



## Emanuel Calls Rev. Dr. Paula Mehmel as its Eighth Pastor!



On Sunday, September 24, 2017, the people of Emanuel overwhelmingly voted to call Rev. Dr. Paula Mehmel as its eighth Pastor since its founding in 1889.

“Pastor Paula” as she is widely known, most recently served as the Senior Interim Pastor at Elim Lutheran Church in Fargo. While most recently based in Casselton, N.D. she is a Minnesota native. Pastor Paula holds an undergraduate degree in English and German from Washington University in St. Louis and a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Pastor Paula is a popular speaker, writer, and proud single mother of two sons who both attend Harvard University.

With a passion for serving the last, the lost and the least, Pastor Paula is a committed community member with a special interest in homelessness, refugee resettlement and addressing issues of sexual violence. She goes to Uganda yearly as part of South Sudanese Leadership and Community Development to do trauma healing and other work in the South Sudanese Refugee Camp. Pastor Paula has also been deeply involved in homelessness issues and has served as president of Churches United for the Homeless for three years.

Pastor Paula’s calling is to make connections; between the timeless Word of God and our everyday lives, between the gifts God bestowed on us and the needs in our community and our world, and between people so that we might see all people, including ourselves, as precious and beautiful, but broken, children of God who have been redeemed by God’s grace and in order to continually extend our vision of who are neighbors are.

She relishes the opportunity to share her thoughts on anything from social justice to theology to random musings about her latest travel adventures.

**Welcome to Emanuel, Pastor Paula!**

### Sundays In November

Sunday, November 5	8 a.m. & 10 a.m. <b>Communion at the Rail</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> <b>Sunday School</b>	<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>
Sunday, November 12	8 a.m. & 10 a.m. <b>Sunday School</b>	<i>Matthew 25:1-13</i>
Sunday, November 19	8 a.m. & 10 a.m. <b>Sunday School</b>	<i>Matthew 25:14-20</i>
Sunday, November 26	One Service at 10:00 a.m. <b>Sunday School</b>	<i>Matthew 22:15-22</i>



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### *From the Pastor...*

When I interviewed with the Call Committee and then the Church Council, one of the things that I stressed was extremely important to me was transparency in communication and conflict management. In fact, that was one of the reasons I asked for my conflict resolution policy to be part of my terms of call. I truly believe that how we talk to and about each other in the body of Christ is at the core of our health as a community and our effectiveness in mission.

Since this is my first article for *God With Us* I thought it would be helpful to lay out how I try to approach communication in a healthy way, so as to avoid conflict and make sure that everyone is on the same page and has the

same information. Since transparent communication is so significant to me, I felt my first communication as your pastor should be about transparency.

First and foremost, I believe strongly in direct communication and I also believe that if one person has a question, then it is likely that other people do, so it is beneficial to share that information in as uniform a way as possible, so as to avoid misunderstanding.

Over the years, I have established a mechanism for transparent communication, and it is by using the newsletter as a source of shared information through a column I write each month, or at least each month when there is a question that needs clarifying. It is called “*Since You Asked.*”



## *From the Pastor...*

As a new pastor, there are some things I may be doing differently than a previous pastor. Some of those may be intentional, but it is likely that most are because I do not know the customs or traditions of Emanuel. The first step in a healthy communication process, if there is something that is happening that is “different” or you don’t understand, is to ask me about it directly.

If it is a change I am doing intentionally, then I will let everyone know in a common forum. For example, I know one change I will be making. Announcements will be at the beginning of worship. This is actually a big deal for me. I believe announcements are often overdone in churches and become almost sacramental, but the truth is, most people are able to read the announcements. I like to highlight significant ones, but I don’t want them to be the last thing you hear. My hope is that the message and the theme of the worship becomes the focus, and by having announcements at the beginning, we don’t get muddled by details and instead are led by a response to the Gospel. That is the kind of thing I would put in my *Since You Asked* article.

However, it is more likely that I am doing something different unintentionally, because I don’t know your traditions. So if someone asks me why I am not doing or doing something differently, and it was done in ignorance, I am able to change it, if it is not a significant act for me (and to be honest, I suspect more often than not, it won’t be.)

