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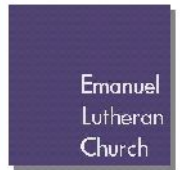
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**October 2018**

# Emanuel Lutheran Church



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



# Visitor

## From the Pastor



## COMMUNITY I = Inspired to Serve

*Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28)*

In our reading of Matthew's Gospel we learn that first an angel, and then Jesus Himself, told Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to tell the disciples to meet him in Galilee. It was at this meeting (Matthew 28: 16-20) that Jesus told the disciples what they were called to do as people of faith. They were to make disciples of people in all nations, baptize in the triune name of God, and to teach those things that Jesus commands and had taught them.

As Christian people of faith, those who believe in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, we are called to be the same types of witnesses. We are not one of the eleven in Galilee, but we have met Jesus at the empty tomb, and are called with the same authority as those who met him 2000 plus years ago.

We often talk about having God-given Spiritual gifts. Those particular gifts that God has given each of us—none of us have all of them, but all of us have at least one very special gift from God. Gifts that we are to use for the "building up of the church"...and to serve those in need in the world. Have you identified the gifts that God has given to you to help the church and the world?

Our Sunday School children and their families recently used one of their spiritual gifts—their love of art and painting (and rocks)—to create a beautiful **Rocks of Kindness Garden** along the sidewalk by Emanuel's parking lot.

In doing this, not only did they bring the joy of color and beauty to a previously bare spot along the road, but these rocks with their bright colors, fun pictures, and kind sayings of inspiration are there for the taking for anyone who passes by and needs a smile or some encouragement.

People from our neighborhood have already stopped and commented on how wonderful they think our "rock garden" is. If you haven't seen it yet – walk over and take a look.



## From the Pastor...

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You, too, can be a part of this ongoing project as we'll need to replenish the rocks as they "walk away" and brighten someone's day.

Our children's gifts and energy are a wonderful model for us and inspire us to serve with them!

Each of us has gifts that God has given us to build up the church and serve in the world. What inspires you? What gifts do you have? You can use your gifts by being part of our missional call from Jesus to make disciples—it may be as simple as painting a rock that brings a smile!

There are many opportunities to serve—here at Emanuel and in the world. What are your gifts? Where are you **Inspired to Serve**?

*Peace & Joy! Pastor Maria*

### Emanuel's Pastoral Call Committee

**Danielle Berneski, Chairperson**

**Lisa Little - Council Representative**

**Campfield Heinrich - Youth Representative**

**Karin Buus**

**Ron Lehrach**

**Carol Kohl**

**Marc Polito**



PASTORAL  
SEARCH  
COMMITTEE

*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.*



Coffee Hour is held on Sundays at 9:45 AM between worship services. We'd love for you to host! 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 juice for the kids!



You may call the Church Office at 860-643-1193, to reserve a date or sign up on the sheet posted in the Office Hallway.

Everyone enjoys this time of fellowship!

LET'S TALK  
ABOUT IT

### Racism...Our Conversation Continues

If you were part of our Spring book study regarding racism, you will know that there was significant interest in continuing the conversation. If you weren't able to participate—perhaps you heard about how compelling our discussions were and would like a chance to participate. So...here's a chance to join in or continue the conversation.

Emanuel, Concordia and St. Mary's are sponsoring a documentary film series on racism in America. The series will be held on the 4th Wednesdays. The series began on September 26 and the next two dates are October 24 & November 28. There will be two identical programs on each of those days—one held at 12 noon (bring a brown bag lunch) at St. Mary's, 41 Park Street, Manchester, and the other at 6:30 p.m. (supper served at 6 p.m.) at Concordia, 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester. Each film will be followed by 45 minutes of conversation.

We hope you can join us for this important conversation. Bring a friend—all are welcome.

