

GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford

March Madness Event at Emanuel - March 29, 11:30 a.m. - A Fundraiser for our Youth





Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Thursday Bible Conversation

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Adult Classroom of the Parish Building. We'll be studying the text 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

Dear Friends in Christ,

I trust you are coping with this severe winter. I want you to know that, in these kinds of conditions, if you ever have a need, due to loss of heat, the inability to travel to a necessary appointment or any other sort of emergency or urgent need, please do not hesitate to call. We have a church community of many willing, helpful members, ready and eager to offer assistance. Please use my cell phone number which is 860-712-1895.

I want you to know that on my recommendation, the Church Council decided, at its January meeting, to forego pursuing a new intern for 2015-2016. We made this decision in relationship to Vicar Dominic and his circumstances. First, we all agreed that Vicar Dominic's ministry here is significant and effective. We believe he is a fine asset to the work of our church.

Secondly, when he concludes his year of internship at the end of July, he will be not be available for call to

serve in the ordained ministry until

December, at the earliest. This "gap" is a timing problem with the call process that occurs for seminary students finishing a "capstone internship" (one that follows the completion of their seminary studies); it is a concern I, and other supervising pastors, have raised with our Bishops and the seminaries at Philadelphia and Gettysburg.

Therefore, given our appreciation of his ministry and his personal circumstance, we made the decision to hire Vicar Dominic to work in the ministry of Emanuel from August to December of this year.

I want to make sure that it is clear that this will not be an extension of the internship. Vicar Dominic will conclude that responsibility in July. However, neither will this be a pastoral call, in that, upon completion of his internship, he will then have to go through the necessary synod and ELCA processes, deeming him available for call. I have no doubt, whatsoever, that, at that time, he will be approved and recommended for call by the appropriate church bodies.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to our

continuing ministry with Vicar Dominic at Emanuel through the remainder of this year.

God's peace to you in this troubled world. May this season of Lent be, for all of us, a time of repentance and renewed hope in and through the Crucified One.

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Corgan*

The Season of Lent

Sunday Services of Worship during Lent:

March 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Wednesdays in Lent:

March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. **Meditation Stations and Service of Worship.**

Lent Service in the Chapel on

Thursdays: March 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 11:30 a.m.

(Please see article on page 5, "Please Join Us on Our Lenten Walk" for further details)



Please join us for the March Madness Event, March 29 at 11:30 a.m. in the gym

Last year Pastor set a record. How many baskets will he make this year? Join us for lunch on March 29, after the 10:00 a.m. service. Sign up your 3-3 basketball team in Luther Hall on Sundays.

Support Our Youth Going to Detroit!

Use the form below to donate:

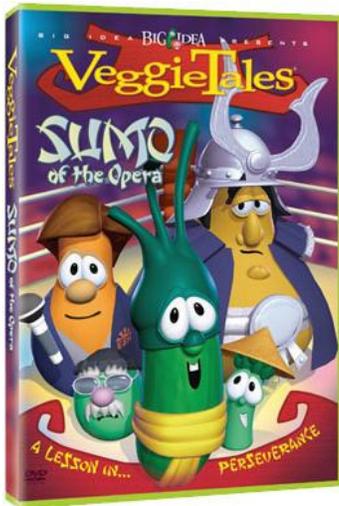
In support of Emanuel's Youth Group summer, 2015, trip to the National Youth Gathering in Detroit, I/we pledge \$_____ for every foul shot Pastor Corgan makes out of 100 attempts at March Madness, March 29, 2015.



Last year Pastor Corgan made 90 out of 100 shots. Donations can be made to *Emanuel Lutheran Church*, ("March Madness" in the memo line). Thank you for your generous support for our great young people!

Children's Library News

We are excited that more new items have arrived in the Children's Library. The ever popular VeggieTales collection has grown with the addition of "Sumo of the Opera." It is a lesson in perseverance as The Italian Scallion takes on Apollo Gourd for the World Veggie Weight Title. Larry, The Italian Scallion, never manages to finish what he starts. When he finds himself in the ring with Apollo Gourd, will he be able to finish the match? Larry learns that

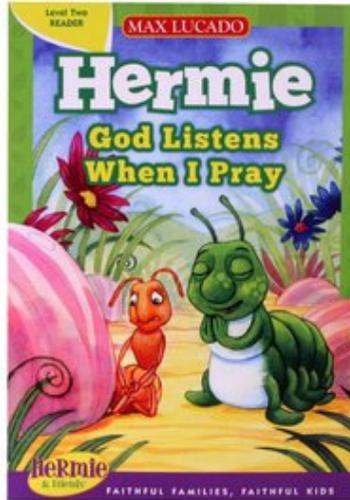


when you finish what you start, you always turn out a winner. This delightful DVD also includes a VeggieTales short entitled "Going Up." It is the slapstick adventure of the Three Veggie Stooges as they try to deliver a grand piano to the top floor of a mansion.

The library is also excited to have a new Hermie DVD and book. "Stanley the Stinkbug Goes to Camp" is a DVD about friendship. When Stanley arrives at Camp-Bug-a-Boo he creates quite a . . .well, stink! God helps the other campers realize the reason Stanley stinks is because he is afraid the other campers won't like and accept him the way he is. The

friends in the garden camp soon learn that God created each of us for a special reason and that, though Stanley is different, they need to show him love and be his friend.

Hermie: God Listens When I Pray is a delightful story about the power of prayer. Hermie the Caterpillar is



rushing to his grandmother's house for his favorite mint leaf lemonade when he discovers a friend who needs help in a hurry. He gets so busy searching for help for his friend that he forgets to ask God for help, the One he should have asked in the first place. Hermie learns a valuable lesson about God's promises and the power of prayer. This wonderful book is written as a level two reader for children beginning to read and is also perfect for parents who want to introduce faith into family reading time.

