

# GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford

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## Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 26, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Non-perishable food items will be collected  
at this service and donated to  
Hands on Hartford's MANNA Program





### Sunday Worship Schedule

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

### Thursday Bible Conversation

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

As a community of faith centered on Jesus Christ, we have unlimited opportunities to "look and see" how God works in our midst. This month in particular, I invite you to "look and see." Look and see the ministries abounding at ELC, look and see as so many of God's people serve God and neighbor, look and see how graciously God ministers through the Word, the Sacraments and the communion of saints – God's people of the past and the present.

A young girl reassured her family during a difficult stretch that "God loves us and is with us all the time." An older member, no longer able to be as active as before, told how, every night before going to sleep, she prays for all our members and friends listed in the bulletin. One family, sensing in a new way God's presence, blessings and love, decided to increase the family's pledge fourfold. Each Friday and Saturday, over 20 members are at Emanuel to welcome dozens of neighborhood youth for the Friday Night program and for SPROUT. Week after week, we worship together, aided by ushers, greeters, musicians, assisting ministers, acolytes, crucifers, members of the altar guild and

others—all working, serving together.

As we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of this congregation, highlighted by the Reformation Service and Anniversary Luncheon on October 26, as we've recalled the



*The sign on the front of Emanuel's first church building on 187 Russ Street in Hartford in 1892.*

vibrant, faithful ministry of all the saints over the years (celebrated on All Saints Sunday), we have been led, I believe, to look and to see, with profound thanks, the wondrous works and ways of God. The faith, dedication and hard work of so many since 1889 are a tremendous witness to the abiding presence, power and love of the God who has given us life and breath through Christ Jesus.

So, during these beautiful, busy fall days, take a moment to "look and see."

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Corgan

**Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2** - Don't forget to "Fall Back" - set your clocks back one hour!

### All Saints Sunday

Please join us on **Sunday, November 2**, when we will remember the saints of Emanuel who have entered their eternal rest during the past year.

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY HOOPS!

Join Pastor Corgan, Vicar Dominic and others in the gym after worship for some basketball on the first Sunday of every month. The next dates are **November 2** and **December 7 at 11:45 a.m.**



**November lessons:**

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

**November 2: Elisha Heals Naaman.**

Naaman was a man of war, a commander of armies that killed God's people - and still God healed him! The prophet Elisha shows us that God's healing love changes our lives. 2 Kings 5:1-14

PreSchool-Kindergarten visit the Children's Library.

**November 9: Micah.** Watch for a leader bringing hope and peace. During Micah's time, Bethlehem was an obscure and insignificant little town. Nobody expected anyone wonderful to come from Bethlehem! Micah's prophesy would have seemed quite strange to those hearing it. Micah 5:2-4; 6:6-8  
Grades 3 and 4 visit the Children's Library.

**November 16: Swords into Plowshares.** A prophet is someone who speaks God's word to teach us how God wants us to live. God wants us to live in peace. The prophet Isaiah told of God's promise to bring peace to earth and to send Jesus to teach us how to live by loving God and others. Isaiah said that peace would come as the nations recognize God as Lord and put away their weapons. Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4

**November 23: Jeremiah's Temple Sermon.** God chose Jeremiah to do special work even before he was born. Each of us is as special to God as Jeremiah, and God has work for us, too! The work God asks us to do is to tell everyone about God's love and to use the gifts that we have been given to make the world a

better place, a world where people are happy and share and take care of one another. Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11

**November 30: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.**

The children will explore the story of Habakkuk with all the generations in worship. The prophet Habakkuk is sad because of the injustice and suffering in the world. He asks God what God is going to do about it and waits for God's reply. During Advent we wait, too! During Advent we prepare for the coming of Jesus. We prepare for the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Christmas is the birthday of Jesus. Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:2-4; 3:17-19

**Prayer for the Month:**

*Dear God of peace, We pray for peace in our hearts, our home, our community, and our world. Make us instruments of your peace. Amen.*

**Confirmation  
News**

by Natalie Bloomquist

Confirmation is off and running! What a rich treasure it is to have parents and youth working and exploring together at each confirmation gathering.

Our first confirmation gathering of the year focused on the story of Joshua reminding the Israelites of all God had done for them and, as they were about to enter the land God had promised them, telling them to choose whom they would serve, who would be central in their lives: God or the gods they would find in the new land.

Our two gatherings in November continue to point us to Jesus. Last month the youth and their parents compared how, like the Israelites, we, too, promise to serve God and place God in the center of our lives

but that we each day we find that we have placed our trust in many other things before God.

On November 5 we will explore how the prophet Micah's third oracle of judgment (. . . and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8b) does not leave us without hope. God's law shows us we fall short, but thanks to God's merciful intervention of the ruler from Bethlehem (Micah 5:2-4), we don't have to depend on our ability to do what God requires to provide a way to salvation.

Oh boy, then on November 19 we'll meet the prophet Jeremiah. It won't be just Jeremiah's young age and excuses for why he shouldn't be God's prophet that we'll be able to relate to. Jeremiah's Temple Sermon will cause us to compare the world in which he lived to the world in which we live today. How is God at work today? Who are the prophets among us? How is God calling us?

