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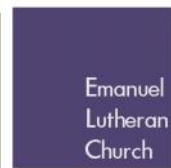
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October 2022

Emanuel Lutheran Church



A Member of the New England Synod of the
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Visitor

From the Pastor

The LORD bless you and keep you:

The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you:

The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26

You may have already heard me, or it's basically a guarantee that at some point you will hear me say, that one of the most beautiful things we can do for one another as human beings is to bless one another. Blessing one another is to wish for God's favor, protection and all good things for another. The benediction—in its many forms—is what we say as we are sent out of worship; however, I wonder how often we realize that blessing is from Scripture.

With worship—week after week—we can forget the meaning behind what we do in worship and why we do it. There is a basic structure of our worship together—gathering, Word, meal, and sending.

We gather in Jesus' name as a community of people with varied gifts and opinions but are united as the Body of Christ. We center in the Word where we hear the stories of God and how God is in relationship with God's people. We gather around the table where we are fed, forgiven, and encounter the presence of Jesus in bread and wine. And we are sent out into the world to love and to serve—where nothing we do or can be done to us that can ever separate us from God's love.

In October, through a sermon series, we will be focusing on the movements of worship—gathering, Word, meal, and sending. Each week, we will highlight a portion of worship. We'll focus on that movement of worship in the preaching and in song. Along with it, we'll be focusing on gratitude as we focus on our stewardship campaign of our daily bread. I hope that it's a meaningful and reflective time for the congregation to think of what we do in worship in a new way!

Peace to you and yours, Pastor Joanna

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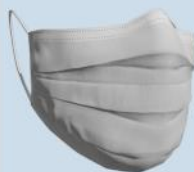
Monday—Thursday

10 AM—4 PM

Friday

10 AM—2 PM

**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.

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.

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.



Congregation Conversations

Musician Search Community Conversations: October 2 and 9 after worship

We know that music is a high priority at Emanuel, and so it's important that we all come together to talk about the future of Emanuel's music ministry as we're in this time of transition.

On Sunday, October 2, the musician search committee will sponsor a coffee hour and a conversation about our experiences with having one worship service. We will be sharing the joy we've found in one service and our fears if we stay with one service. We will not be taking a vote or making the decision, but rather having thoughtful conversation together about it.

On Sunday, October 9, the musician search committee will sponsor a second coffee hour where we will ask all of you to share your hopes for music at Emanuel.

In the interim, we have hired consistent musicians who can create a blended feel to worship through January 1 to give us time to search and hire a new Director of Music. We searched for a pianist who will conduct the New Day Singers through January 1. Lynne Goss has accepted that position. We searched for an organist who will conduct the Anthem Choir. Dianne Rechel has accepted that position. Her first Sunday with us will be Sunday, October 2. The first rehearsal of the Anthem Choir will be Thursday, September 29 at 7 PM.

Thanks for your patience and commitment to having conversation together!

Musician Search Committee

The Musician Search Committee has been formed and held its first meeting on August 22, 2022. The members of the committee are **Susan Plese, Helen Johnson, Pastor Joanna, Rod Andersen, and Joe Jauss.**

Emergency Training

The Emergency Management Team is conducting training about the procedures to deal with various types of emergencies that might impact Emanuel. All members of Emanuel are invited to attend a session. **Sessions are held in Luther Hall.**

The remaining dates are listed below:

Friday, October 7, at 7 PM—in person and via Zoom

(the Zoom link will be emailed out to the congregation during the week of the meeting).

Sunday, October 16, at 11 AM—in person (after worship)



Focus on Gratitude in October

Our stewardship campaign this year will focus on "Our Daily Bread"—that familiar line from the Lord's prayer: give us this day our daily bread. Our focus will be on gratitude for the many ways God provides for us in our lives and in the ministry of Emanuel. Each week, we'll hear a story from one of our community members. We'll gather those things we are thankful for in our bread basket. We'll collect pledge cards on Sunday, October 30 too. We hope it's a meaningful time to focus on our gratitude for our 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.

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

We continue to need the following worship volunteers each Sunday: Two (2) 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 ahleinrich@emanuelmanchester.org and let her know what date and what volunteer position you would like.

Fall at Camp Calumet

HARVEST WEEKEND

OCTOBER 7-10, 2022

Fall is arguably the best season to be at Calumet and our guests for the big weekend would heartily agree. The leaves are exploding in a variety of brilliant colors, the air is crisp and clear, and the pleasant smell of wood fires wafts through the air. What a great time to get away with the family!

Plan on bringing your pumpkins for carving for our annual jack-o'-lantern display. Our NEW Scarecrow Walk was a big success in 2020 and 2021. Bring your own scarecrow from home to display on Calumet's walkway, or gather materials to make one during your stay at camp. We look forward to seeing your creations in 2022!

Come get away here at Calumet, and start some new family traditions!

