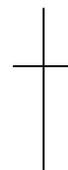


# God With Us

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford



**EMANUEL**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Growing in Faith Together.*



## The Season of Lent Schedule

**Sunday Services of Worship  
during Lent at  
8:00 and 10:00 a.m.**  
March 6 and 13

**Wednesday Lenten Services  
at 7:00 p.m.**  
March 2, 9, and 16

**Thursday Lenten Services,  
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
March 3, 10, and 17

## Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday Worship at  
8:00 and 10:00 a.m.**  
March 20

**Maundy Thursday  
Worship at 12:00 noon  
and 7:00 p.m.**  
March 24

**Good Friday Tenebrae  
at 7:00 p.m.**  
March 25

**Saturday, 7:00 p.m.  
The Vigil of Easter**  
March 26

**Easter Day  
The Resurrection  
of Our Lord  
Sunday Worship at  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.**  
March 27

*God is present, even in the darkness*

*Hosanna*

*Prayer in Gethsemane*





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

**Thursday Bible Conversation**  
**is held at 10:00 a.m.**  
**in the Nursery every Thursday.**

**LENT**



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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 Emanuel Friends in Christ,

I want you all to know how grateful I am for your expressions of kindness and loving support during this difficult time for our family. Thank you for everything.

Special thanks to Pastor John Marschhausen and other staff members who covered for me while I was away.

My brother, Curt's death has left us reeling. I know that for me personally and for his immediate family members, the healing process will be slow and long. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. In the midst of this deep grief, we cling to God's grace, the promise of resurrected life and the abiding presence of Christ in daily life.

The pain that we are experiencing is not foreign to many of you. You, too, have struggled with loss

and with circumstances that are inexplicable. You, too, have gone through the dark night of the soul, the internal struggle having to do with life, its meaning and God's involvement or absence.

Something that I have found helpful recently comes from a book by Henri Nouwen, Reaching Out. Nouwen describes a spiritual movement from loneliness to solitude. He cites Jesus' example, quoting from Mark, chapter one: "And in the morning, a great while before day, he (Jesus) rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed."

As individuals, born alone, to die alone, we all face the question of our aloneness in life. The inevitable loneliness that we sense and feel can be transformed, by the grace of God, as God meets us in that lonely

place, where God ministers to us, assuring us that we are not alone. Lent can be an experience of solitude, an experience of God's presence in our loneliest places. As we journey together these days of Lent, we will be comforted and encouraged by the God who is present even in the darkness, even in the darkest hours of the night. We journey, not alone, but together and, toward the unimaginable, the good news of the "death of death" in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Thank you for your love and support.

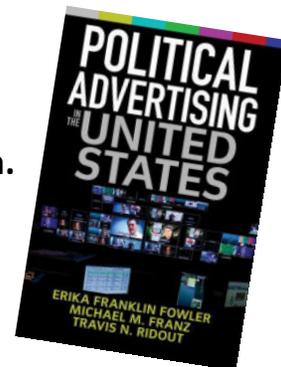
Thanks be to God,

Pastor Corgan

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**Sunday, March 20, Spring Luncheon at Emanuel**

**Please join us for a catered luncheon at 11:30 a.m.  
We'll have a presentation by Emanuel member  
Erika Fowler on her book,  
Political Advertising in the United States.**



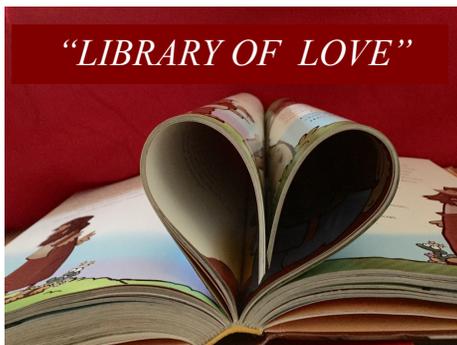
## Sunday School News

By Natalie Bloomquist

### March Highlights:

**First Communion Instruction** will be offered with Pastor Corgan and Natalie Bloomquist on:

- **March 6 and March 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the upper level classroom
  - for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 March 24.
- Contact Pastor Corgan or Natalie Bloomquist with any questions.



### Lent Focus – “Library of Love”

This Lenten season, we are focusing on sharing Jesus’ love by giving children’s books to the students in the tutoring program at Rawson Elementary School in Hartford. The school has a library but does not have funds for a librarian, which means the children do not get to take books home to read!

Each Sunday in Lent, they children may bring up their donated books to our “Library of Love” book cart next

to the baptismal font during the children’s message. New books would certainly be appreciated but gently used books are welcome as well.