New Innovative Coffee Hour - Sign Up Today!

Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in Luther Hall. Coffee, cream and sugar are provided, and we're inviting members to share a plate of treats. In addition, if you see a creamer that needs to be refilled, or something that needs to be wiped up or washed, feel free to pitch in and help. Please note that the

position of **Coffee Hour Coordinator**, either as an individual or as part of a team, is still open. If you're interested, please contact Terri Dwyer, Council Vice President at terri.dwyer@comcast.net.

The Easter Plant Order Form is on page 19 of this issue of *God With Us*.



Church by the Pond

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

On **Saturday, March 7**, 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 and Jonathan will lead worship while as many of you as possible will help by preparing and then distributing bag lunches to around 70-80 people who attend the service. All are welcome to attend and/or volunteer. Please sign up on the blue insert sheet in the Sunday Bulletin or email Yvonne Gardner at swaney64@hotmail.com.

Daylight Saving Time

Please set your clocks ahead one hour on March 8.



Please Join Us on Our Lenten Walk



Our Lenten walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem and Calvary and the empty tomb began with Ash Wednesday. You are invited and encouraged to join your Emanuel family of faith along this annual journey.

We have special **mid-week Lenten time each Wednesday evening** until Palm Sunday on March 29. Our confirmation students, parents and teachers meet each Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. in Luther Hall, and then all of us are invited to join them in the sanctuary for weekly meditation, prayer and worship from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. The dates are **Wednesday, March 4, and then March 11, 18 and 25.**

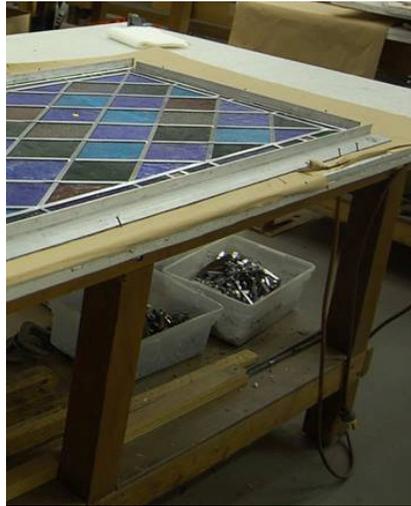
We will have five meditation stations set up for people to use as they choose from 7:15 until 7:30 p.m. The stations will be a *Remembrance of Baptism* station around the baptismal font at the back of the center aisle; a *Prayer Wall* in the front corner of the sanctuary below the choir loft where you can write down any prayer request and hand it to God by pinning it to the wall; a *Devotional Meditations on the Narrative Lectionary* station in the narthex; a *Prayers of Healing* station at the pulpit-side communion rail; and a *Place for Personal Meditation with Candles* in front of the pulpit. People move from station to station during this 15 minutes of meditation as the Spirit directs.

At 7:30 p.m., we will join at the front of the sanctuary for a sung *Evening Prayer* (Vespers) worship until 8:00 p.m.

For those unable to join us Wednesday evenings or who do not like coming out at night, we also have a brief **Lenten worship in the Chapel on Thursday mornings at**

11:30 a.m. The dates are March 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Looking ahead to Holy Week, you are invited to join our Emanuel family on Maundy Thursday, April 2, for Holy Communion at Noon and again at 7:00 p.m. Our Good Friday liturgy will be at 7:00 p.m. on April 3.



An Information Session on the Exterior Restoration Work

Sunday, March 8, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service

Everyone is invited to gather in Luther Hall for an information session on the exterior restoration work, including the stained glass windows, East/West facades, the North wall "cracks," and the Towers. This will be an opportunity for everyone to get updated on the project details and costs, and to ask questions. **Then on Sunday, March 15, following the 10:00 a.m. service, a special meeting of the congregation** is being called for the purposes of voting on the funding related to these projects. Please plan on attending both of these meetings - these projects are significant and it's important that everyone is up-to-date on the challenges we're facing. If you have any questions, get in touch with either Mike Nowak or Jane Wunder.

The Stories of our Faith Practices

On March 8, at 9:15 a.m. in Luther Hall, between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services, Vicar Dominic will be facilitating discussions on faith practices: **Prayer; Food; Worship; Sacraments; Money; Service; and Community.** This is an opportunity for us to meet and engage one another in faith discussions in a way that is more enriching. One of the great ways of deepening the faith we profess on Sundays is to actually encourage, create and cultivate an atmosphere where we can continue to talk about our faith in a safe and nurturing environment. Please feel free to join us once a month as we rethink some of the established practices of our faith, while snacking during coffee hour fellowship. Future dates are: April 19, 2015; and May 17, 2015.

Faith Budget

The faith budget is that portion of our operating budget that both enables Emanuel to meet its ministry commitments and provides opportunity for each of us to share over and above our regular pledges.

In 2014, many of you gave generously, providing over \$50,000 in contributions toward the faith budget. I commend you for your good stewardship!

For 2015, the budget approved at the annual meeting includes a faith budget line item of \$37,000.

The Church Council and I want you to be aware of this as we move into the spring months, trusting that some of you will begin to make donations as you're able. For some, I know, there is little or no discretionary money available in your personal budget. For many others of us, that is not the case. Please consider this need and opportunity prayerfully and share as generously.

Pastor Corgan

WELCOMING TEAM TO BE FORMED!

