

Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) & Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Workshop

April 28 & 29, 2017



SUNDAYS IN MAY

May 7 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.	Ethiopian Comes to Believe <i>Communion at the Rail option</i>	Acts 8:26-39
	<i>Special Congregational Meeting following 10a.m. Service, Disposition of Accessibility funds</i>	
May 14 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.	Council at Jerusalem <i>Mother's Day</i>	Acts 15:1-18 <i>Children stay in Church</i>
May 21 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.	Living by Faith <i>Farewell & Godspeed for Pastor Marschhausen</i>	Galatians 1,2 and Luke 18:9-14
Sunday, May 28 One Service Sunday	Worship to Witness - Ascension <i>Memorial Day weekend</i>	Acts 1:6-11

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The Mission of Emanuel Lutheran Church

In response to Christ's love we:

Worship God ...
in joyful celebration.

Invite others ...
into this community of Christ.

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

Nurture all people ...
in faith through Christian education.

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

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*From the
Pastor...*

Liturgy The Work of the People

Pastors are often asked “why?” we do *what* we do during our Worship Services. For example, why do we say certain things, or have certain rituals.

That’s a good question. It’s important that, as a community of faith, we understand “why we do, what we do” when it comes to how we worship God - it can make worship even more meaningful. So I want to share the following information with you so you can begin thinking about “why” it is that we do “what” we do on Sunday mornings.

First it’s important to know that most everything we do in our Worship Services can be traced back to the Bible itself, or practices of the early church, or both. (See the article on p. 14 for more information on the Biblical roots of our liturgy.)

It’s also important for us to understand that the word **liturgy** comes from the Greek word **liturgia** – which literally means “the work of the people.” In our Lutheran tradition, we understand our Worship Service to be a communal event - a “community” event - which calls for the participation of all of the people of the congregation. As such, we come together to share our faith as the people of God, to share our voices in praise and prayer and song, to share our gifts by helping to prepare for and lead worship, to share a meal together - the bread & wine of our Lord’s Supper, and, especially, to share in the blessing, guidance, comfort, and challenge, of God’s Holy Word.

Liturgy - the work of the people. That means that our Worship Services are in no way meant to be a “passive event” where the pastors lead with the help of a few of the laity, and everyone else basically “watches.” Not at all. Our Worship Services are meant to be “active” events – a time where all the people of God here at Emanuel come together with hearts and hands and voices – to hear God’s Word, to praise and thank God for the wonderful gifts we have been given, and to ask for God’s direction, wisdom, and strength, to live our lives faithfully as individuals, and as a faith community. We are meant to participate in the Worship Service fully -- *even passionately* -- to join in the prayers and sing the hymns (even if we don’t have “angelic” voices)

alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ, to give ourselves to God, and to receive strength & renewal from God for our lives in the world.

Our liturgy is truly a beautiful thing... but it can be hard to appreciate the beauty and participate in it fully if we don’t understand its roots and intention. So I hope you will take the time to look at the information and references provided on page 14, and that they help you to better realize the gifts and beauty of our time together in Sunday Worship!

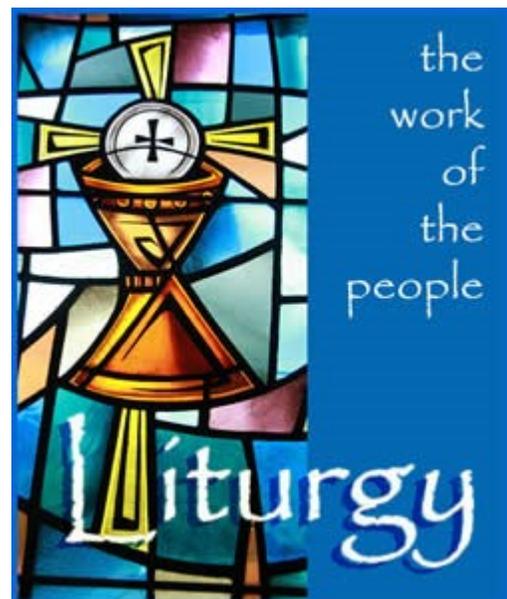
There’s a hymn by Christian musicians Phillips, Craig, and Dean, that is often sung at youth gatherings, Christian camps, and contemporary Worship Services. I have always liked this song for its simple message - and the words seem particularly appropriate for our liturgical journey together. The chorus goes like this...

***Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.***

I hope that you will all “come” to worship ... and that, together, we will continue to grow in our faith and love for our God!