### March lessons:

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

**March 6: Widow’s Offering.** *How we share is important. Not only does God care that we give, but God also cares about our attitude about what we have and how generous we are with what God has given us.* Mark 12:38-44

**March 13: Be Ready.** Even when scary things happen, God is working for good. We can remember that Jesus is with us when we are afraid. Mark 13:1-8

**March 20: Holy Week.** On Palm Sunday we remember a very special parade as Jesus entered Jerusalem. We know there is a surprise ending to the story, but not everyone around Jesus understood what was going to happen next. Mark 11:1-11; (14:1-15:47)



*The children color the Hallelujah banner.*

**March 27: Easter Sunday.** No Sunday School classes. Praise God and rejoice in Jesus’ resurrection at either 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Easter worship.

### Prayer for the Month:

*Dear Jesus, cheering crowds were with you when you began your long walk to the cross. But they did not stay. Stay with us as Lent moves into Holy Week and we remember: blessed is the one who comes! Amen.*



*The children share the Hallelujah banner with the congregation.*



# LENT 2016

## Believing in Jesus... Reflecting on Faith in Christ



On three Wednesday evenings, March 2, 9 and 16, within the framework of the beautiful Evening Prayer service, a staff member will share a meditation on this confession of faith: "I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord." We'll gather for this quiet, reflective service at 7:00 p.m.

That same meditation will also be shared at the Thursday Responsive Prayer service from 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the main church on March 3, 10 and 17.

**March 2 and 3:**

**Pastor John Marschhausen**



**March 9 and 10:**

**Natalie Bloomquist, AIM**



**March 16 and 17:**

**Pastor John Corgan**



**A man is in need of a full size sofa.** You may contact Pastor Corgan for more information or if you have any questions.

**A SPROUT family is in need of some furniture. Specifically, they need:**

- 1 twin bed
  - 2 queen beds
  - living room furniture
- You may contact Holly Aronson at [mhollyaronson@gmail.com](mailto:mhollyaronson@gmail.com).
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**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

Karin Gottier - March 28

**Special Emanuel Anniversaries During March!**

None

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**Annual Reports are available in the rack in the back of the church.**

† God's comfort and consolation to Pastor Corgan and family on the death of his brother, Curtis Bruce Corgan who died on Monday, February 1, 2016 in Kinnelon, New Jersey.

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**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!**

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

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**Brighten someone's day by taking our beautiful altar flowers to them!**

Each Sunday after the late service, we try to make arrangements for the delivery of the altar flowers to our hospitalized and/or shut-in members. Claudia Bellis and Brook Nowak do a great job with our flower ministry. If you'd be willing to help on a Sunday with a delivery, please look for Claudia or Brook in or near the Luther Hall kitchen. Thanks. You'll surely brighten someone's day!

The Easter Plant  
Order Form is on  
page 19 of this  
newsletter.

**Job Well Done!**

In the Finance Committee report in Emanuel's 2015 Annual Report, Gary Bloomquist announced his resignation as Chair of the Finance Committee after having served in this position for over 22 years.

During the congregation's annual meeting on January 31, 2016, Gary was thanked for his leadership and for his dedication in managing the financial affairs of the church over the last two decades, and was presented with a commemorative stained glass diamond. Gary served as Chair through the month of February 2016, and is succeeded by Pastor John Marschhausen as Chair of Finance Committee and by Bobbee Canfield as Chair of the Investment Committee. Nearly two dozen annual operating budgets, over 60 individual endowment accounts, 300+ pages of annual financial reports, and over 200 finance and investment meetings were presided over by Gary during his term. Thank you, Gary, for your leadership, extraordinary time commitment, and painstaking work maintaining Emanuel's financial records over these years! Job well done!

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**"Christ in our Home"**

Be sure to look in the back of the Nave, 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.