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**On Sunday, October 5, the following 6th Graders received bibles at our "Presentation of Bibles" at 10:00 a.m.:**

Elizabeth Arcand  
Madeline Arcand  
Matthew Blake  
Erika Cangro  
Noah Kiehne  
Christopher Liddell  
Grace Maynard  
Brynn Murphy  
Charles Sinche



## 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 in September. Please contact Natalie Bloomquist at [Natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:Natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org) to learn more or to register your toddler.

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## New Innovative Coffee Hour - Sign Up Today!

In that no one has yet volunteered to serve as **coffee hour coordinator**, we are trying a new approach. See the sign-up sheet on the table in Luther Hall. Coffee, cream and sugar are provided, and we're inviting members to share a plate of treats. In addition, If you see a creamer that needs to be refilled, or something that needs to be wiped up or washed, feel free to pitch in and help. Please note that the position of Coffee Hour Coordinator, either as an individual or as part of a team, is still open. If you're interested, please contact Terri Dwyer, Council Vice President at [terri.dwyer@comcast.net](mailto:terri.dwyer@comcast.net).

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## The "Emanuel Seniors Together" Toiletries Collection for Hands on Hartford's MANNA Program

We're now collecting travel size toiletries. While you're traveling, please consider saving the toiletries that are given away at hotels and resorts. We ask that you donate them to the MANNA Program by placing them in the collection box in Luther Hall. Thank you.

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## 2015 National Youth Gathering

For information, please contact Diane Durant at 860-953-4918 or via e-mail at [DDurant5@cox.net](mailto:DDurant5@cox.net).

## 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.

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## Baby Shower Invitation

All women of the congregation are invited to a baby shower for Success, Vicar Dominic's wife, on **Saturday, November 15, at 2:00 p.m. in Luther Hall**. We are so excited to celebrate the impending birth of Baby Girl Smyth. Please join us for some refreshment and fellowship. If you would like to contribute to a group gift rather than shop yourself, you can put your check or cash into the offering plate on Sundays before the shower. If you choose to contribute a check please make it out to Emanuel Lutheran Church with baby shower in the memo line. If you are interested in purchasing a gift on your own, Success is registered at "Babies R Us." We are looking forward to celebrating with you.



we will need someone to take over coordination of Manna Meals for 2015. Our current Coordinator (Wendy Johnson) will help you learn everything you need to know to help us serve 2 to 3 meals per year.

Please contact Pastor Corgan, Terri Dwyer, or Bob Graulich for more information.

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## Emanuel's New Cookbook is Available to Purchase

The "Taste of Emanuel" was a huge success and we are happy to pass along that we sold quite a number of cookbooks - thank you to everyone who has made a purchase! A big thank you goes out to all who prepared the food, helped serve it, cleaned up, attended the event, and especially to those who shared their recipes to create "Tasty Treasures." The cookbook can be purchased at coffee hour or through the church office. It is offered at only \$15. Remember to grab extras for hostess gifts or stocking stuffers! -The Cookbook Committee



## What's Your Passion?

Do you have a passion around a particular mission or service? Would you like to do something about hunger, literacy, social justice or any other social ministry? Now is your opportunity to do something about it!

If you have the passion we can help you make it happen. Our Social Ministry team will help you find the right plan, the appropriate resources, and other people who share your passion to help. We will help you take your idea and your passion and turn it into action.

Don't have a specific idea? We have a variety of opportunities available for your consideration. For example,



**The Annual  
Harvest Holly Craft Fair  
Saturday, November 1, 2014  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
in Luther Hall**

## Children's Library News

The Children's Library is off to a great start. We have already welcomed classes in to the library where our volunteers have shared Bible stories with them.

Once again we are excited about adding new DVDs to our collection. For the next few months we will be sharing information on the 12 classic Davey and Goliath DVDs distributed by the ELCA. Volume 1 includes 6 stories, beginning with "Lost in a Cave" where Davey becomes separated from his family while touring a cave. Like Jesus going after the lost sheep, the family's tour guide rescues Davey. "Stranded on an Island" finds Davey, Goliath and a friend named Sally stranded on an island when the tide turns.



In "The Wild Goat", Davey and Goliath rescue a wild goat that was trapped under a heavy tree branch. An all-time favorite story "The Winner" finds Davey entering a soap box derby because he is envious and jealous of his friend Mike. "The New Skates" finds Davey disobeying his mother. He skates on thin ice and he falls through. Thankfully, Goliath is there to rescue him. In a previously lost episode called "Cousin Barney," Davey is not happy



## "Sunday Conversation"

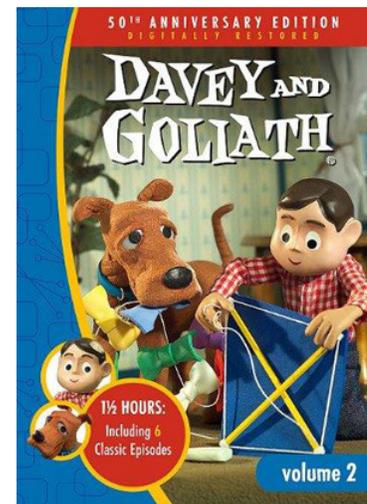
Starting Sunday, November 2  
at 11:20 a.m. in the Sandberg Library

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

that his father continues to show affection to Barney who is Davey's annoying young cousin who has come for a visit.

