



60 Church Street
Manchester, CT 06040
(860) 643-1193
Fax (860) 645-0830
website: www.emanuelmanchester.org

June 2024

Emanuel Lutheran Church



A Member of the New England Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
a "Reconciling In Christ" Congregation



Visitor

From the Pastor

"Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come."

—Anne Lamott, *Bird by Bird*

The first weekend in May, I attended a writing workshop with Cheryl Strayed. It has been a long time since I wrote to just write—not for a sermon or a newsletter or to communicate an upcoming event. I wanted to connect back to creative writing with the hopes that it would help my feeling of being in a rut with my preaching.

In the workshop, after a lecture, we would pick one of four writing prompts to write about. We were given ten minutes to write, and then we had to read what we wrote to someone in the room. I read something that I write every Sunday, and yet, I was surprised at how nervous I felt. However, what I found to enjoy the most from the workshop was not sharing my own writing but listening to others.

One of the places I find hope is in the stories of others. It's in the confirmation students sharing how they experience God in the world or hearing how a couple that's been married 54 years met. It's hearing the joy someone finds in their garden, even amongst the weeds or about the comic the second grader created. When we share our stories, it helps us to know one another in a deeper way and ultimately helps us to love one another as Jesus calls us to.

At Emanuel, we will be focusing on how to share our stories—either one to one or within a group, in order to get to know one another in a deeper way. You may have been at Emanuel for 25 years, but I am sure there are people you may not know very well. I hope you find hope in one another and even see a small glimpse of the Kingdom of God too.

Peace to you and yours,
Pastor Joanna

You may have noticed a QR code has been added to the front cover of the bulletin and on small cards placed in the pews of the sanctuary. If scanned, the code will take you directly to Emanuel's secure donation page. Once you are on the donation page, you can choose to designate your donation to a specific fund or the General Fund. We wanted to give people the option to easily donate online at any time.



On the backside of the QR Code card in the pew is also a form you can fill out for prayer requests. You can drop the card in the offering plate and the church office and Pastor Joanna will receive your request.

Church Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday: 10 AM—4 PM
and Friday: 10 AM—2 PM

Endowment Disbursements

The Endowment Committee is pleased to present the 2024 disbursements from three of our four endowment funds. The endowment funds provide opportunities for members to help provide long-term security for the church and create a perpetual legacy aligned with the member's area of interest and passion. This perpetual legacy allows us to make these annual distributions. Thanks to donations made since the inception of the funds in 2008 as well as compounding interest and investment gains, the endowment funds continue to grow, as does our ability to support worthwhile ministries each year.

A \$1,250.00 distribution will be made from the Extended Ministries Endowment Fund to the Creative Living Community of Connecticut to install pollinator and herb gardens at the farmstand in Coventry.

Two distributions will be made from the Education Endowment Fund. \$300.00 will go to Campfield Heinrich to purchase books and materials for his seminary classes. \$1,800.00 will be used to help pay for housing for the congregational retreat planned at Camp Calumet for November.

The Music Endowment Fund distribution, in the amount of \$3,000.00, will be used to help pay for professional instrumentalists and vocalists to enhance the music for the Christmas 2024 and Easter 2025 worship services.

Symbolic distributions of the funds will be done as part of our worship services in the near future.

Notes of appreciation from the recipients, as they are received, will be shared as part of the weekly updates and in the *Visitor*.

If you would like more information about the Endowment Funds, please contact one of the Endowment Committee members: Patrick Byrne, Roz Gryzwinski, Helen Johnson, Carol Kohl, Marianne Wilcox, or Kim Boerner-Mercier.

A message from Camp Calumet...Boom Chicka Move

For many years, Calumet Nation has come together to Walk the Walk—a time of movement, connection, and support for Calumet. This year, our walking will be rooted in our call to Boom Chicka Move! This time of activity, common purpose, and togetherness for good is an annual event. Together we set a goal of: (1) keeping active, (2) growing relationships, and (3) supporting Calumet. For our MOVEMENT event this year, we're going to be seeking mileage of all kinds! We will be intentional about finding bikers, and hikers, and runners, and swimmers—all kinds of movement that is not motorized and requires our bodies to move into the forward space.

