Visitor

November 2026

From the Pastor

"When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here." *Build a Longer Table*—All Creation Sings 1062

This fall, our stewardship theme, "Building a Longer Table: Making Room for All," invited us to imagine what our church and our world might look like if we truly made room for everyone. We sang the hymn *"Build a Longer Table"* from the *All Creation Sings* hymnal each week during the offering. Its message reminds us that Christ calls us to tear down the fences that separate us and to create a community where everyone can find a place. As followers of Jesus, we are called not only to welcome others but also to help create a world shaped by compassion, justice, and belonging.

At Emanuel, we build a longer table in many ways. We gather for worship, share in the gifts of music and prayer, welcome neighbors into our community, care for one another, and support ministries that extend God's love into the world. Stewardship is about more than meeting a budget. It is about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. Our financial commitments make possible the worship, care, outreach, and community life that help Emanuel live out its calling. When we give, we support the work of making room for all—not just within our congregation, but in the wider community and world.

Thank you to everyone who has prayerfully considered their giving for the year ahead and submitted a statement of intent. Currently, we have received 108 statements of intent for a total of $342,566. Your generosity helps sustain our ministry and opens doors to new possibilities.

As we look toward the year ahead, may we continue building a longer table together. May we choose compassion over fear, reach across the fences that divide us, and share the good news that God's love is wide enough for everyone.

Peace to you and yours, *Pastor Joanna*

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Emanuel Lutheran Church

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

All Saints Sunday

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 1 during worship. It's an incredibly meaningful service where we remember those Saints who have gone before us. We will name those members of Emanuel who have died in the past year during the prayers, and we will also hold a time in the service where you will be able to light a candle in memory of a loved one. You're invited to bring a photo of your loved one and place it on the table in front of the sanctuary. This can be someone who has died in the past year or a loved one you continue to grieve--there's no right or wrong with this. We hope this service can be a balm, a time of gratitude, and a time of leaning into the promises of God.

Also on Sunday, November 1, following worship we will hold a service of **DEDICATION for the new MEMORIAL BRICKS** outside in the memorial garden. If there is inclement weather, the Service of Dedication will be held in the Community Room/Chapel. All are welcome!

The faithful departed who have joined the saints triumphant since last All Saints Day

Robert Coulombe *Charles Bodemann* *Donald Anderson* *Katherine Kalugira* *Charles Sack* *Susan Phillips Plese* *Marilyn Labanowski* *Charles Billmyer* *Linda Hempstead* *Edna Nekiunas*

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL BRICKS

Paul F. Berg *Anita and Joe Erickson* *Linda Hempstead* *Betty Ann Johnson* *Charles Sack*

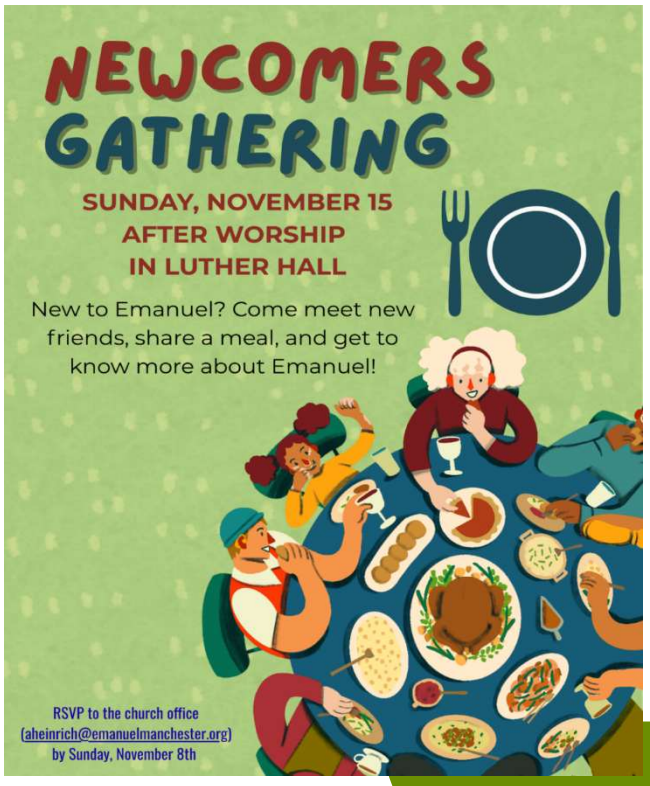
Comfort and Joy Devotions for Advent and Christmas 2026

will be available to pick up in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, November 15th.