## 2016 EMANUEL HARTFORD YOUTH GROUP (Grades 6-12) CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	TIME	NOTES
<b>Jan. 24, '16</b>	Youth Ice Skating Party @ Bushnell Park, HTF	11:30am-12:30pm	Back to School Skating Party at Bushnell Park for all Youth (Parents are also welcome).
<b>Feb. 21, '16</b>	Food Packaging Event at ELC in Luther Hall	11:15am-4:15am	Youth will participate in a community endeavor at ELC to help fight against hunger in our community through our annual Food Packaging Event.
<b>Feb. 26-28, '16</b>	Skiing weekend at Calumet	ALL WEEKEND	Youth from ELC will join other youth from around New England Synod for a winter weekend of fun skiing, faith sharing and fellowship.
<b>March 12-13</b>	ELC Youth Lock In	Sat. 6:00pm to Sun. 9:00pm	Youth will engage in an overnight of interaction and fellowship among themselves. Youth will also watch and discuss a faith formation movie (Movie Night).
<b>March 26, '16</b> <b>March 27, '16</b>	Set Up/Easter Egg Hunt Youth Easter Egg Hunt	12:00pm - 4:00pm 11:15am-12:15am	Youth and Parents will interact and participate with Confirmation and Sunday School children in a planned and organized Easter Egg Hunt Event at ELC.
<b>April 29-30, '16</b>	Youth & Adult Youth Leaders Retreat	TBD	A weekend of Retreat, faith and spiritual nourishment for youth and adult youth leaders.
<b>May (TBD), '16</b>	Peace Builders Training - COMPASS Youth Collaborative Inc	TBD	Youth will gain skills as peace builders for life through conflict mediation, resource connection and crisis intervention.
<b>June 7, '16</b>	End of Year Potluck Dinner in Luther Hall	6:00pm -8:00pm	Youth, Parents and adult youth leaders will gather to fellowship and have fun at the end of the school year.

\*Parents and Youth, please mark your calendars with these important dates & time. As indicated, this calendar highlights scheduled events/activities for ELC Youth Group. Both Youth and Parents are encouraged to mark their calendars and prioritize their participation in these events accordingly. You will be informed of all and any necessary updates and changes. For more information or clarifications, please contact me at [dominic.smyth@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:dominic.smyth@emanuelhartford.org) or 215-820-9113 / ELC Office: 860-293-0870

## TRANSITION PLANNING

As we begin 2016 we are acutely aware that by the end of June Pastor Corgan will have ended his tenure as Pastor at Emanuel. Although we are saddened by his impending departure, we are also happy for him and Deborah as they enter a new chapter in their lives. The Church Council has been very involved in beginning preparations for this transition. The following are the activities that have occurred and/or are in process.

- The Council met with Bishop James Hazelwood of the New England Synod and The Rev. Paul D. Sinnott, Associate to the Bishop, to discuss with the council the steps that will need to be taken as we go through the transition. Based on our meeting and after discussions by the Council it was unanimously decided that we will hire an Interim Pastor to start in July 2016.
- The Council will appoint a committee to take responsibility for planning activities that will honor Pastor Corgan over the next 6 months.
- The Council is also investigating utilizing a consultant to help us prepare for the next phase in the life of Emanuel's ministry, which is to include a self-study that will help identify us to identify where the congregation ministry is at this time and what the future might hold for Emanuel. This study is required by the Bishop and when complete will be used to share with potential candidates for the hiring of a new Pastor. This phase of work will commence upon Pastor Corgan's departure.
- A Call Committee will be appointed once the self-study is complete.

If you have any questions about this information please don't hesitate to discuss with any Council member. Thank you.

Chet Brodnicki, Council President



January 27, 2016

To the people of Christ @ Emanuel,  
Hartford:

Many thanks for your faithful witness to the gospel manifested in your Mission Support to the ELCA and it's New England Synod. We are grateful to you and your generosity!

You are  
God's blessings,

The Rev. Paul Sinnott  
Associate to the Bishop



# SPROUT

## SPROUT NEXT YEAR?

Our Saturday morning program, SPROUT, has been in existence for 3 years now. SPROUT serves our neighborhood children on Saturday morning, providing them with a hot breakfast, active play in the gym, and a healthy lunch. The program officially runs from 10:00 -12:00 and it is for students in grades 2 – 7. We average 18 to 25 children per week, but it drops off after Christmas during the months of January and February due to the weather. We run from the last week-end of September through early to mid June. The children who come love the good food and fun play. There often is not food at home, and this gives us a chance to help and nourish our church neighbors.

We are at a turning point in this popular program, and it is time for the congregation to decide if we continue or not. It takes many volunteers to make this program run safely and successfully. We currently have a great group of volunteers, but every year lose some due to moves, going off to college and new commitments at work. We need more volunteers if we want to continue this hands-on outreach program. You sign up for a position that interests you for the following year. The schedule is made up by the end of July and distributed. You are responsible for trading with someone if you are unable to work on your scheduled day. All the information needed is provided to you – you just show up for your designated time and do what you signed up for.