As many of you are aware, a small group of Emanuel members have been meeting over the past year to explore the topic of what it means to be a “thriving” church and to try to identify some of the key factors that enable a church to thrive and accomplish its mission statement. There has been a good deal of discussion within the committee based on various books we have read on the subject as well as observations of local congregations that we generally agree are, in fact, thriving. One of the key ingredients that we have identified is that these

thriving churches are generally seen as very welcoming to visitors and those looking to “try out” a church for possible membership. In the hope of making Emanuel a more welcoming church, we have decided to create a “team” of existing members that will specifically try to improve the level of interaction with visitors most especially during fellowship hour in Luther Hall. We anticipate that a little bit of training for those interested in being part of this “Welcoming Team” would be helpful. If you are interested in participating in such a team or would



simply like to learn more about this effort and see if you would be a good “fit” for this ministry, **please call me, Eric Carlson, on my cell phone (860) 978-5891 as soon as possible.**

Update on the Stained Glass Windows Project

The restoration process for Emanuel’s beautiful stained glass windows is essentially complete up in the studios of Stained Glass Resources in MA and the restored windows will be ready for reinstallation in the spring once the masonry issues are resolved.

As reported previously, upon removing the plastic overglazing on the exterior of the windows, significant deterioration of the masonry window frames was encountered. After indepth investigation and testing by our structural engineer, specifications for repairs were developed and Joseph Gnazzo Company made steady progress on the masonry repairs until November’s cold weather prevented any further work. Repairs will resume in the spring.

Late last year we reported that these unexpected problems could not be addressed within the originally approved budget of \$285,000 (May 2014). The unforeseen masonry scope created a funding shortfall of

\$45,000. Council approved plans to cover this shortfall as follows:

- \$15,000 from a Maintenance and Repair Grant from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation,
- \$5,715 (approximately) from the Church Building Preservation Fund (Endowment Fund #37),
- \$15,000 from the Capital Needs Endowment savings account, and
- \$9,295 (approximately) from the Bunker bequest held in the Endowment’s unrestricted Fund #50.

Since then, it has become painfully clear to us and our contractors that the repairs are even more time consuming and labor intensive than anticipated, and that the reinstallation logistics have been further impacted. We are working with our contractors to obtain revised construction estimates on completing the work at hand. We are planning to present an update on the East/West window project and associated costs at the special “congregation conversation” being planned for March to address the extensive problems and scope of work on the north side facing Capitol Avenue.

Related to the north side, the investigative report from the structural engineer is currently under review and construction estimates are in the works.

Please plan to attend the Information Session on March 8 when details will be shared on Emanuel’s windows and masonry.

These are significant projects and this will give us the opportunity to thoroughly update everyone; it’s important that the congregation understand the details and have the opportunity to ask questions. An official special meeting of the congregation will be scheduled in the following weeks at which the congregation will take action on the funding requirements for these projects. As challenging as these projects are, we are still fortunate that the problems were discovered and the deficiencies can be corrected! We ask for everyone’s understanding and patience as we make this wonderful church structure healthy and whole for the future. If you have any questions about the project, please don’t hesitate to ask either Mike Nowak or Jane Wunder.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am</p> <p>At 10 am service: Prayers for Healing</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>■ See Chart Below</p> <p>☞ See Chart Below</p> <p>11:15 am: "Generous Generations" Event</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p> <p>10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 pm: Confirmation Students to Gather in Luther Hall, then attend the service below:</p> <p>7:15 - 8 pm: Wednesdays in Lent - Meditation Stations and Service of Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>11:30 am: Lent Service in the Chapel</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir 6:30 pm: Intern Committee Meeting in Lounge</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p> <p>1 pm: Memorial Service for Ruth Aronson, followed by a reception</p> <p>2 pm: Emanuel Hosts "Church by the Pond," with Bag Lunches in Bushnell Park</p>
<p>8 Daylight Saving Time begins - Spring Forward!</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>11:30 Information Session - Exterior Restoration Work</p> <p>11:30 am - 12:30 pm: First Communion Preparation, in Adult Classroom</p> <p>11:30 am: 1st Sunday Hoops! in the Gym</p> <p>9:15 am: The Stories of our Faith Practices in Luther Hall, Vicar Dominic</p> <p>■ See Chart Below</p> <p>☞ See Chart Below</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p> <p>10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 pm: Confirmation Students to Gather in Luther Hall, then attend the service below:</p> <p>7:15 - 8 pm: Wednesdays in Lent - Meditation Stations and Service of Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>11:30 am: Lent Service in the Chapel</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am</p> <p>Sunday School in Worship at 10 am</p> <p>At 10 am: Recognition of Assisting Ministers</p> <p>Following the 10 am service: A Special Meeting of the Congregation</p> <p>11:30 am - 12:30 pm: First Communion Preparation, in Adult Classroom</p> <p>■ See Chart Below</p> <p>☞ See Chart Below</p> <p>Deadline for "God With Us"</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>No Staff Meeting</p> <p>10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson</p> <p>7 pm: Executive Committee Meeting in the Conference Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 pm: Confirmation Students to Gather in Luther Hall, then attend the service below:</p> <p>7:15 - 8 pm: Wednesdays in Lent - Meditation Stations and Service of Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>11:30 am: Lent Service in the Chapel</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion 8 and 10 am: Pastor Matthew Martin</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>11:30 am: Food Packaging Event in Luther Hall</p> <p>■ See Chart</p> <p>☞ See Chart</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p> <p>10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson</p> <p>7 pm: Church Council Meeting in Luther Hall</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 pm: Confirmation Students to Gather in Luther Hall; then attend the service below:</p> <p>7:15 - 8 pm: Wednesdays in Lent - Meditation Stations and Service of Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</p> <p>11:30 am: Lent Service in the Chapel</p> <p>Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>29 PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>11:30 am: March Madness Event in the Gym</p> <p>11:30 am - 12:00 pm: First Communion Preparation, in Adult Classroom</p> <p>■ See Chart</p> <p>☞ See Chart</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 am: Staff Meeting</p> <p>10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson</p> <p>4:30/5:00 - 7:00 pm: MANNA Meal provided by Emanuel at Christ Church Cathedral</p>				



Chart

■ = Prosperity Congregation in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m.

