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**March 2025**

## 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

"Imagine if every church became a place where everyone is safe, but no one is comfortable. Imagine if every church became a place where we told one another the truth. We might just create sanctuary."

— Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church*

What if we truly embodied this vision as a church? What would it look like if we created a space where safety was not just a surface-level assurance, but a deep, abiding trust that allowed us to be honest with one another about our struggles, doubts, and imperfections? What if we didn't shy away from the hard truths—about ourselves, about the world around us, and about God's call on our lives—but spoke those truths with love and humility?

I love this quote from Rachel Held Evans because it shows how safety and truth are interconnected. A sanctuary is not merely a place where we come to sit and experience worship, but rather a place where we participate, are active, and to seek comfort in what we already know and believe. A sanctuary is a place where we are challenged to grow, to confront difficult realities, and to be transformed. It's where we find the courage to be honest.

This Lenten season, as we journey together, let us strive to build such a community. A place where each person feels safe enough to be vulnerable, yet brave enough to step beyond their comfort zones. Let us tell one another the truth—not just the truths of our faith, but the truths of our hearts and the truth of our story. Let us listen with compassion, speak with honesty, and extend grace when the truth is hard to hear or to share.

We will indeed create a sanctuary—a place of refuge where all are welcome, where healing can begin, and where God's transforming love is felt in the deepest, most profound ways.

Peace to you and yours,

*Pastor Joanna*

### **It's time to order flowers for Easter Sunday**

We'll be offering lily, tulip, and daffodil plants from Woodland Gardens again this year.

All plants are in 6" pots.

The lilies, tulips and daffodils are \$11.00 each.

Orders must be received in the church office **no later than Sunday, March 23rd.**

*Order forms are located at both entrances of the sanctuary, in the church office and on the back page of this newsletter.*



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**Church Office Hours:**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Friday:**  
**10 AM—2 PM**

# Directory, Weaving, Coffee Hours, and Congregation Event

**This is just a reminder for all members of Emanuel that we have an Online Member Pictorial Directory.** You can access the directory on your laptop, 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](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com). If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: [ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org](mailto:ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org)

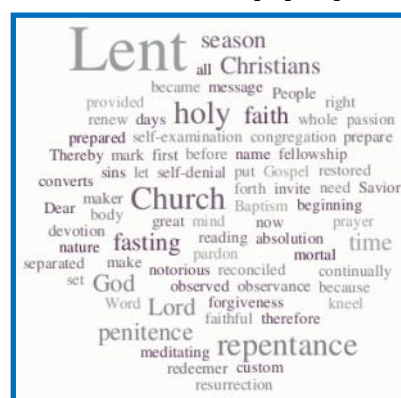
## Lenten Weaving

Emanuel's Lenten theme will contemplate how God's love is woven throughout our everyday lives. To help us focus on our theme, the Worship and Arts Committee's Lenten art project is weaving. After our Sunday Services during Lent the Worship and Arts Committee will sponsor two weaving projects in Luther Hall that parishioners can participate in. One type of weaving is woven on a small wooden loom and the other is done on a paper plate.

wooden loom



paper plate



As you make your weaving(s), we're going to ask you to contemplate a word that you would like to "weave" into your everyday lives. The weavings can be done by parishioners of all ages. To help us with our weavings, we are asking for parishioners to bring in any scraps of yarn or cotton fabrics that we can cut up to use in our weavings. **You can place your fabric scraps in the designated basket in the sanctuary.**

*If you have questions about the project, please reach out to Linda Jackson.*

## Coffee Hours

You can sign-up to host coffee hour in one of three ways:

- ♦ On the paper sign-up sheet in the narthex
- ♦ Through the online sign-up sheet:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uFDDtVaSqbAxWhfcOeNICaNBfsM6oeYYcdt7IMOD\\_ZE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uFDDtVaSqbAxWhfcOeNICaNBfsM6oeYYcdt7IMOD_ZE/edit?usp=sharing)
- ♦ Call or email Anne in the Church Office: 860-643-1193 or [ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org](mailto:ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org)