***All are welcome in the Lord’s House...
All are welcome at the Lord’s Table!***

*Thanks be to God!
Pastor Maria*



Congregational Meeting



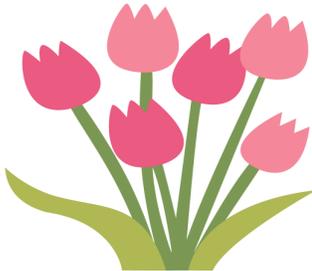
A SPECIAL SHORT (WE PROMISE!) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING –MAY 7

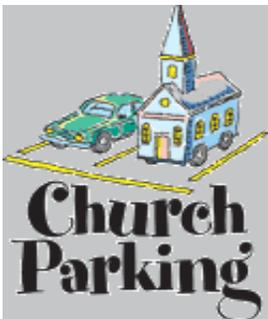
Please mark your calendars for (yes, another) special congregational meeting to be held on **Sunday, May 7, immediately following the 10 a.m. Service, in the Sanctuary.**

The congregation will be approving the disposition of newly available monies from Accessibility Fund investment earnings.

As we expect this to be a brief meeting, we will remain in the Sanctuary. Please make every effort to attend so that we can meet quorum. Thank you!

HAPPY *Mother's*
DAY





To our "able-bodied" Emanuel friends. . .

Thank you for parking in the State lot on Sundays, so that those who have trouble walking a distance can park in our easy access spaces behind the Church building.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.



Just in Case You Missed It ... Transition Process Worship & Music Survey

We want to thank the many members who chose to participate in the transition worship and music survey. We were pleased to see their expressed appreciation of their worship experience at Emanuel. We were also very grateful for the time and thought that went into your responses. More than 60 surveys were returned (some of which were "we" responses, i.e. submitted on behalf of more than one individual in a family) - so a really solid response.

The good news is that, overall, the people of Emanuel are happy with worship – the music, the preaching, and the liturgy – are experienced as meaningful and fulfilling. Additionally, most parishioners are pleased to have our young children in worship, and would like to see more involvement of children and youth in the Service.

At the same time, there are improvements that can be made in all categories, and we received many helpful suggestions and ideas to seriously consider. A list of those ideas was handed out at our March 19 special congregation transition meeting, and parishioners "highlighted" their top three. The following are the overall top 3 highlights from those lists:

- #1 - Effort should be made to increase the role of children/youth in worship (Jr. ushers, lectors, greeters; sharing their musical gifts—Harper scholarship students and others; etc.); would like to see youth services with the youth leading/doing everything, except presiding at communion.
- #2 - Maintain the mix of traditional and contemporary music.
- #3 - Continue current preaching style with additional ties to the "news of the day" - social gospel.

Watch this space for more news!

Emanuel's Transition Process
Worship & Music Survey Team

*Doug Larson Rae Ann Gremmel
Glenna Brodnicki Alan Meeds*



TRANSITION TOGETHER

Friends in Christ... Our transition journey continues! In case you missed these last month ... the following are the top priorities taken from surveys, small groups, and the March 19 congregational meeting with some new information added as well...

Hopes

- ◆ Increase membership (of course :)
- ◆ Would like the new Pastor's sermons to be powerful, funny, and interactive.
- ◆ Youth issues, i.e. more activities, team building, youth room, think about ways to appeal to youth

Concerns

- ◆ How to reach out to new people and help them get "integrated" into the congregation
- ◆ The endowment is both a treasure and a curse. Competing perspectives on whether to "save for posterity" or "spend for mission" will challenge us until we figure out our purpose/vision.
- ◆ Losing members

Fears

- ◆ How does the church stay/become relevant in the lives of busy people?
- ◆ The lack of a Christian Educations Coordinator
- ◆ Need to identify vision actions and leaders to follow through; will people step forward to lead?

Dreams

- ◆ To see the pews filled with enthusiastic people and the choir loft with joyous singers.
- ◆ Emanuel recognizes its tremendous potential to make a difference, especially in Hartford
- ◆ The building will be used every day, all day, for church activities and community groups.

Also at the March 19 meeting, parishioners had *Table Talk* discussions. The following are the questions we talked about and the top responses...

❖ What would God love about Emanuel?

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

❖ What would God change about Emanuel?

- help us become more welcoming
- help us to witness more to God's grace
- lead us to help our neighbors even more
- have more events for/with the community
- inspire us to be joyful and generous givers to church's ministries - both time & money
- have us involve our children & youth more
- increase our faith and trust in God's leading us during times of change; change is o.k.
- would stop gossip and unhealthy conflict
- would do away with indifference to others

❖ Where is God leading Emanuel?

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

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

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

(continued on page 12)



Birthdays and Anniversaries are noted for those who are:

- 80 years of age and every year thereafter.
- Married for 50 years and every year thereafter.

Special Emanuel Birthdays

Fred Hazard, Jr.
Inge Levin
Virginia Smith

Special Emanuel Anniversaries

Gail & Fred Hazard
Janet & John Starkes
Joan & Bill Farquhar

Crafters' Corner

Thursday Crafters ... Help Wanted!

