

GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford

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Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Thursday Bible Study

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



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The Mission of Emanuel Lutheran Church
In response to Christ's love we:

Worship God in joyful celebration,

Invite others into this community of Christ,

Serve those in need in the community and in the world,

Nurture all people in faith through Christian education,

Encourage and support one another in Christian living and fellowship.

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From Pastor Corgan

Dear Friends in Christ,

*Thomas doubted. . .
(John 20:24-29), "some
(of the disciples) doubted. . ."
(Matthew 28:17),. . .
doubted. . .who hasn't. . .?*

As I'm been developing the FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) page of our website, I've been thinking that I might start with this question, "what does someone have to believe to participate at Emanuel?" The answer I'm considering is this, "Nothing. There are no required beliefs for people to participate in this community, this congregation, named Emanuel."

This answer may sound a bit odd, even heretical to some, maybe to you? No expectations of beliefs? . . .are we lowering our standards? No, not at all. Over the years, I think the Church has become confused about how to do its mission. If reaching people with the good news of God's saving work in Christ Jesus is the goal, then requiring people to believe that first, before they're welcomed into the community, is both wrong and counterproductive. Think of the first believers in the early Church. One, having met Jesus, told another and responded to his reactionary doubt with a simple invitation "come and see for yourself" (John 1:41-51). Notice that there was no test, no question, "do you believe this or that?," but a simple, gracious invitation, "come and see."

Think of it this way, the given today is that there are lots of people both outside of, and within, the church with lots and lots of questions and doubts about God, Jesus, faith, the church, etc. You and I know many such people—they're our friends, family members, maybe, even ourselves. Therefore, I believe there

are some important questions that we, as the Church need to consider: "Will we continue to require people to affirm certain beliefs (or send that message in a variety of unspoken ways) before people are welcomed at Emanuel? Or are we willing to invite and welcome any and all people with all their doubts, questions, skeptical views, etc.?"

Will we welcome such questioners without bias or prejudice? Will we realize and believe that the life of faith is a journey, a process for everyone, that questions and doubts are integral and natural parts of the journey?" Good friends at Emanuel, if we want to be effective in sharing the good news of God's mercy revealed in Jesus, we will do well to follow Jesus' and the disciples' lead—invite, invite, invite and do so graciously, genuinely, lovingly. "Come and see for yourself" is a pretty good invitation, don't you think? Try it out this month, during this wonderful season of Easter, with some of your friends, neighbors, family members. All are welcome at Emanuel!

I want you to know that this month, a longtime mainstay of Emanuel's worship life and congregation, J. Thomas (Tom) Huffman, is moving out of the area. On **Sunday, May 4**, a day when we will "Welcome Home" former members and friends of Emanuel, we will also bid Tom "Farewell and Godspeed, sending him forth with our prayers, love and best wishes. On Sunday, **May 18**, a special meeting of the congregation will be held to consider two or three matters, including proposals to use some of the Remainder Funds from the sale of Capitol Towers. A formal and more specific announcement of this meeting will be coming soon.

May these bright, warm days of May serve to remind all of us that, by God's grace, we do live in the light of the Risen Jesus. Contrary to all appearances and our deepest fears,

death is not the final word. In the midst of our doubts and questions, may God give you the assurance of life, now and forever, in Christ Jesus, the crucified and risen One!

We are on the journey together,
Pastor Corgan

Welcome Home Sunday, May 4, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

As part of our 125th Anniversary celebration, **we're inviting all former members and friends to "come back home" to Emanuel for a special Sunday of worship and fellowship.** Please spread the word far and wide, invite anyone and everyone who has ever had any connection to this congregation to join us all on Sunday, May 4th! We look forward to a great day of remembering, rejoicing and reaching out to one another with Christ's love!

**On April 17 at the 7:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service, the
following young people received the
Sacrament of Holy Communion
for the first time.**

God's Blessings to:

Amy Cangro
Mebret Farquhar
Lily Maynard
Andre Montoya
Bailey Hawkesby-Mullins
Megan Murphy

**On Easter at the 11:00 a.m. service,
the following young person
received the
Sacrament of Holy Communion
for the first time.**

God's Blessings to:

Braden Hazard

Sunday School News

by Natalie Bloomquist

Our Lenten Service Project:

The Sunday School children invited the congregation to join them in taking part in Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise appeal. Each Sunday in Lent, we collected items to form LWR Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Thank you, Emanuel! With your help we were able to provide 100 kits!

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

The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. This project is one of the ways Emanuel's youth share God's grace and love.

First Communion:

We rejoice with the following young people who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time during the Maundy Thursday worship service: *Amy Cangro, Mebret Farquhar, Braden Hazard, Lily Maynard, Andre Montoya, Bailey Hawesby-Mullins, Megan Murphy.*

May lessons:

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

May 4: Doubting Thomas. Jesus comes to all in peace! John 20:19-31
Grades 1 and 2 visit the Children's Library.



May 11: The Ascension. Jesus asks us to share his story with others. Acts 1:6-14
Grades 3 and 4 visit the Children's Library.

May 18: The Holy Spirit. On Pentecost the Spirit brought the good news of Jesus to people in every language. Acts 2:1-21

May 25: Saul to Paul. God chose Saul, an enemy of Christians, to become Paul, one of our church's greatest leaders. Acts 9:1-20

Prayer for the Month:

Dear Giving Father, Thank you for giving your Son to everyone. Thank you for giving special gifts to each of us. Help us to use our gifts in your name. Amen.

Confirmation News

The deadline to submit newsletter articles came before our ConfirmCamp Retreat weekend at Calumet. Check back next month to read about all the fun.

Our program year is winding down.

- May 7 is our last class with all grades together.
- **8th Graders Only** meet May 14 and 19
- Confirmand, Family and Prayer Friend Potluck is May 28.
- Affirmation of Baptism is June 1!

