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Visitor

From the Pastor

Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

— Edmund Spenser

What is Holy Week?

Holy Week is a story—a week long story that we, the congregation, act out and participate in. It is a week long story in which we remember the life and death and resurrection of Jesus—our Savior and redeemer, fully human and fully God.

It begins on **Palm Sunday** with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem—the people who see a king. Jesus who sees the will of God.

And that will leads him to a private evening on **Maundy Thursday**. Jesus will wash the feet of his disciples, instructing him to wash the feet of his or her neighbors, and then a Passover meal where he will teach us what his final moments will mean for the world—inviting us today to continue teaching us this story each Sunday we gather for communion.

Jesus will die on **Good Friday** a shameful, bleak, heartbreaking death caused not by Romans or Jews but by sin. Our collective brokenness will lead Jesus to the cross.

At the **Easter Vigil**, we will sit in the uncertainty, bless and name the coming of the light of Christ—clinging to the stories of God's people and the promises we receive in baptism.

On **Easter** morning, Jesus will compel death into life and insist the same for us, permanently erasing our shame, forever branding us worthy of newness, hope, and love.

Holy Week is a story of love, and as 16th century poet Edmund Spenser writes: Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Easter—by Edmund Spenser

*Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin;
And having harrowed hell didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:*

*This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou didst die
Bring with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live forever in felicity.*

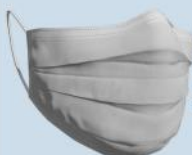
*And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again;
And for thy sake that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear Lord, like as we ought.
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.*



Please join us for Holy Week for the whole week, the whole story. Invite your friends and family. This holiest week of our year is the perfect moment to connect with what God is doing in our world.

Peace to you and yours,
Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski

**Masks are OPTIONAL inside
Emanuel's building.**



Masks are RECOMMENDED
inside if you are unvaccinated
or at high risk for COVID-19
due to any chronic health
condition.

Thank you.

From the Vicar

Ryan Heckman

Where is God when we are accompanying other people and community organizations?

This is a question I have been considering since I learned about this model of doing ministry called the Accompaniment Model. Many of you heard me speak about this model at the Ruth Circle gathering in March and if you are a regular reader of *The Visitor* you would have read about this model in the March issue. This month, I am exploring how we might see God at work in this relational model for doing ministry in our community.

Often, we may think of God being present in the pageantry and pomp of an Easter Sunday church service. The trumpets playing triumphantly along with the organ! Indeed, we will hear this on Easter Sunday this month. God is absolutely present in those big moments in worship. God promises us to be physically present in the water of baptism and the wine and bread of the communion table.

God also promises to *encounter* us outside of worship too. When we are gathered in other places both for church events and when we are on the side of a field watching our children play town soccer. It is in these very regular moments of our life when we are hit with an encounter of the divine. It's an "Aha!" moment when this happens. We feel it deeply in our bones that God's Spirit just encountered us. Often we describe this feeling as beauty, but it can also be a sobering feeling as well.

It is that feeling, deep in our bones, that the Accompany Model promises. This model is based on building deep relationships with people. Our first step is not to ask, "What do you need?" but to ask, "Who are you?" and really mean it. When accompanying others we want to get to know people, their names, their joys, fears, hopes and dreams. It is in these real relationships that develop over the course of months and years (*slowly!*), that trust develops and we begin to learn and discover how our relationship is becoming mutual. The gifts we bring into this relationship begin to work hand in hand with the gifts of the people we are in relationship with. The Spirit is at work and God is *encountering* us.

It is in these mutual, trusting, long-term relationships that we begin to see that God is indeed doing things in our community. It is our call to build relationships and learn about where God is doing things. That way our gifts and the gifts of others can begin to work hand in hand and ministry flourishes!

God shows up in our relationships when we begin to ask the question, "Who are you? *Really*, who are you?" Then we listen.

Vicar Ryan is Graduating from Seminary!

It is with a bittersweet heart that I announce my last Sunday as Emanuel's Vicar (Intern Pastor) is May 14, 2023. I've been pursuing my Master of Divinity at Luther Seminary, an ELCA seminary in St. Paul, MN and I'm graduating in May! That means my two year internship at Emanuel will also be ending. I will be prayerfully seeking my first call as a pastor after my graduation.