## Congregation Event: Hartford Yard Goats Baseball Game

Sunday, May 18th at 1:10 PM at Dunkin Park, Hartford

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex beginning Sunday, March 2. Sign-up with your name and the number of tickets you would like. Tickets are \$14. each, with a loaded value of \$2. to use toward concessions at the game. Emanuel will pay for any child aged 12 and under. There are 60 tickets available for the game against the Binghamton Rumble Ponies (NY Mets affiliation), so don't delay in signing up and mark your calendar! Seats are in left field. Bring your glove to catch a home run! Family and friends are welcome! Any questions, please contact Kathy Rusch ([krusch2@comcast.net](mailto:krusch2@comcast.net)) or Diane Gawlinski ([Gawlinski.diane@gmail.com](mailto:Gawlinski.diane@gmail.com))

**Save the date...**



## Thrivent Event

This year's Sunday School Service Project will be to help support Mosaic. What is most helpful for the Mosaic organization is monetary donations.



Becca Piel from Mosaic will be a special guest during the Sunday School class on March 23. Becca will teach the class, (Emanuel's Sunday School teacher and volunteer will be present) and tell the children all about Mosaic. The children will decide together as a group how they want to raise funds and come up with a plan on how to accomplish their goal!

If you would like to learn about Mosaic, visit their website at: <https://www.mosaicinfo.org/>

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### **Thrivent Program—Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials**

**Sunday, March 30 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**Emanuel Lutheran Church (60 Church Street, Manchester, CT 06040)**

Join us for a free workshop presented by Mr. Robert O'Neill and Northeast Thrivent Member Network. During this session, explore estate strategies and tools you can use to make your final wishes clear. No matter your wealth or status, you have an estate. And all estates have something in common—you can't take it with you when you die.

- Explore assets—whether they be financial or physical.
- Understand beneficiaries—family or organizations you care about.
- Gain tools to help put your plans into action.

A light lunch will be served. All attendees must pre-register.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prepare-wisely-estate-strategy-essentials-tickets-1242410405969?aff=oddtcreator>

No products will be sold. Thrivent and its financial advisors and professionals do not provide legal, accounting, or tax advice. Consult your attorney or tax professional.

*Mr. Robert (Bob) O'Neill owns and runs a financial practice in the Northeast Region of Thrivent in Dedham, MA. Thrivent is a Fortune 500 company with an AM Best superior rating of A++ (highest rating). Before coming to Thrivent, Bob was Managing Director at Putnam Investments in Boston. Before that he was Senior Vice President at Charles Schwab in San Francisco, CA. There he was responsible for leading the firm's National Retirement and Client Acquisition. In another role, Mr. O'Neill was Senior Vice President of New Customer Acquisition at Fidelity Investments and head of Rollover Sales & Marketing at Fidelity Investments, one of the largest investment companies in the United States and the number one provider of Retirement plans and IRAs (401K/403B). Mr. O'Neill has worked extensively across Asia, Europe, and North America through his financial services career, and as a Captain in the United States Army. He commanded a combat support Task Force in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for actions in Iraq. Mr. O'Neill received a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Providence College and an MBA from Olin School of Management at Babson College. He is a FINRA Series licensed 7, 66, and life health and variable lines. Mr. O'Neill has been featured on CNBC and Fox Business Television, USA Today, Forbes, and Money on topics covering Wealth Management, Estate Planning, Retirement, Insurance and Business Succession plans.*

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### **Important Message for Thrivent Members...**

**All 2024 Choice Dollars need to be directed by March 31, 2025.** If you have any questions or need help designating your Choice Dollars, please contact Ray Purtell at [purt1015@gmail.com](mailto:purt1015@gmail.com)



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### **Special Offering Envelopes**

Folks who contribute their offering online, and folks who do not receive offering envelopes do not receive the "Special Offering" envelopes that come in the box each year.

### **The Special Offering envelope for March is: Ash Wednesday**

If you would like to give to this special offering, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out to Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

## 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 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 also 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, and the AED is on the wall directly in front of you.**

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

#### Emanuel's Church Office Hours

The Church Office is OPEN on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 AM—2 PM.

