

GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford



**A Lenten Event
on Wednesdays
at Emanuel**

Grace in the City



Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Thursday Bible Study

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Adult Classroom of the Parish Building. We'll be studying the texts for the coming Sunday. Please see page 8 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

Friends in Christ,

The “God of the Gaps” is maybe Dead. However, God, in Christ Jesus, is Alive and Well!

In a fascinating interview with Bill Moyers, the director of the Hayden planetarium, Neil Degrasse Tyson, made the point that some people who say that they believe in God, mean a god who is found in the gaps of human, scientific understanding. That is, people posit god when they can't explain something about the universe, the cosmos or the world. Tyson makes the point that if god is only in the gaps of scientific understanding, then as scientific understanding expands and increases, logic tells us that god then decreases and diminishes. This seems a fair and accurate interpretation of what amounts to religion for some people.

Over 70 years ago, while imprisoned by the Nazis, Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer refuted the “god of the gaps” kind of faith/ religion, declaring that the world had moved beyond this kind of thinking because people no longer needed to, or would, believe in such a god. Bonhoeffer argued persuasively and powerfully in his [Letters and Papers from Prison](#), that, contrary to some opinions, God is found not on the margins or the boundaries of life, but rather in the center of human existence. For Bonhoeffer, Jesus Christ, God incarnate, God in this world, exists in the center of human existence, not in the gaps of scientific understanding.

This season of Lent, beginning **Wednesday, March 5**, is an excellent time to think about the God in whom we believe, a time to consider the God who

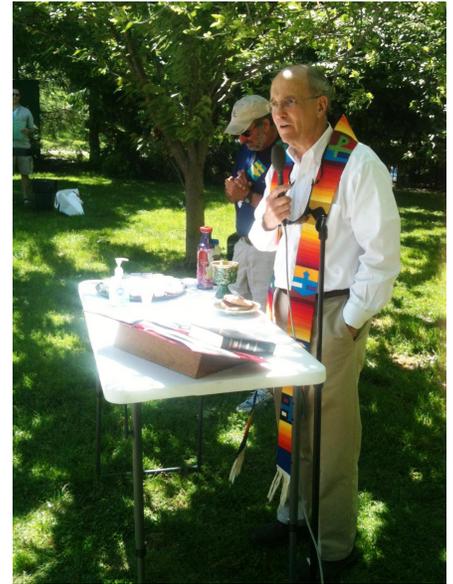
does not dwell on the periphery of life, but who, in Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen one, intervened into the very center of human existence. This is truly the God who meets us where we live.

For many in today's secular, pluralistic society, belief in God, is elusive, if not undesirable. Atheists, agnostics, “nones,” for many and varied reasons resist or question the notion of, and the belief in, a god. Often, such disbelief is linked to the god of the gaps or the god of judgment and hell or, you name it, whatever god has left an imprint on this culture. So often, however, when I speak to people who fit these categories, the gods they are rejecting are gods I don't believe in either. Often, I find that many of these individuals are not necessarily rejecting Jesus and, in many cases, don't really know much about him.

Thinking about these matters, we can see how our faith and our witness are both centered on Jesus as the revelation of God in human history. Therefore, I invite and encourage you to use this season of Lent to give some serious thought to Jesus and who he is, as God for us and God with us, and as the Savior of the world.

There'll be ample opportunities to do so:

- On the five Wednesday nights in Lent, hear speakers from ministries and agencies in Hartford describe the work they do to provide assistance for those in need;
- Each week, meditate on the “Lighted Cross” which was a meaningful symbol during Lent for many members growing up at Emanuel and those visiting. In honor of the 125th Anniversary, members can experience the presence of the



Pastor Corgan leading a “Church by the Pond” worship service. Please see the article on page 13.

lighted cross in the sanctuary during Lent. It is our hope that during worship you will focus on the lighted cross and the meaning it has in our lives.

- The Rev. Dr. David Lose, noted Lutheran teacher, professor and preacher will be in Greater Hartford for the weekend of **March 15-16**. I encourage you to hear this outstanding leader of our church. Please see the article on page 14 for more information on the events featuring the Rev. Dr. David Lose.
- The Stephen Ministry will be introduced to Emanuel, beginning **Sunday, March 23**. Please see page 8 in this issue for more information from Pastor Marschhausen.

Our faith is centered on Jesus, the Christ. This Lent, devote yourself to this one who has become life and light for us forever. Thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Corgan

BASKETS OF PROMISE

by Natalie Bloomquist

Sunday School Lent Project

This Lenten season, the children will participate in Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** appeal. Each Sunday in Lent, we'll collect items to form LWR Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. **Please see the article on the next page for all the information on what items will be collected each Sunday during the Children's Sermon.**

March lessons:

How do these stories help you understand God and how God works in our lives?

March 2: Jesus Heals Two Blind Men.

Jesus heals, not from pride or power, but from compassion. Matthew 20:29-34

March 9 (First Sunday of Lent): The Sower. Share God's word everywhere; you cannot predict listeners' responses. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

March 16 (Second Sunday of Lent): The Wedding Banquet. God invites us all to love and be loved. Matthew 22:1-14

March 23 (Third Sunday of Lent): Jesus Feeds 5000. Everyone can be fed and loved by Jesus. John 6:1-14

March 30 (Fourth Sunday of Lent): Transfiguration. Jesus connects what came before to what comes next. Matthew 17:1-13

Prayer for the Month:

Dear God, help us prepare our hearts for your word like fertile soil where seeds grow into strong plants. Amen.

3rd grade parents take note!

First Communion Instruction will be offered with Pastor Corgan, Vicar Jane and Natalie Bloomquist on:

- **March 30 and April 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the upper level classroom
 - for 3rd graders and their parents and anyone who is interested in learning about and preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- First Communion will be received during evening **Maundy Thursday** worship on **April 17**.
- Contact Pastor Corgan or Natalie Bloomquist with any questions.

Confirmation News

BASKETS OF PROMISE

by Natalie Bloomquist

We honor God when we are content with what we have and help others keep what they have.

After the confirmation youth studied the Ninth and Tenth Commandments through an online assignment at home with their parents, I received some pretty neat email and video responses about the challenges of living in a world that encourages us to want more than what we have. One of the activities was to go to lwr.org and learn about the ways they restore or establish people's physical

security. The relief efforts highlight the suffering of people for whom self denial is not a choice but has become a fact of life. What they saw on the Lutheran World Relief web site encouraged us to partner with the Sunday School for this year's Lent Project: **Baskets of Promise**.