For the "Craft Painters" producing items for the 2017 fair, October 28 seems to be just around the corner!

More help is needed for:

- Sketching Painting
- Sanding Sealing
- Decorating

The group meets Thursdays from 10am-2pm (bring a sandwich) in Manchester, at the home of Ramona Pergande. For more information and directions, call Ramona at 860-646-6954. (Guys, you're invited to join also!)

"Tuesday Crafters" meet weekly at the home of Judy Johnson at 10:00 a.m.

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Christ in our Home Devotional



Be sure to look in the back of the Nave and also downstairs in Luther Hall for the latest issue of *Christ in our Home* a Devotional book that offers daily reflections and prayer. Each day provides a

short Bible text with a brief, thoughtful message, and a simple prayer. Large print copies are also available.



A Faithful Cause ... A Community Partnership ... A Continuing Ministry

Deacon Natalie Bloomquist delivers our preschool shoe donations to parishioner Silvana Carreon and her colleagues at the Community Renewal Team (CRT) Center, in Hartford.

Once we saw the CRT's incredible work, and the children & families who were being helped, we just knew Emanuel needed to continue this ministry to help God's littlest children.

Please help us by bringing in new or gently used shoes for preschoolers whenever you're able. Just look for the Shoe Ministry box in Luther Hall.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please remember, there are always prayer shawls available for anyone in need of this symbol of love and caring.

Please speak to Lynn Sherman, Eileen Mitchell, or Jane Wunder in the church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry & Bible Conversation

Thursday **Prayer Shawl Ministry** and **Bible Conversation** meets at the Sherman home. All are welcome! Call the Church Office for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry at 9:30am
Bible Conversation at 10:00 a.m.



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Donini family † Elaine Wilson † Alice Gustafson † Becky Thomas
Betty-Lois Benson † Diane Roule † Judy Johnson † Deedee Lewis
Rose Dooley † Emerrene Bailey † Carla Petry † Bob Bridgett
Dominick DeMartino † Norma Johnson † Natalie Fulmer
Beverly Swanson † Pamela Vigil † Wilda Loos † Bernie Johnson
Ron Rounds † Eric Hammons † Lauren & Steve Belschner
George Leaphart and family † Gloria Burke † Al Behr
The Janow family, who lost their son Alex.
The Wunder family, who lost Tom's mother.

If any of the above names can be removed, please let us know.

In Memoriam



May the comfort and hope of the resurrection be with the family and friends of Elisabeth Rydinge, and all of the saints of Emanuel.

Sunday School News

BY DEACON NATALIE BLOOMQUIST

First Communion:

We rejoice with the following children & youth who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time during our Maundy Thursday and Easter worship services:

Caden Akerley, Colin Akerley, A.J. Caldwell, Gavin Emmons, Lauren Emmons, Tyson Fulmer, Gweyee Betty Kannah, Matthew Lysik, and Esteban Montoya.



(See p. 7 for some Shoes News!)

May Lessons:

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

May 7: Philip & the Ethiopian.

Philip followed Jesus by telling everyone he met the good news that Jesus is God's Son. Philip met a man from another country and even though the man was from a different place, God told Philip to talk to him and tell him how much God loves him. Philip explained Scripture to him and how Jesus died on the cross and became forever alive again so that we can be with God even after we die. Acts 8:26-40

May 14: Children remain in worship. Plans are in the works for an inter-generational choir that day, so the children can sing an anthem with the adult choir.

May 21: Paul and Silas. Paul and Silas were in jail because the town leaders didn't like that they were sharing the good news of Jesus with everyone. But they weren't afraid. They prayed and thanked

God for being with them – even in jail. And then there was an earthquake that shook the jail so hard that the doors opened! Paul and Silas could have escaped but they stayed right where the jailer had left them. When the jailer returned, he was so surprised and understood that God was good. He asked Paul how he could become Christian and learn to trust in God. Acts 16:9-15

May 28: All classes will work together in Luther Hall to prepare "Fruits of the Spirit" for Pentecost Sunday.



Prayer for the Month:

Dear God ...

Thank you for always being with us. Help us to know when and how to tell other people the good news about Jesus, about how much you love everyone. Amen.

Confirmation News

Our schedule for the remainder of 2016-2017 is:

- May 10 Youth & Parent Gathering
- May 24 8th Grade Confirmands and Parents only
- June 7 Potluck for Confirmands, Families, and Prayer Friends
- June 11 Affirmation of Baptism Worship Service at 10 a.m.**



WE HAD SUCH A GREAT TIME AT CALUMET'S CONFIRMATION CAMP!

THANK YOU DEACON NATALIE!

Children's Library News



There are several new books in the Children's Library which we will be highlighting over the next months. Published by Sparkhouse is a wonderful pop-up book entitled The Life of Martin Luther. It begins by telling how terrified Martin Luther was as a young man by a terrible storm & his promise to become a monk if he survived. It continues to tell Martin's story through the Reformation. There are colorful, pop-up depictions of key scenes in Luther's life. It is a perfect introduction to Martin Luther's life for young children.