The Church Office is CLOSED on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

*If you need to come to the church outside of office hours, please contact Pastor Joanna at [pastorjoanna@emanuelmanchester.org](mailto:pastorjoanna@emanuelmanchester.org) to make an appointment.*

### The Women's Breakfast Group will not meet in March.

### 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 December 2025 are accessible through one link. If you have difficulty signing up for a particular Sunday, email Anne at [ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org](mailto:ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org) and let her know what date and what volunteer position you would like.

### Ruth Circle Gathering

**Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 PM  
Luther Hall**



Steve Penny will present the program: *"Native American Sites East of the River"*. The congregation is invited.

Hostesses: Linda Eckblom, Lynda Brown, Lynne Gustafson.

### Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 9th.

**Please remember to turn your clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8th.**



FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT EMANUEL  
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES 2024 - 2025

## Anastasia Dedik pianist



National and international award winner, studied at St. Petersburg Conservatory, Oberlin Conservatory and Julliard School, performed at Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, and nationwide.

**Saturday  
March 22  
at 7 pm**

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS WELCOMED

### **Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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[www.FriendsOfMusicAtEmanuel.org](http://www.FriendsOfMusicAtEmanuel.org)

### Jump with us at Urban Air in Manchester!

**(220 Hale Road, Manchester)**

**Sunday, March 30th at 1:00 PM**

Anyone is invited to join us at the trampoline park—Urban Air on Sunday, March 30 at 1 PM. Kids can jump together. Adults can chat together. Tickets can be purchased at the door. *Adults who are not jumping do not need to buy a ticket.* For more information about Urban Air, please visit: <https://www.urbanair.com/connecticut-manchester/>

If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Joanna ([pastorjoanna@emanuelmanchester.org](mailto:pastorjoanna@emanuelmanchester.org))

