to thank everyone at Emanuel, especially Mrs. Nowak, for the beautiful flowers for my birthday! Nelson Gottier*

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*To my Emanuel family:*

*Thank you all so much for your support these past months, which have included many visits, flowers, and cards. I so enjoyed seeing many of you when I attended services at Emanuel on May 7th. Your greetings and kindnesses gave me a big boost. I look forward to attending some Sunday services in the future.*

*I am now settled in to my "new digs" at 239 Avery Heights, Hartford, CT 06106. If you happen to be in the neighborhood, please stop by. I'm so thankful for my church family, which has been so supportive. Blessings to you all.*

*With love, Elinor McCue*

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**Sunday Worship Schedule**

**Sunday Services of Holy Communion:**  
**8:00 and 10:00 a.m.**

***One Service Sundays***

***July 2nd - 9:45 a.m. Special Patriotic Hymn Sing***  
***10:00 a.m. Worship***  
***11:00 Special Independence Day Holiday PIES!***

***July 23rd - Special Guest Preacher***  
***Pastor "Sara J" Anderson, Associate to the Bishop***

***Sunday School - Summer Break***