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

ACTIVITIES & NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH

The National Youth Gathering is just 5 months away. It will be an opportunity for 9 youth from Emanuel to engage with peers from across the United States and the world who share a common commitment and faith in Christ. **We were meant to be together, and we are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together.** So every now and then, young people and adults gather together to share their unique stories and to experience the larger story that makes up the ELCA; we gather to be inspired, encouraged, strengthened, connected and sent out to do God’s work in the world — together! Here is what you can do to help us make it happen!

1. Participate in the March 29 March Madness Activities

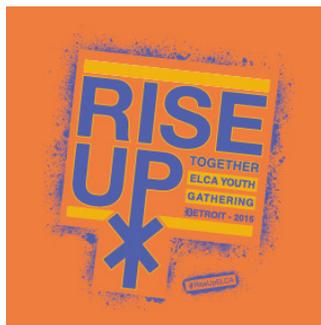
- Join us for lunch following the Sunday Service: Even if you can’t stay for the basketball, stay for lunch
- Pledge on Pastor: Let’s see how many free throws he will make this year
- Sign up a team for the 3-3 basketball tournament: all ages are welcome! Look for sign-up sheets in Luther Hall after the 10:00 a.m. services.

- Volunteer to help out with the activities: Contact Wendi Johnson at 860-977-8022 or Mark Hollertz at 860-462-7818
- And for the 3rd graders and families participating in First Communion preparation on March 29: You won’t miss the fun. Grab a lunch and bring it to your prep class. After class join the fun in the gym.

2. **During the month of March, purchase Easter Basket raffle tickets.** They will make great gifts for Easter. The drawing will be held at the March 29 March Madness lunch.

3. Consider making a donation to help offset the costs for sending the youth to Detroit.

4. Look for more activities and news from our youth in April and May.



Bible Readings

For the Month of March

**March 1:
Second Sunday in Lent**
“Laborers in the Vineyard,”
Matthew 20:1-16

**March 8:
Third Sunday in Lent**
“Wedding Banquet”
Matthew 22:1-14

**March 15:
Fourth Sunday in Lent**
“Bridesmaids”
Matthew 25:1-13

**March 22:
Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 12:20-33

**March 29:
Palm Sunday**
“Triumphal Entry”
Matthew 21:1-13

Volunteer Opportunities on Sundays

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

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

Lectors: Lynn Sherman,
860-523-1702

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

Altar Flowers - \$45.00

The form to provide altar flowers is on page 19.

Council Highlights

January 6, 2015 Council Highlights

Council President Mark Hopper called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Pastor Corgan began with a prayer.

Kairos Discussion: Due to the recent restructuring within Kairos & Associates and consequent changes in the consultants available to work with Emanuel, Pastor Corgan recommended, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, that pursuing a consulting arrangement with Kairos is not the right path for Emanuel at this time. Pastor Corgan noted that Emanuel has a clear vision for the future and that our immediate need is in the area of stewardship. Pastor has developed an alternative proposal to personally visit every member and friend of Emanuel to discuss their dreams for our church, to share Vision 2020, and to extend a challenge to increase financial giving. Pastor also outlined plans for monthly intergenerational events which will include food, speakers, and opportunities to build community and to grow in faith among the people of Emanuel. These events will provide opportunities for the congregation to coalesce around our mission. Funds from the Lindahl-Swanson Endowment previously earmarked for the Kairos project will support this new focus. Council discussion followed, and it was noted that visit comments should be recorded, and a tangible report or synopsis should be provided at the end of the visits. It was suggested that a team work with Pastor Corgan to structure the report and provide back-up as needed. The following motions were offered, seconded and passed:

Motion 1 – that Emanuel Lutheran

Church terminate the relationship with Kairos.

Motion 2 - that Council approve the reallocation of the funding from Kairos Project to Pastor Corgan's proposal for an every member visit in 2015 and special congregational gatherings.

After concluding this item of business, the official 2015 Budget Meeting was called to order, with Gary Bloomquist, Rich Martin, and Mike Nowak also in attendance. Vicar Dominic Smyth read from Philippians 4; "I can do all things in him who comforts me" and closed with the Serenity Prayer. President Hopper thanked out-going Council members Terri Dwyer, Abby Stadlander, Kathryn West and Bob Graulich for their service.

2015 Budget Presentation and Discussion: President Mark Hopper introduced Finance Committee chair, Gary Bloomquist, who proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation of the 2014 Budget Results Overview and the 2015 Budget Proposal.

Faith Budget gifts of \$35,931 received in December and an above plan December 2014 resulted in "ending in the black" for the year. Standard Endowment transfers were on plan at \$82,000. Expenses exceeded plan by \$13,400, mainly due to overages in Administration (conferences, financial audit, printing and copying), Personnel (intern expenses, part-time help for Prosperity Chapel's services and during Rachid's recuperation after surgery in April), and Property and Maintenance (energy and utilities).

It was noted that pledge results to date are very disappointing, falling behind comparable results in 2014.

Both President Hopper and Pastor Corgan thanked Gary and the Finance Committee for their good

work and long hours spent preparing the budget information for this meeting.

The new endowment funds (established from Capitol Towers proceeds) were discussed. The Sandberg Mission Endowment had a 2014 year-end balance of \$1,530,229. The Stadlander Ministry Endowment year-end value was \$936,532. The Capital Needs Endowment year-end value was \$957,409. After Council discussion, it was agreed that 4.6% from Sandberg, 4.25% from Stadlander and 4.25% from Capital Needs will be transferred for 2015 to the savings accounts. (Per each fund's guidelines, Council approves the percentage to be transferred each year based on input from the Finance Committee.)

After Council review and discussion, Pastor Marschhausen presented a motion that \$5,000 of the Ralph Johnson Memorial Fund be transferred to the budget as miscellaneous income for 2015. After discussion, the motion was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

The 2015 Operating Budget, as recommended by Finance Committee, was flat. Line items were reviewed and discussed in detail until agreement was reached on a 7.9% increase for 2015 totaling \$801,550 which will be presented for congregational approval at the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 10:00 p.m. and Pastor Corgan closed with a prayer.

