

GOD WITH US

The Newsletter of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford

It is already October!

On Saturday, October 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Luther Hall will be a winter wonderland complete with cookies, ornaments and many more surprises. Come early. The room will be crowded with shoppers. Coffee and buns will be available. The Attic Treasure area will be bustling with people looking for bargains! What a fun day.

This is a huge event with many visitors coming to Emanuel. If you would like to help, bake for the cookie walk or bake something really delicious, please let the office know via the blue sheet or check out the sign up sheet in Luther Hall.

The craft ladies have donated \$1000 to Manna and are helping with the expenses of the nursery. You can help by visiting the Fair and, of course, buying something special for yourself! Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors to come to the Fair at Emanuel!

Contact Judy at 860-953-3064 or rjmets@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

A nice note to share: Janet Andrew, member of Emanuel and the Tuesday

Craft Group has won a first place ribbon at the Hebron Fair for her crocheted blanket. Janet donates the Swedish potholders and crocheted top towels for the Fair. If this interests you, come early. They disappear very quickly!



Saturday, October 31, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Luther Hall



Sunday Worship Schedule
8:00 a.m. in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. in the Church

Thursday Bible Conversation
will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the
Music Room every Thursday, except
October 29 when the location may
change.



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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,

Some of you do not know that in a September 22 letter to the members of our church, I announced that I will conclude my ministry as the Senior Pastor of Emanuel on July 31, 2016. I do so, grateful for the opportunity to have served with you, the people of Emanuel, since 1997 and with an eagerness now to engage more fully with our family members, particularly our grandchildren, Ella and Giorgio.

Over the next 10 months, I will continue to serve as your Senior Pastor. I will be available for pastoral leadership, care and assistance. However, I will not be involved in the process leading to the calling of the next pastor. Bishop Jim Hazelwood and his staff will work with our elected leadership and congregation in that regard.

I look forward to our final months together both as a time to continue working together in ministry and mission and as an opportunity to say our goodbyes.

Not all of you were able to be at **the Special Meeting** on September 13 when the congregation approved the expenditure of additional funds for repair work on the north wall of the main church. At that meeting, **Church Council president, Mark Hopper, began with these remarks.** I share them because I believe they speak to all of us:

“We are blessed. . .

To have had those with forethought to create a place that would endure... to purchase the property the Church now stands on, to build the Church, to expand it, to construct Capital Towers, to add the elevator, to complete steeples, to provide for

further accessibility and to care for and maintain our existing facility and its assets.

We are blessed. . .

To have each other in this Emanuel Lutheran Church Family: people with diverse interests and passions (Youth Group, Prayer Shawl, Stephen Ministries, etc.), people who care about those around us as much as each other through our many Ministries (Friday Night Program, SPROUT, Manna, and Habitat for Humanity), and people who support the Church financially through annual giving, Capitol Campaigns, special gifts, Memorials, etc. . .

We are blessed. . .

To have Leaders who devote endless time and talent to Emanuel, people who are willing to represent the congregation in carrying out the business and ministries of the Church, people who accept the responsibility to represent the diverse interests of our Church People who aren't afraid to lead or make decisions even knowing that we can't possibly make everyone happy, people who are willing to volunteer and share their precious time. Finally, as a congregation, we shouldn't feel bad or guilty about spending money (with diligent forethought) in ways that increase the joy of our worship life, enable us to reach more people with the Good News, help our congregation thrive and serve to maintain our facilities. We are not embarrassed or reluctant to ask people to share in the financing of such opportunities. In fact, this is our responsibility. And for each opportunity to give, those who can and those who are so inclined and led by the Spirit, will!”

Thank you to Mark Hopper.

During the month of October, ministry, service, worship and learning opportunities abound. To name just a few: on Saturday, October 3 **SPROUT** will resume and we'll participate, as well, in the **“Day of Service”** of the Greater Hartford Conference; on Sunday, October 25, we will **celebrate the Reformation and enjoy a Congregational Luncheon with an introduction to social media**, led by Becki Murphy; the beautiful, **annual Harvest Holly Craft Fair will be held on Saturday October 31.**



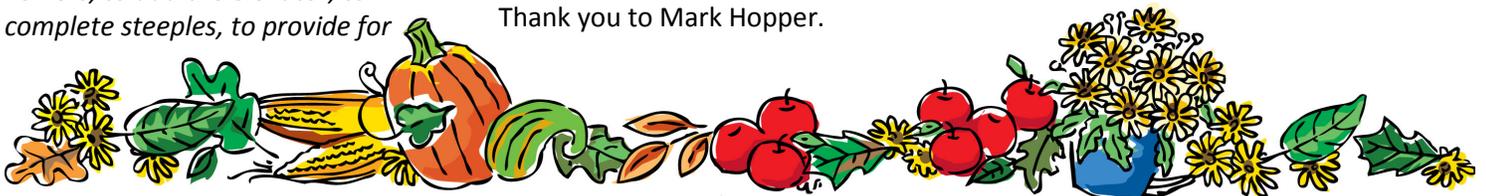
On Monday evening, October 19, Emanuel will have the privilege and honor of hosting a special event.

The Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, will be the preacher at an evening Service of Worship which will be the opening event of the Bishop's Convocation of the New England Synod. Bishop Eaton will also be the guest of honor at a reception in Luther Hall to follow the service.

It would be wonderful and important to have a large contingent of our members and friends here that night to welcome Bishop Eaton to Emanuel. Please plan now to join us on Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.

I'll leave you with these good words for our common reflection: Jesus said, **“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”**

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Corgan





were God and that God’s announcement that Sarah was going to have a baby could be a lie.

How many adults are willing to admit that sometimes it feels like God is lying? Even though we have all experienced sadness, loss, and unfulfilled dreams in our lives, how often do we express our deep

sadness to God and come right out and ask, “God, have you been lying to me all along?”

Jesus spoke often of the faith of children. We have a lot to learn from them. They don’t have the baggage of life we adults hold onto that sometimes keeps us from deep intimacy with our Creator. In their hearts they understand how much God loves them and that God can handle their thoughts, doubts, curiosity, and pain.

They can be examples to us of an engaged and active faith life.

As I was walking with the children from the classrooms back to the Nave to receive Holy Communion, we spoke a little more about what Sarah might have been feeling. As I said, “Just wait until next week when we hear about what happened to Sarah next in the story,” they all looked at me with huge smiles and said, “We already know! We couldn’t wait to find out what happened so we kept reading!”

There you go, folks. Our young theologians can be examples to us of an engaged and active faith life. Praise be to God!

Our theme this year is “Inside and Out . . . we’re *all* in God’s story!”

During the children’s message we remembered the emotions that played key characters in the motion picture *Inside Out* and wondered if Sarah was feeling any of those. Then we remembered times that we’ve all experienced those emotions. Asking the children who we can talk with about our feelings and emotions was the perfect segue into giving Prayer Pillows to our preschoolers entering Sunday School: *Colin Cleary, Amari Griffith, Kai Diaz, Colton Liljedahl, Jeremiah Perez, Luke Walsdorf.*

Every year the three years olds are so happy to receive their Prayer Pillows and seem to know instinctively that they are a tangible expression of intimate conversation with Jesus. Is there a better way to fall asleep at night than cuddling with a Prayer Pillow, confident that Jesus has listened and wrapped you in his loving arms?



Once again Judy Johnson purchased adorable fabric and lovingly constructed pillows for Emanuel’s children. Thank you, Judy!

We also talked about how the Bible is filled with human beings just like us who have all these emotions and life experiences. In order to learn how they can speak to our faith, we have to read about them in the Bible. Having pledged to support parents in the vows they make at their children’s baptisms (one of them being to place the Holy

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by Natalie Bloomquist

Sunday School News

September 13 was filled with joy and excitement as we began a new Sunday School year! It is always such a blessing and a privilege to be surrounded by the teachers and look out to all these eager young faces, just waiting to learn more about God’s never-ending love.

But don’t think that just because they are young that their faith is light and fluffy! Having the children among us during worship is such a treasure – and not just because they are so cute. Yes, they are adorable. But they’re also hard-working theologians.

Did you hear one of the responses from the children to my question about what Sarah might have been feeling when she laughed after hearing the visitors say she was going to have a baby within the year? *“Maybe she thought they were lying.”*

Faith seeking understanding – that’s one of my favorite definitions of theology. And children are so good at it! Even though he is a young concrete thinker, that child had an understanding that somehow those three visitors to Abraham and Sarah

Scriptures in their hands), Emanuel gifts a Spark Study Bible to the third graders each year. It was an honor to see parents place Bibles in the hands of *Kylie Hazard, Emelia Karim, Xavier Morales, Caroline Mujic, Brendan Murphy, Dylan St. John, Geneva Swanson, Elijah Wells*. These Bibles will be used in class and at home as parents and children continue to learn God's stories of God's people.

On September 20 we thanked and commissioned this year's teen Sunday School Aides:

PreSchool/Kindergarten

Lindsey Anderson, Allyson Graulich, Samantha Johnson, Jennie Livingston

Grades 1 and 2

Lindsay Altschuler, Matthew Graulich, Maire Hollertz, Luke Johnson

Grades 3 and 4

Kelly Caldwell, Jacob Johnson, Rhiannon Kiersznowski, Lindsay Varney

The children love having the attention of "the big kids" and the teachers are very grateful for their helpful participation in the classrooms. They are a wonderful example to the children of Christian discipleship.

