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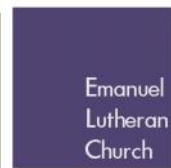
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It's my tradition to start my articles with something about the weather. Here's this month's something: BRRRRR!! It's cold!

Growing up in Minnesota has prepared me for temperatures that often do not lift above 0 at this time of year, so I feel like my body is being seasonally re-set this winter with these frigid temps. I hope you are all staying warm!

This month at Emanuel has been one of fits and starts. We've been navigating the omicron variant of COVID-19 and that has been troubling and challenging. Due to the extraordinarily contagious nature of this variant, Emanuel's Council has made several decisions about how we will worship over the last month. Those are very difficult decisions to make especially as Emanuel also continues its search for a new pastor. There is good news on that front, the Call Committee was excited to announce the week of January 17 that they will be scheduling an interview with a candidate. Of course, this is the beginning of a deep discernment process, so please hold Emanuel's Call Committee in your prayers. With all of that, we continue to worship and give praise and thanks to God for the gifts we do have in this community and they are many! Our ministries continue as safely as they can. If you have any questions about a ministry at Emanuel, you can always reach out to the parish office where Nancy, Anne, or I will do our best to connect you!

January has also been a busy month of seminary course work. I went to Minneapolis (where temps did not exceed -5 for the whole week!) and took an intensive course studying our Lutheran worship. We focused on the many and varied resources that are located within our red hymnals that you were accustomed to seeing in the pew prior to COVID-19. This book is called Evangelical Lutheran Worship or ELW for short and it's packed full of worship and devotional resources far beyond just hymns! This month, I want to encourage you all to explore these resources that we've got at our finger tips. You can even turn many of these resources into a personal devotional practice.

Individual Prayer:

- You can explore the "Additional Prayers" section starting on page 72
- You can explore our Lutheran tradition of Daily Prayer:
 - Morning Prayer on page 298
 - Evening Prayer on page 309
 - Night Prayer on page 320

Scripture-based devotional tools:

- Prepare for Worship each Sunday by engaging the Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays starting on page 18.
- Engage a little scripture each and every day of the year with the Daily Lectionary starting on page 1121.
- Each hymn in our hymnal is inspired by or based on scripture. Pick your favorite hymn and do some research into the text and music. You'll be delighted to find deep richness!

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.*

Emergency Management

By Matt Heinrich

For approximately two years we have all been spending a great deal of time and energy dealing with COVID-19, and it appears this will continue to be the case for the near future. However, we must continue to remember that issues may arise that may result in emergency situations.

In 2018, an Emergency Management Team was formed and an Emergency Management Plan ("the EMP") was developed for Emanuel Lutheran Church ("the Church"). In addition, leaders of the congregation as well as leaders and members of various groups and committees were trained. Copies of the EMP were also placed in several locations throughout the Church so that they can be readily available in the event of an emergency.

In conjunction with the EMP and in response to a couple of accidents, a **Report of Accident or Injury Form** ("the Report") was prepared and placed with the copies of the EMP as well as in a holder on the door to the Church Office.

If a person has an accident or is injured (e.g., falls or is cut), action should be taken to care for the person and, as necessary, ensure that medical attention is provided to the extent necessary. Depending on the severity of the injury this may mean calling 911 and awaiting the arrival of first responders. Once that has been done, a Report must be prepared and provided to the Church Office within forty-eight (48) hours. The Report may be prepared by the victim, the person who coordinated the aid or a witness. If you have information about an event and are uncertain if a Report has been submitted, please prepare and submit a Report. The Report may be delivered directly to the Church Office or provided to a member of the staff or to an usher with a request for it to be delivered to the Church Office.

It is important that a Report be prepared whenever an accident or injury occurs so the Church is aware of the accident or injury and the conditions surrounding the event are documented so appropriate support can be provided to the victim, problems examined, corrective action taken to address any hazards and information is available to support any claims to the insurance carrier of the Church.