Each Sunday in Lent, we'll collect items to form LWR Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. **Please see the article on the next page for all the information on what items will be collected each Sunday.**

Along with donating items, the confirmation youth will take the lead in wrapping the Personal Care Kits for delivery.

Sunday School Parents: This year you will find your Family Page in your email box each Sunday. Don't miss these helpful talking points and activity ideas for helping your children make meaning of the day's Bible story and for engaging in meaningful faith conversations!

Parents of Toddlers

If your child has or will turn three years of age in 2014, he or she may be ready to start Sunday School at Emanuel. Please feel free to contact Natalie Bloomquist if you have any questions.

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

Partner with Emanuel's Sunday School and Confirmation Youth!

BASKETS OF PROMISE



This Lenten season, we invite you to join us in taking part in Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** appeal. Each Sunday in Lent, we'll collect items to form LWR Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it's often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush...and washing up they know that they have not been forsaken by the world.

The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. Join Emanuel's youth in sharing God's grace and love by providing that simple comfort.

The collection schedule is below. Check the bulletin and Emanuel's Facebook page each week during Lent for a reminder of the coming Sunday's donation item. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Bloomquist at 860-525-0894 or Natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org.



March 9

bath-size towels (between 20"x40" and 52"x27"), darker colors; light to medium weight are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use



March 16

bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original package; multi-packs of individually boxed bars may be donated



March 23

adult-size toothbrushes in original packaging; multi-packs may be donated because we can seal individual toothbrushes in envelopes



March 30

sturdy combs (no picks or fine-tooth); multi-packs may be donated because we will remove the packaging



April 6

metal nail clippers (attached file optional); multi-packs may be donated because we will remove the packaging

Important Guidelines to Remember:

- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or Emanuel's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday, March 5

Services of Worship

at 12:00 Noon and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Services of Worship

during Lent, March 9, 16, 23, 30

and April 6 at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Lenten Event on Wednesdays

March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 and 9

“Grace in the City,” 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

☞ **6:00: Soup and Sandwiches
Catered by “The Kitchen”**

☞ **6:30 - 7:20: Program Speakers
Please see “Grace in the City”
Program Speakers below.**

☞ **7:30 - 8: Worship in Nave**

Lent Service in the Chapel on

Thursdays: March 13, 20, 27,

and April 3 and 10 at 11:30 a.m.

“Grace in the City”

Program Speakers

March 12: Billing Forge Community Works - “Community Engagement,”
Karem and Julie

March 19: Church by the Pond,
Deacon Donald Richey
(see article on page 13)

March 26: Environmental Stewardship, Lily Swikert and her prairie dog, “Stumpy!” (see article on this page)

April 2: Faces of Homelessness -
Hands on Hartford

April 9: Christian Activities Council,
The Rev. Edwin Ayala

**March 26 Program Speaker for
“Grace in the City”**

Lily Swikert is a graduate student at the Yale School of Forestry and the Environment. Prior to her current studies, Ms. Swikert worked as a Wildlife Conservationist for 7 years. During that time, she spent 4 years working for the Turner Endangered Species Fund restoring native imperiled species throughout North America’s grassland ecosystem, including 2 years leading a black-tailed prairie dog and black-footed ferret restoration project in central South Dakota. Lily will come to talk about her past and current work to preserve prairie dog habitat, AND will bring her rescued pet prairie dog “Stumpy” as a part of her talk.

Join us for Lenten Worship

The Worship Committee invites you to attend the many opportunities for worship and reflection during Lent. We begin with **Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, March 5 at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary.

“Grace in the City,” our Wednesday Lenten program, will begin on **Wednesday, March 12, and continue on each succeeding Wednesday evening through Wednesday, April 9.** Each Wednesday there will be a light supper of soup and bread catered by the Billings Forge Kitchen at 6:00 p.m. From 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Pastor Corgan will introduce speakers from various ministries and agencies that serve the Hartford community and beyond. From 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. there will

be Worship in the sanctuary.

If you are unable to attend on Wednesday evenings, there will also be an opportunity for **Worship every Thursday beginning on March 13 from 11:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Chapel. These Thursday services will be held each Thursday through April 10.**

Of course, we encourage you to continue to attend Sunday Worship every Sunday either at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel or 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Lent is traditionally a season of introspection and preparation. It can also be an opportunity for a new discipline to center our lives in Christ. We hope you will accept our invitation to embrace Lent as a season for renewal and action. Please join us for as many of the fellowship, education and Worship opportunities as you can.

Mark your calendars for these important services

Even though this is the March issue of *God With Us*, the Worship Committee would like you to be aware of the opportunities for Worship that will be coming in early April.

Holy Week will be here soon.

Don’t forget Jesus’ triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

On **Maundy Thursday, April 17**, we will celebrate *The Last Supper* at **12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

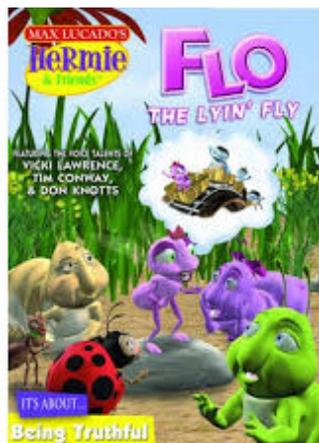
On **Good Friday, April 18**, we will remember Jesus’ passion and death on the cross at **7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

On **Easter Sunday, April 20**, we will rejoice in Jesus’ triumph and resurrection at **9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