FALL QUILT RETREATS

OCTOBER 24-27, 2022

OCTOBER 30- NOVEMBER 2, 2022

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2022

Our ever-popular Quilting Retreats offer the perfect opportunity to get away and focus 100% on this artistic hobby that is fun for all levels and ages.

Instructor Connie Wisneski will guide you through a multi-day work-shop centered around beginning a new pattern. She'll make sure you know exactly what's what. Before you come to camp, Connie provides all the participants with the picture of the quilt, the particular supplies you'll need, and ways for you to ask any questions you have.

Or, if you prefer, you can come with a quilt that you're already working on -- come for the fellowship! Here at Calumet, we have no rules other than "have fun and enjoy yourself!"

In addition to quilting, there will be trips to local shops such as Mardens, as well as morning and evening devotional times to round out the day. These retreats are definitely some of our most popular, so come on your own, bring a few friends, or organize a congregational group...but no matter what, be prepared to enjoy yourself!

WOMEN'S WEEKENDS

NOVEMBER 4-6, 11-13 & 18-20, 2022

Women's Weekends at Calumet are among the most popular programs we have here at Calumet. They provide an important opportunity for women to get away for fellowship, relaxation, faith sharing, (maybe some early Christmas shopping, too!) and fun. Come enjoy breakfast buffets, yummy lunches and a special Saturday evening candlelight dinner.

Each weekend has a different flavor even though all weekends have the same theme. Why? There is a different chaplain, a different musician, a different community of women! But all of them are special and so loved by all who come and enjoy the time away.

If you are interested in attending any of these weekend retreats at Calumet, please email Alice Custard to: Alice@calumet.org or call 603-539-4773 x.220

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 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



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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting for the first time in a long time on **Monday, October 3rd at 1:00 PM in Luther Hall.**

Hope you can join us!

Thank you to everyone who has continued to make prayer shawls over the past couple of years. We're looking forward to being together again!



Ruth Circle Gathering Tuesday, October 4th from 7 – 9 PM in Luther Hall

"Homemade Chocolates"—speaker Jane Kinsley. Boxes of chocolates will be available to purchase for \$10 each.

Hostess: Barbara Heinrich



Women's Breakfast Wednesday, October 19th 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, October 18th.



Installation of Pastor Joanna Saturday, October 22 at 4 PM in the Sanctuary

Please join us for worship as Pastor Joanna is officially installed as Emanuel's pastor. Pr. Sara Anderson will be preaching. Pastor Cheryl Hoffman, Dean of the Hartford Conference, will preside over the installation. We hope you can join us in this celebration of the ministry we will do together!



Property Committee

Emanuel's Property Committee is in need of a few new members. Their meetings are held once a month on the second Monday at 7 PM.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Berk Little either in person at church or by email to: littlezab@comcast.net



Women's Retreat October 14th—16th at Blue Gentian Lodge, Londonderry, Vermont

We hope you'll join us for the Women's Retreat at the Blue Gentian Lodge in Londonderry, Vermont! We will be focusing on how we encounter God as a natural part of our everyday life—seeing the sacred as we slow down and pay attention. Prior to the retreat, please read the book *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. You can purchase the book on Amazon or it is available at local libraries. **If you would like the Church Office to purchase the book for you, please contact Nancy in person or by email to:**

nwhiton@emanuelmanchester.org.

The cost of a double occupancy room is \$225. If you'd like a room to yourself, it is \$325. If you have a roommate request, please let us know when you register. The deadline to register is October 1. Please call the church office or email Nancy at nwhiton@emanuelmanchester.org if you'd like to register. If you have questions about the theme of the retreat, please reach out to Pastor Joanna. If you want to speak to someone who's been on past retreats, please reach out to Carol Kohl. We hope you can join us!

If you are serving as a Communion Assistant during Sunday morning worship, please note that mask wearing is mandatory at this time for those assisting in communion.