Volume 2 continues with 6 more exciting episodes. In "The Kite", Davey, Jimmy and Teddy try to fly a kite, but too many hands on the kite string results in disaster. Davey is fascinated by a new remote controlled robot toy until he realizes it cannot love in "The Mechanical Man." "The Time Machine" finds Davey, Sally and Goliath taking imaginary trips in a time machine. They are able to see that God's love transcends time. What happens when Davey makes a string telephone and talks to his unseen parents? In "On the Line" he is able to show his friends that it is possible to talk to God even though He is invisible. This volume contains 2 previously lost episodes. "The Polka Dot Tie" finds Davey and his friends rejecting Nat because he wears a funny tie. They soon realize that God rejects no one. In the last

episode of this volume entitled "All Alone," Davey hops a ride on a train and is trapped inside all by himself. He is comforted remembering that God is everywhere.



Next month we will highlight the next 2 volumes in this classic series. Meanwhile, if you still have books and/or DVDs borrowed over the summer, please return them so that others may enjoy them. Thank you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="color: red; margin: 0;">NOVEMBER</h1>						<b>1 9 am - 2:00 pm:</b> <b>Harvest Holly Craft Fair in Luther Hall</b> 10 am - 12 pm: SPROUT in Gym
<b>2 All Saints Sunday Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am</b>  <b>Daylight Saving Time ends, Fall Back!</b>  <b>During the 10 am service: Sunday School</b> ■ See Chart Below 11:15 am - 12 pm: St. Lucia Photos in Costume in the Sanctuary ☎ See Chart Below <b>11:45 am: 1st Sunday Hoops!, in the gym</b>	3	<b>4</b> No Staff Meeting  10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	<b>5</b> <b>7 pm: Gathering of Confirmation Students and Parents</b>  7 - 9:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training, in the Parish Building Classroom	<b>6</b> 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall  9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry  <b>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</b>  Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	<b>7</b> No Friday Night Program  7 - 9:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training, in the Parish Building Classroom	<b>8</b> 9 am - 3:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training, in the Parish Building Classroom  10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym  9 am - Vicar Dominic Breakfast with Young Adults at Effie's
<b>9 Services of Holy Communion 8 and 10 am During the 10 am service: Sunday School</b> ■ See Chart Below 11:15 am - 12 pm St. Lucia Rehearsal in the Choir Room ☎ See Chart Below	<b>10 Bishop's Convocation</b> 1 pm: Swedish Relief Society in Luther Hall 6:30 pm: Finance Committee meets 7 pm: Public Event, at Emanuel, Bishop's Convocation, Brian McLaren, speaker	<b>11 Bishop's Convocation</b>  9:30 am: Staff Meeting  10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	<b>12 Bishop's Convocation</b>  7 - 9:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training, in the Parish Building Classroom	<b>13</b> 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</b> Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	<b>14</b> Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	<b>15</b> 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym  2 pm: Baby Shower for Success, Vicar Dominic's wife  <b>Deadline for "God With Us"</b>
<b>16 Services of Holy Communion, 8 and 10 am Pledge Sunday LTSP's Don Johnson at Emanuel Sunday School</b> ■ See Chart Below 11:15 am - 12 pm St. Lucia Rehearsal in the Choir Room ☎ See Chart Below 9 am: "Faith Practices" Discussion in Luther Hall with Vicar Dominic	<b>17</b> 7 pm: Thriving Churches Team Meeting	<b>18</b> 9:30 am: Staff Meeting  10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson  7 pm: Executive Committee Meeting, in the Conference Room	<b>19</b> <b>7 - 9:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Training, in the Parish Building Classroom</b>  <b>7 pm: Gathering of Confirmation Students and Parents</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30 am: Crafty Painters in Luther Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>10 am: Bible Conversation in the Parish Building Classroom</b> <b>7 pm: Intern Committee meeting in the Lounge</b> Choir Rehearsals: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir	<b>21</b> Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	<b>22</b> 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym  <b>2 pm: The Wedding of Manuel Morales and Alison Carrano with a reception in Luther Hall</b>
<b>23 Services of Holy Communion 8 and 10 am During the 10 am service: Commissioning of Assisting Ministers Sunday School</b> ■ See Chart Below 11:15 am - 12 pm St. Lucia Rehearsal in the Choir Room ☎ See Chart Below	24	<b>25</b> 9:30 am: Staff Meeting  10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson  <b>7 pm: Church Council Meeting in Luther Hall</b>	<b>26</b> <b>7 pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service of Worship</b>  Non-perishable food items will be collected at this service and donated to Hands on Hartford's MANNA Program	<b>27</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b> Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>29</b> 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
<b>30 First Sunday of Advent - Services of Holy Communion 8 and 10 am Sunday School</b> ■ See Chart 11:15 am - 12 pm St. Lucia "Dress" Rehearsal in the Sanctuary ☎ See Chart	At 10 am service: Holy Baptism of Jeremiah Kannah				<b>Chart</b> ■ = Prosperity Congregation in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m.  ☎ = "Sunday Conversation" in the Sandberg Library at 11:20 am	



## Anniversary News

### Tentative Calendar of 125th Anniversary Events

**Date to be determined**  
Youth burying Time Capsule

**November 1**  
Annual Harvest Holly Craft Fair

**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*

### Anniversary Directory News

The directories can be picked up  
today in Luther Hall.

