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Visitor

From the Pastor



COMMUNITY N = New Life in Christ

From this moment forward...we regard no one from a human point of view...if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

(2 Cor 5:16-17)

The Apostle Paul wrote several letters to the church in Corinth, Greece, because the faith community there had been having arguments, experiencing dissension, and demonstrating a lack of unity. In his letters Paul expressed his concern that some of the Corinthians were still living in the *old way* of doing things—the way that they had lived before they came to know Jesus Christ.

This was something Paul had been wrestling with while he was away from the Corinthian faith community, as he heard various reports about what was happening in this congregation—a new “church” that he had started.

In his second letter to the Corinthians (*quoted above*), Paul made a statement of faith as it concerned the work of God in salvation through Jesus Christ. Paul penned words in a declarative statement that showed how his faith perspective had changed and invited those to whom he was writing to share this new perspective. The key words are “from this moment forward”.

Paul was certain of one thing - that, no matter what, the work of God through Jesus had more power than any problem or any group of people who wanted to cause trouble. Paul’s realization was that God looked at us not through human eyes, but through the eyes of Jesus Christ who looked down from a cross and said, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23). And from that view Paul told the Corinthians—and tells us today—“from this moment forward we regard no one from a human point of view...if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.”

Christ’s love and selfless obedience to God’s will took away the human point of view and put us in the eyes of a loving God who sees a new creation, a new life in Christ, in each one of us. We are a *new creation and everything has become new*.

Like the 1st century Corinthian faith community, Emanuel’s history has sometimes been fraught with turmoil, times of dissension and disunity... but you have also been blessed with many more times of joy, peace, and unity. And still more important than anything else is the knowledge that—no matter what—God sees us through the Cross of Christ, and that through Jesus’ death and resurrection all of creation has become new. We have **a new life in Christ**.

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From the Pastor...

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As a community of believers at Emanuel Lutheran Church, we know that we are a family formed by God through Jesus Christ; and it is by the moving of God's Spirit in the life of our church and in everyone who worships here, that **new life** springs forth and creates new ways of worshiping, new ways of helping one another, new ways of serving in our community of Manchester and in the world. **New life** brings forth new love and true joy in serving, as we rely upon *God's point of view*, not what our human point of view might have been... the *old way* of living.

In the 5th verse of Brian Wren's hymn, *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*, we hear the echo of our **new life in Christ** - not from a human point of view but from heavenly sight:

*Great God, in Christ you set us free
Your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
To turn from guilt and dull despair,
And offer all that faith can do
While love is making all things new.*

As our transition time continues and we are led to a **new way**, a new mission, as the community of believers of Emanuel Manchester—21st century disciples living a **new life in Christ**—may we continue to grow and serve together in the love of Jesus, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and in **the name of the God who makes all things new.**

Peace and Joy!
Pastor Maria

A Sunday Morning Worship Support Specialist is needed at Emanuel beginning September 1st for two Sundays a month. If you are interested in working the soundboard and making sure the building is ready for worship on Sunday morning, the hours are 8 AM – noon and there is a small stipend. If you would like more details on the responsibilities of the position, contact Anne (aheinrich@emanuelmanchester.org) in the Office.

**Emanuel Church Picnic
September 9th (Rally Day)
Following worship at 11:30 AM**

It's a great time of fun and fellowship! Please sign up on the sheets posted in the Narthex to let us know what side dish or dessert you'll bring. Join us for an afternoon of food, games and music!



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.

Beginning in September, 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—September 26, October 24 & November 28. There will be two identical programs on each of those days—one held at 12 noon at St. Mary's, and the other at 6:30 p.m. at Concordia. Each film will be followed by 45 minutes of conversation.

First Film: September 26

Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North, 2008
Film length 90 minutes, followed by 45 minutes of conversation

12 noon "*Brown bag lunch*" at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 41 Park Street

6:30 PM at Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin Street (*supper served at 6 PM*)

In Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North, one family's painful but persistent confrontation with the continuing legacy of the slave trade becomes America's. Katrina Browne uncovers her New England family's deep involvement in the Triangle Trade and, in so doing, reveals the pivotal role slavery played in the growth of the whole American economy. This courageous documentary asks every American what we can and should do to repair the unacknowledged damage of our troubled past.