This is a natural conclusion to my internship here at Emanuel. I will be leaving this community with a heavy heart, but with so much gratitude for all the ways this congregation accompanied me as I experimented, learned on the fly, and journeyed in God's mission with you. Your commitment to my learning is a wonderful gift to me and the whole church as you raised up a new leader for God's ministry. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

My last Sunday will be a bittersweet Sunday for me, but also one of celebration as it marks my graduation and the time when I can now go stretch my pastor wings!



Please remember that we have an AED (Automated external defibrillator) at Emanuel which is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart reestablish an effective rhythm.

Our AED is located in the office hallway, just outside of the church office. Proceed down the ramp in the sanctuary, exit, and you'll see it on the wall directly in front of you.

From the Parish Nurse

Lynne Gustafson

This is the second article in the series on Religion and Health. This article will focus on two very different health systems: Eastern medical system and Western medical system. Eastern medicine refers to medicine and treatments that are not part of the traditional medical care and it focuses on treating the whole person not just one's symptoms. In contrast, Western medicine focuses on prescribing medications for the treatment of symptoms and these are usually prescribed by medical professionals such as doctors and nurses; therefore, this medical system is referred to as mainstream or conventional medicine.



Eastern medicine is one of the oldest medical systems in the world and it had its beginning in China. It dates to the year 3500 B.C. during the reign of Shen-Nung. Shen-Nung's name translates into "farmer." During his reign he catalogued 365 species of medicinal plants several of which are used today. Shen-Nung is considered the father of acupuncture.

Eastern medicine practitioners diagnose diseases by examining the entire body with the focus on imbalances within the mind, body, and spirit. By treating the whole person this practice is more personalized. With this holistic approach, Eastern medicine has a significant emphasis on prevention. Techniques include: Acupuncture, herbal medicine, Eastern diet, tuina (a form of therapeutic massage), tai chi and qigong and meditation. In the past 5000 years little has changed in Eastern medicine.

In contrast, Western medicine's basis for treatment is physically examining the body and related symptoms; using proven scientific based evidence to diagnose diseases; treating diseases with approved treatments.

Religion and spirituality have been linked to medicine and healing for centuries. In fact, religious beliefs have influenced the development of the Western medical system for centuries. For example, the ancient Egyptians' religious beliefs in mummifying the body to preserve the body for afterlife, led to their understanding of where the main organs were located within the body.

Following the Egyptians, the Greeks and Romans saw religious beliefs aid in the development of medicine. Religious cults provided medical care for people who otherwise would not have been able to afford treatments. They also developed temples where they made sacrifices that would appease the angry gods, therefore, within these temples health would be restored. The Greek knowledge of healing eventually took over the Roman culture.

In the Old Testament, there are illustrations of the prophets as healers. The book of Psalms contains Psalms for healing. During this time, Jesus is considered the great healer and his healing events are noted in all four Gospels. During this time people believed that diseases were punishments from God, and sin and disease were connected.

During the medieval age, the church became the center for the healing arts. The most notorious illnesses where the black plague, leprosy, and Saint Anthony's fire. Since there were no cures for these diseases, people relied on prayer and pilgrimage. The pilgrimage was to a shrine or to relics that might lead to a miraculous cure. Pilgrims arriving at their destination would be able to touch the relics and even carry home a secondary relic, perhaps a piece of cloth that had been placed in a reliquary or an ampulla of liquid that had been poured over a tomb. The second relic could then be used to heal those who were too ill to make the trip.

Later in the Middle Ages, the Crusades' soldiers brought back leprosy from the Orient and it spread throughout Europe. The churches were not able to respond to this crisis so hospitals were built and leper colonies were established by the government. Thus began the split between the church and the state.

This split was further cemented in the time of Constantine who fully legitimized Christianity and took healing away from congregations and gave it to the bishops to manage and supervise. Large monasteries had hospitals attached to them. The medicos in the monastery devoted themselves to prayer and the laying on of hands, exorcising of demons and dispensing of herbal medicine. They also began a variety of treatments such as cupping, purging, bloodletting. Thus, Western medicine became rooted in the Greek tradition. During this period, Greeks understood that God provided all of the plants and herbs used by physicians to heal or cure diseases; therefore, they concluded that physicians were granted these powers by God so they are entitled to certain privileges. In exchange for these privileges, physicians had to meet certain standards. Hippocrates, the father of Western medicine, wrote the Hippocratic Oath that all medical students take upon graduation.

