

GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford



UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS AT EMANUEL FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Sunday Services of Holy
Communion: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

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

Bible Conversation:
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

1st Sunday Hoops!
Join Pastor Corgan, Vicar Dominic
and others in the gym on the **first
Sunday of every month** for some
basketball, starting in December.

Thanksgiving Eve Service of Worship

**Wednesday,
November 25
at 7:00 p.m.**

Please join
us in giving
thanks to God!
Donations of
non-perishable food items will
be collected at this service and
donated to Hands on Hartford's
MANNA Program.



**Advent
Sunday Worship**
Sundays, November 29 and
December 6, 13, and 20; 8:00
and 10:00 a.m. Services of Holy
Communion

Receiving New Members!

Please see page 3 for more
information.

St. Lucia Festival

Friday, December 4:
Performances:
5:00 and 8:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve Worship



Thursday, 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 27 -
First Sunday of Christmas**
One Service at 10:00 a.m.
No Sunday School

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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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"Scarecrows Along Main Street," in Wethersfield, CT.

FROM PASTOR CORGAN

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Generosity” is the theme of this year’s stewardship focus. In recent weeks, we’ve encouraged all of us to reflect on God’s generosity and, on our own, in response to God in Christ.

Generosity and gratitude go hand in hand. It’s hard to be generous if we’re not grateful for life, for what we have and who we are.

This month of November is a good time to think about gratitude, based on the grace and mercy of God revealed for all in Jesus, the Savior of the world.

This text from Luke can remind us of the importance of being grateful:

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have



mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?” ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Please pray with me:

“In Christ Jesus, Gracious God, you have given us everything. Fill us with grateful hearts and generous spirits. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Coming up this month, on

“Generosity Response Sunday,” November 8, please bring your stewardship response card (pledge card) to church for a celebration of

Generosity. Also, see the related article on page 5.

On Wednesday, November 25, join others here at Emanuel for our Thanksgiving Eve Service, beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you’re able, please bring a bag or two of groceries along for our offering to MANNA, the food ministry of Hands on Hartford.

Giving thanks, we are God’s people together!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Corgan



NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

Sunday, December 6

If you’d like to make Emanuel your church home,
please contact Pastor Corgan at
john.corgan@gmail.com or 860-525-0894. Thanks.

November lessons:

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

November 1: Lazarus. Jesus feels happy and sad, just like we do. Jesus loves his friends, just like we do. Jesus comes to share our grief and give us life, now and forever. We thank God that Jesus is stronger than death. John 11:1-45
Grades 1 and 2 visit the Children's Library.

November 8: Elijah at Mount Carmel. God's people needed to learn to trust God instead of putting their faith in gods with no power. Elijah trusted God and did something big to show that God is the most powerful being that ever was. 1 Kings 18:20-39
PreSchool-Kindergarten visit the Children's Library.

November 15: Hosea. God loves God's children very much. Even when they disobey and when they turn away from God, God does not give up on them. Hosea 11:1-9
Grades 3 and 4 visit the Children's Library.

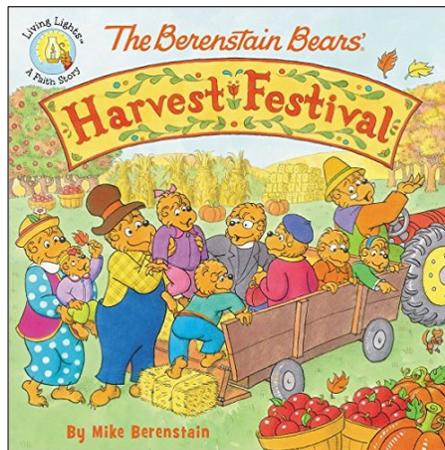
November 22: God's Peaceful World. God wants us to love all people and to work for peace. If animals who are natural enemies can live together in peace, then people can, too. A child will show us how. Isaiah 11:1-10

November 29: Josiah's Reform. The children will remain in worship as we begin Advent, the season when Christians prepare for the birth of Christ. King Josiah was only eight years old when he became king. By the time he became king, everyone had forgotten the promises they had

made to love God and to love their neighbor. But Josiah helped the people find their way back to God. 2 Kings 22:1-10, [14-20]; 23:1-3

Prayer for the Month:

Dear God, we want our family to live in peace. We want to inspire others by our peaceful example. Lead us, God, and help us to trust your guidance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Children's
Library News**

**The Children's
Library is off to**

a wonderful start for the new school year. Thank you to all who have returned the books they borrowed over the summer and a gentle reminder to those who still have books tucked away in their bookcase. We would appreciate their return so others may enjoy them. We are looking forward to visits this month by Church School classes.

The newest additions to our collection are three new Berenstain Bear Thanksgiving books. The Berenstain Bears' Harvest Festival finds the folks of Bear Country looking forward to everything the season brings. The Chapel in the Woods holds its first ever Harvest Festival and the people of Bear Country gather for a wonderful time of family, friends, fun, and praising God for His gifts. In The Berenstain Bears Give Thanks, the bear cubs act

out the first Thanksgiving, complete with costumes, props, and a Thanksgiving feast. However, Sister Bear worries that her pet turkey may be a part of the feast. This wonderful story teaches how God provided for the pilgrims and reminds children of God's many blessings. The Berenstain cubs learn about all the things they can be thankful for in The Berenstain Bears Thanksgiving Blessings. These things include faith and their family. Come and check out these new Berenstain stories along with the new Berenstain Bear books that arrived in the spring.

"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
1 Peter 4:8-10

**Some Important Information
for our Ministry and Committee
Leaders**

If you submit names for our monthly newsletter (*God With Us*), under the section of those serving for the month, please know that Becki Murphy will contact you if anyone signs up online with our new "SignUpGenius" form.

As usual, you will **submit your list of names to Karen by the 15th of the month to be included in the next "God With Us" newsletter.** Email or call Karen if you have any questions - thanks!