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...*

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 in October 2018.

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 "jumped-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) 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 Ministry Endowment Fund.

There are many Sundays available to host Coffee Hour this fall.

Please check the sign-up sheet in the office hallway for a Sunday to host our fellowship time!



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/>

USERNAME: grief **password:** 1530



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

Over the next several months the Healing Ministers will be 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) or Pastor Maria (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.

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.



Church Events

Healing Prayer Worship Service Sunday, September 2nd



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

The Church Office will be CLOSED on
Monday, September 3rd.

Ruth Circle Tuesday, September 4th at 6:00 PM in Luther Hall

Please join us for a Pot Luck Supper! Each member is asked to bring a friend, a dish to share & its recipe. Program to be presented by Doris Johnson and Norma Wirta on planning for funeral receptions.

Hostesses: Marge Andersen, Ann Cook, Barbara Heinrich & Helen Johnson

The Women's Breakfast has changed locations.

They no longer will meet at *The Gathering*, but instead they will meet at *The Vernon Diner*, 453 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, CT 06066 (for GPS). They will meet at the same time, 8:30 AM on the first Wednesday of the month.



Please join us on September 5th! ALL are welcome.

Emanuel will resume two worship services
on September 16th at 8:45 AM & 10:30 AM

Prayer Shawl Gathering

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is having a meeting on Monday, September 17th at 9:30 a.m. in Luther Hall.



This is our first meeting since our summer break so we would love to see all of you. Please join us!

RALLY DAY & WELCOME BACK SUNDAY!



SEPTEMBER 9th

- 10:00 a.m. Celebratory Eucharist Service
- 11:00 a.m. Blessing of our new Rocks of Kindness Garden
- 11:30 a.m. Church Picnic & Rally Day fun

*(Sunday School registration
will take place at the Picnic)*

This will be an exciting and full morning of Worship & fellowship!

- We will present **Bibles to our preschoolers & 3rd grade Sunday School students.** *(Note: We will also have extra Bibles on hand for anyone - child or adult - who doesn't have a Bible.)*
- We will be receiving **new members!**
- We will be celebrating the gifts of staff person **Christine Carlson**, as she finishes her time as Emanuel's Director of Family Ministries.

**Join Us as We Celebrate God's Blessings
And the Beginning of an Exciting
Ministry & Christian Education Year!**

Bring a Friend! All Are Invited!



Emanuel's Pastoral Call Committee

Danielle Berneski, Chairperson

Lisa Little - Council Representative

Campfield Heinrich - Youth Representative

Karin Buus

Ron Lehrach

Carol Kohl

Marc Polito

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <i>Back to School Blessing</i> 10:00 AM Worship Service 1:30 PM Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	27 9:30 AM Visitor mailing - LH	28 7:00 PM Emanuel Housing Corp. - Library	29	30 7:00 PM Christ Church Bible Study - CR	31 7:00 AM HGLHC - LH 6:30 PM Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	1
2 <i>Healing Prayer</i> 10:00 AM Worship Service 1:30 PM Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	3 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	4 6:00 PM Ruth Circle - LH	5 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast Group at The Vernon Diner 10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Library 5:30 PM Worship & Arts Meeting - Library	6 7:00 PM Christ Church Bible Study - YR 7:00 PM Emergency Management Team - LH	7 7:00 AM HGLHC - LH 6:30 PM Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	8 11:00 AM Al Holmquist Memorial Service
9 <i>Children's Sermon</i> <i>Dedication of Rock of Kindness Garden at the end of Worship Service</i> <i>Farewell Celebration for Christine Carlson as Director of Family Ministries</i> <i>Gift of Bibles to 3 Year Olds & 3rd Graders</i> RALLY DAY <i>Receive New Members</i> <i>Registration for Sunday School</i> 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Church Picnic - LH 1:30 PM Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	10 VISITOR NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30 PM CLCC Finance Meeting - CR 7:00 PM Property Comm. Mtg. - Library	11 5:15 PM Executive Committee Meeting - Library	12 10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Library 6:30 PM CHP Back to School Parent Meeting - LH/Classrooms	13 10:00 AM CHP Children's Tour - Classrooms 7:00 PM Christ Church Bible Study - YR	14 7:00 AM HGLHC - LH 6:30 PM Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	15
16 <i>Pastor Danny Hammons - preaching</i> 8:45 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 1:30 PM Christ Church Worship Service - Sanctuary	17 CHP's "Get Acquainted Week" 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering - LH 6:30 PM CLCC Board Meeting - CR	18 6:30 PM Head to Heart Confirmation - LH 6:45 PM Council Devotions - CR 7:00 PM Council Meeting - CR	19 CHP First Full Day for 5-Day Program 10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Library	20 CHP First Full Day for 4-Day Program 10:30 PM Christ Church Bible Study - CR	21 7:00 AM HGLHC - LH 6:30 PM Christ Church music rehearsal - SA	22
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Do you shop on amazon.com?

Well, if you do, you 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: ahenrich@emanuelmanchester.org or call the Church Office, 860-643-1193.

Lay Minister Schedule for September 2018

	September 2	September 9 <i>Rally Day</i>	September 16	September 23	September 30
Worship Assistants					
Greeters 8:45	10:00 – Jon & Valerie Norris	10:00 – Jane Jauss Ruth Lehrach	Marianne Wilcox Ann Linda Bray	Barton & Lisa Sattler	Joe & Teri Ferron
Greeters 10:30			Wally & Roberta Irish	Dave & Cindy Kent	Marc & Judy Polito
Acolyte 8:45	10:00 – Volunteer Needed	10:00 – Volunteer Needed	Carol Kohl	Pam Rowett	Volunteer Needed
Acolyte 10:30			Bella Carlson	Ben Grant	Joe Griffin
Assisting Minister 8:45	10:00 – Volunteer Needed	10:00 – Doug Johnson	Marge Andersen	--	Carol Adams
Assisting Minister 10:30			Ryan Carlson	Kim Boerner-Mercier	--
Lector 8:45	10:00 – Carol Adams	10:00 – Susan Hebert	Ivan Wasko	Marianne Wilcox	Marge Andersen
Lector 10:30			Joe Jauss	Ruth Lehrach	Mark Starybrat
Communion Assts. 8:45	10:00 – Matt Heinrich Sylvia Hellstrom	10:00 – Helen Johnson Kris Fournier Donna Connolly Nancy Whiton	Jeannine Johnson Carol Kohl	Marci Lombardo Lisa Sattler	Marianne Wilcox Rod Andersen
Communion Assts. 10:30			Jenn Davis Meg DePrato Laura Dolcelli Sam Dolcelli	Ben Grant Justin Guerrero Campfield Heinrich Paxton Heinrich	Kim Boerner-Mercier Herb Lindahl Rich Lindahl Sue Tracey
Ushers 8:45	10:00 – Judy Anderson Barbara Bahan 2 Volunteers Needed	10:00 – Kurt Buescher Matt Heinrich 2 Volunteers Needed	Vyrtjil Buus Eric Haaga 2 Volunteers Needed	Sylvia Hellstrom Marianne Wilcox 2 Volunteers Needed	Nelson & Elsa Robinson 2 Volunteers Needed
Ushers 10:30			Carol Adams Rich Marsh 2 Volunteers Needed	Dave Kent Ruth Lehrach 2 Volunteers Needed	Jodi Eskin Ray Purtell 2 Volunteers Needed
Hospital Visitor	Susan Plese	Carol Kohl	Sylvia Hellstrom	Martha Eddy	Susan Plese

A message from the NE Synod Refugee & Immigration Task Force

By Doreen Rinas

A message from Doreen Rinas, New England Synod Refugee & Immigration Task Force Chairperson.

If you would like to do something to help with the situation in our country with asylum seekers and/or families being separated, here are some options for individuals or congregations.