Needed for 2016-2017:

- 5 people to grocery shop once every 5 weeks
  - 5 people willing to be “kitchen captain” the week they cook in the kitchen, once every five weeks (9:00 -11:15)
  - 10 other people willing to cook the breakfasts and make the lunch once every 5 weeks (9:15 -11:15)
  - 10 people to set up and clean up once every 5 weeks (9:30 -11:30)
  - 5 people to set up and do registration once every 5 weeks (9:00 -11:00)
  - 5 people to register children and help pass out lunches once every 5 weeks (10:00 -12:00)
  - 15 people to play active games in the gym with the children once every 5 weeks (10:00-12:00)
  - 5 individuals or families to color on the stage while some of the less active children take some quiet time once every 5 weeks (10:00 -12:00)
- Needed for 2016-2017:
- Once person to plan the menu and e-mail the shoppers the grocery list each week
  - 10 people to bake 48 homemade cookies once every 5 weeks

There will be a chart down in Luther Hall to sign your name on if you are interested in volunteering for SPROUT. If you currently volunteer and would like to continue, please be sure to sign your name on the chart down in Luther Hall so Terri is aware of your interest in continuing on OR e-mail her and let her know. Terri Dwyer would be happy to give you any additional information. She can be reached at [terri.dwyer@comcast.net](mailto:terri.dwyer@comcast.net) or 860 521-0714. The chart will be down in Luther Hall during the month of March and we will assess our commitment to SPROUT at the end of March.

This is a well-run, worthwhile program that has taken a lot of work to establish. Although Emanuel participates in wonderful ministries such as MANNA, Church by the Pond, etc. this and the Friday Night Program are the only two outreach ministries that we initiate and administer. If you have time to offer, please consider this worthwhile ministry.

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All phone numbers in the above chart have the 860 area code, unless specified.

*Pastor Corgan and the children discussing where to hide the Hallelujah banner.*



**COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS  
January 26, 2016**

Council President Mark Hopper called the meeting to order and Pastor Marschhausen led devotions on Mark Chapter 1, closing with prayer.

The minutes of the January 5, 2016 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

**Senior Pastor's report:** Pastor noted the bequest of almost \$500,000 received in 2015 because a faithful couple, Everett and Justina Olson, remembered Emanuel in their will. On March 6 there will be a Thrivent workshop on legacy giving hosted by Sam Chang. Emanuel received a thank you note from Bishop Hazelwood for the \$50,000 tithe given from the Olson bequest. On April 24 Bishop Hazelwood will preach at Emanuel and then will meet with Council to discuss mission support. Pastor thanked Council members Craig McDonald, Claudia Bellis, Treasurer John Marschhausen, and President Mark Hopper for their faithful service as they conclude their terms.

**2016 Budget Approval:** Mark Hopper reported that there was an electronic vote that unanimously approved the 2016 budget.

**Sandberg Fund Team Update:** Pastor Corgan noted that Wendi Johnson resigned after 2 years of service. Linnea Bloomquist, Jonathan Fairchild, and Peter Murphy will join existing members Terri Dwyer and Bob Graulich on this team which will be appointed for a

one year. The motion to adopt this team makeup was approved unanimously.

**Facility Audit Update:** Jane Wunder reported that our new insurance carrier, Brotherhood Mutual, did a facility inspection of all church buildings. Progress is being made on completing the required improvements, including observation windows in all classroom/office doors and emergency stairwell lighting at Hungerford Street. Additional items include obtaining insurance certificates for all vendors and organizations using our facility and having procedures for medical or other emergencies that might happen during worship services.

**Stewardship Workshop on February 27:** Chet Brodnicki reported on the upcoming "3G – Generating Generous Giving" workshops being hosted by Bishop Hazelwood and his Associate for Generosity, the Rev. Renee Lia Braaten. Ravi and Shanthy Goondla will be our liaisons for this event.

**Other Business:** President Hopper thanked outgoing Council members and especially Treasurer Marschhausen for his hard work in the financial accounting transition. He also acknowledged and expressed his appreciation for Gary Bloomquist's 22 year ministry as the Finance Committee Chair. Council will present Gary with a gift of appreciation at the Annual Meeting as he has indicated his intention to resign.