Please keep *Lindsey Anderson, Garret Buchwald, Matthew Graulich, Rhiannon*

Kiersznowski, Cooper Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Benjamin Liljedahl, Kyle O'Brien, Maxwell Welkder, and Tucker Wieber in prayer as they prepare to affirm their baptisms on June 1. As with every class, it is my prayer that they continue to explore God's unconditional love, to discern the call to be of service to God and to be involved in the life of Emanuel. You, the members of Emanuel, play an

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Confirmation News

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integral role in welcoming these youth into greater participation in the life of Emanuel and the life of faith. Be with us on June 1, listen to their Faith Reflections and converse with them about what you heard. Ask questions, share your story and commit to supporting them in their efforts to be faithful to the promises they will have made in the gathered assembly.

These youth are transitioning from middle school to high school. They're growing more independent in a world that offers more choices, options and alternatives at a speed that's faster than most of us can truly understand. As part of the Emanuel faith community, be in relationship with them and help them take what they've learned and experienced over the past three years of their Confirmation program and make meaning of it in their lives. I promise you will learn from each other and grow in ways you may never have imagined. And...you could be a part of a growing movement at Emanuel, one that is pretty radical in the Lutheran church – we could actually continue to see these precious children of God even after Confirmation. What a blessing that would be!

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

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



Apostle is derived from the Greek word, pronounced *ap-os-tol-os*, which means *messenger, or ambassador*

WANTED: 21st Century Apostles, to serve as Assisting Ministers - no fishing license required!

Job Requirements: The desire to serve the congregation of Emanuel Lutheran and to lead the congregation in prayer. No age limits. No experience necessary. Employer is willing to train.

We are looking for a few good men and women who are willing to serve our congregation in the role of Assisting Minister. The Assisting Minister's main role is that of *Intercessor* – that is to lead the congregation in reciting the Creed and praying for the concerns for the whole world, the Church on earth and the people gathered for worship. The Assisting Minister also helps with the celebration of Holy Communion and Baptism. It is a role of honor to serve our Lord and to assist our congregation in that service.

You might ask, "Why me?" "Why should I volunteer?" Or you might say, "That's too scary!" "I don't want to stand in front and have *everyone* looking at me!" "What if I make a mistake?"

"Why me?" In the Evangelical Lutheran Church, all of us as baptized Christians are called in one form or another to be ministers of our faith by serving God and one another.

"Why should I volunteer?" Each of us has unique gifts to give as ministers of our faith and for those whose gifts include leadership; this is a role that provides the volunteer with an

opportunity – the opportunity to serve as an intercessor for our community of faith by leading the prayers of intercession and facilitating the congregation's response. In this role as a servant leader you will deepen your own faith as you lead others on the journey of faith we share together.

"What if I make a mistake?" We all make mistakes, but most likely – no one, but you will know. Each time you have the opportunity to serve in this role, you will grow in confidence and ability. You are not alone; you are guided by the *Holy Spirit* who works through the faith of our community.

By offering your gift of leadership, you will be filled with a grace and blessing that comes from giving and receiving God's word in the name of Jesus.

If you are interested, please contact Janice Favreau either by phone: 860-978-1681 or email at: jefavreau@cox.net

A training session will be scheduled May 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge of the Parish Hall. Come and learn more about the role of Assisting Minister. If Jesus called you today, what would be your answer?

Membership at Emanuel

For those of you interested in becoming members of Emanuel, we'll be receiving our newest members on **Sunday, May 18** at the 10:00 a.m. service.

If you're interested, please contact Pastor Corgan (at 860-525-0894 or john.corgan@gmail.com) for details.

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Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford is a multi-cultural and racially diverse, metropolitan church adjacent to the buildings and parks of Connecticut's state government. Ours is an active and optimistic congregation founded 125 years ago by Swedish immigrants, descendants of whom still occupy the pews each Sunday alongside those from many other backgrounds. Of the 815 members, 500 worship regularly, about 230 each week during the non-summer months. In addition, we are committed to our members who are homebound, studying in other places, and others who are unable to worship with us regularly. Our full-time staff includes a senior pastor, a sexton, an administrative assistant and an office secretary. Our part-time staff includes a music director, a visitation pastor, a Christian education director, a coordinator of youth activities, an assistant music director and a social media coordinator.

Fifteen years ago, Emanuel faced a decision about its loyalty to the City of Hartford and our urban location. The two church towers were crumbling and in need of repairs that ran close to a million dollars. Some found the idea of building a new church in the suburbs appealing but after much study, debate and prayer, our congregation voted to continue our commitment to the city and on one glorious Saturday in 1999, raised two steeples - one topped with a golden ball and the other with a golden cross high above the streets of Hartford. In so doing, Emanuel announced to the city: "We are here for Good." It is an exciting time for Hartford, and Emanuel is in the heart

of it. Out the front door is a handsome view of the building and parks of the state government - an environment bustling with the activity of state legislators, the legal and professional community, and visitors to the city as well as The Bushnell Performing Arts Center. And out the back door are the row houses of Frog Hollow, a relatively poor Hispanic and black neighborhood, that continue for eight blocks to Trinity College. Community organizations like Billings Forge Community Works along with educational institutions and local businesses are involved in diverse ongoing neighborhood revitalization efforts, including job training, nutrition and family programs. Emanuel is a regional church with the majority of the members coming from the surrounding suburbs. We reach out to local families and youth by participating in the Hands on Hartford cooperative ministry, opening our gym Friday evenings for games and basketball, and hosting a new Saturday morning nutrition and activity program for neighborhood youth.