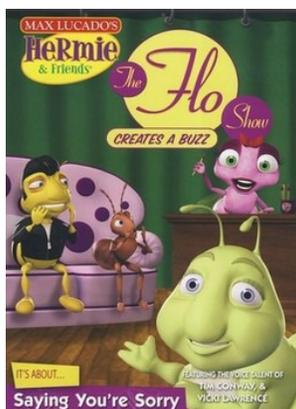
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	MARCH				Youth Ski Weekend at Calumet Feb. 28 - Mar. 2	1 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
2 Transfiguration 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion During the 10 am service: Sunday School Youth return from Ski Weekend at Calumet	3	4 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 5:30 - 7:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Luther Hall 7 pm: Worship Committee Meeting in the Conference Room	5 Ash Wednesday Services of Worship at 12:00 noon and 7:30 pm Confirmation Students to attend 7:30 pm service	6 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 10:00 Bible Study Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	7 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	8 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym "Growing in Grace," Lenten Retreat 9 am - 12 Noon, with an 8:30 am welcome (snow date, Mar. 22)
9 First Sunday in Lent 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion During the 10 am service: Sunday School Daylight Saving Time begins: Spring Ahead!	10	11 9:30 am: Staff Meeting	12 6:00 - 8:00 pm: "Grace in the City," Lenten Event in Luther Hall and Confirmation	13 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 10:00 Bible Study 11:30 am: Lent Service in the Chapel 12:00 noon: Senior Luncheon, "Remembering" Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	14 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	15 Deadline for "God With Us" 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym NELTF Event: The Rev. Dr. David Lose, at Concordia in Manchester (Please note: The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held today in Hartford)
16 Second Sunday in Lent 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion Guest Preacher, The Rev. Dr. David Lose During the 10 am service: Sunday School 11:30 am: Forum with the Rev. Dr. Lose	17	18 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 7 pm: Executive Committee Meeting in Conference Room	19 6:00 - 8:00 pm: "Grace in the City," Lenten Event in Luther Hall and Confirmation	20 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 10:00 Bible Study 11:30 am: Lent Service in the Chapel Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	21 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	22 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym 2:00 pm: Emanuel hosts "Church by the Pond" with Bag Lunches, in Bushnell Park
23 Third Sunday in Lent 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion Stephen Ministry Sunday #1 During the 10 am service: Sunday School Archival Coffee Hour 7 pm: ETA Pub Night at McLadden's	24	25 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 6:30 pm: Church Council Meeting in Luther Hall	26 6:00 - 8:00 pm: "Grace in the City," Lenten Event in Luther Hall and Confirmation	27 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 10:00 Bible Study 11:30 am: Lent Service in the Chapel Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	28 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	29 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
30 Fourth Sunday in Lent 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion - Stephen Ministry Sunday #2 During the 10 am service: Sunday School 11:30 am: March Madness in the gym 11:30 am: First Communion Instruction 7 pm: LYAAH Pub Night at McLadden's	31					

Children's Library News

How exciting it was to watch our Sunday Church School students explore our books, videos and DVDs on their recent class visits to the Children's Library. Next visit they will be able to view our large new collection of wonderful DVDs.

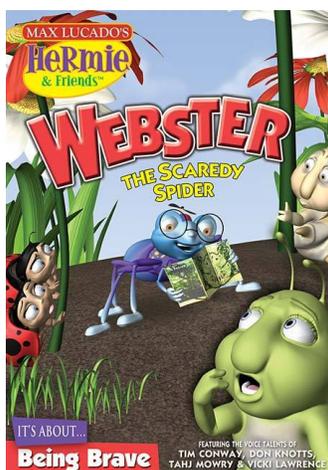


We have 5 new DVDs from the Hermie and Friends collection by the wonderful author Max Lucado. In "Flo the Lyin' Fly," everyone is happy that the Water Beetles are coming to perform in the garden except for Flo, who makes some promises that she can't keep. Her lies are about to catch up with her and it is up to Hermie and Wormie to teach her the value of always telling the truth. In another Flo adventure entitled "The Flo Show Creates a Buzz," Flo gets her own TV talk show but things don't really go the way she expects. She forgets to think about the feelings of her guests and finally realizes she needs to apologize for the mean things she has said. She learns that words are very powerful and saying "I'm sorry" can make a big difference and restore friendships.



In a new Buzby DVD called "Buzby and the Grumble Bees," Buzby and his garden friends secretly agree to show his misbehaving niece and nephew how unpleasant life would be if everyone misbehaved. After some encounters with misbehaving bugs, Beebee and Buddy decide to practice good behavior. This adventure teaches children that rude behavior is unpleasant and specifically encourages them to put their things away, use good manners and get to bed on time.

Two other new Hermie and Friends DVDs are "Webster the Scaredy Spider" and "Skeeter and the Mystery of the Lost Mosquito Treasure." The Garden Treaty



of '85 says that no spiders are allowed in Hermie's garden. The garden residents don't realize that Webster is more afraid of them than they are of him. As Hermie, Wormie and Webster face their fears, they learn that there's nothing to be afraid of when God is with you. Skeeter is a poor little bug that can't do anything right. When his "perfect" brother comes to the garden with a treasure map, it is up to Skeeter to solve the mystery of the treasure's location. This delightful story teaches about each of us being designed uniquely and especially by God.

Make sure you come and check out these new additions plus all of our other exciting new DVDs.

Bible Readings for the Month

Mar. 2 Transfiguration of Our Lord

1st Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2nd Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday

1st Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2nd Lesson:
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Mar. 9 First Sunday in Lent

1st Lesson:
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32
2nd Lesson: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Mar. 16 Second Sunday in Lent

1st Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
2nd Lesson:
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Gospel: John 3:1-17

Mar. 23 Third Sunday in Lent

1st Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
2nd Lesson: Romans 5:1-11
Gospel: John 4:5-42

Mar. 30 Fourth Sunday in Lent

1st Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
2nd Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41



News from Vicar Jane

Life always brings such interesting surprises, but we often don't see them as interesting when we first experience them. And that is true of my experience on January 10, when I was walking our dog, Stella, on a bright, warm but wintry, New England day. Although there were a couple of inches of new snow, I had walked about a half mile, and my path was ice-free. Then I saw Stella, just a few feet in front of me, slide on ice covered by the snow.

Slipping is something border collies just don't do, since they are built for herding and maneuvering through mud and sleet and ice and snow. And they do have four legs, after all. But by the time my brain processed this interesting phenomenon of a four-legged critter sliding on ice, I was already on the ground reacting to an extremely painful shoulder. I had fallen and could not get up, and would have made a good commercial had it not been for my tears. It took two paramedics to get me up on that ice.

Next I had an ambulance ride to Hartford Hospital followed by three weeks of excruciating pain that just didn't let up except when I was able to position myself with pillow support and keep my activities to eating, sleeping and breathing. This type of humerus fracture cannot be casted so I went through three different slings with minor relief. Now, with

physical therapy, I am beginning to recover.