October lessons:

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

October 4: The Burning Bush. God may not come to us in a burning bush, but God does come to us in surprising ways to help us do important things.
Exodus 1:8-14; 3:1-15

October 11: A Message from God and Ten Commandments. God's words guide our hands, hearts, and heads. Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

October 18: Ruth and Naomi. God helps us create family from loyalty and love. Ruth 1:1-17
Sunday School will participate in an Emergency Evacuation Drill.

October 26: Reformation Sunday. The children will remain in worship to engage with all the generations in exploring the very special way God loves and saves us.

Prayer for the Month:

Dear God, we thank you for calling us to do things to help you and each other in the world. Give us good courage and confidence when you ask us to do something that seems impossible. Amen.

NATALIE GOES TO JAIL!

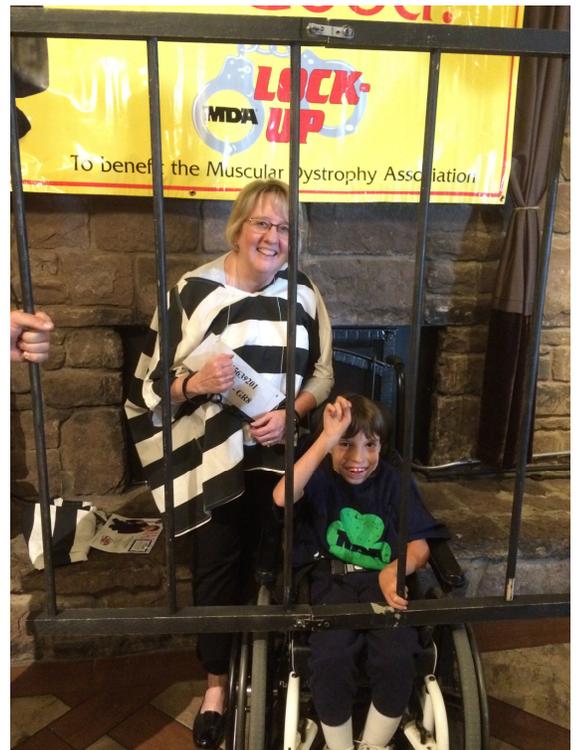
*From Natalie Bloomquist,
Director of Christian Education*

Thank you, Emanuel!

As of September 18, I'm up to \$1,870 - only \$530 from sending a third Hartford child to an MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) summer camp! You have been very generous with donations toward my bail.

It has been really great to make connections with other groups in Hartford doing good work in the city.

In August I received a phone call at church from the Muscular Dystrophy Association informing me I had been nominated as a Jailbird for the 2015 MDA Lock-Up. I considered saying "yes" right away because of my memories of playing with a second cousin on the Iron Range in Minnesota when I was young. During our summer vacation visits all the cousins would run around until late in the night (it would be daylight past 11:00 p.m.), playing Kick the



Can, Capture the Flag - and other games Donny Ray couldn't play because the surroundings weren't designed for a wheelchair.

Then, my "parole officer" told me that my bail money would be targeted to send four Hartford children to an MDA Summer Camp next year. I thought about how many Hartford children do not have the resources to go to a summer camp and realized how much more difficult it must be for a child with Muscular Dystrophy to be able to afford a camp especially designed for them to have "the best week of the year."

So, combining my memories of wanting Donny Ray to be able to play and my desire to be a better neighbor to Hartford children, I said, "Yes."

I believe that Emanuel is privileged to have a home in Hartford and that we are blessed to be a blessing in this place. Thank you to all those who contributed toward my bail so that Hartford children with MD have a chance to experience summer camp.

Confirmation begins October 7!

by Natalie Bloomquist

Do you know what the fastest selling Playmobil toy is? It's enough to make confirmation teachers giddy. . .

As excited as I was when my Martin Luther toy arrived, I was also very curious as to why the first run of 34,000 ran out in less than 72 hours. Indeed, Luther and the Reformation changed Germany and the world, but Luther's legacy also carries some darkness that Lutherans, especially, have to grapple with.

Personally, it's the highs and the lows of Luther's life that speak to me. He was no perfect human being. (There has only been one.) As a Lutheran Christian I am grateful for his witness and also ashamed by his overzealous proclamation of Jesus' saving grace against our Jewish brothers and sisters.

As my Playmobil figurine sits next to me while preparing our Confirmation Gatherings, I will imagine engaging in conversation with Luther. "Martin," I will ask, "now that you've had time to reflect, do you have any statements of regret that you wish to share with humanity?" I have to believe that time spent in God's presence would be enlightening to say the least.

But I would also ask him to tell me about his struggle to understand God as a loving God, not the harsh, judgmental God that he grew up knowing. I would ask him, "How is God calling me to share this loving God with Emanuel's confirmation families?" I sometimes wonder if there has been anyone in history

who struggled so mightily against the image of an unconditionally loving God and came out the other side with such a passion to make this God known to everyone.