During these times medicinal plants were extremely important in the treatment of ailments and the monastic gardens would not be complete without medicinal plants where the sick could obtain herbs.

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Events and Items of Interest

Healing Prayer Sundays are held on the first Sunday of every month at Emanuel.

On Healing Prayer Sundays we bless our prayer shawls. If you would like to bring one to someone in need, they are made available to sign out after worship. Personal healing prayer is offered to people who wish to receive it at the altar immediately following the postlude.

In-Depth Sunday Bible and Sermon Study with Vicar Ryan meets every Sunday at 11:15 AM in the Youth Room. It will not meet this month on Easter Sunday, 4/9.

Confirmation Class is held on Sunday evenings in Luther Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on 4/2, 4/23, 5/7, and 5/21.

If you would like more information about the program, please contact Pr. Joanna (pastorjoanna@emanuelmanchester.org).

Ruth Circle
Tuesday, April 4th
7:00 PM in Luther Hall



The congregation is invited to the program this month. The speaker for the evening is Mary Jane Foster from *Interval House*.
Hostesses are: Lynne Gustafson, Joyce Halmers, and Marianne Wilcox.

The Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, April 10th.

Safe Church Training
Monday, April 17th
from 7 – 8:30 PM in Luther Hall

Emanuel recently established a Safe Church Policy. This training will include information specific to Emanuel's policy as well as offering Safe Church information developed by the New England Synod's Safe Church Specialist. This particular evening of training will focus on Children and Youth. All members of Emanuel are welcome to attend. Anyone who works with our children and youth in any capacity should make this evening of training a priority.

Women's Breakfast
Wednesday, April 19th
8:30 AM at Evergreen Crossings
in South Windsor



Cost per person is \$8.
An RSVP to Lynne Gustafson: cgustafson01@snet.net is required by Tuesday, April 18th.

It's springtime once again so it's time to fill up Emanuel's Rocks of Kindness Garden with painted rocks!

Our Kindness Garden that began four years ago continues to make a difference in blessing the lives of the people passing by the garden. People love taking a rock to share with loved ones or strangers. Often times the garden is empty of rocks within days of adding newly painted rocks!

If you are able to paint a few rocks and either place them in the garden or bring them to the Church Office, where we'll treat them with a protectant spray and then we'll place them in the garden. Thank you!

Weekly Bible Study
Thursdays at 10 AM in the library

Worship volunteers are needed for our Sunday morning 10 AM worship service.

We continue to need the following worship volunteers each Sunday: two Communion Assistants, one Lector, and four Ushers.

A sign-up link is emailed out weekly (if volunteers are needed). If you are able and willing to volunteer, please use the electronic sign up. All Sundays from now through May 2023 are accessible through the one link.

If you have difficulty signing up for a particular Sunday, Anne can sign you up. Just email Anne at aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org and let her know what date and what volunteer position you would like.

The Flower Chart is posted in the Office Hallway.

Please sign up for Altar or LECTERN Flowers to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. You may also call the Church Office at 860-643-1193 to check if a particular date is available.

Please be sure to fill out a flower order form (located next to the sign up sheet). *On the order form, you can even designate the type and/or color of flowers that you prefer in the arrangement!*

Leave the form for Anne in the Church Office. She will order the flowers and Park Hill Joyce will send the bill directly to your mailing address.

Altar flowers are \$50 and LECTERN flowers are \$35.