*-Eric Carlson, Judy Johnson*

**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 Nativity Window Christmas Card is available to purchase at the Church Fair on Saturday, November 1

The cost is \$1.00 per card, until  
they are sold out.

**Inside message:** Unto Us a Child is  
Born

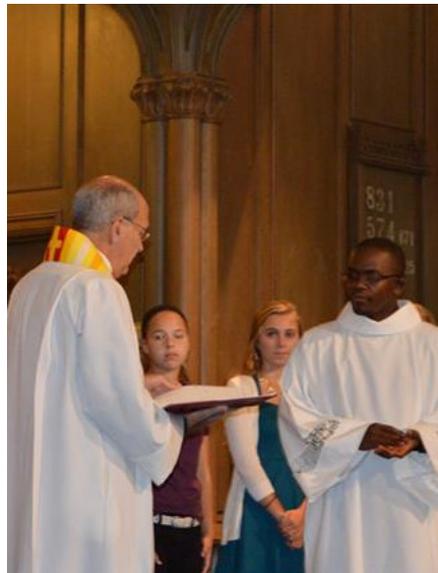
**On the back:** Info about the window  
and Emanuel

**Questions:** Contact Deborah Corgan  
[nyecorgan@gmail.com](mailto:nyecorgan@gmail.com) or 860-716-  
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### New Members to be Received Sunday, December 7, 2014

Please see Pastor Corgan if you'd  
like to become a member of  
Emanuel or for more information  
contact him at 860-525-0894 or  
[john.corgan@gmail.com](mailto:john.corgan@gmail.com).



### Celebrated author, speaker and activist Brian McLaren will deliver a public lecture at Emanuel

This lecture will be held at Emanuel  
Lutheran Church, 311 Capitol Ave.,  
Hartford; and sponsored by the New  
England Synod in partnership with  
the Episcopal Dioceses of  
Connecticut, Rhode Island and  
Western Massachusetts, as well as  
Hartford Seminary. McLaren is the  
author of several books, including  
"We Make the Road by Walking: A  
Year-Long Quest for Spiritual  
Formation, Reorientation and  
Activation." McLaren's lecture will  
be held **Monday, November 10, at  
7:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$45, with  
discounts for students. To register  
and purchase your ticket go to  
[www.nesynod.org](http://www.nesynod.org). This event is  
likely to sell out quickly, so please  
sign up soon!

### "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  
October, November, December  
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.



**Advent Sunday Worship:**

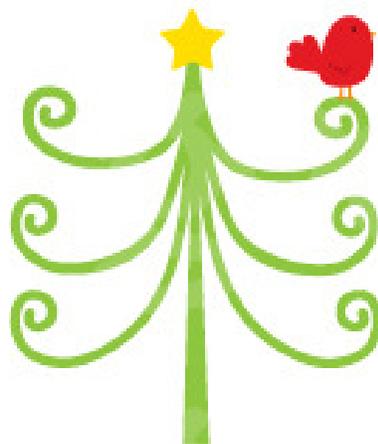
Sundays, November 30 and December 7 and 14, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Services of Holy Communion AND Sunday, December 21, 8:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

**Friday, December 5:  
101<sup>st</sup> St. Lucia Festival**

Performances:  
5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 21:  
Celebration of the Nativity -  
10:00 a.m.**

**Note:** The regular 8:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion will be held on this Sunday.



**Christmas Eve Worship  
Wednesday, December 24:**

**5:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Festival**

**Service of Worship  
10:30 p.m.:**

**Christmas Prelude**

**11:00 p.m.:**

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Festival  
Service of Worship**

**Sunday, December 28 -  
First Sunday of Christmas**  
One Service at 10:00 a.m.  
No Sunday School

**New Year's Eve at Emanuel  
Wednesday, December 31**  
5:00 p.m. Service of Worship,  
Hot Chocolate to follow in  
Luther Hall and "First Night  
Hartford 2015" –  
**Fireworks in Bushnell Park at  
6:00 p.m.!**

**Sunday, January 4, 2014 -  
Second Sunday of Christmas**  
Services of  
Holy Communion at  
8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

## **Baptized into God's family on October 5:**

**Arokya Ravi Goondla**, son of RaviKumar Goondla and Shanthi Ravi Goondla, and his father, **Ravikumar Goondla**. Our water carrier was Mebret Farquhar. Godparents for both are Glenna and Chet Brodnicki. Congratulations and God's blessings always to our newest, baptized members!

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## **Volunteer Opportunities on Sundays**

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

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

**Lectors:** Lynn Sherman, 860-523-1702

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

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## **Bible Readings**

### **For the Month of November**

#### **Nov. 2**

"Elisha Heals Naaman,"  
2 Kings 5:1-14

#### **Nov. 9**

"Micah," Micah 5:2-4; 6:6-8

#### **Nov. 16**

"Swords into Plowshares,"  
Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4

#### **Nov. 23**

"Jeremiah's Temple Sermon,"  
Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11

#### **Nov. 30**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:2-4; 3:17-19

## *On Sundays, in November, we will pray for all who serve through the ministries of the church.*

Our focus in November will be on all who serve through the ministries of the church. We will give thanks for all every-day members (laity) who serve so generously and faithfully, and for all whose vocations are church-related.

