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# Emanuel Lutheran Church



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a "Reconciling In Christ" Congregation



# Visitor

## From the Pastor



### COMMUNITY! C = COMING TOGETHER

*Acts 27:27-44*

Have you ever arrived at Emanuel early on a Sunday morning and had the opportunity to sit in the stillness of the church? A sense of peace comes upon us as we enter the beautiful sanctuary. Sitting in this holy space, we look at the mural above the altar. Looking around our eyes are drawn to the beauty of the sun shining through the stained glass windows, illuminating the story of God etched in the glass. We are blessed by this worshipful and inspiring experience, as we sit in holy silence.

All of a sudden the nave comes to life, as people we have known for years, along with those we are just getting to know, and others we are meeting for the very first time, all **come together**. The sanctuary transforms into a place where the faith community joins together for praise and prayer, song and contemplation. This is the place we **come together** to hear the gospel, to be comforted and challenged by God's Word. Gathered together we come to the altar to be nurtured & strengthened by the promise of God, a promise remembered in the body & blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

There is an awesomeness in our **coming together as community...** people of faith... fellow believers in our loving God.

The area in which we gather has traditionally been called the *nave*. The word "nave" comes from the Latin, *navis*, which literally means a ship, a vessel, a boat. It was called the *nave* because the church was, and still is, considered to be like a ship in which the faithful are saved, and then continue their journey of faith.

This "saving" has meaning in the story about the apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 27:27-44. Paul warned his guards and the master of the ship in which he was travelling to Rome, that everyone should remain on board and they would all be saved... "not a hair of their heads would be lost." The entire crew, the prisoners, all who were on board, were safe in the ship... the *nave*.

When we enter the *nave* and are greeted by the usher, it's like they're saying "welcome aboard." We enter in joy at the sights and sounds of other believers, and the promises of God that touch our heart and minds.

This is true for us as the community of Emanuel. We **come together** in our *nave*—or, as gospel quartets sing about the church – in *The Good Old Gospel Ship...* the place we affirm our baptism - sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. The place in which, and from which, we have been called to serve God.

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## From the Pastor...

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**Coming together as community** sustains us in good and bad times. The storms of life may ravage all around us and threaten to wreck us ... but as the gathered community of faith, we have safety in this Holy Ship. God's presence is often clearest when we **come together** in this place. The redemption and salvation of Christ Jesus for all people, and the Holy Spirit's constant presence as our guide, teacher, comforter, and advocate...the community of faith gathered together in this Ship - in our *nave*.

Friends in Christ, listen to the words of the apostle Paul and *stay with the ship*. For it is in our **coming together as community—a community of faith** led and loved by our God—that we are most certainly blessed!

*All Aboard!*



*With prayers for the journey!*  
Pastor Maria

### Personnel Committee Appointed

At its meeting held on February 20th, the Congregation Council appointed the following members to serve on the Personnel Committee: Gail McGrath, Kristi Maulucci, Vicki Hoover, Marc Polito, Steve Lazarus & Ray Purtell. The members serve staggered terms of 1-3 years so that only 1/3 of the committee changes over in any given year. Thanks to each for saying "yes" to the call to serve the congregation in this important capacity. Special thanks to Council member Kathy Purtell for her persistence and outreach which led to the successful reformation of the committee that had lost membership and not been functioning in recent years. This is truly good news!

The six member Personnel Committee is one of several Standing Committees specified in the Bylaws. It serves in an advisory capacity to the Congregation Council on matters related to personnel administration. The committee's responsibilities include providing compensation recommendations to the Executive Committee and Council for staff of the congregation; annually reviewing the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual; and working with the pastor in the formulation of recommendations to the Council for reorganization of staff and staff responsibilities (as needed).

The Committee held an organizational meeting on April 10th. The following officers were elected: Ray Purtell, Chairman; Kristi Maulucci, Vice-Chairperson; Vicki Hoover, Secretary; and Steve Lazarus, Council Liaison.