Generosity

“The goal of our generosity ministry is to help God’s people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.”



Over the last few weeks we have been hearing about our using the gifts from God in support of the ministries of Emanuel. God has already proven God’s Generosity by giving us Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. We have been reminded of this abundance through Jesus Christ. In him is an abundance of forgiveness, an abundance of hope, and an abundance of community. When the Bible talks about stewardship (a.k.a. generosity) it is almost always talking about that intimate connection between how we all handle financial matters and our response to God’s generosity.

We value the ministries of Emanuel and to ensure their continuation we need to provide the necessary financial support. As you have heard in Pastor’s comments and the presentations over the past weeks, it is the hope of Emanuel’s leadership that you would, if financially feasible, be willing to be generous and to increase your commitment for the coming year.

Emanuel needs your prayerful consideration of your support of its ministries. The commitment that you will make during this period of pledging will help to ensure that Emanuel will continue in its work and will grow. Together, we are the body of Christ. May all of us share our gifts so that our communities and the world can experience the love and grace of God.

We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. Thank you for participating in God’s work with a generous heart!



St. Lucia Festival 102 Years

December 4, 2015 at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. at Emanuel!

Please join us for the St. Lucia Festival, which is presented by the adults and 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.

St. Lucia Rehearsal Schedule
*Rehearsals begin after church/
Sunday School and end by 12:15
(12:45 for Lucia and attendants)
unless otherwise noted*

November 1 – Photo Day. Pick up your costume, dress, and meet in the sanctuary

November 8 – rehearsal, all cast

November 15 – rehearsal, all cast

November 22 – rehearsal, all cast

November 29 – rehearsal, all cast

December 2 – 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. “dress” rehearsal, sanctuary
December 4 – 4:00 p.m. arrival. 5:00 p.m. performance. 8:00 p.m. performance.

Schedule updates and downloadable music files can be found at:
<http://www.reuningscherer.net/lucia>

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.



September Church Council Highlights

Council President Mark Hopper called the meeting to order and Ministerial Assistant Dominic Smyth led devotions on Genesis 32:22-30, closing with prayer. The minutes of the July 28, 2015 Council meeting were accepted unanimously.

Senior Pastor's report: Pastor Corgan reported that the Reach the Beach race to benefit Camp Calumet raised nearly \$70,000. Sarah Carlson Arndt was sponsored by Emanuel and sent her thanks to the congregation for the \$738 raised at Emanuel. Pastor Corgan announced that effective after the 2016 Annual Meeting, Emanuel's Treasurer will be Tim Elwell and Pastor John Marschhausen will become Financial Secretary. These two positions are volunteer positions and we are fortunate to have these two gifted people willing to serve.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Marschhausen presented the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Budget Performance for August and Year to Date. Income is under plan, primarily due to the Faith Budget line item. Expenses are in line.

Where are We Going? Pastor Corgan announced that he will be retiring on 7-31-16 and reflected on how difficult the decision was when thinking about the people of Emanuel and his ministry here with us for over 18 years. Bishop Hazelwood will be meeting with the Council soon to begin the call process.

Extension of Employment for Ministerial Assistant Dominic Smyth: Pastor Corgan reviewed

Vicar Dominic's responsibilities as Ministerial Assistant with youth ministry and neighborhood outreach being two key areas of focus. It is probable that Vicar Dominic will not receive a call until late winter or early Spring due to the timing of the Synod process. A resolution was proposed that Council continue to fund the position of Ministerial Assistant for six months in the 2016 budget and to extend the position as needed based on Dominic Smyth's call process. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Stained Glass Window/North Wall Update: President Hopper reported that an additional \$65,000 necessary to complete the restoration was unanimously approved at the Congregation Meeting on 9-13-15. Thanks to Mike Nowak for the information he provided in a Town Hall Meeting on 9-6-15. Work is in progress and is proceeding as expected.

Accessibility Building Committee Update: Mark Hopper reported that the committee will interview two firms for Construction Manager. The next steps will be to do a more thorough budget check on current plans, and then continue design development, working to bridge the \$400,000 gap between the approved budget and the plans. It is hoped that construction will begin in June 2016.

Other Business: Mark Hollertz reported that the Thriving Churches Committee is focusing on ways to reinforce and strengthen Emanuel as a welcoming congregation, working with Council and other committees as ideas take shape.

SEVEN Prayer Friends Needed!

by Natalie Bloomquist

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

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

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

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

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



AN AWESOME DAY OF SERVICE

“Stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high.”
Luke 24:49

The Greater Hartford Day of Service, October 2 - 3 and the weeks leading up to it were an awesome demonstration of the generosity of the members of the Lutheran Churches of the Greater Hartford Conference, in response to God’s wondrous love for us. Volunteers cooked, welcomed, and served guests who came to the Friday Night Gathering at Grace Lutheran, a weekly meal and social event that feeds people’s bodies and souls in the Asylum Hill Neighborhood of Hartford. Overwhelming donations of toiletries (150 packs), socks (502 pairs), blankets (150), handbags (125) were received, sorted and packed by volunteers into shopping bags (donated by Trader Joe’s) and distributed to homeless people in attendance at the Church by the Pond Service on Saturday and at Christ Cathedral on Sunday. Over 100 food bags were prepared by volunteers under the leadership of Yvonne Gardner and distributed at the Church by the Pond. Over 1000 gently used books were donated, sorted, packed and distributed to: Rawson Elementary School, Renzulli Pre-school (Hartford Public School), South Park Inn, Family Life Education, ConniKids, Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford, Loaves and Fishes, and Read to Grow. Seven volunteers from Emanuel painted offices and hallway at Family Life Education and Leadership Greater Hartford and other workers served at the Restore sponsored by Habitat for Humanity and the Friday evening meal at Grace Lutheran.

Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer (Our Savior Lutheran Church) led the Service at the Church by the Pond along with Vicar Dominic Smyth (Emanuel Lutheran Church) assisting. Jonathan Reuning-Scherer provided the music and led the choir of volunteers.

Over seventy-five people from nine different Lutheran Churches (Emanuel Hartford and Manchester, Faith, Our Savior, Christ the King, Shepherd of the Hills, Concordia, Grace, St. Mark) “stayed in the city” of Hartford, and experienced God’s amazing love and power! Thanks to all who shared in this endeavor through your donations, your time and your talents

On October 18, 2015, St. Luke’s Sunday, we introduced a new ministry at Emanuel Lutheran, our Parish Health Ministry.

If you are interested in this ministry or have any questions please contact Joy Elwell, joy.elwell@gmail.com, or Pastor Corgan, john.corgan@gmail.com, or call Pastor Corgan at 860-525-0894.

In photo: Emanuel members volunteering at a “Hands on Hartford’s” MANNA Meal event.



EMANUEL SENIORS TOGETHER

Christmas
BRUNCH

Thursday, December 10 at 12:00 Noon. Please join us for a wonderful time of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying delicious food! You may sign up on Sundays with Brook Nowak in Luther Hall.

Steady progress on the north wall!

Our contractors have continued to make good progress on repairing the brick and the pre-cast concrete masonry on the north wall. The meticulously restored stained glass panels are scheduled to be delivered and installed the week of November 2. After the windows are installed, the final masonry work on both the interior and exterior will be completed and the scaffolding removed by the end of the year.

A WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



Andrea DuFour

Andrea is 29 years of age, born and raised in Northern Maine, where her parents are current residents. About two years ago, Andrea moved to Connecticut, precisely Hartford, which, accordingly to her, "has been a good change". While Andrea works as an Orthopedic RN at St. Francis Hospital, helping patients recover after joint replacement surgery, she is currently studying and anticipating obtaining advanced nurse practitioner degree at the University of St. Joseph, West Hartford, in May 2016. "I attended Emanuel one Sunday when I first moved here and fell in love with the warm and inviting people and atmosphere. This is why I am now a proud member of the church."

Ian Elwell

Ian Elwell is 20 years old. He successfully completed his Associates Degree from Pennsylvania College of



Technology this May and is transferring to UConn's School of Business in September to complete his Bachelor's Degree in business administration. Ian now lives in Hartford and works at Harte Nissan in East Hartford. His interests include automobiles and music. His parents are Joy and Tim Elwell. He has a brother, Ryan, who lives in West Hartford, and a sister, Diana, who lives in Manhattan.



**Ravikumar Goondla (Father)
Shanthi Goondla (Mother)
Arokyaa Goondla**

Ravikumar and Shanthi are originally from India and are now living and working in Hartford. Ravi works as Project Leader at L&T InfoTech for Travelers, while Shanthi is a Software Engineer, but is now happy to be home and taking care of our their "handsome son," Arokyaa. "We are thrilled to be members of Emanuel, as we are always inspired and touched by the Gospel message every week, and the hospitality of the Pastors and members of Emanuel. We are truly blessed."



**Deepak Pedada (Father)
Mrudula Adilene Mutyam (Mother)
Rishon Joshua Pedada**

Deepak and Mrudula are from India, where they were members of the Lutheran church for years. Both Mrudula and Deepak currently live in Hartford, CT, with their seven (7) month old son, Rishon Joshua, as a result of a job assignment in 2011. "We do feel blessed to be a part of Emanuel, a community we are humbled to help with teaching Sunday School for grades 3-4 and Confirmation mentors".

Georgia Neoh

Georgia is a daughter of Martha Kannah. She is fifteen years of age and a 9th grader at Plainville High School in Plainville, CT. Georgia is very much interested in the youth program at Emanuel.



Elijah Nyama

Elijah is a resident of Hartford, CT. He is a 12th grade high school student in Hartford and works at McDonald's. Martha Kannah is Elijah's mother.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion - Prayers for Healing Sunday School After the 10:00 am Service: St. Lucia Rehearsal Photo Day - Pick up your costume, dress, and meet in the sanctuary. 11:15 am: Youth Meeting	2 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: orange; font-family: cursive;">November</div>	3 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	4 7 - 8:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Supervision in the Conference Room 7 - 8:15 pm: Confirmation Class	5 9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am: "Bible Conversation," in the Music Room Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir	6 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	7 9 - 4 pm: New England Synod Event, "Sacred Spaces Seminar" 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
8 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion - "Generosity Sunday" Veterans Day Litany At 10 am service: Holy Baptism of Nicholas Thogmartin and Connor Cleary Sunday School After the 10:00 am Service: St. Lucia Rehearsal, all cast	9 6:30 pm: Finance Committee Meeting	10 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson	11 Veteran's Day 	12 9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am: "Bible Conversation," in the Music Room Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir	13 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	14 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
15 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion Hands on Hartford Presentation Sunday School After the 10:00 am Service: St. Lucia Rehearsal, all cast <div style="background-color: orange; color: white; padding: 2px;">Deadline for "God With Us"</div>	16	17 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson 7 pm: Executive Committee Meeting	18 7 - 8:15 pm: Confirmation Class 7 - 8:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Supervision in the Conference Room	19 9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am: "Bible Conversation," in the Music Room Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir	20 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	21 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
22 Christ the King Sunday 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion At 10 am service: Holy Baptisms of Emmitt and Elliott Young Sunday School After the 10:00 am Service: St. Lucia Rehearsal, all cast 11:30 am: Presentation by Lisa Martin: A Trip to Germany to celebrate the Reformation	23	24 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson 7 pm: Church Council in Luther Hall	25 7 pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service of Worship Non-perishable food items will be collected at this service and donated to Hands on Hartford's MANNA Program	26 Church Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	27 Church Office Closed Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm	28 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym
29 First Sunday in Advent 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion Sunday School After the 10:00 am Service: St. Lucia Rehearsal, all cast	30					

A WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

(This article is continued from page 8.)

