

GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford



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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. in the Church

Thursday Bible Conversation

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Adult Classroom of the Parish Building. We'll be discussing studying the text for the coming Sunday. Please see page 17 for a listing of texts.

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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,

From the PBS series, "Wolf Hall," Thomas Cromwell (a closet Lutheran!) declared **"The King is Dead. Long Live the King!"** Actually, this was a false alarm. The King, King Henry VIII, was revived and lived a most adventurous life!

Did you see or hear about the recent findings of a Pew poll regarding religious life in our country? The poll reveals that the number of Americans claiming no religious affiliation, (called the "Nones") is on the rise while the number of those identifying themselves as mainline Protestants (that includes Lutherans) and Roman Catholics is on the decline. **In fact, there are now, for the first time, more "nones" in the U.S. than either mainline Protestants or Roman Catholics.**

So, what if we adopt Cromwell's phrase, twist it a bit and use it as a way of understanding our changing religious landscape and context: **"The Church is Dead. Long Live the Church!"** That is, the Church, in its present institutional form, may not survive. However, the Church as the Body of Christ, will surely endure, live and thrive to the end of the ages! **God, in Christ, is here among and will be forever.** That is the promise on which we stand.

It is fairly common in churches these days to hear people say "where have all the people gone, it's too bad our attendance is down". . .etc. We, at Emanuel, are not immune from these declining numbers. Attendance is not what it was just a few years ago, some of the "pillars of Emanuel" have died in recent months, others have moved away this year, including, faithful, active members like Knute Ogren and Pastor Derly and Glaucia Foerste and their two sons and, as surveys show, fewer people are going to church these days.

In the midst of declining numbers at most churches in the U.S., we here have had, for the past 18 months, a small group (the Thriving Churches task force) studying and investigating churches that are doing well across the country. As a result, we have instituted some new activities, staff positions, etc. I'll mention two here. Please let me know your thoughts and ideas on how the Church can be effective and faithful in today's changing cultural scene.

I am very happy to tell you that **Becki Murphy** will be joining our staff starting this month. Becki will assume the position of **Coordinator of Ministries**. This is a part time, 15 hour per week, position. Becki's job-ministry will focus on helping members and friends of Emanuel connect with one another as they engage in ministries and activities. She will develop small groups which will provide opportunities intended to strengthen connections and relationships among our people. This position has been established in response to the recommendation of the Thriving Churches task force.

Also, in response to the findings of the Thriving Churches task force, we have created **Emanuel's Welcome Team**. Right now, this team consists of about 12 individuals who will be intentional about extending a warm welcome and God's love every Sunday. We've learned that another common characteristic of thriving churches is that they are congregations that intentionally and effectively welcome visitors and guests week by week. If you would like to be part of this burgeoning, expanding welcoming team, please let me or Eric Carlson know.

I believe it's a good time to be the Church, to represent and bear the Good News of Christ's love for the world. This will be challenging work, requiring creativity, perseverance, strong faith and great love. **There are many who may not be interested in**

the institutional church, but are hungry and thirsty for God, for relationship and for the peace that passes our human understanding. It is our calling to be the Church for and with them!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Corgan

**"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

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

June 7 is the last Sunday School class for the 2014-2015 school year. We have a wonderful Sunday School ministry where our children learn about God's love in a nurturing and safe environment – thanks to dedicated and passionate teachers. As so often happens when we have a good thing going, we can take it for granted. This will be a day for parents and all of the Emanuel community to stop and specifically thank the teachers and classroom aides for their efforts, their generous sharing of their time and talents, and their answer to God's call to nurture the faith of our youngest members. A card and a hearty handshake would go a long way to remind them how much we appreciate them.

This year's faithful teachers have been: *Linnea Bloomquist, Jonathan Fairchild, Jim Flanders, Natalie Fulmer, Elizabeth Kieschnick, Brian Lysik, Hilarie Orton, Becki Murphy, Deepak Pedada, Mrudula Pedada, Kathleen Graulich, and Shannon Graulich.*

And we can't forget to thank our teen aides for their enthusiastic and playful help. They are a special witness of servant discipleship to the young ones that look up to them. This year's aides are: *Lindsay Altschuler, Kelsey Anderson, Lindsey Anderson, Allyson Graulich, Matthew Graulich, Toby Hollertz, Jacob Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Rhiannon Kiersznowski, Matthew Kloss, Rebekah Strand, Lindsay Varney, Deirdre Volk.*

Our teachers have been especially flexible this year as we transitioned to following the Narrative Lectionary in worship. Wanting to capitalize on the benefits of spending the year focusing on the narrative arc of the salvation story in worship, we chose

to plan our lessons each week on the same story that was shared in worship that day. This meant that some Sundays the teachers were able to follow our Spark curriculum and some Sundays they had to wait for me to write a lesson or be prepared to support me as I tried a new all-ages activity.

It has been a blessing to hear the teachers express their appreciation for being able to get right into working with the Bible story for the day because the children have already been introduced to the story in worship. And it's been affirming to hear from families how their conversations on the way home from church and during the week are much richer because they all began the week learning the same Bible story and exploring what it means to them in their daily lives. Children learn from parents, parents learn from children, and siblings learn from each other.

Parents, your children will make a quick visit to the Children's Library with their classes on the 7th to check out materials for the summer. We hope you'll take advantage of all the wonderful resources in the library to help nurture your children's relationship with Jesus. Each Sunday you'll be able to return materials you are finished with and check-out new ones on a self-serve basis.