The registration link will be available beginning June 1, 2024 here:
<https://calumet.org/boomchickamove>



We start moving on July 1 and finish our movement for Calumet on August 31.

The people/mileage goal—800 registrants and 151,000 miles.

A brand-new option for folks who don't want to report mileage is that they will be able to choose the standard of 1.5 - 2 miles per day.

Move Up the Miles is new this year. Invite one or more folks who are not registrants this year...to join you in your movement for Calumet and you can count their miles for YOUR total. It's a fun way for us to be intentional about investing in relationships. Invest in an old friend or invest in a new friend! Better yet, invest in both and help them get to know each other. Each week there will be a Move Up the Miles Question that will be suggested on the Facebook page.

Be part of the special group on Facebook by requesting to join the page (*and answer the couple of questions so that the administrator's know you're "legit"*).

It's going to be a great experience this summer! Boom Chicka MOVE and Boom Chicka Boom!

For all the details and to access the registration link, please visit: <https://calumet.org/boomchickamove>

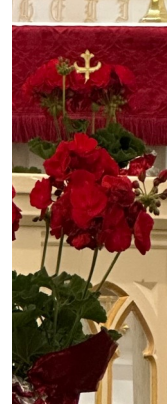
We're Seeing RED!



Emanuel had the joy of hosting Ryan Heckman's Service of Ordination on Saturday, May 11. Congratulations Pastor Ryan! St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Avon, CT is blessed to have you as their associate pastor. Best wishes for many years of ministry together!



Five extraordinary young adults affirmed their baptisms during worship on May 19. Congratulations to Lucas, Caroline, Zachary, Carolyn, and Logan on your confirmation! Emanuel is blessed to welcome you as adult members of the church. You all have unique gifts and we are looking forward to how you will share them with us in the coming years.



Join Us as We Celebrate and Give Thanks for the Ministry of Nancy Whiton and Lynne Gustafson on Sunday, June 30th

After over 20 years as our Administrative Assistant, Nancy Whiton will be retiring at the end of June. We are excited for her as she begins this new retirement phase of her life! And we will miss her very much—her welcoming presence, her calming voice in crisis, and her knowledge of Emanuel and its people. Lynne Gustafson retired as our Parish Nurse at the end of 2023. Lynne brought a vibrant ministry through the parish nurse program and has helped many (and has some great stories that came through her ministry too!). We hope you'll join us as we celebrate Nancy and Lynne on Sunday, June 30 with a reception following worship!

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 take after worship. Personal healing prayer is offered to people who wish to receive it at the altar immediately following the postlude.



Emanuel has an AED (Automated external defibrillator) 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 it is on the wall directly in front of you.

Weekly Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10 AM in the library.



We will be honoring and blessing our High School Graduates at the 10 AM Worship Service on June 9th.

Geno Dolcelli * Adam Eskin

The Church Office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, June 19th.

Women's Breakfast

**Wednesday, June 19th at 8:30 AM
Evergreen Crossings, 900 Hemlock Avenue
in South Windsor**

Cost per person is \$8.

An RSVP to Lynne Gustafson: cgustafson01@snet.net is required by Tuesday, June 18th.

We'll welcome and receive 11 adults and 4 children as new members of Emanuel on Sunday, June 23, 2024 during the 10 AM worship service.

An Early Communion Workshop will be held in the Sunday School/Youth Room after worship on Sunday, 6/23. If you are interested in attending with your child, please email Pastor Joanna (pastorjoanna@emanuelmanchester.org)

This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel (new and old), that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.

You can access the directory on your laptop or desktop computer or on your phone (through the *Instant Church Directory* app). You'll need to create an account using the email listed for your family's profile in the directory and create your own password. To access the directory please go to: members.instantchurchdirectory.com. If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

**Chestnut Hill Preschool 50th Celebration
Saturday, June 1, 2024
from 1 – 4 PM at Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Please join us for an open house anytime between 1 – 4 PM. It will be an afternoon filled with shared memories, visiting the classrooms, connecting with classmates and seeing CHP teachers. Alumni and families from anytime over the last 50 years are encouraged to attend. EVERYONE is welcome though, even if you aren't connected with CHP.