Regular and large print copies will be available.

Coffee Hours

You can sign-up to host a weekly coffee hour following worship on a Sunday morning on the sheet in the narthex, by calling the church office: 860-643-1193, or emailing: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org



Friends of Music at Emanuel

Presents

Collective Brass



The delightfully fresh Brass Quintet from the famed

West Point Military Band

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT

Concert is FREE and open to the public Donations Welcomed

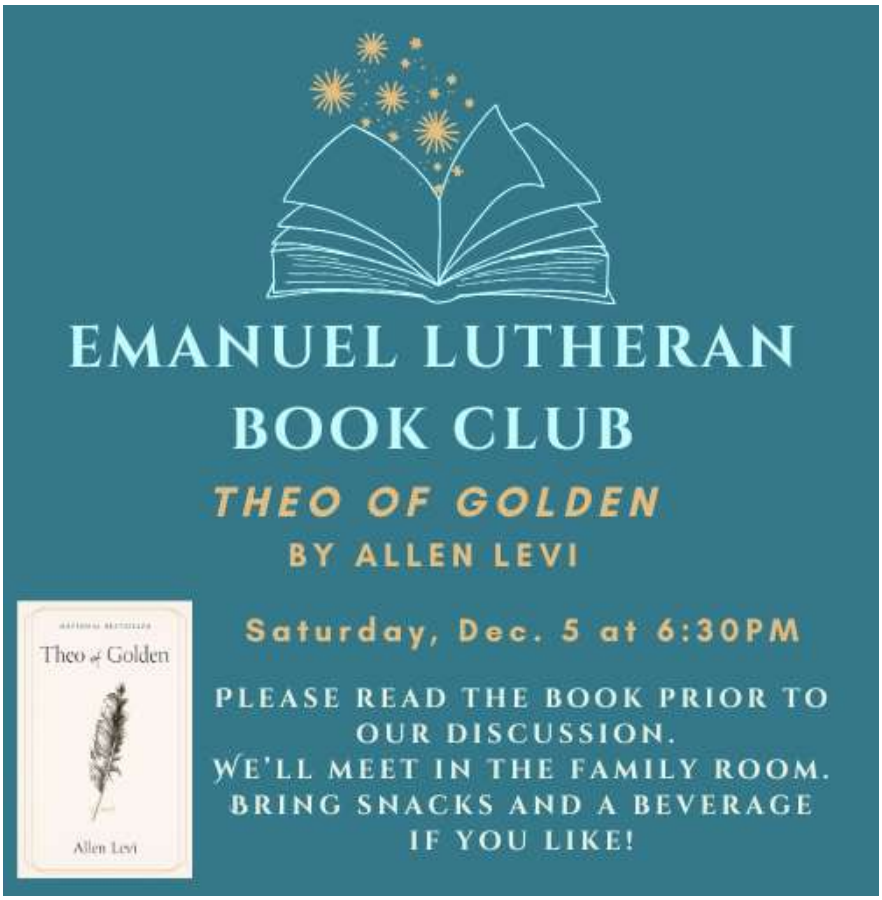


Welcome to Emanuel's newest members… Molly Anderson and Kelsey Kamp! Molly and Kelsey were confirmed during worship at Emanuel on Reformation Sunday, 10/25.



Outdoor Fellowship at Eric Haaga's home on Bolton Lake in Vernon, CT on Saturday, 10/3.





Altar or Lectern Flowers

You can sign up for altar or lectern flowers to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion.

There is a paper sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church office hallway. Please be sure to fill out a flower order form (located next to the sign-up sheet) and leave the form for Anne in the church office. On the order form you can even designate the type and/or color of flowers that you prefer in the arrangement.

You can also call the office (860-643-1193) or email Anne aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org to check if a particular date is available.

The church office will order the flowers from Park Hill Joyce Flowers in Manchester, and the florist will send the bill directly to your mailing address.

Altar flowers (two arrangements) are $50, and Lectern flowers (one arrangement) are $35.

Sunday Bulletins

You may also sponsor the Sunday bulletins. One Sunday is $20. Please send payment to the church office. You can sign up for bulletins by contacting the church office by phone or email.

Seasonal Sharing

Non-Perishable Food Items that are needed for MACC's 2026 Joy Collective Program:

- Instant potatoes and stuffing
- Fried onions
- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Hot chocolate
- Coffee (regular, decaf or instant)
- Canned vegetables
- Baking mix (cake and brownie)
- Ketchup and mayonnaise
- Sugar and flour
- Chili and beef stew
- Canned pasta
- Cooking oil
- Broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)

Please bring your donations to the designated baskets in the narthex by Sunday, 11/8. If you have any questions, please contact Berk or Lisa Little.

Ruth Circle

Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 PM in Luther Hall

The program for the evening will be a Christmas craft project led by Linda Jackson. The congregation is invited. Hostesses are Helen Johnson, Linda Eckblom, Karin Buus.

New Member Sunday

Sunday, November 22nd at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

We'll welcome new members to Emanuel during our 10 AM worship service and celebrate with a special coffee hour after worship.

Bible Study

Thursday morning Bible Study meets every week at 10 AM in the library. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Joanna: pastorjoanna@emanuelmanchester.org.

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** *Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier* 10:00am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room 10:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary 11:00am Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH 11:30am Memorial Bricks Service of Dedication - Memorial Garden 12:00pm Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) Worship Service - Community Room 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	2 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM	3 CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED 7:00pm Ruth Circle Gathering: Craft Project (Congregation is Invited) - LH	4 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am FME Board Meeting - LH 6:30pm The Hem Hangout - LH 7:00pm Bible Study led by Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) - CR 7:00pm Gift Acceptance Committee - Library	5 CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	6 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	7 9:00am Grow With Me Music - CR
8 *Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann* *Theodore King-Turek Baptism During Worship* 10:00am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room 10:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary 11:00am Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	9 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM	10 CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED 7:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Family Room	11 7:00pm Bible Study led by Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) - LH	12 CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	13 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	14 9:00am Grow With Me Music - CR 12:00pm Connolly Family Gathering - LH 7:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series: Collective Brass
15 *Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch* *Newcomers Brunch Gathering following worship in Luther Hall* **Visitor newsletter deadline** 10:00am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room 10:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary 11:00am Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	16 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 7:00pm Worship & Arts Committee Meeting via Zoom	17 CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED 7:00pm Council Meeting - LH	18 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 7:00pm Bible Study led by Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) - LH	19 CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	20 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR 7:00pm Manchester Chorale Concert Rehearsal - SA	21 7:30pm Manchester Chorale Concert - SA
22 *Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann* *Welcome New Members During Worship* 10:00am Emanuel Sunday School - Sunday School Room 10:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary 11:00am Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	23 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM	24 CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED 7:00pm EHC Board Meeting - LH	25 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 7:00pm Bible Study led by Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) - LH	26 CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED	27 CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED - DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	28
29 *Assisting Minister - Ray Purtell* *Children's Sermon During Worship - No Sunday School* *Rev. Dr. Laurie Andersen preaching and presiding* 10:00am Emanuel Worship Service - Sanctuary 11:00am Emanuel Coffee Hour - LH 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	30 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM **Visitor newsletter mailing**	1 CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED	2 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 6:30pm The Hem Hangout - LH 7:00pm Bible Study led by Ministerio Nueva Creacion (MNC) - CR 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer - Sanctuary	3 CHURCH OFFICE: CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:15pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	4 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	5 9:00am Gather CT: Food Packaging at Midwest Food Bank, Manchester followed by brunch 9:00am Grow With Me Music - CR 10:00am PEO Chapter Meeting - LH 11:30am Ruth Circle Annual Christmas Luncheon at Georgina's Restaurant, Bolton, CT 6:30pm Emanuel Book Club: Theo of Golden, By: Allen Levi - Family Room