Get your free at-home COVID-19 test kits to help stop the spread of COVID!

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services is offering free at-home COVID-19 test kits. Every home in the U.S. can now order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free - there are no shipping costs. Tests plan to ship within 7-12 days of ordering. To place an order, all you need is your name and residential address. No ID, credit card, or health insurance information is required. You may also share your email address to get updates on your order. All tests distributed as part of this program are FDA-authorized at-home rapid antigen tests.

To order, please visit <https://www.covidtests.gov>.

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) Assisting Minister, one (1) Lector, one (1) Usher and two (2) Usher Assistants.

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 ahenrich@emanuelmanchester.org. She can also sign you up for a particular Sunday, if you have difficulty doing so on your own.

Please remember: Masks are still required inside Emanuel's building.

If you have any reason to enter the church building, you must wear a mask. In order to keep EVERYONE safe, **a mask must be worn indoors at all times and worn properly covering the nose and mouth**. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided to you upon entering the building. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our church community safe and healthy!

Camp Calumet Book Club

The Mutual Ministry Committee meets on a monthly basis to discuss concerns brought to them by you, members of the congregation. Their names and email addresses are listed below. While you may be tempted to catch them at worship, please remember, worship is a sacred time for them as individuals, too. They look forward to addressing your concerns.

Emanuel's Mutual Ministry Committee Members:

- Danielle Berneski (fournierd1979@sbcglobal.net)
- Karin Buus (kabuus@comcast.net)
- Carol Kohl (ckohl@cox.net)
- Ron Lehrach (rlehrach9@aol.com)
- Lisa Little (littlezab@comcast.net)

From the Vicar

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Lutheran Studies:

- Luther's Small Catechism is located right in the back of our hymnal staring on page 1160. Did you know the Small Catechism was there all along?
- Study the Individual Confession and Forgiveness rite starting on page 243. Yes, Lutherans do still have individual confession!
- Study the Affirmation of Baptism rite starting on page 234, the reminder that we are washed in the pure waters of Baptism, that we die and rise with Christ to new life is right there in those pages.

So, pick up the ELW and dig in! Your spirit will leave those pages feeling nourished and inspired. It's a fantastic resource that can become a part of your daily life instead of being stuck in the tiny shelf on the back of the pew all the time!

If you would like to borrow an ELW from Emanuel, just reach out to me (vicarryan@emanuelmanchester.org). I'd be happy to loan you one from the parish library. I can also walk you through the book and help you become accustomed to navigating its pages.

Peace to you and your spirit,

Vicar Ryan

WINTER IS HERE and we want you to know that if we get a big storm or have severe weather conditions, Emanuel will have any cancellations of our Sunday worship service on the television on WVIT – NBC 30; WFSB – CBS 3; and WTNH – ABC 8, and on the church's voicemail greeting. So please check before you come. We want everyone to be safe.

Who is welcome at Camp Calumet?
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU!

Register the child you love for Calumet's Resident Camp for Kids 2022 taking place this summer for 8-16 year olds.

Calumet is holy ground for kids.



Start planning your 2022 summer visit to Calumet's 65-site Family Campground, the Conference Center or Village Cabins.

Calumet is a great place for vacation.

Schedule a visit to Calumet this winter or spring for an existing program or for a visit with a group, your family, or all alone.

Calumet is perfect all year long.

Check Calumet's website: calumet.org, and see all the events and retreats happening in the months ahead for people of all ages.

Calumet exists for YOU!

Calumet Monthly Online Book Club

Thursday, February 3rd at 10 AM
or Tuesday, February 8th at 7 PM

AUTHOR TYLER MERRITT

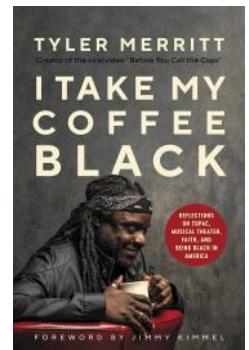
**WILL BE ATTENDING on 2/3 and
has been invited to attend on 2/8.**

Feel free to join the discussion on this book by Tyler Merritt (with a foreword by Jimmy Kimmel). Merritt's book has received great reviews. People have shared that they've both laughed and shed some tears. Calumet Nation can handle it!