Monica Swanson (Mother)

Brian Swanson (Father)

Meredith Swanson

Geneva Swanson

Brian Swanson

Brian and Monica grew up in CT - Eastern CT and West Hartford.

Monica is a descendent of both Irish and German immigrants who settled near the Frog Hollow neighborhood, on Lafayette Street, while Brian is a descendent of Swedish immigrants.

“For us, a historically Scandinavian church located on Capitol Avenue seemed a natural fit for our family.”

Previously, the Swansons lived in Coventry, CT and were members for many years at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Manchester. “The church motto of “in the city for good” particularly appeals to us, as well as allowing the children ready access to their ethnic ancestry and religious traditions. The children are looking forward to participating in the Nativity Pageant, Bell choir, St. Lucia Festival, and attending Camp Calumet.” Monica and Brian have three children: Meredith, who is 12 years old, Geneva who is 8 years old and Brian who is 5 years old.

(no photo available of the Swanson family at this time)

Calling All E-mail Addresses

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



The Wells Family. Clockwise from the top left of the photo: Richard, Krista, Alexa, Sierra, Lucas and Elijah.

Richard Wells (Father)

Krista Wells (Mother)

Alexa Wells

Elijah Wells

Lucas Wells

Sierra Wells

Richard Wells is a retired Marine (20 years) and a West Hartford school teacher. His wife, Krista Wells is a career coach in West Hartford. Krista has a Swedish family background and was raised a Lutheran with great memories of youth group and other traditions like Lucia. Mr. and Mrs. Wells are residents of West Hartford with their children: Alexa Wells (12 years old, just starting confirmation class); Elijah Wells (8 years old, likes baseball); Lucas Wells (7 years old, likes baseball too!); and Sierra Wells (5 years old, and so far loves the music at Emanuel!)


We are blessed
to have all of our new
members as part of
this Body of Christ.

-Vicar Dominic

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

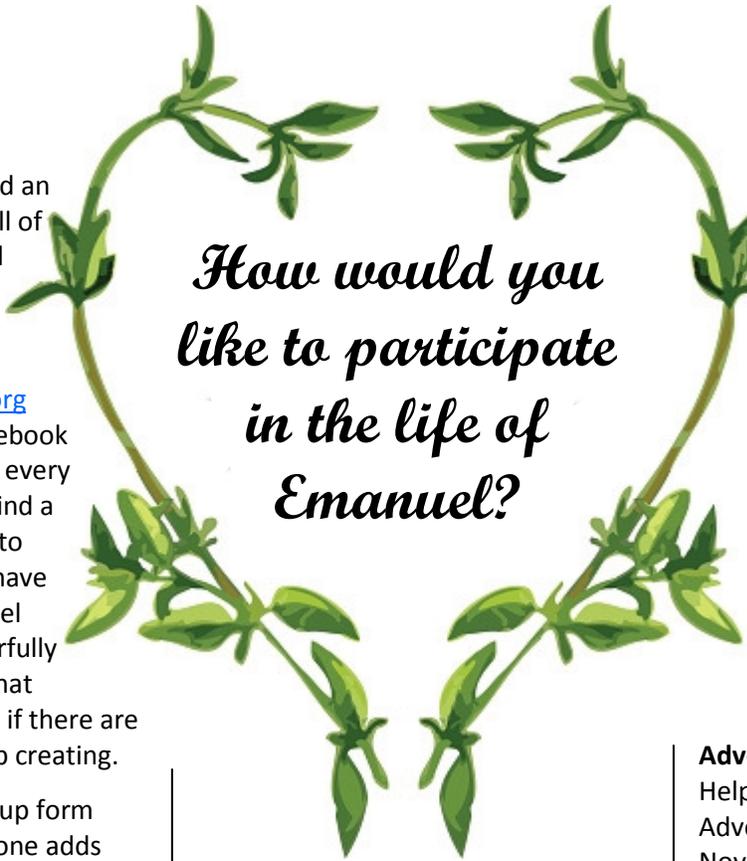
Thank you Eileen and Lynn for your service to these important ministries.

From Becki Murphy

In mid October I launched an online sign up form for all of Emanuel's Ministries and Events. This form is accessible through Emanuel's website at www.emanuelhartford.org as well as Emanuel's Facebook Page. The goal is not for every member of Emanuel to find a ministry they would like to participate in, rather to have every member of Emanuel take some time to prayerfully consider the ministries that exist today and speak up if there are new ones they'd like help creating.

The way this online sign-up form works is that once someone adds their name to a ministry or event I will automatically get an email notification. I plan to follow-up with each notification directly or by forwarding the information along to that ministry's contact person. This online sign up form will be available on the large Bulletin Board in Luther Hall for the month of October and will continue to be available on our website for the rest of the year.

However, the first question I feel I need to answer for you is, why, right? Isn't everyone busy enough? Very simply, I can tell you that people who choose to engage in service at Emanuel are doing so as a joyful expression of their faith. The days I spent creating and gathering input from those involved in ministries here at Emanuel, I thought of each one of them and the hours, months and for many the years they've spent involved in these wonderful ministries. Added support for these ministries at this time of year will not only lift up those involved but ensure stability and growth for the future of these ministries.



How would you like to participate in the life of Emanuel?

When you first joined Emanuel it's likely you filled out a newcomers form listing areas of interest, correct? That form wasn't for the church as much as it was for you to consider how you would like to serve and participate. Have your interests changed since you filled it out? Well, I feel my task as Coordinator of Ministries is to make sure you have the information you need to continue to find ways to engage in the life of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford.

So, please don't let time, distance or lack of interest stop you from serving! Contact me at (860) 558-9783 or by email at becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org



I would like to thank those who attended the October 25 presentation in Luther Hall called, *"If Luther Had a Laptop: An Introductory Social Media Presentation with Becki."* I hope that my presentation provided some

base knowledge of how to access Emanuel's social media sites and some more information about the type of information they provide.

This was not a one-time workshop. In fact, I'm hopeful that with the feedback I receive from attendees, I can conduct similar workshops in the future, building on this base knowledge to provide more hands-on trainings.

Ministries & Events in Alphabetical Order:

Advent Season Property Committee

Help Emanuel prepare for the Advent Season the last few days of November and first week of December by sharing your time: setting up trees, wreaths, garland, etc. CONTACT: Jane Wunder

Altar Guild

Seasonal help arranging various altar and chancel items for worship. CONTACT: Eileen Mitchell

Bell Choir

Thursday night group rehearsals and/or individual rehearsals via online supported materials. CONTACT: Katie Cox

Children's Library

Sunday volunteers (on a rotating schedule) to check in/out books and DVDs; maintain library; and/or teach classes a few times per year; optional summertime inventory work. CONTACT: Diane Troutman

Choir

Group rehearsals and/or individual rehearsals via online supported materials. CONTACT: Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

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How would you like to participate in the life of Emanuel? (Continued)

Christian Education

Get involved in the planning, coordination or instruction.
CONTACT: Natalie Bloomquist

Church by the Pond

Help prepare and/or deliver 100 brown bag lunches 4 times a year to support this ecumenical outdoor ministry. CONTACT: Yvonne Gardner

Church Council

FILLED. Please contact President Mark Hopper for more information.

Church Historians

Update, organize and/or digitize church records and ministries.
CONTACT: John Starkes

Church Social Media

Strategize and implement effective online communication.
CONTACT: Becki Murphy

Church Technology Consultants

Strategize and/or implement on-going technological improvements.
CONTACTS: James Fowler;
Brian Lysik

Coffee Hour Committee/Servers

If you agree that Sunday coffee hour is a special time for fellowship, please add your name for more information about how you can help serve.
CONTACT: Rae Ann Gremel

Communion Preparers

Acquire training and communicate availability to scheduler.
CONTACT: Marj Johanson

Confirmation Mentor

Attend bi-monthly Wednesday meetings, participate and support confirmation youth programming.
CONTACT: Natalie Bloomquist

Confirmation Prayer Friend

3 year commitment but very flexible hours - write to prayer friend on a monthly or quarterly basis providing needed support to our youth.
CONTACT: Natalie Bloomquist

Cradle Roll

Help mail cards and gifts for baptized children of Emanuel from birth to 3 years old. CONTACT: Nancy Gray

Crafters Ministry

Group work on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or take-home projects in preparation for annual October and December fairs.
CONTACT: Judy Johnson

ELCA Day of Service Committee

"God's Work. Our Hands." A day of service at pre-determined locations by painting interior rooms or raking leaves.
CONTACT: Glenna & Chet Brodnicki

Emanuel Seniors

Enjoy fellowship and activities in and around the Hartford area.
CONTACT: Brook Nowak

Endowment Committee

FILLED

Executive Committee

FILLED. CONTACT: Mark Hopper

Finance Committee

FILLED. Contact: Gary Bloomquist

Flower Guild

Assist in the ordering, parcelling and delivery of flowers on a rotating schedule.
CONTACT: Eileen Mitchell

Food Collection for Hands on Hartford's MANNA Program

Help transport collection items from Emanuel to local food pantries in Hartford.
CONTACT: Cliff Bloomquist

Friday Night Program

Supervise attendance on Friday afternoon or evening on a rotating basis. CONTACT: Judy Johnson

Greeters

Help Emanuel set the tone for what it means to worship together by sharing with the scheduler when you're available to greet on Sundays between 9:45-10:00 a.m.
CONTACT: Eileen Mitchell

Hands on Hartford's MANNA Program

Variety of ways to participate: shop, cook or serve food on a quarterly basis.
CONTACT: David Kiersznowski

Lectors

Communicate to scheduler when you're available to practice and speak God's word at the lectern on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.
CONTACT: Lynn Sherman

Modeen (College) Scholarship Committee

Communicate the process; review the applications; discuss and decide upon annual recipients.
CONTACT: Rosie Vojtek

Nativity Festival

Script; Music; Stage; Costumes; Direction - if there's interest, please add your name as planning is a year-round process.
CONTACT: OPEN

Nominating Committee

FILLED - Outgoing council members serve

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Office Support

Individuals needed to collate Weekly Bulletins and Monthly Newsletters. CONTACT: Janet Starkes

Parish Health Ministry

Team of health care providers to help educate members on healthy living. CONTACT: Joy Elwell

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of this ministry gather on Thursdays when they knit together and lovingly create shawls for people in need of love and support. CONTACT: Helen Johnson

Property Committee

Everyone agrees 311 Capitol Avenue is a big, beautiful property - lots of surprisingly enjoyable maintenance tasks inside and out. CONTACT: Mike Nowak

SPROUT (Saturday Parish Recreational Outreach Team)

Variety of ways to participate: shop, cook or serve food; organize games and activities in the gymnasium on Saturday mornings on a rotating basis. CONTACT: Terri Dwyer

Small Groups

Interested in connecting with others from our faith community in small groups outside of Sunday hours? Add your name here and share your thoughts on future gatherings. CONTACT: Becki Murphy

Sound and Recording

No technical experience required - on the job training provided - just the ability to communicate with scheduler the Sundays you're able to kick-off and monitor the station in the balcony. CONTACT: Mal Doyle

St. Lucia Festival

Help prepare or host this annual event that draws hundreds of people from the Greater Hartford Area the first Friday night in December - decorate, cook, serve, sing, dance,

clean-up, etc. CONTACT: Nancy Altschuler

Stephen Ministry

This is part of a National Ministry that "equips and empowers lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting." www.stephenministries.org CONTACT: Elizabeth Kieschnick