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <i>Assisting Minister - Vicar Ryan Heckman</i> CALUMET SUNDAY 10:00am Sunday School - LH 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Calumet Coffee Hour/Luncheon- LH 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Worship Service at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor	27	28 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm Emanuel Housing Corp. Meeting - LH	29 6:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting - Library 7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship via Zoom	30 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	31 Visitor newsletter mailing 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	1 8:45am Music Together Class - CR 2:00pm Milord Family Party - LH
2 <i>Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier</i> <i>Healing Prayer following worship at the Altar</i> PASSION/PALM SUNDAY <i>Sunday School teacher - Vicar Ryan</i> 10:00am Sunday School - LH 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Early Communion Workshop - LH 11:15am In-Depth Sunday Bible and Sermon Study - Youth Room 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 6:30pm Confirmation Class - LH	3	4 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm Ruth Circle Gathering - LH	5	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:00am Bible Study - Library 7:00pm Worship Service at Emanuel Church	7 CHP - No School GOOD FRIDAY 7:00pm Worship Service - at Concordia Lutheran Church	8 EASTER VIGIL 8:45am Music Together Class - CR 7:00pm Worship Service at Emanuel Church
9 <i>Assisting Minister - Vicar Ryan Heckman</i> <i>Children's Sermon during Worship Service</i> EASTER DAY <i>Easter Egg Hunt following worship service - Sanctuary</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	10 OFFICE CLOSED - DAY AFTER EASTER 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - LH	11	12	13 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	14 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	15 Visitor newsletter deadline
16 <i>Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch</i> <i>Vicar Ryan Heckman preaching and presiding</i> 10:00am Sunday School - LH 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:15am In-Depth Sunday Bible and Sermon Study - Youth Room 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	17 CHP - Spring Break 7:00pm Safe Church Training re: Children and Youth - LH	18 CHP - Spring Break 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm Council Meeting - LH	19 CHP - Spring Break 8:30am Women's Breakfast - Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor	20 CHP - Spring Break 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	21 CHP - Spring Break 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	22 8:45am Music Together Class - CR
23 <i>Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann</i> 10:00am Sunday School - LH 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:15am In-Depth Sunday Bible and Sermon Study - Youth Room 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Worship Service at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor 6:30pm Confirmation Class - LH	24	25 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm Emanuel Housing Corp. Meeting - LH	26	27 10:00am Bible Study - Library 4:30pm March, Inc. Spring Fling - LH 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary	28 Visitor newsletter mailing 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	29 8:45am Music Together Class - CR 2:00pm Calling Hour before MacLean Service 3:00pm Memorial Service for Althea MacLean 7:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series - Angelina Gadeliya - SA
30 <i>Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch</i> <i>Jackson Pocius Baptism during worship</i> <i>Sunday School Service Project presentation during worship service</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:15am In-Depth Sunday Bible and Sermon Study - Youth Room 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	1	2 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm Ruth Circle Gathering - LH	3	4 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	5 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	6 8:45am Music Together Class - CR

IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR MEMORIAL BRICKS

If you would like to have a Memorial Brick placed in Emanuel's Memorial Garden in memory of a loved one, please get your order form in to the Church Office by **Sunday, July 16th**. Order Forms are located in the Narthex, in the Church Office and as a PDF link on the Friday weekly update. We will be dedicating the memorial bricks for this year on All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023. Please contact Nancy Whiton (860-643-1193 or nwhiton@emanuelmanchester.org) if you have any questions.

Historical Notes

By Matt Heinrich

Pastor Gustafson, who began serving Emanuel in 1939, continued in that role until 1944. He tendered his resignation on November 3, 1944, after accepting the position of Director of Stewardship of the Augustana Synod. He remained in Manchester until May of 1944 and was succeeded at Emanuel by the Rev. Theodore E. Palmer. Pastor Palmer arrived in Manchester with his wife Marie and his sister Victoria in the summer of 1944 and a son Ronald later joined the family. The installation service for Pastor Palmer was held on September 24.

Pastor Palmer and his family stayed until 1947, and during his time at Emanuel a full-time Parish Worker Secretary, Miss Emily Stark, became part of the staff. Unfortunately, because of health issues, she served for only six months. In addition, during this period Mrs. Palmer organized the Missionary Circle which was a missionary society for young women. This group continued at Emanuel until 1959 when it became a part of the Lutheran Church Women.

Pastor Palmer did not speak Swedish, however, occasionally, Swedish services were held. Nine Swedish services were conducted in 1946 and the Christmas Julotta continued until 1953.

With the growth of the congregation, there were discussions about enlarging the church facilities and at the Annual Meeting in 1946 a committee was named to develop plans which were presented at the Annual Meeting in 1947.

Pastor Palmer resigned on January 15, 1947 and accepted a call to a church in Seattle, Washington. He was succeeded by the Rev. Carl E. Olsen who came from Malden, MA in August 1947 with his wife Elsa, a son Ronald and a daughter Barbara. During his time in Manchester another daughter, Jane, was born.

In 1948, under the leadership of Pastor Olsen, the church decided to proceed with the Parish Building and organized a fundraising campaign. By July of that year, a total of \$49,000 had been collected or pledged, and the church established a Parish Building Committee and authorized it to engage an architect. An architect, Herman Petersen, was found within the Committee. At a special congregational meeting on January 31, 1950, plans were accepted and the congregation directed the Committee to solicit bids. At another meeting on October 15, 1950 the bid of \$130,000 of John Wennergren, another member of the Committee, was accepted.