*On February 14, during the Children's Sermon, Glenna and Chet Brodnicki shared information about Emanuel's "Library of Love" book collection for Rawson Elementary School in Hartford which runs from February 14 through March 20, 2016.*

## Bible Readings

### For the Month of March

**March 6 - Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
"Great Commandment"  
Mark 12:28-44

**March 13 - Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
"End of the Age"  
Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

**March 20 - Palm Sunday**  
"Triumphal Entry"  
Mark 11:1-11

**March 24 - Maundy Thursday**  
"The Lord's Supper, Prayer in Gethsemene"  
Mark 14:22-42

**March 25 - Good Friday**  
"Crucifixion"  
Mark 15:16-39

**March 27 - Easter Day**  
"Resurrection"  
Mark 16:1-8

### 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. 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, 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*

### The Organ is Back!

After 9 months of extensive restoration, the organ is back! Here are some highlights of the

repaired and expanded Austin Organ:

- 3000 wires with decaying insulation were replaced with a single 8 strand fiber optic cable. No more fire hazard!
- Almost 20 new stops, including a solo trumpet, a harp, new strings, and a Zimbelstern (those are the tinkly bells some of you heard).
- New pedal board
- MIDI interface (you might have noticed a laptop playing the organ on Christmas Eve)
- Recording capability
- Entire instrument re-tuned to concert pitch

If you'd like a tour of the new instrument, Jonathan will be happy to oblige! Many thanks to all who supported this project and for your patience while the organ was out.



### Save the Date

#### Pastor Corgan's Retirement Party

**Host:**

**People of Emanuel Lutheran Church**

**When:**

**Sunday, June 12 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Where:**

**The Bond Ballroom  
338 Asylum Street  
Hartford, CT 06103**

**Contact:**

**Chet Brodnicki, 860-236-3050**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>March</i>		1 9:30 am: Staff Meeting	2 7 pm: <b>Lenten Evening Prayer Service, Nave (Confirmation Class, please attend)</b>	3 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry and Crafty Painters  10 am: <b>"Bible Conversation," in the Nursery</b>  11:15 am: <b>Lenten Service, Nave</b>  Choir Rehearsals - Please contact Jonathan for information	4 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	5 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
	6 <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 8 and 10 am: <b>Services of Holy Communion Prayers for Healing</b> At 10 am service: <b>Holy Baptism of Ava Ingvertsen</b> <b>Sunday School</b> 11:30 am - 12:30 pm: <b>First Communion Instruction, Upstairs Classroom</b> <b>Legacy Giving Workshop in Luther Hall with Sam Chang, Thrivent</b>	7	8 9:30 am: Staff Meeting  6 pm: Supper 7 pm: Church Council	9 7 pm: <b>Lenten Evening Prayer Service, Nave (Confirmation Class, please attend)</b>	10 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry and Crafty Painters  10 am: <b>"Bible Conversation," in the Nursery</b>  11:15 am: <b>Lenten Service, Nave</b>  Choir Rehearsals - Please contact Jonathan for information	11 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm
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20 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8 and 10 am: <b>Services of Holy Communion</b> <b>Sunday School</b> 11:30 am: Spring Luncheon, with a book presentation by Erika Fowler	21	22 9:30 am: Staff Meeting	23	24 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry and Crafty Painters  10 am: <b>"Bible Conversation," in the Nursery</b>  <b>Worship Services at 12 and 7 pm</b>	25 <b>Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 pm</b>  Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	26 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym  <b>The Vigil of Easter 7 pm</b>
27 <b>Easter Day</b> <b>The Resurrection of Our Lord</b> 9 and 11 am: <b>Services of Holy Communion</b>  <b>Sunday School in worship</b>	28	29 9:30 am: Staff Meeting	30	31 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry and Crafty Painter  10 am: <b>"Bible Conversation," in the Nursery</b>  Choir Rehearsals - Please contact Jonathan for information		

