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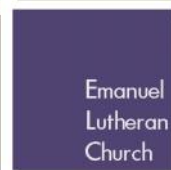
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I have reached the halfway point on my Seminary journey and on my Internship journey! As of this month, I have spent one full year with all you at Emanuel Lutheran Church. What a full year it has been!

I am really looking forward to spending one more year with you, especially as we welcome our new pastor into the Emanuel community in the coming weeks!

I also want to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone in this church community for supporting me through this challenging internship experience and through this challenging academic program. Your ability to be flexible and to show your support of me as a learner has been remarkable. I really appreciate the willingness you showed to keep me on as your intern and all the ways you've brought me into your ministries throughout this year so I can see how it's done.

One of the areas I've explored pretty deeply over the last six months is pastoral care. Many of you know how nervous I was about this aspect of ministry. Pastoral care is a ministry of the church to those who would like, or need, specific spiritual supports. It's a ministry that many in the Emanuel community are called to and are very gifted in! I've had the opportunity to explore this ministry through a program called Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), which is just the fancy way of saying, "Education for being a Pastor." I have explored what it's like to visit someone in the hospital, to bring communion to people at home, to visit those who's health does not allow them to join us at the church. I've built some beautiful relationships by doing this work in partnership with Lynne Gustafson, Emanuel's Parish Nurse.

One aspect of pastoral care I've found especially meaningful is healing prayer. It is tradition to anoint people with a small amount of oil during these prayers as a sign of God's physical presence. This tradition dates back thousands of years into Christianity's Jewish heritage. Olive oil was the most accessible oil in the middle eastern region and was believed to have healing properties. These days, we might call these healing properties anti-oxidants! All joking aside, I have witnessed the real power that these oils can have when used as prayer combined with the warm gentle touch of human hand, to human hand. The calm, peace and joy that I have seen people overcome with can only be chalked up to the work of the Holy Spirit.

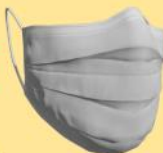
I think this kind of Spirit moments is what Jesus meant when he said, "when two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:19-20). Because the folks who I have done healing prayer with really do seem healed. No, they would not be able to get up and walk out of the hospital right then and there, but I do know that the prayer and oil has helped the doctors and nurses do their work.

I am so glad that Emanuel has the tradition of offering healing prayer on the first Sunday of each month. I want to extend an invitation to you, if you need it, to come forward to the communion rail after worship ends and receive the olive oil on your forehead. Come and see where the Spirit may move to bring health, peace and joy into your life.

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

Masks are RECOMMENDED inside if you are
unvaccinated or at high risk for COVID due
to chronic health conditions.

Masks are MANDATORY in the
Church Office and Copier Room
when two or more people are in
the office at the same time.



Thank you.

Donate Your Time and Talents

I also want to invite you to join the list of Friendly Visitors who go out and visit members of Emanuel who are in particular need of this kind of ministry. It is a beautiful way to build new friendships and to extend the healing hand of Christ to those who need it.

Peace and good health to you!

Vicar Ryan

Help Welcome Afghans to West Springfield, MA through this ongoing Ministry

Ascentria Care Alliance is resettling hundreds of Afghans in Western Massachusetts. Your help is needed to ensure that they have the resources they need to access legal aid, housing, and living essentials. Ascentria has resettled **330** individuals throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and expect to welcome **259** more before the process is completed.

Donate an Amazon Wishlist Item

In addition to financial contributions, we are in need of household essentials. Please use our Amazon Wishlist (link below) to donate items such as bedding, plates, glassware, and more that will help Afghan families and individuals get settled in their new homes!

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lr/2XWVO24RR503I/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

EMPOWERING PEOPLE. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES.

Ascentria Care Alliance: What does "Ascentria" mean? We define it as "rising together." At Ascentria Care Alliance (formerly Lutheran Social Services of New England), we are called to strengthen communities by empowering people to respond to life's challenges. Our faith-based legacy remains the heart and soul of our mission, vision and values. For more information, please visit: <https://www.ascentria.org/>

Emanuel's Rocks of Kindness Garden started three years ago with close to 100 painted rocks and now the garden is just about empty! It's wonderful to know that the 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 need 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 protective spray and then we'll place them in the garden. 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.