Since I have been preparing for our Lenten Retreat about grace, my fall becomes interesting in regard to grace. When I was helpless on the icy sidewalk, I couldn't even seem to cry out for help. There was no getting up on my own. I couldn't pull out my phone because it was in the pocket on the same side as my injury, and when I tried to reach with my right hand, my left arm was unsupported and the pain would stop me in my tracks. I was totally helpless and reliant on others to help me.

Spiritually, this is similar to our situation as human beings when God comes to us with grace. Grace is all about the fact that God first comes to us with the invitation to become graced people of God. We don't have to be able to stand on our own merit before God. God doesn't wait for us to get up on our own before coming in human form as our Savior, Jesus Christ. We don't have to be perfect or earn a relationship with God. Instead, we are unable even to call to God without God first coming to us.

When we are helpless and in pain, estranged from God, God comes to us with favor that we cannot earn. And, yes, this is grace - God's greatest gift to us, freely given by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2:8-10, NRSV)

Join Us in Retreat *G*rowing in Grace: Conversations in Community

**Saturday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Coffee, light breakfast snacks and
welcome at 8:30 a.m. in Luther Hall**

Vicar Jane invites all adults and young adults to explore God's grace on a practical, daily level. **March 8** is the first Saturday in Lent and this retreat will introduce Emanuel's Lenten theme *Grace in the City*. You won't want to miss this retreat whether it is your only chance to observe Lent with others or whether you are able to attend Thursday morning services, or Wednesday evenings as well.

Join us for this interactive retreat and start the observance of Lent by acknowledging the power of grace in our lives.

- What does grace mean in our daily living?
- How do we experience God's grace individually and in community?
- How can we help others experience grace?

Pick up a flyer to register or stop at the Retreat Table in Luther Hall. You may send an email to register: jane.mountain@emanuelhartford.org. If you register by email, please include your name(s), phone number(s), and email address(es).

Thank You

Thank you, Emanuel, for your prayers, cards and meals. You have been gracious to us as we heal, and for this we give thanks to God. -Vicar Jane and Chuck Mountain

On Sunday, March 23 during the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services, Stephen Ministries will be introduced and material will be available in Luther Hall.

Stephen Ministry - What Is It?

In August of 2013, Emanuel Lutheran Church became a “Stephen Ministry Congregation” and three of our members went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a week to be trained as “Stephen Leaders.”

What is Stephen Ministry? What does it mean for Emanuel, our members, friends, and neighbors? When does it start? What’s involved? Hopefully, over the next few months, we will fully answer these questions for you. We begin with this introductory article in our parish newsletter. Much more information will follow in a wide variety of formats.

This article is structured in a series of “frequently asked questions” about Stephen Ministry with short, hopefully concise answers.

What exactly is Stephen Ministry? Stephen Ministry will be a ministry of Emanuel in which carefully trained and supervised lay people, called “Stephen Ministers,” provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing challenges or difficulties in their lives.

Who is Involved? Stephen Leaders are the people who will oversee and direct our Stephen Ministry. They will recruit, select, train, organize, and supervise Emanuel’s Stephen Ministers, identify people in need of care, and match them with a Stephen Minister. We have three trained Stephen Leaders at the present. They are Pastor Corgan,

Elizabeth Kieschnick, and Pastor Marschhausen.

Stephen Ministers are the caregivers. They will have completed 50 hours of training in Christian caregiving, including general topics such as listening, feelings, boundaries, assertiveness, and using Christian resources in caregiving. In addition, their training will cover specialized topics such as ministering to the divorced, hospitalized, bereaved, and aging. The recruiting and selecting of Stephen Ministers will begin over the summer months, and the training of our first group of Stephen Ministers will begin in the fall.

Care Receivers are the recipients of Stephen Ministers’ care. These will be people from our church or community who are experiencing divorce, grief, loss of a job, loneliness, hospitalization, terminal illness, or any of a number of other life difficulties. Stephen Ministers usually meet with their care receivers once a week for about an hour for as long as the care receiver will benefit by the relationship.

What do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a crisis or a tough time.

Are Stephen Ministers Counselors?

Stephen Ministers are not counselors; they are trained lay caregivers. Their role is to listen and care – not to give advise or counsel. Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when a care receiver’s need exceeds what they can provide. When that happens, Stephen Ministers work with care receivers to help them receive the level of care they really need.

Can I Trust A Stephen Minister?

Trust is absolutely essential to a caring relationship, and Stephen Ministers are people you can trust. Confidentiality is one of the most important principles of Stephen Ministry, and what a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence.

Why the Name Stephen? The name *Stephen* comes from Saint Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need as recorded in the 6th chapter of the Book of Acts.

What’s the Pastors’ Role? Pastors will always be the primary caregivers, but there is no way pastors are able to meet all the needs for care. God has called all of us, not just pastors, to minister to one another. Stephen Ministry multiplies ministry by turning pastors into equippers so they can enable lay people to provide caring ministry as well.

Where Did It All Start? Stephen Ministry has been around since 1975, when Kenneth Hauck, a Lutheran pastor and clinical psychologist, began it to multiply the caregiving in his congregation in St. Louis, Missouri. The Stephen Ministries headquarters is still in St. Louis. Today, our Stephen Ministry at Emanuel joins more than 10,000 Stephen Ministry congregations from more than 150 Christian denominations. Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford is a Stephen Ministry congregation, and so is Emanuel Lutheran Church in Manchester, CT.

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Stephen Ministry - What Is It?
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How Can Someone Become a Stephen Minister? How Can Someone Receive Care From a Stephen Minister? These are questions that will be answered in detail over the next few months. Watch and listen. . .and as the Spirit calls you, get involved!

How Much Does It Cost? Stephen Ministry will be a caregiving ministry available to our members and community free of charge.

“Enough” for this first article. Watch for all kinds of Stephen Ministry information material that will be available all around Emanuel. Pastors Corgan and Marschhausen and Elizabeth Kieschnick are always available to answer your personal questions.

Finally, say a prayer asking God’s blessing and guidance as Emanuel embarks on this important, needed ministry in Jesus’ name.

"I'd like to thank all the ladies of the church who baked, served, and supported the family of Ken Swanson, Sr. on Saturday, February 1, 2014."