## Prayer Friends Needed!

by Natalie Bloomquist

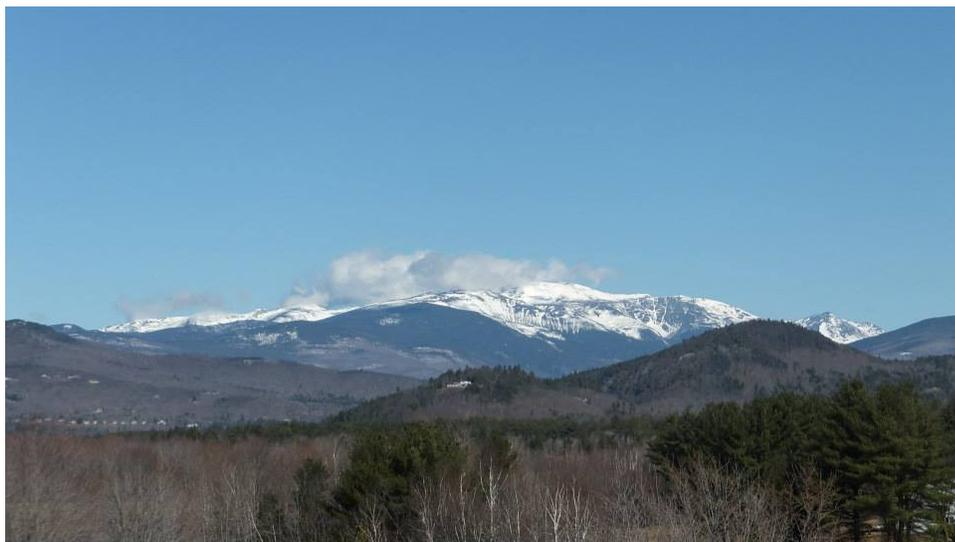
Each student in Emanuel's Confirmation ministry has a secret Prayer Friend who remains with him or her throughout the three years of confirmation instruction. Through prayer, the Prayer Friend has an impact on the life of the student through intercession to God. Prayer Friends pray regularly for their assigned confirmation student and send simple correspondence and special wishes on birthdays, baptismal anniversaries and holidays. Their identity remains a secret for three years until they are revealed just days before Affirmation of Baptism Sunday.

**Would you consider serving as a prayer friend?** Early adolescence is a difficult time, and the academic and social pressures society places on our middle school youth are tremendous. You can make a difference in their lives by keeping them intentionally in prayer and reminding them that Jesus is with them always, and that they are in your thoughts and, most importantly, your prayers.

**The benefits of this ministry flow both ways.** God created us to be in relationship with others, and this ministry not only brings joy to both the Prayer Friend and the confirmation youth but also meaning and a depth of faith that comes from regular, simple, down-to-earth prayer.

**There is no standard profile for a Prayer Friend!** They are individuals, couples, families and friends teaming together to serve. All are important and meaningful partners in this ministry.

Please call, e-mail or speak with me at church for more information or to offer your service.



## Spring LutherHostel at Camp Calumet

**April 11 – 14, 2016**

**Chaplain for 2016: Pastor Bryan A. Leone, Shelton, CT**

**Musician and Coordinator: Judy Smith, AIM, Calumet Staff**

Have you wondered about the various faiths in the world today? Bryan will host an interfaith forum to help promote understanding of our religious landscape today.

In addition, Bryan is travelling to the Holy Land in January 2016 and will be anxious to share new insights on the Middle East and peace making efforts in that part of the world. In particular, Bryan will share the current situation in Palestine.

Check back to find out the "Trip of the Week".....past Lutherhostel trips have been to the Mt Washington Hotel, Maine Lighthouses, historic churches, etc.

*To learn more about the Spring Lutherhostel exact program, please contact Judy at (603) 539-3223 ext. 226.*

Lutherhostels at Calumet bring folks together to think and talk about the issues of the day. Discussions, short

videos, presentations, and guest chaplains & speakers help us explore various topics in a beautiful setting. Calumet will feed your spirit, your soul and your body. . .our food is fantastic!

Get ready for some evening game playing including dominoes, Skip-Bo, cards and lots of popcorn!

**Please contact Jan or John Starkes at 860-561-2897 ASAP, so we can start planning your reservation and, if interested, transportation on the van. Space is limited and we have other church guests who will travel with us in the big, new van!**

Please note: Alice, a representative from Calumet will be in touch with you for final booking and details.

**There are no single rooms available.**



## 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.

## 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.

## The Altar Flower Form is on page 19 of this newsletter

## To see a list of Committees and Ministries of Emanuel and ways you can participate, please go to our website!

1. [www.emanuelhartford.org](http://www.emanuelhartford.org)
2. Click on the black tab at the top of the page titled, "Serve."
3. Scroll down and on the right side of the page you'll see the logo for Sign Up Genius. Click on it!



## Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation in Germany!

This very special trip focuses on Martin Luther. Pastor Corgan endorses and supports this journey.