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

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, 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.

From the Vicar on Broadway

Eric Heinrich



Jesus is the “Prince of Peace”. Recently it seems our news is filled with images of violence being

caused based on bigotry and hatred. This is the total opposite of peace. The mass shooting in Buffalo is certainly one that is grabbing my attention and it appears to have happened because of a man’s heart focused on hatred. It is not only hatred but also lack of understanding that results in violence and hurt. I say more than ever we as Christians need to turn our prayers, hearts, and attention to peace. According to Wikipedia, Peace is “a concept of societal friendship and harmony in the absence of hostility and violence.” Jesus says, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”. If we all followed this command, our world would overflow with societal harmony. If we look around in our own relationships, when peace fails to exist, it is often because we are humans and are flawed. We fail to act lovingly, sometimes this is because we have been hurt and we respond in hurtful ways. Sometimes it occurs because we do not fully understand and know everything that is happening in the lives of folks around us.

“Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me”, these are lyrics to a song written by Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller in 1955. I think these are strong words with a message that we as Christ followers should embrace. We can start small with our own personal relationships, we can move forward with bigger implications as we pray for peace in our communities, nation, and worldwide. We need to remember that if we are to pray for peace, we need to pray for everyone. The everyone would include those who seem to be the biggest obstacles to peace, such as political dictators and mass shooters. If we act with love as Jesus teaches, we will pray for love and peace for all, even our enemies. When we pray for peace and love for our enemies, we are extending grace like Jesus does for us. Grace does not mean we support hurtful acts of others it means we open our hearts to direct love to others. This directed love can shine like God shines on us with Jesus. Contemplate the following verse from Romans as your pray.

Therefore since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand: and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.—Romans 5:1-2

Juneteenth Celebration

This article was taken from the Better Manchester website, as a featured story posted on May 5, 2022. It was written by Better Manchester staff writer, Anthony Rein.

On June 18, Manchester will be hosting its second annual Juneteenth Freedom Day Commemoration at Leisure Labs at the Mahoney Center, 110 Cedar Street from 4 PM to 7 PM. Join your neighbors in a celebration of Juneteenth, Black History, and culture. A collaboration between the Town of Manchester’s Department of Leisure, Family, and Recreation and its community partners. This year’s event will feature thoughtful speakers, live music, poetry readings, a black-owned food & vendor market, family activities, and more!

Juneteenth celebrates June 19, 1865, the day that Union soldiers marched into Galveston, Texas, and enforced the Emancipation Proclamation, ending slavery in Texas. This came nearly three years after President, Abraham Lincoln had proclaimed that they: “Shall be then, thenceforward, and forever, free.”

The event’s main stage will feature speakers and readings, alongside live music and entertainment, including a libation ceremony and drum roll by Brother Abu Alvin Carter and a presentation by the African American & Black Affairs Council. Gwenneth Douglas will be singing the “Black National Anthem,” and a selection of gospel songs, along with a performance by Hartford Proud, a youth music and dance organization. Between performances and speakers, a DJ will be on hand for music to keep the celebration going!

The food court and vendor market will feature local black-owned businesses and restaurants including; vegan Jamaican patties from Amazing Ackee, barbeque from Thomas’ Smoky Pit Stop, and cheesecake and baked goods from the Wright Slice of Cheesecake. Local vendors will be selling a wide range of goods from art to beauty and wellness products. Vendors will include Sisters Soap Box, Reader’s Block, A Clay Zone, AppleFallsPrints, and more! Whether with a plate of food or a handcrafted gift, come out and support local black-owned businesses and the community.

The Luminaries for Change Garden will feature last year’s Luminaries for Change Exhibit. This exhibit was selected for the Luminaries’ contributions to race, equity, and social justice in the Manchester community. Take a walk through the garden and find out more about those who have striven to make Manchester a more diverse and equitable place.

For kids and teens, Rec on the Run will be on-site, with themed take-home activity boxes and educational FACT cards. A bounce house and other inflatables will be on-site to provide active fun for children, while YSB’s Teen Corner will be distributing activities and resources for young adults to learn about the history and meaning of Juneteenth. The Marcy MacDonald Pool will be open for swimming and the Creative Corner and family activity with the Manchester Police Department means that there will be plenty to do for children and families together.

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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will not meet in June.



Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 10 AM in the Library.

A Year of Biblical Womanhood—Book Study
Sunday, June 5th at 6:30 PM in Luther Hall

Ruth Circle Gathering
Tuesday, June 7th at 7 PM
in Luther Hall



Ruth Circle is having an IMPORTANT gathering to plan programs for 2022-2023.

No refreshments will be served, but you may bring your own drinks. For those who cannot attend, if you have any program ideas, please contact Carol Kohl (in-person or by email to: ckohl@cox.net) and she will be sure that they are considered. Please come and let's plan!

Women's Breakfast
Wednesday, June 15th
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, June 14th.



We will be honoring and blessing our High School Graduates at the 10 AM Worship Service on June 19th.

**Joe Griffin * Colin Lyon * Megan Minicucci *
Xamadhi Quinonez * Sarah Sonntag * Ainsley Vyse**

The Property Committee is STILL looking for volunteers to weed the grounds of Emanuel.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex with a slot open each week through September. If you sign up, you can weed on any day and any time during that week. It's very flexible and your service will help keep Emanuel's outside beautiful!

Vicar Ryan's Weekly Open Office Hours

Vicar Ryan's weekly open office hours are held on Wednesdays, from 2-4 PM at Emanuel. Please 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 Wednesday office hours, please email or call (860-643-1193) and he will be happy to schedule a time to meet with you.

CLCC Chicken Eggs

At this time, eggs will no longer be sold every Sunday after church in the Community Room. We'll share an update soon as to when eggs will once again be available for sale this summer.



If you have any questions, an email can be sent to mijauss@comcast.net or you can call Jane at 860-690-5140.

Support Emanuel Lutheran Church through

amazon smile

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 aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org.

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.

Church Office Hours at Emanuel:

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

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <i>Pastor Gloria Connery preaching and presiding</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 5:00pm Project Choir ONE Pre-Concert Rehearsal & Set-Up - SA 7:00pm Project Choir ONE Concert - Sanctuary	30 MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	31	1 1:00pm Staff Meeting via Zoom	2 10:00am Bible Study - Library	3 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	4 9:00am Altar Guild to Set Up Pentecost Geraniums in the Sanctuary 10:00am Music Together Class - CR 11:00am Music Together Class - CR
5 DAY OF PENTECOST <i>Pastor David Grafton preaching and presiding</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	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00am Executive Committee Meeting - Time and Place TBD 7:00pm Ruth Circle Gathering - LH	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 NE Synod Assembly - DCU Center in Worcester, MA OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library	10 NE Synod Assembly - DCU Center in Worcester, MA OFFICE CLOSED 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	11 NE Synod Assembly - DCU Center in Worcester, MA 10:00am Music Together Class - CR 11:00am Music Together Class - CR
12 <i>Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski's first Sunday at Emanuel</i> THE HOLY TRINITY 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	13 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - LH	14 10:00am PEO Meeting - LH 6:45pm Council Meeting - LH and via Zoom	15 Visitor newsletter deadline 8:30am Women's Breakfast - Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor 1:00pm Staff Meeting via Zoom	16 10:00am Bible Study - Library	17 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	18
19 High School Senior Recognition at Worship Service 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	20	21	22 1:00pm Staff Meeting via Zoom	23 10:00am Bible Study - Library	24 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	25
26 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	27 7:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting - Library	28 Visitor newsletter mailing	29 1:00pm Staff Meeting via Zoom	30 10:00am Bible Study - Library	1 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	2

Emanuel's Church Office will be CLOSED Monday, June 6th—Friday, June 10th

A message from Phil Leggett— MACC Community Pantry Manager

When I was a kid, my mother would make me a special cake for my birthday. She would make a cake with a theme or character. Here at the Emergency Food Pantry we would like to give a kid that awesome childhood memory too. Help us make memories by donating much needed cake mix for our families to enjoy.



Please help us welcome Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski
as Emanuel's new pastor! Pr. Joanna's first Sunday at Emanuel will be June 12th!

(These photos were taken by Ray Purtell at the Meet & Greet, Saturday, April 23rd and on the Call Vote Sunday, April 24th).



Calumet's Walk the Walk 2022 Registration is OPEN!

Walk the Walk has become a very popular and very much appreciated annual event which has brought all kinds of people together for the purpose of (1) **keeping active**, (2) **growing relationships** and (3) **supporting Calumet**. With each passing year, it grows. Read all about it and register: <https://www.calumet.org/giving/walkthewalk>

A big thank you goes out to the Emanuel community for their generous support of the Pastor Bill White Calumet Fund (Calumet Campership Fund). Due to these donations, a distribution from the Christian Education Endowment Fund, and a generous donation from Karen (Morsey) & Tom Reed, we were able to give each of the five campers and one OT (counselor-in-training) a campership in the amount of one full week of camp (\$695). We are so glad that we were able to help these families send their children to camp this summer. We hope these youth have the best summer ever at Camp Calumet! BoomChicka Boom!

Caring

June Birthdays

Maylord Hempstead	6/5	Lincoln Goff	6/17
Charles Billmyer	6/22	Joyce Halmers	6/29

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



Pass Your Keys to a Neighbor in Need through Good News Garage

The pandemic has driven prices of used cars to record highs, leaving many of our neighbors unable to afford safe and reliable vehicles. Without a car, these families are literally stuck at a standstill in their lives. Fortunately, a local nonprofit is able to help those in need. Good News Garage was founded in Burlington, VT in 1996 and over the last 25 years, has awarded over 5,500 donated cars to our neighbors. They couldn't do this life-changing work without the help of generous car donors. **There is currently an urgent need for vehicles!** Car donors receive free towing, qualify for generous tax deductions, and can feel good about putting a neighbor in the driver's seat towards a better life. Let Good News Garage help you pass your keys. For more information and to donate, visit www.goodnewsgarage.org or call 603-669-6937. You can also "like" GNG's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/goodnewsgarage>.

MACC Charities restaurant—Bistro on Main is now officially closed

Five years ago, MACC launched its first Social Enterprise, Bistro on Main. The objective of the business was to train people within the food industry to get them back to work. We are blessed to say we met our objective; as many of our students are gainfully employed and well providing for themselves. With that said, it has been a challenging venture, especially with the economic challenges covid presented to the business community. Although we are selling the business, MACC will continue the mission of its social enterprise through MACC Charities Community Kitchen, under the direction of our Head Chef, Ferdinand Cruz. You can also look forward to MACC Kitchen's #Pop-Up dining experiences to both celebrate and enjoy our future student's culinary creations. We are confident that a new venture awaits 867 Main Street, as it is housed in a popular block for business on Main Street, has a great landlord and is at the starting line for the Manchester Road Race. If you or anyone you know is looking for a restaurant space, please contact us at 860-647-0440.

Sincerely, MACC Charities
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FARMERS MARKET

Good Food. Good People. Grown Here.



Spruce Street

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31, 4:30-7:30 PM
MARKET FIELD, 153 & 163 SPRUCE STREET



Northwest Park

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 7 - OCTOBER 26, 4:30-7:30 PM
NORTHWEST PARK, 448 TOLLAND TURNPIKE



Manchester's Juneteenth Freedom Day Commemoration

JUNE 18TH
4 PM – 7 PM

**LEISURE LABS AT
MAHONEY CENTER,
110 CEDAR STREET,
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