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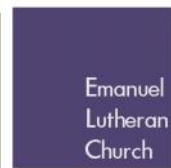
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Emanuel Lutheran Church



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Visitor

From the Pastor

"Whenever humans try to make sense of their experience, they create a story, and we use those stories to answer all the big questions of life. The stories come from everywhere—from family, church, school, and the culture at large. They so surround and inhabit us that we often don't recognize that they are stories at all, breathing them in and out as a fish breathes water."

Daniel Taylor, Tell Me a Story—quoted in Inspired by Rachel Held Evans

One of my favorite podcasts to listen to is *The Moth*—a podcast where people simply tell stories. It is fascinating to hear how people tell stories that have shaped them into who they are. I love to hear the details, the raw emotion in someone's voice, and the way I feel like I am walking with them as they tell it.

It's also what I love about Scripture—it's where we are able to hear the story of God and God's people. We hear stories of deep grief and great joy. Stories of uncertainty, of change, of the steady and consistent presence of God. We encounter the promises of God. We can hear our stories echo in the stories of Scripture too, and it often brings comfort to know we aren't alone.

Each of us have a story to share—if it's on the stage at The Moth or around our kitchen table. Often times, we feel like we don't have a story to tell because our story has become such a part of who we are. Emanuel, as a community, has its own story to share as well. Sometimes our community story is an easy one to tell, and other times it has become such a part of who we are that we are unsure of how to uncover it.

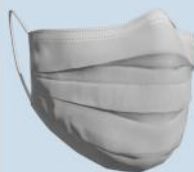
One of the joys of the past month at Emanuel has been beginning to hear those stories. Over the next months, I hope to meet with you—not to ask you to do anything—but simply to get to know you and your story over a cup of coffee. Feel free to reach out to me to schedule a time, and don't be surprised when I call to see when works for you.

*Peace to you and yours,
Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski*

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COVID Policy (Updated: 7/14/22)
Director of Music Search Update

**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.

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed this summer!

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, but we need YOU to sign up as the 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.



From the Vicar

Ryan Heckman

I received an email from Luther Seminary recently with a very interesting title: *How to Turn Waiting in Worship*. I opened the file and in it was a beautiful little practice of prayer while you are in doctor's office waiting rooms, at the department of motor vehicles, or waiting in line at a busy lunch place.



How often do you get frustrated when you are waiting for something? I know I often do. I want to get a move-on so I can get to my next task list item.

This practice of prayer while waiting was developed by Pastor Hollie M. Holt-Woehl. She is an adjunct professor of pastoral care at Luther and a working Lutheran pastor in the Twin Cities. You can find her steps for this waiting prayer below. You can check out some of her other writings on Luther Seminary's Faith+Lead initiative at <https://faithlead.luthersem.edu>.

WHILE YOU WAIT PRAY...

For the workers at the place where you wait & the people waiting in line with you: "Only you, O God, know what is going on in their life, make whole what is broken, give strength for whatever they face this day..."

AND PRAY SOME MORE...

For family and friends, lifting them up one by one to Jesus: "Jesus that is Sarah, Sarah this is Jesus." (*continue saying people's names, or lifting people up without their name is just fine*).

IF STILL WAITING PRAY...

For medical personal & support staff, public servants; For people who are sick, alone, facing food/housing insecurity; Or for anyone who comes to mind...

TIME TO SAY "AMEN."

"May it be so," leave it in God's hands. God cares for you, strengthens you, and watches over you while you wait. (Isaiah 40:31)

I hope this practice of prayer while waiting can lift your spirits, connect you with God and at a minimum, make the periods of waiting in your life feel a little less stressful.

Peace,
Vicar Ryan

Ascentria Care Alliance to gather gift cards for refugees being resettled

Ascentria and our many volunteers are dedicated to welcoming all refugees and helping them become valued members of our communities. Back in September of last year we were challenged to resettle over 600 Afghans in six months, representing more people than we had resettled in the last 3 years combined. We successfully welcomed our new neighbors and continue to help them establish a new life in the United States.

Now we turn our efforts to the Ukrainian response. The Ukrainians are arriving with a status of humanitarian parolee which means they are not eligible for the same federal benefits received by refugees.