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

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 <i>Assisting Minister - JaneMarie Gaiette</i> <i>Worship Support Specialist - Berk Little</i> 10:00am Sunday School - LH 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Celebration Luncheon for Jim Hamilton, Matt Heinrich, Steve Quatrocelli & Ruth Lehrach - LH 11:45am New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	26	27 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom 1:00pm Emergency Management Training - LH 5:45pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm Friends of Music at Emanuel - LH	28	29 10:00am Bible Study - Library 7:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	30 Visitor newsletter mailing 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	1 8:45am Music Together Class - CR
2 <i>Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier</i> <i>Healing Prayer following worship at the Altar</i> <i>Sunday School teacher - Vicar Ryan</i> 10:00am Sunday School - LH 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Coffee Hour/Congregation Discussion: Worship - LH 12:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Worship Service at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor	3 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry - LH	4 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm Ruth Circle Gathering - LH	5	6 10:00am Bible Study - Library 7:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	7 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR 7:00pm Emergency Management Training - LH and via Zoom	8 8:45am Music Together Class - CR 10:00am Altar Guild Meeting/Cleaning Event - Sanctuary and Luther Hall
9 <i>Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann</i> <i>Children's Sermon during Worship Service</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Coffee Hour/Congregation Discussion: Music - LH 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	10 CHP - No School COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - LH	11 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom	12	13 10:00am Bible Study - Library 7:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	14 OFFICE CLOSED? Women's Retreat - Blue Gentian Lodge in Vermont 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	15 Women's Retreat - Blue Gentian Lodge in Vermont 8:45am Music Together Class - CR
16 <i>Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier</i> <i>Vicar Ryan Heckman preaching and presiding</i> Women's Retreat - Blue Gentian Lodge in Vermont <i>Worship Support Specialist - Kathy Rusch</i> 10:00am Sunday School - LH 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Emergency Management Training - LH 11:00am Finance Committee Meeting - Library 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	17	18 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm Council Meeting - LH	19 8:30am Women's Breakfast - Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor	20 10:00am Bible Study - Library 7:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	21 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	22 8:45am Music Together Class - CR 4:00pm Pastor Joanna Hertzog Betkoski's Installation Service - SA
23 <i>Assisting Minister - Joe Jauss</i> <i>Sunday School teacher - Vicar Ryan</i> 10:00am Sunday School - LH 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Nominating Committee Meeting - Library 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	24	25 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom	26	27 10:00am Bible Study - Library 7:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	28 Visitor newsletter mailing 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	29 8:45am Music Together Class - CR
30 <i>Assisting Minister - Vicar Ryan Heckman</i> REFORMATION SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 10:00am Sunday School - LH 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Stewardship Committee - LH 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 5:00pm Chaimovitch Recital - SA/LH	31	1 10:00am Staff Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm Ruth Circle Gathering - LH	2 7:00pm Worship & Arts Meeting - Library	3 10:00am Bible Study - Library 7:00pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	4 7:00am HGLHC - LH/MR	5 8:45am Music Together Class - CR 4:00pm Concert for Piano and Three Flutes - SA

There are a couple of months left of the year before the snow comes, so let's fill up the garden!

Emanuel's Rocks of Kindness Garden is making a difference and blessing the lives of the people passing by on the sidewalk, taking a rock to share with loved ones or strangers, however it means **we are in constant need of more painted rocks to keep the kindness going!** If you are able, please paint a few rocks and either place them in the garden or bring them to the Church Office, where we'll treat them with a protectant spray and then we'll place them in the garden. Thank you!



Celebratory Luncheon

On Sunday, September 25th we celebrated four long time volunteers at Emanuel with a celebratory luncheon. We honored Jim Hamilton, Matt Heinrich, Ruth Lehrach and Steve Quatrocelli.



Caring

October Birthdays

Valerie Norris—10/3
Vyrjil Buus—10/13
Jennie Macione—10/18
Carol Pender—10/23
Patricia Margelony—10/28



June Roncarti—10/4
Peggy Johnson—10/14
Linda Verbarg—10/19
Melvin Hellstrom—10/28
Ronald Lehrach—10/29

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

Dixie Savage

Payge Braman

Greetings Emanuel Friends,

Thanks so much for hosting my ordination celebration. The day was a memorable one that stands out. I felt lifted up by God and all of you on that day.

Also I am equally grateful for the stole that was gifted to me by the congregation. The pattern on it is just my style. This green stole is one that will have countless opportunities for me to wear. It will be a constant reminder of the parish where I was worshipping when I experienced my call.

Peace, Pastor Eric

Dear Emanuel,

Thank you for the campership for Calumet. We had so much fun and can't wait to go back next year!

From, Carolyn and Kelsey Kamp ☺

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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**Please join us in
one of three ways
to worship at
Emanuel!**

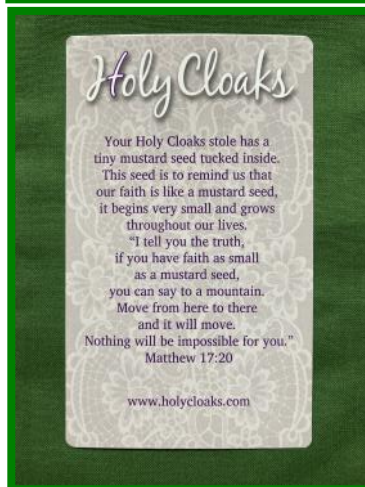
**1) Live, in-person worship
at 10 AM in the Sanctuary.**

**2) Live, Zoom worship at
10 AM in the comfort of
your home.**

**(a Zoom link is emailed out
every Sunday morning).**

**3) Recorded worship on YouTube & Facebook.
The Sunday morning worship video is emailed out
to the congregation on Sunday evening.
If you subscribe to Emanuel's Youtube channel,
you will be notified when a new video is uploaded.**

**If you have any questions or have difficulty
accessing worship, please contact:
ahenrich@emanuelmanchester.org**



***The congregation of Emanuel
gifted Eric Heinrich this stole
for his Ordination on 8/28/22.***

Congratulations, Pastor Eric!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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