Periodically, Calumet invites people to join together to read, think about, and discuss a book. We started this little group back in the days after George Floyd's murder. As people were seeing (some for the first time) the realities facing our Black and Brown Siblings in Christ, there was an eagerness among Calumet Nation to study and learn. We started back in July of 2020. As time went on we read books that helped us think about the experience of those who are young, who are LGBTQ, who are Black and Brown, who are new Americans, who are...well—other—in some way.

All are welcome to join the book discussion. Typically, the conversation lasts about 80 minutes. It's very informal and you aren't at all required to say one single thing! You can just come and listen!

Questions or to receive the Zoom link, contact:
knute@calumet.org



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. We also offer personal healing prayer to people who wish to receive it at the altar immediately following the postlude.

A Year of Biblical Womanhood—Book Study will meet Sunday, February 6th at 6:30 PM in Luther Hall

Weekly Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at 7 PM on Zoom and will continue until the beginning of Lent.
Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 10 AM in Luther Hall.

Women's Breakfast Gathering

Wednesday, February 16th at 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 February 14th.

The Flower Chart is posted in the Office Hallway.

You can 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.

Thrivent Members...

The deadline to direct your 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2022.

Any Choice Dollars that are earned in 2021 will EXPIRE on March 31!

If you need help with the process, please contact Emanuel's Thrivent Coordinator, Ray Purtell by email to (purt1015@gmail.com).



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: 860-633-0575 (h), 860-798-9734 (c), rlehrach9@aol.com

Kim Boerner-Mercier: 860-647-9530 (h), johnkim4@aol.com

Emanuel's Appointed Call Committee

Church Council voted in late November 2021 to appoint the following members of Emanuel to serve as our Call Committee:

Adela Garmendia, Joe Jauss (Chair), Gail McGrath, Ray Purtell, Kathy Rusch, and Marianne Wilcox

We are so grateful to each of them for their willingness to serve Emanuel in this vital role as we search for our new pastor. May God guide them as they move forward in their new role.

Kathy Purtell, Council President

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <i>Pastor Gloria Connery preaching and presiding</i> <i>Vicar Ryan Heckman - Assisting Minister</i> Worship Service also available via Zoom and Online 10:00 AM Sunday School - LH 10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30 PM Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	31 6:00 PM Worship & Arts Meeting via Zoom	1	2 10:00 AM Staff Meeting via Zoom 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study via Zoom	3 10:00 AM Bible Study - LH 7:30 PM Anthem Choir rehearsal - LH	4	5 10:00 AM Music Together Class - CR
6 <i>Pastor David Grafton presiding</i> <i>Vicar Ryan Heckman - Assisting Minister</i> <i>Vicar Ryan Heckman preaching</i> 10:00 AM Sunday School - LH 10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30 PM Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 6:30 PM Book Study - LH	7	8	9 10:00 AM Staff Meeting via Zoom 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study via Zoom	10 10:00 AM Bible Study - LH 7:30 PM Anthem Choir rehearsal - LH	11	12 10:00 AM Music Together Class - CR
13 <i>Pastor Bob LaRochelle preaching and presiding</i> SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 10:00 AM Sunday School - LH 10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary 12:00 PM Confirmation via Zoom 1:30 PM Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	14 CHP - Celebration of Friendship 7:00 PM Property Committee Meeting - via Zoom	15 Visitor newsletter deadline 6:45 PM Council Meeting - LH and via Zoom	16 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast - Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor 10:00 AM Staff Meeting via Zoom 6:00 PM Internship Committee Meeting - (meeting location varies) 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study via Zoom	17 10:00 AM Bible Study - LH 7:30 PM Anthem Choir rehearsal - LH	18	19 10:00 AM Music Together Class - CR
20 <i>Children's Sermon during worship</i> <i>Pastor David Grafton presiding</i> <i>Vicar Ryan Heckman - Assisting Minister</i> <i>Vicar Ryan Heckman preaching</i> 10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30 PM Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	21 CHP - Winter Break PRESIDENTS' DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	22 CHP - Winter Break 6:00 PM New Days Singers rehearsal - SA	23 CHP - Winter Break 10:00 AM Staff Meeting via Zoom	24 CHP - Winter Break 10:00 AM Bible Study - LH 7:30 PM Anthem Choir rehearsal - LH	25 CHP - Winter Break	26 10:00 AM Music Together Class - CR
27 <i>Pastor Gloria Connery preaching and presiding</i> TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 10:00 AM Sunday School - LH 10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary 12:00 PM Confirmation via Zoom 1:30 PM Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	28 Visitor newsletter mailing	1 7:00 PM Ruth Circle Gathering - LH	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM Staff Meeting via Zoom	3 10:00 AM Bible Study - LH 7:30 PM Anthem Choir rehearsal - LH	4	5 10:00 AM Music Together Class - CR



