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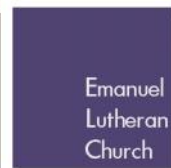
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November 2022

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

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121

During the month of October, we had a breadbasket of gratitude in the narthex with paper pieces of bread for you to write things you are grateful for. It's been fun to see what you've written. Here's a list:

- I am grateful for the mentors and leaders who have showed me God's love.
- Ushers who volunteer each week.
- Office staff who do so much for us.
- Lynne—for all her help and support.
- I am grateful for my entire family and my friends.
- I am grateful for the fellowship this congregation provides!
- I am grateful for Pastor Joanna and Vicar Ryan and Emanuel's staff.
- Our church staff and council who got us through the pandemic especially, Pastor Stephanie, Kathy Purtell, Anne, and Nancy.
- The members who hosted the Installation reception!
- Jesus
- I am grateful for the people who volunteer here at Emanuel.
- Whole congregation
- Cousin Calvin
- Jebby
- Leon
- Mom and Dad
- Momma
- Family
- Grandparents who are taking us to lunch.
- My grandchildren, my health, my kids, my friends, my faith.
- Church family, health, friends, family, freedoms we enjoy in our country.
- My family, health, friends, continued guidance.
- So thankful for my time with Emanuel and that Pastor Joanna is with you!
(Pastor Maria)

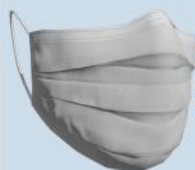


As we enter into November, we move into a season of gratitude and also a season of busyness—from family gatherings, starting to think about Christmas presents, getting grandma's pumpkin pie recipe just right—it's so easy for us to lose sight of what this time is actually about.

It's a time to connect to God and to one another. It's a time to acknowledge and see how God is at work in gratitude for recognizing all that we have are really gifts from God. What a gift that God—the creator of the universe—provides God's good earth with help and blessing.

Peace to you and yours, Pastor Joanna

Masks are OPTIONAL inside Emanuel's building.



Masks are RECOMMENDED inside if you are unvaccinated or at high risk for COVID-19 due to any chronic health condition.

Thank you.

Things to Do, Places to Go

Worship volunteers are needed for our single, Sunday morning worship service.

We continue to need the following worship volunteers each Sunday: Four (4) Communion Assistants, one (1) Lector, and three (3) 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 September—December 2022 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 ahenrich@emanuelmanchester.org and let her know what date and what volunteer position you would like.

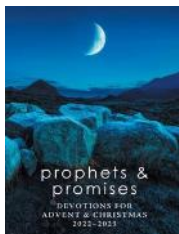
Musician Search Committee

The members of the Director of Music committee are Susan Plese, Helen Johnson, Pastor Joanna, Rod Andersen, and Joe Jauss.

The job description has been created and posted to various job seeking sites. Applications will be gathered and reviewed when submitted.

Advent and Christmas devotional booklet

The first Sunday in Advent is November 27th. A daily devotional for use during Advent titled: **Prophets & Promises – Devotions for Advent and Christmas 2022-2023**, is available in the Narthex for people to pick up on Sunday mornings.



Mutual Ministry Committee

Adela Garmendia, Kathy Rusch, Gail McGrath, Marianne Wilcox, Joe Jauss (chair)

The role of the Mutual Ministry team is to support and enable the mutual ministry of the pastor with the congregation and the congregation with the pastor. Mutual Ministry also provides a sounding board for the pastor to strengthen her ability to minister to the congregation and wider community.

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.

Please be sure to fill out a flower order form (located next to the sign up sheet). 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.

Faith through the Years: A Celebration of Ministry and Music

2:00 pm

Saturday, November 12, 2022

a reception will follow in the parish hall

All are welcome!



Join us to revisit Faith's history while enjoying musical performances offered by members and friends of Faith.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

1120 Silver Lane
East Hartford, Ct 06118

The Salvation Army has been collecting funds during the Christmas Season since 1891.

This year the Salvation Army could use your help to serve as a bell ringer. People volunteer to stand for a couple of hours and ring a bell at a local store (such as Walmart or Stop & Shop).



