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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



Visitor

From the Pastor

"Joy is fundamentally a practice of connection."

—Ross Gay, poet

My three-year-old daughter Jane attends preschool in Manchester, which means Jane and I have a half an hour drive together most weekdays. I'll be honest—it took me some time to adjust to having someone in the car with me. It was my time for a podcast or an audiobook, and Jane is not interested in listening to the New York Times podcast *The Daily* and is not afraid to express her thoughts.

Often, on the drive to school, Jane is asking why she needs to go to school and why I can't just stay home with her. Other mornings she points out the horse she sees on the side of the road or the googly eyes on a tree along Route 17. She does not want anything to play on the radio. But on the way home, she wants to sing and dance in her car seat. On beautiful days, she asks me to put the windows down and turn the music up. We both sing, dance, and laugh.

Often when I think about the joyful parts of my day, I think about those moments in the car—even, sometimes, the frustrating moments too. I still certainly find joy in a solo car ride to dive into a good book or podcast. But I have found a lot of joy in those moments of connection with Jane that we wouldn't otherwise have.

Recently, I read that Ross Gay, a poet and educator, would define joy as connection. I think we often think about joy as an inward feeling, but he writes about how joy is our connection with others—in the joy and sorrow, laughter and weeping.

Jesus speaks about joy in the communal sense as well. The gospel of John quotes Jesus saying:

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. (John 16:9-11).

The joy Jesus is speaking about is relational. It is found in our connection to one another and to God. It is found in seeing joy on the face of another. It is found when we share our resources with one another as we are called to do. Let's make more space to recognize moments of joy.

Peace to you and yours,
Pastor Joanna

Archived copies of all 2022 & 2023
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 Assisting Minister
during Sunday morning worship, please note that wearing a
face mask is required when serving the communion elements.

ELCA Statement on Israel-Hamas War

From Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

ELCA presiding bishop issues statement on Israel-Hamas war

10/13/2023

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?"
—Psalm 22:1

Dear church,

As Lutherans, we are accustomed to holding tension between two truths. Thus the ELCA denounces the egregious acts of Hamas, acts that have led to unspeakable loss of life and hope. At the same time the ELCA denounces the indiscriminate retaliation of Israel against the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim.

For the past week we have borne witness to the horrors of the escalating crisis between Israel and Hamas. We also watch a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel blocks food, water, fuel and medical supplies and as airstrikes continue to cause unbearable civilian casualties ahead of a just-announced ground assault. We see Israelis and families around the world in the agonizing wait for word about the fate of loved ones killed or taken hostage by Hamas. We are in anguish, grieving and praying for all people who are living in trauma, fear and uncertainty.

Among us are Palestinian Lutherans who are fearful for their families, their communities and their homeland. In our communities we have Jewish and Muslim neighbors, who are also facing the horrors of this crisis and its impact on their loved ones.

It is difficult to find words that suffice in the complexity of this moment, and in the web of relationships that bind us together, as church, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our interreligious partners. Yet God has called us to be a people who stand with others amid suffering.

We must also call a thing a thing. The power exerted against all Palestinian people — through the occupation, the expansion of settlements and the escalating violence — must be called out as a root cause of what we are witnessing. We are committed to our long-standing accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The God who liberates us calls us to be a liberating witness. May it be so.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Find updated resources and statements from the ELCA:

[Israel-Hamas War - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](https://www.elca.org/Israel-Hamas-War)



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 gift cards for MACC and Head Start families as well as purchasing gift cards for those families at Christmas through Emanuel's Giving Tree.



Would you like to serve on Altar Guild?

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

MACC Charities

MACC's Community Emergency Food Pantry continually needs community support to keep their shelves stocked so they may always provide families with the important staple items they need. Check out the need list for the best items to donate. All products must be unopened and within expiration dates.

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.

Shampoo
Deodorant
Razors
Shaving cream
Body soap
Body wash (liquid)

Instant potatoes
Chili
Beef stew
Soup
Canned veggies
Jelly

Mayonnaise
Cake & Brownie mix
Paper towels
Sugar
Flour

Fresh fruit & veggies
Dish detergent
Laundry Detergent
Baby wipes
Toilet paper



Children's Sermon about Generosity with Pastor Joanna on Stewardship Sunday and our Sunday School Children learning about Jesus' healing power with Campfield Heinrich and Brett Betkoski — Sunday, October 22, 2023



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.**

FME FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT EMANUEL
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**Saturday
November 11, 2023, at 7 pm**

Emanuel Lutheran Church
60 Church Street
Manchester, CT
860-643-1193

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

FriendsOfMusicAtEmanuel@gmail.com

www.FriendsOfMusicAtEmanuel.org

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.

