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Emanuel Lutheran Church



A Member of the New England Synod of the
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a "Reconciling in Christ" Congregation



Visitor

From the Pastor

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another".

— John 13:34-35

As Sunday School kids went to meet the teachers, one kid ran forward to the front of the sanctuary and very excitedly proclaimed—"I am three!" Yes he is, and it did mean that he could officially go to Sunday School for the first time.

I am so grateful that we have a community where three-year-olds feel excited to go to Sunday School and comfortable enough to come forward in worship to tell us just how excited they are. I am grateful that we have Sunday School teachers and volunteers who share the story of Jesus with the youngest among us. I am grateful for your generosity and participation that make all of that possible.

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a generous group of people! People committed to Jesus, this church, and to the gospel. People who believe in generosity—the need to practice generosity and model it. We want to do everything we can to make Emanuel Lutheran a thriving, more vital community and to support God's mission in it. Thank you for your generous participation.

Your gifts make a difference. We celebrate generosity. It is the way of Jesus, and one of the ways we love one another and our neighbors.

*Peace to you and yours,
Pastor Joanna*

Building, Belonging, Becoming — Focus on Generosity throughout October:

In October, we will be hearing about our generous community and our ministry plans for 2025—focusing on worship and music, creating space for belonging, and our ministry partners. Bulletin inserts, temple talks, letters, and a brochure will inform you of our congregation's mission plans for the coming year.

You'll receive a letter in the middle of October with a Statement of Intent and brochure. On Sunday, October 27, we will observe Stewardship Sunday by presenting our Statements of Intent during the worship service. You are also welcome to snail mail your Statement of Intent to the church office or to submit it electronically if you will not be present in worship on October 27.

Thank you for being part of this community! Pray for our common work together as we continue to proclaim the Gospel.

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Church Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday:
10 AM—2 PM

Upcoming All Ages, Congregation Events at Emanuel

Save the Dates!

Family Movie Night

Join us at church on Friday, October 18 at 6pm for a movie night. We'll have popcorn and pizza, and settle in to watch a family-friendly fall film! Please RSVP to Katie Kurlak if you plan to attend so we can get an idea of how many are going to join us!

OCT
18

Calumet Getaway

NOV
1-3

We're having our congregational getaway at Camp Calumet November 1-3! There will be time for adults to connect with one another and time for kids to hear the stories of God and God's people. Please email Pastor Joanna to sign up for this amazing weekend!

Cookies and Care Packages

Join us after service on Sunday, December 8 for cookie decorating (and tasting)!! We'll also have some crafts and we'll be putting together care packages for our homebound members. If you are able to bring icing or cookies for decorating, or want to be involved with planning the packages, please reach out!

DEC
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JAN

Game Night

An evening filled with games and laughter for all ages! Details to come.

Please contact Katie Kurlak at familyministry@emanuelmanchester.org if you want to know more information, to let us know you're planning to attend, or to help out!

Fun with Emanuel!

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: aheinrich@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.

Rally Day Recap

We celebrated Rally Day on Sunday, September 8th. Preschoolers and third graders received Bibles during worship and Pastor Joanna gave a children's sermon. Following worship the congregation was treated to a pizza luncheon and the Kona Ice truck provided shaved ice for everyone who wanted a sweet treat (before and/or after lunch!). We enjoyed music and karaoke during the celebration and people of all ages painted rocks for our Kindness Rock Garden. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we collected 18 bags of food to donate to MACC to help ensure that Manchester school children have a healthy start to the school year!



A QR code has been added to the front cover of the bulletin, inside back cover of this newsletter (and 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.**

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.



FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT EMANUEL
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES 2024 - 2025

Peter Blanchette - Archguitarist -

Virtuoso and inventor of the 11- string archguitar performs his creative arrangements of music from the 13th c. to the present.