On Sundays in October we recognized, gave thanks and prayed for all those who serve as **Healthcare Providers and First Responders**.

Included in these groups are nurses, physicians, physician assistants, those who teach, those who administer nursing care, homecare providers and others; police officers and firefighters, EMT's, those who serve in the National Guard and Coast Guard, and others.

*"Gracious God, guard, protect and encourage these, your servants, who serve us all day by day. Be with them through the Spirit of Jesus who came to bring healing, safety and peace. Amen."*

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## **The Samaritan Fund**

Just to remind you, the loose offering received on the first Sunday of the month goes to the Samaritan Fund. The Samaritan Fund, administered by Pastor Corgan, is used to assist people in need.

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## **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!

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## **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.

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## **Calling All E-mail Addresses**

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

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



# St. Lucia Festival

## 101 Years

**December 5, 2014 at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. at Emanuel!**

Please join us for the St. Lucia Festival, which is presented by the young people of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

We'll have Swedish refreshments and crafts available after each performance. Tickets are available at the door and are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children, 12 and under.

**The (tentative) schedule for rehearsals for this year's Lucia is as follows:**

**November 2**, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Photos in costume (sanctuary)

**November 9**, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**November 16**, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**November 23**, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Rehearsal (Choir Room)



**November 30**, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. "Dress" Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**December 3**, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. "Dress" Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**December 5**, 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Performances

We could use the help of any and all parents. Please let us know if you're available to help with costumes, the reception, the program, or publicity. Please contact Nancy Altschuler at [nancyaltschuler@mac.com](mailto:nancyaltschuler@mac.com).

### Look and See

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

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

**Birthdays and Anniversaries are noted each month for persons who are:**

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

**Special Emanuel Birthdays During November!**

Clarence McCarron - November 13

Donald Sondergeld - November 13

Eleanor Erickson - November 14

Rita Carnelli - November 15

Clarence Gustafson - November 21

Alexandria Johnson - November 29

### New Baby!

Congratulations and God's Blessings on the birth of **Katharine Miriam Chelali**, daughter of Leloucha and Rachid Chelali. Katharine was born on October 15, 2014 at Hartford Hospital. Congratulations to big brothers Idriss and Adam!

**September 2014**

**Church Council Meeting Highlights**

Council President Mark Hopper called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Pastor Corgan led devotions focused on the themes in the Bible stories covered in the narrative lectionary this month. He closed with prayer.

The minutes of the August 26, 2014 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

**Senior Pastor's report:** Pastor Corgan commented on the exciting ministries happening now at Emanuel, such as MANNA Meals, SPROUT and Friday Night Program, as examples of the church being the body of Christ serving in the world. Pastor highlighted the Bishop's Convocation in November being held in West Hartford and on Monday evening, November 10, a public lecture by the author Brian McLaren will take place at Emanuel. A new copier for the office will soon be installed, with funding being provided by an anonymous donor. Stephen Ministry training has begun on Wednesday nights and some Saturdays.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Marschhausen presented the 2014 Income and Expenses to date, noting that income is down but endowment transfers have covered the lag in pledge income. He also noted that the entire endowment amount budgeted in 2014 has all been transferred. Questions were asked and answered.

**Organ Report:** Jonathan Reuning-Scherer presented a document summarizing the three pricing estimates for the organ refurbishment. The trompette en chamade, in memory of David Harper, will be done at a future date once additional funds have been secured. Council

unanimously approved a motion to proceed with Austin Organ Service for organ renovation and improvements in the amount of \$150,000, as recommended by Jonathan.

**Where Are We Going?** Pastor Corgan noted that Bob Graulich wrote a "What's Your Passion" article for the weekly bulletins and God With Us in an effort to develop a more creative approach to develop additional programs and different ways to serve God.

**Sandberg Mission Fund Request:** Pastor Corgan presented the Sandberg Annual Funds Team spending recommendations for 2014. As of September 30, the undesignated balance in Sandberg funds for 2014 is \$15,235.

The Team is recommending the following:

1. Mosaic- in conjunction with service days at the Mosaic group home on Pelham Street, West Hartford - \$1000
2. MANNA Fresh Food Program, in honor of Bishop James Hazelwood, to be announced on his visit to Emanuel on Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2014 - \$2000
3. Burns School Weekend Backpack Program - \$5000

This would leave a balance for 2014 of \$7,235. The team will meet to consider the remaining funds and possible support for mission opportunities, including Camp Calumet and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Questions were asked and answered. A motion to accept the proposals as presented was made and was approved unanimously.

**Grant requests:** Mark Hopper provided an update on the \$200,000 grant for matching funds from the CT Historical Preservation Office. This grant, related to the accessibility improvements, will be submitted by October 31. As requested by the

grant writer, the Council unanimously endorsed the grant submission.

The grant writer also is preparing an application for a maintenance grant of \$15,000 and Council also endorsed this grant submission. These funds would be used for the concrete window frame repairs and crack in the front of the church.