My Martin Luther figurine will attend each of our twice a month gatherings of students and parents. During each gathering we will focus on the upcoming Sunday's Bible story, exploring together how we find ourselves in that story and how we can make meaning of it for our daily lives. We'll make connections with God's other stories in the Bible, Lutheran theology and Luther's *Small Catechism* to help us nourish our relationship with God. And we'll have fun doing it! We'll play games, watch videos, create art, and get to know each other better. And, hopefully, we'll learn from Martin about the need for and the unconditional gift of God's forgiveness and saving grace.

Don't forget: Sixth graders will receive a *Colaborate* Lutheran Student Bible during worship on October 4.

The Confirmation Schedule (including gatherings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, the November Overnight, the Calumet Confirmation Camp) and the Acolyte/ Crucifer Schedule were emailed to families in August. Youth and parents will work together throughout the year to identify additional service opportunities.

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.

God's work.
Our hands.

The Emanuel "Day of Service" is on October 3

There are some volunteer opportunities available. Three of them are:

- Painting an office at Family Life Education, 30 Arbor St., Hartford
- Painting and/or cleaning organizing classrooms for Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford, 30 Arbor Street, Hartford.
- Sorting through the donated children's books into grade appropriate groupings.

Sign-up sheets will be available in Luther Hall. If you have any questions, **please contact Vicar Dominic or Chet Brodnicki at 860-236-3050 if interested.** Thank you.



Please join us for *Church by the Pond* on the "Day of Service," October 3

This is an ecumenical ministry of worship, with a bagged lunch at **2:00 p.m.** in Bushnell Park, serving some of the homeless of downtown Hartford. On October 3, Emanuel will serve as host congregation.

We're looking for volunteers of all ages and friends to prepare brown bag lunches which we'll deliver to Bushnell Park for 2:00 p.m. If you'd like to help, please email **Yvonne Gardner** at swaney64@hotmail.com or sign up on the blue insert sheet in this Sunday Bulletin.



On October 18, 2015, St. Luke's Sunday, we will be introducing a new ministry at Emanuel Lutheran, our *Parish Health Ministry*.

You may have heard of such ministries in other congregations. Here are some "*frequently asked questions*," and answers to explain what we will be doing with ours at Emanuel:

Q: What is a Parish Health Ministry?

A: Known by various names, including Parish Nurse Ministry, Parish Wellness Ministry, Faith Community Nursing, a Parish Health Ministry seeks to provide services and programs within a congregation, to improve the health and wellness of its members. Parish Health Ministries have a long history in Lutheran churches. Dating as far back as Phoebe, in the Bible, the concept of having nurses and other healthcare professionals providing wellness activities in churches became more formalized, under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Granger Westberg, a Lutheran minister, in the 1980s.

Q: Who will be involved?

A: We have a core group right now, including licensed and retired healthcare providers, with guidance from our pastors. We will be seeking to grow our team, inviting those members with a healthcare background, or interest, to join our Parish Health Ministry team.

Q: What types of programs will the Parish Health Ministry provide?

A: We have already had a meeting, and put in place some programs to get things started, but we will also want input from the congregation as to what you would like to see. So, we will be asking for ideas from you. Look for an insert in the bulletin on October 18 to add your suggestions.

Q: If I am interested in joining the Parish Health Ministry team, who should I contact?

A: You can email Joy Elwell, joy.elwell@gmail.com, or Pastor Corgan, john.corgan@gmail.com, or call Pastor Corgan at 860-525-0894.

For all healthcare professionals, active or retired, including nurses, physicians, physician assistants, midwives, doulas, anesthetists, dentists, hygienists, mental health providers, aides, technicians, medical assistants, EMTs, paramedics, optometrists, social workers, therapists, veterinarians, dieticians, we will, as part of the beginning of the ministry, having a special moment of blessing for these professionals. So, please plan to attend on October 18, and be included.

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 gemitich@comcast.net

Lectors: Lynn Sherman, 860-523-1702

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



From Becki, Coordinator of Ministries

Thank you to the many who have shared an interest in learning more about Emanuel's foray into Social Media. All are invited to attend a luncheon and presentation on **Sunday, October 25, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in Luther Hall entitled, "If Luther Had a Laptop: An Introductory Presentation on Social Media with Becki."** Please look for a sign-up sheet in Luther Hall or online via www.SignUpGenius.com. I'll utilize the large television screen to share information and demonstrate a live view of Emanuel's Social Media sites. The goal of this presentation is to share with others the depth and breadth of information available online for members and those interested in learning more about Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084EA9AE29A2FA7-oct

Parents of Toddlers

If your child has or will turn three years of age in 2015, he or she may be ready to start Sunday School at Emanuel. Please contact Natalie Bloomquist at natalie.bloomquist@emanuelhartford.org to learn more or to register your toddler.