Additional information about the history of Emanuel including more information about the construction and dedication of the Parish Building will be provided in subsequent issues of The Visitor. If you have questions or comments about the history of the Church or the extensive archive including newspaper articles, photographs and objects, please contact me. I can be reached at fmheinrich73@gmail.com or by telephone at the number in the Church Directory.

Coffee Hour Hosts

A sign up sheet is posted in the office hallway. We would love to have Coffee Hour every Sunday in Luther Hall at 11 AM. Are you willing to host?

The host is responsible for making the coffee and providing either individual, pre-wrapped treats or act as the "server" behind the banquet table to plate any items that are not individually wrapped. The host is also responsible for providing half & half, milk or cream as well as juice.



MACC Food Pantry needs:

Shampoo	Instant potatoes	Mayonnaise	Fresh fruit & veggies
Deodorant	Chili	Cake & Brownie mix	Dish detergent
Razors	Beef stew	Paper towels	Laundry Detergent
Shaving cream	Soup	Sugar	Baby wipes
Body soap	Canned veggies	Flour	Toilet paper
Body wash (liquid)	Jelly		



Food donations can be dropped off at the Community Food Pantry, 460 Main Street in Manchester.

Monday through Thursday 9 AM—4 PM and Friday 9 AM—2 PM or donations can be left in the designated baskets located in the Narthex at Emanuel on Sunday morning.

From the Parish Nurse (continued from page 3)

Lynne Gustafson

Medical schools began to appear throughout Europe where physicians were trained in the art of diagnosis. The curricula consisted of observation, palpations, and urine exam. Surgery included amputation, cauterization, removal of cataracts, dental extractions, and trepanning perforation of the skull to relieve brain pressure. Opiates were used for anesthesia and wine was used as a form of antiseptic.

A second major change not directly related to the church furthered the separation of the church's role in health and healing. In the middle of the 1600's philosophers emphasized dualism of spirit and body. This construct had been brewing within the faith community and eventually became the main characteristic of western civilization. Dualism is the separation of the body and spirit and was seen as two separate entities. This concept continued until post World War II.

After WW II, the clergy and physicians began to reconcile that the spirit and body were one and with the help of physicists who demonstrated that all elements of the universe have a basic synergy and interrelationship, there was a new era of renewed acceptance that the whole person is one entity.

In the late 1950's, Halbert Dunn, a physician, developed a public health concept that he called "high level of wellness". His writings were the catalyst for the development of wellness centers.

In the late 1970's, Dr. Granger Westberg, a clergyman, professor and Lutheran Chaplain, observed that patient's health seemed to improve more rapidly when spirituality was added to their health care plan. Westberg used the term Wholistic health to define a whole or completely integrated approach to health and health care that integrates the physical and spiritual aspects of the whole person. This principle arose from the understanding that human beings strive for wholeness in their relationship to their God or higher power, themselves, their families, the society and the environment in which they live. During this time researchers began to study the effects of prayer on people who were ill. They divided their subjects into groups: those who knew they were being prayed for; those who were being prayed for without their knowledge, and those who were not being prayed for. Using brain scans they noted changes in the area of the brain associated with pain and emotions. The first two groups had significant positive changes within these centers and they began to heal faster than the latter group who had no one praying for them.

Next month will feature how insurances and the government influence our health care system.

A message from Amazon regarding their Amazon Smile Program...

In 2013, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. We were excited about the potential for the program and the impact it could have for many charitable organizations. We want to thank you for your partnership during all these years. After almost a decade of running AmazonSmile, we learned that with so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin. AmazonSmile will end on February 20, 2023. Until this date, customer purchases made via AmazonSmile will continue to accrue funds for your charity as normal. We will keep supporting thousands of charities across the U.S. in many ways, and focus on the areas we believe can help create an even greater impact. Our long-term commitment to our communities remains the same: We are determined to help create a better world for our customers, our employees, and the communities we serve across the country. —Thank you, *AmazonSmile Team*

Emanuel signed up for AmazonSmile in 2016 and from 2016–2023

Emanuel earned \$1,169.22 based on member purchases.

Thank you for your support over the years and the money we earned helped support ministries of Emanuel!