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

Worship Volunteers

Worship volunteers are needed for our Sunday morning 10 AM worship service. We continue to need the following worship volunteers each Sunday: four ushers, two communion assistants, and one lector.
A sign-up link is emailed out weekly (if volunteers are needed). If you are able to volunteer, please use the electronic sign-up. All Sundays through December 26 are accessible through one link. If you have difficulty signing up for a particular Sunday, email Anne at aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org and let her know what date and volunteer position you would like. If you would like to try something new, training is provided.

Healing Prayer

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, individual prayer is offered to people who wish to receive it at the altar rail immediately following the postlude.

Online Member Pictorial Directory

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.
If you need assistance setting up your account, please email Anne: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org.

Special Offering Envelopes

The Special Offering envelope for November is **Seasonal Sharing.** If you would like to give to any of the special offerings in 2026, you can drop your check in the offering plate (or mail your check to the church office), made out the Emanuel Lutheran Church with the specific special offering listed on the memo line.

Emanuel has an AED (Automated external defibrillator) which is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's sophisticated, yet also easy-to-use, medical device that can deliver an electric shock, 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.

The kitchen in Luther Hall is equipped with a life-vac for use if an individual is choking.

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



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November Birthdays (age 75+)

Norma Wirta	11/1	Raymond Wilcox	11/6
Doris Johnson	11/2	Karin Buus	11/10
Rudolph Croteau	11/3	Lynne Gustafson	11/13
Sharon Hamilton	11/4	Paula Haney	11/15

Thanks and Gratitude

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church Members,
Thank you so much for your generous gift of $1,523.47 to MACC Charities. Your kindness and generosity come at a crucial time, as the need for food assistance and support within our community continues. We are truly grateful for your continued commitment to helping out neighbors in need.

Many Blessings,
Shannon Baldassario – MACC CEO

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your generous gift in kind of: yarn and looms, to Camp Calumet. Thoughtful gifts like yours help make Calumet a place where young people, families, and retreat guests can grow, connect, and create lasting memories. Whether supporting our programs, caring for our facilities, or meeting everyday needs, your generosity helps strengthen our ministry in meaningful ways.
We are deeply grateful that you chose to support Calumet through this special gift, and we will put it to good use. Thank you for being part of our community. Thank you for being part of our community and for helping ensure that Camp Calumet continues to thrive for generations to come.

With Gratitude,
Sara J. Anderson, Associate Executive Director
Thank you Emanuel, Thank you Linda Jackson, Thank you for your partnership in ministry.



Christmas Eve Poinsettias

Please Print

I/We,_____, wish to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve 2026 with:

#____red 8" pot poinsettia plant(s). Each 8" potted poinsettia (2 plants per pot) cost $22.00.
and/or
#____red 6 ½" pot poinsettia plant(s). Each 6 ½" potted poinsettia (1 plant per pot) cost $14.00.

The plants are given:
In memory of:_____
or
In honor of:_____
or
To the Glory of God:_____.

I have enclosed a check or cash for the total amount: $ _____
Please make checks payable to **Emanuel Lutheran Church** and designated for *Poinsettias*.

Beginning November 9th, you will have the option to fill out an order form online: https://forms.gle/b1M7Qai37LBKQW6n9 and pay by a credit or a debit card on Emanuel's website: emanuelmanchester.org

Deadline for ordering is Monday, November 30, 2026. You may place this form with your check or cash in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. Thank you.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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