Welcome to the Nursery. . .

As a congregation, we gladly welcome and encourage parents with children of all ages to be in worship together; a bit of fussiness, the dropping of a few crayons, or sometimes unscripted outbursts - remind us of the joy and blessing each child represents. If you do feel the need to step out, though, we're pleased to welcome parents with infants and toddlers into Emanuel's new nursery space.

Located off of the fellowship space in Luther Hall, the nursery is just steps away from the worship space by taking either of the two stairwells at the rear of the church, or by taking the elevator to the lower level. The nursery's little playhouse and toys might be just the thing to distract or calm an energetic little one, and there are chairs to sit comfortably with an infant. There is also a baby changing station in the room (as well as in each of the restrooms in Luther Hall). So please make yourselves at home.

We really want to keep this space clean and ready for the very youngest ones in our congregation (especially those who crawl!) - so we ask others to avoid bringing food/coffee into this space. And for children kindergarten age and older, we encourage them to stay in worship until dismissed for Sunday School - where they can join in the fun and activities prepared just for them!

Our thanks go to the Property Committee for their help in moving furniture and boxes of books, to the Brodnickis and Shermans for delivering the remaining books to charity, to Gary Bloomquist and Eric Carlson for painting, to Judy Johnson for the wonderful alphabet art, and to the Craft ladies for allocating funds to buy new toys and equipment for the room. Many thanks!

New Piano Update from Jonathan Reuning-Scherer, Minister of Music

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have an interesting possibility to purchase a new 9 foot concert grand piano to enhance Emanuel's worship and musical life. The piano has been on site for about a month now and overall people are delighted with its sound, power, tone, and looks! Indeed, all but \$3,000 of our goal has been raised to cover the cost of this project. Many thanks to all those who have generously sponsored this project. If you'd like to make a donation, make a check to Emanuel Lutheran Church and put 'Piano Fund' on the comment line. If you have questions about the piano, I'm happy to answer your questions and to play you a tune!

Soli Dei Gloria!

Dear Mindy, Pastor Corgan and Emanuel,

I just wanted to say thank you for being my congregational sponsor for "Reach The Beach." Your generosity is unbelievable! I'm still shocked at the amount you all gave in support of me on behalf of Calumet. More kids will be able to experience the magic of Calumet because of you. Thank you again!

*Fondly,
Sarah (Carlson) Arndt*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>October</p>				<p>1 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</p>	<p>2 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>3 Emanuel "Day of Service" - God's Work, Our Hands 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym 2 pm: "Church by the Pond" in Bushnell Park, Service and Bagged Lunches, hosted by Emanuel</p>
<p>4 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion - Prayers for Healing At 10 am service: A Thank You from Burns School and Bibles presented to our 6th Graders Sunday School</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:30 am: Stewardship Committee Meeting 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson</p>	<p>7 7 - 8:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Supervision in the Conference Room 7 - 8:15 pm: Confirmation Class</p>	<p>8 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 7:45 pm: Vocal Choir</p>	<p>9 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>10 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym Hartford Marathon</p>
<p>11 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion Sunday School 11:30 am: Sandberg Funds Team in the Conference Room "Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday"</p>	<p>12 Church Office Closed in observance of Columbus Day 6:30 pm: Investment Committee Meeting</p>	<p>13 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Deadline for "God With Us" 9:30 am: Crafty Painters, Luther Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:45 am: St. Lucia Stitchery Group 10 am: "Bible Conversation," in the Music Room 7 pm: Church Council Meeting with Bishop Hazelwood in Luther Hall</p>	<p>16 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>17 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>18 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion At 10 am service: The Festival of St. Luke, the Physician and Our New Parish Health Ministry Sunday School 11:30 am: Town Hall Meeting</p>	<p>19 Bishop's Convocation 7 pm: Bishop's Convocation Event at Emanuel: A Service of Worship with Presiding Bishop Eaton, followed by a Reception, in Luther Hall</p>	<p>20 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson 7 pm: Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>21 7 - 8:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Supervision in the Conference Room 7 - 8:15 pm: Confirmation Class</p>	<p>22 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</p>	<p>23 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>24 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in Luther Hall/Gym</p>
<p>25 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8 and 10 am: Services of Holy Communion Sunday School 12:00 - 1:30 pm: "If Luther Had a Laptop: An Introductory Presentation on Social Media with Becki," with Luncheon in Luther Hall</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30 am: Staff Meeting 10 am: Tuesday Crafters at the home of Judy Johnson 7 pm: Church Council in Luther Hall</p>	<p>28 Oct. 28 - 30: Craft Fair Set-up in Luther Hall & Music Room</p>	<p>29 9:30 am: Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am: "Bible Conversation," location to be determined Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 pm: Bell Choir</p>	<p>30 Friday Night Program 3:30 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>31 9 am - 2 pm The Annual Holly Harvest Craft Fair, in Luther Hall 10 am - 12 noon: SPROUT in the Gym</p>

Daily Readings on "Generosity"



SPROUT

SPROUT, our Saturday morning program begins 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

Starting this Fall we will 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.