It's an exciting time to be part of the Emanuel Lutheran Church community. The congregation is committed to welcoming new people to learn about the good news of Jesus Christ. Emanuel continues to seek new ways of engaging people through exciting and meaningful worship experiences, solid educational opportunities, and life-changing service work in our community, and fun fellowship events designed to build lasting relationships. Emanuel is actively reaching out and partnering with

other community groups like Billings Forge to better understand community needs and to leverage resources to meet those needs. Our congregation has responded quickly and enthusiastically to new hands-on ministry, recognizing the real and immediate impact these programs have in our neighborhood. Recently established endowments for mission and ministry have given the congregation a renewed sense of purpose, urgency and stewardship - to creatively and purposefully use these resources to minister to those needing help, in our midst and beyond our doors. And as the congregation celebrates 125 years, efforts are also underway to prepare our facilities for the next 25 years, particularly by improvements to technology and accessibility. As we pass our 125th milestone, these new ministries, partnerships and increased resources are reenergizing the congregation in its commitment to share the Good News and the light of Christ through what we can do on a day to day basis. Emanuel has good news . . . pass it on!

The Blue Sheets

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

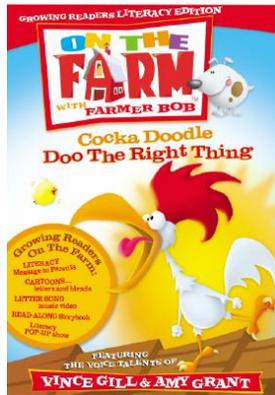
Please do make frequent use of these blue sheets. They really do serve as an excellent means of communication for us as a congregation. One request: if you have a comment or suggestion, please be sure to include your name, so that we can respond in a helpful way. Thanks!

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 10:00 Bible Study Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	2 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	3 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
4 Third Sunday in Easter 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion During the 10 am service: Sunday School "Welcome Home Sunday" at Emanuel Foodshare's Walk Against Hunger	5	6 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	7 6:30 pm: Confirmation	8 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 10:00 Bible Study Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	9 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	10 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym 10 am: Assisting Minister Training, in the Lounge
11 Fourth Sunday in Easter 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion During the 10 am service: Sunday School Happy Mother's Day!	12	13 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson 7 pm: Executive Committee Meeting in Conference Room	14 6:30 pm: Confirmation 8th Grade Only	15 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 10:00 Bible Study Deadline for "God With Us"	16 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	17 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
18 Fifth Sunday in Easter 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion At the 10 am service: New Members Received During the 10 am service: Sunday School 11:30 am: Special Meeting of the Congregation	19 6:30 pm: Confirmation 8th Grade Only	20 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	21	22 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 10:00 Bible Study Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	23 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	24 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
25 Sixth Sunday in Easter 8 and 10 am Services of Holy Communion Memorial Day Communion During the 10 am service: Sunday School	 Memorial Day Church Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day	27 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson 7 pm: Church Council	28 6:30 pm: Confirmand, Families, Mentors, and Prayer Friends Potluck Supper	29 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 10:00 Bible Study Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	30 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm 4 pm: Wedding Rehearsal	31 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym 4 pm: Wedding of Laura Kasmarzyk and Russ Deibel

Children's Library News

The Children's Library has several new, fun DVDs for young children. On the Farm with Farmer Bob features "Cocka Doodle Doo the Right Thing." This fun-filled story has a biblical theme from the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector dealing with treating everyone with respect. Sam the Ram learns, in a comical way, how important it is to do the right thing even if no one else is looking. It features the voices of Vince Gill and Amy Grant and the theme song is performed by Randy Travis.

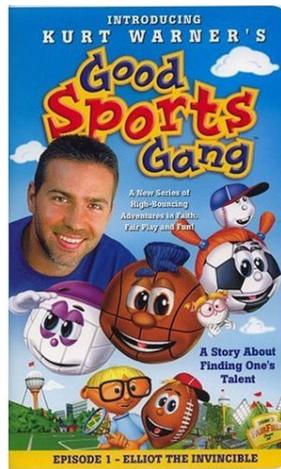


guidance, Gigi gets a gift far more valuable than a castle. It is the story of a little girl who finds out that it is not a castle that makes her a princess, but she is a princess because she is a child of the greatest King ever. Also found on this same DVD is the wonderful story of the legend of

the three trees. This popular story teaches children and adults alike the significance of their role in God's plan for the world.

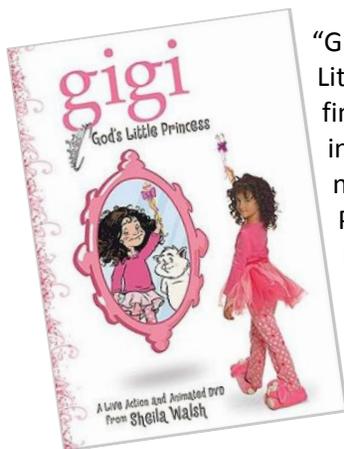
A final DVD being featured this month is Kurt Warner's "Good Sports Gang." Kurt is on the lookout for kids in need and he relies on the

"Hartlie" joins Hartlie and his friends as they go on three adventures in the "Bog" where they live. Beasterferous Bully has Hartlie facing his fear and confronting the Bog bully. Next, in Furdy Fleegle's Choice, Furdy learns the importance of choosing friends wisely after falling in with the wrong gang and nearly ruining his life. Finally, Wooly's Point of View has Wooly having a dramatic turn in his life after a near accident with Hartlie. These friends seem to have the same trials and tests as we all do and learn that a loving God offers help and hope in all their circumstances.



Good Sports Gang to save the day. In this episode, Elliot has been exiled from a game by the town jocks. The Good Sports superheroes know that everyone has a talent and they are off to the rescue, teaching Elliot that he is indeed a champion. It is a wonderful story about finding one's talent.

We will once again be having a check-out of books for the summer. Stay tuned for more information and please continue checking your shelves for overdue materials.