**Audit Committee Audit**

**Recommendation:** The Blum Shapiro report will be received and reviewed at the October Council Meeting when a representative from Blum Shapiro will be available. A motion was made that Council approve the Audit Committee's recommendation to do a full financial audit of the 2014 books. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Kairos Funding Discussion:**

Discussion covered the need to update the congregation on this important project and why it is needed, what Kairos is proposing, how the congregation will be involved and what funding may be needed. There was consensus that we need to keep moving forward. A congregational meeting will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> after the late service.

**Stained Glass Window Update:** Jane Wunder provided an update. The glass restoration is going well. Work is continuing on the repair of unexpected and severe deterioration on the concrete window frames. The full impact on the schedule and the budget is being assessed. The north crack is still under review by the engineer so cost is unknown at this time. It is clear, however, that reinstallation of at least the north windows must wait until the spring of 2015.

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## Church Council Highlights

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### Accessibility Building Committee

**Update:** Mark Hopper reported that the grant submission requires conceptual drawings which are well underway. The Committee is also reviewing proposals for a Construction Manager.

**Other Business:** Mark Hopper reported that the Constitution changes approved by the congregation at the 2014 Annual Meeting were approved by the Synod Council on September 20, 2014.

Upcoming meeting:  
Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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### Accessibility Moving Ahead

The project to improve Emanuel's accessibility is moving along! CJ Lawler, the architect with whom we had been working over the past five years, recently retired and as such, over the past six months the Building Committee has worked diligently to identify other architects, request and receive proposals, and interview three qualified architects. A final selection was recently made and the committee will now continue design and planning with Bostwick Architects located in Hartford. The committee is excited

not only about some of the ideas Bostwick has already brought to the table, but also the grant writing resource he has engaged as part of the planning team. Their experience and knowledge about historic preservation grants in CT will be a valuable resource to Emanuel, with potentially significant financial outcomes.

Additionally, geotechnical surveys have been done and an environmental assessment is in progress. Design can proceed efficiently with all these resources in place, and we look forward to sharing drawings and ideas with the congregation as the design progresses.

The budget for this project is about \$1.4 million. As you may recall, \$1 million was set aside for accessibility from the Capitol Towers proceeds. An additional \$203,500 has been committed as matching funds to the \$205,000 raised in the capital campaign. To date, about 65% of the total amount pledged has been received - thank you! As the project kicks into high gear, we encourage everyone to continue to pay on their pledges for this project. In September you will receive the usual financial statement from church, indicating both your annual pledge as well as your pledge to the accessibility project, and payments made to date. If paying by check, please simply note "access project" on the memo line. Labeled envelopes are also available in the pew racks and narthex. And of course, if you haven't yet contributed to this important project, additional gifts are most welcome!



"Seniors Together"

## Christmas Brunch!

Thursday, December 11, 2014

12:00 noon in Luther Hall

Please join us for a delicious Brunch! We'll be singing Christmas Carols and putting together toiletry packets for Hands on Hartford's MANNA Program.

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### A New Partner in Ministry

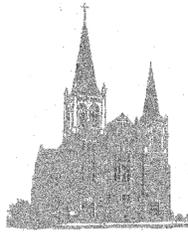
Emanuel has welcomed on a trial basis a new Liberian congregation, *Prosperity Chapel International*, to use our chapel as their worship space on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. until about 1:00 p.m. The Church Council approved this agreement at its July meeting with an initial 3-month trial for August through October. If this partnership goes well for the first three months, it could be extended into a second, 6-month trial period running through April of 2015.

*Prosperity Chapel International* draws its members from the Liberian immigrant community in the Greater Hartford area. They began using the chapel on August 3. Roughly 20-50 people worship on Sundays. The pastor is Pastor Klayee Juty.

Emanuel welcomes this new Christian faith-community to our facilities. We pray that God will bless their ministry and our relationship with them. If you have any questions about *Prosperity Chapel International*, please ask Pastor Marschhausen, Ellen Anderson or Craig McDonald, who are serving as an informal committee on behalf of the Church Council and Pastor Corgan in relating to Pastor Juty and his congregation.

## An Interesting Comparison of the Times We Live with the Past We Celebrate

We begin with our Hartford Center City Churches and a pulpit exchange with St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church on Main Street that brought their priest, the Father David McDonald to Emanuel for a pulpit exchange. Our Pastor John Stadlander would take the pulpit to assist in their worship that day. Such events are still popular these days.



by John Starkes

There was a house-warming held for St. Elizabeth House, a new facility operated by Center City Churches for recovering alcoholics, low income singles, elderly and refugees. Now the Hartford community of inner city faith gather at the pond in Bushnell Park for a service of worship and prayer; then to gather for a supper hour of food for all who may be found among the city streets, a park bench, shelters for the homeless and refugees; whatever it may be that could be called "home."

That year, 1980, a cookbook committee was formed to edit a new Emanuel edition that would replace one from perhaps the 50's. The reality being new food styles, new weights and measures on packaging and consumption, and a whole bunch of new generation cooks with a big set of taste buds to please; who was Betty Crocker? And here we are again, 2014, with an absolutely beautiful new cookbook on the Emanuel Ladies for only \$15.00 bucks! And it's a real book, a wonderful gift for the holidays in a couple months!

But we're still trying to move in the 1980's with Pastor Stadlander with a sermon in his unique style – "Christ, America, and the Strange Man in Iran." Lutherans were in prayer for African nations of Namibia and Ethiopia where Christians were being persecuted and imprisoned! Now in our time we find it far worse as a new generation of "Holy Men" step out of the gates of Hell! How many of us in our church are wondering what Pastor Stadlander might have to say about these awful deeds that pour from just east of the Lord's Holy land. But a lot of our Arab friends love the game of golf! Maybe the desert battles are just "sand traps!"

In reality, what is happening in the Middle East is, in fact, very dangerous for all if it cannot be stopped. In ancient history we find in the Bible's Old Testament, the

locations would have been called Assyria, to encompass the countries we know now as Syria and Iraq. But to focus back to our year of 1980 the world focus is on North Africa, the countries of Namibia and Ethiopia where Christians were being persecuted and imprisoned. There was cause for celebration as well, the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sunday School, noted world-wide.

February was given an extra day - the 29<sup>th</sup> - as it was a leap year, a family spaghetti dinner was planned for the 29<sup>th</sup>. Some time to follow the St. Olaf Choir from Northfield, Minnesota sang at Emanuel, a sell-out crowd was noted. Another event was a youth congress, "Living, Loving with the Lord." Perhaps the biggest action for us was our Birchwood Acres church camp property was sold. A new group was formed called, "Mothers and Others" to discuss learning and opportunities of family responsibilities. Pastor Powers offered a hiking trip to the White Mountains.

Emanuel took on a Refugee Resettlement project for a family from the Laotian Hill country, the Hmongs, a family of eight; they had waited five years for a new home and resettlement.

As we moved toward summer at Emanuel it was time for our annual "Pops Night" with the choir, this time to feature the songs of "My Fair Lady." We also note the parking lot behind the church off Hungerford Street was surfaced and landscaped! – our thanks again to Pastor Stadlander for what seems to be our gift from Heaven!

Sometime during the early summer months the choir offered a Strawberry and hymn sing social. It also offered a special attraction of soloists from Robert Schuller's "Hour of Power" – the television of sacred song (I think they were the feature with the hymn sing as a part of it.)

Pastor David Powers earned his Doctor of Ministry Degree at the Hartford Seminary Foundation; also the Girl Scout Troop 27 celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Probably with the start of the fall season, the LCW presented "Come One and All to Germany and Back" with Pastor Stadlander; the closest I've gotten to Germany is on cable TV with Rick Steves – such a beautiful country! or a nice bottle of Moselle wine – even better! As it always seems, we end this review with Lucia, this time a visit to the Hospice building in Branford to sing Lucia songs, a load of ginger cookies and coffee, as well, to share with the patients – "lucky them!"

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



## Message to Thrivent Members

As you may know with the name-change to Thrivent, there is a new program that has been initiated to benefit community organizations with \$250 of new Thrivent funding. (This is separate from your Choice Dollars.) The funding is called **Action Teams**. It gives each Thrivent member the opportunity to meet an unmet need in your community. It provides an easy way to take action. We are hoping that you would like to learn more about this exciting opportunity for Emanuel. For additional information, you can also go to the Thrivent website, sign in and search for Thrivent **Action Team**. If you would like more information about this please sign the Thrivent Sign-Up Sheet in Luther Hall. We will then schedule a meeting for interested members. Any questions, please check with Steve Strand, 860 305-5685 or Chet Brodnicki, 860 236-3050.

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**Special music on October 26, 2014 was made possible by a gift from Vicki Cirilli made in honor of her parents Martha and Joseph Cirilli.** The Cirillis were active members of Emanuel for many years, Joseph serving for many years as joint chair of the property committee as well as a council member. Many thanks for this gift!



## Stained Glass Windows

The restoration process for Emanuel's beautiful stained glass windows is proceeding smoothly up in the studios of Stained Glass Resources in MA. Thankfully there have been no surprises with the actual glass!

The not so good news is that when the protective plastic overglazing on the exterior of the windows was removed, significant deterioration of the masonry window frames was discovered. While the glass itself had been protected over the years, the masonry surrounding the glass was deteriorating obscured behind the plastic.

AJP (structural engineer) and Joseph Gnazzo Company (exterior masonry contractor) have studied, sampled and run tests on the concrete window frames and brick facade on the east and west sides. Specifications for repairs have been developed and then agreed upon with Stained Glass Resources as well. Work is proceeding.

Given the scope of this unanticipated masonry work and the onset of colder weather, the reinstallation of the restored windows must be postponed until Spring 2015. This is

a huge disappointment for all of us, but a necessity. The masonry work, which impacts both concrete and brick, is absolutely essential, without which the windows cannot be reinstalled. The extra work also will require funding beyond the current project contingency and the originally approved budget, and this impact is currently being assessed to see what additional approvals might be needed.

You may also have noticed the markings on the north wall up in the balcony. An extensive structural analysis is currently underway to determine the cause and remedy for the cracking on this wall. Like the east and west window frames, the concrete frame around the large north window also has deterioration, even more extensive than the other sides. The schedule and budget implications of this facade are being evaluated separately and the actual work will likely not proceed until the east and west sides are complete.

So we'll have to bear with the plywood inserts in our windows through the winter months -- but rest assured the plywood is as weather tight as the glass and no less energy efficient! While unexpected, it is fortunate the masonry problems have been discovered now rather than after another decade of deterioration! Interestingly, our professional consultants have posited that the masonry deterioration likely has its roots in the materials used in 1924 construction - when quality and consistency of concrete and caulk were not what they are today. We ask for everyone's understanding and patience as we make this wonderful 90-year-old structure healthy and whole for the future.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask either Jane Wunder or Mike Nowak.

## Serving in November

### Acolyte and Crucifer

Nov. 2	Kelly Caldwell and Maire Hollertz
Nov. 9	Luke Johnson and Jennie Livingston
Nov. 16	Joel Reuning-Scherer and Alycia St. John
Nov. 23	Elizabeth Arcand and Noah Fairchild
Nov. 30	Madeline Arcand and Trey Hazard

### Altar Flowers

Nov. 2	In memory of Gladys and Rev. Stanley Sandberg, given by Karin and Ken Stetson and family
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In honor of my godson, Henry Sinche's 6th baptismal anniversary today, given by Natalie Bloomquist

Nov. 9	Open
Nov. 16	Open
Nov. 23	Open
Nov. 30	Open

### Assisting Ministers

Nov. 2	Alan Meeds
Nov. 9	Janice Favreau
Nov. 16	Brook Nowak
Nov. 23	Lynne Strecker
Nov. 30	Mal Doyle

### Childcare in the Nursery

Nov. 2	Open
Nov. 9	Open
Nov. 16	Open
Nov. 23	Open
Nov. 30	Open

### Children's Library

Nov. 2	Open
Nov. 9	Open
Nov. 16	Open
Nov. 23	Open
Nov. 30	Open

### Coffee Hour

Nov. 2	Susan and Dick Johnson
Nov. 9	Rachid Chelali
Nov. 16	Eleanor and Mal Doyle
Nov. 23	The Worship Committee
Nov. 30	Open

### Communion Preparers

Nov. 2	Bobbie Canfield and Lynne Strecker
Nov. 9	Val and Craig McDonald
Nov. 16	Ellen Anderson and Rae Ann Gremel
Nov. 23	Eileen Mitchell and Jane Wunder
Nov. 30	Helen and Bernie Johnson

### Communion Servers

Nov. 2	Open
Nov. 9	Open
Nov. 16	Open
Nov. 23	Open
Nov. 30	Open

### Greeters

Nov. 2	Ken Weeks
Nov. 9	Elinor McCue and Lois House
Nov. 16	Jenny St. John, Dylan and Alycia St. John
Nov. 23	Jane Wunder
Nov. 30	Chet and Glenna Brodnicki

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

Nov. 2	Kathy Haller
Nov. 9	Becky Thomas
Nov. 16	Rosie Vojtek
Nov. 23	Bob Vojtek
Nov. 30	Becky Thomas
Nov. 26:	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Kathy Haller

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

Nov. 2	Brook Nowak
Nov. 9	Janice Favreau
Nov. 16	Celia Allison
Nov. 23	Karin Stetson
Nov. 30	Diane Troutman

### Sound and Recording

Nov. 2	Emma Barresi
Nov. 9	Kyle Bellis
Nov. 16	Kelly Caldwell/ Lindsey Anderson
Nov. 23	Eric Carlson
Nov. 30	Kelly Caldwell/ Lindsey Anderson

### Sunday School Aide Schedule

Nov. 2	<b>PreSchool/ Kindergarten:</b> Allyson Graulich <b>Grades 1 and 2:</b> Hannah Maynard <b>Grades 3 and 4:</b> Lindsey Varney <b>Grade 5:</b> Toby Hollertz
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Nov. 9	<b>PreSchool/ Kindergarten:</b> Lindsey Anderson, Samantha Johnson <b>Grades 1 and 2:</b> Kelsey Anderson <b>Grades 3 and 4:</b> Rhiannon Kiersznowski
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Nov. 16	<b>PreSchool/ Kindergarten:</b> Deirdre Volk, Allyson Graulich <b>Grades 1 and 2:</b> Lindsay Altschuler <b>Grades 3 and 4:</b> Jacob Johnson
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Nov. 23	<b>PreSchool/ Kindergarten:</b> Rebekah Strand, Rebecca Johnson <b>Grades 1 and 2:</b> Matthew Graulich <b>Grades 3 and 4:</b> Matthew Kloss
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### Ushers

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



**Emanuel's  
125th Anniversary  
Luncheon on  
Reformation Sunday,  
October 26, 2014**





**Christmas Poinsettia Order Form**

**Please see the *Sunday News* or call Karen in the office for the price.  
Deadline is December 12**

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

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

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person responsible for payment:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions:

<http://emanuelhartford.org/aboutus/faqs-2/>

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

<http://emanuelhartford.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/God-With-Us-September-revised.pdf>

Please contact **Becki Murphy** at [beckimurphy@ymail.com](mailto:beckimurphy@ymail.com) if you have any questions .

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Church

**Sunday School**

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