All Saints Sunday

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 5th 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 5, 2023



Ara R. Bramanis	Leons Bramanis
Gloria Larson	Paul A. Phillimore
Ronald P.C. Lehrach	Kevin P. Derby
Althea E. MacLean	Katharina Michels
Richard Hassett	Sylvia S. Hellstrom
Melvin R. Hellstrom	Dennis R. McGuire
Donna A. Armstrong	

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL BRICKS

The following loved ones are being memorialized with a Memorial Brick at the Service of Dedication following our worship service on All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Lynda & Walter	Millie & Willie	Ron Lehrach
Gail Johnson Lockwood Moran		Don Wirta

If there is inclement weather, the Service of Dedication will be held in the Community Room/Chapel.

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

Ruth Circle

Tuesday, November 7th at 7 PM in Luther Hall



The congregation is invited to the November Program: **Hole in the Wall Gang Camp**, presented by: Ellen Buus. Hostesses: Marge Andersen, Ann Cook, Karin Buus

Women's Breakfast

Wednesday, November 15th 8:30 AM at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor



Cost per person is \$8.

An RSVP to Lynne Gustafson: cgustafson01@snet.net is required by Tuesday, November 14th.

Church Office Hours:

**Monday—Thursday: 10 AM—4 PM
and Friday: 10 AM—2 PM**

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 January 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.

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. 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.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <i>Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier</i> REFORMATION SUNDAY 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Stewardship Celebratory Coffee Hour - LH 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	30	31	1 11:00am All Saints Service of Remembrance at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor	2 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	3 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	4 8:45am Music Together Class - CR
5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY <i>Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> <i>Dedication of Memorial Bricks in Memorial Garden following Worship</i> <i>Healing Prayer following worship at the Altar</i> 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	6 3:30pm Staff Meeting on Zoom	7 CHP - No School 7:00pm Ruth Circle Gathering - LH	8 7:00pm Worship & Arts Meeting - Library	9 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	10 OFFICE CLOSED - VETERANS DAY OBSERVED 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	11 VETERANS DAY 8:45am Music Together Class - CR 7:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series - Callisto String Quartet
12 <i>Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch</i> <i>Olivia Sullivan Baptism during worship</i> 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:30am Confirmation Class - Youth Room 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 4:30pm Recital for Rebecca Chaimovitch - SA	13 Bishop's Convocation 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - LH	14 Bishop's Convocation	15 Bishop's Convocation Visitor newsletter deadline 8:30am Women's Breakfast - Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor 11:00am Staff Meeting	16 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	17 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	18 8:45am Music Together Class - CR
19 <i>Assisting Minister - Campfield Heinrich</i> <i>Campfield Heinrich preaching</i> 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Special Coffee Hour for Campfield Heinrich 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Worship Service at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor 4:00pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Beth Shalom B'Nai Israel in Manchester	20 CHP - Thanksgiving Break	21 CHP - Thanksgiving Break 7:00pm Council Meeting - via Zoom	22 CHP - Thanksgiving Break 11:00am Staff Meeting	23 CHP - Thanksgiving Break OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING	24 CHP - Thanksgiving Break OFFICE CLOSED - DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	25
26 <i>Assisting Minister - Ray Purtell</i> <i>Children's Sermon during Worship Service</i> CHRIST THE KING 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:30am Confirmation Class - Youth Room 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	27 Visitor newsletter mailing	28 7:00pm Emanuel Housing Corp. Meeting - LH	29 <i>Deadline for Ordering Poinsettia Plants for Christmas Eve</i> 11:00am Staff Meeting	30 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	1 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	2 8:45am Music Together Class - CR 11:30am Ruth Circle Christmas Luncheon at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor

The Church Office will be CLOSED on Friday, 11/10 for Veterans Day, and Thursday, 11/23 & Friday, 11/24 for Thanksgiving.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is soliciting interest from members of the congregation for these committees: **Congregation Council, Endowment, Finance, Nominating**

Each position is for a three-year term that begins immediately following the annual congregation meeting in January 2024. (Information on the role of the Council/Committees can be found in chapters 12 and 13 of Emanuel's Constitution).

The Nominating Committee will present nominations for elected positions at the annual meeting of the congregation scheduled in January 2024.

If you have an interest in serving on any of these committees, please complete and return the form to the church office as soon as possible but not later than November 3. Attention: Chairperson Nominating Committee. **Copies of the form are available in the narthex and church office.**

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 5th.

Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, 11/4.

Instant Church Directory App UPDATE Now Available in App Stores

Download the latest version of the app to unlock the latest features for our Online Member Pictorial Directory! Do you ever receive a text message or get included in a group text message but don't know who sent it? Now members can search families using phone numbers to find out the sender! This is also a great way to validate any potential spam messages asking for money or gift cards.

Have you updated your family tab name? The app now supports custom labels.

What's Also New:

Members can delete their app account from the app.

Members can update their password in-app.

We've made bug fixes and added performance boosts.

You won't see these enhancements until you update the app on your devices.



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: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org

Christmas Poinsettias

Can you believe that it is already time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas! This year we are offering two sizes. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are \$20 each. The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are \$13 each. The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester. Please complete the order form (located on the back page of the Visitor) and send your payment to the Church Office. You may designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God". The deadline to place your order is **Wednesday, November 29th**. Please make the check payable to *Emanuel Lutheran Church* with "poinsettias" on the memo line.



Coffee Hour

Now that fall is here, Coffee Hours will only be held on Sundays if someone signs up to host. The sign-up sheet is now on a table in the NARTHEX. Coffee Hour is held on Sundays in Luther Hall immediately following the 10 AM worship service. The host is responsible for making the coffee and providing the food, half & half, milk, or cream as well as juice.

There will be a Coffee Hour Training Session after worship on November 5th for anyone who would like to "learn the ropes" of hosting but is not familiar with the kitchen or what is involved in the process. It's a "piece of cake," literally and figuratively!

Caring

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

Pastoral Acts

Baptism

Caleb Zagorski

Dear Emanuel,

Thank you for sending me to Calumet this summer. I had so much fun. My favorite thing there was the woodshop and I made a coaster. I liked pottery too and made a pot and a mug for my mom's coffee. I made new friends and played a lot of four square and liked boating a lot. I hope I can go back next summer too.

Thank you, Evan Sumner

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church Members,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$642.74 to MACC Charities.

And all at once, summer collapsed into fall. The month of October has tremendous possibility. The summer's heat is a distant memory, and now the golden leaves of autumn provide a world full of beautiful adventures.

Many Blessings, Shannon Baldassario – CEO



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

Interfaith Service

Sunday, November 19, 2023

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

Emanuel's Emergency Procedures

Are you new to Emanuel or have you been around for a while and would like to refresh yourself on what steps to take if an emergency happens at Emanuel? A few years ago, Emanuel created *Emergency Procedures* for many different situations that may happen inside Emanuel's building. Anything from a fire, flood, electrical power outage, medical emergency, etc. is covered in the manual. If you would like to take a look through the procedure manual, you can find the blue and orange binders hanging on the wall in various areas of the church building.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne in the Church Office by email to: aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org.



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Christmas Poinsettias



Please Print

I/We, _____, wish to decorate Emanuel for Christmas 2023 with:

_____ red 8" pot poinsettia plant(s). Each 8" potted poinsettia (2 plants per pot) cost \$20.00.
and/or

_____ red 6 1/2" pot poinsettia plant(s). Each 6 1/2" potted poinsettia (1 plant per pot) cost \$13.00.

The plants are given:

In memory of: _____
or

In honor of: _____
or

To the Glory of God: _____.

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

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

Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, November 29, 2023. Place this form with your check in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. Pick up after the 12/24 — 4 PM service. Thank you.

The poinsettia offering this year is changing resulting in a significant increase in the price of the smaller plants. Woodland Gardens is offering a single plant in a 6 1/2" foil wrapped pot for \$13.00 or two plants in an 8" foil wrapped pot for \$20.00. This is the first time in 6 years the price has changed more than \$0.25 for the single plants.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED