

Emanuel & Friends Walk for Hunger!



SUNDAYS IN JUNE

June 4 10 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday <i>One Service Sunday - Last Day of Sunday School</i> <i>Special Congregational Meeting to Discuss & Approve Emanuel's Ministry Site Profile</i>	Acts 2:1-4
June 11 10 a.m.	Affirmation of Baptism Service for Emanuel's Confirmands <i>One Service Sunday Please come support our Confirmands</i>	
June 18 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.	Youth Service at the 10 a.m. Service! <i>Happy Father's Day!</i>	Galatians 5:16-26
June 25 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.	3rd Sunday after Pentecost <i>Please welcome the Reverend Joe Bourret</i> <i>(Pastor Hammons attending Professional Conference)</i>	Jeremiah 20:7-13, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

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

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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 & support one another ...
in Christian living and fellowship.

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From the Pastor...



There's No Place Like Home... Theology According to *The Wizard of Oz*

Despite the many “public confessions” I have made during my time as your Pastor -- the fact that I’m a devoted Yankees fan, a converted dog lover, and (some of your personal favorite) - that I used to “work for the government” - there was one “secret” I hadn’t shared with you... I love *The Wizard of Oz*.

My husband Danny (who somehow survived his childhood NEVER having seen this classic) still doesn’t get my love for this movie, and is hoping that I’ll stop trying to win him over. I’ve told him the story from opening scene to closing credits, even singing such classics as *We’re off to see the Wizard (in a munchkin voice, nevertheless)*, & *Ding Dong the Witch is Dead*. None of it has worked. He’s just not a fan. So I watch alone ... and since I also sing along - that might be for the best :)

I recently pulled the movie off the shelf to watch it for the umpteenth time... and as Dorothy clicked her heels and said *There’s no place like home*, I began to think about the story from a theological point of view. What lessons could we learn about life as a community of faith from *Oz*? I had a few revelations that, while not nearly as dramatic as Dorothy’s world going from black & white to brilliant color, may be worth thinking about – maybe even for Danny.

Dorothy was on a journey. It wasn’t a journey of her choosing - but she found herself following a new road - a *yellow brick road*. It was the path that seemed to hold the promise to lead her home.

We too have been on a journey here at Emanuel - a faith journey. And while we might not have a *yellow brick road*, we certainly have a path to follow; one that promises to lead us *home*. Jesus told us, *I am the way...* (John 14:6)

Dorothy had friends to walk with on her journey - the scarecrow, tin man, cowardly lion, and Glinda “the good witch of the north” - all of whom had special gifts to help along the journey. And, of course, she had her little dog Toto - her constant companion and connection to home.

We have friends to accompany us on our journey - our brothers & sisters in Christ, partners in ministry - each of whom has God-given gifts for the journey. And maybe we even have a special friend - the one we rely on to remind us where our home really is.

Dorothy faced evil along the way - a wicked witch, haunted trees, flying monkeys - all of whom tried to divert her from her path and get her to give up the coveted ruby slippers - the thing that kept her safe.

We too run into all forms of evil along our journey. It comes in the form of temptations that detour us from the path God sets before us; or scare us into thinking we’re not able to continue the journey; or entice us to give up the one thing that ensures our true safety -- our faith and trust in God.

Of course Dorothy also had the so-called *great and powerful Wizard of Oz* - who makes the group earn his help, and ultimately proves to be a phony... just a man with no real power at all.

And this is where we part company with Dorothy, because we don’t have a deceptive *wizard* who demands we earn our way... who pretends to be *great and powerful* when, in reality, he is neither. On the contrary, we have a God who truly is “great and powerful”, who is faithful and loving even when we are not. A God in whom we can place our hope and trust. A God who has given us the promise of an *eternal home*... as well as the gift of an *earthly home* - the Church.

Just as Dorothy & Toto found their way *home* to Kansas, Auntie Em, & Uncle Henry ... and just as we go *home* to those who love us to find our way... we are called *home* to the Church to find God’s way. In our church *home* we’re given strength & comfort through God’s Word, the Lord’s Supper, and our faith community. God gives us these friends in faith to accompany us as we are called to be the Church in the world - calling others *home* - *home* to God’s love. *There’s no place like home!*

I sure hope to see you at *home* this summer!
Pastor Maria

Jesus said... "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you."

(Mark 5:19)

Congregational Meeting

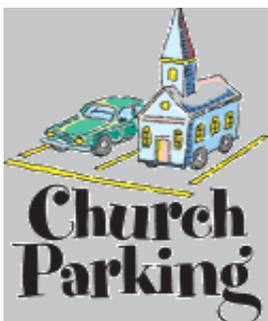


FINAL TRANSITION MEETING!

WE WILL REVIEW, DISCUSS, AND VOTE ON THE MINISTRY SITE PROFILE TO BE USED BY CANDIDATES FOR EMANUEL'S NEW PASTOR

JUNE 4TH IN LUTHER HALL
FOLLOWING THE 10 A.M. SERVICE
(ONE SERVICE SUNDAY)

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED



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 4TH 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.

All are welcome! Come join the fun!

