



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

November 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



*The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.*

—Psalm 67:6

As I am writing this, I am sitting near a window that looks out to a sea of yellows, oranges, and reds of the leaves that dance in the wind and slowly fall to the ground. Little moments like this one remind us of God's abundant blessings that surround us each day. If it's laughing so hard with a friend that you cry, enjoying a good dinner, or the peaceful feeling on a walk, we can see God at work.

It is so easy to think of abundance as the big things—our family, our home, our job—that sometimes we can miss how God surrounds us daily. Abundance is often found in the most challenging times too—in deep grief and sorrow. It is in our struggles that we discover resilience, compassion, and the unwavering support of our community.

Gratitude is the key that unlocks our awareness of abundance. When we cultivate a spirit of thankfulness, we change our mindset from one of lack to one of plenty. Gratitude opens our eyes to the beauty of our lives, helping us to appreciate the relationships we cherish, the resources we enjoy, and the opportunities we are given.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I hope you will be more mindful of the big and small things you are grateful for. May we open our hearts to the abundance that surrounds us and share that abundance with others. Let us be intentional in expressing our thanks, both to God and to one another, as we celebrate the ways we see God move and breathe in the world.

Peace to you and yours,

Pastor Joanna

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.



Church Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday:
10 AM—2 PM



Events and Items of Interest



All Saints Sunday

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 3, 2024 during worship. It's an incredibly meaningful service where we remember those Saints who have gone before us. We will honor and remember our loved ones who have passed. We will speak their names aloud. We will ring a bell. We will light a personalized candle in their memory that a family member can bring home following the worship service. And we will give God thanks for having shared our loved ones with 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 any 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 3, 2024

Martha P. Eddy

Peggy G. Johnson

Doris Schoenfeld

J. Keith Carriere

Susan J. Oliver

Marion K. Schneider

Frederick D. Schneider

Luca Joseph Toce Connolly

Lenore J. Henderson

Roy W. Culver

Hannelore K. Welch

Virginia Burkamp

Celebratory Stewardship Coffee Hour

Sunday, November 10th following the 10 AM worship service

As we wrap up the Building, Belonging, Becoming 2025 Stewardship campaign, everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Emanuel's many blessings, and that includes YOU. We'll share the results of the campaign and we'll enjoy a time of fellowship with each other.



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2025

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

Coffee Hours

Coffee Hour is held every Sunday following worship, unless otherwise noted in the bulletin or on the sign-up sheet. 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. There are MANY Sundays available this fall to sign-up! 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 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 (two arrangements) are \$50 and the Lectern flowers (one arrangement) are \$35.

MACC Charities Emergency Food Drive

MACC's Annual Emergency of Hunger Food Drive is just around the corner. Week one is set to kick off on November 9th and 10th! While grocery shopping at Stop & Shop or Highland Park Market, Manchester, pick up a few items off the needs list to donate, and MACC's partners from ASM and the MPD will collect and bring them back to MACC. Your generous donations will directly go to helping the Community Emergency Food Pantry's families in need this holiday season. If you cannot make it the first weekend, the food drive will also be at Stop and Shop, Manchester, the following weekend, November 16th and 17th! See you there!



16th Annual Emergency of Hunger Food Drive 2024

November 9th & 10th

Highland Park Market, 9AM-4PM

Highland Street in Manchester

Stop and Shop, 9AM-4PM

West Middle Turnpike in Manchester

November 16th & 17th

Stop and Shop, 9AM-4PM

West Middle Turnpike in Manchester

Help a neighbor in need this holiday season by purchasing an item below to fight food insecurity in the community.