Participate in the "AMMPARO, Accompaniment, Advocacy Workshop" at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Providence, RI on Saturday, October 13th or at Emanuel, Hartford, CT on Sunday, October 14th. Mary Campbell, AMMPARO Director, will present & lead an experiential activity on migrating north from Central America. Many workshops will be offered. Deadline for registering is September 29th. *The registration form can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.*

Becoming Guardian Angels: Offer physical, spiritual and emotional accompaniment of migrant minors in Boston's immigration court! Two volunteers, one using Spanish-speaking skills, and the other, note taking skills, will work together. It's been found that with "Guardian Angels" present, judges & officials treat the young person with more respect! Mary Campbell, Director of AMMPARO, will train us in a 3 hour session. The time & place for the training will be decided on a conference call by those who sign up to be Guardian Angels. Guardian Angels will commit to volunteer half day (mornings), two times a year.

Email doreen.rinas@gmail.com as soon as possible to sign up or ask questions.

Visiting Migrant Detainees in a Detention Center: Visit asylum seekers & other migrants in Boston's Detention Center. Offer spiritual & emotional support through this listening ministry. The training will be on Saturday, September 22nd and the evening of September 27th at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Woburn, MA. Among the topics covered will be active listening skills, prison culture, cross cultural issues, legal issues, Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), trauma, loss, separation. Volunteers commit to once a month visiting. Debriefing also occurs.

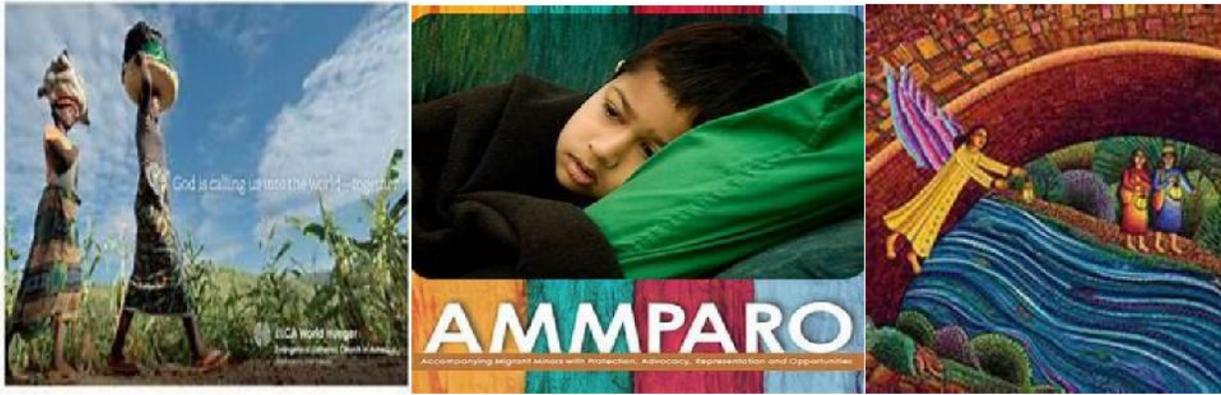
To sign up or ask questions, email pastorbrittacarlson@gmail.com.

Emanuel's Treasurer's Report—July 2018

Account	July 2018 Actual	July 2018 YTD Actual	July 2018 YTD Budget	Annual 2018 Budget
Income	\$40,020	\$240,573	\$235,704	\$414,505
Expense	\$31,631	\$251,024	\$256,224	\$437,371
Net Income	\$8,389	(\$10,451)	(\$20,520)	(\$22,866)
Member Contributions	\$34,668	\$193,577	\$191,663	\$338,153

Despite low attendance, July was a good month financially. For only the third month this year, the month ended with a surplus. The \$8,389 monthly surplus was attributable to member contributions for the month of \$34,668, the second highest monthly amount this year, surpassed only by April, the month in which we celebrated Easter. Expenses for the month were modest, reflecting the reduced pace of activity in summer months.

Year to date, we have erased the large gap that had opened between actual and budget member contributions; that said, we are still \$12,000 lower than 2017. Net income, while negative, is now \$10,000 better than budget.



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 God's work. Our hands.