### God's Radical Hospitality!

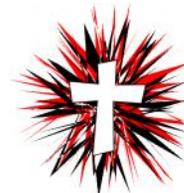
His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was his basic wardrobe for all four years of college. He is brilliant. Kind of profound and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college. Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative church. They want to develop a ministry to the students but are not sure how to go about it. One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat. The church is packed and Bill can't find a seat. By now, people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, the head usher is slowly making his way toward Bill. Now the head usher is in his eighties and walks with a cane. He has silver-gray hair, and always wears a suit and tie to church. A Godly man, he is very dignified. As he starts walking toward the college student, the parishioners are thinking to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor? It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is completely silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. The pastor is even waiting to begin his sermon, unsure what the head usher is going to do. As the parishioners watch, they see this dignified, elderly gentleman drop his cane on the floor. Then, with great difficulty, he lowers himself to the floor, and sits down next to Bill...and he worships with him so he won't be alone.

Everyone is filled with emotion.

When the minister regains control of his own emotions, he says..."What I'm about to preach, you may never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget."

*Remember ...*

*Be aware of how you live.  
You may be the only Bible  
some people will ever see!*



## From the Parish Nurse

By Lynne Gustafson

### **Part Two: Stages of Alzheimer's disease**

In my previous article I explained that Dementia is an overall term used for individuals who are experiencing loss of memory and other cognitive abilities serious enough to interfere with daily living. Although there are various types of Dementia, the most prevalent cases are diagnosed as Alzheimer's.

Although Alzheimer's disease affects people differently, individual's symptoms can be categorized into three stages: Early (mild), Middle (moderate) and Late (severe). For many individuals the symptoms may overlap making it difficult to place a person into one particular stage.

It is noted that changes within the brain begin long before the individual experiences any symptoms. The disease usually progresses very slowly and the symptoms worsen over time. On average a person may live four to eight years after the initial diagnosis but may live as long as twenty years depending on many other factors.

In the early stage the person is able to function independently; however, they may have memory lapses such as forgetting familiar words or locating everyday objects. They may also have difficulty in planning or organizing events. They are still capable of driving, working and/or attending social events. Sometimes they may forget what they had just read or they may have challenges performing tasks in both the work place and in social settings. They may lose valuable objects and may accuse others of taking them.

The middle stage is most often the longest and most difficult as symptoms get worse and they are in need of more care. During this stage others will begin to notice changes in their behaviors. People will notice word confusion, frustration, anger and acting in ways that are not typical, such as refusing to wear proper clothing for the season, or refusing to take a bath, or complying with rules. Damage to brain cells impacts expression of thoughts and performing tasks of daily living. They become forgetful, moody and confused about where they are or what day it is. One will note changes in sleeping patterns such as sleeping during the day and being restless at night. As evening draws near, confusion, frustration and anger worsens and many will experience what is known as "Sundowning". Sundowning is a challenge to both the person and their caregiver. There are profound changes in their personality. They become suspicious, compulsive, and delusional. They experience repetitive behaviors

such as wringing of the hands or shredding tissues. Physically they experience losing control of their bladder and bowels. Their eating patterns change and at times they may eat more food than they need.

In the late stage and final stage individuals lose their ability to respond to their environment. Communication becomes very difficult. There are profound changes in personality as memory and cognitive skills decline. The physical changes include the loss of fine and gross motor skills that affects their ability to walk, talk and sit. Eating becomes more difficult as their ability to swallow becomes impaired. This inability to swallow may lead to aspiration of food into the lungs and thus they are at risk for developing pneumonia.

According to the Alzheimer's Association six out of ten people with Alzheimer's will wander and get lost. Wandering can occur within any of the three stages. People can wander or become confused about their location and if they are not found within 24 hours, up to half will be at risk for injury or death. For the safety of the person, there is a 24 hour program entitled Medic Alert + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return. To learn more about this program visit: [alz.org/safety](http://alz.org/safety).

In Dementia part 3, I will relay ways to deal with these behaviors.

*Information for this article is from the Alzheimer's Booklet: Basics of Alzheimer's Disease.*

**I am proud to announce that the Sunday School children's service project of Solar Powered Lanterns through ELCA Good Gifts raised \$1,670.26!**



We are so thankful for all the members of our congregation who helped support this wonderful service project for the Sunday school children! We will be able to purchase 55 solar powered lanterns for kids in Sub-Saharan Africa! The Sunday school children did an amazing presentation to our church, I am so proud of their hard work and dedication to this service project! Way to go Emanuel for continuing to support our littlest members on their journey to think of others on a global scale! We are very blessed to have your continued support!

