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#### November 2025

## **Emanuel Lutheran Church**



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

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### From the Pastor

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

-Psalm 27:14

On the last Sunday of November, we enter a new and sacred time in the Church year—Advent. For many, this season is marked by holiday music, busy calendars, buying gifts, and the anticipation of Christmas. But in the Church, Advent offers something deeper—a holy pause, a time to wait, watch, and prepare for the coming of Christ.

Advent is a time of hopeful anticipation, where we reflect on the light Christ brings into a dark and weary world. Each Sunday of Advent, we light a candle on the Advent wreath, gradually bringing more light into our worship. Each candle represents a theme:

- 1. Hope
- 2. Peace
- 3. Jov
- 4. Love

In this season, we are invited to more than just passive waiting—sitting and twiddling our thumbs. Advent is a call to prepare our hearts and lives. It is a time to:

- Slow down in a busy season
- Pray and reflect on God's promises
- Repent and turn back to what matters most
- Serve others with generosity and love

The world may rush toward Christmas, but we walk intentionally through Advent, knowing that Christ comes not only in a manger long ago, but again and again into our lives, our worship, and our world.

As we move through Advent, may we make space in our hearts and lives for the One who is coming. Let us prepare the way of the Lord—not just for Christmas Day, but for the transformation Advent invites us into every day.

Peace to you and yours, Pastor Joanna

#### <u>Church Office Hours:</u> Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

10 AM—2 PM

The Church Office will be CLOSED Monday, 11/10— Friday, 11/14.

#### **Advent Devotional Booklets**

Humble and Holy: Devotions for Advent and Christmas 2025-2026 will be available to pick-up in the Narthex in mid-November in preparation for the season of Advent which begins on Sunday, November 30, 2025.



Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 2.

Please remember to turn your clocks BACK ONE HOUR before going to bed on Saturday night, November 1.

## All Saints Sunday, Seasonal Sharing, Flowers, & Coffee Hours



#### **All Saints Sunday**

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 2, 2025 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 2, 2025

Paul Margelony

Leslie Haney

Judith J. Anderson

Dorothea Dienst

Mary Reuter

Marian E. Demgen

Jean R. Reed

Joseph Berneski

James D. Reuter

Paul F. Berg

Ida M. Anderson

#### 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 at Thanksgiving as well as purchasing gift cards for those families at Christmas.



#### The Flower Chart is posted in the office hallway and available online!

You can sign-up for Altar or Lectern Flowers to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special occasion.

You can sign-up for altar or lectern flowers in one of three ways:

- On the 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.
- ◆ Through the online sign-up sheet: <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1N7YC">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1N7YC</a> 4StAVRRQGedU4 xUewyRK4VnsT1elyJR9GKLa4/edit?usp=sharing
- ◆ Call or email Anne in the Church Office: 860-643-1193 or <a href="mailto:aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org">aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org</a>

Anne will order the flowers, and Park Hill Joyce Florist will send the bill directly to your mailing address. *Altar flowers (two arrangements) are \$50, and the Lectern flowers (one arrangement) are \$35.* 

You may also sponsor the Sunday bulletins. Each Sunday is \$20.

Please send payment to the Church Office. You can sign-up for bulletins in the ways noted above.

The online link is: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BtdtsMiKUnTFv xz4Gh5iBsH71H0j4sF JQ8P02 mik/edit?usp=sharing

#### **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:

  <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uFDDtVaSqbAxWhfcOeNICaNBfsM6oeYYcdt7IMOD\_ZE/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uFDDtVaSqbAxWhfcOeNICaNBfsM6oeYYcdt7IMOD\_ZE/edit?usp=sharing</a>
- Call or email Anne in the Church Office: 860-643-1193 or <a href="mailto:aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org">aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org</a>



## Stewardship, Sewing, Poinsettias, Field Education Seminarian

#### **Celebratory Stewardship Coffee Hour**

#### Sunday, November 9th following the 10 AM worship service

As we wrap up the Building, Belonging, Becoming 2026 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.



#### The Hem Hangout with Alexa

#### The first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in Luther Hall (beginning 11/5/25)

New to sewing? Join us for lessons to get started on sewing anything from satchels to clothing. Working on a project? Come join for community as we sew together. **Please bring a sewing machine that is functioning.** We will have small projects for practice, but feel free to bring any pattern or project you would like to learn to make. Questions? Please contact Alexa: <a href="mailto:jagianinio@gmail.com">jagianinio@gmail.com</a>

#### **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 \$22. each. The 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter pots with one poinsettia plant are \$14. each. You 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 9, 2025. The deadline to place your order will be **Sunday, November 30, 2025.** 

#### **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.



#### Special Offering envelope for November: Seasonal Sharing

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. You may also give online through the secure donation page at <a href="https://www.emanuelmanchester.org">www.emanuelmanchester.org</a>.



I'm Bea (she/her)—short for Beatrice. I'm a proud Puerto Rican, raised in the Bronx, and now living in East Hartford, CT. I'm married, to Carlos Santiago and we have a beautiful, blended family of five adult children, two granddaughters, and one new grandson and another granddaughter on the way—they are my joy! I'm currently attending United Lutheran Seminary pursuing my Master in Divinity. This is my first year. I'm also a Licensed Lay Minister, Mission Developer, and the current Dean of the New England School of Lay Ministry, For the past five years, I've been pastoring a small church in Manchester, CT called Ministerio Nueva Creación, a Synodical Authorized Worshiping Community (S.A.W.C.) of the NE Synod, focused on nurturing spiritual growth and building an open and affirming community—especially within Latinx spaces. I'm also board member of Manchester Latin Affairs Council (M.L.A.C.).

Outside of my ministry life. I have spent the better part of over 20 years working for Quest Diagnostics and recently as an organizer for GHIAA – Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance where I helped to organize members of multi-faith congregations to fight for systemic changes.

In my spare time I love baseball and hope to watch a game in every stadium, I love every genre of music, movies and love reading the old fashion way—real books no digital stuff! I love, love, love, pie!

I am excited to be on this journey! And excited to get to know all of you during my time here as a student doing my ministerial fieldwork!

I truly believe there is nothing in this world better than the way God works in a persons life. You just have to sit still in the silence and listen for that small whisper and have the courage and conviction to follow where that whisper leads you. I'm extremely bless and grateful that God's whisper led me here.

#### **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.

#### **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 volunteer, please use the electronic sign-up. All Sundays through December 2025 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 what volunteer position you would like. If you would like to try something new, training is provided!

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

Everyone is welcome! Contact Pastor Joanna with questions or for more information.



Manchester, BSBI hosts our annual

Multi-Faith **Thanksgiving Service** Sun., November 23, 2025 from 5—6:30 PM Beth Sholom B'nai Israel 400 East Middle Tpke. Manchester, CT

#### **Ruth Circle Gathering** Tuesday, November 4th at 7 PM in Luther Hall

The program for the evening will be a craft project led by Linda Jackson. She will show Ruth Circle members how to make little stuffed felt cardinals, blue birds, doves, and chickadees. The birds that get made will be hung on wreaths in the sanctuary during Advent. Please bring a pair of scissors. If you plan to attend, please let one of the hostesses know so that Linda can bring enough materials to make the birds.

Hostesses: Helen Johnson, Diane Gawlinski, Karin Buus.

#### 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

#### **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 2, 2025.

Joseph "Joe" Berneski Elizabeth Hadfield Emma Larson Harold Larson Richard T. Stephens The Rev. Earl D. Werdelin

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

#### November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Assisting Minister - Adela Garmendia REFORMATION SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP/COMMITMENT SUNDAY 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 4:00pm Reformation Organ Concert/Evening Prayer at Concordia Lutheran Church - 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester	27 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	28 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 7:00pm Emanuel Housing Corp. Meeting - LH	29 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM Visitor newsletter mailing 10:00am FME Board Meeting - LH 7:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting via Zoom	30 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 2:00pm MARCH, Inc. Celebration with BINGO - LH 5:45pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room 7:00pm Nominating Committee Meeting via Zoom	31 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	1 9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room 11:30am Gather CT: Brunch & Hike (11:30 AM - Sarah's on Main, Portland, CT and 1 PM - River Highland Trail, Cromwell, CT)
2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:15am Finance Committee meeting - Library and via Zoom 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	3 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR 7:00pm Worship & Arts Meeting - LH	4 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am PEO CT Chapter U., Glastonbury Meeting - LH	5 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 6:30pm The Hem Hangout - LH	6 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 5:45pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	7 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	8 9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room
9 Assisting Minister - Ben Hogue 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:15am Finance Committee meeting - Library 11:30am Stewardship Celebratory Coffee Hour - LH 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Worship Service at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor 4:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series - The Sebastians	10 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - LH	11 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED VETERANS DAY 7:00pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom	12 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED	CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED  10:00am Bible Study - Library 5:45pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room 7:00pm Calumet Ministries Committee meeting via Zoom	14 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	15 Visitor newsletter deadline 9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room
16 Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Congregation Event: Cookies and Care Packages - LH 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 4:30pm Chaimovitch Piano Recital - Sanctuary	17 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	18 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 7:00pm Council Meeting - LH	19 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM	20 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 5:45pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	21 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room 6:00pm Emanuel Book Club: Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz- Weber - Family Room
23 Assisting Minister - Campfield Heinrich 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	24 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	25 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 7:00pm Emanuel Housing Corp. Meeting - LH	26 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM Visitor newsletter mailing	27 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED THANKSGIVING	28 CHURCH OFFICE: OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM OFFICE CLOSED - DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	29
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For the most current calendar that updates in real time, please visit our website: <a href="mailto:emanuelmanchester.org">emanuelmanchester.org</a> and click on the "Latest News" tab where you will see the highlighted link to the MONTHLY CALENDAR.

There is a bulletin board outside of the Parish Nurse's Office (on the main floor, down the hall from the Church Office). ECHN (Eastern Connecticut Health Network) hosts Community Health Education Programs. Some programs are offered in-person and others are offered virtually. Programs for November and December are posted on the bulletin board. You may visit <a href="mailto:echn.org/events">echn.org/events</a> to view the most up to date class listings and to register online.

## **GATHER CONNECTICUT**

# **BRUNCH & HIKE**

## November 1st at 11:30ÂM

Meet us at Sarah's on Main in Portland CT at 11:30am for brunch.

After brunch, we'll carpool to
River Highland Trail in Cromwell for a hike at 1PM.

RSVP with the QR code.



## **COOKIES & CARE PACKAGES: NOV. 16TH**

Join us in Luther Hall after worship on Sunday, 11/16 for cookie decorating and assembling care packages for Emanuel's homebound members. And we'll need help with delivery, too! If you're willing to bake or make something for the care packages, please contact Katie Kurlak: familyministry@emanuelmanchester.org



#### Do you recognize this crown?

Emanuel's Historian, Matt Heinrich was recently made aware that there used to be a crown/tiara that was made available to young women, who were members of Emanuel and were getting married, to wear at their wedding. The crown was to be returned soon after the wedding. (Thanks to Elsa Robinson for providing this photo). The attic and closets at Emanuel have been

extensively searched, and the crown is unable to be located. If you know anything about the whereabouts of the crown, or any information about the history or who may have worn it last, please contact Matt in person or by email to: <a href="mailto:fmheinrich73@gmail.com">fmheinrich73@gmail.com</a>

# FME

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT EMANUEL CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES 2025 - 2026

## Sunday, November 9, at 4 pm

This dynamic ensemble returns to FME to present "Handel's London," a brilliant sound-scape of 18th century London's vibrant musical stage.





FREE ADMISSION

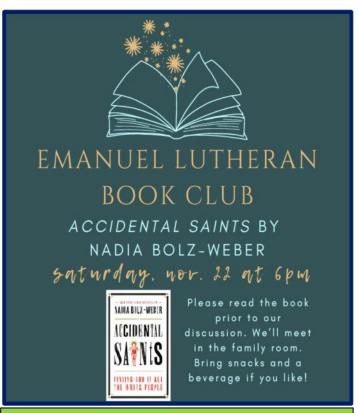
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## Caring

#### November Birthdays (Emanuel Members 75+ yrs.)

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



Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church Community Family,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$2,234.53 to MACC Charities. Now that we are deep into fall, we can smell the fresh scents of fall in the air. I hope you got a chance to enjoy the leaves changing color, and watched them dance in the wind. I pray you find warmth and brighter days ahead.

Many Blessings, Shannon Baldassario, MACC CEO

Emanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$750 to the Center for Leadership and Justice. Your support is crucial in supporting leaders to drive social justice change in Greater Hartford. With your help, we amplify the voices of those most impacted by injustice, leading to real policy changes through neighborhood-based organizing and the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance. (GHIAA) This year we are focusing on housing affordability, reforming state fiscal policy to invest in critical human needs, immigrant rights, and combating racial and religious hate. To stay connected with us, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.clict.org">www.clict.org</a> or find us on Facebook @cljaction.

Warm regards, Cori Mackey, Executive Director, Center for Leadership and Justice

#### Camp Calumet Camper Registration for Summer 2026 Opens 10/31/25!

If your child is between the ages of 8-15, it is time to sign them up for a camp experience that will make this the best summer ever! Calumet offers one-week and two-week sessions at its overnight camp on the shores of Lake Ossipee in Freedom, NH. Sign up during the Early Bird Registration and receive your 2026 Resident Camp T-Shirt **for no additional cost!** Registrations must be completed by November 14<sup>th</sup> to be eligible.

To register, visit: https://calumet.org/summercamp/residentcamp

# Once again, Emanuel will offer camperships for children attending Calumet Resident or Day Camp!

To secure a Calumet Campership from Emanuel, please email Anne in the Church Office (aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org) along with your child(ren)'s name(s) and the following information. In your email, please specify the rate that best applies to your family situation.

Rate 1: \$1105/week (This rate reflects the true cost of camp.)

Rate 2: \$980/week (Rate for families for whom the full cost of camp is out of reach. Rate is subsidized by generous donors.)

Rate 3: \$855/week (This rate covers a portion of the true cost and is subsidized by generous donations by individuals and congregations.)

Then indicate the amount of campership that will meet your needs.

Emanuel will apply the campership to the rate selected above.

Each camper's registration fee, \$50, will be covered by Emanuel and added to each campership award. Don't delay! Let us know your plans now so that we can help send kids to camp. Please let us know your plans ASAP but not later than December 31, 2025.



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#### MACC Emergency Food Pantry needs our help!!!

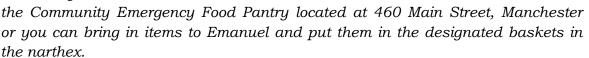
Due to the ongoing government shutdown, delayed our unavailable SNAP benefits, and new DSS eligibility guidelines, many families in our community are facing food insecurity for the very first time. MACC is asking local congregations to join them in creating EMERGENCY BAGS OF FOOD to provide immediate relief to struggling families who are not registered clients of MACC.

#### Items to include in an Emergency Bag: (non-perishable and shelf stable items)

- peanut butter & jelly
- canned tuna & mayonnaise
- pasta and pasta sauce
- mac & cheese
- crackers
- nutri-grain or granola bars
- boxed cereal



You can fill your own paper bag(s) and bring them to



The congregation will join together after worship on Sunday, November 9th during our Stewardship Celebratory Coffee Hour to pack bags!



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