Stewardship Committee

Help facilitate conversations and efforts about the gifts, talents and financial resources of our church—how they're used and how to encourage generosity. CONTACT: Mark Hollertz

Sunday School Teachers

Help plan, teach, co-teach or substitute teach - Emanuel utilizes online curriculum accessible remotely via Spark/Augsburg Publishing membership. CONTACT: Natalie Fulmer

Sunday Ushers

Help visitors feel welcome, safe and comfortable. CONTACT: Arnie Benson

Thriving Churches Committee

Do you ask yourselves. . .why isn't Emanuel doing that? Join this think tank and share your thoughts, research and experiences to recommend changes. CONTACT: Eric Carlson

Worship and Music Committee

Music, Liturgy, the opportunity to be part of forming weekly worship services. . .please add your name if you would like more information about these committee meetings. CONTACT: Doug Larson

Financial Reporting - Changing the Way We Account for Things

On Sunday October 18, about 25 people gathered for an informational "town hall" meeting on the changes in financial reporting at Emanuel. Treasurer John Marschhausen opened the meeting by handing out copies of the "Balance Sheet" and "Profit and Loss Statement" for September 2015 and introduced Eileen Hurley, our financial manager, who has been working on Emanuel's book keeping since January.

Over the last several years, with the influx of over \$5 million dollars from the sale of Capitol Towers and with the significant size of Emanuel's 21st century operating budget, it became clear that Emanuel's approach to accounting (tracking expenses, processing bills, making endowment disbursements, financial reporting) needed to be brought in line with standard accounting methods, known as Generally Accepted Accounting Practices or GAAP. A financial review commissioned by Emanuel's Audit Committee and Council was performed by Blum Shapiro last year and provided clear recommendations regarding our need to move in the GAAP direction. Based on specific recommendations from Blum Shapiro, formally endorsed by the Council, Eileen Hurley has been leading us through the transition to these industry-wide accounting practices.

Eileen briefly explained the Balance Sheet which captures Emanuel's net value on a monthly basis, including assets and liabilities. On the Profit and Loss Statement, she highlighted key differences in the reporting of income and expenses, noting that *any and all* expenses and income show in this new report. Major expense items such as educational

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SPROUT

SPROUT, our Saturday morning program began on October 3!

The program invites children from our Frog Hollow neighborhood to come on Saturday mornings, eat a healthy breakfast, play active games in the gym and leave with a bagged lunch. Please contact Terri Dwyer at (860)521-0714 or e-mail her at terri.dwyer@comcast.net for more information.

New SPROUT Opportunity

We have a new opportunity for volunteers for SPROUT. Currently our Saturday morning program serves children in grades 2 – 7. Some of the younger children are reluctant to play all the active games with the older children, and would prefer to color or play quietly on the stage. We are looking for families with children or other volunteers who would like to color and play a few games on the stage with our littlest ones. **The hours would be from 10:30 – 12:00 on Saturday morning.** You can come on whatever Saturdays suit your schedule, however please let Terri know if you are planning on coming so that if there is a change to our SPROUT schedule I can let you know. Everything is provided, you only need bring yourselves and a smile. If you are interested in this opportunity please e-mail me at terri.dwyer@comcast.net or call me at 860 521-0714.

Bible Readings

For the Month of November

November 1: All Saints Day

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6
John 11:32-44

November 8: Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

“Elijah at Mount Carmel”
1 Kings 18:20-39

November 15: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

“Hosea”
Hosea 11:1-9

November 22: Christ the King

“Isaiah’s Vineyard Song”
Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

November 29: First Sunday of Advent

“Josiah’s Reform”
2 Kings 22:1-10; 23:1-3

Faith Budget

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

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

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

Pastor Corgan

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!

Donald Sondergeld - November 13
Eleanor Erickson - November 14
Rita Carnelli - November 15
Alexandria Johnson - November 29



Hands on Hartford thanks Emanuel for its monthly donation of \$916.66 and for sharing the vision of a community where donors, volunteers, businesses, faith groups and neighbors all work together to support our neighbors in need.



In this photo, one of our members, David Kiersznowski, is helping prepare a meal for MANNA.

Giving made simple. . . with Simply Giving

Many people already take advantage of today's technology to manage their finances and pay bills effortlessly and on time. There are similar ways to contribute to church on an ongoing basis and/or pay your pledge. The Simply Giving program endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union is a convenient, safe way for individuals to make automatic payments to Emanuel through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts. Using Thrivent's Simply Giving program is a real win-win:

- no more remembering to write checks and grab your envelopes as you leave the house for worship on Sunday - or worry about keeping up with your pledge while on vacation,
- it eliminates the need for paper envelopes; it's a greener, more cost effective solution to ongoing giving - it can reduce the \$1,600 Emanuel spends per year on contribution envelopes for members,
- it provides Emanuel's operating budget with a predictable, steady flow on the receipt of your financial commitment - which improves cash flow through the year.

Simply Giving is, quite honestly, simple to use and set up. A form is available in the church office (we can send it to you via USPS mail or email). Check out the details at Simply Giving at www.simplygivingbythriventcu.com/ - this will bring you to the VANCO Services website which administers the Simply Giving program.

You can choose to give weekly or monthly. You can use Simply Giving whether or not you have formally pledged. Simply Giving automatically deducts the amount

you pre-authorize from your bank account and deposits it in Emanuel's operating account. Emanuel receives weekly confirmations of these deposits, insuring that your gift is then posted to your Emanuel account. You predetermine when these automatic deductions are to terminate or change. And if you think you'll miss the tradition of placing something in the offering plate each Sunday, Simply Giving can provide cards that indicate you're a Simply Giving participant.

It's a good program that can enhance your stewardship experience. Simplify your giving - join the growing number of people participating in Simply Giving at Emanuel.

Any questions can be directed to Jane Wunder at 860-525-0894 or jane.wunder@emanuelhartford.org.

Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in Germany!

