From the Pastor

My Dear Friends of Emanuel,

In just about one year, we will be commemorating the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his “95 Theses” to the church door at Wittenberg. The nailing was not a protest or vandalism; the door functioned as the bulletin board for the town. People would be coming into worship that evening on the eve of All Saints’ Day. This list of debating points was in Latin, intended to initiate discussion between professors and scholars on many points of Church practice. Very soon, it had been translated into German and distributed widely, thanks to the recent invention of the printing press. For the first time, many lay people became aware that there were matters of debate and disagreement within the hierarchy of the Church. One thing led to another, and, in time, Luther was excommunicated. His friends and supporters refused to abandon him, and the Lutheran movement was born.

Lots of people have lost their lives in violent clashes between the Roman Catholic Church and the varied reform factions. Indeed, the reformers split into several branches and also killed one another. It was all a hot mess. Here we are now, 500 years later. All of the Christian denominations that began in such chaotic and bloody turmoil have come to see in each other true signs of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even though this has taken a long time, and lots of human effort, I take this change from lethal hatred to mutual respect and common mission to be a true miracle of God. One sign of this Spirit-driven change is that the Roman Catholic Church requested that they and the world-wide Lutheran community jointly commemorate the Reformation. They see us as fellow Christians, and they see the Reformation as an event in our common history that has had a lasting impact, not all negative, on us all. They want to use this opportunity to find creative ways to jointly witness to the Gospel in the world.

Also locally, Concordia’s Council and ours wish to work closely together during the next year to lift up the Reformation and its meaning for life today. We hope to offer some educational events, some kind of musical event, open to the community, and some kind of service project. Details are being suggested as I write this. I hope you will support these efforts, and will join in the events as you are able. While some of the issues under debate 500 years ago sound irrelevant today, many are still applicable. For example, issues of authority within the church, and how it is exercised, the relation of the church to the state, or how to offer pastoral support to someone with a guilty conscience, or the relationship between Scripture and Tradition, are pressing questions for us even now. Even if you do not ponder such things daily, many of the present political debates flow directly from differences.
Scripture Readings for November

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Amazon Smile

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 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 or call the Church Office, 860-643-1193.

Saint Lucia & All Saints Day

Saint Lucia Sunday—December 11  
If you would like to have your child participate in the Saint Lucia Choir, the following is the rehearsal schedule.  
If you would like to have your child involved or for more information, contact Brett Judson, Director of Music at music@emanuelmanchester.org.

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11/6, 11/13, 11/20 from 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary:
Sunday, 12/4 from 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Performances (Processional at both services):
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In Christ,
Scott Cady

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Get Connected and Get Involved at Emanuel!

Seasonal Sharing Program continues this year—Helping our neighbors during Thanksgiving and Christmas!! Manchester Area Conference of Churches has made some big changes as to how they will distribute their Seasonal Sharing baskets this year! Please take note of this information so that we will have another wonderful season of giving to support those in need.

- Emanuel will support 20 families from the Head Start Program in Manchester. These baskets will be packed and delivered as we usually do on 11/19 in the morning.
- On December 8, 9 or 10 we will be delivering all of the Christmas food items and gifts to MACC for distribution to MACC families.

So, this is a big change for us at Emanuel, but a much more powerful experience for those receiving the assistance through MACC. Families will get to choose their food items and gifts directly from our contributions!

- Your need to give generously has not changed!
- Emanuel will be looking to raise at least $4,000 for the total Seasonal Sharing Program.
- You can apply to use your Thrivent Action Team card for this project!
- The little white church in the Narthex will be out every Sunday in November.

New Member Orientation Session
If you have been worshipping at Emanuel and you would like to learn more about becoming a member, you are invited to attend the New Member Orientation Session on Sunday, November 6th after the second service in Luther Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

If you plan on attending this Orientation Session, please let us know by either calling the Church Office (860-643-1193) or by emailing Nancy at nwhiton@emanuelmanchester.org. Thank you!

Coffee Hour Hosts
Coffee Hour is held on Sundays between services at 9:30 AM. The coffee is usually measured out and most often the first pot is even brewed! All you need to do is bring treats for the table, half & half for the coffee and maybe juice for the kids!

A sign up sheet is posted in the Office hallway, or you can call the Church Office at 860-643-1193, to reserve a date. Everyone enjoys this time of fellowship!

The Church Council meets in the Community Room on the third Tuesday of every month.
At the beginning of the monthly meeting from 7:00—7:15 PM, the Council welcomes public participation from members of the Congregation. If there is something you would like to share, please feel free to come at the start of the meeting. Also, for your information, the Council meeting agenda is posted on the weekly update on the Friday before the meeting.

Emanuel’s Nursery
If you are in need of a child friendly space to take your infant or toddler during either worship service, please know that the nursery is open and located on the floor between the church office and the Community Room. There is a couch for comfort, changing table, toys to keep little ones busy and a speaker to let you hear what is going on in the service!

Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop
to benefit Creative Living Community of CT
Create this beautiful centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table for only $35.00!!

November 16, 2016, 6:30 pm
Emanuel Lutheran Church – Church Hall
60 Church Street, Manchester, CT, 06040

Please call: Sallie @ 860-929-0673 to reserve your place, space is limited!

All proceeds benefit the programs of CLCC!!

There will be a Children’s Sermon on Sunday, November 27 during the 10:30 AM worship service.
Church Events

Yoga Classes at Emanuel
Mondays (ongoing) at 5:30 PM
Luther Hall

Alexis Vatteroni, a Yoga Alliance Certified Yoga Teacher, hosts an ongoing weekly yoga class on Monday evenings from 5:30—6:30 PM (please note the earlier start time of the class) in Luther Hall. The cost is $10.00 PER CLASS. ($5.00 is for the instructor and $5.00 is a donation to Creative Living Community of CT)! Bring your own mat and a thick towel or blanket if you have one. You may come to as many sessions as you would like!

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The Church Office will be CLOSED on Friday, 11/11, Thursday, 11/24 & Friday, 11/25.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 PM
Community Baptist Church, Manchester

Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering
Monday, November 21 at 9:30 AM
Luther Hall

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for some wonderful members who have never made a shawl for our ministry to promise to make one per year. This would not be a large commitment of time and it would really be appreciated. There are patterns that are very basic and we are willing to assist you. Please let us know if you can help us out. If you are able to attend our next gathering, we would love to have you join us. We will meet on Monday, November 21st at 9:30 AM in Luther Hall. If you have questions or need instructions, please contact Doris Johnson (860-871-1498) or Norma Wirta (860-875-5163).

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Women’s Breakfast
Wednesday, November 2 at 8:30 AM
The Gathering, Hartford Rd., Manchester

Healing Prayer Worship Service
Sunday, November 6

Healing Prayer is available for all who would like to receive it during both worship services (8:30 and 10:30 AM). We’ll also collect donations for the Samaritan Fund in the Narthex.

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Pre-Race Pasta Dinner
Wednesday, November 23 at 5:30 PM
Luther Hall

Join us for a fun-filled evening of fellowship, food and fun! We’ll feast on pasta, bread, salad and dessert as runners load up on their carbs the night before the Thanksgiving Day Manchester Road Race. Non-runners are more than welcome and encouraged to attend! All ages welcome! There is no cost to attend. A free will offering will be taken and all proceeds will benefit Emanuel’s Youth attending the National Youth Gathering in Houston in June 2018. If you require a gluten-free meal, please specify when you make your reservation. RSVP to aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org or call the church office by Wednesday, November 16. Reservations are required and seating is limited, so don’t delay with your RSVP!

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Men’s Breakfast
Wednesday, November 9 at 8:30 AM
Friendly’s, Buckland Rd., Manchester

Property Clean-up Day
Saturday, November 12 at 8:30 AM

Members of Emanuel are invited to join the Property Committee on Saturday, 11/12 to work together and clean up the grounds of the church. Please bring a rake if you have one.

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FME Chamber Music Concert Series—
Corbin Beisner, Pianist
Saturday, November 12 at 7:00 PM

Corbin Beisner will present a program of piano sonatas by Beethoven, including the famous Pathétique, Apassionata and Waldstein sonatas. Mr. Beisner is currently studying piano at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest, having received his Bachelor of Music degree summa cum laude from the Hartt School of Music in 2009. He has performed to great acclaim throughout the U.S. & Europe, and was the 1st prize winner at international piano festivals in several European countries. Free admission, donations accepted.

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Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Thursday, November 23 at 7:00 PM
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
Park Street, Manchester

Starting on Sunday, November 27 the first service will begin at 8:45 AM rather than 8:30 AM. This change will carry through the rest of the program year.
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 6th. Please remember to turn your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night (11/5).

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**Lay Minister Schedule for November 2016**

- First Service begins at 8:45 am
- November 27
- November 30
- November 13
- November 6
- Worship Assistants

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**Hospital Visit**

- Volunteers needed
- Dave Johnson
- John Ferguson
- Ben Cramer
- Nick Kist

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**Communion Assistance**

- Volunteers needed
- Joy Hinson
- Liane Cusumano
- David & Joyce Hinson
- Rod Anderson
- Pete Brown-Krueger

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**Assistance Minister**

- Volunteers needed
- Peter Brown
- Ben Cramer
- Joe Cramer
November Birthdays

- Norma Wirta: 11/1
- Paula Haney: 11/15
- Doris Johnson: 11/2
- Jack Soares: 11/18
- Doti Dienst: 11/4
- Lore Welch: 11/19
- Ray Wilcox: 11/6
- Bruce Johnson: 11/24
- Lynne Gustafson: 11/13
- Joseph Macione: 11/29
- Leonard Johnson: 11/14

**Did you miss a sermon or do you want to listen to a particular one a second time?** Well, the Gospel Reading and Sermon are recorded each week during worship and uploaded to Emanuel’s website usually within a couple of days. Also, if you are interested in listening to a sermon for a second time, or if you missed worship one week, you may access the sermons at anytime on the website. The last four years are archived there!

Visit [www.emanuelmanchester.org](http://www.emanuelmanchester.org), Click on the “Experience Emanuel” tab on the upper left side, and then click on “Sermons”.

We also upload the sermons to Emanuel’s Facebook page most every Tuesday so be sure to “Like” our page!

**Pastoral Acts**

- **Baptism**: Amalia Lazarus
- **Funeral**: Michael Koliga

**UPGRADES at MARCH, Inc.**

After more than 35 years of corporate growth—from one group home in Manchester to 13 locations from Windsor to Willimantic, budget increases from $35,000 in 1979 to $6.3 million today, 6 individuals at their first Woodbridge Street home to more than 70 developmentally disabled residents in current facilities, together with personnel increases from 15, then, to 165+ today—MARCH now approved some changes at its most recent Annual Meeting.

Working with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, a total analysis of operations has been guided by Consultant Susan Kohler-Gray. An initial consensus that new Bylaws be adopted, which more closely reflect their current size and structure, was approved. Term Limits for Board Members has begun. Reworking their Committee Structure has taken place. And they are increasing membership on the Board to its maximum of 15. This year they have received three new members bringing us to 14, with two of them discovered through the Leadership Greater Hartford program called Express Match.

Their largest growth, for many years to come, must be in fund raising where it is projected, by leading professionals, that during the next few years they must raise up to 10% of their budget locally. Checking back to the first paragraph, that means up to $600,000 per year—a tall order to be sure. They are searching for volunteers from their three Founding Congregations to assist in the design and implementation of Fund-Raising plans, or in any other area of not-for-profit governance and oversight. If you’ve got interest and background in any of the efforts, please call Executive Director, Donna Hollis, at 860-646-4446. The current State of Connecticut deficits are forcing this type of local funding involvement more and more quickly upon MARCH.

**If you, or someone you know, could use the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leader, Amy Cady at 860-672-0413 or Pastor Scott Cady at 860-643-1193.**
Corbin Beiser, Pianist

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Appassionata and
the Pathétique,
including
Beethoven Piano
Sonatas, Including

Saturday, Nov. 12, at 7 pm

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