Our biggest challenge is finding funding for food, clothing and household items. For that reason we are asking for donations of gift cards. Gift cards for food, clothing and household items are most useful. These cards will allow those arriving to have a sense of autonomy as they shop and pick out items that they reflect their personal preferences. Gift cards can be mailed to: 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA 01809. Your gift card donations are greatly appreciated by our staff and the clients we serve.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.ascentria.org/our-services/services-for-new-americans/help-welcome-ukrainians>. Thank you!



From the Vicar (on Broadway)

Eric Heinrich



My internship and time serving as Vicar at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Norwich is wrapping up. I have had a year of learning, prayer, and worship serving as Vicar. I will be all done on August 7. A couple significant activities at the end of my internship include wrapping up an 18-week adult education series and recently I chaperoned a youth trip to Camp Calumet. Originally, I was planning to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. The plan was Pastor Heidi Johnston from St. Luke in nearby Gales Ferry and I would collaborate and lead youth from both churches to the youth gathering. When the gathering was canceled, she and I decided to take our youth to Camp Calumet for a week. We took ten teenagers, and we created a program around the youth gathering theme of God being "Boundless". We had devotions and worship each morning, we had one day focused on service, we took the kids off site to hike, ride a mountain coaster and zip line, and of course we had fun. We spent a lot of time at camp swimming, kayaking, goofing off, and enjoying all that camp has to offer. Each day we incorporated the theme of God being "Boundless" in love, creation, forgiveness, invitation, and promise. My internship is coming to an end but let's not forget, ministry for all of us is "Boundless"!



Photos taken from Calumet's website: calumet.org



Emanuel's Online Pictorial Directory

Two years ago Emanuel released an online pictorial directory. All Emanuel members are included in the directory. If you are in need of an address, phone number, or email of a member of Emanuel, it is really easy to access the directory from your phone, laptop or desktop computer! You may even want to connect a face to a name in the middle of the night!

To access the directory, you'll need to set up a login at:
members.instantchurchdirectory.com

You will be asked to create an account using your email address and you will choose your own password. You must use the email address that is associated with your name in the directory. If you haven't previously created a login, click on the box that says: "First time signing in? Create Login." You do not need to download any special software to your computer to access the directory.

If you want to access the directory on your phone, you will need to download the "Instant Church Directory" app. Please see those instructions below.

You can download the Instant Church Directory for Apple at the App store, [HERE](#).

You can download the Instant Church Directory for Android at the Google Play store, [HERE](#).

You can download the Instant Church Directory for Kindle at amazon.com, [HERE](#).

Updates and additions will be made to the directory on a regular basis.

Many members do not have photos included with their contact information in the directory.

If you want to submit a photo (or replace a photo that is already there), you can email a jpeg or tiff image to Anne at any time.

Please submit changes, new submissions or questions to Anne at: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org. You may also make changes to your own family entry online and Anne will receive an email from Instant Church Directory to approve the changes.



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.



Weekly Bible Study

Thursday Morning Bible Study will not meet again until September 8th at 10 AM in the Library.

A Year of Biblical Womanhood—Book Study
Sunday, August 7th at 6:30 PM in Luther Hall

Women's Breakfast
Wednesday, August 17th
8:30 AM at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor

Cost per person is \$5.
An RSVP to Lynne Gustafson
(cgustafson01@snet.net) is required by Tuesday, August 16th.



SAVE THE DATE...

Emanuel's Annual Women's Retreat is back again this year! Save the dates: October 14 – 16 at the Blue Gentian Lodge in Londonderry, Vermont. Pastor Joanna will be leading the Retreat this year.

Emanuel's Rocks of Kindness

Garden is making a difference and blessing the lives of the people passing by on the sidewalk, taking a rock to share with loved ones or strangers, however it means **we are in constant need of more painted rocks to keep the kindness going!**

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!



HOLY If you are serving as a Communion Assistant during Sunday morning worship, please note that mask wearing is mandatory at this time for those assisting in communion.



Altar Guild is always looking for volunteers to help set-up & clean-up for worship

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: Ruth Lehrach: rlehrach9@aol.com or Kim Boerner-Mercier: johnkim4@aol.com

Members of Emanuel's Mutual Ministry Committee:

Adela Garmendia, Kathy Rusch, Gail McGrath, Marianne Wilcox, Joe Jauss (chair)

The role of the Mutual Ministry team is to support and enable the mutual ministry of the pastor with the congregation and the congregation with the pastor. Mutual Ministry also provides a sounding board for the pastor to strengthen her ability to minister to the congregation and wider community.