(Please note: additional detail on finances for both 2014 and 2015 may be found in the Annual Report, pages 41-42 and F1-F15.)

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Council Highlights

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January 25, 2015

Council Highlights

Immediately following the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, the new Council convened to take action on the slate of officers for 2015/2016. The following Executive Committee Slate was approved by unanimous vote:

Mark Hopper – President
Jane Wunder – Vice President
John Marschhausen – Treasurer
Claudia Bellis – Secretary
Bobbee Canfield – At-large member

A second at-large member will be nominated and elected by the Council at its next meeting. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned and Vicar Dominic led Council in prayer.

February 3, 2015

Council Highlights

Council President Mark Hopper called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Pastor Corgan led devotions on Mark Chapter 1: “Then Jesus got up early in the morning when it was still very dark, departed, and went out to a deserted place, and there he spent time in prayer.” Daily personal prayer can be comprised of three parts: petitions for our own personal life situations, use of a “centering prayer” such as Psalm 51 “Create in me a clean heart O God”, and the Lord’s Prayer. Pastor encouraged us to be people of prayer and grow in our practice. After sharing prayer concerns, Pastor closed with prayer.

The minutes of the November 18, 2014 Council meeting were accepted.

Senior Pastor’s report: Pastor Corgan noted the 2.21.15 meeting of the Greater Hartford Council of Churches on the topic of compensation guidelines for the Synod. Interested Council members are welcome to attend. Pastor highlighted the recently announced staffing adjustments. Pastor noted that the approved 2015 Budget includes a line item for an Intern beginning in August; instead of a new intern, he suggested hiring Vicar Dominic to continue working as part of Emanuel’s staff until the end of 2015. This will not only benefit Emanuel and its ministries but also Vicar Dominic, since he has completed all his seminary studies but will not be eligible for a call until December 2015. This “gap” is a timing problem with the call process that occurs for seminary students finishing a “capstone internship” (one that follows the completion of their seminary studies); it is a concern Pastor Corgan has raised with the Bishop and the seminary.

A Motion to forgo the Internship Process for 2015 to 2016 in lieu of hiring Dominic Smyth as a staff member from 8-1-15 to 12-31-15 was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s report: Treasurer Marschhausen presented the figures for the month of January, noting all is in line with the budget. Treasurer Marschhausen has been meeting with Eileen Hurley, our new Financial Manager. She is now setting up a new bookkeeping system using accrual and fund accounting, which will also be reviewed by Blum Shapiro, the firm who prepared Emanuel’s audit report. This new system will be run on a trial basis in parallel with the existing system until the end of March.

Executive Committee: Chet Brodnicki was nominated and then elected unanimously as the second member-at-large for the Executive Committee.

Stained Glass Window and North Wall Update: Jane Wunder reported that updated cost estimates are being negotiated to finish the East and West sides; costs will be much higher than previously anticipated due to the labor intensive nature of the repairs as well as logistical challenges. This work must be done before the windows can be repositioned. The engineer’s report on the North Face crack and window was received and is currently under review. The costs are now being prepared for this work which is substantially worse than the other sides. An informal meeting with the congregation is being planned for March to provide updates on both projects and to provide an opportunity for questions. It was noted that there are also issues with the towers, but the plan is to temporarily encapsulate the affected areas to prevent any falling debris, with a full fix in 2016.

Prosperity Chapel Decision: Pastor Marschhausen reported to the Council on the Executive Committee decision to discontinue the current trial period arrangement with Prosperity Chapel International as of April 30, 2015 at the latest. He distributed a letter to Council members that, upon approval, will go to Pastor Klayee Juty of Prosperity Chapel from Pastor Marschhausen on behalf of the Council. After discussion, a motion to approve the issuance of the letter was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

The next Council meeting is on March 24 (weather permitting).

1st SUNDAY HOOPS!

Important Notice for All You Basketball Players!!!!

In March, due to a congregational luncheon on March 1, **First Sunday Hoops will be held on March 8, the second Sunday of the month.**

Don't be confused! . . . Just come with your sneakers on March 8 to play some ball and have some fun!!!
And, get ready for March Madness , Sunday, March 29!!!

Please remember to bring in donations of food (canned, non perishable) for the MANNA Food Pantry - we have a collection box in Luther Hall. Thanks!



“Sunday Conversation”

On Sundays at 11:20 a.m. in the Sandberg Library

Please join us after the 10:00 a.m. worship service for a discussion group focusing on the Lectionary reading for that Sunday. Grab a cup of coffee and come on into the Sandberg Library - we welcome your thoughts and insight!

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.

Parents of Toddlers

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

Hats, Mittens and Gloves and Scarf Collection

All winter long we will be collecting hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for the children who attend our SPROUT program. We do have some siblings who join us for breakfast, so the age group is Kindergarten - Grade 8, both boys and girls items needed. The hats, mittens and gloves may be new or gently used, but the children definitely know which ones are new and they get selected first. This will be an on-going collection all winter, as the children often lose a mitten or glove over time, and need new ones as the cold weather lingers. Look for the container in Luther Hall. Many thanks!

Look and See

"Christianity thinks of human individuals not as mere members of a group or items in a list, but as organs in a body - different from one another and each contributing what no other could"

-C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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

We are looking for a Coordinator for Meals for Recovery

If you are interested, please sign up on the blue “Welcome to Emanuel” insert on Sundays.

EMANUEL'S RECENT INTERNS

From Pastor Corgan:

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

This month, we hear from our first intern, (at least, during my 18 years here at Emanuel) **Pastor Sara J. Anderson.**

Dear Pastor Corgan and the good people of Emanuel,

This year will mark the ten year anniversary of my having completed my internship with you at Emanuel. Ten years! In so many ways, it seems like it was just yesterday that you so warmly and generously welcomed me into your midst to teach and guide, support and encourage, challenge and celebrate my call to ordained ministry.