Please come to Luther Hall on November 22 after the 10:00 a.m. service for a tour presentation.

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

Tour Overview: 11 days including arrival and departure days

- Starting in Berlin, visit the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and take pictures of Brandenburg Gate and the Holocaust Memorial.
- In Wittenberg, see Luther House, and visit St. Mary's Church and Melancthon House. Continue to Leipzig to visit the Thomaskirche, where J.S. Bach worked.
- Visit Luther's Birthplace Museum, Luther's Death House Museum, St. Andrew's Church, and St. Peter & Paul Church in Eisleben, and the Augustinian Monastery and

Merchant's Bridge in Erfurt.

- Journey to Wartburg Castle, where Luther translated the New Testament, Luther House, and St. George's Church in Eisenach.
- Visit Coburg Fortress one of the largest surviving medieval fortresses in Germany.
- Tour Worms, where the Imperial Council passed judgment on Luther in 1521. Visit Trinity Church where Luther presented his case, and the famed Reformation Monument.
- In Mainz, visit the Gutenberg Museum, and enjoy a romantic Rhine River cruise through the prettiest part of the Rhine Valley. Next is Rothenburg, a medieval walled town famous for its Christmas ornaments, to see St. Jacob's Church and its renowned Blood Altar.
- Follow in Luther's footsteps and visit St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Nuremberg and then onto Augsburg, where Luther and his followers proclaimed their beliefs.
- In Munich visit Marienplatz with its Old and New Town Halls. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel.
- Recapture your knowledge of the history of the Lutheran Church, enjoy the fellowship of others, and renew your faith.

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



Camp Calumet

thanks Emanuel
for its gift of \$718.00 for the
"Reach the Beach" fundraiser.

The Samaritan Fund

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please remember, there are always prayer shawls available for anyone in need of this symbol of love and caring. Speak to Helen Johnson (860-649-6661) or Karen in the church office.

New Flower Chart

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

Please visit our website at: www.emanuelhartford.org

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

Listen to MP3 files:
<http://emanuelhartford.org/worship/sermons/>

Here's the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) link to our website:
<http://emanuelhartford.org/aboutus/faqs/>

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

Please contact **Becki Murphy** at becki.murphy@emanuelhartford.org if you have any questions.

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!

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

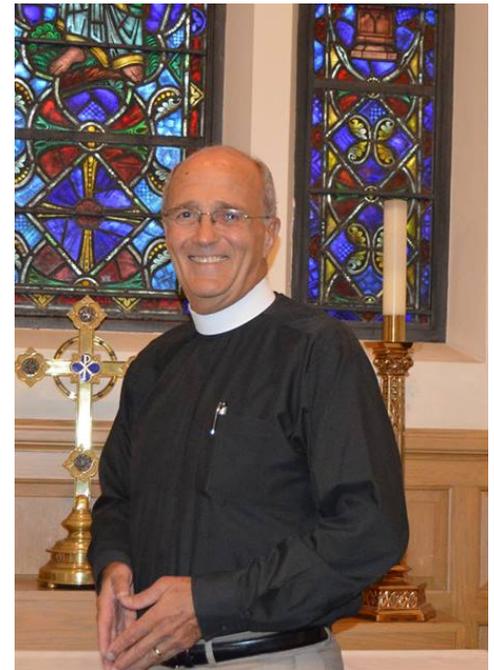
Large print worship bulletins are available each Sunday morning. Please let an usher know if you would like one.

New Babies!

Congratulations and God's Blessings on the birth of twin sons to Cara and Michael Young on September 7, 2015 (Labor Day). The babies' names are *Emmitt Michael Young* and *Elliot Joseph Young*.

Members and Friends in Our Prayers

God's comfort and consolation to Andy Gray and family on the death of his sister, Elizabeth.



Pastor Corgan

We love our Pastors at Emanuel Hartford!

Thank you for your care and leadership

Congratulations to Pastor Corgan on 40 years of ordained ministry and to Pastor Marschhausen on 45 years of ordained ministry!

Pastor Marschhausen



BRING ON THE GRANITE BLOCKS

It's the middle of summer, 1911-August and a festive musical program is sponsored by the Men's Club of Emanuel, attended by over 600 persons; the refreshments probably offered by their wives. The event is not held in a concert hall or in a large downtown church, but on newly acquired land at the corner of Capitol and Hungerford Streets to celebrate the faith of a healthy young church and its confidence for the future even without a pastor to lead them. Good news came in September - that a call had been accepted by Dr Sven C. Youngert, a professor at Augustana Seminary in Rock Island, Illinois, to be Emanuel's next pastor. The salary offered was \$1,500 yearly plus the Christmas offering and \$200 for moving expenses.



by John Starkes

Dr. Youngert visited Hartford during the Christmas holiday break to preach the sermon and to lead at the Annual meeting of Emanuel with promises to return permanently in June.

At the Annual meeting of January, 1912, a committee of five, that had been reviewing architectural plans for a new church and parsonage, were asked to work closely with an elected building committee to complete a new parsonage on Capitol Avenue that would be built if possible by June 15 when Dr. Youngert would be expected after completing his work at Augustana.

Most amazing was the immediate work by Youngert and his fundraising committee of 14, that gathered \$16,500 in that first three week visit to Hartford, from members and the community for the building of the church and the parsonage before he left to complete his Seminary commitments.

A contract for the building of the parsonage was signed in March and the building was finished by August when Mrs. Youngert arrived to join her husband, accompanied by seven children. The home was large and beautiful throughout, being described as one of the best to be found anywhere in the Augustana Synod; spacious rooms, beautiful halls and staircases, and all the modern improvements to be desired. For a home in 1912, such expectations would include gas, electric lights, hot water, heat, splendid bathrooms,

etc. The material of the exterior was of the finest brick and stone, topped with a slate roof.

How many of our aging congregation could remember the house as the parsonage, or years later when it was converted to the parish building with office and study space for the pastor, small meeting rooms, storage closets and the busy, tight-spaced kitchen for special events. How many could remember the Sunday school rooms and nursery for the younger children, full of games, books, and toys to play with. How about the large backyard that could support the special time to remember our Swedish ancestry with music, dancing, food and games to enjoy; where young adults found their love life in each other that built another generation for Emanuel, the living stone and cement of our great church, of Hartford, and of our hearts and soul.

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

“Christ in our Home”

Be sure to look in the back of the Nave, outside the Chapel and in Luther Hall on Sundays. There you will find the 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.

The Altar Flower Form and the Poinsettia Order Form is on page 19 of this newsletter



In this photo, some of our young people are preparing a “Hands on Hartford” MANNA Meal.

Serving in November

Acolyte and Crucifer

Nov. 1	Matthew Anderson Noah Kiehne
Nov. 8	Christopher Liddell Seth Barron
Nov. 15	Hannah Karim Cole Liljedahl
Nov. 22	Addison Fastiggi Savion Jennings
Nov. 29	Delanie Halstead Madeline Arcand

Altar Flowers

Nov. 1	In memory of the Rev. Stanley and Gladys Sandberg, given by Ken and Karin Stetson and family.
Nov. 8	In memory of John August, given by his wife, Shirley August.
Nov. 15	Open
Nov. 22	In honor and memory of the birthday of the Rev. Eugene Mitchell, given by the family.
Nov. 29	Open

Assisting Ministers

Nov. 1	Mal Doyle
Nov. 8	Janice Favreau
Nov. 15	Brook Nowak
Nov. 22	Barb Berg
Nov. 29	Janice Favreau

Childcare in the Nursery

Nov. 1	Open
Nov. 8	Open
Nov. 15	Open
Nov. 22	Open
Nov. 29	Open

Children's Library

Nov. 1	Diane Troutman
Nov. 8	Nancy Gray
Nov. 15	Carol Dennler
Nov. 22	TBD
Nov. 29	Deborah Corgan

Coffee Hour

Nov. 1	Open
Nov. 8	Hosted by Youth and Parents
Nov. 15	Open
Nov. 22	Open
Nov. 29	Open

Communion Preparers

Nov. 1	Lynne Strecker
Nov. 8	Val and Craig McDonald
Nov. 15	Rae Ann Gremel
Nov. 22	Bobbee Canfield
Nov. 29	Val and Craig McDonald

Communion Servers

Nov. 1	Open
Nov. 8	Open
Nov. 15	Open
Nov. 22	Open
Nov. 29	Open

Greeters

Nov. 1	The Graulich family
Nov. 8	The Hollertz-Paquette family
Nov. 15	Mike and Brook Nowak and Max
Nov. 22	Roland and Judy Johnson
Nov. 29	Kenneth Weeks

Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

Nov. 1	Rosie Vojtek
Nov. 8	Bob Vojtek
Nov. 15	Monique Jennings
Nov. 22	Becky Thomas
Nov. 29	Kathy Haller

Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

Nov. 1	Noah Fairchild
Nov. 8	Janice Favreau
Nov. 15	Chet Brodnicki
Nov. 22	Claudia Wieber
Nov. 29	Monica Swanson

Lector at Thanksgiving Eve Service:

Lee Sherman

Sound and Recording

Nov. 1	Emma Barresi
Nov. 8	Jeff Potter
Nov. 15	Lindsey Anderson
Nov. 22	Eric Carlson
Nov. 29	Kelly Caldwell

Sunday School Aide Schedule

November 1

PreSchool - Kindergarten:
Lindsey Anderson
Grades 1 and 2: Lindsay Altschuler
Grades 3 and 4: Rhiannon Kiersznowski
Grade 5: *volunteer needed*

November 8

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

November 15

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

November 22

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

Ushers

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

Financial Reporting - Changing the Way We Account for Things

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scholarships and camperships, which previously came directly from endowment resources, are now tracked and clearly shown on this P&L statement. Likewise, income such as Hungerford Street rent now is tracked and shown under the income section of the P&L rather than flowing separately into investment accounts. Categories and line items have been adjusted

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Financial Reporting - Changing the Way We Account for Things

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to facilitate full understanding of the costs of various things we do, from flowers to maintenance to miscellaneous benevolence. On the revised P&L, the status of our investment/endowment accounts will be presented monthly rather than annually. These are important tools in making ongoing business decisions that impact our ministries and our future. Eileen also pointed out some of the key advantages to these accounting changes:

- Emanuel will have "audit-able" books that follow GAAP rules (essentially the common language of accounting), which also lowers the cost of annual audits.
- Emanuel's financial transactions

will exist in one place on one set of books that cover operating budget and investments, *all* expenses/disbursements and *all* income/revenue.

- This lends itself to full disclosure each month of Emanuel's full financial picture.

These ongoing changes are really a part of good stewardship. As our financial picture has become more complex (and how blessed we are to have such significant financial resources!), it is our responsibility to refine and update our financial processes. These changes bring additional structure and conformity to our accounting methods, insuring that we can "see" the whole financial picture to make the best financial decisions and so that the congregation understands the financial situation. We are

fortunate to have the expertise and commitment of those who serve on the Finance Committee, Investment Committee, and Audit Committee - and these accounting changes will further facilitate the tough planning and strategizing that they have to do.

If you were not able to attend this informational meeting, but are interested in the new financial reports, please let us know and we'll make sure you get a copy of September's reports. This monthly financial information is available to every member of the congregation - just let us know of your interest.



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Cost: \$18.00 each

Deadline is December 13, 2015

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Phone number: _____

Person responsible for payment: _____

Altar Flowers—\$45.00

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

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Today's Date: _____

Given by: _____

Date for Flowers: _____

Phone Number: _____

Questions? Call the Church Office 525-0894

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. in the Church

Sunday School

Sunday School begins after the

Children's Message at the

10:00 a.m. worship service.