Save the Date! Oasis Chorale in Concert Friday, July 7, 7 p.m. at Emanuel

Oasis Chorale is the premier a cappella Mennonite choir in the US. Their unique mix of hymn and spiritual arrangements is **not to be missed!** You can hear them at <http://www.oasischorale.com/>

We need families to host the choir on the night of July 7. If you can host one (or several) people, you can sign up here <http://reuningscherer.net/eventchoir/signup.asp>



TRANSITION TOGETHER

Friends in Christ... Believe it or not ... our transition journey together is almost complete! Just one more meeting - June 4th (*see p. 3, and watch your email or mail box for a letter with all the details*)... and then the Call Committee officially takes over from the Transition Team. The Synod will provide names of pastoral candidates to interview, and the call process will begin in earnest.

As you move forward in the call process, here are things you'll want to remember from all your work and conversations over these past months...

Hopes & Dreams

- ♦ Sermons are meaningful, funny, interactive
- ♦ Youth - more activities, team building, youth room, think about ways to appeal to youth
- ♦ To see the pews filled with enthusiastic people and the choir loft with joyous singers.
- ♦ Emanuel recognizes its tremendous potential to make a difference, especially in Hartford
- ♦ The building will be used every day, all day, for church activities and community groups.

Concerns & Fears

- ♦ How to reach out to new people and help them get "integrated" into the congregation
- ♦ The endowment is both a treasure and a curse. Competing perspectives on whether to "save for posterity" or "spend for mission" challenge us
- ♦ Losing members; How does the church stay/become relevant in the lives of busy people?
- ♦ The lack of a Christian Education Coordinator
- ♦ Need to identify vision actions and leaders to follow through; will people step forward to lead?

❖ What would God love about Emanuel?

- our people, our children; all are welcome!
- our ministry in the neighborhood
- our caring ministry with our homebound
- our worship, music, preaching

❖ What would God change about Emanuel?

- help us become more welcoming
- help us to witness more to God's grace
- lead us to help our neighbors even more
- have more events for/with the community

- inspire us to be joyful and generous givers
- help us involve our children & youth more
- increase our faith and trust in God's leading us during times of change; change is o.k.
- stop gossip and unhealthy conflict

❖ Where is God leading Emanuel?

- to think and act responsibly/faithfully
- to listen to each other and the community
- to be of greater service to others and become more of a presence in Hartford; to be community leaders; a beacon of hope
- to be vibrant, welcoming congregation
- to grow our faith & live into our potential
- to become a stronger congregation
- to involve our youth and their gifts more
- to be more socially relevant for this time
- to work with other churches in service

❖ Why Emanuel? Since more than 95% of you live outside the city, if someone moved next door to you & was looking for a church - and there was a good church in your neighborhood—what would you tell this person about Emanuel that would make them want to make the trip into the city?

- Emanuel congregation is a church family
- we can make a difference helping people
- we're in a great location for ministry
- we're traditional with a modern perspective
- our youth, confirmation, Sunday School
- our Pastor's preaching and our leadership
- our ministries, and strong worship & music
- our facility ... beautiful and accessible!
- exciting time to be at Emanuel - as we call a new pastor and discern God's will for future ... the Spirit is alive and active here!

Finally... *If Emanuel no longer existed, who would miss it ... and, why?* What gifts has God given the Emanuel faith community? What mission could grow out of those gifts? What dream would inspire you to step out in faith? As you are able to articulate Emanuel's faith-filled dream, it will help you define your identity and faithful purpose in the world. It will also help you call a Pastor who shares your passion, sees your vision, and partners with you in mission; a Pastor who understands Emanuel's challenges, appreciates your gifts, and is excited about taking the next step with you on your journey of faith.

With prayers for the journey! Pastor Maria



Birthdays and Anniversaries are noted for those who are:

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

Special Emanuel Birthdays

Nelson Gottier
 Arline Olson
 Anna-Lisa Johnson
 Betty Olson
 Joanne Lindahl
 Maybrit Runyon

Special Emanuel Anniversaries

Janet & Leslie Andrew
 Joan & Al Johnson
 Elaine & Brud Wilson
 Dick & Sue Johnson
 Brad & Carol Dennler
 Myrtle & Cliff Bloomquist

Crafters' Corner

Help Wanted!
God's Work. Our Hands.

Tuesday Crafters meet at the home of Judy Johnson at 10:00 a.m.
 Call Judy at 860-953-3064 or email rjnets@sbcglobal.net.

Are you a...

- Wood cutter
- Knitter (mittens & small hats)
- Person who likes to work with felt to make ornaments
- Person who will work at home

Do any of you like to work with wood? We know it can be a bit intimidating to cut out our small ornaments (need patience), but we also have some bigger items just waiting to be cut out. Please call.

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Knitted tubes are needed for small hats for our Tomtars/gnomes. Instructions are available. Takes a little bit of your time! Mittens are always popular at the Fair. Instructions available for them also.

We have many cute and somewhat simple ideas for felt ornaments... another element to complement our wood ornaments. Do you like to do this? Cutting, sewing, decorating, maybe some gluing. If so, you can work at home or come join us. A good excuse for not watching TV!