*Sincerely,
Ann Louise Swanson*

ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response

Approximately 2.2 million people in the Central African Republic are in need of humanitarian assistance due to insecurity and intense violence occurring in the country. **What you can do: Please pray and consider a gift.**

Give by Mail

Lutheran Disaster Response
39330 Treasury Center
Chicago, IL 60694-9300

Give by Phone

800-638-3522

Give Online:

<http://www.elca.org/>



First Communion Instruction

- **March 30 and April 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the upper level classroom

- For 3rd graders and their parents and anyone who is interested in learning about and preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion
- First Communion will be received during evening **Maunder Thursday worship on April 17.**
- Contact Pastor Corgan or Natalie Bloomquist with any questions.

Tentative Calendar of 125th Anniversary Events

March

Anniversary Directory is available

March 13

Senior Luncheon, “Remembering”

March 23

Archival Coffee Hour in Luther Hall

March 30

March Madness in the Gym with Pastor Corgan - “Rejoicing”

April 13, Palm Sunday

Harper Scholarship Concert
Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale

April 20, Easter Sunday

May 4

Welcome Home Sunday

May 31

Bach Magnificat Concert

June 1

Affirmation of Baptism
(Confirmation Day)

June 8

Emanuel’s Birthday Party for the Sunday School in the Gym

June 15

Congregational Picnic for young and old!

July 17

Senior Luncheon, “Rejoicing”

August 31

Youth burying Time Capsule

September 28

Taste of Emanuel Coffee Hour

September 28

Anniversary Cookbook debut/sale

October 25

Annual Harvest Holly Craft Fair

October 26 - Reformation Day

Bishop Hazelwood preaching and Anniversary Luncheon

November 16

Recognition of those doing God’s Work!

December 5

St. Lucia Festival and Reception

December

Senior Luncheon, “Reaching Out”

Anniversary Steering Committee

*Judy and Roland Johnson, Co-chair
Arlene and David Parmelee, Co-chair*

Pete Larson, Treasurer

Ellen Anderson, Secretary

Eric Carlson

Judy Larson

Becki Murphy

Abby Stadlander

Scott Tibbo

Church Council Highlights

January 2014

Church Council Meeting Highlights

New Council President Mark Hopper called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Pastor Corgan shared prayer concerns and led devotions based on Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest."

Gary Bloomquist presented a framed Lucia poster from the 100th Anniversary with 37 signatures of former "Lucias" who attended the performances on December 6.

Senior Pastor's report: Pastor Corgan noted that he met with Bishop Hazelwood over coffee to provide an update on things at Emanuel. Pastor will soon be traveling to Gettysburg for the intern matching process. Dr. David Lose (faculty member at Luther Seminary and consultant at Kairos & Associates) will preach on March 16, 2014 and will host a forum on why people don't go to church. Pastor Corgan also noted how very fortunate Emanuel is to have three members - Becki Murphy, James Fowler, and Brian Lysick – who are dedicated to introducing and using technology to get our message of Christ's good news to more people.

Treasurer's report: Our new treasurer, Pastor Marschhausen, reported that January looks good for income and expenses. He will work with the Finance Committee to develop reporting for all finances beyond the Operating Budget.

Executive Committee: Council enthusiastically approved Bobbee Canfield as the At Large Member and

she was thanked for her willingness to serve in this role.

Where Are We Going: Pastor Corgan passed out a diagram highlighting the four areas of Vision 2020 as a "roadmap" and spoke briefly about each area. Stephen Ministry will be developed later in 2014 and into 2015 with Pastor Marschhausen leading the training. A letter was sent from Pastor to 80 households of members who had changed their worship habits. Twelve responses were received; none contained anything unexpected (children grown, getting out of habit). During discussion, the idea of using name tags at the services was raised, and there was consensus that this may be a good way to help all members connect with each other. It will be looked into further.

Capital Needs Spending

Recommendation: Pastor Corgan presented the proposal from the Capital Needs Spending Committee to allocate \$18,000 for the renovation of the Luther Hall Men's Restroom and \$2000 for additional technology upgrades (computer, digital video camera). After the approval of this \$20,000 expenditure, the savings account balance will be \$13,955 for 2014. The recommendation was moved, seconded and passed unanimously. (This spending committee includes Pastor Corgan, Mark Hopper, Mike Nowak, Craig McDonald and Bernie Johnson.)

Sandberg Mission Spending

Recommendation: Pastor Corgan presented the proposal from the Sandberg Mission Spending Committee to donate \$3000 to support the Intern Program at First Lutheran Church in East Greenwich, RI. This donation was encouraged by Bishop Hazelwood since

there is a shortage of intern sites and First Lutheran is willing, but does not have the financial means to fully support it themselves. The committee also recommends giving \$2000 to Foodshare and allocating \$2000 for the 2014 Lenten Program speakers. After the approval of this \$7000 expenditure, the Sandberg savings account balance will be \$18,035 for 2014. The recommendation was moved and seconded. During discussion, Pastor Corgan noted the groups and topics for Lent: The Kitchen (Billings Forge) – food service training program, Christ Church Cathedral deacon – Church by the Pond, Faces of Homelessness, and an "environmental stewardship" speaker from Yale. The recommendation passed unanimously. (This spending committee includes Pastor Corgan, Terri Dwyer, Wendi Johnson and Bob Graulich.)

Fund Accounting Recommendation:

President Hopper provided the background on January's budget meeting discussion on implementing "fund accounting" and passed out an example of how fund accounting would look. It was noted that fund accounting is the recommended/preferred accounting method of the ELCA and Synod. The Synod document containing the guidelines will be forwarded to all Council members. Fund accounting will more clearly show how all Emanuel expenditures are supported by the operating/pledge income, by regular endowment and specifically by the Stadlander, Sandberg, and Capital Needs endowment funds. There was

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Church Council Meeting Highlights

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consensus that this reporting approach will foster a much better understanding of how the new endowments formed from Capitol Towers proceeds are being used. A motion was presented that Emanuel adopt the fund accounting methodology as recommended by the ELCA and the New England Synod financial guidelines. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously without further discussion.

Other Business: Pastor Corgan commented on the motion that passed at the Annual Meeting regarding identifying and learning from thriving churches. Chet Brodnicki, Terri Dwyer, Bob Graulich and Pastor Corgan will form the committee to begin work on this important topic.