Please join us for a Town Hall Meeting on October 18, at 11:30 a.m. in Luther Hall.

Bible Readings

For the Month of October

October 4:
Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost
"Moses and God's Name"

Exodus 1:8-14; 3:1-10

October 11:
Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost
"Hear, O Israel"

Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

October 18:
Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost
"Ruth"

Ruth 1:1-17

October 25:
Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost
"David Anointed King"

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 6:1-5; Psalm 150

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 October

Clifford Bloomquist - October 4
Roy Levin - October 6
Dorothy Soderlind - October 8
Wesley Ertelt - October 19
Donald J. Acker - October 22
Ann Louise Swanson - October 27
G. Rudolph Peterson - October 30

Special Emanuel Anniversaries During October

Mal and Eleanor Doyle - October 2, 50th
Karen and Ron Lindlauf - October 14, 54th
Judy and Peter Larson - October 16, 50th
Helen and Bernie Johnson - October 22, 55th



Hands on Hartford thanks Emanuel for its monthly donation of \$916.66. This support helped them to provide over 10,000 weekend backpacks of food in the 2014-2015 school year.

"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

The Church Council did not meet in August. Please see the next issue of our newsletter for the "Council Highlights" from the September meeting.

Luther Hall Kitchen

Over the past year, we've had occasion to welcome local organizations like Billings Forge and Hartford Food System in to use our Luther Hall kitchen to prepare food for their charitable events. It is so nice to receive compliments on our kitchen - a reminder of how blessed we are to have such facilities and how thankful we are for the memorial gift that made the kitchen renovation possible several years ago.

You can help keep this space in tip top shape in several ways:

- The kitchen has accumulated many serving dishes and containers (now crowding the counters) - stop by after church and see if anything is yours!
- Whenever you use the kitchen, please take home, launder and return the used dish towels.
- With the exception of SPROUT, please don't leave leftover food behind - even in the refrigerator or freezer, food doesn't last forever. Unless it's milk, cream or juice that can be used for fellowship hour, please remember to take home or discard leftover food.

We appreciate your help - this will insure the kitchen continues to be a pleasure for Emanuel's volunteers to use, and is welcoming and ready for guest cooks.



Calling all those interested in stitchery!

With the help of Karin Gottier, we would like to sew up to 10 bags to complete the "coffee ladies" traditional outfits at the St. Lucia reception. Karin has the material and will be in Luther Hall **Thursday, October 15 at 9:45 a.m.** to cut the material for these simple black bags with sewn-on red hearts. **Please bring your pinking shears.** You will see a sample and be able to work on this at home. Please call Lisa Martin at home at 860-523-1530 and leave a message if you are interested. If you can't come, but would like to help out, call Lisa to arrange a time to meet.

Help Keep the Outside of our Church Attractive and Welcoming.

This year will be a real challenge with all the construction going on. During the past few years a few people get together on Tuesdays and plant the gardens, weed and generally pick up trash. A commitment of a couple hours a week is all it takes. If you are not retired, you could do it on Saturday. Our small group is dealing with health issues, but we are willing to show you what to do. For further information call **Bernie Johnson 860-649-6661.**

Advent is only 90 days away...

It won't be long before the trees begin shedding their leaves and thoughts turn to making pumpkin pies and holiday cookies, raking leaves or shoveling snow... and preparing for Lucia and the Christmas season. Each year, before the first Sunday in Advent, the wreaths and garlands are hung in the nave and the lighted tree takes its place up front. In the parish building, the stairwells and auditorium are decorated in preparation for our Lucia Festival and for the many guests attending this annual traditional performance.

This fall we are looking to establish a new team to take responsibility for these once-a-year activities and to gather the additional volunteers needed to make this happen. The decorations in the sanctuary go up on November 27 or 28 (only two days between Thanksgiving and the first Sunday in Advent!) and those in the parish building go up during the week of November 30 (Lucia is on Friday, December 4). Thanks go to Max Nowak who has already stepped up to handle the Christmas trees - but he'll need additional volunteers to help with setup. The garlands and wreaths can be done by a different team of 3-4 people.

It's a real joy to welcome in the Advent season by decorating our worship and fellowship spaces! Please consider if this is an activity you might be willing to take on this coming Advent season. If you can help or if you have any questions, please contact either Jane Wunder (jawunder@yahoo.com) or Jonathan Fairchild (jofairchild@aol.com).

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.