I use this same process in communicating issues of concern with which the council is dealing or other areas of the church. I am a firm believer that if everyone has the same information, we really grow stronger and more unified. There may be decisions with which everyone may not agree--we are different people with different perspectives, but understanding the rationale often goes a long way in building cohesiveness.

From time to time, things happen that I can’t discuss--or the council can’t. Usually those revolve around pastoral care and personnel issues. But if there are clear lines of communication prior to that, generally people understand when and where lines need to be drawn as well.

After Christmas, I plan to hold a series of Mission and

Ministry Meetings, where I hope to sit down in small groups with every member of the church who wishes to participate. My goal is to get to know you better and to hear your visions for our shared partnership in ministry. At that time, I will also discuss further my approach to conflict resolution, as well as establishing solid avenues for healthy communication. But I thought it was also wise to lay things out in this first article, because even though I know you have anxiously awaited the arrival of a new senior pastor, there will still be some upheaval with my arrival and I want things to go as smoothly as possible.

In addition, as I begin this partnership with you in ministry, there are three things I am asking of you.

**First--your prayers.** I promise to pray for the congregation daily and to pray through the names on the rolls and the ministries each week, and I need you to pray for me. That mutuality is essential to developing a Spirit centered relationship of Godly support.

**Second--your patience.** I promise you, I will never do anything to deliberately irritate or aggravate or anger anyone. But I may do things differently because I come from a different context, and I need your patience as I get up to speed both on the Emanuel’s traditions as well as a different cultural context. Help me along and guide me so that I can honor your traditions, while also being faithful to who I am. And please be patient as I try to learn.

**Third--your presence.** I need you to show up, at worship, at our Mission and Ministry gatherings, and in the ministries that are faithful to your spiritual gifts. I have not been called to be “the professional Christian you pay to do God’s work” but as your spiritual leader, to guide us all in faithful service. And that means a shared partnership where we are present with and for each other and the community of Hartford. In order to do that, we need to give of ourselves.

I am truly excited about coming to serve here and am praying that I follow in the long tradition of long serving senior pastors who have fruitful and mission focused ministries. It is clear that Emanuel is a very special place and I am excited to become partners in ministry with you.

*Peace, Pastor Paula*



**S**ince you Asked.... (no one has actually asked this yet, but I know someone would, and so I'm answering it proactively. It also gives you an idea of what this column is about) *Why are you leaving for the Holy Lands right after starting as our pastor?* I know it is highly unusual to start a call, work for a few weeks, and then leave for a 16 day pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. In a perfect world, this would not occur. However, sometimes you just have to deal with realities in the best way possible. A year ago, when talking to my dear friend Kari Henkelmann Keyl, who is campus pastor at Yale, I expressed a desire to go on a justice focused trip to the Holy Lands and see the area the way she has described it. As luck would have it, she and her husband Tim Keyl were planning a trip with the New England Synod for this November, as part of their Companion Synod Pro-

gram, with Bishop Hazelwood. I signed up immediately, having no idea that a year later, when it took place, I would be part of the New England Synod. When I was interviewed by the Call Committee I was upfront about this conflict from the very beginning, as well as with the Council. As we determined my start date, everyone felt it was more important for me to begin as soon as possible and be in the pulpit for Reformation and All Saint's Sunday, instead of waiting until Dec. 1 and the start of Advent, even though logistically that would make more sense. I know it isn't ideal, but I also believe that the information I will garner, as well as the connections I will make along with the spiritual impact of the trip, will be of great benefit as I share the Gospel, so it will benefit Emanuel, even if it is inconvenient.