"Gigi, God's Little Princess" finds Gigi looking for her new Princess Pinky Starr Castle for her birthday. Through her parent's

Bible Readings for the Month

May 4 Third Sunday of Easter

1st Lesson:
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
2nd Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Lesson: Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
2nd Lesson:
1 Peter 2:19-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

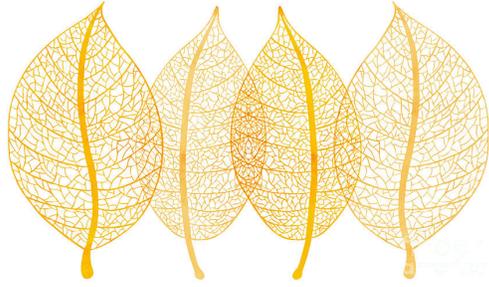
1st Lesson:
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
2nd Lesson:
1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel: John 14:1-14

May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Lesson: Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
2nd Lesson:
1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel: John 14:15-21

The 100th Lucia DVD Set Now Available!

This two DVD set features both the 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. performances from this past year's memorable 100th Lucia Festival. You may purchase a set for \$10.00 by contacting Brian Lysik at 860-558-8214 or blysik@rc.com.



From Vicar Jane Mountain
Meals for Recovery

When I was recovering from surgery and my broken shoulder, people from Emanuel were kind enough to bring meals to Chuck and me. Having nutritious meals was healing for us and allowed us to put our energy into treatment and recovery. We were so grateful for this ministry.

It has come to my attention that Emanuel no longer has a group of people who are regularly signed up to provide meals for its members who have had surgery or other treatments. Pastor Corgan asked if I would begin a list of those who would be willing to help in a *Meals for Recovery* ministry.

I'm asking for volunteers who would be willing to provide meals and for others who would be willing to deliver meals. If you would like to help in this ministry, please call me at 720.270.9633 or email me at:

jane.mountain@emanuelhartford.org

You can also indicate your interest on the blue sheet in the Sunday bulletin.

I would like to have at least twenty volunteers so this ministry can be a healthy one that provides for its volunteers to share the work and to be able to serve when they are able to. Please let me know soon if you would like to be involved or if you have questions or suggestions.

Vicar Jane

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

College Graduates

Cameron Ostafin will graduate from Southern CT State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is a Communications major, with a minor in Marketing/Advertising.

Lauren Ostafin will graduate from Assumption College in Worcester, MA with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management.

Please see article on page 14 to submit a graduate's name for an upcoming issue of "God With Us."



Your Help Please

A collection in Luther Hall for Lutheran Social Service and New England WELCA for *Footprints*

All congregations in the New England Synod are being asked to bring donations to the Synod Assembly which will be held June 5-7, 2014. The donations will be distributed to children and adults who are being served by the two organizations listed below:

Lutheran Social Services – donation for survivors of human trafficking, refugees and asylum seekers.

- **Pillows** (new)
- **Blankets: twin or full size** (new)
- **Gifts Cards: Wal-Mart or Target**
- **Toiletry items** (full size preferred)

Feminine hygiene products, Razors, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dental floss, Deodorant, Hairbrush/comb

New England WELCA for Footprints, a program to prevent child abuse, trafficking of minors and domestic violence within vulnerable groups.

- **Sneakers or shoes** (new) for children ages 5 through 12 years
- **Socks** (new) for children ages 5 through 12 years
- **Hand Towels**

We will have container(s) at the back of Luther Hall for your donations. Your help in providing supplies for those being served by the above two programs would be greatly appreciated.

For further information please contact either Glenna or Chet Brodnicki at chetglenna@comcast.net. or at 860 834-3410.

The collection will end on Sunday, June 1, 2014.



How We Talk about God

When we describe our vacations, we tell others what a good time we had. In our conversations we help the other person to imagine the place we went, the things we did and the food we ate. The same is true when we describe a sporting event. We talk excitedly about how pastor made 90 out of 100 baskets at the Emanuel March Madness event (and also how the UConn men and women won their tournaments).

I've been noticing in my own language that when I talk about God, I don't always stretch for action words. When I describe my adopted hometown of Denver, Colorado, I use vivid language. So I have been giving some thought to the language with which we talk about God, especially as I prepare my sermons. Perhaps we think of our relationship to God as being personal rather than as an involvement in community that is alive with the work of the Holy Spirit.

When I read the Scripture, I see a God who is action oriented. God has actively sought God's people throughout thousands of years. The actions of God take place in the lives of people and in their communities. God called Abram to action, and he and Sarai traveled a long way from home in order to obey God's calling. They had a son in their old age. God even renamed them Abraham and Sarah. How neat is that—to get a new name? This story alone reveals an adventuresome God and a God who calls people to adventures beyond their imaginations.

And so it is with God in our lives. God is calling us to adventures we might not imagine. God is at work in the world and has called us to become a part of God's adventuresome spirit. And we are on this adventure about God, but sometimes we fail to talk about the exploits of God in our world and the actions God takes for us and the ones we take for God.

I am writing this with the Holy Week and Easter services of Emanuel in my mind. I also attended the first part of the Easter Vigil celebrated by Episcopalians and Lutherans at St Mary's Church in Manchester. During Holy Week we tell the story of Jesus' command to love one another, to practice communion and of Jesus going willingly to the cross. The first part of the Easter Vigil includes telling the stories of our faith. The story telling is lively and highlights the vividness of God's working among people of old. Such storytelling takes us to the places and times where the living God speaks to God's people using language that draws us in to the excitement of God's work in time.

And how joyfully we tell the resurrection story in our praise, in the decorating of the church (tulips anyone?) and in the songs of praise. These are special times of worship when we are telling the story with joy and praise.

But what of everyday language about God? Do we carry with us experiences of God working in our lives? How often do we share these with others? And, when we do, do we grasp for descriptive words that convey the hope that is within us? Yes, I am thinking about these things—especially the language we use to speak about God in our everyday lives. I hope you will ponder this and tell me some of your

stories. The faith is passed to others, and we are encouraged in our faith by the telling of our stories.