Registration is still OPEN for 2023 Calumet Resident Camp!

If your child is between the ages of 8-15, there is still time to sign them up for the best summer ever! Visit: <https://www.calumet.org/summercamp/residentcamp> for registration information.



Once again, Emanuel is able to offer Camperships for children attending Calumet Resident Camp!

If your child will be attending Calumet Resident Camp this summer, please email Nancy in the Church Office (nwhiton@emanuelmanchester.org) along with your child(ren)'s name(s) to secure a Calumet Campership from Emanuel.

If you are serving as a Communion Assistant or Assisting Minister during Sunday morning worship, please note that mask wearing is mandatory at this time for those serving the wafer, wine and grape juice for communion.

Sunday School Events



Pastor Joanna teaching Sunday School children about communion during worship on Sunday, March 12th.



Vicar Ryan giving a Children's Sermon during worship on Sunday, March 19th.

Newcomer's Brunch—Sunday, March 19th.



The Sunday School program is excited to announce our upcoming spring events:

SERVICE PROJECT: Our service project will begin on Sunday, March 26th and end with a presentation for the congregation on Sunday, April 30th. Our theme is "Community Gardening" and we will be raising money to purchase seeds, gardening tools and fruit tree seedlings through the ELCA Good Gifts program to be sent to countries in need.

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP: On Sunday, April 2nd, Pastor Joanna will be holding a First Communion workshop after the church service for families interested in their children receiving first communion on Easter Sunday. This event is for children to learn about communion and the whole family is welcome to come and learn together, ask questions and share in fellowship.

EASTER EGG HUNT: On Easter Sunday, April 9th, all children ages 10 and under are welcome to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt following worship. After the service please join us in the community room for a story and crafts followed by an egg hunt in the Sanctuary.

The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 7th.

Children's Worship Bags—Thanks to a Thrivent Action Team Grant, the Children's Worship Bags (previously called "Quiet Bags") have been reimagined and redone! Look for the new, colorful bags at each entrance to the sanctuary beginning Sunday, April 16th. Please note that there are activities in the bags suitable for children ages 3 and up. If you are with a child who is under the age of 3, please don't give them full access to the contents of the bag. Take a look through it first before worship begins and give your child appropriate items. Items will be rotated and restocked on a regular basis. We welcome feedback about the new bags. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please email Anne (aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org) in the church office.



FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT EMANUEL
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES 2022 - 2023

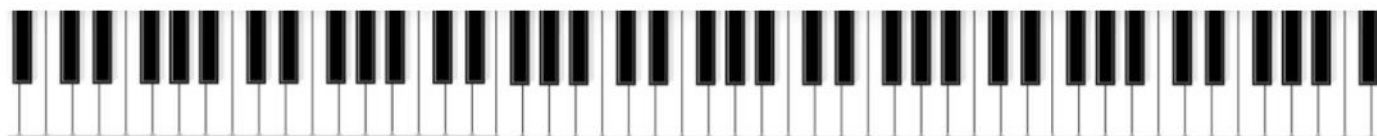
Angelina Gadeliya

pianist

A critically acclaimed concert pianist who performs throughout US and Europe — trained in Ukraine — studied at Oberlin, Juilliard, Mannes College — earned a doctorate from Stony Brook University — now on the faculty at UConn.



Saturday, April 29, at 7 pm



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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DONATIONS ACCEPTED

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www.FriendsOfMusicAtEmanuel.org

Reflection on Camp Calumet

By Ryan Carlson

This is a transcript from a 5 minute video that Ryan shared with the congregation on Calumet Sunday—March 26th.....

Hello Emanuel, for those who do not know me, I am Ryan Carlson. I heard that today was Calumet Day and, even though I cannot be there in person, I wanted to make a video talking about what Camp Calumet means to me. I am currently a senior in high school and have 9 years experience attending Camp Calumet. I was a camper for 6 years, a counselor in training for 1 year and I will be entering my 2nd year as a camp counselor.

To me, camp has always felt like a second home. It is a welcoming environment where the sole purpose is to have a great time in a totally new and unique environment. What I mean by this is that at camp, you really don't know a lot of the people around you, even if you've been going there for multiple years. This gives you a chance to be who you want to be, free from anyone's judgment or expectations of you. It gives you the freedom to let loose and get in touch with your more silly and active side. Personally, I am a very reserved and quiet individual but, at camp, I am in an environment where I feel that I can let loose and be more out there with myself. Camp is also a very accepting environment, meaning we appreciate differences and similarities equally. As counselors, we try our best to make sure that every camper feels welcome to be who they want to be at camp and that they feel safe knowing that they will not be judged in any way for who they are.

Back when I was a camper, some of my fondest memories were of playing four-square with my tent mates every chance we got, learning how to sail everyday during third period, and the grilled cheeses every Monday. I remember running through the trees in the rain trying to get back to my tent, looking forward to singing the evening songs at Vespers before bed, and getting to bond with the other campers in my tent during our free time. Back then, camp was a magical place to me where nothing could go wrong. There was always something fun planned by my counselors to look forward to and always a new experience waiting to be had. Camp is designed to be a place where campers are always doing something so that it feels like a very fun and enjoyable place. As a camper, rarely did I ever have a negative experience and, even if I did, the counselors were always there to make it better. Camp was truly a place where I felt safe and where I looked forward to going every summer because I knew I was going to have 2 weeks full of non-stop fun.

Being a counselor now, nothing has changed for me and my view of camp. Camp still feels as magical as it did before. The only difference now is that I am the one making other campers feel like they are having the best week of their lives. The best part about being a counselor to me is the fact that I am now responsible for creating the memories that I cherish so much for the campers in my care. I am now the reason some camper will go home with nothing but happiness and loads of stories to tell their family that last the entire car ride home. As a counselor, our main priority is to create a happy and safe environment for the campers as well as keep them engaged and on the move at all times. We plan fun activities for them every day, create connections with them, and make them feel like part of a family by the end of their session. We are also trained on how to handle various situations like homesickness and one-on-one conflicts with another camper so we are ready for anything that may arise.

If anyone after today is thinking about attending Calumet or thinking about signing their children up for it, I highly recommend that you do. It can be nerve wracking being away from your parents for a week or two but I promise that they will love it up there. I myself am a unit one counselor, so my campers, around the age of 8 to 9, are usually there for their first time. I have seen many kids excited to come to camp and many who get to the cabin and are nervous to come to camp for the first time. I have also watched those same kids get emotional when their parents come and pick them up at the end of their session, wishing that they could stay just one more day with their friends. I have watched campers create strong friendships with their cabin mates and have an amazing week with their new friends. Camp is a very special place to me, and I wish that everyone watching considers coming up and experiencing camp because it is truly a place like no other.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask me personally, anything from what it is like being a camper up there to how do counselors handle different situations, or if parents want more clarification about what a typical camp day would be like for their child, feel free to email me at lunarpacas0009@gmail.com and I would be happy to answer your questions.



Caring

April Birthdays

Linda Hempstead	4/2		Randall Eastwood	4/13
Marilyn Stavnitsky	4/3		Beverly Fuss	4/19
Ann Linda Bray	4/8		Barbara Harris	4/22
Elsa Robinson	4/9		David Morsey	4/25
Margaret Gustafson	4/10			



Pastoral Acts

Funerals

Paul Phillimore and Ronald Lehrach

To my Emanuel family,
A note to thank you for all the wonderful messages I've received after my sister's death. Upon receiving numerous beautiful cards with heartfelt messages, emails, ecards, phone calls, text messages, and in-person condolences, I feel truly blessed and comforted by the support I've received. Thank you all so very much.

Blessings and peace,
Carol Kohl

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church members,
Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$2,560 to MACC Charities. Of which, \$975 is to go towards this year's Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign.

In every community there is work to be done. We are so fortunate to have the magnitude of partnerships in Manchester and beyond to support the emergency need that people face daily. MACC is blessed to have a partner like you!

Thank you so much for your amazing support!
Shannon Baldassario, Assistant Executive Director

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Would you like to serve on Altar Guild?

Altar Guild members are those who set-up and clean up for Holy Communion. Training is offered and work is "behind the scenes" either Saturday mornings or Sunday after worship services.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact: Kim Boerner-Mercier: johnkim4@aol.com

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HOLY WEEK

April 2nd—Palm Sunday

at Emanuel, 10:00 AM

April 6th—Maundy Thursday

at Emanuel, 7:00 PM

April 7th—Good Friday

at Concordia, 7:00 PM

April 8th—Easter Vigil

at Emanuel, 7:00 PM

April 9th—Easter Sunday

at Emanuel, 10:00 AM