**Tour Overview:** 11 days including arrival and departure days

- Starting in Berlin, visit the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and take pictures of Brandenburg Gate and the Holocaust Memorial.
- In Wittenberg, see Luther House, and visit St. Mary's Church and Melancthon House. Continue to Leipzig to visit the Thomaskirche, where J.S. Bach worked.
- Visit Luther's Birthplace Museum, Luther's Death House Museum, St. Andrew's Church, and St. Peter & Paul Church in Eisleben, and the Augustinian Monastery and Merchant's Bridge in Erfurt.
- Journey to Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament, Luther House, and St. George's Church in Eisenach.
- Visit Coburg Fortress one of the largest surviving medieval fortresses in Germany.
- Tour Worms, where the Imperial Council passed judgment on Luther in 1521. Visit Trinity Church where Luther presented his case, and the famed Reformation Monument.
- In Mainz, visit the Gutenberg Museum, and enjoy a romantic Rhine River cruise through the prettiest part of the Rhine Valley. Next is Rothenburg, a medieval walled town famous for its Christmas ornaments, to see St. Jacob's Church and its renowned Blood Altar.
- Follow in Luther's footsteps and visit St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Nuremberg and then onto

Augsburg, where Luther and his followers proclaimed their beliefs.

- In Munich visit Marienplatz with its Old and New Town Halls. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel.
- Recapture your knowledge of the history of the Lutheran Church, enjoy the fellowship of others, and renew your faith.

Please call me to answer questions you have about this exciting opportunity. Lisa Martin  
860.929.0708



**Emanuel Lutheran Church**  
**311 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT**

**Current Opening for a  
Production Specialist**

This position supports Emanuel's ministries and programs by efficiently preparing the weekly and special service bulletins, *God With Us* monthly newsletter, annual report and other communications or reports. Other job responsibilities may include supporting day-to-day office operations, such as administrative support to the senior pastor, staff and volunteers, copier support, preparation of church wide mailings, and reception duties.

This is a part-time, 20 hour per week position. Working hours will be Monday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Two weeks paid vacation will be provided annually.

**Skills required for this position include:**

- Excellent computer skills, including desktop publishing programs, Microsoft Office Suite and email
- Familiarity with PC and Mac systems, and updating website/ social media
- Ability to respond to changing priorities and work under deadlines efficiently
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Strong verbal, interpersonal and phone skills
- Ability to be resourceful and proactive in dealing with issues, exercising tact, discretion and respect for confidentiality
- Dependable and attentive to detail

If you are interested in this position, please contact Jane Wunder by Sunday March 13 at [jane.wunder@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:jane.wunder@emanuelhartford.org).

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**Current Opening for a  
Receptionist**

This position supports Emanuel's ministries and programs by providing a warm welcome and helpful reception to all who call, email or visit Emanuel, including members, staff, visitors and service providers. Other job responsibilities may include supporting day-to-day office operations and staff needs, such as updating the membership database and statistics, assisting in event coordination, and preparation of mailings.

This is a part-time, 25 hour per week position. Working hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Two weeks paid vacation will be provided annually.

**Skills required for this position include:**

- Excellent verbal, interpersonal and phone skills
- Strong computer skills, including Microsoft Office Suite, email and willingness to learn church database programs
- Familiarity with both PC and Mac systems, and updating website/ social media  
Ability to respond to changing priorities and work independently
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to be resourceful and proactive in dealing with issues, exercising tact, discretion and respect for confidentiality
- Dependable and attentive to detail

If you are interested in this position, please contact Jane Wunder by Sunday March 13 at [jane.wunder@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:jane.wunder@emanuelhartford.org).

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## 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.

## 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.

## New Flower Chart

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

## Please visit our website at: [www.emanuelhartford.org](http://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/>

The Calendar is on page 9 of our newsletter, "God With Us."

Please contact **Becki Murphy** at [becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org) if you have any questions.

## The Emanuel Archives

### The Families of Emanuel 1930-1960, The Anderson Collection



*by Jane Wunder  
for John Starkes  
(Written  
September  
2008)*

Over the past year and a half since my mother Norma Sandberg died, we've carefully gone through her house, and in it, a lifetime of belongings and memories. It has been bittersweet, but always interesting, as we rediscovered the experiences embodied in physical things. Best of all are the wonderful family photo albums and scrapbooks kept by my mother and by her mother, Laura Anderson. While there are many albums focusing on the Anderson clan, others lovingly chronicle a much larger family - it seems that any article related to Emanuel, its members, or Swedes in general was neatly cut and pasted into these scrapbooks.

What fun it has been to flip through these books and recognize so many Emanuel names, and even faces that are 50 years younger! There are certainly more Lucias, tomtar and spring fashion models out there than I ever realized! Several books capture church business, pastors, ordinations, congregational activities and wedding announcements. There are scrapbooks that follow Swedish Junior League (people, events, scholarship awards) through several decades. The books capture happy memories punctuated occasionally by sad news of a death or accident. It is especially interesting to find the articles about Emanuel members or local Swedes, side by side with the latest photos of the day's movie stars or Swedish royalty!