## March 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Monday                                                                                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                                                                           | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Friday                                                                                                                                                                       | Saturday                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>23</b><br><i>Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann</i><br><b>THRIVENT SUNDAY</b><br>10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room<br>10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary<br>11:00am Thrivent Luncheon - LH<br>11:30am Confirmation Class - Youth Room<br>11:30am Finance Committee meeting - Library<br>1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary                                            | <b>24</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR                                               | <b>25</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b><br>7:00pm Emanuel Housing Corp. Meeting - LH                                                           | <b>26</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br><b>Visitor newsletter mailing</b><br>10:00am FME Board Meeting - LH                                                                                             | <b>27</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b><br>10:00am Bible Study - Library<br>6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary<br>7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room                                             | <b>28</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>11:00am Funeral Service for Mary Reuter in the Sanctuary<br>12:00pm Funeral Reception for Mary Reuter in Luther Hall | <b>1</b><br>9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room<br>11:00am Hertzog Betkoski Birthday Party - LH and Classroom                |
| <b>2</b><br><i>Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier</i><br>10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room<br>10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary<br>1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>3</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR<br>6:30pm Endowment Committee Meeting via Zoom | <b>4</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b><br>7:00pm Ruth Circle Gathering: Native America Sites East of the River" (Congregation is invited) - LH | <b>5</b><br><b>ASH WEDNESDAY CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>10:00am Ashes and Individual Prayer at Emanuel<br>7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service at Concordia Lutheran Church (40 Pitkin Street, Manchester) | <b>6</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b><br>10:00am Bible Study - Library<br>6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary<br>7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room                                              | <b>7</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br><i>Confirmation Retreat at Calumet</i><br>8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR                                            | <b>8</b><br><i>Confirmation Retreat at Calumet</i><br>9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room                                    |
| <b>9</b><br><i>Assisting Minister - Ray Purtell</i><br><i>Confirmation Retreat at Calumet</i><br><i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i><br><i>Pastor Brett Hertzog Betkoski preaching and presiding</i><br>10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room<br>10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary<br>1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary                                                      | <b>10</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR<br>7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - LH     | <b>11</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b>                                                                                                        | <b>12</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer with Concordia Lutheran Church on Zoom                                                                                             | <b>13</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b><br>10:00am Bible Study - Library<br>6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary<br>7:10pm Holden Evening Prayer - Sanctuary<br>7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room | <b>14</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR                                                                                     | <b>15</b><br><b>Visitor newsletter deadline</b><br>9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room<br>12:00pm Braman Birthday Party - LH |
| <b>16</b><br><i>Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier</i><br><i>Children's Sermon during worship - No Sunday School</i><br>10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary<br>1:30pm Worship Service at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor<br>5:00pm Christ Church Anniversary Worship Service in the Sanctuary                                                                                        | <b>17</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR                                               | <b>18</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b><br>7:00pm Council Meeting - LH                                                                         | <b>19</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer with Concordia Lutheran Church on Zoom                                                                                             | <b>20</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b><br>10:00am Bible Study - Library<br>6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary<br>7:10pm Holden Evening Prayer - Sanctuary<br>7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room | <b>21</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR                                                                                     | <b>22</b><br>9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room<br>7:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series - Anastasia Dedik, Pianist       |
| <b>23</b><br><i>Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann</i><br>10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room<br>10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary<br>11:30am Confirmation Class - Youth Room<br>1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary                                                                                                                                                       | <b>24</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR                                               | <b>25</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b><br>7:00pm Emanuel Housing Corp. Meeting - LH                                                           | <b>26</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer with Concordia Lutheran Church on Zoom                                                                                             | <b>27</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b><br>10:00am Bible Study - Library<br>6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary<br>7:10pm Holden Evening Prayer - Sanctuary<br>7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room | <b>28</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br><b>Visitor newsletter mailing</b><br>8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR                                                | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                           |
| <b>30</b><br><i>Assisting Minister - Ben Hogue</i><br>10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room<br>10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary<br>11:30am Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials (Thrivent program, Registration required) - LH<br>1:00pm Congregational Event: Jumping at Trampoline Park - Urban Air, 220 Hale Road, Manchester<br>1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary | <b>31</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR                                               | <b>1</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b><br>7:00pm Ruth Circle Gathering: "New Parish Nurse Program" (Congregation is invited) - LH              | <b>2</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer with Concordia Lutheran Church on Zoom                                                                                              | <b>3</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED</b><br>10:00am Bible Study - Library<br>6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary<br>7:10pm Holden Evening Prayer - Sanctuary<br>7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room  | <b>4</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM</b><br>8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR                                                                                      | <b>5</b><br>2:00pm Milord Family Birthday Party - LH/YR                                                                             |

For the most current calendar that updates in real time, please visit our website: [emanuelmanchester.org](http://emanuelmanchester.org) and click on the "Latest News" tab where you will see the highlighted link to the MONTHLY CALENDAR.

**WINTER IS STILL HERE FOR A FEW MORE WEEKS**—We want you to know that if we get a big storm or have severe weather conditions, Emanuel will have the cancellation of our Sunday worship service on the television on WVIT – NBC 30 and WFSB – CBS 3. Please check before you come to the church if there is severe weather. We want everyone to be safe.

## Midweek Lent and Holy Week 2025

### ASH WEDNESDAY—March 5

#### Ashes and Individual Prayer in the Sanctuary at Emanuel Lutheran Church

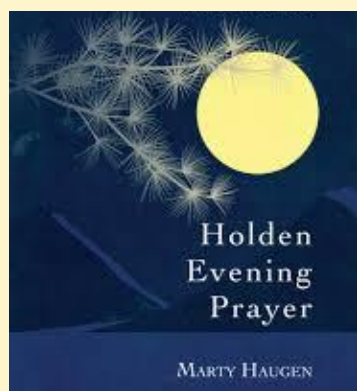
10 a.m. – noon

#### Worship Service at Concordia Lutheran Church (40 Pitkin Street, Manchester)

7 p.m.