There is nothing to say about working on Fair items at home except that it is always a wonderful surprise and makes our Fair very special. Sharing what you like to

do and working at your own pace (we have until October) is pretty special as well. Thank you to all of you who share their talents with the crafty members of Emanuel

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!)
 For the "Craft Painters", the October 28 Fair seems just around the corner!
 More help is needed for:
 Sketching Painting Sealing
 Sanding Decorating

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



YOU FILL US WITH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE!
MAY GOD BLESS YOU, AS YOU BLESS THE WORLD!

The Pastors & People of Emanuel

Tolan Halstead is graduating from high school in June. He will be going to MCC this fall.

Hannah Maynard is also graduating from high school. She will be attending UCONN in the fall as a music major.

Lily Hollertz graduated from Marlboro College in Vermont with a degree in political theory. She is now on a 10 day trip to Amsterdam to study their penal system, prison diversion programs, and their mental health & substance abuse treatment approaches. After that, she will be looking for a job.

Zachary Bellis graduated with honors from Brandeis University, with majors in Islamic & Middle Eastern studies and Politics, and a minor in Economics. He has been selected for a summer internship at Lutheran Social Services in metro D.C.

Kurt Carlson, Eric's younger son, just graduated number 2 in his class from Maine Maritime Academy.

Kim Halstead is graduating from CCMT (Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy). Kim will be working in the spa of the new Delamar Hotel being built in Blue Back Square.



**Congrats
Rhiannon!**

Congratulations to
Rhiannon Kiersznowski
for her promotion to
Deputy Commander
of AFJROTC Unit CT-20141
at Windsor High School!



*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*

There are always 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.



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

- Donini family † Elaine Wilson † Alice Gustafson † Becky Thomas
- Betty-Lois Benson † Diane Roule † Judy Johnson † Deedee Lewis
- Rose Dooley † Emerrene Bailey † Carla Petry † Bob Bridgett
- Dominick DeMartino † Norma Johnson † Natalie Fulmer
- Beverly Swanson † Pamela Vigil † Bernie Johnson †
- George Leaphart & family † Richard Dusel † Barbara Blakeslee
- Eric Hammons † Lauren & Steve Belschner
- Ron Rounds † Gloria Burke † Al Behr
- Celia Allison, who is mourning the death of her sister Linda.

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
Donald Acker,
Linda Harmer Morris,
and all of the saints of Emanuel.*

Sunday School News

BY DEACON NATALIE BLOOMQUIST

June 4 is the last Sunday School class for the 2016-2017 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 their dedicated and passionate teachers.

As so often happens when we have a good thing going, we can take it for granted. June 4 will be a day for our Sunday School parents, and the whole Emanuel community, to stop and directly 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, Silvana Carreon, Jim Flanders, Natalie Fulmer, Elizabeth Kieschnick, Deepak Pedada, Katie Protulis, Shannon Graulich.*

And we can't forget to thank our teen aides for their enthusiastic and playful help. They are a special witness of discipleship to the young ones that look up to them. This year's aides are: *Lindsey Anderson, Griffin Fairchild, Matt Graulich, Trey Hazard, Maire Hollertz, Luke Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Rhiannon Kiersznowski, and Meredith Swanson.*

Our teachers have been especially flexible this year as they adapted to sharing space in the Nursery, Music Room, and Luther Hall during the construction. What a joy & blessing it will be to walk across the new ramp (no more down & up the stairs!) and enter the Sunday School wing with its new bathrooms, and once again have use of rooms with space for movement and supplies.

It will take a lot of work this summer to clean, re-stock, and prepare those rooms. I would be grateful for any help anyone is willing to offer! This might be the perfect project for some of our Modeen scholars.

This month families will receive an email with the **Sunday School Covenant & Registration** form. Please complete a form for each child and return them as soon as possible. It is very important that we have the most up to date information for when Sunday School begins in September. This is particularly important so the new pastor has information about all of our wonderful families.

I am pleased to announce that *Jeff Potter* will be leading Sunday School as you await your new pastor. Not only is Jeff able, gifted, and talented, but this makes his 6th grade Sunday School teacher (me!) so happy! I have seen the Spirit at work in Jeff since I first met him, and feel blessed to leave this special ministry in such faithful hands.



...The greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves.

Luke 22.26b



CAMP CALUMET SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

We are blessed to be able to offer Emanuel children & youth \$200 each in scholarship funds to go have fun and grow in faith at Camp Calumet this summer.

If you are interested in these funds, please contact the Church Office **no later than June 15th.**

These scholarships are awarded from the Liljedahl/Johnson Scholarship Fund.

Children's Library News



Hermie has arrived again in the library! A popular DVD has been "Hermie, A Common Caterpillar". We now have Hermie, A Common Caterpillar in book form. Hermie doesn't like being common and he doesn't think that he is very special. He confides in his friend Wormie but, not until he turns into a beautiful butterfly, does he realize that God had not finished with him yet. This book is a wonderful tale that teaches children that God as made each of us unique.