I am forever grateful to the ways each of you and all of you as a community of faith shaped me for the ministry to which God has called me. My ordination journey has taken me on a path I never would have imagined but it has been so richly and deeply blessed by many of the lessons I learned during my time at Emanuel. I was blessed by an additional year of ministry with you as youth director while I completed my seminary studies at Yale Divinity School.

I was called to serve Christ the King, Wilbraham MA and ordained on June 9th of 2006. I married, Gary Anderson on June 17th and I began serving as pastor of CTK on July 1st. It was a wonderfully challenging first call. The congregation had experienced significant conflict and decline just prior to my call. In our first year,

we worked with a consultant that served as a coach for me, in mediation skills training while I was also busy forming relationships, learning and telling a new story, and loving every minute of ministry with the congregation. The congregation grew both in numbers but more importantly as a healthy thriving community. And, so did I, (in all ways!).



Gary and I welcomed our first child, Lucas Cole in December of 2009 while you were celebrating St. Lucia! Lucas, now five years old, sings in Swedish and looks just like his dad. (A long time member of Emanuel who was in the St. Lucia pageants throughout his childhood). I served as pastor of Christ the King until Lucas was almost nine months old. A year earlier we had moved from Wilbraham to Manchester CT, where Gary was a Senior Planner for the town. I felt called to spend more time on my vocation as a mother but had also been discerning a call to Intentional Interim work with congregations. I had received training as an intentional interim while serving my first call.

I began serving as a part time transitional pastor for St. Mark in Glastonbury and it was wonderful. I love transition ministry, helping congregations examine their strengths, vision for the future,

examine ways of communicating from a place of health, and develop the gifts of their leadership. My mother-in-law (Mary Carlson Anderson- who was also a long time member of Emanuel) was an excellent grandmother, taking care of Lucas each week along with some wonderful Calumet college students during the hours I worked. I was at St. Mark for just under a year and then served at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell CT for a year a half. Again, serving as a part time intentional interim was wonderful. It was ministry I loved and which allowed me time with my family. And, it was a growing family. I was pregnant with my daughter expecting her to arrive in December.

Bishop Hazelwood was elected Bishop at the June Synod Assembly. We shared conversation about ministry in the synod and he'd asked me to consider the possibility of serving on his staff. I agreed to prayerful consideration if it was part-time. Gary had taken a new job as Director of Planning for the town of Easton MA (I am a graduate of Stonehill College located in Easton) and we had put our house on the market with plans for me to take a leave from call to be home with my children and focus on moving our family back to MA.

On November 7th, a month before my daughter was due to arrive, I spoke with Bishop Hazelwood on the phone about serving halftime as Associate to the Bishop- doing all the things I feel most passionate about- conflict mediation, leadership development, intentional interim ministry and mentoring of new pastors. It was 12:30 when we ended our call. Our daughter Molly Jean was born just over four hours later. She takes after her mother and has been keeping us on our toes - and awake through the night - for the last two plus years.

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Social Ministry

C O R N E R

“God does not
need our good
works, but our
neighbor does.”
-Martin Luther

Social Ministries at Emanuel: A Closer Look

Each Month we will take a closer look at one of the Ministries we support. This month is **Hands on Hartford**.

We helped found this important social service organization that serves Hartford’s less fortunate people in the areas of food, housing, and economic security. Various churches (including Emanuel!) founded **Hands on Hartford** in 1969 as Center City Churches, the agency has had a long-standing commitment to providing respectful, comprehensive services with help from volunteers and community partnerships.

Many of our members already help **Hands on Hartford** reach about 8,500 people annually through the MANNA soup kitchen and food pantry. **Hands on Hartford** also has an advocacy center, and weekend meal programs for children and seniors; supportive housing and housing assistance including security deposit and utility assistance; Faces of Homelessness Speakers’ Bureau to raise public awareness about homelessness; and Community Engagement to promote volunteerism and service learning.

GET ENGAGED! We have some important opportunities right now where you can help:

- An opportunity to support **Hands on Hartford’s** MANNA Program is coming up fast. Emanuel provides 4 meals per year feeding 100-120 people and our first commitment date is fast approaching - March 31. Can you help? We need volunteers to help prepare some of the meals (in advance) and we need someone to help coordinate the 4 events. Please contact Wendi Johnson (wendilj@cox.net) if you are interested in helping. *(Please see article on this page, “MANNA Meal Set for March 31.”)*
- **“Walk Against Hunger” on May 3.** . . .Come Join the Emanuel Team! Participating in the walk can help us drive monetary support from outside of the congregation to support **Hands on Hartford**. Though the walk is sponsored by Foodshare, 100% of the Emanuel Team’s congregation will help Foodshare provide direct food support to **Hands on Hartford’s** food programs. WE NEED YOUR help! Contact the office or Bob Graulich (bobgraulich@comcast.net) to join our team on May 3.
- **Can’t join the “Walk Against Hunger? Please support us with a contribution.** It’s never too early to make your contribution so feel free to drop it in the offering plate (please notate its to support the walk) or Bob will be happy to collect the donation from you.

Thank you.

MANNA Meal Set for March 31

MANNA is a program of Hands on Hartford that serves and ministers to people in need in the city of Hartford. On Tuesday, March 31, Emanuel is responsible for providing a dinner for approximately 100 – 120 individuals at Christ Church Cathedral, on the corner of Main and Church Streets in downtown Hartford. The dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Needed are ten people to prepare a casserole at home and bring it down to Christ Church Cathedral that evening (or leave it at church if you are unable to help that night); five people to make two dozen cupcakes, and many to serve and clean up. The hours are approximately 4:30 or 5:00 -7:00 p.m. If you are able to prepare a casserole, a pan and the simple recipe will be provided to you.

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

MANNA needs your help. We are looking for one or more people to take over this ministry. MANNA is a program of Hands on Hartford that serves and ministers to people in need in the city of Hartford. On the 5th Tuesday of some months in 2015, Emanuel is responsible for providing a dinner for approximately 100 – 120 individuals at Christ Church Cathedral, on the corner of Main and Church Streets in downtown Hartford. In 2015 we’ll provide dinner four times. The dates are March 31, June 30, September 29 and December 29. If someone is

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Things familiar, not so long ago:
1983 with a stretch into 1984



by John Starkes

Perhaps a nice way to start this adventure with our archive memories is to think in your memories of Emanuel's families that have stretched from generation to generation over the years. Of course we're a bit limited perhaps not getting much further back than our confirmation years and maybe our Godparents and some big wedding event that included lots of good Swedes that built houses in West Hartford, and others that helped to fill them up with stuff from the right place that make it a Swedish place for coffee; being sure it served with a saucer and a sugar cube. There was lots of good advice on where to invest the dollars; and not to forget SAS-DC-7's for a trip to the "Mother Land." And the best food was not quite from your hall closet; and just one more - Don't forget to try and "flag" the Viking ship that sails past the house every Tuesday. Ok, I'm not sure you'll spend a day thinking of other traditions that time has passed you by - do they still make the world's best automobiles in Sweden?

But to get on track with 1983, a most important event to start with was Emanuel's celebration of the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's birth with a special Reformation service to honor him, the founder of our church, international! I'm sure David Harper really had the organ all cranked up for that along with the tonsils of all the choir members. But to move on ahead, this year of 1983 found a new staff member added to Emanuel, the Rev. Pastor Carl Brink as Assistant for the special ministry of Home Visitation. He was a "Son of Emanuel" having served before as a Navy Chaplain. He would be a great helper with Emanuel's Caring Ministry to the shut-in members and those confined through old age at home or in nursing homes for the aged. His presence at Emanuel's coffee hour each Sunday brought great delight to many.

Of a sideline for me, Carl Brink - one with the larger Grahn family of Emanuel, moved in retirement to the Connecticut shoreline area but would be seen each year at least at a relative's home in Hebron that featured Brink's Christmas tree farm of holiday trees we could select and have cut and stacked in the car, all bailed and wrapped by a machine loaned by a local funeral home! (just a joke!) But we'd have a nice visit with a cup of coffee and share the news of Emanuel!

Finally of the year 1983 with the church, an on-going problem with the church towers was solved on the decorative stonework, what had become Emanuel's "Achilles Heel." With that problem finally solved by spiral caps, once placed above the towers in a special capping ceremony within a year beyond to give our church a feature of the steeples that had been originally part of the architectural finish to our church that had been eliminated from the original design to cut costs. Of course, stainless steel is far better than the original plan for oak and slate as it would have been. You may view the original drawing for the church on the hallway archives photographs of the church.

And of that display so wonderful, our thanks to Jane Wunder and her gift of time and effort! Finally solved with new spiral caps, the problem seems to have spread currently to the church window frames (sills), the stone liners about the stained glass.

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

MANNA needs your help.
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willing to take on one or more of the dinners, please let me know. Maybe the college students home for the holidays may want to take the December 29, 2015 meal.

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



Hands on Hartford thanks Emanuel for its \$349.00 donation to their MANNA food program from the "Souper Sunday" collection. They thank the youth of Emanuel, as well. These gifts will help change lives in Hartford.

Emanuel's Recent Interns

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I was able to spend time home just being mom for a number of months. I began serving as Associate to the Bishop in August of 2013. If someone had told me while I was serving as your intern or studying for my seminary courses that I would serve in the office of the Bishop, I would never have believed it was a fulfillment of my call to Word and Sacrament ministry.

However, I love my ministry. I love the challenge and the hope, I love the ways I can use my gifts and strengths, I love watching congregations and pastors struggle with and celebrate the gifts of the Spirit, experiment successfully and miserably with the ministry of the Gospel, and bear Christ into a world desperate and hungry for it. This ministry keeps me busy with congregations in transition and hope filled as I watch congregations learn and grow.

I especially love my ministry with the Forward Leadership Community. The 2014 Forward Leadership Community had five congregations participated in a year long process for thinking and moving forward. We've recently welcomed nine congregations to participate in the 2015 Forward Leadership Community. It is amazing to watch small and large, struggling and thriving congregations come together to experiment, explore, and grow.

Ten years. I'm grateful for the tremendous blessings that have filled them, for each of you and for the prayers, the wisdom, and the insights you've shared that have followed me through these years. Always, you remain in my prayers with gratitude and joy for all the Spirit's work through you and the generous ways in which you have

shared your gifts with me.

*Blessings and peace,
Pastor Sara J*



A very old quilt measuring approximately 7' x 8' was recently found in the lockers in the tunnel area. It is estimated that it is about 100 years old. No one seems to know where it came from or for what occasion it was made for.

It has the names of the congregation and some embroidery in each square. It is in excellent condition and is quite beautiful. I am looking for any information in regard to preserving it and some suggestions about hanging or displaying the quilt. Please email me at rjmets@sbcglobal.net if you have any information.

Judy Johnson

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.

Calling All E-mail Addresses

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

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

On Sundays, please notice the beautiful floral arrangement

in front of the altar, which is created each week by our new florist, A Special Place in West Hartford. With a memorial gift from the Cirilli family, the altar guild has purchased a new brass vase that holds a large arrangement. On the credenza altar, framing the Jesus statue, the vases are filled with silk greens. As in the past, the arrangement will be broken down into smaller ones to deliver to members who are hospitalized, sick, bereaving, or shut in.