**Saturday
October 19
at 7 pm**



FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS WELCOMED

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FriendsofMusicatEmanuel@gmail.com

www.FriendsOfMusicAtEmanuel.org

Women's Breakfast

Wednesday, October 16th 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, October 15th.

Ruth Circle Gathering

Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 PM

in Luther Hall



The congregation is invited to the October Ruth Circle program: "Masonicare" presented by Carl Anderson. Carl Anderson is a Vice-President of Masonicare, the Minister of Music at the New Fairfield Congregational Church and is an ordained pastor of the United Church of Christ. Carl will speak about the comprehensive services provided by and Masonicare and Masonicare facilities. Hostesses are: Elsa Robinson, and Kim Boerner-Mercier.

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 notify Lynda Brown (gbrown08@cox.net) by October 27th.** The cost of supplies for each terrarium is \$10.00. Hostesses are: Linda Jackson, Betsy Grupe and Helen Johnson.

Even if you'd like to just watch and learn, let us know you plan to attend.

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.

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <i>Assisting Minister - Kathy Rusch</i> <i>Endowment Temple Talk during worship and Coffee Hour following worship</i> 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary	30 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	1 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 7:00pm Ruth Circle Gathering: "Masonicare" (Congregation is invited) - LH	2 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM	3 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	4 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	5 9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room
6 <i>Assisting Minister - Kim Boerner-Mercier</i> 10:00am Sunday School - Youth Room 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11:30am Confirmation Class - Youth Room 5:00pm Christ Church Pastor's Anniversary Worship Service in the Sanctuary	7 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	8 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED	9 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM	10 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	11 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	12 9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room
13 <i>Assisting Minister - Ray Purtell</i> <i>Children's Sermon during worship - No Sunday School</i> 10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Christ Church Worship Service in the Sanctuary 1:30pm Worship Service at Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor	14 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - LH	15 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED Visitor newsletter deadline 7:00pm Council Meeting - LH	16 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 8:30am Women's Breakfast - Evergreen Crossings in South Windsor	17 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	18 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR 6:00pm Congregational Event: Movie Night at Emanuel	19 9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room 5:00pm Peter Blanchette - Archguitarist, Concert Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:00pm FME Chamber Music Concert Series - Peter Blanchette - Archguitarist
20 <i>Assisting Minister - Beverly Niemann</i> <i>Pastor Sara Anderson preaching</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	21 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	22 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 7:00pm Emanuel Housing Corp. Meeting - LH	23 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM	24 CHURCH OFFICE - CLOSED 10:00am Bible Study - Library 6:00pm New Day Singers Rehearsal - Sanctuary 7:30pm Anthem Choir Rehearsal - Music Room	25 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM Visitor newsletter mailing 8:30am Health Collective - LH/MR	26 9:00am Grow With Me Music - Community Room
27 <i>Assisting Minister - Ray Purtell</i> <i>Lilly Bowman Baptism during worship</i> 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	28 CHURCH OFFICE - OPEN 10 AM - 2 PM 10:00am Music From the Heart Band rehearsal - MR	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

Copies of the "Christ In Our Home" devotionals for October - December 2024 are available to pick up in the narthex or on the bookcase by the ramp to the sanctuary.

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.

Thrivent Financial Online Events

The Washington Update with Jeff Bush

Location: Online/Virtual

Date: Tuesday, 10/01/2024, 1:00 PM ET or 9:30 PM ET

What Happens in Washington Affects Your Investments and Retirement

How does what's happening in Washington affect your bottom line? During The Washington Update, get non-partisan analysis from expert Jeff Bush. His insights give perspective to the changing landscape in the nation's capital and its impact on taxes, investments, and retirement planning.

Join us Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 1:00 PM or 9:30 PM for The Washington Update. The changing landscape in Washington can have an impact on your retirement plans and investment decisions.

No products will be sold.

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How can you register for this event?