Note: For additional detail on Council meetings, please feel free to ask any Council member and/or refer to the official binder of Council Meeting Minutes available in the Church Office.

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

Save the Date:

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Emanuel's Homecoming Sunday

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.



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.

Emanuel will have two opportunities in March to experience and learn about **Church by the Pond.**

On **Wednesday, March 19**, as part of our Lenten Series, "Grace in the City," Deacon Donald Richey from Christ Church Cathedral will be our Program Speaker at 6:30-7:20 p.m. Please see the article on page 6, "The Season of Lent" for more information.

On **Saturday, March 22**, 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 Jane, Jonathan and Katie 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. Please sign up on the blue insert sheet in the Sunday Bulletin or email or call Pastor Corgan if you're willing to help.

Phone: 860-525-0894

Email: john.corgan@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities on Sundays

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Eleanor Doyle, 860-561-1582

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

Lectors: Lynn Sherman, 860-523-1702

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

Senior Luncheon

Thursday, March 13, 12:00 noon in Luther Hall. We're celebrating by "Remembering," so put on your thinking caps and bring your memories of Emanuel! Please sign up on Sundays, March 2 and 9 with Brook Nowak in Luther Hall.

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 March!

Joan Johnson - March 3

Lois House - March 7

Jean Wiltse - March 7

Edith T. Johnson - March 9

Alice Gustafson - March 13

Kenneth Stetson - March 20

Myrtle Bloomquist - March 21

Special Emanuel Anniversaries During March!

Alice and Clarence Gustafson - March 4
70th Wedding Anniversary

Daylight Saving Time begins **Sunday, March 9.** Spring Ahead! Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour!



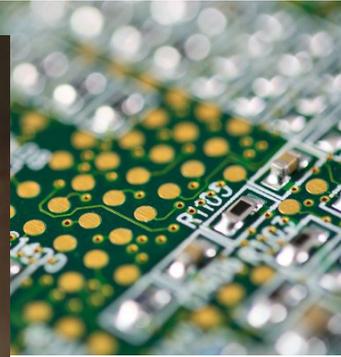
Don't miss the Rev. Dr. David Lose, who will be preaching at Emanuel on Sunday, March 16 and leading a forum on the topic, "Where Have All the People Gone?" at 11:30 a.m. in the Nave.

In addition, The Rev. Dr. David Lose will be at the N.E. Lutheran Theological Forum on Saturday, March 15, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church 40 Pitkin Street Manchester, CT 06040

The New England Lutheran Theological Forum will present "Christian Faith and Witness in the Age of Digital Pluralism," featuring noted preacher and speaker **David Lose**, on March 15 at Concordia Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Dr. Lose holds the Marbury Anderson Chair of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, where he is also the director of the Center for Biblical Preaching. He has chaired the Leadership Division at Luther and served as academic dean, and he led the creative team that created

www.workingpreacher.org. He is the author of "Preaching at the Crossroads" (2013), "Making Sense of Scripture" (2009), "Making Sense of the Christian Faith" (2010), and "Making



"Sense of the Cross" (2011). He also writes for the Huffington Post, *Patheos*, and *The Christian Century*. You can find his daily bible devotions and other writings and reflections on connecting faith to daily life at www.davidlose.net.

Rev. Dr. Lose will lead a series of talks including looks at why church attendance in North America has fallen, the effects of digital media on our culture, and the future of preaching and worship in an increasingly post-Christian world.

Registration is \$30 on or before March 1, and \$35 after. Registration includes morning coffee and a light lunch. All are welcome

To register, you may go to this website: nelutherantheoforum.wordpress.com, download "David Lose brochure 2014" and send your registration to:

Emanuel Lutheran Church
Attn. Ellen Anderson
311 Capitol Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106-1410

On Sunday, February 9, Emanuel welcomed Gloria McAdam, President and CEO of Foodshare. Pictured below, from left to right, are Eileen Mitchell, Pastor Corgan and Gloria McAdam.



Please Note:

The deadline for the *Sunday News* is on Tuesday, by 5:00 p.m.

The deadline for *God With Us* (monthly newsletter) is on the 15th of the month.

Ryan Clancy

Coordinator of Youth Activities

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



March Madness

Sunday, March 30 at 11:30 a.m.

Emanuel Youth Groups 4th annual **March Madness** event is back for a great year of fun and enjoyment. This year we will be raising money to go towards the National Youth Gathering that will be taking place in summer 2015 in Detroit. (See article on this page.) Each year, Pastor Corgan uses one of his many talents to help us with this event by taking 100 free throw shots. We invite you to make a pledge in our fundraising efforts to help make this event more successful. **Please fill out the pledge card on this page, cut it out and bring with you on March 30.** The way it works is that whatever figure you put down matches a free throw shot by Pastor Corgan. So if you pledge \$1 and Pastor Corgan makes 85/100 shots, then your pledge total comes to \$85. Simple and fun! So, please join us on **Sunday, March 30** for this fundraiser by getting a team of three together to play 3 on 3 games or by pledging on free throws by Pastor.

Calendar of Youth Group Activities/Events

March 7 - 9: Winter Fling at Calumet

The topic of discussion this weekend is "Understanding and Combating Global Poverty." \$100 per person



2015 ELCA Youth Gathering July 15 - 19, 2015

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



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 4, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Please sign up in Luther Hall on Sunday, March 2 with Brook Novak.

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

March Madness Pledge Card

Name: _____

Amount per shot: _____

Contact information:

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

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: _____

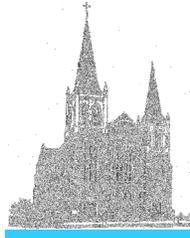
Date for Flowers: _____

Phone Number: _____

Questions? Call the Church Office 525-0894

The Emanuel Archives

The outreach years with Pastor John H. Stadtlander offers Emanuel's outreach of leadership within the Greater Hartford area and beyond the borders of Connecticut for our members



by John Starkes

We enter the year of 1974 that may now seem a long time ago for some of our members, but there are titles and places that many of our living membership may still find familiar in their memories. We start with our Emanuel members at the Lenten services - Noon-Ten with a guest preacher, the Rev. Steven R. McKinley of Christ the King in Windsor, who at that time as also the Editor of the *New England Lutheran* that was mailed out to some of our interested church members. Hands-high for our Hi-Leaguers, 20 of whom, with their 4 advisors, enjoyed Ski Weekend - 74 on the snowy slopes of Vermont. It was an "overnight" hosted by the Good Shepherd Church in Rutland where, as like this year, there's plenty of good deep snow.