## A Word about Visitation

**I** know I am writing a lot for this edition of *God With Us* but I would rather over communicate as opposed to under communicate. As everyone is aware, the current staffing configuration at Emanuel is down and I am going to spend some time working with the council and membership to discern the most effective way to proceed. In the meantime, I spoke to the Council about making sure that the vital ministry of visitation does not fall between the cracks as I get up to speed on all the facets of ministry at Emanuel. To that end, I am going to be looking for someone to serve in some capacity as a

Visitation Pastor or Deacon, with a time limited contract, based on the advice of Pastor Maria, so that if we decide to go in a different direction with staffing we will have options. My goal will be to visit every member who is unable to get to worship during my initial months as pastor (I can't say how long, as I have no idea what that number is), but I will make sure I prioritize those who have specific concerns or imminent needs. In the event you need a pastoral call, please let the office know, and I will provide pastoral care.



*Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.*

### **For those who are struggling with illness or other challenges:**

Tom LaPointe † Carol Johnson † Dick Johnson † Reverend Ken West  
Elaine Wilson † Judy Johnson † Kathryn LaPointe † Joan Feldmann  
Doris Barron † Emerrene Bailey † Pamela Vigil † Betty Lois Benson  
Eliana † Tatiana † Vincent †

### **For those who are grieving...**

For those who lost loved ones due to the shooting in Las Vegas; and for those who lost loved ones, homes, and jobs due to the recent hurricanes, earthquakes or fires.

*If you would like to add or remove a name from our congregational prayer list,*

## Would you like to help with Sunday Worship?

Please contact our ministry coordinators:

<b>Greeters:</b>	Eileen Mitchell	860-688-4867 or gemitch@comcast.net
<b>Lectors:</b>	Lynn Sherman	860-523-1702
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<b>Sound &amp; Recording:</b>	Mal Doyle	860-561-1582



## Worship Ministry for November

### Acolytes (A) & Crucifers (C)

<b>November 5</b>	(A) Ava Johnson
	(C) Maya Johnson
<b>November 12</b>	(A) Brittany Caldwell
	(C) Gavin Emmons
<b>November 19</b>	(A) Olivia Jarvis
	(C) Braden Hazard
<b>November 26</b>	(A) Gifty Kannah
	(C) Andre Montoya

### Aides

<b>November 5</b>	PreK-K Lindsey Anderson
	1st & 2nd Hannah Karim
	3rd & 4th Meredith Swanson
<b>November 12</b>	PreK-K Brynn Murphy
	1st & 2nd Griffin Fairchild
	3rd & 4th Matthew Graulich
<b>November 19</b>	PreK-K Samantha Johnson
	1st & 2nd Trey Hazard
	3rd & 4th Rhiannon Kiersznowski
<b>November 26</b>	<i>No Sunday School</i>

### Assisting Ministers

<b>November 5</b>	Janice Favreau
<b>November 12</b>	Mal Doyle
<b>November 19</b>	Alan Meeds
<b>November 26</b>	Monica Swanson

### Communion Preparers

<b>November 5</b>	Lynne Strecker
<b>November 12</b>	Marj Johnson ( <i>Communion at Rail</i> )
<b>November 19</b>	Val & Craig McDonald
<b>November 26</b>	Jane Wunder

### Greeters

<b>November 5</b>	Sue and Ed Maher
<b>November 12</b>	Melissa Johnson
<b>November 19</b>	Linnea Bloomquist
<b>November 26</b>	Carol and Brad Dennler

### Lectors

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>November 5</b>	Christine Dalton
<b>November 12</b>	Monique Jennings
<b>November 19</b>	Kathy Haller
<b>November 26</b>	<i>One Service at 10:00 a.m.</i>

### 10:00 a.m.

<b>November 5</b>	Janice Favreau
<b>November 12</b>	Melanie Sinche
<b>November 19</b>	Alan Meeds
<b>November 26</b>	Elaine Krause

### Sound & Recording

<b>November 5</b>	Harry Arcand
<b>November 12</b>	Rhiannon Kiersznowski
<b>November 19</b>	Lindsey Anderson
<b>November 26</b>	Lizzy Arcand

### Emanuel Altar Flowers — \$45.00

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

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date for Flowers: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call the Church Office 860-525-0894

## 2017 Council Members

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## September 2017 Council Meeting

Council President Chet Brodnicki called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Pastor Hammons shared devotions. The **August 15, 2017 Church Council Minutes** were accepted.

### Senior Pastor's Report

Pastor's report was distributed and discussed. Pastor Hammons will meet with the Call Committee to discuss things they can do to help with the transition – both for the new pastor and for the congregation. The Call Committee continues in an important role as they will serve as the initial Mutual Ministry Team. This team will provide support during the early months and will help the new pastor make congregational and community connections.

### Treasurer's Report

Bobbee Canfield presented the financial reports, including Profit and Loss, pledge/giving status, and Balance Sheet. Overall year to date, our income is about 91% of plan. Giving on pledge commitments is ahead of plan, but overall pledges for 2017 have fallen short of anticipated. Expenses are under plan due to deferred spending during construction and due to

lower personnel costs during the transition. The audit with Blum Shapiro is still in progress.

### Accessibility Project

The project is nearly complete with the “punchlist” of remaining items (including some corrective work) in progress. Worship on Sunday September 17 will celebrate the completion of the project followed by tours and a reception in the newly-accessible gym.

### Sandberg Mission Fund

Gary Troutman distributed recommendations for allocation of Sandberg funds, including; **\$5,000** for Burns backpack/weekend meals, **\$2,500** for grocery gift cards for Sprout families, and **\$750** for Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford. A motion to accept these recommendations was passed unanimously. It was noted that gift cards are to be given in coordination with the Pastor in order to use our limited gifts wisely to best benefit as many in need as possible, to insure to the best of our ability that the funds are given to those in legitimate need, and to connect people with the help Hands on Hartford can provide.

## September 2017 Council Meeting (continued)

### Scholarships

With multiple scholarship funds within Emanuel's endowment accounts, there needs to be a consistent structure for scholarship/grant giving, including application procedures and timelines, eligibility criteria, and communications on opportunities available. While each scholarship fund may focus on specific educational needs, the process for applying for Emanuel's scholarships must be equitable across the board, and opportunities should be well publicized. These same processes can be applied to camperships for parishioners and community youth. Karen Arcand and Jim Flanders volunteered to join a task force to review current policies and procedures and then help to

develop and/or refine the process going forward.

### Pastor Maria

This was Pastor Maria's last council meeting and she expressed how she enjoyed being with the people of Emanuel on this journey. Council expressed their sincere thanks and gratitude.

### Emanuel's Council Meetings

Council meets on the 4th Tuesday of most months, in Luther Hall at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend regular meetings of the Council. If you would like to come to address the Council on a particular matter, please contact Council President Chet Brodnicki.

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## Update from Emanuel's Financial Secretary Lee Sherman

What a unique year 2017 has been -- a year filled with change, self-study and logistical challenges, followed by excitement as we refocus on ministry with a new pastor and newly accessible spaces -- it has been a year of transition and uncertainty on all fronts! All of this has proven much more of a challenge to our giving than expected. We hope income results will improve, but we do have cause for concern as we face the last quarter of this year. The reality is this;

- ♦ 2017 Planned Giving/Pledges: \$485,000
- ♦ Received thru September: \$310,208
- ♦ Needed over the remaining 3 months: \$174,792
- ♦ 75% of the year passed versus only 64% of planned income received
- ♦ To meet the budget, pledge income needs to average \$12,500/week for the remaining 14 weeks -- that's more than a 50% increase over average weekly giving to date! (And consider that two Sundays in October have been well under \$5,000.)

- ♦ Even though expenses are still running 5% under budget, another \$20,000 was borrowed from the endowment accounts in October to meet cashflow needs. While we hope to restore this \$20,000 to the endowment by year end, along with the \$30,000 transferred in August, we fear this may not be possible.
- ♦ Even if the pledge budget of \$485,000 is met, the 2017 expense budget still depends on \$273,000+ in support from the endowment. Further increasing our reliance on endowment funds is a trend that needs careful consideration by the congregation.

Emanuel needs everyone's prayers along with the financial commitment of all those who are able. Every gift is important and appreciated. Each gift truly makes a difference.

If you have any questions about Emanuel's income, please contact Financial Secretary Lee Sherman at [tarheelee@comcast.net](mailto:tarheelee@comcast.net) or 860-523-1702. Thank you!

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## Memorial Garden Accessibility

If the front steps have kept you from visiting Emanuel's Memorial Garden, this peaceful courtyard is now fully accessible via a new paver walkway running alongside the church parallel to Hungerford Street. The walkway was installed as part of grounds restoration following the tower and accessibility projects. Enjoy this accessible walkway bordered by new plantings on your way to visit the recently renovated Memorial Garden; spend a few moments reflecting on friends, members and loved ones whose names can be found on the granite markers, the granite bench and the many engraved pavers.



## Children's Library News

Thank you to those who have returned your summer books. If you have yet to do that, we ask that you please return them as soon as possible.

**What Would Jesus Do?** is a retelling for children of the classic book *In His Steps* by Charles Sheldon. It tells the story of what happens when a small-town pastor and a small group of children choose to live the way Jesus would. They find it is not easy and they are faced with many difficult decisions. Over time, they learn to love, share, and forgive in ways that change an entire community. Every chapter in this wonderful book asks the question "What would Jesus do?" in each situation the children and pastor face.

**Tomorrow Is A Brand New Day** is a delightful collection of stories in rhyme that show children the endless possibilities that can be found in each new day. It begins by telling children that the whole world is waiting for them when they get out of bed. It includes the wonder of seasons, the joy of flying a kite or just watching the clouds. The book also talks about

feelings and even has a story about a new day that includes spaghetti for supper! It ends with reminding children that they have so many things to be thankful for.

**Rumple! Zap! Pow!** tells many familiar Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments in cartoon form. Each story has three common elements included. A "Mighty Thought" tells children who God is and what He does, "Power Words" are a verse from the Bible that tell about the theme of the story and an activity extends a small child's learning through movement or an art project.



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## Sprout!

Please put these dates on your calendar and remember that you are responsible for finding a replacement if you are unable to attend on your assigned date. Please email Terri Dwyer at [terri.dwyer@comcast.net](mailto:terri.dwyer@comcast.net) if you have switched with someone. When Terri sends out the weekly reminder she will include them.

### November

- November 4      Group 3
- November 11    Group 4
- November 18    Group 5
- November 25    CLOSED

### December

- December 2      Group 1
- December 9      Group 2
- December 16     Group 3
- December 23     CLOSED

If there's accumulating snow, we are closed. If the weather is iffy, please check your email. Terry will send an email to everyone as soon as she knows if it is necessary to close. Terri sometimes make that decision Thursday or Friday so it's before the shoppers buy all of the food.

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## Confirmation News

On Wednesday, November 1st at 6:45 we will have our first evening with Pastor Paula. She has her first Sunday with us on the 29th (Reformation Sunday). On Wednesday Nov. 1st we will have our first opportunity to talk confirmation with Pastor Paula. Please mark the date on your calendar and we hope to see you all that evening at 6:45..

Confirmation

## Crafters' Corner

- ♦ *Tuesday Crafters.* Meets at the home of Judy Johnson at 10:00 a.m. Call Judy at 860-953-3064 or email [rjmets@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjmets@sbcglobal.net).
- ♦ *Thursday Craft Group.* Meets 10 am–2 pm; bring your lunch, at the home of Ramona Pergande. For info/directions, call Ramona at 860-646-6954. (Guys, you're invited too!)

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## MANNA Food Pantry

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

Food pantry needs: **jelly, boxed cereal, low sodium soups or canned vegetables, as well as toiletry/household items like toothpaste, soap, detergent, etc. Pet food is always needed too.**



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## Blessed Celebrations!

### Special Emanuel Birthdays (80 and older) during November

Eleanor Erickson on November 11 and  
Alexandria Johnson on November 29



### Special Anniversaries (Married for 50 or more years) during November

*None*

### Weddings



Kristina Leich and Edward Gleason were married on Saturday, October 7. Pastor Dominic presided. Congratulations to Kristina and Edward, to Kristina's mother Shirley and Edward's father Anthony!