But we don't become storytellers overnight. We might begin with something simple. We might tell others that we had a beautiful Easter service at Emanuel Lutheran, located at Capitol and Hungerford. Perhaps the music touched us and we can tell someone at work, school, or in the grocery store that God stirred our hearts to hope when we heard the choir sing. That is simple, but it could be the first step to telling our story to the world. Telling someone where we go to church might just be the first small step to sharing the gospel and changing our language about God. Try it and see where it leads.

Emanuel's New Banner!



This is a photo of our new banner which hangs on the front of the church for Emanuel's 125th Anniversary year.



Emanuel's Congregational Picnic for Young and Old!

Sunday June 15

Save this date for an afternoon of good fellowship and fun. The picnic will be held at CHURCHILL PARK in Newington from **12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. on June 15**. It is Father's Day and a great way to spend the day with the Dads!

There is a covered pavilion at the park with picnic tables and benches, but bring a folding lawn chair. The softball field, tennis courts, playground, etc will be available. We are not using the pool.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Sign up sheets will be available in Luther Hall for you to let us know if you will be attending. There will be an opportunity for you to bring desserts, side dishes, etc. Look for more information in the *Sunday News, God With Us*, or on Emanuel's website, www.emanuelhartford.org.

Wear your picnic clothes to church that day. We are encouraging all of you to wear your newly purchased anniversary tee shirts to this event.

Wendi and Dave Johnson,
Jen and Mike Johnson,
Becki and Peter Murphy,
and families

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.

ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response

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

Give by Mail

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

Give by Phone

800-638-3522

Give Online:

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

"Christ in our Home"

Be sure to look in the back of the Nave, near the Guest Book outside the Chapel and in Luther Hall on Sundays. There you will find the April, May, June complimentary issue of *Christ in our Home*, a wonderful devotional that offers daily opportunities for reflection and prayer. Each day provides a short Bible text with a brief, thoughtful message and simple prayer. It is especially helpful to read the texts and reflections written for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week as they prepare the reader for the lessons and Gospel texts that will be read in worship that Sunday morning.

Tentative Calendar of 125th Anniversary Events

May 4

Welcome Home Sunday

May 31

Bach Magnificat Concert

June 1

Affirmation of Baptism
(Confirmation Day)

June 8

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

June 15

Congregational Picnic for young and old!

July 17

Senior Luncheon, "Rejoicing"

August 31

Youth burying Time Capsule

September 28

Taste of Emanuel Coffee Hour

September 28

Anniversary Cookbook debut/sale

October 25

Annual Harvest Holly Craft Fair

October 26 - Reformation Day

Bishop Hazelwood preaching and Anniversary Luncheon

November 16

Recognition of those doing God's Work!

December 5

St. Lucia Festival and Reception

December

Senior Luncheon, "Reaching Out"

Anniversary Steering Committee

Judy and Roland Johnson, Co-chair

Arlene and David Parmelee, Co-chair

Pete Larson, Treasurer

Ellen Anderson, Secretary

Eric Carlson

Judy Larson

Becki Murphy

Abby Stadlander

Scott Tibbo

March 2014

Church Council Meeting Highlights

Pastor Corgan provided updates on various efforts underway, including:

- our 2014/2015 intern will be Dominic Smyth from Liberia,
- the “Thriving Church Task Force” has been established and has had its first meeting - this task force will explore other thriving churches, their practices and successes,
- Retirement Housing Corporation (new owners of Capitol Towers) is meeting with Emanuel to discuss the possibility of developing 315 Capitol Ave. into a Single Room Occupancy (SRO), potentially for homeless veterans.

Our treasurer Pastor Marschhausen reported that income is down against plan through the end of February and several line items are significantly ahead of YTD projections. He passed out a summary of the accounts and the reconciliation report as well as important excerpts from ELCA’s financial reporting guidelines.

Where Are We Going - During this ongoing agenda item, attention was given to the recent visit by Dr. David Lose. Discussion focused on the possibilities for using Dr. Lose as a consultant to lead Emanuel through an intensive planning process to focus on how to become an effective, relevant, thriving church. There was consensus that a consultant like Dr. Lose would be a great resource, especially with his in-depth understanding of current culture and church-wide trends, and would challenge us to think differently. Pastor Corgan passed out the previous proposal from Dr. Lose for our review prior to the next meeting.

Audit Process - Pastor Corgan announced that long-time members Russ Bjorklund and Lanny Krause have agreed to serve a one year term as the Audit Committee to oversee a full audit of Emanuel's 2013 financial

records and books. Blum Shapiro will be engaged to conduct the 2013 audit and will offer recommendations on our financial practices. As recommended by the ELCA, an annual financial audit should be performed under the direction of an audit committee comprised of individuals with no involvement in any of Emanuel’s financial operations.

Sandberg Mission Fund Request

Pastor Corgan presented several recommendations from the Sandberg Mission spending team totaling \$2,800 for the following:

- \$1,000 to support Amara Watkin-Anson, the Urban Agriculture Coordinator at Billings Forge, in her fellowship program with an organization called Mama Hope in Kenya this spring.
- Up to \$1,000 to cover Church by the Pond expenses when Emanuel hosts the worship services in 2014. (These services are held, regardless of weather, in Bushnell Park.)
- \$500 to support Jeff Fairchild and his son Ryan, members of Bethany Lutheran Brethren Church in Hartland, CT and son and grandson of Emanuel’s Betty Fairchild, who are participating in a mission trip to Guatemala in April.
- Up to \$300 to cover food and supplies for MANNA Meals.

A motion to allocate the funds as noted was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

Accessibility Building Committee

Update - Mark Hopper reported that RFPs have gone out to 5 architectural firms and 4 are interested in the project. Proposals are due shortly and then the committee will interview based on the proposals received. (The prior architect on this project, CJ Lawler, has retired.)