Article from the Cover:

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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.**

Confirmation News

by Natalie Bloomquist

Last month we had the great pleasure of participating in a Calumet Confirmation Camp Weekend. We had an awesome time playing games, creating prayerful art, studying God's Word, interacting with new friends and old, singing, soaking up the beauty of God's creation, retreating from the busyness of life – it was pure joy all weekend long.

If you want a taste of our special retreat weekend, go to Emanuel's Facebook page and watch the video. It's less than two minutes but gives you a good idea of what a great time we had.

We have hundreds of photos to share, but I'm sharing these two because they capture a highlight of the weekend for me. During our Emanuel confirmation curriculum times, we explored prayer and all the different ways we can pray. Thinking of "non-talky" prayers, as Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer called them, I was hoping I could introduce the youth to a prayer labyrinth. Calumet has one that the counselors made several years ago, but it had not yet been cleared of winter debris, leaves, sticks, etc. No problem! Our enthusiastic and ever helpful youth cleared the labyrinth as a thank you to Calumet. The bonus was not only the opportunity for the youth and chaperones to work together, but also an opportunity to prayerfully work. That is, as we worked together we also found ourselves connecting with God, enjoying the fresh air and, I dare say, meditating on life. Chatter soon turned to the rhythm of rakes across the ground, the sound of dry leaves landing in piles, the smell of freshly turned earth and the clunk of

stones making their way back to the boundary lines of the labyrinth.

Have you ever watched middle schoolers when they're away from the demands of their packed schedules, when they can breathe and take some time to actually



experience the moment they're in without having to focus on what it is they're supposed to be doing next? I did, and I can tell you that it was inspirational. Even when they were running around with the kind of energy that could harness a thousand stars, there was a sense of calm, a connection to their Creator that I don't see during confirmation class.

When we all stopped to see how beautiful the labyrinth was, the youth quietly and slowly began to walk it, praying while lost in their thoughts and communication with God. Beautiful.

I am so grateful to the chaperones who journeyed with us and were such a positive and fun addition to the group. Many thanks to Kurt Hazard, Russ Liljedahl, Becki Murphy, Keren Paquette, Julie Reuning-Scherer, and Vicar Dominic.

There truly are saints among us.

On May 31 we rejoiced with six youth of Emanuel who publicly affirmed the faith in which they were baptized: *Kelly Caldwell, Maire Hollertz, Luke Johnson, Jennie*

Livingston-Michael, Joel Reuning-Scherer, and Alycia St., John. 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 they grow in faith and love of God and assume greater responsibility in the life of this Christian community.

And a huge thank you to the Prayer Friends! The following individuals made a difference in the lives of this year's confirmands by keeping them in prayer and reminding them through simple correspondence that God is with them always. Their willingness to share the love of Jesus was and will continue to

be a powerful influence along their faith journeys. Many thanks to *Dick Allison, Terri Dwyer, Joan Feldmann, Becky Thomas, Lynn Sherman, and Bob and Rosie Vojtek.*

This has been a very special year for me. Watching the parents join the youth for confirmation "class" has been inspiring and uplifting. I've learned a lot and am looking forward to next year as we continue to give youth and their parents a safe place and time to connect with each other and work together on their relationship with God.





On Wednesday, June 3, **Arline Olson**, Emanuel's oldest living member, will be **celebrating her**

99th birthday. A gathering of friends for cake, coffee and reminiscing is being planned. All are welcome! I know you will enjoy sharing memories with Arline and she will be very happy to see Emanuel friends.

The party will begin at **2:00 p.m. at Village Gate, 88 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington**, where Arline makes her home. Cards are welcome, no gifts, please.

RSVP or for directions, please contact:

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gremelra@aol.com
860-676-4459

**Town Hall Meeting
Sunday, June 14, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Luther Hall**

At this informational meeting, updates will be provided on the following:

- Thriving Churches
- Stained glass window restoration
- North wall condition and repairs
- Building Committee work regarding accessibility
- Organ restoration
- Vicar Dominic's extension as a Ministerial Assistant

Congratulations to Judy Johnson who will be one of the 2015 Honorees at the SINA (Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance) Reach Awards Ceremony this month!

Judy will be receiving a Neighborhood Service Award, in recognition of her outstanding, volunteer work over the past 20+ years, coordinating the Friday Night Program here at Emanuel. This award is well-deserved on Judy's part. Congratulations!

New Members To Be Received Sunday, June 7, 2015

If you'd like to make Emanuel your Church home, please contact Vicar Dominic at

dominic.smyth@emanuelhartford.org/

or (860) 525-0894.



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.

New Operations Manager

We are pleased to announce that Jane Wunder has joined Emanuel's staff as the Operations Manager. Jane comes with a background of strong managerial and administrative experience and skills. She began work on Monday, May 11. This is a part-time, Monday-Friday, 20 hour per week position. Please greet and welcome Jane to this new role within our congregation. Also, we extend our appreciation to those others who applied for this position and to the members of the interview team, Diane Durant, Nancy Altschuler and Chet Brodnicki who assisted Pastor Corgan in the interview process.

We Need Volunteers for Two Positions

- Coordinator(s) of Coffee Hour
- Coordinator(s) of MANNA Meals (Please see page 15 for details.)

Please see Pastor Corgan if you are willing to help.

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 June

- Nelson Gottier - June 2
- Arline Olson - June 3
- Mary Sondergeld - June 11
- Nancy Smith - June 14
- Anna-Lisa Johnson - June 15
- Lewellyn Anderson - June 17
- Elaine Grahn - June 18
- Betty Olson - June 18
- Ward Wiltse - June 18
- Vera Grabowski - June 21
- Norma Johnson - June 21
- Constance Sundvist - June 24
- Joanne Lindahl - June 25
- Maybrit Runyon - June 26

Special Emanuel Anniversaries During June

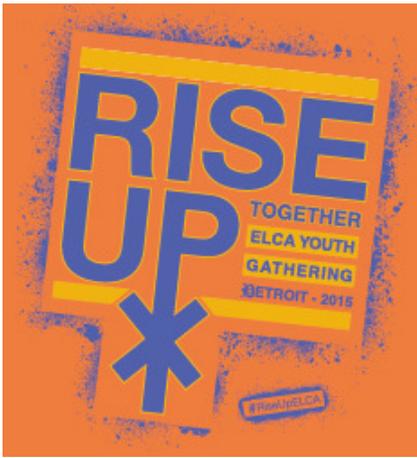
- Joan and B. A. Johnson - June 12, 61st
- Jeannette and Allan Urban - June 18, 55th
- Elaine and Irving Wilson - June 18, 66th
- Susan and Richard Johnson - June 24, 65th
- Carol and Bradford Dennler - June 25, 55th
- Myrtle and Clifford Bloomquist - June 30, 64th

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall 10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	5 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm <div style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">New England Synod Assembly</div>	6 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
7 Second Sunday after Pentecost Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am At 10 am service: New Members Received Prayers for Healing Last Day of Sunday School 11:30 am: 1st Sunday Hoops See Chart Below	8 6:30 pm: Finance Committee	9 9:30 Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	10 7:00 pm: Thriving Churches Meeting in Conference Room	11 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall 10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom No Choir Rehearsal (for the summer)	12 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	13
14 Third Sunday after Pentecost Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Town Hall Meeting in Luther Hall See Chart Below	15 Deadline for "God With Us"	16 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson 7 pm: Executive Committee Meeting	17	18 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall 10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom	19 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	20 9 am - 12 noon: Meet with Pastor Corgan at Church
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28 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am See Chart	29	30 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson				

Chart

= "Sunday Conversation" in the Sandberg Library at 11:20 am



2015 National Youth Gathering Update:

Would you consider being a youth sponsor to help defray the costs of the National Youth Gathering in Detroit? Please consider a sponsorship donation of \$500 or more? Your sponsorship will make the trip happen for our youth.

One of the many **Proclaim Justice** projects in Detroit is to help develop creative spaces for baseball for the youth of Detroit. One of the projects Gathering participants will help create is a mosaic in Detroit's Grandmont Rosedale community at Stoepel Park. Another is helping "Arts & Scraps," a nonprofit organization, serve students in hands-on learning and creative thinking experiences. On **Proclaim Community** day, our youth will have interactive learning opportunities - zip lines, blood donation stations, a creative expression area and more. Look for more examples next month.



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.

Congratulations to our Minister of Music!

Jonathan Reuning-Scherer, senior lecturer in statistics and in forestry and environmental science was the recipient of the 2015 Richard H. Brodhead '68 Prize for Teaching Excellence at Yale. He was nominated by his students and chosen from among the almost 2500 non-ladder faculty at Yale. Yale College Dean announced the prize with the following comments : "Your students adore you - for your enthusiasm, for your dedication, for your accessibility, and for your good humor. Most of your students are not future statistics majors, and most confessed that they took your course reluctantly in order to fulfill a requirement, but they marveled at your ability to make dry material interesting by using examples that engaged 'even the least mathematically inclined of students.' One student commented: "He somehow taught 'Introductory Statistics' in such a way that made the 300-person lecture seem like a one-on-one study session. He brought the material alive with a mix of lighthearted banter, fascinating examples, and a true passion for statistics.""

To hear an interview with Jonathan about the prize, visit <http://teaching-spotlight.yale.edu/teaching-awards/yale-collegeteaching-prizes-2015/jonathan-reuning-scherer>

Please Note: In July and August our Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion will be held in the air-conditioned Luther Hall.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

High School Graduates

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

Toby Hollertz is graduating from Conard High School in West Hartford. He will be attending Juniata College in PA 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 reports 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.

Council Highlights

April 28, 2015

Church Council Highlights

Council President Mark Hopper convened the meeting and Pastor Corgan led devotions on Psalm 69, a lament psalm about human suffering. Noting the great suffering and pain in the world, he closed with prayers for peace and comfort to those suffering loss within our Emanuel family and in the world in light of the Baltimore riots and the earthquakes in Chile and Nepal. The minutes of the March 24, 2015 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

Senior Pastor's report: Highlights included:

- Vicar Dominic will begin his lay ministry on August 1, 2015.
- The conclusion of the Prosperity Chapel relationship occurred on April 26, 2015.
- Both Russ Bjorklund and Lanny Krause have agreed to serve for one more year on the Audit Committee for 2015.
- The bequest of \$10,000 from the estate of Carolyn Liljedahl has been designated, by the family in consultation with Pastor Corgan, for Camp Calumet scholarships in the amount of \$200 for each Emanuel young person attending camp.
- Emanuel will host two important events this fall; on October 15, 2015 Bishop Hazelwood will host a stewardship event and on October 19, 2015 Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be the keynote speaker at the evening event for the Bishop's Convocation.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Marschhausen presented the Income Report for April. The new

accounting system is up and running as of April 1 as planned. Procedures for the new expense reimbursement system have been circulated to Council members and others via e-mail.

Where Are We Going? On the topic of better connecting committees with Council, and understanding the work each is doing, discussion focused on the merits of having committees attend Council meetings and of distributing committee meeting minutes if published. The Stewardship Committee will provide a brief report at the May Council meeting.

Safe Church Policy*: President Mark Hopper introduced the Safe Church Policy recommendations forwarded to Council (as prepared by Natalie Bloomquist). Lengthy discussion followed on a range of topics including; how the documents were developed from both the national and synodical levels of the ELCA, implementation and associated costs, impact on current operations, specific recommendations, suggested facility changes, responsibilities and resource requirements, and accountability. Peter Murphy and Linnea Bloomquist volunteered to serve as a small task force to work with Natalie to finalize the document prior to the May meeting. Council members were urged to forward any comments to them. Natalie Bloomquist took on responsibility for reviewing and tailoring the national Safe Church template specifically for Emanuel, and will be invited to the May Council meeting to answer questions. Council was most grateful for her work on this important church policy.
*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.

Approval of Continuing Resolutions for 2015: Craig McDonald and Chet Brodnicki volunteered to review the existing resolutions for validity and necessary corrections prior to Council action.

Stained Glass Window Update: All the east and west masonry work is complete and Stained Glass Resources is scheduling the re-installation of these windows sometime in May. On the north side, outside sandblasting and cleaning have been done and repair is ongoing.

Capital Expenditures Discussions: Council began discussion on the issue of the large projects facing Emanuel in the future and related concerns about replenishing the Capital Needs Endowment and preventing further erosion of its principal. Ideas related to sources of funding (campaign, sale of 315 Capitol Avenue, investment strategy) were discussed. It was noted that a 3-5 year plan mapping out the potential total costs of the large projects would be useful. Dean Orton volunteered and will consult with Mike Nowak, Property Committee Chair, on future planning information already available. A task force including Dean, members from Property and Finance Committees as well as additional Council members will be formed. A related issue was raised about how reduction in endowment principal and fund performance both impact overall earnings and the amount available for transfer. This will need to be taken into account during the budget process for 2016.



Michael Dwyer, son of Terri and Walter Dwyer, has been Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Congratulations to Michael and his family!

Baptized into God’s family on May 17, 2015:

Geneva Maeve Swanson, daughter of Brian and Monica Swanson, born on April 21, 2007. Godparents are Julie and Jonathan Reuning-Scherer.

Brian Robert Swanson, son of Brian and Monica Swanson, born on March 9, 2010. Godparents are Natalie and Jacob Fulmer.

The water carrier was Stephanie Reuning-Scherer. Congratulations and God’s blessings to the newly baptized and their family!

Baptized into God’s family on May 24:

Quinn Aileen Germann, daughter of Nick and Megan Germann, born on April 21, 2015 in Denver, CO. Godparents are Amy Dineen and Michael Dwyer. The Water Carriers were Caitlin and Shannon Dineen, who are Quinn’s cousins and the daughters of the godmother. Proud grandparents from Emanuel are Terri and Walter Dwyer. Congratulations and God’s blessings to the newly baptized and her family!

Bishop Hazelwood’s NE 2020 Presentation at the Greater Hartford Conference



On May 6, 2015, Bishop Jim Hazelwood gave a presentation for rostered and other church leaders within the Greater Hartford Conference of the ELCA on what he called New England 2020, at Faith Lutheran Church in East Hartford. As one of the many privileged attendees at this gathering, I thought it was fascinating how bishop took his audience through a journey of historical retrospection over the period of 2,000 years of the existence of the church, where the Church, as we know it, exists within a context that is now characterized by cultural, societal and spiritual shifts within the last 100 years. The bishop was very explicit that as people of faith, “we live in a time of great turmoil and change, where the era of church culture is gone and left behind a mission field” that is still about another Reformation. But that whatever we do today, however, will influence the “next church.” The bishop then went on to make the point that the missional church as we see it today is one that is less building centered, less structure but more network, less program but more relational, light weight and low maintenance.

Bishop further indicated that as a missional church, networking remains a vital tool to adequately addressing the needs of neighbors in the context in which we exist as the body of Christ. And so because we live and engage the Gospel in a society that is multicultural, it is inevitable to resist knowing and experiencing what it means to be a broken people constantly yearning for God’s love, wholeness, and wellbeing in the midst of our struggles. But it is this context to which God has invited us to be a missional church, charged with

the responsibility of meeting our neighbors with the Good News of Jesus Christ regardless of where they are in life. This doesn’t mean that the journey might never be foggy or stormy in any way; rather, we are invited to trust in the promise of the God who is always working with us and through us in services to our community and neighbors.

Therefore, I came away from this presentation recalling Marit Trelstad, who reminds us that “what Luther accomplished in his reformation was nothing less than a new way of imagining church, theology, and the christian’s role in society.” If the church is called to participate in carrying out God’s mission in such a world that is evolving rapidly, then the ways and means in which the church does mission and ministry today must evolve in order to engage effectively and confidently in its contexts — knowing that it is God who is actively working in us through Christ. The Church, as a people called out, is to be attuned to the needs of the community in which it exists; to be the highest manifestation of God’s love and care for our neighbors, the brokenhearted, the hungry and homeless, and at the same time to be the voice of the oppressed and marginalized of our communities

Vicar Dominic Smyth

Calling All E-mail Addresses

Please be sure to keep the parish office updated with your most current email address. More and more communications are sent out through electronic means rather than paper mailings. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at office@emanuelhartford.org. Thank you.

April 2015 Lutherhostel at Camp Calumet in New Hampshire: “How Faith Intersects with Church Architecture”

Opening Theme Session with Pastor Bill Peterson

Art and architecture proclaim the gospel, enrich the assembly’s participation in the word and sacraments, and reinforce the themes of the occasion and season. Liturgical art animates the life and faith of the community.

What is sacred space for you? *Sharing the connection between faith and architecture from the memories of our experiences in congregations we’ve belonged to or visited.*

- What is your earliest memory of a sacred space in a church building?
- What is your most powerful memory of a sacred space in a church building as a teen, young adult and middle aged adult?
- What is most important for sacred space for you today?

What defines sacred space for the church?

- God’s creation make sacred space. In the sacred space, beauty is a portal to the mystery of God and a witness to Christian faith and truth. Beauty is revealed through the honest use of the materials of God’s creation.



St. Anne Catholic Church, NH (Victorian and Romanesque, 1881)



*In the sacred space,
beauty is a portal
to the mystery of God
and a witness to
Christian faith and truth.*

Emanuel enjoyed a Senior Hostel trip to Calumet to learn more of this subject recently that included a wonderful trip past the snow covered peaks of the Presidential Range of the White Mountains to the town of Berlin, NH for a tour of some wonderful examples of churches to visit, and to learn of and tour some colonial meetinghouses of New England of easy-reach near Calumet that date to the early 1800’s, still in use, faithfully restored for special community use such as concerts of music by candlelight. Added to our enjoyment in learning was the welcome of a new travel van to test for possible purchase by Calumet for longer trips and better comfort in long distance travel.

Churches we visited:

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Berlin, NH
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Ashland, NH

Old Meeting House and Union Church, Porter, ME

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Berlin, NH

St. Anne Catholic Church, Berlin, NH (1881)

St. Anne Catholic Church, Berlin, NH (New 1909)

The churches in Berlin, NH were toured with Judy Smith of Calumet, and assisted by Pastor Bill Peterson, Rector of All Saints Episcopal, Wolfboro, NH. Additional program for the evening offered by Marina Forbes, NH Council of the Arts, Artist.



The two photos above show the interior of the Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in Berlin, NH (Byzantine, Russian, 1915)

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Modeen and Wignall College Scholarships

There are now two scholarships available to student members of Emanuel Lutheran Church. The Modeen Scholarship and the Ernest C. and Laura S. Wignall Scholarship Applications are now available through the church office. The preferred option is to use email and you will be sent an Acrobat fill-in application form.

To be considered for a Modeen Scholarship you must:

- Be a member in good standing of Emanuel Lutheran Church (have communed and made a recorded financial contribution in the past year).
- Attend a 4-year college full time, both semesters, in 2015-2016
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- Complete 10 hours of service to Emanuel Lutheran church or for a church member(s) during the 2015-2016 academic year.

To be considered for a Wignall Scholarship you must:

- Attend a 4-year college full time, both semesters, in 2015-2016 (\$5,000 scholarship) or
- Attend a 2-year community college or a two-year vocational/technical school full time, both semesters, in 2015-2016 (\$3,000 scholarship)
- Be a member in good standing of Emanuel Lutheran Church (have communed and made a recorded financial contribution in the past year).
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- Complete 10 hours of service to Emanuel Lutheran church or for a church member(s) during the 2015-2016 academic year.

You may apply for both scholarships if you are attending a 4-year college or university.

If interested please contact Karen in the office:
office@emanuelhartford.org or 860-525-0894.

She will email or mail an application to you.

The application and official transcript must be sent back by email or postal mail to Rosie Wojtek.

Email: rvojtek@edovation.com

If you are e-mailing an application, please put "Modeen/Wignall Scholarship" in the subject line.

Postal Mail:
Mrs. RoseAnne Wojtek
64 Old Cider Mill Road
Bristol, CT 06010

The Application and an official transcript (sealed in envelope, not printed from the internet) must be received by June 20, 2015. Please make sure the transcript includes the courses and grades from your spring semester. **Late applications will not be considered.** (In the event an official transcript is not available by June 20, 2015 you may submit an unofficial transcript with the application, HOWEVER, an official transcript must be received prior to the scholarship being awarded).

All applications must be signed by a parent or guardian to be considered. Please make sure your parent or guardian has seen your application. Also, you must include an active email address and a phone number where we can reach you if we have questions.

Rosie Wojtek may be contacted to answer any questions you may have about the Scholarships. Please send any questions you have to Rosie Wojtek at this email address: rvojtek@edovation.com and put "Modeen/Wignall Scholarship" in the subject area. You may also call her at 860-582-8663.

Post College Grant:

A. Elizabeth Jacobson Grant

Any post-college member of Emanuel may apply for an A. Elizabeth Jacobson Grant to help underwrite costs of educational projects beyond undergraduate work. There is no official application form. You are asked to write a letter communicating your desire for a grant, including the school and program. Letters are to be submitted by **June 18, 2015** to the Executive Committee, c/o Emanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

April 2015 Lutherhostel (continued from page 11)

Of Note: The original four Roman Catholic Parishes of the New Hampshire area about Berlin were closed to combine for the one much larger St. Anne Roman Catholic Church, 4800 members. The old St. Anne Church was left to serve as a Community Center for the Arts, open to the public as is for their enjoyment, including the pipe organ to be played; open all week, day and night. The new St. Anne Church is the most beautiful church I believe I have ever entered to enjoy its decorations!

-John Starkes

EMANUEL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Carolyn and Gill Liljedahl Camp Calumet Scholarships are available to youth who are members of Emanuel

Please contact the church office by **June 15, 2015** for the \$200 scholarships available to youth, who are members of Emanuel, to attend Camp Calumet this summer. These Scholarships will be awarded from the Carolyn and Gil Liljedahl Scholarship Fund.

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 or call/text 860-906-8197.



To Emanuel,

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers during the difficult time of my father's death. The cards and flowers are beautiful. I am often in awe at how wonderful and strong our community is at Emanuel, and it is times like this that I am especially filled with the warmth and love that our congregation provides.

*With Thanks,
Mark Hollertz, Keren, Lily,
Toby and Maire*

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 is graduating 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

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 2nd – 7th grade each week. Our program will stop 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.

Modeen Scholarship Recipients Needed for SPROUT

If you are a college student receiving Modeen Scholarship assistance and are looking for a way to give back to Emanuel, this is an opportunity for you. Every Saturday morning we run a program called SPROUT for our neighborhood youth. We feed them a healthy breakfast, play active games with them in the gym, and give them a nutritious lunch at noontime when they leave.

We need active college aged youth to help play games such as kickball, dodgeball, freeze tag, etc. in the gym with these children. The time commitment is 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. You get to have fun and do community service! The program runs through June 20, so there is limited time to help. If you are interested, please e-mail Terri Dwyer at terri.dwyer@comcast.net or call her at (860)521-0714.

EMANUEL'S RECENT INTERNS

From Pastor Corgan:

Sue Johnson asked me a while ago if we could have updates on our previous interns. What a great idea! I've written recently to them, inviting them to share whatever they'd like regarding their lives, their ministries, etc.

This month, we hear from our fourth intern, (at least, during my 18 years here at Emanuel) **Jane Mountain.**

News from Jane Mountain, Vicar 2013-14



Greetings in Christ to my dear sisters and brothers at Emanuel Lutheran. I have many fond memories of being among you in

ministry. I thank God for your ministry in educating future leaders of the church. It was a joy to serve as your Vicar, and I know I will be remembering and returning to my experiences at Emanuel as I develop my ministry in another setting. Pastor Corgan has been an excellent mentor, and my internship committee, chaired by Pam Olson, taught me many valuable lessons, while supporting me each step of the way. And you, as a congregation, welcomed Chuck and me in ways too numerous to mention. It was a bittersweet day when we said goodbye and returned to Gettysburg to complete my final year of seminary

The fall semester marked the completion of my approval process. When one studies for ministry in the ELCA, there are parallel processes of

seminary and candidacy. In the fall, I completed both of those processes with a faculty interview and a candidacy interview. Since I am from the Rocky Mountain Synod, I flew back to Denver for a week. What a joyous time visiting my friends and familiar places, topped with a supportive and enjoyable candidacy interview!

The last year at seminary has been a busy one. I filled out a ton of paperwork for First Call, and was excited to be assigned to the North/West Lower Michigan Synod. (You can look it up online as the Mitten Synod.) I also went through a vetting process, upon the recommendation of my faculty and candidacy committee, to become a Redeveloper. This means I will be placed in a church that has struggled in decline but has chosen to answer God's call to renewal. You can help support such ministries by giving to *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. The final plans for my call are in progress, and I wish I could tell you exactly where I will be ministering, but I can only say it is in an urban, multicultural setting.

I was also privileged these past few months to take many courses that have prepared me for ministry. One of the highlights was taking a course at Howard Divinity School in Washington entitled *History of the Black Church*. Two of my fellow students and I trekked to DC weekly to join 37 students from Howard and other seminaries for an in depth study of the history of slavery and how the Black Church arose from that experience. This school year, I took three preaching courses, as well as courses on administration, stewardship, pastoral care, the Old Testament, church redevelopment, and other topics. And best of all, I

have now graduated!

And there have been many other delightful things about my last two semesters at Gettysburg Seminary. We live in Richard's House, which is right next to the campus community garden. When we arrived in July, there was a full garden of veggies. I was responsible, not only for eating them, but for giving them away to students, the community, and the Soup Kitchen. I have also been involved in Rachael's Harvest, a backpack program for children in Gettysburg who experience food insufficiency.

Chuck sends his greetings. He enjoyed being at Emanuel as much as I did and we both miss you all. His health is good now after surgery for cervical disc disease in December. He has done some graphic design work for the seminary and continues to produce his digital art. We are both looking forward to the adventure to which God has called us in Michigan.

Friends, you can never know how far your ministry in educating interns will reach. For myself, and on behalf of the church, I thank you heartily for your ministry of welcoming interns into your church life. I pray God will bless you and that you will continue to educate future pastors in the church. When we students return to seminary after internships, we have been changed forever by our experiences and by the ministries we have been a part of. I have heard pastors who have been in ministry for decades refer to their internship experiences as being formative for their ministries. Your education of interns changes the future of the church. Thanks be to God!

Love and Prayers,
Jane Mountain

Congratulations and God's Blessings to Jane Mountain upon her graduation from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg on May 15, 2015. Jane was an intern here at Emanuel from 2013-2014.

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 to learn more or to register your toddler.

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.

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

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

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 if you have any questions.

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!

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.

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!

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 June 30, 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 or give her a call at (860) 257-1038 or (860) 977-8022. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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. Other ways to give are:

Mail

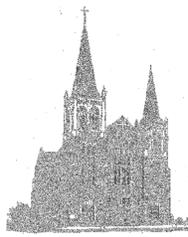
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

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 with any questions.

“The New Church will offer opportunity for the ELCA to add vitality to our mission and will enable us to share our strength in a wider ministry.” 1988



by John Starkes

With my long career in the retail food industry that began in 1958 with the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company and ending through retirement with a major wholesaler of international scale - IGA - International Groceries Alliance - 1999, we may all say about the same thought that nobody really likes changes until yet another comes along. Yet each brings about something better once we feel it out till times changes it again. Each time it happens, a statement is offered to make the future sound better, and so it happens. All the better, of course, with God, our Father in Heaven and with us, to be our strength.

So we move on ahead with our Emanuel of Hartford, a wonderful location near the Capitol. If for some event we need a lot of extra space we've got the Bushnell Memorial, and not much further St. Joseph's Cathedral, a surprising good neighbor in faith. Should some emergency develop there's the State Armory; finally I-84 highway to bring our members to church each Sunday from their peaceful homes in the suburbs. God has indeed blessed us in so many ways!

But we begin another year in - 1988 to find our Assistant Pastor Darrell Urban giving Emanuel his resignation so to pursue a new phase in his ministry goals as a family counselor and therapist for the Hartford area. Both he and his wife, Nancy, would continue to be not far from Emanuel in their independent goals brightened with contented smiles, children in tow that says, "All is well!"

While events today in much of Africa are indeed very sad, Emanuel presented a gift of \$2,500 to a foundation of Namibian Women's Voice, an organization of women in strife-torn Southwestern Africa. Meanwhile our national church, ELCA, is raising \$36 million; a sum of \$30 million urgently needed for new congregations, \$6 million in additional funding to underwrite the cost of establishing the new ELCA. For our part of all this funding Emanuel accepted a goal of \$48,195 for this "One in Mission" appeal. For all of this let there be music as the Engelbrekt Church of Stockholm choir presented a concert of choral music at Emanuel, part of their east coast tour. Bells ring for Emanuel's Harlan Pergande as he is

appointed Administrative Assistant to Pastor Stattdlander, a good man of the church in a needed position! Pastor also initiated a Sunday evening study group to tackle "The Torah" and the "Augsburg Confession," a pleasant evening in his lively home with Abby, if we could distract the subject matter to advise his Abby on tossing logs into the fire!

Now when was the parish building put up? Well it looks like new again as the first and second floors were repainted and refurbished. A new telephone system was also installed - (In his new job, Harlan got the telephone cranks for his new collection in the tunnel.) And the Parsonage kitchen was renovated - a "new look," celebrated by Emanuel's "Joyful Noise" with songs from the kitchen, perhaps their rehearsal for a Center City Churches 21st Anniversary.

Some really nice news came to Emanuel in November as Pastor Hugh Haffenreffer accepted Emanuel's call to be Assistant Pastor. He was ordained just before in his home church of the Boston area, the "Lutheran Church of the Newtons," Newton Center, MA, by Bishop Robert J. Isaksen, and then in Emanuel, February 5, 1989. Hugh and his wife, Deborah, would reside on Brentwood Road in West Hartford. About that same period of time the Chapel was closed for several weeks as important renovations were made.

Good dollars continued to flow beyond Emanuel as LCW sent a gift of \$1,000 to Philadelphia Seminary, and was admitted to the highest giving society of the Seminary, the only women's group so honored. Emanuel's 100th Anniversary Committee announced plans for an anniversary calendar in December.

We'll save the Christmas Celebrations with Emanuel's special 100th Anniversary for next month.

**Source – [God With Us– 1889-1989](#),
by Norma Westlund Sandberg*

Congratulations and God's Blessings to our sister congregation here in Hartford:

The Reverend Rick Kremer was installed at Grace Lutheran Church, 46 Woodland Street, Hartford on **Sunday, May 17** at 4:00 p.m.

Stained Glass Windows and Masonry Project

Work continues on the project to restore our stained glass windows and surrounding masonry. The interior cleaning of the precast masonry window frames has been completed with remarkable results. The final phase of repair work to the exterior masonry on the east and west sides is underway now that the weather is warming. Our hope is to reinstall the restored glass panels on the sides during May. How wonderful it will be to enjoy spring's warming sunlight and the beautiful hues of the cleaned and restored diamond glass panels!

On the north exterior, new scaffolding has been installed and our contractors have begun the "grit blasting" that removes the deteriorated outer coating and uncovers the precast stone for repairs. Repair work on this window frame and facade, which is more extensive than the other sides, will probably last through much of the summer, with the glass installation in the fall. We're hoping for good weather and no surprises to keep this phase of the project proceeding smoothly.

Feel free to contact either Mike Nowak or Jane Wunder with any questions.

"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 April, May, June 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.



In Memoriam

Everett Johnson died on May 12, 2015. A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held at Emanuel on May 16, 2015.

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

Prayers for members and friends who have experienced the loss of a loved one:

†God's comfort and consolation to **Norma Johnson** and her family on the death of Norma's husband, **Everett**. Everett and Norma have been long-time, active and faithful members of Emanuel.

†God's comfort and consolation to **Barb and Rick Berg** and family on the death of Barb's mother, Doris Shulze.

†God's comfort and consolation to **David and Torri Buchwald and family** on the death of David's mother.

†God's comfort and consolation to the family of Helga Mazeika, who died in April 2015.

†God's comfort and consolation to the family of Dr. Kristin Corgan who died on April 23, 2015. **Pastor Corgan** is Kristin's uncle.

†God's comfort and consolation to the family of Sarah Dalzell who died on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

May God comfort all who grieve.

Bible Readings

For the Month of June

June 7:

Second Sunday of Pentecost
"Psalm of Praise"

Psalms 113
Luke 15:8-10

June 14:

Third Sunday of Pentecost
"Psalm of Lament"

Psalms 69:1-16
Matthew 7:7-11

June 21:

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
"Psalm of Trust"

Psalms 27:1-6
Matthew 6:25-34

June 28:

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost
"Psalm of Thanksgiving"

Psalms 40:1-10
Luke 17:11-19

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.

Altar Flowers - \$45.00

The form to provide altar flowers is on page 19.

Serving in June

Acolyte and Crucifer

June 7 Noah Kiehne and Christopher Liddell

Acolyte

June 14 Grace Maynard
June 21 Brynna Murphy
June 28 Charles Sinche

Altar Flowers

June 7 In loving memory of my grandparents, Helen and Jerry Sandalo (parents of Peg Zachariasen and Shirley August, given by Carolyn DeZutter.

June 14 Open

June 21 In memory of my parents, given by Marjorie Johnson

June 28 Open

Assisting Ministers

June 7 TBD
June 14 TBD
June 21 TBD
June 28 TBD

Childcare in the Nursery

June 7 Open
June 14 Open
June 21 Open
June 28 Open

Children's Library

June 7 Carol Dennler and Diane Troutman
June 14 Closed for the summer

Coffee Hour

June 7 Open
June 14 Open
June 21 Open
June 28 Lois House, Elinor McCue, Barbara Erskine and Carol Dennler

Communion Preparers

June 7 TBD
June 14 TBD
June 21 TBD
June 28 TBD

Communion Servers

June 7 Open
June 14 Open
June 21 Open
June 28 Open

Greeters

June 7 Carol and Stan Johnson
June 14 Carol and Brad Dennler
June 21 Shirley August and Peggy Zachariasen
June 28 Ellen Anderson and Marjorie Johnson

Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

June 7 Carol Dennler
June 14 Monique Jennings
June 21 Becky Thomas
June 28 Kathy Haller

Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

June 7 Elizabeth Kieschnick
June 14 Alan Meeds
June 21 Noah Fairchild
June 28 Karen Strand

Sound and Recording

June 7 Kyle Bellis
June 14 Jeff Potter
June 21 Lindsey Anderson
June 28 Mal Doyle

Sunday School Aide Schedule

June 7 **PreSchool/Kindergarten:** Deidre Volk Allyson Graulich
Grades 1 and 2: Lindsay Altschuler
Grades 3 and 4: Jacob Johnson
Grade 5: Toby Hollertz

Ushers

8:00 a.m. June 7: Bob Vojtek
June 14-28: Don Ahlberg

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



Church by the Pond

This is an ecumenical ministry of worship, with a bagged lunch at **2:00 p.m.** in Bushnell Park, serving some of the homeless of downtown Hartford. Christ Church Cathedral is the organizing and sponsoring congregation.

On **Saturday, June 27**, Emanuel will serve as host congregation for Church by the Pond, **2:00 p.m.** in Bushnell Park, rain, snow or . . .?? or shine!

Pastor Corgan, Vicar Dominic and Jonathan will lead worship while as many of you as possible will help by preparing and then distributing bag lunches to around 70-80 people who attend the service. All are welcome to attend and/or volunteer. Please sign up on the blue insert sheet in the Sunday Bulletin or email Yvonne Gardner at swaney64@hotmail.com.



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This workshop covers the basics of Social Security and reveals strategies for maximizing your benefits, including:

- Five factors to consider in deciding when to apply for benefits.
- How to minimize taxes on Social Security benefits.
- How to coordinate Social Security with your other sources of retirement income.

This workshop is hosted by Thrivent Financial and local representatives Steve Strand and Tim Backhaus.

Event Details

Refreshments will be served.

Please call Dawn Mengel at 518-453-3500 or email dawn.mengel@thrivent.com to reserve a place for yourself and a guest.

You can also register at Thrivent.com/findaworkshop to reserve a place for yourself and a guest.

Monday, June 8, 2015
5:00 pm or 7:00 pm
Zion Lutheran Church
183 William Street
Portland, CT 06480

Tuesday, June 9, 2015
5:00 pm or 7:00 pm
Concordia Lutheran Church
40 Pitkin Street
Manchester, CT 06040

Altar Flowers—\$45.00

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Church

Sunday School

Sunday School begins after the

Children's Message at the

10:00 a.m. worship service.

June 7 is the last day of Sunday School

for the summer months.