AMMPARO, ADVOCACY AND ACCOMPANIMENT

A Workshop Event of the New England Synod's
 World Hunger Team & the Refugee & Immigration Task Force

Attend either:

Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 9 am to 3 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
 Providence, Rhode Island

or

Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church
 Hartford, Connecticut

Mary Campbell, Director of AMMPARO, will be presenting information about AMMPARO and leading us in an experiential activity, migrating from Central America

Workshops on: Welcoming Congregations, Guardian Angels, Visitations in Detention Centers, World Hunger, Honduras, Advocacy & ELCA World Hunger Domestic Grants, Foster Care for Unaccompanied Migrant Minors

Please register by September 29th. Send this form and a check for \$10, made out to the New England Synod. Memo line: October 13, RI, OR October 14, CT. Mail to: Doreen Rinas, 12 Shirley St., Pepperell, MA 01463. A light lunch will be served on Saturday, and a light supper, on Sunday.

Name: _____; Email: _____

Phone: _____; Congregation & City & State: _____

Emergency Management Team

From Lynne Gustafson

Report from the Emergency Management Team

Did you know that in 1851, there was a false fire alarm in a New York City school in which 40 children died and many more were injured? The school had no organized way of vacating a building and this led to so much chaos, that both teachers and administration felt that they had to do something to prevent another tragedy. So they developed the first fire drill. Then in 1901, the New York legislature passed a bill requiring all schools to have mock fire drills. Soon, other states followed suit. Then in 1950 the Federal Government required every school to implement *School Duck and Cover* drills to protect children from a nuclear attack. Although many questioned whether ducking underneath one's desk would keep them safe during a nuclear attack, this policy became the basis for today's earthquake and tornado drills which have saved many lives. Today, all schools have developed Safe School Plans that include fire, earthquake and tornado drills and active shooter/ intruder drills. However, all the planning in the world will go for naught if they are not practiced on a routine basis.



As we work to keep our schools safe, other organizations within our community are not immune to these disasters. Churches, such as ours, need to be mindful of the disasters that face our community. Early this year, the Manchester Police Department notified churches that there had been a credible threat made to one of our congregations. In response to this threat, the Manchester Police Department invited representatives from all of the Manchester Churches to participate in a safety strategy meeting. The police department offered to work with the churches in developing a Security Assessment.

In April, Matt Heinrich and Berk Little met with a Police Department representative and together they surveyed the church building and grounds. A list of recommendations was developed and a chart was prepared that included the following categories: Type of Threat, Estimated Cost to Implement, Implementation Priority and Comments and Suggested Actions. This chart was presented to the Church Council for its approval.

After that Church Council meeting, an Emergency Management Team was formed. The Team includes: Matt Heinrich, Chair, Kathy Hatch, Property Supervisor, Robin Toomey, Co-Director of Chestnut Hill Preschool, Lynne Gustafson, Parish Nurse, Lisa Little, Council Representative, Ray Bahan, EMT, Berk Little, Worship Support Staff, and Anne Heinrich, Staff.

At our first meeting, a member of a local congregation who is an expert in Emergency Planning was invited to speak. He explained how to develop and implement a plan. He took the Team through a number of activities that helped us understand all the components that are needed in order to develop and implement a successful plan. He also shared with us his church's plan.



Our first activity was to develop a Hazard Vulnerability Assessment. We listed types of emergencies that we may encounter. These may include medical emergencies, storm damage, disturbed person armed or unarmed etc. Next we determined the probability of each emergency happening on our church properties. We then determined the impact the emergency would have on people, property and programs. Lastly we identified both the internal and external resources available to deal with the emergency. Using a numerical formula we were able to set our priorities.



To date, the Team has completed many of the security items approved by the Council and the rest will be completed within the next few months. We have developed an Emergency Management Plan that was submitted to the Council at its August meeting. The committee will be developing an Emergency Response training curriculum.

The Team is aware that any plan that is developed must be accompanied with training. To meet this goal the Team is identifying individuals who will play a key role in this process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any member of this Team.

Save the Dates...and Register!

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2018

All women are invited to join us at The Blue Gentian Lodge in Londonderry, VT the weekend of October 12-14, 2018. Last year the women's topic was "Memorable Words". Each of us brought something we had heard or read that was especially meaningful to us and shared our reasons for choosing these memorable words. This year's topic will be "*Leading a Distracted Life*" (subtitled: *Martha's Bum Rap*). We'll be using the text from Luke 10:38-42.

Saturday afternoon is free and you could go hiking or explore the many shops nearby, or just relax at the lodge. The highlight of the afternoon is an evening prayer service at the Weston Priory in Weston. Please consider joining us this year. Two of our members have moved out of state and are planning to join us again this year!

The cost is \$175.00 per double occupancy, which includes two nights' lodging, three meals on Saturday and two on Sunday. A deposit should be made to Emanuel by September 23rd.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Maria Hammons or Carol Kohl (860-648-1648).

Creative Living Community Golf Tournament—Saturday, September 15th (11:00 AM Shotgun Start)

CLCC is hosting their second annual golf tournament fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds going toward our vision of an integrated farm community where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities can live, work, and play! Come support our vision while having a great time. Food, drinks, 18 holes, and a golf cart are all included in the cost of registration.



Twin Hills Country Club, 199 Bread and Milk Street, Coventry, CT 06238

\$120 Individual; \$480 Foursome; \$200 Title Sponsor; \$100 Tee Sponsor

Purchase your tickets today before they sell out! Visit creativelivingcommunityofct.org to Register.

For event information contact: John Feeney at 860-878-9514 or jfeeney24@gmail.com

MARCH, Inc, 15th Annual Autumn Scramble—Monday, October 1st (12:30 PM Shotgun Start)

Manchester Country Club, 305 South Main Street, Manchester

Registration and Lunch: 11:00 AM, Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 PM

This Scramble is special because it is honoring the 40th Anniversary year of MARCH, Inc. Registration includes: 18 holes of golf on one of Connecticut's finest courses; lunch, dinner and a complimentary beverage; Hole in One Contest with a chance to win \$5,000 or a set of Callaway Irons (3-PW) or LED Flat screen Television or Round Trip Domestic Airfare for Two; Other prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive; Putting Contest; Silent Auction. Two Connecticut celebrities, Joe Furey and Scot Haney will be there. MARCH, Inc. have had 14 consecutive tournaments with no weather problems, and they certainly hope that adding Joe and Scot's presence will guarantee #15 to be "one of the 10 best days". Don't like to golf, but still want to join in the fun? Join them for dinner and get a chance to meet Scot Haney from WFSB!



Foursome: \$640; Individual: \$160; Reception Only: \$50; Prepaid Raffle Tickets: 25 for \$20; Prepaid Mulligans: 1 for \$5 or 4 for \$20. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. A Registration form can be picked up in the Narthex at Emanuel or you may call the Church Office (860-643-1193) and we can mail one out to you.

Attention Ruth Circle Members!

We 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 this is your notice to contact your family and friends, inviting them to join you. Tickets will be available at our September meeting.



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.

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September Birthdays

Ida Anderson	9/2		Barbara Heinrich	9/20
Marjorie Andersen	9/3		Donald Wirta	9/21
Alfred Meier	9/6		Patricia Anderson	9/22
Elsie Bagley	9/7		Ann Dreisbach	9/27
Judith Anderson	9/10			

THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR AL HOLMQUIST ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 11 AM AT EMANUEL. AL PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 3, 2017 AT THE AGE OF 99.

Thank you to Emanuel Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the American Red Cross and the hospital patients we serve, we are extremely grateful to have had Emanuel Lutheran Church as a blood drive partner on Monday, July 30, 2018. Please know that your support of the community blood program goes a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives.

I am happy to present the following results. We collected a grand total of 24 units! We also registered 3 first time donors! Your support has enabled the Red Cross to help 72 hospital patients in need of blood products.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support of this important community program.

Alissa Haight Aguda
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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 or Vice President Donna Connolly at ds3connolly@gmail.com

Please keep the Council members in your prayers.

Joe Berneski	Donna Connolly	Ann Cook	John Helmke
Joe Jauss	Julie Kamp	Steve Lazarus	Lisa Little
Kyle Polito	Kathy Purtell		



SAVE THE DATE!

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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