Baptized into God's family on September 6:

Leila Janae Roman, daughter of Kati Ward and Jeffrey Roman, born on October 12, 2014. Godparents are Rebecca Bernardo and A. J. Crespo. The Water Carriers were Brendan Murphy and Megan Murphy. Congratulations and God's blessings to the newly baptized and her family!

Baptized into God's family on September 20:

Aubrey Linnea Liljedahl, daughter of Linnea Ostafin Liljedahl and Drew Liljedahl, born on June 23, 2015. Godparents are Margaret Liljedahl and Garrett Ostafin. The Water Carriers were Nina and Nola Ostafin and Brittany Caldwell. Congratulations and God's blessings to the newly baptized and her family!

New Baby!

Congratulations and God's Blessings on the birth of **Adrienne Bella Fayek**, born Friday, September 4 to Lara (Martin) and Ousama Fayek. Proud big brother is Caleb and grandparents from Emanuel are Lisa and Richard Martin.



In Memoriam

Robert (Bob) Johnson died on September 2, 2015. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held at Emanuel on September 9, 2015.

Justina (Tina) Olson died on September 4, 2015. There was a graveside service at Fairview Cemetery in West Hartford.

May the comfort and hope of the resurrection be with the family and friends of this saint.

Members and Friends in Our Prayers

God's comfort and consolation to **Amy Constantine** and her family on the death of her father, Russell Lowell Constantine on August 22, 2015.



by John Starkes

Questions are asked from time to time among friends as to what other church buildings of our Frog Hollow location may have been used to house our worshipping congregation in earlier times as they drive through the nearby streets of the neighborhood. They look at the brown brick gospel church at the corner of Hungerford and Russ and at the corner of Russ and Broad Street a small red brick church that may have been of a Danish Lutheran origin. There is an elevated wood and brick church building on the opposite corner of Russ and Babcock Streets from where we first started. That building is very similar to our first church building that I often wonder if it had been taken apart and moved. Take off the impressive set of steps to the front entrance and it could have been our building, though the bell tower steeple is still a little different as is the outside shell of brick and wood. That building has seen a few owners and times of disrepair. Maybe one of our congregations of the golden age could tell me?

What we see now at Russ and Babcock is a small assembly structure built on the original basement foundation, a sad looking building, indeed. But, next door is a fine, large single family home with a nice front porch and two well windowed floors beneath a peaked roof; also a garage. It needs some paint and caring neighbors and owner; but, by God, it's Florence Franzen's paradise.

In our earliest years of formation we were given space or we rented the chapel of Park Congregational Church at the corner of Main and Morgan Streets. In the history of Hartford's big churches, I'm not able to say what happened to that impressive building.

Enough of bricks and stone for now as we get back to Swedish Emanuel Lutheran Church that in 1910 was without a pastor as Franzen departed that spring for points west. The members of Emanuel were confident and capable to carry on and made enormous strides in growth and decisions through their trustees and deacons. The Sunday School had over 300 children.

A pastor from Augustana Theological Seminary filled in during the summer, and students of Augustana and Upsala Colleges filled in much of the time to gain experience in the ministry. The pastor of First Lutheran of New Britain, Dr. Sven Ohman, was available to assist in business meetings and official acts of ministry during the vacancy. Interest

was keen on the building lots of Capitol and Hungerford but other locations of property about Hartford were also examined so that the congregation could have a choice. As had been written before, the existing church property was listed for sale on Russ and Babcock, and an offer was expressed in April of 1911 by the German Lutheran Church for \$16,000 but declined for the time until we of Emanuel had a new pastor in place.

Of equal importance to us was the satisfaction on June 8 to finally be debt free, as the last payment on our property was made. To celebrate, a vote was taken to buy the property at Capitol and Hungerford Streets for \$14,500. The sale of our church property to the German Lutherans was also approved. That church later relocated over to Broad Street. It is now closed and gone.

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

From Camp Calumet

Thank you for the gift of \$375.00 which supports the goal of keeping the cost of a week of Resident Camp for Kids as low as possible. It also helps economically disadvantaged children go to Camp Calumet for a week in the summer.



“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 is on page 15 of this newsletter



Serving in October

Acolyte and Crucifer

Oct. 4	Madeline Arcand Charles Sinche
Oct. 11	Maya Johnson Gunnar Johnson
Oct. 18	Harrison Arcand Elizabeth Arcand
Oct. 25	Griffin Fairchild Noah Fairchild

Altar Flowers

Oct. 4	In honor of Laura Elizabeth Sherman and Julie Kay Polvinen's wedding on Sunday, September 27.
Oct. 11	Open
Oct. 18	In memory of our father, Jerry Sandalo, given by Shirley August and Peg Zachariasen. In memory of their parents, Lilly and Eric Johanson and Constance and Leland Parmelee, given by Arlene and David Parmelee.
Oct. 25	Open

Assisting Ministers

Oct. 4	Brook Nowak
Oct. 11	Mal Doyle
Oct. 18	Mal Doyle
Oct. 25	Janice Favreau

Childcare in the Nursery

Oct. 4	Open
Oct. 11	Open
Oct. 18	Open
Oct. 25	Open

Children's Library

Oct. 4	Diane Troutman
Oct. 11	Deborah Corgan
Oct. 18	Jean Barresi
Oct. 25	Carol Dennler

Coffee Hour

Oct. 4	Open
Oct. 11	Open
Oct. 18	Hosted by Rachid Chelali
Oct. 25	Open

Communion Preparers

Oct. 4	Val and Craig McDonald
Oct. 11	Helen Johnson
Oct. 18	Rae Ann Gremel and Jane Wunder
Oct. 25	Bobbee Canfield

Communion Servers

Oct. 4	Open
Oct. 11	Open
Oct. 18	Open
Oct. 25	Open

Greeters

Oct. 4	Bobbie Canfield
Oct. 11	Lois House and Elinor McCue
Oct. 18	Dottie Marschhausen
Oct. 25	Ruth Jeanfaivre and Lorraine McCann

Lectors - 8:00 a.m.

Oct. 4	Rosie Vojtek
Oct. 11	Monique Jennings
Oct. 18	Carol Dennler
Oct. 25	Kathy Haller

Lectors - 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 4	Glenna Brodnicki
Oct. 11	Joy Elwell
Oct. 18	Monica Swanson
Oct. 25	Melanie Sinche

Sound and Recording

Oct. 4	Rhiannon Kiersznowski
Oct. 11	Lindsey Anderson
Oct. 18	Emma Barresi
Oct. 25	Kelly Caldwell

Sunday School Aide Schedule

October 4

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

October 11

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

October 18:

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.	Ron Lindlauf
10:00 a.m.	Head Usher: Arnie Benson; Captain: Alan Anderson; Ushers: Bruce Cutler, Gary Johanson, Ken Swanson

On Sunday, October 4, 2015, The Congregation of Faith Lutheran Church is pleased to invite you to a Service of Installation for their new pastor:

The Rev. Amanda Nelson

A reception with refreshments will follow the service. The church is located on 1120 Silver Lane in East Hartford.

Clergy are invited to vest for the occasion. The color of the day is green. Please arrive by 3:45 p.m.

Accessibility - There is a ramp at the east entrance of the church and a lift and accessible bathroom just inside the main entrance of the building.

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.

Window/Masonry Project

On Sunday September 13 a special meeting of the congregation was held to consider and vote on a resolution to approve additional funds for the north wall masonry restoration project. On the previous Sunday Mike Nowak gave an update, shared details on the specific problems encountered on the north wall, and then answered questions in preparation for the vote.

Background - The north wall masonry project is the second phase of the overall project to restore the stained glass windows on the east, west and north sides of the nave. The congregation approved this project in 2014, funding it with \$285,000 allocated from the "remainder fund" (undesigned proceeds from the Capitol Towers sale). A grant from the State of CT for \$15,000 and Council's approval of an additional \$30,000 covered the initial cost increases as masonry problems became evident during window removal.

As work progressed over the past year, the scope expanded as severe deterioration was investigated, engineering analysis completed, and repair methods agreed upon. In March 2015, the congregation approved \$250,000 more to cover this increased repair work (approximately \$125,000 of this was earmarked for the north wall issues). Since then, masonry work was completed on the east and west sides and the windows were successfully reinstalled without any additional surprises.

The north wall is particularly complex due to the need for structural reinforcement/shoring to enable the extensive restoration work on the brick and precast masonry - and this pushed the budget for this phase well beyond the preliminary estimates. The revised pricing from our contractors is based on experience on the east/west sides and the engineer's detail specifications - coming after extensive analysis, second opinions, and ongoing discussion with Emanuel's project team. The current request to allocate an additional \$65,000 to the overall project takes into account savings achieved on the first phase (east/west) as well as the need for contingency. It should be noted again that this work is necessary in order to reinstall the stained glass windows (which are currently fully restored and safely in storage at SGR's studios in MA).

Resolution

The resolution that was presented on September 13 was:

Be it resolved that the congregation approve the additional funding of \$65,000 for the overall window and masonry restoration project, to be funded from sources as recommended by Finance Committee.

The resolution was moved, seconded and approved unanimously by those present at the meeting.

Schedule

Our contractors are moving ahead with structural reinforcement as well as precast and brick restoration. The goal is to complete this masonry work by mid-October and to reinstall the stained glass windows by the end of October, weather permitting. Once the north wall is complete, attention will turn to the third phase of this project, completing the analysis of the deterioration on the towers and developing specifications and estimates for the required repair work which will be a 2016 project.

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.