Hermie & Wormie also come alive in a new DVD called "Hermie and Wormie's Nutty Adventure". A shortage of nuts causes panic before the Garden Talent Show where every act seems to need a nut. Friends turn into enemies as they try to grab the last nut and, if they are to remain friends, they must learn to share. This delightful DVD is a lesson in sharing.

We are also excited to have a new DVD that tells some of the stories from The Jesus Storybook Bible. This begins with the first eleven New Testament stories in the Storybook Bible. It includes the birth of Jesus, his baptism, Jesus in the desert, Jairus' daughter and the Lord's Prayer. There is also the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calming the storm, the feeding of the 5000 and the story of the hidden treasure. This Bible is often used in our Sunday School so we are thrilled to have this new addition in our collection.

A final new DVD is simply called "Jesus". It was filmed on location in Israel and the script is taken from the book of Luke. The clothing, architecture, customs and food of the time were studied to make sure that the film was an authentic portrayal of the time Jesus was alive.

Classes will again have the opportunity to check materials out for the summer and we ask only that they be handled with care and returned in the fall. A special thanks to our volunteers who kept the library in operation during this time of construction. Have a wonderful summer and keep reading!



Youth Group News Save the Dates!

- Saturday June 3, 1-3 p.m. Connecticut Trails Day hike at Burr Pond State Park, Torrington. Everyone is invited. www.ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend/events-2017/torrington-educational-walk-record-3451
- Sunday June 11, 3 p.m. Bunch of Guys concert - youth group will supply food after the concert in Luther Hall (*Donations for National Gathering*)
- Tuesday June 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. "End of the School Year" Potluck Dinner in Luther Hall
- Sunday June 18, 10 a.m. Youth Worship Service

Questions? Talk to an Emanuel Youth Leaders...

Lance Hansen
Mindy Olson

Melissa Johnson
Mark Hollertz



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



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 pm, Dinners at 6:30 pm

June 14: Dinner @ Carbones in Bloomfield

MODEEN AND WIGNALL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE SOON!

There are again two scholarships available to student members of Emanuel Lutheran Church. The Modeen Scholarship and the Ernest C. & Laura S. Wignall Scholarship Applications will soon be available through the church office. The preferred option is to use email, and you will be sent a form to fill-in. We continue to refine the process.

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 2017-2018
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- Complete 10 hours of service to Emanuel Lutheran Church.
 - For students not returning to the Hartford area during the school year, they may complete service hours at a church where they attend school during the 2016-2017 academic year.
- Complete the application and write a letter to the committee addressing the Modeen Scholarship.

To be considered for a Wignall 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 2017-2018
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- Complete 10 hours of service to Emanuel Lutheran Church.
 - For students not returning to the Hartford area during the school year, they may complete service hours at a church where they attend school during the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Complete the application and write a letter to the committee addressing the Wignall Scholarship.

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

Please note if the letters for the two scholarships are not demonstrably different, you will only qualify for one scholarship. The same committee reads both applications and will see if only the name of the scholarship is changed between the two letters. More information will be included in the application, but suffice it to say a \$5,000 Wignall Scholarship on top of a Modeen scholarship, for example, necessitates a significantly different letter. Both scholarships are competitive so complete your application accordingly. Rubrics will be provided with application.

If interested, please contact Operations Manager, Jane Wunder, in the church office for application information – at office@emanuelhartford.org or 860-525-0894, extension 5. She will email or mail an application and information to you.

For additional questions and information please contact Rosie Vojtek.

Email: rvojtek@edovation.com

If you are e-mailing questions or the application, please put “Modeen/Wignall Scholarship” in the subject line.

Postal Mail:

Mrs. RoseAnne Vojtek
64 Old Cider Mill Road
Bristol, CT 06010

860-582-8663 (home phone)
860-965-8882 (cell phone)

The application and official transcript must be sent back by email or postal mail to Rosie Vojtek before midnight June 30.

**Note: Applications will be available May 1, 2017.
Deadline is June 30, 2017.**

You just never know.... I can't count how many times I've thought "you just never know" after a youth or parent has shared with me something they found interesting or inspiring, challenging or comforting after one of our gatherings. Or when they would tell me that they were coming to a totally new understanding of the Bible, and its place in their faith and their daily living after the cumulative effect of studying the Narrative Lectionary texts and how they connect throughout the biblical story of God's salvation. My favorite? When a parent would tell me that they were disappointed to have missed a gathering because their son/daughter had come home telling them about what we had explored that night, and how parent and youth then talked for an hour about it. Or receiving a text from a youth asking for the link to the video we watched because she wanted her mom to see it and talk about it.

These thoughts were flowing through my mind and my heart as I led my last confirmation gathering last month. Families are busy, busy, busy these days, and so often I would look into those tired faces and feel conflicted about asking them to add one more thing to their hectic schedules.

And then I would remember my calling as a baptized child of God and a rostered Minister of Word & Service in the ELCA - to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. While I hoped to never place undue burden on families, I did hope to provide opportunities to recognize and consider the treasures of time spent in fellowship and study - true life-giving treasures that I believe outweigh all the benefits of the busy schedules of our temporal lives.

This was the third year of our experiment including parents in confirmation. Watching parents & early adolescents work together to wrestle with big questions, relate God's stories to their every day lives, and find hope in God's promises has truly been a blessing. But this year was especially interesting in that we began to experience the "growing pains" of a new idea.

Mid 20th century, the church took what researchers, pastors, and I have found to be a wrong turn. Mimicking the public school system, the church took away the parents' role as first educator in the faith and handed it over to 'professionals' in the church. The result? Parents felt unsure, unable, or downright scared to talk genuinely & deeply about faith with their children - an especially unfortunate result when early adolescents are entering abstract thinking, trying to reconcile *childlike* faith with increasing independence & changing life experiences.

This year I began to observe an awakening in the parents, an understanding that the day they affirmed their baptisms was not supposed to be the end of their faith nurturing. I could see a hunger for delving deeper into God's Word with their peers. Going forward, I believe the climate is ideal for confirmation gatherings where youth work together, while parents work together, and then everyone comes together to share. And I don't think it's too radical to think that the next 'growing pain' will be an awakening and hunger for all the generations to engage together this way in lifelong learning and growing.

Over these last few years I have observed parents and youth supporting each other as they grow a meaningful and sustainable faith. They learned that it's a constant process. We don't do it once and then are done with it. And that's why Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation is not a graduation. It is, in fact, a beginning. We celebrate not what the confirmands have accomplished but what God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in their lives. We witness the proclamation of their faith and the vows they make to continue in the covenant God began with them at baptism - understanding that what they "know" now can change in an instant, leaving them with new questions and doubts. As their faith community, we celebrate the faith the Holy Spirit has given them and we thank God for their presence in our lives.

Please keep *Elizabeth Arcand, Madeline Arcand, Hannah Karim, Grace Maynard, Brynn Murphy, Charles Sinche, and Meredith Swanson*, in prayer as they reflect on their faith and prepare to affirm their baptisms on June 11. This is a one Service Sunday at 10 a.m. so we can be there to support them in this next step in their faith journey, as we promised to support them at their Baptism - beginning of their journey.

As with every class, it is my prayer that they continue to explore God's unconditional love, to discern the call to be of service to God and to be involved in the life of Emanuel. You, the members of Emanuel, play an integral role in welcoming these youth into greater participation in the life of Emanuel and the life of faith. Be with us on June 11, pay attention to their Faith Reflections and converse with them about what you heard and saw. Ask questions, share your story and commit to supporting them in their efforts to be faithful to the promises they will have made in the gathered assembly.

Next year? I know the confirmation families will be ready to grow with Emanuel's new pastor. Until your new pastor arrives, *Patti Farquhar* and *Jeff Potter* have graciously offered to keep the families connected. As fall arrives, they will gather you together for fellowship and team-building fun. Thank you, Patti and Jeff! It is a blessing to know the families are in good hands as you await the arrival of your new pastor.



Altar Flowers

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.

We hope to have flower donations for every Sunday of the year! Thanks for your help in making our beautiful sanctuary, even more beautiful, as we worship our God.

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 parishioners. Claudia Bellis, Brook Nowak, Ellen Anderson, Marjorie Johnson, and Rae Ann Gremel, do a great job leading our flower ministry. If you'd be willing to help on a Sunday with a delivery, please look for one of them near the Luther Hall kitchen.

You'll surely 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.**

Do You Use Your Offering Envelopes?

For nearly 300 Emanuel members, the church issues offering envelopes that are preprinted with date, name and envelope number for weekly and special giving. (Youth begin to receive these envelopes when they enter the confirmation program.) Emanuel budgets about \$1,500+ each year for envelopes – a wise expenditure if the envelopes help us to be good stewards! As times are changing, though, we’ve realized that a fair number of members are not using these weekly offering envelopes on a regular basis, preferring instead to use automatic bank checks, pew envelopes, placing checks directly in the offering plates or sending them in by mail. If you’re finding that you are not using and don’t need the weekly envelopes – please let us know. As a convenient alternative to the weekly sets, we can provide a small supply of undated envelopes to use as needed.

Or, if you need additional envelopes, or wish to reinstate your regular weekly service, we are also happy to do so! Simply call the church office or email jane.wunder@emanuelhartford.org. Whichever giving method you choose, we are thankful for your generosity in supporting the ongoing ministry of Emanuel!

The A. Elizabeth Jacobson Scholarship

We regret to inform the congregation that again in 2017 we are unable to offer any scholarships from the A. Elizabeth Jacobson Education Fund.

This fund was established in 1987 to be used to underwrite the costs of educational projects of older members, with letters of application typically being made to Emanuel’s Executive Committee. Unfortunately, as was the case in 2016, the balance in this fund is essentially at its inviolate principal.

We’re hopeful that soon this fund will benefit from enough asset appreciation to again enable scholarship awards.



**Calumet's
Bunch of Guys
Coming to
Emanuel!**

A Bunch Of Guys is back with a new CD "Make This a Better Land" and a series of concerts to bring people together to be empowered by the spirit of community singing.

One of the concerts will be held right here at Emanuel!

**Sunday, June 11th at 3:00 pm.
Mark your calendars!**

The concert will raise funds for Hands on Hartford and for Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DONATION APPEAL

Each year, congregations are asked to bring donations to the Synod Assembly to support selected ministries. This year we are collecting items to support refugees, elders, families, those with developmental disabilities, mental illness, or deafness, and those who are economically disadvantaged. Can you help?

Needed:

- **Pillows (new)**
- **Sheets and Blankets: twin or full size (new)**
- **Toiletry items: (full size) - shampoo, bar soap or body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, shaving supplies, feminine hygiene products**
- **Also gift cards: Wal-Mart, Target, or Grocery Store**

Please bring your donations to Church on Sunday mornings, and place them in the basket by the pulpit so we can include them as part of our offerings and ask for God's blessing.

COLLECTING USED BIKES!



The Graulich guys are fixing up used bikes for the kids in Emanuel's local neighborhood - many of whom are also our *Sprout* children. If anyone has a bike looking for a second home, please contact Bob Graulich email: bobgraulich@gmail.com. Thank you!



**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!

The Samaritan Fund

Did you know...

that the loose offering received on the first Sunday of the month goes to the Samaritan Fund?

The Samaritan Fund is used to assist people in need.

Thank you for your generosity!



COMMUNITY MEALS
— LOVE IN ACTION —

Hello Manna Community Meal Champions!

Thank you to our Emanuel Youth and their families & friends 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

Thank you for your continued willingness to serve!



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. 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

Emanuel's Call Committee had their first official meeting with Associate to the Bishop Pastor Paul Sinnott on Saturday, April 29. They will begin their work in June when the Ministry Site Profile is approved by the congregation and provided to the Bishop.

So ... Now WHAT?

Are you wondering "now what" when it comes to what happens next with the transition and call process? Here's a brief synopsis to help.

- ◆ The transition team completed the Ministry Site Profile on May 14 and sent it to the Council.
- ◆ The Council and Transition Team met on Tuesday, May 16 to discuss the profile. The Council suggested some changes, and approved the MSP to go to the congregation.
- ◆ On June 4, there will be a special congregational meeting at which Emanuel's parishioners will discuss the MSP, and vote to approve it. There will also be a general discussion of the financial package range.
- ◆ Once the MSP is approved by the congregation, Pastor Hammons will provide it to the Bishop and his staff for review, and for matching potential pastoral candidates for Emanuel.
- ◆ Once the names of pastoral candidates are received, the Call Committee will begin interviewing, and will recommend one candidate to the Council. **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 on Sunday mornings to keep the congregation informed. Please honor the need for confidentiality.**
- ◆ The Council then schedules a time to meet and interview the recommended Candidate.
- ◆ Once Council approves a candidate, and a financial package is agreed upon, a special congregational meeting will be held on a Sunday morning starting with worship, so that Emanuel parishioners can meet the candidate, and hear them preach and preside at worship. A representative of the Bishop will be present.
- ◆ After worship, the candidate will be asked to wait in the parlor, while the Bishop's representative leads the meeting. They will invite questions and discussion, after which a vote is taken for the congregation to approve (or disapprove) the candidate as Emanuel's new pastor.
- ◆ If approved, Emanuel's newly-called Pastor is invited back to the sanctuary and enthusiastically welcomed by the congregation.
- ◆ A start date will be set with the new Pastor. In the meantime, the Synod Staff will help arrange for Supply Pastors for Sunday coverage.
- ◆ The Pastor (and family) are welcomed to Emanuel and a celebration is held.
- ◆ The fun begins... and the faithful journey continues!

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

Council Highlights

April 2017

Council President Chet Brodnicki called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, including guests Mark Hopper and Mike Nowak. Pastor Hammons shared devotions. The minutes of the March 2017 Council Meeting were approved.

Accessibility Project: In follow-up to last month's meeting, Jane Wunder recapped the funding situation, noting that beyond the \$1.74M previously approved by the congregation for the project, there is approximately \$95,000 in funds that have come available through investment earnings, the Olson bequest and other restricted gifts.

Mark Hopper, chairperson of the Building Committee, then explained in detail how the project is managed, the role of contingencies, allowances and change orders, current budget status, and the deferred scope items that might be incorporated with the additional funds. These items might include; extending painting & repairs in some areas like the chapel and corridors, lobby furnishings, parking lot repaving, landscaping adjacent to the new entrance, & installing a columbarium (memorial repository for cremains) in the nonfunctional chapel entrance. Mark also highlighted the benefits of being able to complete these projects while the contractors are on site and mobilized.

During discussion on specific items, there was Council consensus that the parking lot was important and should be a priority, but that the columbarium should not be part of the project, and perhaps could be handled separately in the future as a memorial garden upgrade.

Council agreed on a motion to recommend the use of the additional funds for the agreed upon scope elements, to be presented to the congregation at the May 7 meeting. (Note: on May 7, the congregation voted in favor of using the funds available from earnings and restricted gifts for the project.)

Interim Pastor's Report:

Pastor Maria highlighted next steps with the completed C.A.T., the upcoming development and approval of the Ministry Site Profile, and the next steps in the call process (*See page 14.*) Note that on June 4, there will be a special congregational meeting at which the Emanuel congregation will have the opportunity to see, discuss and vote to approve the MSP.

Treasurer's report: Bobbee Canfield distributed and reviewed the Balance Sheet and the Profit & Loss Statement. Offerings are behind plan and expenses are under plan as well. Emanuel's second full audit has begun.

Church Secretary Position:

After researching other local churches, the Executive Committee proposed that the new Church Secretary position be advertised as 30 hours/week, \$18.00/hour plus benefits. It was also noted that the person hired will have a 3-6 month probation period, with two evaluations during the period. The motion passed to approve this position as proposed.

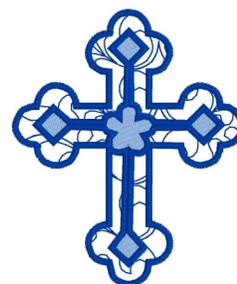
Bunch of Guys There will be a Concert at Emanuel on June 11, at 3 PM by the (originally from Calumet) group - a *Bunch of Guys*. The funds raised will go to Hands on Hartford and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

Youth Ministry: Plans are underway for fundraising to support the youth group going to the National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018. Half the funds for the trip come from fundraising and parents, and the other half traditionally is paid for by the Youth endowment.

Proposed events: Music Director Jonathan Reuning-Scherer is working on two upcoming events; Oasis, a Mennonite Chorale, on July 7, and a possible future date for the Hartford Opera Theater to perform at Emanuel. There is no cost to the congregation. The concerts would all be open to the local community. Council supported the concerts as both a welcome gift of music and a way to connect with the community.

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

If you would like to come address the Council on a particular matter, please talk with Council President Chet Brodnicki.
860-236-3050
chetglenna@comcast.net





JUNE HARDHAT ZONE



Accessibility: Early in May, Eversource completed the transformer upgrade necessary to support the new elevator. With that infrastructure improvement done, the electricians could continue with interior electrical and lighting work, including inspections by City officials. That in turn has allowed the contractors to close up the ceilings and pop in the last new ceiling tiles. Restroom fixtures, partitions and accessories have almost all been installed. Final painting has begun in some areas. Masonry and roofing are now complete on the vestibule – plywood has been used to temporarily secure the openings while we await delivery of the new doors and windows. Finishing the interior of this new space has been complicated as the trades vie for elbow room to complete their work, especially as the Otis elevator components begin arriving and need most of the vestibule’s square footage for staging. At the May 7th special meeting, the congregation approved the use of accessibility fund earnings and additional gifts – which now can be used to complete work that had been deferred due to budget constraints. Priority items would include parking lot paving, entry security, signage and landscaping. Project completion is still on schedule for the end of June – with July targeted for Emanuel getting itself back in order and resituated in the existing, new and renovated spaces. We’re approaching the finish line!

Tower: Progress has been steady. Scaffolding on the east side went up quickly on the heels of Eversource completing their transformer work. Since then, all the newly cast masonry segments were installed. The final phases, involving special protective coatings and louver painting, are essentially complete, and by early June the exterior scaffolding should be on its way down. The scaffolding in the church balcony may be up through June as ceiling repairs are done and one of the decorative ceiling ribs is restored or replaced. What a wonderful sight to see the crisp white precast against the clear blue springtime sky!





CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?! WE’RE LITERALLY WEEKS FROM THE COMPLETION OF ALL OF OUR CONSTRUCTION.

The contractors have done their work, and now it’s our turn!
We need to clean up & get ready for our celebration and to occupy our new space.

JUNE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED OUR CLEAN UP & CLEAN OUT MONTH! EVERYTHING THAT IS OLD, DAMAGED, OR NO LONGER NEEDED WILL NEED TO GO WHILE WE STILL HAVE THE DUMPSTER – NO LATER THAN THE END OF JUNE. So if you have “stuff” of any kind at the church, we need you to go through it as soon as possible and designate a space to keep what is needed. Then Rachid & the Property Team will help us get rid of the rest!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP GETTING EMANUEL READY FOR AN EXCITING FUTURE!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>June 2017</p> <p>+ Please note: Worship Services are at 8 & 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry & Bible Conversation At Sherman home</p> <p>10 a.m. Craft Painters meet at Pergandes</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>10a.m. SPROUT</p> <p>1 p.m. Youth Group Hike @ Burr Pond State Park</p>
<p>4 PENTECOST!</p> <p>ONE SERVICE SUNDAY at 10 a.m. Communion at Rail</p> <p>Last day of Sunday School!</p> <p><i>Special Congregation Meeting following Worship re: MSP. Lunch will be served.</i></p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>10 a.m. Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson</p>	<p>7</p> <p>No Staff Meeting</p> <p>7 p.m. Confirmation Potluck with Prayer friends in Luther Hall and rehearsal for Sunday!</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10 a.m. Craft Painters meet at Pergandes</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>New England Synod Assembly in Springfield</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>10a.m. SPROUT (last day)</p> <p><i>New England Synod Assembly in Springfield</i></p>
<p>11</p> <p>ONE SERVICE SUNDAY at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Affirmation of Baptism Sunday! Come support our Confirmands!</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Bunch of Guys Concert at Emanuel</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>10 a.m. Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Youth Group potluck in Luther Hall</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11 a.m. Staff</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 a.m. Craft Painters meet at Pergandes</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>Deadline for God With Us articles.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Worship Services at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.</p> <p>10 a.m. Youth Service</p> <p>Happy Father's Day!</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p>10 a.m. Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson</p> <p>7 p.m. Exec</p>	<p>21</p> <p>No Staff Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10 a.m. Craft Painters meet at Pergandes</p>	23	24
<p>25</p> <p>Worship Services at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>10 a.m. Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson</p> <p>7 p.m. Council</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11 a.m. Staff</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10 a.m. Craft Painters meet at Pergandes</p>	30	<p><i>Summer Worship Services will be held in Luther Hall beginning next Sunday, July 2</i></p>