How many young children love the song "Jesus Loves the Little Children"? We now have a delightful board book by the same name that can be read or followed as a sing-along book. Not only does it have the familiar first verse but there are 3 additional verses that may not be familiar. They tell how Jesus will take children by the hand, will guide the little children to do the right thing and is a Shepherd to the children who will always stand by them.

Another new board book is God is Great. It begins by telling how God is the maker of all the world. It then continues to tell how God cares all about the world that He made. It gives examples of the wonderful things that God does and uses Bible stories to back up those things. For example, it tells how God keeps his promises and explains his promises to Abraham and Sarah of a new home and a son. We learn that God is wise and hear of the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. Other Biblical characters found in the book are Noah, Isaac and Rebekah, Miriam, Gideon, Samuel, Solomon, Elijah, Jonah, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and Daniel. This wonderfully illustrated book teaches that God is great, good, strong, powerful, generous, patient, kind, loving and ALWAYS with us.

Come check these out in our library corner in the music room.



Youth Group News

Emanuel's youth group is continuing to raise funds for the *Walk Against Hunger* event on Sunday May 7. They will also be offering a pasta lunch on May 7th to the congregation. No charge ... just free will offerings which will go to help support their trip to Houston for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2018. Come eat and support our youth!

Youth Leaders are also talking to Hands on Hartford about planning a service project for the youth group this spring.

Questions? Talk to one of Emanuel's Youth Leaders.

Lance Hansen, Melissa Johnson & Mindy Olson





Ladies Who "Lunch" - Join us!

To try to include more ladies, we are going to have lunch one month, and dinner at the same restaurant the following month. Lunches at 12:30 pm, Dinners at 6:30 pm

Next month: Lunch @ Carbones in Bloomfield

MODEEN AND WIGNALL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE SOON!

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

To be considered for a Modeen Scholarship you must:

- Be a member in good standing of Emanuel Lutheran Church (have communed and made a recorded financial contribution in the past year).
- Attend a 4-year college full time, both semesters, in 2017-2018
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- Complete 10 hours of service to Emanuel Lutheran Church.
 - For students not returning to the Hartford area during the school year, they may complete service hours at a church where they attend school during the 2016-2017 academic year.
- Complete the application and write a letter to the committee addressing the Modeen Scholarship.

To be considered for a Wignall Scholarship you must:

- Be a member in good standing of Emanuel Lutheran Church (have communed and made a recorded financial contribution in the past year).
- Attend a 4-year college full time, both semesters, in 2017-2018
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- Complete 10 hours of service to Emanuel Lutheran Church.
 - For students not returning to the Hartford area during the school year, they may complete service hours at a church where they attend school during the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Complete the application and write a letter to the committee addressing the Wignall Scholarship.

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

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

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

For additional questions and information please contact Rosie Vojtek.

Email: rvojtek@edovation.com

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

Postal Mail:

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

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

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

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

**FAREWELL & GODSPEED TO
PASTOR JOHN & DOTTIE MARSCHHAUSEN**



**PLEASE JOIN US ON MAY 21ST TO CELEBRATE
PASTOR MARSCHHAUSEN'S MINISTRY AT EMANUEL**

Here are some excerpts from Pastor Marschhausen's Resignation Letter to Council...

Dear Mr. Brodnicki:

This letter is to let you know that I am resigning my position as Visitation Pastor for Emanuel Lutheran Church as of May 22, 2017. ..

I want to thank the people of Emanuel for the opportunities for ministry that have been offered to me during my time with the congregation ... the visitation ministry; the opportunities to preach and preside at worship, to lead Bible studies, to serve as a Stephen Ministry Leader; and, of course, the privilege of serving in several leadership roles as Emanuel restructured its financial management system. In all of this, the joy has been serving with people of deep and genuine faith as together we have worked to do the Lord's mission for the church and the community to which Emanuel ministers...

The fullness of God's grace, the richness of God's abundant blessings, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit be with the people and leadership of Emanuel as you continue your transition journey toward calling your new senior pastor. I am confident as you look forward that the Lord Jesus will be walking with you and in his name Emanuel's life and ministry will flourish and grow.

Grace and peace in Jesus' name,

The Rev. John J. Marschhausen



Altar Flowers

Flower Chart

In order to encourage people to sign up for altar flower donations, please note the **“Flower Chart” on the bulletin board near the kitchen in Luther Hall.** You may use this chart to pick a Sunday, or Sundays, when you would like to donate altar flowers.

Checks (indicating the date for flowers on the memo line) may be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate.

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

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

Each Sunday after the late service, we try to make arrangements for the delivery of the altar flowers to our hospitalized and/or shut-in parishioners. Claudia Bellis, Brook Nowak, Ellen Anderson, Marjorie Johnson, and Rae Ann Gremel, do a great job leading our flower ministry. If you'd be willing to help on a Sunday with a delivery, please look for one of them near the Luther Hall kitchen.

You'll surely brighten someone's day!



Worship Team

**Would you like to help
with Sunday Worship?**

Here are Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact any of the ministry coordinators below:

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

Lectors: Lynn Sherman,
860-523-1702

Ushers: Jim Ashwell
860-667-0264

Assisting Ministers:
Janice Favreau
860-978-1681

Sound System: Mal Doyle
860-561-1582

**Thank you for your service to
these important ministries.**

TRANSITION TOGETHER (continued from page 5)

On April 28 & 29, the congregation came together to hear the results of Emanuel’s participation in the CAT (congregational assessment tool), and to begin writing your ministry site profile (MSP) for pastoral candidates. The Transition Team is in the midst of pulling all of your input together, and will present it to the Council at a special meeting on May 16th. Then, on **June 4th**, a special congregational meeting will be held following worship for the congregation to see & comment on the profile prior to it being passed to the Synod to share with candidates for your new pastor. **So be sure to mark your calendars!**

We wrap up our conversation with this question to ponder... ***If Emanuel no longer existed - who would miss it ... and, why?*** How would you answer that question? Think about it ... what gifts has God given the Emanuel faith community? What mission could grow out of those gifts? If you told someone that you belong to Emanuel Lutheran in Hartford, how would you want them to *fill in this blank* ... “Oh, that’s the Church that does ...”? What “dream” would excite you - prompt you to action - inspire you to step out in faith - as a congregation? As you articulate Emanuel’s faith-filled “dream”... it will help you define your identity and faithful purpose in the world. It will also help you call a Pastor who shares your passion, sees your vision, and partners with you in your mission; a Pastor who understands Emanuel’s challenges, appreciates your gifts, and is excited about taking the next step with you on your journey of faith.

With prayers for the journey! Pastor Maria



Walk with Emanuel to raise money to fight hunger and food insecurity.

Foodshare's Walk Against Hunger on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

When: Registration at 12:30 p.m., walk starts at 2:00 p.m.

Where: The Hartford, Asylum Avenue, Hartford

Contact at Emanuel: Bob Graulich, bobgraulich@comcast.net

Emanuel's Youth Group will be participating in and raising donations for this event. Let's help them make a difference!



Recycling cans and bottles

We are again inviting you to bring your deposit cans & bottles to church. Our sexton, Rachid, gives these bottles and cans to people on the street who turn them in for money. So, if you typically put your deposit cans and bottles into your town's recycle bins, rather than returning them for the deposit, please consider bringing them to church for Rachid to distribute to those in need.

Remember – only cans or bottles that have deposits!

On behalf of Rachid - and all those he will help - thank you!



MANNA FOOD PANTRY

COLLECTING USED BIKES!



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

Bob & Matt hope to collect 26 bikes... **might you have one?**

Spaghetti Lunch
Hosted by
Emanuel's Youth Group

Sunday, May 7 after
Special Congregation meeting

Free will offerings will go to help our youth raise money to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018!



Remember to bring in your donations for the MANNA Food Pantry! Look for our collection box in Luther Hall.

The food pantry needs **jelly, boxed cereal, low sodium soups or canned vegetables, as well as toiletry/household items like toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent, etc.**

Thank you!

The Samaritan Fund

Did you know... that the loose offering received on the first Sunday of the month goes to the Samaritan Fund?

The Samaritan Fund is used to assist people in need. Thank you for your generosity!



Calling All E-mail Addresses

Please be sure to keep the Church office updated with your most current email address. More and more communications are sent out through electronic means rather than paper mailings. This is especially important given the transition and call process.

If you have any questions, please contact Operations Manager Jane Wunder at 860-525-0894 x5, or jane.wunder@emanuelhartford.org Thank you.



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Meet Emanuel’s Pastoral Call Committee

- Silvana Carreon
- Deepak Pedada
- Elizabeth Kieschnick
- Lee Sherman, Chairperson
- Matthew Graulich - Youth Representative
- Linnea Bloomquist - Council Representative
- RaeAnn Gremel
- David Kierznowski
- Mike Nowak

Emanuel’s Call Committee had their first official meeting with Associate to the Bishop Pastor Paul Sinnott on Saturday, April 29, and they were installed on Sunday, April 30. They will begin their work in June when the Ministry Site Profile is approved by the Emanuel congregation and provided to the New England Synod.

The Biblical Roots of Our Lutheran Liturgy

Christians gather on the Lord’s Day to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. The service – or *liturgy* – is divided into two major parts. The Liturgy of the Word comes from the Jewish synagogue service and is made up of scripture readings, psalms, and prayers. For example, in Luke we have an account of Jesus in the synagogue, reading from the prophet Isaiah (Luke 4:14-21). The Liturgy of the Meal is the sharing of bread and wine in remembrance of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Holy Communion has its roots in Jesus’ Passover meal with his disciples on the night before his death (Matthew 26:26-29).

Our experience of worship is somewhat similar to the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-25). The risen Jesus breaks open the Word for us, and is then made known in the breaking of bread. With Easter faith, we confess that Christ appears to us as the Scriptures are read and the Eucharist is celebrated.

The Book of Psalms is central to Christian worship. Most or all of the psalms are usually printed in our hymnals. Not only are psalms used as a response following the first reading from scripture, they often form the basis for hymns and other responses.

(When a congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary), three scripture readings are included in worship each Sunday. These are appointed in a *lectionary*, which is a cycle of Bible readings spread over a three-year period and shared by the majority of the world’s Christians.

The individual components of the liturgy developed over the centuries, but most of the texts have some kind of origin in the scriptures. The core phrases and images of the liturgy derive from the Bible and provide an important connection to the scriptures.

Here are just a few of the Biblical references:

Liturgy of the Word: Matthew 4:4; John 1:1-5; Colossians 3:16; 1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Liturgy of the Meal: John 6:48-50; Acts 2:42

For more information, the ELCA website can be helpful. Here is the web address - <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship/Learning-Center/FAQs/Biblical-Roots.aspx>

Council Highlights

March 2017

Treasurer's report -

Bobbee Canfield distributed the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements through February. Expenses and income are running fairly close to plan, with income getting a boost from a full year pledge gift early in the year. Investment earnings for the first two months were healthy. It was noted that \$16,500 remains outstanding on accessibility pledges – it is hoped that some of these will yet be received.

Olson Bequest and Accessibility -

The Olson Bequest was received in 2015. Nearly all of this \$498,151 gift has been allocated as designated/ approved by Council in October 2015, including amounts to World Hunger, New England Synod, Calumet, Ministry Reserve (to support the operating budget), Accessibility, Capital Needs, Sandberg Mission, Memorial Garden, Youth and Samaritan, with any residual in the bequest specified for Accessibility. Due to investment earnings over the last 15 months, the residual balance is now \$28,554. It was agreed that once clarification was obtained on bequest restrictions and potential accessibility uses, Council would revisit and vote on potentially revising the allocation plan for the residual Olson funds.

Jane Wunder spoke to Council about the accessibility project. Similar to the Olson Bequest, funds in the accessibility project account have benefitted from appreciation. However, back in Sept 2016, the project was approved at a specific cost, and as such, congregation approval would be needed to spend any funds beyond that original approved amount. Between fund appreciation, the Olson residual, and unexpected gifts, there may be approximately \$60,000-80,000 in

additional funds available. It is hoped that these funds could be used to incorporate project items that had to be deferred originally due to budget restrictions. Some items that could be addressed include paving the whole parking lot, landscaping, entry security, signage, and the columbarium (to replace the now nonfunctional chapel doors). Completing items now makes sense economically (contractors are on site and mobilized) and disruption will be minimized. Discussion centered on the necessity of the identified items, returning all earnings to the Capital Needs Fund, or Council designating them for another purpose. There was no resolution at the meeting.

Financial Secretary Report –

Lee Sherman, Financial Secretary, shared a document highlighting up to date stewardship information and comparison to 2016. Highlights:

\$50,000+ less in pledges for 2017

Total of \$360,459 pledged 2017.

A few members don't pledge, but give faithfully every week.

2017 income budget of \$521,000 provides support for only $\frac{2}{3}$ of overall expense budget \$789,900.

\$268,000 is budgeted to come from Emanuel's investment accounts to fund the gap.

If pledge income falls short of the budget, investment funds must be further tapped.

Discussion included concerns over the impact of the transition, the timing of 2017 stewardship and the arrival of a new pastor, ways to manage the 2017 budget, and Emanuel's spending habits.

Capitol Towers Parking Request

Jane Wunder reported that in follow up to Capitol Towers request to use the parking lot for drop-off, Emanuel leadership met with Rick Henken of Schochet Companies, who enthusiastically received Emanuel's new ideas for improving the site of

315 Capitol Ave and creating a drive through/ drop off area for Capitol Towers under a lease arrangement. This could be a win-win situation for both parties, and allows Emanuel to be a good neighbor to Capitol Towers. Schochet planners will pursue HUD & other agency support, while Emanuel seeks preliminary costs for improving the site. Hartford Preservation Alliance is also still interested, but conversation with them is pending analysis and conclusion with Capitol Towers.

Camp Calumet Camperships

For the last 10 years, Calumet has gifted Emanuel with a grant for urban camperships, which help offset a part of the cost Emanuel incurs for sending neighborhood children and/or member children with financial needs to Calumet for a week of summer camp. There are two funds for camperships; Calumet Fund #51, established in 1955, and a newer fund, the Liljedahl-Johnson Calumet Campership Fund #109. In recent years, we have been using 15+% of these funds annually to support the urban campership program, member camperships, and other Calumet youth events. Discussion centered on understanding program guidelines, managing the funds to prevent depletion, identifying other financial resources, and communicating how important these programs are.

Church Secretary Position

Description. The new position description was distributed and discussed by Council.

Other Business: Due to gaps in staffing during transition period, and to help insure important ministries do not get neglected, it was recommended that, if she was willing, Deacon Natalie Bloomquist could work additional hours until her departure. As the Christian Ed Director position was budgeted for a full year, the increase can be accommodated. The motion passed.

May Hardhat Zone



Accessibility: Each week brings more progress! Inside the parish building, spaces have been transformed by restroom layout changes, ceramic tile work, ceiling grids and soffits, lighting, and primed sheetrock in the corridors. Course by course, the brick facades of the new elevator vestibule are enclosing the steel structure and elevator shaft. Spring weather has definitely cooperated as the new addition takes shape. The Otis elevator components will arrive soon, ready for assembly and installation. An unexpected reversal by building officials required a major design change in the addition's roofing, but all was resolved with only a minor delay.



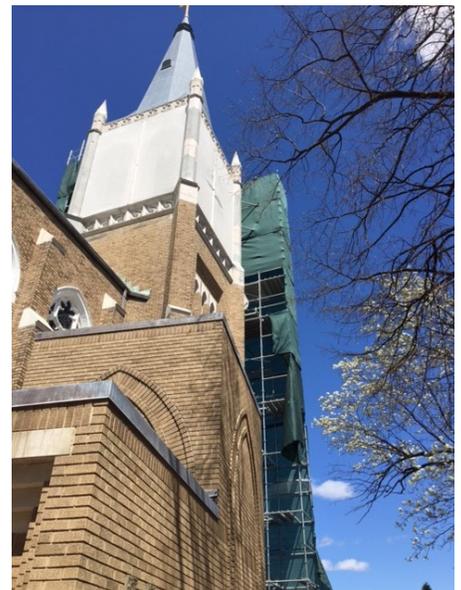
The work most critical to our schedule is swapping out the old electrical transformer (next to the east tower) with a larger transformer to support the new elevator. Unfortunately, Eversource line crews did not complete the 4/27 swap as planned. Getting their commitment on a new date is our top priority as this work impacts all the remaining electrical work & inspections. On a project where the budget is very tight and where physical constraints, codes and utilities present constant challenges, Emanuel is fortunate to have Newfield Construction and architect Kirk Bostwick focused on solving problems to keep the project on schedule and on budget.

SPECIAL MEETING ALERT --
The special meeting of the congregation will happen on May 7 for the purpose of voting on the disposition of accessibility fund earnings – please plan to attend.

Continued thanks go to everyone for flexibility and patience in working around the construction.

The end is in sight!

Tower: With a not-to-exceed contract in place for all the remaining work, Joseph Gnazzo Company has re-mobilized and installed new scaffolding on the east tower to complete the masonry work. Their work also will be temporarily halted by Eversource's electrical transformer replacement -- since a crane will be used to install the new larger transformer at the base of the east tower, half of the scaffolding cannot go up until this transformer work is completed. Over the winter, the Gnazzo masons were busy creating molds and recasting the large precast segments that will soon be installed. Once the new precast units are in place, the final phases of this project will involve special protective coatings, louver painting and balcony ceiling repairs.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 11a.m. Staff Meeting 12p.m. W&M Staff Planning	4	5 11 a.m. Funeral Elisabeth Rydinge @ Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home	6 10 am: SPROUT 11 a.m. Rivera-Valle Wedding
<div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">May 2017</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 20px;">+ Please note: Worship Services are at 8 & 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted.</p> </div>						
7 Worship Services + Sunday School <i>Communion at Rail</i> Special Congregation Meeting <i>Followed by... PASTA LUNCH HOSTED BY YOUTH</i> 2p.m. Walk for Hunger	8	9 10 a.m. Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson	10 11a.m. Staff Meeting 7 p.m. Confirmation (Music Room)	11 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry—Shermans 10:00 am. Bible Conversation at Sherman home 10:00a Craft Painters meet at Pergandes 6:30 pm: Bell Choir	12	13 No SPROUT
14 Worship Services + Sunday School Mother's Day No Sunday School— Children Stay in Worship	15	16 10 a.m.: Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson 7pm Special Council mtg re: Ministry Site Profile	17 11a.m. Staff Meeting <div style="background-color: #D8BFD8; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Deadline for "God With Us"</div>	18 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry at Shermans 10 am: "Bible Conversation" at Sherman home 10:00a Craft Painters meet at Pergandes 6:30 pm: Bell Choir	19	20 10 am: SPROUT
21 Worship Services + Sunday School Farewell & Godspeed Pastor Marschhausen	22	23 10 a.m. Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson 7:00 Council	24 11a.m. Staff Meeting 7p.m. Confirmation - 8th grade Confirmands only (Music Room)	25 9:30a Prayer Shawl 10a Bible Conversation (Please note: this week both groups meet at the home of Abby Stadlander) 10:00a Craft Painters meet at Pergandes 6:30 pm: Bell Choir	26	27 No SPROUT
28 ONE SERVICE SUNDAY 10a Worship Service <i>No Sunday School</i>	29 Memorial Day Holiday (office closed)	30 10 a.m. Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson	31 11 am Staff Meeting			

Serving This Month

Acolyte and Crucifer

May 7

Acolyte: Alejandro Morales

Crucifer: Noah Kiehne

May 14

Acolyte: Delanie Halstead

Crucifer: Maya Johnson

May 21

Acolyte: Brynn Murphy

Crucifer: Hannah Karim

May 28

Acolyte: Gavin Emmons

Crucifer: Mebret Farquhar

Altar Flowers

May 7 Open

May 14 Open

May 21 *Emanuel*

Congregation

May 28 Open

Assisting Ministers

May 7 Mal Doyle

May 14 Monica Swanson

May 21 Alan Meeds

May 28 Janice Favreau

Children's Library

May 7 tbd

May 14 Diane Troutman

May 21 Carol Dennler

May 28 tbd

Coffee Hour Hosts

May 7 Youth Group

May 14 Self-Serve

May 21 Lee Sherman

May 28 Hansen/Doyle
families

Communion Preparers

May 7 tbd

May 14 tbd

May 21 tbd

May 28 tbd

Greeters

May 7 AJ Caldwell &
Eleanor Doyle

May 14 Ruth Jeanfaivre &
Lorraine McCann

May 21 Martha Kannah
& family

May 28 Shirley August &
Peggy Zachariasen

Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

May 7 Monique Jennings

May 14 Kathy Haller

May 21 Randy Olson

May 28 *No 8 a.m. Service*

Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

May 7 Lee Sherman

May 14 Chris Bellis

May 21 Brook Nowak

May 28 Janice Favreau

Sound and Recording

May 7 Lindsey Anderson

May 14 Rhiannon

Kiersznowski

May 21 Eric Carlson

May 28 Noah Fairchild

Sunday School Aide Schedule

May 7

PreK-Kindergarten: Maire Hollertz

Grades 1 and 2: Matt Graulich

Grades 3 and 4: Meredith Swanson

May 14 *Mother's Day - no class*

May 21

PreK-Kindergarten: Samantha
Johnson

Grades 1 and 2: Luke Johnson

Grades 3 and 4: Rhiannon
Kiersznowski

May 28

Group Activity in Luther Hall

Lindsey Anderson, Griffin Fairchild,
and Trey Hazard

Ushers

8:00 a.m. Bob Vojtek

10:00 a.m. Bob Graulich,
Abby Stadtlander,
and Eric Carlson

Thank you for serving in these
very important ministries!



Singing for Pope Francis ...

Kelsey Anderson, the grand-daughter of Emanuel's very own Marjorie Johnson, was among 32 Stonehill College students who sang for Pope Francis as part of a seven-day pilgrimage to Italy for the College Chapel Choir. They also had the opportunity to provide music for a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, and at a concert at the San Lorenzo International Youth Center.

What a once in a lifetime experience! Congratulations Kelsey!

LOOKING AHEAD – BE SURE TO SAVE THESE DATES!

June 4th, Pentecost Sunday

(One Service Sunday at 10 a.m.)

Special Congregational Meeting to approve the congregational profile!

Synod Assembly—June 9 & 10th, in Springfield, Massachusetts

Council President Chet Brodnicki, Mrs. Glenna Brodnicki,

Deacon Natalie Bloomquist, and Pastor Maria Hammons

will be representing Emanuel as voting members of the Assembly.

June 11, Affirmation of Baptism Sunday

(One Service Sunday at 10 a.m.)

Come support our Confirmands as they affirm their Baptismal promises!

3:00 p.m. Bunch of Guys Concert at Emanuel! (see insert)

June 18th - YOUTH SERVICE!

Emanuel Altar Flowers — \$45.00

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

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Today's Date: _____

Given by: _____

Date for Flowers: _____

Phone Number: _____

Questions? Call the Church Office 860-525-0894

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday Services of Holy Communion:

8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

May 28 - One Service Sunday at 10 a.m.

No Sunday School

Sunday School

**Sunday School begins after the Children's Message
at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service**