Now some of our more-aged ladies may remember an offer to commemorate Emanuel's 85th Anniversary when some attractive plates featuring a portrait of our lovely church that could be displayed on the wall or in the china closet of their homes. There was a problem with them as the brick structure of the sanctuary was of "natural brick red?" I think it was obviously corrected with a black pen drawing on cream china that really looked much better, but I seem to have seen a number of the original plates up in my attic where member "friends" of Emanuel's Friendly League may have thought the ignorant young would never know! Maybe that brick church on the corner of Russ and Babcock Street would think more highly of it?

With the numbers of cars increasing as our members were expanding further out of town, another piece of Hungerford Street property was torn down so that our parking needs could be satisfied, this one being No.'s 15-17. Perhaps a guest speaker we had about that same time for an LCW event, the Rev. Roger W. Palquist, a well-known cartoonist and illustrator, had the best comment about it for some of our members, "What in the world are you doing?"

David Harper, Emanuel's organist seemed to be keeping contact with interests of his part as he was able to find fine musical events for Emanuel to enjoy, such as the 50 singers of Chapel

Choir of Abington Presbyterian Church, Pennsylvania, who came to sing a concert for Emanuel. Let us not forget the deeds of Center City Churches, guided by our retired Pastor Sandberg, for their ability to have served 300 Thanksgiving dinners about the city.

And here's a huge event to start the year 1975 as our Emanuel Choir was part of a gathered 1000 voice Choir to participate at the dedication of Hartford's brand-new Civic Center downtown on January 9. Our interest with CCC - Center City Churches, Inc. through LCW had as their guest the Rev. David S. King, Executive Director for a program of slides showing the number of programs the organization has to offer. In April their Children's Theater presented "Jonah's Tale of a Whale" at Emanuel for the children during the week's vacation from school.

Perhaps the challenge of a more serious topic of interest in April of 1975 between Lutherans and Roman Catholics was to again be a matter of more importance to the theologians of doctrine beyond Emanuel as questions of the papal infallibility began exchanges probably in New York City. To us at Emanuel celebrating our 85th Anniversary, our speaker would be Dr. Paul Empie, one of those involved. It hard to say just how many of our church had any real interest in it, but to side with Pastor Stadtlander for whatever he got out of it; quite a birthday present to be said at least!

For sure Pastor carried good material for his own big event as guest preacher, Dr. Paul Empie came to Emanuel next. Pastor Stadtlander went on with good sources as preacher to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Yonkers, NY for the ordination of Lorraine Grisli, an intern to our Emanuel the previous year.

As the year stretched toward its end, the Sunday School decided on funds for baby chicks for their Heifer Project effort, all to be shipped overseas to developing nations.

The year ended with Pastor Stadtlander preaching Lenten Messages on WTIC Radio; Pastor Sandberg resigns as Executive Director of Capitol Towers. Our seniors and others interested had a chartered bus for a shopping trip to New York City, a little shopping - for something special maybe from Tiffany's! Entertainment on board maybe included Emanuel's Male Quartet for holiday favorites.

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

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!

Former Emanuel Basketball Players

I am looking for information and names of former players from Emanuel. **An Archival Coffee Hour will be held in Luther Hall on March 23.** At that time I would like to put together a display about Emanuel's basketball history.

Any pictures, memories, etc. will be greatly appreciated.

Roland Johnson

rjmets@sbcglobal.net, 860-953-3064

Substitutes are needed for the group who process *God With Us* for mailing!

We process the monthly newsletter, *God With Us*, for mailing on the last Wednesday of each month. This processing takes about 2 hours in the morning. In case some helpers are unable to come on a certain day, we need to have a list of substitutes for this important ministry. Please call Janet Starkes at 860-561-2897 if you are interested. Thanks!

We would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations on "Souper Bowl Sunday." There were 111 lbs. of canned goods collected for MANNA. -Janet Craven

***Hands on Hartford's* MANNA Program has received an ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant based on a letter of support written by Pastor Corgan. The Hands on Hartford team and the hundreds of families served each month, thank Emanuel for this support.**

***Hands on Hartford* thanks Emanuel for its generous donation of toiletry items to their Community Meals program.**

***Hands on Hartford* thanks Emanuel for the tremendous amount of food, nearly two thousand pounds, donated and delivered to the MANNA Community Pantry in 2013!**

***Hands on Hartford* thanks Emanuel for its recent monthly donation of \$916.74.**

***Foodshare* thanks Emanuel for its generous donation of \$2,000 which helps their food pantries, homeless shelters, community kitchens, Mobile Foodshare and other programs which distribute food to those in need.**

A Letter from the Bishop (edited)

February 4, 2014

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Share the gospel. Stop malaria. Start new congregations. Expand ministries to people living with disabilities. Break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Engage youth and young adults. Support our church's future leaders.

It is not often that the opportunity to make a real and lasting difference comes along. But now, through *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, you can.

Today marks day one in the first-ever, five-year comprehensive *Campaign for the ELCA*. In our first 25 years together as the ELCA, there is much to celebrate. And yet, we know that God is calling us to do more.

Today I invite you to join me in making an initial gift to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you This work – God's work – just wouldn't be possible without your support. And on this important day in the history of our church, I am so incredibly grateful for your support and prayers that will carry us with a living, daring confidence in God's grace into the next 25 years.

In Christ,
Elizabeth Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

www.elca.org

Archival Coffee Hour - Stay Awhile in Luther Hall, Look Back and Remember



On **Sunday, March 23**, coffee hour will be different. You will have a chance to look at Emanuel activities that happened years ago. Do you know that Emanuel had three basketball teams? Scout troops?

On display will be confirmation, youth group, Sunday School and old Lucia pictures and much more. In this our 125th anniversary year, we will explore and remember the past and give thanks to those members who helped make Emanuel what it is today.

Linger a bit longer in Luther Hall, have some coffee, some goodies and watch a little TV. You will be glad you did. Just pull up a chair and enjoy. A busy day, for sure, but lots of fun!

If you miss the displays plan a visit to the Parish Building Lounge to see additional archival items and displays. It is open during office hours. Enjoy!