#### **Intergenerational Art Project for Lent—Weaving!**

*Because people of all ages enjoyed creating the Scandinavian stars during Advent, we are creating another art project at Emanuel for Lent. We will be weaving! Throughout Lent, we will be collecting spare fabrics, shirts, ties—any fabric you have that you don't want anymore—and creating weaving projects that will be hung around the sanctuary. (For additional information about the project, please see page 2 of this newsletter).*



#### Wednesdays in Lent

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

7:00 p.m. via Zoom with Concordia

#### Holden Evening Prayer

#### Thursdays in Lent

March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10

7:10 p.m. in-person at Emanuel

#### Holden Evening Prayer

Marty Haugen wrote *Holden Evening Prayer* during the winter of 1985-86 during a musical residency at Holden Village. Holden Village is a remote wilderness community, rooted in the Lutheran tradition, that welcomes all people into the North Cascade Mountains, above Lake Chelan, Washington. *Holden Evening Prayer* is a simple Lutheran vespers service that follows traditional form while using contemporary and inclusive language. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God (Psalm 141.1). This service has become beloved by many. If you have never participated in *Holden Evening Prayer*, you'll want to join us during Lent. The service lasts about 20 minutes.

#### Palm Sunday Worship at Emanuel

April 13 at 10 a.m.

#### Maundy Thursday Worship at Emanuel

April 17 at 7 p.m.

#### Good Friday Worship at Emanuel

April 18 at 7 p.m.



#### Easter Vigil at Concordia

April 19 at 7 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday Worship at Emanuel

April 20 at 10 a.m.

## Caring

### *March Birthdays (Emanuel Members 75+ yrs.)*

|                   |      |                                                                                   |                   |      |
|-------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------|
| Ruth Lehrach      | 3/4  |  | Jeannine Johnson  | 3/18 |
| Carol Adams       | 3/8  |                                                                                   | Helen Johnson     | 3/24 |
| Rosemary Hokanson | 3/10 |                                                                                   | Charles Henderson | 3/25 |
| Deborah Conklin   | 3/15 |                                                                                   | Richard Marsh     | 3/26 |
| James Hamilton    | 3/18 |                                                                                   |                   |      |
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*Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church Members,  
Thank you so much for the generous gift of \$1,455. to MACC Charities.*

*Your kindness and commitment to making a difference are truly inspiring. With your contribution, we are able to continue our mission of providing critical services and resources to those who find themselves struggling. The impact of your generosity will be felt by many in our community, bringing comfort and hope to those who need it most.*

*We are fifty-two years strong! MACC has always stood by the belief that while change will continue to be constant, so will the goodwill and the determination of what MACC believes works to continue building partnerships to break cycles of poverty in our community.*

*Many Blessings,  
Shannon Baldassario—CEO*

### **Thanks for Your Generosity**

The Calumet Ministries Committee recently notified families from Emanuel about their campership awards for the coming summer. Thanks to your generosity, we'll help send five kids to overnight camp and three to day camp. A total of \$3,883., including registration fees, will be awarded this year. We are blessed to be able to support this important ministry in this way. Thank you.



*Emanuel Lutheran Prayer Group,  
Your kind expression of sympathy and many prayers was greatly appreciated. Your many prayers helped my husband, Tom Duff along the path and the family thanks all of you.*

*The Duff Family*

*ECHN offers free educational programs about various health related topics for members of the community. Some of the programs are held virtually, and some are held in person at Manchester Memorial Hospital. If you are interested in seeing what programs are being offered in March and April 2025, and for registration information, please check out the bulletin board outside of the Parish Nurse's office.*

*"Life Renewed", Devotions for Lent are available to pick up in the narthex. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5<sup>th</sup>.*



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## 2025 Easter Flowers—Order Form

### Please Print

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to order # \_\_\_\_\_ lily,  
# \_\_\_\_\_ tulip, # \_\_\_\_\_ daffodil plants to decorate Emanuel for **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.**

The plants are given:

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

To the Glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_.

**All plants are offered in 6” pots and cost \$11.00 each.**

I have enclosed a check for the total amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Easter flowers*.

Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 23, 2025** Place this form with your check in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. Thank you.

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