These books, which tell so much about the unique history of Emanuel and its people, are just too interesting to gather dust in my closets, and so they've been handed over to John Starkes who graciously agreed to review them for possible inclusion in the Emanuel archives. With great thanks to John, this wonderful collection is displayed in the Emanuel lounge of the Parish building.

If you're curious about Emanuel in its younger days (1930's through 1960's), come explore these albums in the comfort of the lounge. Read about major decisions like Emanuel "revoking the historic ban on dances," or technological advances like the Nativity pageant using a new invention (the tape recorder), or articles of warning in "Lutherans Told Lack of Love World Threat." As an early book of this collection includes clippings of Emanuel members involved in military service for our country during World War II - a very special book. And just for fun of life in the thirties, there's a big set of photo clippings of the movie stars from magazines back then. You'll just love looking back and dreaming a bit! Besides seeing photos of many elegant Emanuel brides, Lucias and other Emanuel groups, you may discover which members graced the pages of the newspaper as Swedish Junior League fashion models, who the "Miss Hartford of the accordion world" was, or who was making her "third crossing" to Sweden! I'm certain you'll enjoy these books as I have!

## Serving in March

### Acolyte and Crucifer

March 6	Trey Hazard Cole Liljedahl
March 13	Noah Kiehne Savion Jennings
March 20	Palm Sunday Alexa Wells Erika Cangro
March 24	Maundy Thursday Brynn Murphy Trey Hazard
March 27	Easter 9:00 and 11:00 Volunteer Acolytes and Crucifers needed

### Altar Flowers

March 6	Open
March 13	In memory of my parents, Elin and Alexander Riddle, and Carl Johnson, given by Joan Feldmann
March 20	Open
March 27	Easter Plants

### Assisting Ministers

March 6	Janice Favreau
March 13	Malcolm Doyle
March 20	Janice Favreau
March 27	Alan Meeds

### Children's Library

March 6	Jean Barresi
March 13	Carol Dennler
March 20	Deborah Corgan
March 27	(closed)

### Coffee Hour

March 6 -Thrivent; a cake in honor of the first birthday of Rishon, son of Deepak and Mrudula Pedada; and a cake celebrating the baptism of Ava, daughter of Andy and Ashley Ingvertsen

March 13 - Altar Guild and a cake in honor of the fifth birthday of Adam, son of Rachid and Leloucha Chelali

March 20 - No coffee hour - Event and lunch

March 27 - Coffee, juice and hot cross buns between Easter services

### Communion Preparers

March 6	Lynne Strecker
March 13	Val and Craig McDonald
March 20	Bobbee Canfield
March 24	Maundy Thursday Noon - Marjorie Johnson 7:00 - Ellen Anderson and Rae Ann Gremel
March 27	Easter 9:00 - Marjorie Johnson 11:00 - Volunteer Needed

### Greeters

March 6	Nora Smith Perez
March 13	John and Janet Starkes
March 20	Eileen Mitchell
March 27	Easter 9:00 - Craig and Valerie McDonald 11:00 - Chet and Glenna Brodnicki

### Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

March 6	Becky Thomas
March 13	Kathy Haller
March 20	Lee Sherman

### Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

March 6	Mebret Farquhar
March 13	Monica Swanson
March 20	Janice Favreau

### Lector - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday

March 24	Lynn Sherman
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### Lector - 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday

March 27	Celia Allison
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### Lector - 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday

March 27	Alan Meeds
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### Sound and Recording

March 6	Emma Barresi
March 13	Eric Carlson
March 20	Rhiannon Kiersznowksi
March 27	Lindsey Anderson

### Sunday School Aide Schedule

#### March 6

PreSchool - Kindergarten:  
Ally Graulich  
Grades 1 and 2: Matt Graulich  
Grades 3 and 4: Lindsay Varney  
Grade 5: *volunteer needed*

#### March 13

PreSchool - Kindergarten:  
Jennie Livingston  
Grades 1 and 2: Maire Hollertz  
Grades 3 and 4: Kelly Caldwell  
Grade 5: *volunteer needed*

#### March 20

PreSchool - Kindergarten:  
Samantha Johnson  
Grades 1 and 2: Luke Johnson  
Grades 3 and 4: Jacob Johnson  
Grade 5: *volunteer needed*

### Ushers

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

**2016 Easter Plant Order Form**  
**\$18.00 each - Deadline is Sunday, March 20, 2016**

In Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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**Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Church

**Sunday School**

Sunday School begins after the

Children's Message at the

10:00 a.m. worship service.