Church Office Hours at Emanuel:

Monday—Thursday from 10 AM—4 PM
Friday from 10 AM—2 PM

Worship volunteers are needed for our single, Sunday morning worship service.

We continue to need the following worship volunteers each Sunday:

Two (2) Communion Assistants, one (1) Lector, and two (2) Ushers.

A sign-up link is emailed out weekly (as volunteers are needed). If you are able and willing to volunteer, please use the electronic sign up. All Sundays for the month will be accessible through the one link.

If you need help or clarification as to what the responsibilities are of each position, you may email Anne at ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org. She can also sign you up for a particular Sunday, if you have difficulty doing so on your own.

Support Emanuel Lutheran Church through

amazonsmile

To connect with Emanuel as a charity, follow this link:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-0662122>

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Anne at ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org.

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <i>Assisting Minister - Vicar Ryan Heckman</i> <i>Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson preaching and presiding</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	1	2 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom	3	4	5 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	6 10:00am Music Together Class - CR
7 <i>Assisting Minister - Vicar Ryan Heckman</i> <i>CLCC eggs for sale outside of the Community Room following worship</i> <i>Healing Prayer following worship at the Altar</i> <i>Vicar Ryan Heckman preaching</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Worship Service at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor 6:30pm Book Study - LH	8	9 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom	10	11	12 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	13 10:00am Music Together Class - CR
14 <i>Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann</i> <i>Charles Sanzo Baptism during worship</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	15 Visitor newsletter deadline	16 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm Council Meeting - via Zoom	17 8:30am Women's Breakfast - Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor	18	19 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	20
21 <i>Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch</i> <i>CLCC eggs for sale outside of the Community Room following worship</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	22	23 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom	24	25	26 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	27 10:00am Dixie Savage Baptism (Family Only)

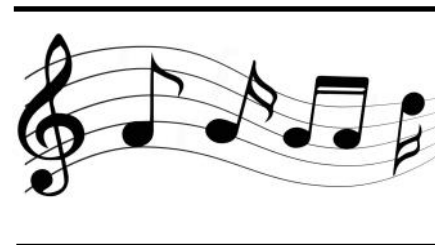


Farewell to Jun Lee

After five years as a beloved member of the Emanuel staff, our Director of Music, Dr. Jun Lee, returned to his home country of South Korea where he joined the rest of his family. We have been so blessed to have gotten to know Jun and to experience his incredible musical talent each Sunday morning. He will be sorely missed!

We said goodbye to Jun on Sunday, July 3, 2022 with a service of Farewell and Godspeed during worship, as well as a special musical surprise presented by the Anthem Choir at the conclusion of the service. Following the service, all were invited to Luther Hall for a Farewell Coffee Hour, hosted by the Worship & Arts Committee.

Please enjoy these photos taken by Ray Purtell to commemorate the day!



Caring

August Birthdays

Paul Berg 8/1
Karen Davis 8/5
Janet Bono 8/19
Jean Reed 8/28

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Pastoral Acts

Funeral Services

James Toman
Heather Little



Dear Members of Emanuel,

Thank you so very much for allowing me into your scholarship program. It means so much to me that you are helping to bring me to Calumet. It is absolutely my favorite place on earth. I am already having an amazing time here on my first day.

Lucas (Anderson)

Dear Emanuel,

Thank you for paying for my camp's 1st week! I'm having an awesome time! I love sailing and arts & crafts! Although the beds might be squeaky and the sand might be messy this is the best summer ever!

From,
Molly (Anderson)

Little Free Pantries in Manchester!

These are like Little Free Libraries, but instead of books, they are stocked with food! These can be helpful to tide residents over in an emergency when regular pantries are closed. They are available for everyone to access. You can take what you need, or you can donate items for others. You do not need to be a client of MACC or tied with any social service agency.

More information can be found at www.hartfordbagsoflove.org

The Manchester locations are:

453 Summit Street (across from William Street)
501 Porter Street (near the intersection of Wyllys)
159 Henry Street (near the intersection of North Elm)
13 Cottage Street (near the intersection of Birch St.)
80 Garden Street



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 for any Sunday after Easter. 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). 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. Because of the rising cost of flowers, Altar flowers are now \$50 and Lectern flowers are now \$30-\$35.

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Summer Worship Services at Emanuel

Every Sunday at 10 AM

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