Serving This Month

Acolyte and Crucifer

June 4

Acolyte: Delanie Halstead
Crucifer: Andre Montoya

June 11

Acolyte: Matthew Anderson
Crucifer: Megan Murphy

June 18

Acolyte: Youth Service
Crucifer: Youth Service

June 25

Acolyte: Griffin Fairchild
Crucifer: Harrison Arcand

Altar Flowers

June 4

Rae Ann Gremel
*in honor of the
101st birthday of
Arline Olson*

June 11

Given by Emanuel
congregation
*in honor of our
Confirmands*

June 18

open

June 25

open

Assisting Ministers

June 4

Alan Meeds

June 11

Deacon Natalie

June 18

Youth Service

June 25

Mal Doyle

Children's Library

June 4

Last day!

June 11

Summer break

June 18

Summer break

June 25

Summer break

Coffee Hour Hosts

June 4

Val & Lance Hansen
Jessica & Carl
Johnson

June 11

Grade 7
Confirmation
families

June 18

Tracy/Curt Anderson
family, Alan Meeds,
Marjorie Johnson
Rachid Chelali to
celebrate the end
of Ramadan

June 25

Communion Preparers

June 4

Bobbee Canfield
& Eileen Mitche

June 11

Lynne Strecker

June 18

Jeannette Urban

June 25

Val & Craig
McDonald

Greeters

June 4

Michael &
Celine Coons

June 11

AJ Caldwell and
Eleanor Doyle

June 18

Jeannette Urban

June 25

The Graulich family

Lectors

8:00 a.m.

June 4

No 8 a.m. Service

June 11

No 8 a.m. Service

June 18

Randy Olson

June 25

Kathy Haller

10:00 a.m.

June 4

Jonathan Fairchild

June 11

Confirmands

June 18

Youth Service!

June 25

Janice Favreau

Sound and Recording

June 4

Mal Doyle

June 11

Rhiannon
Kiersznowski

June 18

Jeff Potter

June 25

Noah Fairchild

Sunday School Aide Schedule

June 4

Last day of
Sunday School

**ALL AIDES are invited to
join us for a celebration!**

Ushers

8:00 a.m.

Ron Lindlauf

10:00 a.m.

Alan Anderson,
Captain
Bruce Cutler
Gary Johanson
Ken Swanson

Thank you for serving in these
very important ministries!

Spring in Emanuel's beautiful Memorial Garden



THANK YOU EMANUEL!

Bernie & I are so blessed by our Emanuel Hartford friends. "Thank you" alone doesn't seem adequate for the many cards, flowers and prayers from so many of you. Cards continue to come and we feel the concern and ongoing prayers with each one. If only we could thank each of you individually!

In a few weeks, we hope to move to a condo we're buying here in Manchester, and then putting our home on the market - a stressful, emotional and exhausting time for us. We pray we'll be able to worship with you once again and will keep you all in prayer, as you do for us.

God Bless and Thank You All! Bernie & Helen Johnson

Dear Emanuel members ... I want to say thank you for the beautiful tulip plant I received on Easter Sunday. It was a real nice surprise. I appreciate all your prayers and caring wishes that have been sent my way. I feel very blessed by God to be a member of Emanuel. *May God bless you all. Burt Hedling*

Dear Emanuel friends - Thank you so much for your prayers, beautiful cards and well wishes. Your thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated. I miss you all and I hope that I might be able to come back to Connecticut for a short visit this summer. Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl—I used it often while in the hospital. *God bless you all! Norma Johnson*

Emanuel Altar Flowers — \$45.00

Please use the form below for a flower donation and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Thank you.

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Today's Date: _____

Given by: _____

Date for Flowers: _____

Phone Number: _____

Questions? Call the Church Office 860-525-0894

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday Services of Holy Communion:

8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

One Service Sundays

June 4th - Special Congregational Meeting

June 11th - Affirmation of Baptism for Confirmands

JUNE 18TH - YOUTH SERVICE AT 10 A.M. Service

(8 a.m. Service will also be held.)

Sunday School

June 4th - Last Day of Sunday School