*For more information about the film series, please see Pastor Maria.*

*The first step towards  
change is awareness...*

**Healing Prayer Sundays are held on the first Sunday of every month at Emanuel.**

The Healing Ministers are located in the Narthex. After taking communion those who wish to have healing prayer may proceed down the side aisles and through the back doors. There they may go to either healing minister. Jun will continue to provide music until the healing team returns to the altar. We have made these changes in order to provide a quieter and more private environment.



Please note, if you are unable to attend worship on the first Sunday of any month, but would like healing prayer, please contact Lynne Gustafson, Parish Nurse ([cgustafson01@snet.net](mailto:cgustafson01@snet.net)) or Pastor Maria ([pastormhammons@gmail.com](mailto:pastormhammons@gmail.com)) in person or by email and they will arrange a convenient time and place to pray prayers of healing with you. You may also call the Church Office (860-643-1193) for help.

# From the Parish Nurse

By Lynne Gustafson

I am happy to announce that Kim Boerner-Mercier, a Certified Reiki Master, will again be offering chair Reiki on the first Sunday of each month starting this month!

For those who are unfamiliar with Reiki, it is a Japanese "hands-on" technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. It is based on the concept that everything in the universe is made up of energy and this "life force energy" that flows all around us is drawn in by the body nourishing the cells, organs and glands. When one's energy is depleted, imbalanced or the flow is restricted by stress, injury, illness, etc., one is more susceptible to discomfort, further illness and disease. When one's energy is restored, free-flowing or balanced, one is more likely to feel relaxed and the body's own innate healing abilities are "jump-started" and utilized for healing.

What does it feel like?

Although Reiki is "hands-on", unlike massage it is administered through a softer touch rather than a deeper pressure. While the person is seated or lying down and fully clothed, the practitioner's hands are placed along energy centers and pathways on the head, neck, chest, abdomen, legs and feet similar to those used by acupuncturists. As energy is transferred to the body, the patient may feel warmth, coolness, gentle tingling or just deep relaxation. For those in final stages of life, it can also provide a more peaceful "transition".

The benefits of Reiki may include:

- Relaxation and stress reduction
- Relief of pain and muscle tension
- A heightened sense of well being
- Increased energy

If you are interested in participating in this program, you may contact Kim by email ([johnkim4@aol.com](mailto:johnkim4@aol.com)) or in person or call the church office (860-643-1193). Kim is donating her time but if you wish, you may make a contribution to the Parish Nurse Fund or the Extended Ministries Endowment Fund.



**Flu Clinic**  
**Sunday, October 21st**  
**10—11:00 AM in the Youth Room**



If you would like to receive a flu vaccine this fall at Emanuel, please call the Church Office (860-643-1193) with any questions or to sign up.

**If you or a loved one are grieving, you are welcome to access a series of FREE videos** through the link listed below. There are seven videos in all covering various topics and most are about an hour in length. The following topics are covered in the videos: Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer's, The Transforming Power of Caregiving, Changed Forever, Footprints on our Hearts, Grieving a Sudden Death of a Loved One, Helping Children Grieve, Helping Parents Grieve, Hope for Healing following a death by Suicide, Grieving the Loss of a Pet.

If you would like to access these videos from Paraclete Press, visit:

<http://paracletevideostreaming.com/>

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**Living with Alzheimer's  
for the Middle-Stage Caregiver  
Three Saturdays—**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to noon**  
**First Church of Christ**  
**250 Main Street in Wethersfield, CT**

Individuals will hear from professionals and learn helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care for their loved one. The middle stage of Alzheimer's may be the most difficult for the caregiver. The workshop will provide a safe environment to ask difficult questions, share trials and gain insights and advice from trained and experienced caregivers. If you have any questions, before registering, you may talk with Lynne Gustafson. RSVP to Diane Galloway: 860-529-1575 or [care@firstchurch.org](mailto:care@firstchurch.org)

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# Church Events

**Ruth Circle ALL ARE INVITED!**  
**Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:30 PM**  
**in Luther Hall**



The congregation is invited to the program: "Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice" presented by Matt Heinrich and Sylvia Hellstrom. Come and see photos and hear about this interesting country at two different seasons of the year. There are waterfalls, geysers, ponies, churches and lots of ice. Of course there are some photos of the Northern Lights. Refreshments will be served.

**Women's Breakfast**  
**Wednesday, October 3rd at 8:30 AM**  
**The Vernon Diner, 453 Hartford Tpke., Vernon**

**Friends of Music at Emanuel presents**  
**the 2018-2019 Chamber Music Concert Series**  
**Sergey Antonov and Ilya Kazantsev**  
**Saturday, October 6th at 7:00 PM**

Two gifted musicians, cellist Sergey Antonov and pianist Ilya Kazantsev, return to open this season's series with another dazzling performance. Antonov, a gold medalist at the 2007 International Tchaikovsky Competition, has gained wide recognition as a cello superstar. Kazantsev, winner of numerous international piano competitions, is known for his extraordinary virtuosity and musical sensitivity. They both perform extensively with orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout the United States and Russia.

There will be a Children's Sermon during the 10:30 AM worship service on 10/7 and during the 10 AM worship service on 10/28.

**Healing Prayer Worship Service**  
**Sunday, October 7th**



Healing Prayer is available for all who would like to receive it during our two worship services at 8:45 AM & 10:30 AM. We'll also collect donations for the Samaritan Fund in the Narthex.

**Blessing of the Animals**  
**Sunday, October 7th at 2:00 PM**  
**on Emanuel's front lawn**



The Church Office will be CLOSED on  
 Monday, October 8th.

**Stewardship/Pledge Sunday**

Following both worship services on **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**, please join us in Luther Hall for a special coffee hour to celebrate stewardship at Emanuel. Please bring your pledge card to worship with you at 8:45 or 10:30 AM on October 21<sup>st</sup>, or you may mail it to the church office at anytime during the month. Check your mail during the first week of October for your 2019 pledge card.



**Harvest Family Fun Event**  
**Friday, October 26th at 6:00 PM**  
**In Luther Hall**



The Youth listed below will  
 Affirm their Baptism  
 at a Confirmation Service  
 on Sunday, October 28, 2018  
 at the 10:00 AM Worship Service.



Catherine Grant  
 Elinor Grant  
 Joseph Griffin  
 Colin Lyon  
 Megan Minicucci  
 Xamadhi Quinonez  
 Sarah Sonntag  
 Ainsley Vyse

Please note: We will have a single worship service at 10 AM on 10/28.

**Ruth Circle will be hosting an afternoon tea on November 10th in Luther Hall.**

The event will benefit The Interval House and My Sister's Place, both worthwhile organizations for abused and/or grieving women and children.



The tea will include a brief lecture by Serina Julian from The Tea Round explaining the origin of afternoon tea and the etiquette surrounding it, especially historically in Great Britain. There are only 60 seats available, so invite your family and friends. Tickets are available from Sylvia Hellstrom or in the Church Office.

The cost is \$20.00 per person. Be sure to save the date and plan to join us in this entertaining delicious way to benefit two worthwhile organizations.

# OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <i>Pastor David Grafton presiding &amp; preaching</i> <b>8:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>1:30 PM</b> Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>6:30 PM</b> Head to Heart Confirmation - CR <b>6:30 PM</b> New Day Singers Rehearsal - SA <b>7:00 PM</b> Ruth Circle - LH	<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Women's Breakfast Group at The Vernon Diner <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Library	<b>4</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>4:30 PM</b> Music Together class - YR <b>7:00 PM</b> Christ Church Bible Study - YR <b>7:30 PM</b> Anthem Choir - MR	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> HGLHC - LH <b>6:30 PM</b> Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>7:00 PM</b> FME Chamber Music Concert Series - Sergey Antonov - SA
<b>7</b> <i>Children's Sermon at 10:30</i> <i>Worship Service</i> <i>Healing Prayer</i> <b>8:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service (Rizzo baptism) <b>11:30 AM</b> Rizzo Gathering - LH <b>1:30 PM</b> Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary <b>2:00 PM</b> Blessing of the Animals - front lawn	<b>8</b> <b>COLUMBUS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Property Comm. Mtg. - Library	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>5:15 PM</b> Executive Committee Meeting - Library <b>6:00 PM</b> Personnel Committee Meeting - YR <b>6:30 PM</b> Head to Heart Confirmation - CR <b>6:30 PM</b> New Day Singers Rehearsal - SA	<b>10</b> <b>VISITOR NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Library <b>7:00 PM</b> Emergency Management Team - LH	<b>11</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>4:30 PM</b> Music Together class - YR <b>7:00 PM</b> Christ Church Bible Study - YR <b>7:30 PM</b> Anthem Choir - MR	<b>12</b> Women's Retreat at Blue Gentian Lodge in Vermont <b>7:00 AM</b> HGLHC - LH <b>6:30 PM</b> Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	<b>13</b> Women's Retreat at Blue Gentian Lodge in Vermont <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR
<b>14</b> <i>Joe Jauss preaching at both services</i> <i>Kim Boerner-Mercier presiding at 10:30 AM service</i> <i>Marge Andersen presiding at 8:45 AM service</i> <b>SERVICE OF THE WORD</b> Women's Retreat at Blue Gentian Lodge in Vermont <b>8:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>1:30 PM</b> Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	<b>15</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> CLCC Board Meeting - CR	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>6:30 PM</b> Head to Heart Confirmation - LH <b>6:30 PM</b> New Day Singers Rehearsal - SA <b>6:45 PM</b> Council Devotions - CR <b>7:00 PM</b> Council Meeting - CR	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Library	<b>18</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>4:30 PM</b> Music Together class - YR <b>7:00 PM</b> Christ Church Bible Study - CR <b>7:30 PM</b> Anthem Choir - MR	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> HGLHC - LH <b>5:00 PM</b> CHP Fall Fun Party - LH <b>6:30 PM</b> Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR
<b>21</b> <b>PLEDGE SUNDAY</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Worship Service <b>9:45 AM</b> Pledge Sunday Coffee Hour - LH <b>10:00 AM</b> Flu Clinic - Youth Room <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>11:30 AM</b> Pledge Sunday Coffee Hour - LH <b>1:30 PM</b> Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>6:30 PM</b> Head to Heart Confirmation - CR <b>6:30 PM</b> New Day Singers Rehearsal - SA <b>7:00 PM</b> Emanuel Housing Corp. - Library	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Library <b>12:00 PM</b> Racism in America documentary film series - at St. Mary's (brown bag lunch) <b>6:30 PM</b> Racism in America documentary film series - at Concordia (supper served at 6PM)	<b>25</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Visitor mailing - LH <b>4:30 PM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>4:30 PM</b> Music Together class - YR <b>7:00 PM</b> Christ Church Bible Study - CR <b>7:30 PM</b> Anthem Choir - MR	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> HGLHC - LH <b>6:00 PM</b> Harvest Family Fun Event - LH <b>6:30 PM</b> Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR
<b>28</b> <i>Children's Sermon</i> CROP Walk <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service (Confirmation) <b>11:00 AM</b> Confirmation Reception - LH <b>1:30 PM</b> Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary <b>4:30 PM</b> Chaimovitch Piano/Voice Recital - SA/LH	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>6:30 PM</b> New Day Singers Rehearsal - SA	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting - Library	<b>1</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Violin and Piano Concert Rehearsal - SA <b>4:30 PM</b> Music Together class - CR <b>4:30 PM</b> Music Together class - YR <b>6:00 PM</b> Violin and Piano Concert - SA <b>7:00 PM</b> Christ Church Bible Study - YR <b>7:30 PM</b> Anthem Choir - MR	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> HGLHC - LH <b>6:30 PM</b> Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music Together class - CR