Christine Carlson  
Director of Family Ministries

# Church Events

## Ruth Circle

Tuesday, May 1st at 6:30 PM  
in Luther Hall



Planning and Elections for 2018-19. Bring ideas for programs you'd like to see for next year!  
*Hostesses for the evening: Judy Anderson, Carol Adams, June Roncarti.*

## Women's Breakfast

Wednesday, May 2nd at 8:30 AM  
The Gathering, Hartford Rd., Manchester



## Spring Clean-up Day

Saturday, May 5th from 8:30 AM—12 noon  
On the grounds of Emanuel

The Property Committee will be raking the lawn and gardens and adding mulch.

Adults and young people of the congregation are invited to join in this effort. Everyone is invited including those who will need to come late and/or leave early.

*It would be helpful, but not necessary, if you could bring lawn and/or garden rakes.*

## Healing Prayer Worship Service Sunday, May 6th



Healing Prayer is available for all who would like to receive it during our worship service at 10:00 AM. We'll also collect donations for the Samaritan Fund in the Narthex.

## Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, May 9th at 8:30 AM  
Friendly's, Buckland Rd., Manchester



## Attention all Calumet Resident Campers!

Camp Calumet has been offering fun-fortified, friend-focused, faith-filled youth programs for over 50 years!

Do you have a family member that will be attending resident camp this summer? If so, please contact Cindy Hall at [chall@emanuelmanchester.org](mailto:chall@emanuelmanchester.org). Each year Emanuel gifts each resident camper with a "campership" to help defray the cost of camp! We know that it is expensive for a growing family, but we are here to help support this tremendous experience for your youth!!



# FME

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## Duo Amadeae

The Park sisters, Esther and Sun-A, will present a program of brilliant piano music for four hands on Emanuel's restored 1893 Steinway. Both Julliard graduates, they won a recent international duo piano competition.

Saturday  
May 12  
at 7 pm\*



\* EXTRA

6:25 p.m. Pre - concert by Opus 4 String Quartet and Friends

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*There will be a Children's Sermon at the 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, May 13th.*

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering Monday, May 21st at 9:30 AM In Luther Hall

Everyone is invited to attend this month's Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting! This is the last gathering before our summer break so we would love to see all of you there. Please join us!

## Dedication of Memorial Bricks

*All of the loved ones who have been memorialized with a Memorial Brick since last May will be remembered at a Service of Dedication in Emanuel's Memorial Garden at the beginning of our 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 27, 2018.*

## MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>11:30 AM</b> New Day Singers Rehearsal - SA <b>1:30 PM</b> Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>6:30 PM</b> Ruth Circle - LH <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Smile - YR	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Women's Breakfast Group at The Gathering <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Library <b>6:30 PM</b> Head to Heart Confirmation - CR <b>7:00 PM</b> Evening Book Study Group on "So You Want To Talk About Race" at St. Mary's	<b>3</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>7:00 PM</b> Christ Church Bible Study - YR	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> HGLHC - LH <b>6:30 PM</b> Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	<b>5</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Spring Clean-Up Day on the outside grounds of Emanuel <b>1:00 PM</b> Victorian Lady Tea at Concordia Lutheran Church
<b>6</b> <i>Endowment Fund Distribution Presentation</i> <i>Healing Prayer</i> <i>Last Day of Sunday School Celebration</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>11:00 AM</b> Congregational Town Meeting & Lunch - LH <b>1:30 PM</b> Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Deadline for ordering Geraniums for Pentecost</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>5:15 PM</b> Executive Committee Meeting - Library <b>6:30 PM</b> CLCC Finance Meeting - YR <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Smile - LH	<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Group - Friendly's on Buckland Rd. <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Library <b>7:00 PM</b> Evening Book Study Group on "So You Want To Talk About Race" at St. Mary's	<b>10</b> <b>ASCENSION OF OUR LORD VISITOR NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Book Study Group on "So You Want To Talk About Race" w/ Brown Bag Lunch - CR <b>4:00 PM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>7:00 PM</b> Christ Church Bible Study - YR	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> HGLHC - LH <b>6:30 PM</b> Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	<b>12</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Christ Church Pastor Appreciation Tea Party - LH <b>7:00 PM</b> Chamber Music Concert Series - Duo Amadeae - SA
<b>13</b> <i>Children's Sermon at 10:30 Worship Service</i> <b>8:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>11:30 AM</b> New Day Singers Rehearsal - SA <b>1:30 PM</b> Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Property Comm. Mtg. - Library	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>6:45 PM</b> Council Devotions - CR <b>7:00 PM</b> Council Meeting - CR <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Smile - LH	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Library <b>7:00 PM</b> Evening Book Study Group on "So You Want To Talk About Race" at St. Mary's	<b>17</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>7:00 PM</b> Anthem Choir - MR <b>7:00 PM</b> Christ Church Bible Study - YR	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> HGLHC - LH <b>6:30 PM</b> Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Altar Guild to set-up geraniums for Pentecost - SA <b>6:00 PM</b> Setback Night - LH
<b>20</b> <b>DAY OF PENTECOST</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service (Mittelholzer baptism) <b>11:30 AM</b> New Day Singers Rehearsal - SA <b>11:45 AM</b> Conflict Resolution Meeting - CR or LH <b>1:30 PM</b> Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	<b>21</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering - LH <b>6:30 PM</b> CLCC Board Meeting - CR	<b>22</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>6:00 PM</b> CLCC Program Meeting - YR <b>7:00 PM</b> Emanuel Housing Corp. - Library <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Smile - LH	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Library <b>6:00 PM</b> Worship & Arts Meeting - Library	<b>24</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Book Study Group on "So You Want To Talk About Race" w/ Brown Bag Lunch - CR <b>4:00 PM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>7:00 PM</b> Anthem Choir - MR <b>7:00 PM</b> Christ Church Bible Study - CR	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> HGLHC - LH <b>5:00 PM</b> Wahlberg/Boylan Wedding Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Wahlberg/Boylan Rehearsal Dinner - LH	<b>26</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Wahlberg/Boylan Wedding
<b>27</b> <b>THE HOLY TRINITY</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:00 AM</b> Dedication of Memorial Bricks in Memorial Garden at beginning of worship <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>11:30 AM</b> New Day Singers Rehearsal - SA <b>1:30 PM</b> Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	<b>28</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>9:30 AM</b> Visitor mailing - LH <b>5:30 PM</b> Personnel Committee Meeting - Library <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Smile - LH	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> CHP Graduation and End of Year Celebration - Playground Area/Lawn (sun) or Luther Hall (rain) <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Library	<b>31</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Book Study Group on "So You Want To Talk About Race" w/ Brown Bag Lunch - CR <b>4:00 PM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>7:00 PM</b> Anthem Choir - MR <b>7:00 PM</b> Christ Church Bible Study - CR	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> HGLHC - LH <b>5:00 PM</b> Roley Wedding Rehearsal - SA <b>6:00 PM</b> Roley Wedding Rehearsal Dinner - LH	<b>2</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Roley Wedding - SA

The Church Office will be CLOSED on Memorial Day, Monday, 5/28.

*There are Sundays available to host Coffee Hour.  
Please check the sign-up sheet in the office hallway for a Sunday to host our fellowship time!*

## Transition Times

From Pastor Maria Hammons

Dear Friends in Christ...

Our transition journey continues! By the time you read this newsletter, our small group meetings will have been completed (19 in all!). The conversations have been open, insightful, faithful, and even fun. Thank you to all who have participated, and have shared with me both your time and your thoughts.

As you know, the goal of these small group transition meetings has been to provide informal opportunities for Emanuel's parishioners to share hopes and dreams, as well as your fears and concerns, about the future of Emanuel. Small groups allow us to have more in depth conversation. It also provides a space for those who hesitate to share in a larger group setting.

This has been an important conversation for us to have during our transition journey. The reality is that the more of you who actively participate, the better idea we will have of who Emanuel is called to be as a faith community—today & for the future.

Our conversation will continue on May 6th when we come together as the Emanuel faith community for a congregational meeting. At that meeting the Transition Team and I will be presenting the results of all of the input received. We will talk about what this means, and how it helps us to move forward in defining Emanuel's vision and purpose.

In preparation for our May 6th congregational meeting, I invite you to consider how you would answer the following questions ...What gifts has God given the Emanuel faith community? What makes you unique...and what mission could grow out of that uniqueness? How would you like to be known in the Manchester community? If you told someone that you belong to Emanuel Lutheran on Church Street, how would you want them to *fill in this blank* ... "Oh, that's the Church that does ..."? Ask yourself – *If Emanuel closed tomorrow, WHO would miss us – (beside our parishioners)?*

What "dream" would excite you as a congregation? As we are able to articulate Emanuel's "dream" – it will help define your identity as a congregation, and what your faithful purpose is in the world. It will also help you call a pastor who shares your vision and mission goals, understands your challenges, and compliments your gifts.

**Mark your calendar for the May 6th** congregational meeting! Please join us for these very important conversations. Make sure you have a voice in the process.

*With prayers for the journey!  
Pastor Hammons*

I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my Guide.

*- Martin Luther*

### Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 6, 11:30 a.m.

~ Lunch will be served ~

Presentation of the results of the meetings regarding Hopes & Dreams, Concerns & Fears  
Also – Worship & Music Survey feedback

Conversation: So now what? What does this mean for Emanuel's future?

And ... We kick off the Congregational Assessment Tool!

*Please join us for this very important meeting! Even if you haven't attended any of the other Transition Process Congregational Meetings, this is the ONE you'll want to come to!*

# Seminarian News

From Eric Heinrich



*Greetings from a seminarian—*

Some of you may have noticed that I have not been at Emanuel for a while. I have been involved with the congregation of our Lutheran neighbors across town at Concordia. I am currently finishing up my “field education” experience. Field Ed. is part of my educational preparation for ministry which requires me to shadow a pastor at a congregation other than my own.

Pastor Barclay and the family of worshippers at Concordia have welcomed me with open arms, and I am getting to see the operations of a church other than Emanuel. Some of my responsibilities and activities include, attending council meetings, leading Bible study, preaching, visitation to members in the hospital, and weekly meetings with pastor. I also had a new experience of providing spiritual care and leading a memorial service to a family who suffered an unexpected death of a loved one. The family did not have a church home and was looking for care as well as a place to hold a service. Pastor Barclay knew he would not be available to do the service, so he mentored me through my preparation.

This year I experienced my first Holy Week as an active church leader, participating in worship preparation and leadership throughout the week. I can tell you that the Lenten season of 2018 was my busiest Lenten season ever. During Sundays in Lent, Concordia has educational time and a soup lunch after worship. Two of the Sundays I led the educational time. One educational program in particular, I chose to examine the contents of the Apostles’ Creed. I find the content of both the Nicene Creed and the Apostles’ Creed to be powerful statements of our faith.



The current semester is coming to an end, and I am quite busy like all other Lutheran seminarians. This current semester, I have taken my usual course load of two classes plus my field education. At the end of the semester my field education experience will be complete. I expect to maintain a relationship with the Concordia Church family once I return to worshipping at Emanuel.

I am looking forward to a bit of a break from studies as summer approaches. Juggling family, a full-time job, studies, and field experience keeps me on my toes. I am grateful for the support of Anne, Campfield and Paxton, as well as knowing that my Emanuel family is nearby.

Next academic year will be quite similar to this year, minus the field education responsibility. During the summer of 2019 (next summer) I will be doing my Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). CPE will require me to serve 40-50 hours a week for a ten week period, learning and applying pastoral care in a clinical environment. I will take a leave of absence from my full-time job to be able to do this. I will be working at a facility in Concord, New Hampshire and will have an apartment there, traveling back home to see my family on my days off. CPE is an unpaid experience, actually I will be paying to do it.



Since the summer of 2019 is a year away, it gives Anne and me an opportunity to plan for the challenges. My CPE leading me to New Hampshire reminds me of Matthew 4:18-20. This is the Bible verse where Jesus calls us to be “fishers of people”. Just like Peter and his brother Andrew, I feel called to leave my net and follow Jesus.





## New England Synod Assembly

Mass Mutual Center Springfield, MA

June 7 - 9, 2018

### Donation Appeal Congregations: Put Your Faith in Action!

Please consider bringing donations for the individuals and families Ascentria serves.

**Your thoughtful donations will be shared with:**

- Refugees, including unaccompanied minors
- Older adults and the elderly
- Children, youth and families
- Persons with developmental disabilities, mental illness and deafness
- Those who are economically disadvantaged

**Items requested:**

- **Sheets: twin or full size (new)**
- **Toiletry items** (full size preferred)
  - Shampoo, conditioner
  - Bar soap or body wash
  - Toothpaste
  - Toothbrush, dental floss
  - Deodorant
  - Lotion
  - Feminine care products
  - Shaving supplies
  - Diapers for ages 0 – 3years



*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*



For questions please contact: Diane Fitzmaurice, Volunteer Manager  
dfitzmaurice@ascentria.org or 774.243.3938

Emanuel will be collecting the above items during the month of May.  
Collection baskets will be located in the Narthex and the Church Office.

The last day to bring items to church is June 3.

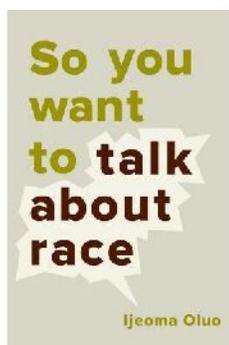
If you have any questions, you may contact the Church Office, 860-643-1193.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

## Lay Minister Schedule for May 2018

	May 6	May 13	May 20 Day of Pentecost	May 27 The Holy Trinity
<b>Worship Assistants</b>				
<b>Greeters 8:45</b>	10:00 - Lynne Gustafson	Ann Linda Bray Sallie D'Attilio	Joe & Teri Ferron	10:00 - Marc & Judy Polito
<b>Greeters 10:30</b>		Jane Jauss Ruth Lehrach	Dave & Cindy Kent	
<b>Acolyte 8:45</b>	10:00 - Ryan Carlson	Pam Rowett	Carol Kohl	10:00 - Ben Grant
<b>Acolyte 10:30</b>		<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Joe Griffin	
<b>Assisting Minister 8:45</b>	10:00 - Doug Johnson	Ron Erickson	Marge Andersen	10:00 - Doug Johnson
<b>Assisting Minister 10:30</b>		--	Kim Boerner-Mercier	
<b>Lector 8:45</b>	10:00 - Ruth Lehrach	Rod Andersen	Karin Buus	10:00 - Lynne Gustafson
<b>Lector 10:30</b>		Cheryl Starybrat	Susan Plese	
<b>Communion Assts. 8:45</b>	10:00 - Matt Heinrich Carol Kohl Justin Guerrero Dean Soares	Sylvia Hellstrom Jeannine Johnson	Marci Lombardo Elsa Robinson Lisa Sattler Marianne Wilcox	10:00 - Laura Dolcetti Sam Dolcetti Kris Fournier Ben Grant
<b>Communion Assts. 10:30</b>		Herb Lindahl Rich Lindahl Mark Starybrat Nancy Whifton	Carol Adams Donna Connolly Jenn Davis Meg DePrato	
<b>Ushers 8:45</b>	10:00 - Judy Anderson Barbara Bahan Jodi Eskin Dean Soares	Eric Haaga Matt Heinrich	Vyrjil Buus Marianne Wilcox	10:00 - Sylvia Hellstrom Ray Purtell Nelson & Elisa Robinson
<b>Ushers 10:30</b>		<b>2 Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>2 Volunteers Needed</b>	
		Kurt Buescher Rich Marsh	Carol Adams Dave Kent Ruth Lehrach	
		<b>2 Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	
<b>Hospital Visitor</b>	Sylvia Hellstrom	Susan Plese	Carol Kohl	Martha Eddy

## Three Churches...One Book



Emanuel Lutheran, Concordia Lutheran and St. Mary's Episcopal Church, are teaming up to raise our awareness of racism, to learn more about how racism affects us and how we can talk about it with each other.

Together we are offering a program, "Three Churches, One Book."

We'll be using a newly-released book entitled, So You Want To Talk About Race, by Ijeoma Oluo. On the Harper's Bazaar list of "One of 10 Books to Read in 2018", the editor said "Read it, then recommend it to everyone you know."

While we do not think this will be easy or comfortable, we do believe it is urgent for our Christian communities to be voices for racial reconciliation and forces for dismantling racism. This study gives us an opportunity to come together to begin the conversation.

There will be two book groups, one during the day and the other in the evening.

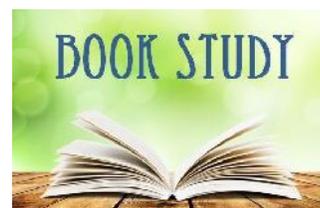
The program is free and open to all. Here is the schedule.