The Blue Chip Creamery Truck and a DJ will be in the Luther Hall parking lot from 1:30-3:30 PM.

Hartford Flute Ensemble Concert

Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM

**Emanuel Lutheran Church
60 Church Street, Manchester, CT**

Have you ever heard a Flute Choir? Piccolos, concert flutes, alto and bass flutes?

Discover the magic of flute music at the Hartford Flute Ensemble's end-of-season concert! Join us for a captivating performance featuring enchanting pieces by Boismortier, Valerie Coleman, Astor Piazzolla, and more. Don't miss this unforgettable, unique musical experience!

Donations will be accepted at the door.

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 June 2024 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 ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org and let her know what date and what volunteer position you would like.

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <i>Assisting Minister - Ben Hogue</i> <i>Farewell and Godspeed to Campfield Heinrich before he leaves for ULS</i> THE HOLY TRINITY <i>Tirado Baptism during Worship Service</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	27 MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	28 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Emanuel Housing Corp. Meeting - LH	29	30 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	31 CHP to set-up for 50th Anniversary Party - LH 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	1 9:00am Music Together Class - CR 12:00pm CHP 50th Anniversary Celebration - LH/Classrooms/CR Parking Lot
2 <i>Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier</i> <i>Endowment Disbursements Presentation during worship</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	3	4 10:30am Staff Meeting	5	6 NE Synod Assembly - DCU Center in Worcester, MA 10:00am Bible Study - Library	7 NE Synod Assembly - DCU Center in Worcester, MA 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	8 NE Synod Assembly - DCU Center in Worcester, MA 9:00am Music Together Class - CR 7:00pm Flute Concert - SA
9 <i>Assisting Minister - Ray Purtell</i> <i>High School Senior Recognition at Worship Service</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	10	11 10:30am Staff Meeting	12	13 10:00am Bible Study - Library	14 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	15 Visitor newsletter deadline 9:00am Music Together Class - CR
16 <i>Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	17	18 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Council Meeting - LH	19 JUNETEENTH - OFFICE CLOSED 8:30am Women's Breakfast - Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor	20 10:00am Bible Study - Library	21 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	22
23 <i>Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch</i> <i>Receive New Members during Worship</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:30am Early Communion Workshop - Youth Room 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	24	25 10:30am Staff Meeting	26	27 10:00am Bible Study - Library	28 Visitor newsletter mailing 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	29
30 <i>Assisting Minister - Ben Hogue</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Retirement Celebration for Lynne Gustafson & Nancy Whiten - LH 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	5 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	6

Emanuel's Rocks of Kindness Garden is in constant need of painted rocks.

Our Kindness Garden 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 ones. We would be grateful if you are able to paint a few rocks. Bring them to the Church Office and we'll treat them with a protectant spray and then we'll place them in the garden. Thank you!

Archived copies of 2022, 2023 & 2024 *Visitor* newsletters are available on our website under the password protected MEMBER ACCESS tab (pull down to "VISITOR NEWSLETTERS").

If you are a Communion Assistant or the Assisting Minister during Sunday morning worship, please note that wearing a face mask is required when serving the communion elements.

2024 NE Synod Bishop Election—Update

Biographies available

The Bishop Election Team has shared the biographies of those individuals whose names were submitted during the pre-identification period. Each individual named was asked to discern if they chose to move forward in the process. If so, they provided biographical and disclosure information and completed a background check.

The individuals are:

Pr. Marjo Anderson, The Rev. Sara J. Anderson, The Rev. Susan Gaeta, The Rev. Scott Howard, The Rev. Erica Kennedy, The Rev. Jeanette Leisk, The Rev. William Petersen, The Rev. Nathan Piphon, The Rev. Kyle Seibert, and The Rev. Kari Jo Verhulst.

June 5 - Pre-identified Persons Information Removed from Synod Website the day prior to Synod Assembly

June 6 - Synod Assembly begins

The bishop election will proceed according to the rules set forth in the synod constitution. The first ballot will include the names of the pre-identified persons, as well as offering voting members the opportunity to name a rostered minister who is not listed. The biographies along with an outline of the voting process as it will take place at the synod assembly (June 6-8), and information of the overall process and timeline are available on the synod webpage dedicated to the election: <https://www.nelutherans.org/bishopselection>

Questions may be addressed to the bishop election team via email to bishopselection@nesynod.org.