## Lay Minister Schedule for October 2018

	October 7	October 14 <i>Service of the Word</i>	October 21	October 28 <i>Reformation Sunday</i>
Worship Assistants				
Greeters 8:45	Matt & Barbara Heinrich	Lynne Gustafson Marianne Wilcox	Tom & Bev Leo	10:00 - Nelson & Elsa Robinson
Greeters 10:30	Mark & Cheryl Starybrat	Bruce & Sue Tracey	Andy & Jenn Davis	
Acolyte 8:45	Pam Rowett	--	Carol Kohl	10:00 - Ben Grant
Acolyte 10:30	Joe Griffin	--	Bella Carlson	
Assisting Minister 8:45	--	Ron Erickson	--	10:00 - Carol Adams
Assisting Minister 10:30	Doug Johnson	--	Ryan Carlson	
Lector 8:45	Rod Andersen	Matt Heinrich	Karin Buus	10:00 - Danielle Berneski
Lector 10:30	Cheryl Starybrat	Adela Garmendia	Kim Boerner-Mercier	
Communion Assts. 8:45	Lynne Gustafson Matt Heinrich	<i>No Communion</i>	Jeanine Johnson Carol Kohl	10:00 - Kris Fournier Herb Lindahl Rich Lindahl Dean Soares
Communion Assts. 10:30	Nancy Whiton Carol Adams Kim Boerner-Mercier Donna Connolly	<i>No Communion</i>	Jenn Davis Ben Grant Campfield Heinrich Paxton Heinrich	
Ushers 8:45	Judy Anderson Barbara Bahan 2 Volunteers Needed	Eric Haaga Matt Heinrich 2 Volunteers Needed	Vyrlil Buus Nelson Robinson 2 Volunteers Needed	10:00 - Jodi Eskin Sylvia Hellstrom Rich Marsh Marianne Wilcox
Ushers 10:30	Carol Adams Rich Marsh 2 Volunteers Needed	Kurt Buescher Ray Purcell 2 Volunteers Needed	Dave Kent Ruth Lehrach 2 Volunteers Needed	
Hospital Visitor	Carol Kohl	Sylvia Hellstrom	Martha Eddy	Susan Plese





FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT EMANUEL  
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES 2018- 2019

## **Sergey Antonov and Ilya Kazantsev**

Antonov, a gold medalist cello superstar, performs with Kazantsev, a pianist, known for his virtuosity and musical sensitivity. Their mastery of an extensive repertoire is stunning. Come and enjoy chamber music of the highest caliber, presented by two phenomenal



artists who recently performed at the Newport Music Festival.

**Saturday  
October 6  
at 7 pm**

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS WELCOMED

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# Syrian Refugee Chronicles Her Story Through Evocative Art

**Adeebah; My Life, My Story Continues**



An exhibition of drawings by **Adeebah Alnemar**, self described artist, woman, and mother, will be on display at:

**Unitarian Universalist Society: East  
In the Meeting Room  
153 Vernon Street West  
Manchester, CT**

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup> to Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

A Muslim refugee from Homs, Syria, Adeebah's art evocatively depicts the torrent of emotions she experienced before fleeing Syria, during the family's four exiled years in Jordan, their ultimate arrival in the US on election night November 2016, and adjustment to this foreign land that is now 'home'.

An **Artist's Reception, Talk Back, and Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, October 28, 6:00 – 8 PM, in the UUS:E Meeting Room**. Focus will be two fold: the symbolism in Adeebah's art; and a celebration of author Jake Halpern, and graphic artist Michael Sloan, for their receipt of a Pulitzer Prize for the New York Times' emotionally powerful series told in graphic narrative form, *Welcome to the New World*. The work chronicled a Syrian family's arrival and struggle in the US, and is currently being developed into a full-length book.