### Births

Ava Mae Polvinen, the first grandchild of Lee & Lynn Sherman, came into the world on Thursday, October 5, at 8 p.m. Moms Laura & Julie are thrilled, and new grandparents Lynn & Lee, and new aunt Diana, are all over the moon!. Welcome Ava - precious child of God!



### Prayer Shawl

#### Ministry

There are always handmade prayer shawls available for anyone in need of this symbol of love and caring. Please speak to Lynn Sherman, Eileen Mitchell, or call the Church Office (860-515-0894)

If you would like to help knit prayer shawls please join us each Thursday morning at 9:30 A.M. in the Lounge.

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## Help Needed to Prepare for Advent & Lucia Festival!

With Thanksgiving and Christmas nearly here, it's time to think about preparing the church for Advent and the Lucia festival. We could really use some extra hands with the trees and decorations this year.

If you might be able to help- even for part of the time - on Saturday November 25, 10 a.m. to noon, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know at by calling the Church Office at 860-525-0894.

## Hartford Opera to Perform at Emanuel—November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

Hartford Opera Theater's New in November festival was established in 2010 with a two-fold mission: to seek out and encourage contemporary opera composers and to create an opportunity for the community to experience performances of these new works. Each year, a committee reviews a competitive pool of submissions and selects six 10 minute operas to create an evening of short operatic vignettes. The preparation for New in November is reminiscent of a 24 hour play festival in that the operas are brought from "page to stage" in a condensed and intense period. For more information visit their website: <https://www.hartfordoperatheater.com/new-in-november-7>.

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# HELP END HUNGER

November 5, 2017

YOU CAN HELP US PACKAGE 25,000 MEALS

WE'LL FORM ASSEMBLY LINES TO PACKAGE MAC & CHEESE AND MINESTRONE SOUP

ONCE PACKAGED, THE MEALS WILL BE GIVEN TO *HANDS ON HARTFORD* FOR DISTRIBUTION

**VOLUNTEER!** WE NEED HANDS TO PUT THE MEALS TOGETHER. THE AVERAGE PERSON CAN PACKAGE 160 MEALS AN HOUR.

**DONATE!** 25 CENTS FEEDS A KID, \$1 A FAMILY OF 4. MONEY RAISED TURNS INTO PEOPLE FED! MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO *EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH* AND NOTE "FOOD PACKAGING"

**JOIN US** IN THE GYM AFTER THE 10:00 AM SERVICE.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2017</h1> <p>Sunday Worship Services are at 8:00 &amp; 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.</p>			1 6:45 Confirmation Night for students and families in Luther Hall	2 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry meet in Lounge 10 a.m. Craft Painters meet at Pergandes	3  3:30-9:00 pm Friday Night Program	4 Sprout!
			5 All Saints Sunday Worship Services at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. <i>Communion at the Rail</i> Food Packaging 	6	7 10 am Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson	8
12 Worship Services at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. 	13 Deadline for God With Us articles.	14 10 am Crafters meet at home of Judy Johnson 7 p.m. Exec	15	16 9:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry meet in Lounge 10 a.m. Craft Painters meet at Pergandes	17  3:30-9:00 pm Friday Night Program	18 Sprout! 7:30 PM Hartford Opera Company performs at Emanuel
19 Worship Services at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. 	20	21 7 p.m. Council	22	23 Church Office Closed 	24 Church Office Closed	25 7:00 PM Sarah Asmar Recital
26 One Worship Service at 10 a.m.	27	28	29	30		

### Looking forward to December

December 1 — Lucia at 5:00 & 8:00 PM  
December 3, 10, 17 and 24 — Advent

December 24 — Christmas Eve  
December 26, 27, 28 & 29 — Church Office Closed

### Reminders

- ◆ Please send any input for the *God with Us* newsletter to [John.Franzis@emanuelhartford.org](mailto:John.Franzis@emanuelhartford.org) by November 10.
- ◆ Please be sure to keep the Church office updated with your current address, phone number and email address.

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