If you are interested, you may contact Major Michael Himes at 860-649-7787, or 860-878-5813 or by email to:

Michael.himes@usa.salvationarmy.org

From the Vicar

By Ryan Heckman

In the United States, the month of November is a time when we are encouraged to give thanks. Our country celebrates the harvest and the bounty of the land with a massive festival called Thanksgiving where families and friends gather around a table to feast on the bounty. In our 21st century world this holiday has turned into a giant consumer holiday. Advertisements for Christmas shopping are becoming bountiful on our televisions already. We are encouraged to watch huge spectacles including parades, football games and TV specials. Our four senses are totally filled with the smells, tastes and textures of pumpkin spice, sweet potatoes and stuffing which will soon mingle with the scent and sappy stickiness of balsam trees and cinnamon.

It's a season that is at the same time exceptionally fun and yet very exhausting!

I am taking two courses on the Apostle Paul's letters that were written to the Corinthians, Galatians, and Philippians this term. You and I call these letters "books" and they are found in our New Testament titled 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians and Philippians (creative titles!). Most of Paul's letters begin with words of thanksgiving and blessing. All of these letters I listed above begin with a thanksgiving or a blessing (1 Cor 1:4-9; 2 Cor 1:3-4; Galatians 1:3-5; Philippians 1:2-11).

As the season of Fall comes to an end this year and you are looking at displays of the earth's abundance in store windows and even on your own table at home, I encourage you to look at Paul's letters and read his words of thanks and blessing. Ask yourself: Why is Paul giving thanks? Who is Paul blessing? What are the themes in each of his blessings? For what can I give thanks? Who can I bless this year?

I hope that taking a moment to engage with Paul's words of thanks and blessing can help slow you down as we move toward the season of Advent where we wait through winter for the birth of Christ, the new born child of God for whom we give all our thanks and praise.

I pray that Paul's words of thanks and blessing can balance the constant pull of the ads that will tell you to buy more, eat more, and be more as the holiday season ramps into full swing. Yes, you *can* buy lovely gifts for your loved ones, and you *should* eat of the delicious bountiful harvest the earth provides. Doing those things rooted in thanks to God will help them shimmer in a new light this year.

Have fun and give thanks and praise to God for the abundance of our world.

Vicar Ryan

Waiting with Song.
Advent Mid-Week Soup Supper
and Study of Songs in the Bible
6:00 - 7:30pm
Wednesday Nov. 30 - Wednesday Dec. 21
Luther Hall
Children's activities will be provided!



Pastor Joanna's Children's Sermon—
Sunday, October 10, 2022

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 Thursdays at 10AM in the library

Join us as we discuss Sunday's Scripture readings in depth.

Ruth Circle Gathering Tuesday, November 1st from 7 – 9 PM in Luther Hall



A business meeting will be held promptly at 7 PM, followed at 7:30 PM by a program presented by Susan Barlow of the Manchester Historical Society. **Members of the congregation are welcome to join us at 7:30 PM for this interesting program and refreshments.** Anyone expecting to attend, please respond by email or in person to Helen Johnson nelehij@aol.com or Linda Eckblom landceckblom@hotmail.com to assist in their planning for the evening.

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 6th.

Please remember to turn your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR** before bed on Saturday 11/5.

Women's Breakfast Wednesday, November 16th 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, November 15th.

Altar Guild is always looking for volunteers to help set-up and clean-up for worship

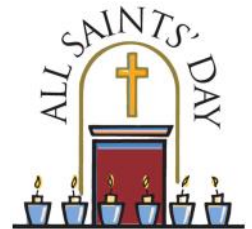
Altar Guild members are those who set-up and clean up for Holy Communion. Training is offered and work is "behind the scenes" either Saturday mornings or Sunday after worship services.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact: Kim Boerner-Mercier: johnkim4@aol.com

All Saints Sunday, November 6th

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 6 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.

The faithful departed who have joined the saints triumphant since last All Saints Day will be remembered during worship on All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2022.