**We are back in person for the
2022 CLCC Winter Celebration!**

**Please join us for a fun night of
food, drinks, games, silent auction, live music and
much more! Sponsor spots are available!**

February 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

The Pond House, West Hartford, CT

www.creativelc.org and go to events to register!

Caring

February Birthdays

Erika Meier	2/3	Katharina Michels	2/5
Rodney Andersen	2/8	Sylvia Hellstrom	2/11
Phyllis Carriere	2/15	Mary Reuter	2/20
Matthew Heinrich	2/27		

Pastoral Acts

Funerals

Lois Karch and Emma Johnson

Baptism

Camden Zagorski

Church Office Hours at Emanuel:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM—4 PM

Wednesday from 1 PM—4 PM

Friday from 10 AM—2 PM

The office will be CLOSED on Monday, February 21 for Presidents' Day.



Winter is here and MACC's Community Thrift Store is in need of men's and women's winter snow boots.

Please bring any boots to the Community Thrift Store located at 466 Main Street in Manchester during open hours: Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

MACC Food Pantry needs:

- Non-dairy Milk (Almond, Soy, Coconut, Oat)
- Foil Baking Pans (Disposable, All Sizes)
- Beans (Canned, All Beans: Black Brown, Red)
- Beef Stew and Chili (Canned)
- PAPER BAGS
- Jelly and Nut Butters
- Mac & Cheese (Boxed)
- Cleaning Supplies
- Condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Salad Dressing, etc., Cooking Oil



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.

Vicar Ryan's Weekly Open Office Hours

Vicar Ryan's weekly open office hours are held on Mondays, from 2-4 PM at Emanuel. In order to remain health conscious and cautious, Vicar Ryan requests that you email him (vicarryan@emanuelmanchester.org) in advance of your visit and limit your visit to 45 minutes. If you would prefer to meet with Vicar Ryan outside of his weekly Monday office hours, please email or call (860-643-1193) and he will be happy to schedule a time to meet with you.

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The Souper Bowl of Caring kicks off on Sunday, February 6th!

We invite you to support the Souper Bowl of Caring during the entire month of February!

There are four different ways that you can donate this year:

- 1) You can easily make a donation online on our website: emanuelmanchester.org/donate.
- 2) You may mail a check to the Church Office at 60 Church Street, Manchester, CT 06040.
- 3) You may stop by the church and drop your donation in the mail slot in the door by the ramp.
- 4) You may drop your donation in the offering plate on any Sunday morning during the month.

We will be accepting donations online, in person and in the mail through the end of February.



All donations will support MACC Charities in Manchester.



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