New Flower Chart

In order to encourage people to sign up for altar flower donations in the new year, note the "Flower Chart" on the bulletin board near the kitchen in Luther Hall. Please use this chart to pick a Sunday, or Sundays, when you would like to donate altar flowers. Checks (indicating the date for flowers on the memo line) may be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate with the form from the blue sheet. We hope to have flower donations for every Sunday in 2015! Thanks for your help.

"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.

Baptized into God’s family on February 1:

Savannah Ellen Smith, daughter of Meghan Liljedahl Smith and Daniel Smith. The water carrier for the baptism was Brendan Murphy. Godparents are Kelsey Farrelly and Kevin Beuzing. Congratulations and God’s blessings to the newly baptized and her family!

Baptized into God’s family on February 22:

Comfort Blessing Smyth, daughter of Vicar Dominic Smyth and Success Lomax. The water carrier for the baptism was Dylan St. John. Godparents are Helen and Bernie Johnson. Congratulations and God’s blessings to the newly baptized and her family!



The Baptism of Comfort Blessing Smyth on February 22 at Emanuel.

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.

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!

A friendly reminder from your treasurer. . .

As we all know only too well, February was a “rough month” in terms of our New England winter weather. We will all be more than happy to see the arrival of springtime. Well, February was also a “rough” month for Emanuel’s financial stewardship - understandably, but rough nonetheless. I write this little note to ask all of you to remember your congregation’s financial needs and to please make up any of those February contributions that you may have missed because of the nasty weather. All of us missed one or more Sundays in February. None of Emanuel’s bills missed us. Thanks for your help!

Pastor John Marschhausen

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!



In Memoriam

Carolyn Liljedahl died on January 30, 2015. A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for her life was held at Emanuel on February 7, 2015.

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

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

Serving in March

Acolyte and Crucifer

March 1	Gunnar Johnson and Brynn Murphy
March 8	Cole Liljedahl and Charles Sinche
March 15	Kelly Caldwell and Maire Hollertz
March 22	Elizabeth Arcand and Madeline Arcand
March 29	Palm Sunday Erika Cangro and Grace Maynard

Altar Flowers

March 1	Open
March 8	Open
March 15	In memory of my parents, Elin and Alexander Riddle, and Carl Johnson, friend.
March 22	Open
March 29	Open

Assisting Ministers

March 1	Alan Meeds
March 8	Lynne Strecker
March 15	Janice Favreau
March 22	Barb Berg
March 29	Mal Doyle

Childcare in the Nursery

March 1	Open
March 8	Open
March 15	Open
March 22	Open
March 29	Open

Children's Library

March 1	Nancy Gray
March 8	Carol Dennler
March 15	Closed
March 22	Diane Troutman
March 29	Nancy Gray

Coffee Hour

March 1	Generous Generations Event
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Coffee Hour (continued)

March 8	Eleanor and Mal Doyle, Lance Hansen, Janet Potter, Jeff Potter, and Jen Jarvis
March 15	Open
March 22	Rachid Chelali for his son - Adam's birthday
March 29	Open

Communion Preparers

March 1	Open
March 8	Open
March 15	Open
March 22	Open
March 29	Open

Communion Servers

March 1	Open
March 8	Open
March 15	Open
March 22	Open
March 29	Open

Greeters

March 1	The Peter Murphy family
March 8	Ellen Anderson and Eileen Mitchell
March 15	Carol and Stan Johnson; Jenny, Dylan, and Alycia St. John
March 22	The Jonathan Fairchild family and Betty Fairchild
March 29	Shirley August and Peg Zachariasen

Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

March 1	Becky Thomas
March 8	Randy Olson
March 15	Carol Dennler
March 22	Kathy Haller
March 29	Monique Jennings

Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

March 1	Lee Sherman
March 8	Janice Favreau
March 15	Rae Ann Gremel
March 22	Doug Larson
March 29	Alan Meeds

Sound and Recording

March 1	Emma Barresi
March 8	Eric Carlson
March 15	Rhiannon Kiersznowski
March 22	Lindsey Anderson
March 29	Kelly Caldwell

Sunday School Aide Schedule

March 1	PreSchool/Kindergarten: Allyson Graulich Grades 1 and 2: Hannah Maynard Grades 3 and 4: Lindsay Varney
March 8	PreSchool/Kindergarten: Lindsey Anderson Samantha Johnson Grades 1 and 2: Kelsey Anderson Grades 3 and 4: Rhiannon Kiersznowski Grade 5: Toby Hollertz
March 22	PreSchool/Kindergarten: Deirdre Volk Allyson Graulich Grades 1 and 2: Lindsay Altschuler Grades 3 and 4: Jacob Johnson
March 29	PreSchool/Kindergarten: Rebekah Strand Rebecca Johnson Grades 1 and 2: Matthew Graulich Grades 3 and 4: Matthew Kloss
	Ushers
8:00 a.m.	Nelson Gottier
10:00 a.m.	Head Usher: Arnie Benson; Robert Graulich, Abby Stadlander, Eric Carlson

**Please Join and Support
Emanuel Lutheran Church's effort
against HUNGER in Hartford, in a
"FOOD PACKAGING EVENT"
on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.,
in Luther Hall**

Please visit our re-released website at www.emanuelhartford.org.

The website can be added as a button on your SmartPhone or tablet. Recent updates to the website include Sermons, FAQ's, and Newsletters.

Listen to MP3 files:

<http://emanuelhartford.org/worship/sermons/>

Here's the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) link to our website:

<http://emanuelhartford.org/aboutus/faqs/>

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

Please contact **Becki Murphy** at beckimurphy@gmail.com if you have any questions .

2015 Easter Plant Order Form
\$18.00 each - Deadline is Sunday, March 29, 2015

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Person responsible for payment:

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

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Church Office: 860-525-0894

Fax: 860-246-3720

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Church

Sunday School

Sunday School is in session during
the 10:00 a.m. Service of Worship