You can register to the event at this link: <https://rb.gy/hqznfq>

Maximizing Social Security Benefits with Mary Beth Franklin

Location: Online/Virtual Webinar

Date: Tuesday, 10/29/2024, 1:00 PM ET or 9:30 PM ET

Knowing When to Claim May Boost Your Benefits

While Social Security is the foundation of retirement income, it may replace only about 40% of your pre-retirement paycheck. Learn the impact of eligibility requirements on your monthly benefit and discover the importance of creating a strategy that's right for you. Join us for The Washington Update. The changing landscape in Washington can have an impact on your retirement plans and investment decisions.

Join us Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 1:00 or 9:30 PM. Thrivent is the marketing name for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Insurance products issued by Thrivent. Not available in all states. Licensed agent/producer of Thrivent. No products will be sold.

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https://thrivent.zoom.us/webinar/register/3416989591028/WN_DK0tfqVfQCupl5pcFFn3sw

FREE Identity Monitoring & Protection for Thrivent Members

Did you know that Thrivent offers FREE identity monitoring and protection to its members for two years? That's right—FREE identity monitoring and protection! It's a member benefit that many people often overlook.

Identity theft protection and fraud detection can help you avoid stress and financial losses. Thrivent clients with membership are eligible for this benefit offered by Experian. The cost of the "Experian ProtectMyID Select" plan is covered by Thrivent for up to two years per adult. To sign up, login to your Thrivent account at [Thrivent.com](https://thrivent.com) and look for the Identity Monitoring & Protection page under Member Benefits.

You'll also see two other plans that are available to you through Experian for a monthly fee at Thrivent member-only pricing but there is absolutely no obligation to purchase these products. The choice is yours. Thrivent clients can speak directly to an Experian representative at 877-315-5678 if there are questions or additional information is needed.

This information is being shared as part of what will become a series of informational articles intended to increase Thrivent member awareness of the member benefits and educational opportunities provided by Thrivent.

Submitted by: Ray Purtell

Caring

October Birthdays (Emanuel Members 75+ yrs.)

Valerie Norris	10/3		Jennie Macione	10/18
June Roncarti	10/4		Linda Verbarg	10/19
Marilyn Eastwood	10/11		Carol Pender	10/23
Lynda Brown	10/12		Patricia Margelony	10/28
Vyrjil Buus	10/13			

Hello Emanuel!

We want to thank you again for your support in sending our son, Charlie, to Calumet this past summer. Our kids are always so eager to get back up there—the fresh air, the friends, new and old, the smell of pine trees and camp fires....Charlie came home so relaxed and happy—he went on canoe trips, hikes, watched the sun rise and I do believe he mentioned a grilled cheese sandwich eating contest in there, too! Thank you again for yet another amazing Calumet experience.

—Jim and Liza Ringuette

PS: If anyone is on the fence about sending their child, please feel free to give us a ring or send an email and we'd be happy to answer any questions you may have! (860) 639-0101 or jimandlizaringuette@gmail.com

*Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church and Pastor Joanna,
I'm sorry it has taken me so long to thank you for the gift card recognizing my graduation from high school. I appreciate the gift and all of your good wishes. I'm excited to study at Bowdoin College, and I wish you all a great fall!*

Sincerely, Adam Eskin

*Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church Members,
Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$745.05 to MACC Charities. May autumn be sprinkled with rest and renewal for you. Generous giving helps MACC respond quickly and effectively to emergencies in our community; and certainly brings rest and rejuvenation to the people who receive help with their basic emergency needs. Thank you!*

*Many blessings,
Shannon Baldassario—CEO*

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



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



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Several Emanuel members met at Lyman Orchards on Saturday, September 21 for a day of fun and fellowship. We wandered the orchards together, sharing tips for choosing the best apples, and recipe ideas for using them. We shared our competitive spirits in racing each other, and worked together to reach apples on the tall branches. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch and time spent together. The kids played games, and showed off some impressive tower building skills. And the adults got a chance to really sit down and get to know each other. It was a wonderful day, and we're all looking forward to spending more time together.



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