Anniversary Banner Update - An anniversary banner for the front of the church has been designed by Adams/Ahern Sign Solutions (who previously did the banner on the back facade of the parish building). It will be temporarily mounted for 15-18 months on the East Tower and two smaller ones

will be placed on the Hungerford Street side. The \$5,000 banner cost will be paid for from the \$10,000 which was appropriated (in 2013) for the Anniversary Committee.

Remainder Fund Discussion - Council members received a revised listing of the many possible uses for the remainder funds.* It was noted that two ideas, organ refurbishment and stained glass window restoration, are essentially non-discretionary due to the continuing deterioration of these valuable assets. The potential renovation of 315 Capitol Avenue is also on this list and the uncertainty of its renovation costs has slowed decision making on the overall funds. Council consensus is that the top priorities should be the organ and the stained glass windows. Updated stained glass costs will be obtained from Stained Glass Resources Inc. who did the 2008 estimate. It was agreed that Council will further discuss the remainder list at its April meeting, and then recommendations will be presented for a vote at a special congregational meeting on May 18. Details will be provided to the congregation prior to the meeting.

Operational Ethics Policy - Mark Hopper passed out a policy which is an example of good governance. Council is requested to review it in preparation for discussion, adoption, and ratification via signatures on a yearly basis.

For additional detail on any of these topics, the official meeting minutes are available in the church office.

Next Council meeting:
May 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Luther Hall

* These remainder funds are the funds left over from the Capitol Towers sale proceeds after the establishment of the Sandberg Mission, Stadlander Ministry and Capital Needs endowments (totaling \$3.5M) and the \$1M allocation to accessibility. The value of the remainder fund, after allocating \$219,000 for loan payoffs and \$203,000 for matching accessibility funds as approved by the congregation in 2013, is now about \$472,000.

Memorial Day Communion on Sunday, May 25

As part of our Memorial Day Worship on Sunday, May 25, we will offer communion at the altar rail with each communicant receiving the wine or grape juice in the traditional single serving cups. Each table will be served, the blessing said and then the table will be dismissed. Communicants will return to the pews via the stairway next to the grand piano, walking down the side aisle to reach their seats. Any parishioner who cannot reach the altar rail will be served communion at his or her pew.

The Worship Committee thanks the Altar Guild for their willingness to prepare communion in this way twice this year. On Veteran's Day Sunday communion will also be offered at the altar rail.



Volunteer Opportunities on Sundays

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

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

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

Lectors: Lynn Sherman, 860-523-1702

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



Volunteers Needed for SPROUT's Second Year

SPROUT, our Saturday morning program, had a successful first year. After a slow start, by Thanksgiving we reached 18 children. Our attendance has continued to average 18-22 children each week. Initially we targeted 25 children for our program that feeds a nutritious breakfast and lunch to 1st – 6th graders, along with active play in the gym. We discovered that the 18-22 children that came each week seemed to be a good number, so we stopped trying to grow the program. We did discover that 1st grade is still a little young for the team games, and some 7th graders are still interested in running around the gym playing kickball and dodgeball. Next year we would like to continue SPROUT, offering it to 2nd – 7th graders. The older children could transition to "helpers", and earn a leaders t-shirt by being good role models for the younger children. Our program will stop for the summer on June 14, and then begin again on September 27.

To continue the program into the next school year we need volunteers. If you haven't participated in SPROUT before but are interested, we can use you. The commitment is approximately two hours every five weeks. Our most pressing need is helpers in the gym to coordinate the active games. We could also use bakers to make homemade cookies and brownies for the lunches; registration people to check the children in; cooks and a clean-up crew in the kitchen; and shoppers to purchase the groceries.

It has been a rewarding year. The children love coming to the program and enjoy both the active play in the gym and the good food. If you

would like to help out next year please call Terri Dwyer at (860)521-0714 or e-mail her at terri.dwyer@comcast.net.

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 May!

Carolyn Liljedahl - May 2

Ruth Aronson - May 26

Inge Levin - May 29

Virginia Smith - May 31

Special Emanuel Anniversaries During May!

Ingrid and Burt Hedling - May 4,
57th Anniversary

Eleanor and Hans Erickson - May 12
63rd Anniversary

Janet and John Starkes - May 23
50th Anniversary

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

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.

Ryan Clancy

Coordinator of Youth Activities

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

The annual youth gathering at Hammonasset will be happening the weekend of September 5-7 and the theme is "Held" (Psalm 94:18).

The speakers are especially awesome this year because they are local folks who are doing great things in New England. We will be hearing from the Rev. Tiffany Chaney, the Rev. Mark Huber, and our very own Bishop Jim Hazelwood. The band is *Red Letter Reign*. **The cost to be at Hammo for the weekend is \$35!** That price includes an awesome T-shirt. The event is open to 8th-12th grade and any adults who want to come along or help prepare for the trip. **We hope to have all the names and deposits of interested participants by May 18 and the paperwork by June 1.**

Details about the weekend will be given after June 1 to those who are fully registered. This will be a great prelude for the National Youth Gathering in 2015 where we can gather with youth and families from our own region. Mark Hollertz will be collecting the paperwork and deposits. Hope to see you there.



**2015 ELCA Youth Gathering
July 15 - 19, 2015**

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

Thanks for making "The Emanuel Seniors Together Bake Sale for World Hunger on Palm Sunday" a success!

We raised \$223 to help fight world hunger! Thank you to all the generous individuals who baked and supported this wonderful, annual bake sale tradition at Emanuel on Palm Sunday.



If your son or daughter is graduating this school year from High School, College, or Graduate School, please let the church office know!

Call or email Karen in the church office and we'll put the graduate's name in the June issue of "God With Us," our monthly newsletter.
Phone: 860-525-0894
Email: office@emanuelhartford.org

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

Camp Calumet Scholarships are available to youth who are members of Emanuel

Please contact the church office by **May 15, 2014** for the \$100 scholarships available to youth, who are members of Emanuel, to attend Camp Calumet this summer.



Post College Grant:

A. Elizabeth Jacobson Grant

Any post-college member of Emanuel may apply for an A. Elizabeth Jacobson Grant to help underwrite costs of educational projects beyond undergraduate work. There is no official application form. You are asked to write a letter communicating your desire for a grant, including the school and program. Letters are to be submitted by **June 18, 2014** to the Executive Committee, c/o Emanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

The New England Synod thanks Emanuel for its 2014 Mission Support. This support includes helping hungry people in Lowell, MA and beyond, as far as Honduras. It includes helping to start new congregations in MA and NB, as well as helping seminary students at Philadelphia Seminary and in southern Africa. In addition, this 2014 Mission Support will help cancer patients at Augusta Victoria Hospital and hospital chaplains at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital and MA General in Boston. These are just a few examples of how this support impacts people here in New England and around the world.



Modeen College Scholarships are available to Emanuel Members

Modeen Scholarship Applications for High School Seniors and College Undergraduates are now available through the church office.

- If interested please contact Karen in the office: office@emanuelhartford.org or 860-525-0894. She will email or mail an application to you.
- The application and official transcript must be sent back by email or postal mail to Rosie Vojtek.

Email:

rvojtek@edovation.com

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

Postal Mail:

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

The Application and an official transcript (sealed in envelope, not printed from the internet) must be received by **June 1, 2014**. Please make sure the transcript includes the courses and grades from your spring semester. Late applications will not be considered. (In the event an official transcript is not available by June 1, 2014 you may submit an unofficial transcript with the application, HOWEVER, an official transcript must be received prior to the scholarship being awarded.)

All applications must be signed by a parent or guardian to be considered. Please make sure your

parent or guardian has seen your application. **Also, you must include an active email address and a phone number where we can reach you if we have questions.**

Rosie Vojtek and other committee members will be at church in Luther Hall on Sunday, May 4, 2014 from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. to answer any questions you may have about the Modeen Scholarship. If you are at church that Sunday, please stop by and introduce yourself. You may also send any questions you have to Rosie Vojtek at this email address: rvojtek@edovation.com.

Again, please put "Modeen Scholarship" in the subject area. You may also call her at 860-582-8663.

To be considered for the Modeen Scholarship you must:

- Be a member in good standing of Emanuel Lutheran Church (have communed and made a recorded financial contribution in the past year).
- Attend a 4-year college full time, both semesters, in 2014-2015.
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- Complete 10 hours of service to Emanuel Lutheran Church or for a church member(s) during the 2014-2015 year.

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!

Modeen Scholarship recipients needed for SPROUT

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

We need active college-aged youth to help play games such as kickball, dodgeball, freeze tag, etc. in the gym with these children. The time commitment is **10:00 a.m. -12:00 Noon**. You get to have fun and do community service! **The program runs through June 14**, so there is limited time to help. If you are interested, please e-mail Terri Dwyer at terri.dwyer@comcast.net or call her at (860)521-0714.



From Pastor Corgan About Our New Intern

I am very pleased to announce that Emanuel's intern for 2014-2015 is Dominic Smyth. Dominic is a native of Liberia and a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Dominic will be married in May and then join us here in August.

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

The Emanuel Archives

1976 – Emanuel’s staff on the road, here and there, everywhere, we’ve got the stuff to share but we need a bus! Hey LCW - \$\$\$?



by John Starkes

We start with Pastor Stadtlander doing what he likes so much, to represent the Lutheran Church in America at a symposium for faith, this one at Princeton Theological Seminary. And we pay more and more attention to our David Harper who can be found on the air every Sunday: 7:45 a.m. with WDRC as host for “Radio Voice of Religion.” But for those that may have slept through the Sunday morning sounds of Religion, Pastor Stadtlander comes through at 3:00 p.m. on WRYM with the presentation of “Signposts,” a guideline of faith for today’s world, Pastor’s favorite topic.

For the Sundays through Lent, Pastor also would offer a discussion group to review that day’s Sunday sermons, of its impact on their lives. And of the same time period Emanuel joined in with the service of thanksgiving with Good Shepherd Church on Wyllys Street in Hartford, one of the member churches of center city as they celebrated a re-opening following a long period of repairs and restoration.

Of special note, our Social Ministries Committee organized a visitation program within Capitol Towers that would later lead to part of Emanuel’s Caring Ministries.

During Holy Week, a former intern to Emanuel and his wife – the Rev. John Mattison and Judy presented a special program titled, “Shepherd of the Streets.” Pastor Mattison and his wife had won acclaim for their work among the “street people” of Minneapolis. Meanwhile, Pastor Stadtlander headed off to Europe with a group of members and friends to enjoy the sites and history of Austria, a beautiful country I often enjoy as well these days via PBS television with travel films on the “Create” channel. Center City Churches began an elderly luncheon program that was offered every weekday at the Hartford Hotel.

July 4th fell on Sunday this year of 1976, as Emanuel celebrated the event of the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. LCA held a

Biennial Convention in Boston, July 21-28, chaired by our Pastor Emeritus Stanley Sandberg. From *my source – God With Us – 1889-1989, by Norma Westlund Sandberg, a 500-voice choir of the participating parishes of New England was also a part of the event held in Boston’s Hynes Memorial Auditorium directed by our David Harper, Minister of Music.

Back at Emanuel, our Assistant Pastor, 1971-1976, the Rev. Dale H. Gustafson, resigned to become the Associate Pastor for Emanuel Lutheran of Manchester.

As the year comes to a close we count our expectations for the coming year with “Stewardship Sundaes” night, ice cream to encourage and inspire the congregation by our uniquely dedicated LCW ladies of their groups that hold the encouragement and inspiration for Emanuel’s future, this time to present a check of \$5,000 dollars for Emanuel’s stained glass windows repair fund. As we conclude this article we also note a special event at Hartford’s Civic Center where our Lucia singers sang in the year-end holidays for 1976.

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

From *Hands on Hartford’s* April newsletter:

In the past month, *Faces of Homelessness* has engaged in speaking events at First Church of Christ in Glastonbury, and at **Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford**. At Emanuel Lutheran Church, Marilyn W. and Frank M. spoke to a group of about 35 people, from children to seniors about their experiences around homelessness, including what it's like to live in a shelter, and what it's like for a family to go through homelessness. And one of the kids in the audience asked about the possibility of starting a homeless shelter at his house! (The answer: compassion isn't illegal, but you better ask your parents.)

In Memoriam

Randy Hahn died on March 28, 2014. A memorial service was held at Emanuel on April 12, 2014.



Joyce Milner died on April 7, 2014. A funeral service was held at Carmon Funeral Home in Windsor on April 11, 2014.

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

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.

MAMA HOPE

Mama Hope and Amara Watkin-Anson's project extends their thanks to Emanuel for its generous donation of \$1,000 which will provide food security, clean water, healthcare and education in Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana and Uganda.



Hands on Hartford thanks Emanuel for its monthly donation of \$916.66. They are grateful for the long and supportive relationship they've had with us and want us to know that our congregation has had a huge impact on the people they serve - many who are struggling in Hartford.

They also thank Emanuel for its generous donation of \$300 to the "Faces of Homelessness Speaker's Bureau." This Speaker's Bureau shares with the public their personal experience with homelessness and its causes.

Serving in May

Acolyte and Crucifer

May 4	Garret Buchwald and Matthew Graulich
May 11	Luke Johnson and Tucker Wieber
May 18	Cooper Johnson and Maire Hollertz
May 25	Savion Jennings and Jennie Livingston

Altar Flowers

May 4	Open
May 11	Open
May 18	Open
May 25	In memory of Bonnie V. Peterson, given by her family

Assisting Ministers

May 4	Brook Nowak
May 11	Barb Berg
May 18	Janice Favreau
May 25	Brook Nowak

Childcare in the Nursery

May 4	Open
May 11	Open
May 18	Open
May 25	Open

Children's Library

May 4	Carol Dennler
May 11	Diane Troutman
May 18	TBD
May 25	Diane Troutman

Coffee Hour

May 4	<i>Welcome Home Sunday</i> - Kathy and Craig Bloomquist and family, Lois House, Sue Wilson
May 11	<i>Mother's Day</i> - Annemarie Riemer, Richard Voigt, Susan and Ross Smith
May 18	Sue and Dick Johnson, Wendi and Dave Johnson and family
May 25	Judy Johnson, Dallas Rodriguez, Barbara Erskine, Rae Ruby-Rein

Communion Preparers

May 4	Linda Cutler and Eileen Mitchell
May 11	Lynne Strecker and Jane Wunder
May 18	Helen and Bernie Johnson
May 25	Val and Craig McDonald

(continued on next page)

Serving in May

Communion Servers

May 4 TBD
May 11 TBD
May 18 TBD
May 25 TBD

Greeters

May 4 Lorraine McCann and Ruth Jeanfaivre
May 11 Shirley August and Peg Zachariasen
May 18 Jenny, Dylan and Alycia St. John and
Carol Johnson
May 25 Dr. John and Audrey Remsberg

Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

May 4 Rosie Vojtek
May 11 Bob Vojtek
May 18 Carol Dennler
May 25 Kathy Haller

Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

May 4 Debbie and Mark Hopper
May 11 Janice Favreau and Lynn Strecker
May 18 Roland Johnson and Melissa Johnson
May 25 Elizabeth Kieschnick and Maria Flanders

Sound and Recording

May 4 Brian Topolski
May 11 Kelly Caldwell and Lindsey Anderson
May 18 Emma Barresi
May 25 Kyle Bellis

Sunday School Aide Schedule

PreK-K

May 4: Emma Barresi
May 11: Deirdre Volk
May 18: Kathleen and Allyson Graulich
May 25: Rebekah Strand and Rebecca Johnson

Grades 1 & 2

May 4: Lindsay Altschuler
May 11: Hannah Maynard
May 18: Kelsey Anderson
May 25: Kara Gardner

Grades 3 & 4

May 4: Lindsay Varney
May 11: Matthew Kloss
May 18: Jacob Johnson
May 25: Lindsay Varney

Grade 5

May 4: Toby Hollertz
May 11: Toby Hollertz
May 18: TBD
May 25: TBD

Ushers

8:00 a.m. Bill Kasmarzyk
10:00 a.m. Head Usher: Arnie Benson;
Captain: Robert Johnson
Richard Berg, John Ogilvie,
David Stetson



¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being **R O O T E D and grounded in love. ~Ephesians 3:16-17**

On Sunday, May 4, join us in participating in Foodshare's 31st Annual Walk Against Hunger.

Over 128,000 people, including 50,000 children, are in need of emergency food assistance in the greater Hartford region each year. Foodshare is working to address this issue by engaging the community at-large and building a movement focused on decreasing the need of our hungry neighbors.

Please contact **Bob Graulich**, our coordinator for Emanuel's participation in the "Walk Against Hunger:" **bobgraulich@gmail.com** or **860-523-9608**.

Thanks!

Tutoring Volunteers Needed

The Tutoring Program at Sarah J. Rawson Elementary School is in need of additional tutors. The reality is that the number of Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders in need of help in language development and reading far exceeds the current available tutors. Tutors can work with one or more children for ½ hour each for 1 day, 2 days or 3 days a week. The program provides tutoring packets appropriate to the child's level so that tutors have lots of support in their efforts. It is a rewarding experience for the children and tutors alike. For more information please contact Rae Ann Gremel or Glenna or Chet Brodnicki.

Thank you.



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MINISTRY

Emanuel is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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.

Today's Date: _____

Date for Flowers: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Questions? Call the Church Office 525-0894

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Pastor John Corgan: Cell Phone: 860-712-1895

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

During the 10:00 a.m. service