*Sonja E. Benson
Barry C. VanCamp
Frederick W. Spaulding
Phyllis A. Carriere
Heather M. Little*

*Lois C. Karch
Emma W. Johnson
Gail A. Porter
Frederick J. Hughes, Sr.
Judith B. Mitrowski*

Jean Hassett

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL BRICKS

The following loved ones are being memorialized with a Memorial Brick following our worship service at a Service of Dedication in Emanuel's Memorial Garden on All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 11:00 AM.

*Alan Carpenter
Joe & Eileen Colletti
David Halmers
Michele & Barbara Iacobucci
Doug & Gail Porter
Barbara Soares
James C. Spencer
Barry VanCamp
Inez VanCamp*

If you are serving as a Communion Assistant or Assisting Minister during Sunday morning worship, please note that mask wearing is mandatory at this time for those serving the wafer, wine and grape juice in communion.



Treasurer's Report—September 2022

By Rosemary Johnson

Account	September 2022 Actual	September 2022 YTD Actual	September 2022 YTD Budget	2022 Annual Budget
Income	\$27,013	\$270,562	\$278,103	\$382,116
Expenses	\$31,671	\$261,021	\$299,010	\$413,811
Net Income	-\$4,658	\$9,541	-\$20,907	-\$31,695
Member Contributions	\$21,213	\$214,707	\$225,641	\$312,164

Treasurer's Report – September 2022

As fall has begun we hoped to have started to see the increasing of membership giving but it is still not at the budget level. Pledge income is very close though for September. As we look at the year to date amount it is less than \$2,000 under. The largest item we see under budget is the unpledged amount. When doing the budget we are only able to predict the large gifts that come in at different times of the year. The remainder is the best estimate based on prior years.

Expenses are still under budget for the year. The compensation remains lower due to the Pastor starting later than budgeted and Jun having left. Paying for substitute musicians is also saving money even if it is for the wrong reasons. We also remain lower than expected with property expenses. With the upcoming rate increases coming for natural gas and electricity, I still think we will end the year below budget.

Looking at the net income for year to date, it is above budget by almost \$30,000. That will decrease as we have seen at the start of the heating season, there will be increases in our natural gas with higher rates predicted. As the church is being used more often we will also see increased electric bills with higher rates. The loss of the \$26,000 in income for the Sprint tower will be a challenge to make up for.

In thinking about our 2023 Stewardship campaign, please go deep into your hearts and remember that it is never too late to increase your pledge giving even if it is a small amount, every little bit counts.



Seasonal Sharing

The "little white church" will be out in the Narthex every Sunday morning during the month of November to collect monetary donations to benefit Emanuel's Seasonal Sharing program. Funds collected will be used to help offset the cost of providing Thanksgiving Baskets for MACC and Head Start families as well as purchasing gifts for those families at Christmas through Emanuel's Giving Tree.



Church Office Hours:

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

The Church Office will be CLOSED on Friday, November 11th, Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th.

Historical Notes

By Matt Heinrich

The history of Emanuel Lutheran Church ("the Church") reflects a strong faith and determination to worship together both for those who founded the Church as well as those who followed them. In an effort to help other people appreciate the strength and will of those who preceded us, I thought I would share some facts about the founding and early years of the Church.

In the middle of the nineteenth century, many people immigrated to the United States in search of the opportunity for a better life. The people who came to Manchester included a group of people from Sweden. These people had a strong desire to participate in the familiar Lutheran liturgy in Swedish. Beginning in 1870, these people worshiped in houses and benefited from services conducted by a clergyman who came from Portland, CT.

In 1881 a group of Swedish people gathered to organize a congregation and decided to apply for membership in the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod. The group continued to meet in members' houses and also in Stolpa Hall and in Cheney Hall in Manchester. In 1886, Frank Cheney, Sr. donated a 100 x 150 plot of land on Church Street and a church building was constructed. It occupied the general area where the Memorial Garden is today. This frame building was constructed in two months from October to December 1886 at a cost of \$3,300. The furnace and pews were added in 1887 and the building was dedicated on Easter Sunday 1888. Photographs of the exterior and the sanctuary of this first building are on display in Luther Hall.

The Church was served by various visiting and/or part-time pastors or seminarians until 1889 when it called its first full-time pastor, Augustus C. Olsson at a salary of \$700 per year plus a free-will Christmas offering.

In 1891, for the sum of \$2,000, the Church purchased the adjacent home of Frank Cheney, Sr. which stood on the lot that was 95' x 150'. This building was used as a parsonage for many years and subsequently it housed an apartment that was used by pastoral interns. It is currently used by the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective to serve its clients in the Manchester area.

In 1896, at the urging to its Young People's Society, the Church further expanded its property by purchasing the lot on the north side of the Church thereby extending the land to Chestnut Street with a total frontage on Church Street of 343 feet. The Young People's Society paid the cost of this acquisition.

Additional information about the history of the Church will be provided in subsequent issues of the *Visitor*.

If you have any questions or comments about the history of the Church or the extensive archive including newspaper clippings, photographs and objects, please contact me. I can be reached at fmheinrich@snet.net or by telephone at the number in the Church Directory.



Potluck Supper and White Elephant Bingo Saturday, November 12th at 5 PM in Luther Hall

Emanuel's Mutual Ministry Committee is hosting a Potluck Supper on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM. **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know how many from your family will be attending and sign up to bring an ENTRÉE, SIDE DISH, SALAD, or DESSERT.**



We'll play BINGO (both adult and kids versions) after supper and are looking for folks to bring a "white elephant" wrapped gift from home which will be used as BINGO prizes.

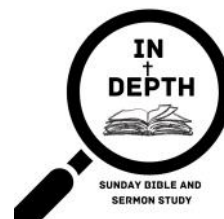
In-Depth Sunday Bible and Sermon Study - Sundays after worship

Vicar Ryan is facilitating a *NEW* Bible Study group on Sundays following worship.

We'll go more "in-depth" with the scripture read during worship.

We'll also connect the scripture to the sermon as a way to dig deeper.

Gather in the Library following worship (around 11:15 AM), and we will meet until 12 noon.



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November Birthdays

Norma Wirta	11/1		Karin Buus	11/10
Doris Johnson	11/2		Lynne Gustafson	11/13
Doti Dienst	11/4		Paula Haney	11/15
Sharon Hamilton	11/4		Lore Welch	11/19
Raymond Wilcox	11/6		Lenore Henderson	11/21

Thank you!

Thank you for acknowledging clergy appreciation day and for all the yummy fall goodies! Thank you for the wonderful installation worship and reception! I know it was a lot of work—from musicians, the choirs, office staff, ushers, greeters, altar guild, readers, the call committee, hospitality team. It is wonderful to do ministry with all of you.

- Pastor Joanna

Coffee Hour Hosts

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. Are you willing to 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.



Support Emanuel Lutheran Church through



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.

Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, they stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

You may also give by phone at 800-638-3522 or online:

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

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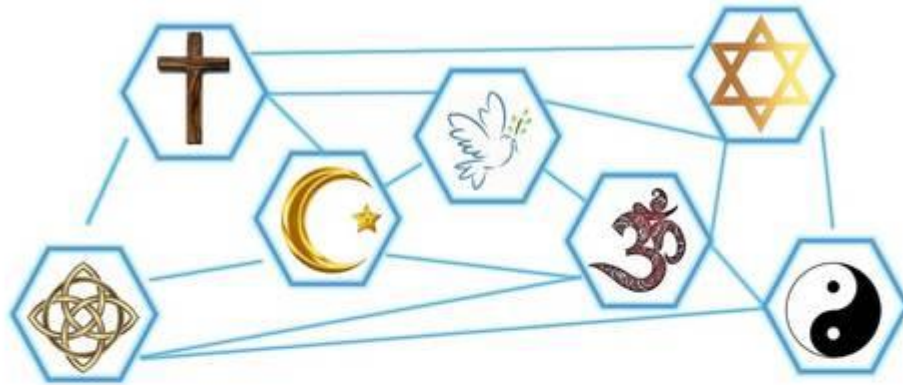
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Berk Little and Kathy Rusch
Worship Support Specialists





With the participation of clergy from all over
Manchester, BSBI hosts our annual

Interfaith Service

Sunday, November 20, 2022 from 4:00—5:30 PM

Beth Sholom B'nai Israel

400 East Middle Turnpike • Manchester, CT 06040

For more information: myshul.org or 860-643-9563

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