- Whole Chickens
- Hams
- Turkeys
- Pumpkin & Apple Pie
- Instant Potatoes / Stuffing
- Fried Onions
- Gravy and Cranberry Sauce
- Hot Chocolate
- Coffee (Regular, Decaf or Instant)
- Canned Veggies
- Peanut Butter / Jelly
- Baking Mix (Cake & Brownie)
- Cooking Oil / Butter
- Rice / Rice Mixes
- Beans
- Ketchup / Mayonnaise
- Fresh Fruit and Veggies
- Sugar / Flour
- Pasta / Pasta Sauce
- Ramen Noodles
- Chili / Beef Stew / Canned Pasta

All donations will go MACC's Community Emergency Food Pantry to support families facing food insecurity.

A QR code has been added to the front cover of the bulletin, inside back cover of this newsletter, to the right of this announcement, and also 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.



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 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, exit, and it is on the wall directly in front of you.**

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 3.

Please remember to turn your clocks BACK ONE HOUR before going to bed on Saturday night, November 2.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL BRICKS

The following loved ones are being memorialized with a Memorial Brick at the Service of Dedication in the Memorial Garden following our worship service on All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024.

Mel & Sylvia Hellstrom Maude Carpenter

Luca Joseph Toce Connolly

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

Ruth Circle Gathering

Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 PM in Luther Hall

Lynda Brown will teach the women of Ruth Circle how to make terrariums and provide all materials needed.

Anyone wishing to make a terrarium must have already signed up with Lynda to do so. The cost of supplies for each terrarium is \$10.00.

Hostesses are: Linda Jackson, Betsy Grupe and Helen Johnson. *If you have any questions, please contact one of the hostesses.*



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

Women's Breakfast

**Wednesday, November 20th at 8:30 AM
Evergreen Crossings, RLC
900 Hemlock Avenue in South Windsor**

Cost per person is \$8. An RSVP to Lynne Gustafson: cgustafson01@snet.net is required by Tuesday, November 19th.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Cookies and Care Packages
Sunday, December 8th after
worship in Luther Hall**



We'll decorate cookies (and taste some too!) We'll have a few crafts for the children and put together care packages for our homebound members. This is a congregational event for all ages.

If you are able to bring icing or cookies for decorating, want to be involved with planning the packages or to volunteer, please contact Katie Kurlak at familyministry@emanuelmanchester.org. Please let Katie know if you are planning to attend so we can be sure to have enough supplies for the event.

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 to make an appointment.

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 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.

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <i>Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann</i> <i>Lilly-May Bowman Baptism during worship</i> REFORMATION SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP/COMMITMENT SUNDAY 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:30am Nominating Committee Meeting - Library 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	28 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM Visitor newsletter mailing 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR 7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting on Zoom	29 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED	30 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM	31 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	1 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM Congregational Event: Retreat at Camp Calumet 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	2 Congregational Event: Retreat at Camp Calumet 9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room
3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY <i>Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier</i> Congregational Event: Retreat at Camp Calumet <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> <i>Dedication of Memorial Bricks in Memorial Garden following Worship</i> <i>Pastor Bill White preaching and presiding</i> 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 5:00pm Rebecca Chaimovitch (student) recital - SA	4 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR 7:00pm Worship and Arts Meeting on Zoom	5 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 7:00pm Ruth Circle Gathering: "Making Terrariums" - LH	6 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM	7 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	8 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR 7:00pm Christ Church Fellowship Service - LH	9 9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room
10 <i>Ailish Lazarus Baptism during worship</i> <i>Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch</i> 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 1:30pm Worship Service at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor	11 VETERANS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - LH	12 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED	13 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM	14 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	15 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM Visitor newsletter deadline 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR 7:00pm Flute Concert - SA	16 9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room
17 <i>Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann</i> 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:30am Nominating Committee Meeting - Library 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	18 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	19 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 7:00pm Council Meeting - LH	20 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 8:30am Women's Breakfast - Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor	21 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	22 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM Visitor newsletter mailing 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	23 9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room 7:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series - Galvin Cello Quartet
24 <i>Assisting Minister - Ben Hogue</i> <i>Children's Sermon during worship - No Sunday School</i> CHRIST THE KING 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	25 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	26 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 7:00pm Emanuel Housing Corp. Meeting - LH	27 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM	28 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	29 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING - OFFICE CLOSED 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	30

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.



FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT EMANUEL
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES 2024 - 2025

Galvin Cello Quartet



**Come, enjoy
award-winning
musicians
reveal
the limitless
range of
a cello
ensemble.**

**Saturday
November 23 at 7 pm**

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS WELCOMED

Emanuel Lutheran Church

60 Church Street, Manchester, CT 06040

860 - 643-1193

FriendsOfMusicAtEmanuel@gmail.com

www.FriendsOfMusicAtEmanuel.org

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 2025. (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 2025.

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 13. Attention: Chairperson Nominating Committee. Copies of the form are available in the narthex and church office.

Caring

November Birthdays (Emanuel Members 75+ yrs.)

Norma Wirta 11/1
Doris Johnson 11/2
Doti Dienst 11/4
Sharon Hamilton 11/4



Raymond Wilcox 11/6
Karin Buus 11/10
Lynne Gustafson 11/13
Paula Haney 11/15

Thank you for helping me go to Calumet this past summer. I really appreciate it. I had so much fun! I got to sleep in a tent for the first time and got to go sailing.

From, Carolyn Kamp

Thank you so much for the campership for Calumet. Camp was so much fun this summer. I loved all the camp games.

From, Kelsey Kamp

Dear Emanuel Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so much for the beautiful yellow prayer shawl! My brain surgery went very well and the prayer shawl was a comfort in my recovery. I will treasure it forever! The love and care (and talent!) that you knit into the shawls is like a warm hug from my church family during a hard time. Thank you!!!

Love, Cheryl Sumner

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$712.31 to MACC Charities. Now that fall is upon us, we can smell the fresh scents of fall in the air. I hope you get a chance to enjoy the leaves changing color, and watch them dancing in the wind. I pray you find warmth and brighter days ahead. Happy Fall ya'll!

Many Blessings, Shannon Baldassario—CEO

Thanks to all who came to Movie Night on Friday, October 18th!!

The kids, especially, had a wonderful time playing together, snacking, and watching the Inside Out 2. It was also great for the grown ups who either enjoyed watching the movie, watching the kids, or chatted quietly in the back. It was a great time of fellowship for all ages!

Christmas Poinsettias

Can you believe that it is almost time to order poinsettia plants to decorate Emanuel for Christmas Eve! There are two sizes to choose from this year. The 8" diameter pots with two poinsettia plants are \$21. each. The 6 ½" diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are \$13.50 each. You will have the option to designate them "in honor of", "in memory of", or "to the Glory of God". The poinsettias are locally grown at Woodland Gardens in Manchester.



Order Forms will be available beginning Sunday, November 10, 2024. The deadline to place your order will be **Sunday, December 1, 2024.**



Emanuel Staff

(860) 643-1193

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

Anne Heinrich
Office Administrator
aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org
Ext. 300

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

Katie Kurlak
Director of Family Ministries
familyministry@emanuelmanchester.org

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



GHIAA 2024 POWER SUMMIT



THURSDAY NOV 21
6:30-8:30PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

REGISTER NOW WITH YOUR
GHIAA CORE TEAM

TOGETHER WE CREATE CHANGE
WE'LL BE THERE
WILL YOU?

WEAVER HIGH SCHOOL
415 GRANBY ST, HARTFORD, CT 06112

WWW.CLJCT.ORG/GHIAA

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor
Joanna: pastorjoanna@emanuelmanchester.org

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

Multi-Faith Service



November 24th at 5:00p.m.

Join BSBI and Clergy throughout Manchester
in this one-of-a-kind service.

Beth Sholom B'nai Israel
400 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester CT 06040

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Emanuel Lutheran Church
60 Church Street
Manchester, CT 06040