Food at the reception will showcase **Adeebah's Middle Eastern Cuisine**, a catering business begun by this talented, entrepreneurial woman.



# Unsung Heroes and Heroines

From Pastor Hammons

## UNSUNG HEROES & HEROINES

(Recognizing the faithful parishioners who work behind the scenes to make Emanuel the wonderful community of faith that it is!)

*“A beloved sister, a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and A fellow servant in the Lord...”*

(Colossians 4:7)

Recently, I’ve found myself thinking about all the “unsung heroes and heroines” here at Emanuel—who keep things going, even though there is no recognition or praise (or pay ☺)! There are so many that come to mind; and while I know I won’t remember all of you, I wanted to at least recognize the wonderful ministries that you do so faithfully!

Let’s start with Emanuel’s **Parish Nurse**, Lynne Gustafson, who shares her gifts of healing and hope, along with her medical skills and knowledge, with any of us in need. She cares for our homebound parishioners, visits those who are sick or lonely, and leads our healing prayers ministry. She is a fountain of information and knows more about Emanuel’s parishioners than all of “we pastors” who have served here put together! She has also gone out of her way to build trusting relationships with city officials and nonprofit representatives to be able to better help in times of crisis and need.

The natural follow-up to Lynne’s ministry is to remember the gifts of our **healing ministers**—who, on the first Sunday of every month, offer their time and gifts in healing prayer and anointing for those of us who feel a special need for hope and healing.

And there’s our **prayer shawl team** who use their gifts to make beautiful, comforting shawls for those going through illness or another especially difficult time. Those who need healing and prayer.

There are ALL the **Sunday liturgical assistants**:

- The **worship assistants** who take care of the sound system and make sure the Pastor has a working battery (and that her mic is turned off when she sings ☺);
- The **altar guild** that makes sure the linens are clean and pressed, the bread, wine, wafers and grape juice are available, the flowers are set up, and that everything is perfect for worship;
- **Acolytes, ushers, greeters, lectors, assisting ministers & communion assistants**, who lead us, assist us, and minister to us in worship.
- Our **Anthem Choir and the New Day Singers**, who—along with the many **special musicians** and our **section leaders**—share their gifts and provide beautiful music through instruments and hymnody.

On the more practical but so important side of the house there is our **Property Team** who keeps this beautiful old building running and maintained. These faithful stewards do so much that we take for granted. Ever wonder about the grass, the weeding, clean windows, plugged up holes, fixed doors, heating and a/c, or how about that new handrail installed to help parishioners as they descend after altar communion... where’d that come from? All this is courtesy of our faithful property stewards.

A new effort this year has been our **Emergency Management Team**. This small group of people has been incredibly busy making sure we are prepared for any event that may happen. You’ll be hearing more about their important work very soon!

And finances...most of us would prefer to not have to think about our finances at home, let alone at church—so, thankfully, our faithful **Finance Ministry Team** takes care of that for us, along with our two gifted treasurers and financial secretary.

Let’s not forget the **coffee hour hosts & fellowship folks** who work in the kitchen and make sure things are set up, cleaned up, and organized for all of our special events.

The list goes on as we add the many **volunteers who support our staff**...like Sylvia Hellstrom our very faithful, very unpaid staff member. Or those who help fold the newsletter and special mailings, or count the offering, and anything else that we need.

So, thank all of you for sharing your time, your energy, and your gifts with our Emanuel church family. You are an inspiration to all of us. Thank you for your willingness to serve even when we take you for granted.

*Well done, good and faithful servants!*

*Pastor Maria*

# A Message from Bishop Hazelwood

## Urgent need for U.S. to resume financial support to Augusta Victoria Hospital

September 18, 2018

Dear Congregations, Pastors, Deacons, and all of the New England Synod,

In recent days, I have read of the news that impacts our companion church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Our brothers and sisters in the Lutheran congregations of Palestine are in danger of losing medical treatment through the East Bank Hospital System in Jerusalem.

The White House has made the decision to withhold \$25 million from the network that includes the Augusta Victoria Hospital. These are funds that have already received congressional approval.

Regardless of one's political affiliation, I believe that as people of faith we must put the welfare of people, especially the most vulnerable, above politics. Therefore, I am asking you to join with me, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and Lutherans all across this church to write to the White House and your congressional leaders. Ask them to reinstate the funding for East Jerusalem hospitals.

### **What should I write?**

*As a person of faith who is concerned with the welfare of all people, I urge you to call for full restoration of humanitarian assistance to Palestinians, including the release of funds designated for the East Jerusalem hospitals.*

### **Where should I send it?**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

<https://www.senate.gov/senators/states.htm>

### **For whom shall I pray?**

Pray for the patients, nurses, doctors, orderlies, custodians of the Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem, as well as the work of the Lutheran World Federation.

### **Where can I learn more?**

<https://jerusalem.lutheranworld.org/updates>

Thank you for your urgent attention to this humanitarian crisis, which can be averted.

*Bishop James Hazelwood*



**Emanuel's Council** meets on the 3rd Tuesday of *most* months, beginning with devotions at 6:45 p.m.  
Meetings are held in the Community Room.

Parishioners are welcome to attend regular meetings of the Council.

*(Please understand that, while it is infrequent, there are times when the Council needs to go into Executive Session. When that happens, only elected members of the Council and the Pastor are permitted to stay.)*

If you would like to come to address the Council on a particular matter, please contact Council President John Helmke at [johnhelmke@me.com](mailto:johnhelmke@me.com) or Vice President Donna Connolly at [ds3connolly@gmail.com](mailto:ds3connolly@gmail.com)

*Please keep the Council members in your prayers.*

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Kathy Purtell



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## October Birthdays

Valerie Norris	10/3		Carl Anderson	10/20
June Roncarti	10/4		Mel Hellstrom	10/28
Vyrjil Buus	10/13		Ron Lehrach	10/29
Peggy Johnson	10/14		Paulette O'Connor	10/31
Jennie Macione	10/18			

## Pastoral Acts

Memorial Service  
Al Holmquist

Dear Emanuel Family,

*We miss you! Thank you very much for the lovely service of Farewell & Godspeed, the beautiful prints of our stained glass windows, but most of all for being the wonderful people you are! We have been greatly blessed by the time we've shared with you!*

*Much love,  
Laurel Dumont and Lily Mertens*



## **Men's Weekend at Calumet October 19—21**

This year's Men's Weekend is going to be an awesome weekend at Calumet. You don't have to be a Star Wars fan, but you will be by the end of the weekend!



Camp Calumet is delighted that Pastor Jonathan Hopkins, from Concordia Lutheran Church in Concord, NH (and Calumet staff alumni) will be our chaplain. Pastor Jon loved Star Wars as a child and these days avidly takes his children to opening nights. He is a great discussion leader, inspiring preacher, and fun guy.

*The theme for the weekend will be: The power of myth: How Star Wars is spiritually connected to the powerful stories of our faith. Is there an all-powerful force controlling our destiny? Are we on our own? What is the fight between good and evil? Come and discuss these and other powerful myths at Men's Weekend.*

There will also be service projects that will get you outside and keep you moving. As always, the food is plentiful and delicious, accommodations are comfortable and modern, and we promise a perfect fall weekend on Ossipee Lake.

For information or to register, contact Alice at the reservation office by calling 603-539-3223 ext. 220 or emailing [alice@calumet.org](mailto:alice@calumet.org)

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**Sunday, October 7th**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Emanuel Lutheran  
Labyrinth & Lawn**

*Weather permitting.*

**It is only right that we ask for  
God's blessing on them...  
as they are most certainly a blessing to us!**



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