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. 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.

Coffee Hours

Coffee Hour is held every Sunday following worship unless otherwise noted. The person responsible for opening the building will make the coffee each week. If you are willing to bring goodies, cream and/or milk and will stay to help clean up afterward, please sign up to host the coffee hour.

The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Any food leftover may also be used for the following week's coffee hour.

Think about hosting in teams of two! We look forward to the fellowship!



The Health Collective

Be Well. Be Yourself.

Aid-A-Pet is a program they run by **donation only** at The Health Collective Food Pantry located at Health Collective East (HCE) in Manchester, CT. Below is a list of items their clients have asked for to care for their fur babies:

- ◆ Dog Food (Wet/Dry)
- ◆ Dog Treats
- ◆ Wee-wee Pads
- ◆ Doggie Bags
- ◆ Cat Litter
- ◆ Cat Food (Wet/Dry)
- ◆ Pet Stain Remover



If you would like to donate any items from the list above, please leave them in the designated basket in the narthex.

We'll collect items through the end of June.

Thank you for your generosity!

Caring

June Birthdays (Emanuel Members 75+ yrs.)

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



Pastoral Acts

Funerals

Susan Oliver

Frederick and Marion Schneider

MACC Community Food Pantry

Food donations are in great need as summer approaches. Some food items that are always in need are: *Instant Potatoes, Chili, Beef Stew, Ketchup, Canned Veggies, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Mayonnaise, Baking Mix (Cake & Brownie), Cooking Oil, Rice/Rice Mixes, Canned Pasta, and Beans.* 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.

*Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church Members,
Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$836.32 to MACC Charities to support those in our community facing an emergency crisis. Your gift comes at a crucial time of year; when funding slows after the holidays. In every community there is work to be done. Having access to basic needs like food, clothing, and shelter has the power to break the cycles of poverty, to protect and save lives and to make a bright future possible. Thank you for being our partner!*

Thank you, Shannon Baldassario – CEO



Emanuel Staff

(860) 643-1193

Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski
pastorjoanna@emanuelmanchester.org
Ext. 301

Jeff Sirois
Director of Music
jsirois@emanuelmanchester.org
Ext. 307

Danielle Berneski and Julie Kamp
Co-Directors of Family Ministries
familyministry@emanuelmanchester.org
Ext. 304

Nancy Whiton
Administrative Assistant
nwhiton@emanuelmanchester.org
Ext. 309

Anne Heinrich
Church Secretary
aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org
Ext. 300

Donna Connolly
Parish Nurse
ds3connolly@gmail.com

Kathy Hatch
Property Supervisor
Khatch4@gmail.com

Barton Sattler
Treasurer
treasurer@emanuelmanchester.org

Jodi Eskin
Financial Secretary
jeskin67@hotmail.com

Berk Little and Kathy Rusch
Worship Support Specialists

The Health Collective

FOOD PANTRY

MANCHESTER RESIDENTS!

The Health Collective Food Pantry Hours:
Every Wednesday from 9 AM to 5:30 PM
64 Church Street, Manchester
For more Information Contact:
Kason Dacres
kasond@healthcollective.org

The Health Collective

2024 LGBTQIA+ Youth Scholarship

Our scholarship application is now open! The deadline is June 20th. Applicants must be high school seniors to apply.

NEW HAVEN PRIDE CENTER



Summer Sizzle: BBQ Event with Bear's Smokehouse

(formerly Farm To Table)

Saturday, July 20 - 5 PM

2645 Boston Tpke., Coventry

Two Pour Guys, Bruce John Music

Participant Stories

Silent Auction

Tickets

www.creativelc.org



Please check out CLCC's website for special events throughout the season: creativelivingcommunityofct.org.



The CLCC Farmstand
(2645 Boston Turnpike,
Coventry, CT)
Is open for the season.

It is open
Wednesdays—Sundays
10 AM - 4 PM.

The Farmstand is stocked with
farm fresh eggs,
microgreens,
and local produce.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Emanuel Lutheran Church
60 Church Street
Manchester, CT 06040