Coffee hour hosts are the Anniversary Committee; and John and Janet Starkes are coordinating the displays.

The Blue Sheets

Thank you to all who make good use of the blue "Welcome to Emanuel" insert sheet on Sundays. The office has received great responses to volunteer opportunities as well as important information that's passed on to the pastors and other staff members.

Please do make frequent use of these blue sheets. They really do serve as an excellent means of communication for us as a congregation. One request: if you

have a comment or suggestion, please be sure to include your name, so that we can respond in a helpful way. Thanks!

"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 January, February, March complimentary issue of *Christ in our Home*, a wonderful devotional that offers daily opportunities for reflection and prayer. Each day provides a short Bible text with a brief, thoughtful message and simple prayer. It is especially helpful to read the texts and reflections written for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week as they prepare the reader for the lessons and Gospel texts that will be read in worship that Sunday morning.

In Memoriam

Kenneth Walter Swanson, Sr.

died on January 27, 2014.

A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held

at Emanuel on February 1, 2014.

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

In an Emergency. . .

Don't hesitate to call Pastor Corgan on his cell phone 860-712-1895 if you need assistance. If a power outage or storm condition threatens your safety, please call Pastor Corgan. We have a church family, ready and eager to help. You're not alone.



Congratulations and God's Blessings to Leah Steinmiller Nowicki and Chuck Nowicki on the birth of their daughter, Kaylee Elizabeth, on February 3. Proud grandparents are Gary and Linda Steinmiller.

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.

The Annual Meeting on January 26

Many thanks to all of you who attended this year's Annual Meeting: the discussions were good, helpful and positive, decisions were made, motions debated with the majority being passed, including a challenging budget for 2014. Thanks to each of you and the Spirit's presence, the meeting was a fine example of "the church at work." Thanks be to God!

Pastor Corgan

Serving this Month for March

Acolyte and Crucifer

March 2	Matthew Graulich, Alycia St. John
March 9	Jennie Livingston, Kelly Caldwell
March 16	Cole Liljedahl, Gunnar Johnson
March 23	Savion Jennings, Kyle O'Brien
March 30	Max Welker, Ben Liljedahl

Altar Flowers

March 2	The daffodils on the altar are in commemoration of St. David's Day (March 1) and in loving memory of David Harper. St. David is the patron saint of Wales, and daffodils are one of the emblems of Wales. David Harper was very proud of his Welsh heritage and its long musical tradition, which we celebrate today in the singing of Welsh hymns.
March 9	Open
March 16	In memory of Elin and Alexander Riddle, parents and Carl Johnson, friend, given by Joan Feldmann
March 23 and 30	Open

Assisting Ministers

March 2	Janice Favreau	March 23	Barb Berg
March 9	Barb Berg	March 30	Brook Nowak
March 16	Tom Huffman		

Childcare in the Nursery

March 2	Open	March 23	Open
March 9	Open	March 30	Open
March 16	Open		

Children's Library

March 2	Deborah Nye-Corgan
March 9	Carol Dennler
March 16	Nancy Gray
March 23	Diane Troutman
March 30	Nancy Gray

Coffee Hour

March 2	<i>Children's Library/Cradle Roll</i> - Nancy Gray, Diane Troutman
March 9	Tony and Brenna Fastigi and family, Grant and Jan Kiehne and family, Karen and Stephen Strand
March 16	<i>Property Committee</i> - Mike Nowak
March 23	<i>Anniversary Committee</i> - Judy and Roland Johnson, Arlene and David Parmelee (Archival Display in Luther Hall)
March 30	David and Nancy Altschuler and family, Bart and Jean Barresi and family

Communion Preparers

March 2	Jeannette and Al Urban
March 5	Ash Wednesday: Eileen Mitchell (12:00 noon) Bobbee Canfield (7:30 p.m.)
March 9	Val and Craig McDonald
March 16	Carol Johnson and Marjorie Johnson
March 23	Lynne Strecker and Jane Wunder
March 30	Ellen Anderson and Joan Feldmann

Communion Servers

March 2	Open
March 9	Open
March 16	Open
March 23	Lance and Valerie Hansen
March 30	Open

Greeters

March 2	Susan Wilson and Eileen Mitchell
March 9	Ken Weeks
March 16	John and Janet Starkes
March 23	Rev. Derly and Glauca Foerste with Matthew and Lucas
March 30	Rev. John Marschhausen

Lectors - Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

March 2	Randy Olson
March 9	Carol Dennler
March 16	Sue Johnson
March 23	Becky Thomas
March 30	Kathy Haller

Lectors - Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

March 2	Jane Dresser and Bill Lyon
March 9	Glenna and Chet Brodnicki
March 16	Lisa and Rich Martin
March 23	Rae Ann Gremel and Bobbee Canfield
March 30	Brook and Mike Nowak

Sound and Recording

March 2	Emma Barresi
March 9	Mal Doyle
March 16	Eric Carlson
March 23	Kyle Bellis
March 30	Emma Barresi

Sunday School Aide Schedule

<u>March 2:</u>	PreK/Kindergarten - Lindsey Hopper, Deirdre Volk Grades 1 and 2 - Lindsay Altschuler Grades 3 and 4 - Lindsay Varney, Grade 5 - Toby Hollertz
<u>March 9:</u>	PreK/Kindergarten - Allyson Graulich, Kathleen Graulich Grades 1 and 2 - Hannah Maynard, Grades 3 and 4 - Katherine Durant, Grade 5 - Toby Hollertz
<u>March 16:</u>	PreK/Kindergarten - Emma Barresi, Grades 1 and 2 - Kelsey Anderson, Grades 3 and 4 - Matthew Kloss, Grade 5 - TBD
<u>March 23:</u>	PreK/Kindergarten - Rebekah Strand, Rebecca Johnson, Grades 1 and 2 - Kara Gardner, Grades 3 and 4 - Jacob Johnson, Grade 5 - TBD
<u>March 30:</u>	PreK/Kindergarten - Lindsey Hopper, Deirdre Volk Grades 1 and 2 - Lindsay Altschuler, Grades 3 and 4 - Lindsay Varney

Ushers

8:00 a.m.	Bob Vojtek
10:00 a.m.	Head Usher: Arnie Benson; Robert Graulich, Abby Stadlander, William Lyon, Eric Carlson

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Church

Sunday School

During the 10:00 a.m. service