### **Daytime Book Study Group: Brown Bag lunch on Thursdays, May 10, 24, 31** **12:00-1:30 PM at Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Co-facilitators: Karen Fedorchak, Deacon Emeritus, St. Mary's Episcopal, and Maria Hammons, Interim Pastor, Emanuel Lutheran Church

### **Evening Book Study Group: Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 16** **Coffee and desert, 7:00-8:30 PM at St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Co-facilitators: Ann Lovejoy Johnson, Pastor, St. Mary's Episcopal  
Douglas Barclay, Pastor, Concordia Lutheran Church  
Laura Hart and Mechelle OOrtegui, Leaders at St. Mary's Episcopal Church



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### **Do you shop on amazon.com?**

Well, if you do, you now have the opportunity to support Emanuel just by shopping at Amazon.

To connect with Emanuel as a charity, follow this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-0662122>.

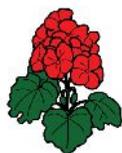


You will continue to shop at the same Amazon you love, but you will enter the site through a different link. Once you sign up, then each time you shop you will enter [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) in your browser and you will automatically be connected with Emanuel as your chosen charity!

If you have any questions about the program, or if you have difficulties finding Emanuel through the Smile link, please contact Anne Heinrich by email: [aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org](mailto:aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org) or call the Church Office, 860-643-1193.

### **Red Geraniums**

Orders are now being taken for geraniums that will decorate the Sanctuary at Emanuel for Pentecost Sunday on May 20th. Order forms are located at both entrances to the Sanctuary or on the back page of this newsletter. **Orders must be returned to the Church Office by Tuesday, May 8th.** Geranium plants are \$4.25 each and can be ordered "in honor of", "in memory of" or "to the Glory of God".



*If you are attending worship on May 20th, please remember to wear red to celebrate Pentecost!*

**Here is an easy way for you to help Emanuel's Youth get to Houston for the 2018 National Youth Gathering this June!**



In June, 14 youth and four adult leaders from Emanuel will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston. The donation site link below makes it easy for families and friends to assist in fundraising for everyone so they can attend the Gathering.

All contributions will be greatly appreciated!

[www.youcaring.com/EmanuelManchesterNYG2018](http://www.youcaring.com/EmanuelManchesterNYG2018)

## Caring

### May Birthdays

Althea MacLean	5/6
Carol Sullivan	5/11
Douglas Porter	5/25
Donald Anderson	5/27



Dear Emanuel Family,

*An overdue "Thank You" for all the prayers, words of support and encouragement over the past year and most recently during my months of limited mobility.*

*Special thanks to Lynne Gustafson and Matt Heinrich for delivery of a wheelchair and walker that allowed me to be as independent as possible. How lucky we are to have that equipment available.*

*And of course, thanks to Pastor Maria for your concern, visits and prayers. We are so fortunate to have you with us.*

*Gratefully,  
Helen Johnson*



*... to our Emanuel Music Director, Dr. Jun Lee, the Anthem Choir, and New Day Singers (and all of our special musicians) for their gifts of truly excellent and inspirational sacred music.*

*... to Ruth Lehrach and the Altar Guild for setting up the flowers so beautifully ... to the Greeters, Ushers, and all of our Liturgical Assistants for enhancing our worship service ... and to everyone else who shared their gifts to make our Holy Week and Easter Services so meaningful and beautiful.*

*... to Christine Carlson, our Director of Family Ministries, and all of the parents who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt so much fun for our children (and the adults had lots of fun too!),*

*... to Emanuel's Property Supervisor, Kathy Hatch, for keeping up with all the rearranging, cleaning, and care for our worship and fellowship spaces.*

*... to Emanuel's Church Secretary, Anne Heinrich, and Administrative Assistant, Nancy Whiton – whose patience and dedication are gifts that keep the Pastor sane, and everything else on track!*

*... Thank you all for the extra hours & effort you joyfully offered during this very busy... and very special time of year!*

*All I can say is ... Alleluia!*

*Easter Joy! Pastor Maria*

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 call the Church Office at 860-643-1193 to check if a particular date is available.



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## *Pentecost Geraniums*

### **Please Print**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_, wish to order # \_\_\_\_\_ red Pentecost geranium plants to decorate Emanuel for May 20th—Pentecost Sunday.

The plants are given:

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

*or*

To the Glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_.

The plants cost \$4.25 each.

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

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

**Deadline for ordering is Tuesday, May 8, 2018.** Place this form, along with your check, in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office.       *Note: all plants are to be picked up.*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED