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Visitor

From the Pastor

My Dear Sisters and Brothers of Emanuel,

Our new year begins with many signs of both hope and fear. Christians, like everyone else, can only speculate on the future of the economy, the presidency, the environment and all the other issues before us. Like others, we experience a mixture of apprehension, expectation, and curiosity. We are re-assessing our own priorities and re-thinking how we will adjust to new realities as they unfold. We have no crystal ball or special revelation that allows us to see more clearly the details of the future than anyone else.

Unlike others, people of faith have a framework and a vocabulary for reflecting upon history's ebbs and flows. Lutherans hold a long view of history. Biblical tradition allows us to see backward through the lens of our faith and the great literature of scripture to struggles and victories that are distant in time and space. Yet, connected to those stories by the lineage of faith that spans the centuries, that ancient drama of God's people is really our story.

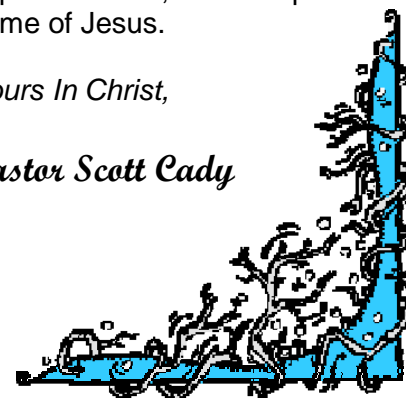
Reformation roots allow us to reflect on periods of struggle, both within the Church and the wider culture, that produced upheavals and renewal. Tied to those events by our common beliefs, that, too, is our own heritage. We also have a view of the future that is not random or accidental. Our faith does not claim direct knowledge of future events. But we do claim to have confidence in a God who

moves in and through the events of history. We do insist that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus were not isolated historic moments, but a turning point in the human story that forever sets us on a path to a new reality.

As Christians, we do not approach life with either a naïve optimism, nor a cynical pessimism. We see the difficulties and the opportunities. We know some good will come and some obstacles to hope will emerge. We know some people will surprise us with their wisdom or compassion and others will disappoint us with their foolishness or failings. But in all of what comes, we also know of a God who remains faithful in all things. It is this steadfast trustworthiness of God in Christ which is at the heart of our words and work in the world. As we reflect upon our programs, budgets, worship and outreach for the coming year, let us remain committed to a ministry that is both courageous and gentle. To all who have ears to hear, let us be ready to speak a word of faith, hope and love, in the Spirit and name of Jesus.

Yours In Christ,

Pastor Scott Cady



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Council Highlights

The December meeting of Emanuel Council began with devotions. Pastor Cady continued discussing the Book of Faith. The discussion included various comments on the various interpretations of the Bible and how others perceive the written word of God.

Chris Rothe from the Hunger Mission Team informed the council of its many projects. The mission of this team is to make people aware of hunger through temple talks, coffee hours, fair trade coffee, fair trade gift fairs as well as support community programs. Monies raised by their events are donated equally between MACC and ELCA World Hunger. Chris is also the Hunger Advocate for the New England Synod. Their team has also been involved in Christmas in July and Peace Sunday.

Linda Bukowy, representing the Reconciling In Christ (RIC) Mission Team, reported that on November 14, 2008 a three member team ventured to Washington D.C. for three full days of training and relationship building. The training was sponsored by Lutherans Concerned/North America. The Mission Team shared their material resources at the November 29th Coffee Hour. The team will meet on December 14, 2008 to plan their next steps. Members of council are invited to attend this meeting and review materials.

Jim Hamilton, Treasurer, reported the outlook for December is quite positive. Barring any unforeseen expenses, we should end this year with a surplus.

The following motions were approved by the council:

The following members are appointed as auditors for the 2008 audit. They are Rodney Andersen, Charles Bodemann, Len Johnson, and Ronald Lehrach.

Transfer of \$1,000 that was designated for the audit in the 2008 Assets and Resources budget be moved to an off budget "Audit Reserve" account for use financing a future external audit.

Appointed Pastor Bill Preuss to the Emanuel Housing Corporation Board of Directors commencing in January of 2009. Pastor Preuss previously worked on housing issues.

Approved the Pastor Bill White Calumet Campership Fund. This fund is available to members of Emanuel both youth and adults who wish to attend programs at Camp Calumet. Members may apply to the Minister of Programs or the Pastor. Contributions to this fund are most welcomed.

Property Commission reported that the stone wall in the Luther Hall parking lot has been repaired. During the repairs it was noted that the tree roots were growing into the wall and many of the branches were dead. The tree was removed at a cost of \$600. The wall was repaired at no cost to the church. The entire Property Commission report is available at the church office or from a council member.

Philip Grover, Executive Director, presented the budget process. The budget will be finalized and submitted to the council prior to the January meeting.

Philip Grover then presented an Overview of Strategic Planning. A committee consisting of Doug Blake, Joe Jauss and Lynne Gustafson will meet to begin the process.



From the Parish Nurse

By Lynne Gustafson

As we begin a new year, perhaps we should take time to consider making some changes in our physical, spiritual and mental health behaviors.

In the physical domain; do we need to shed a few pounds by eating less, eating healthier or exercising more? In the area of spiritual health do we need to spend more time in Bible reading, prayer or attending adult Bible studies? And in mental health do we need to develop ways of decreasing negative stress from our lives and learn how to relax?

Recently I was at a meeting where the problem of childhood obesity was being discussed. We were looking at all types of strategies to help children and families address this problem such as teaching shopping skills, reducing the portion sizes or eating slower, and spending more time in exercise programs. Many of us have tried these strategies, but obesity is still a health problem. Then one person mentioned a research article on teaching children and their families self discipline. It would involve teaching a person to recognize when the body requires food, and how much food is required. Once the person learns the skill, they will control their eating and they will begin to lose weight.

Perhaps this is one of the answers to developing healthier behaviors. However, to develop self-discipline, one must have willpower. Willpower is the ability to overcome laziness and procrastination and it's one's inner power to overcome the desire to indulge in unnecessary and useless habits. Within the human being there is an inner strength that overcomes inner emotional and mental resistance and therefore allows one to take action. It is one of the cornerstones for success in both our spiritual and physical well-being.

Self-discipline gives one the stamina to persevere in whatever one does and the ability to withstand the difficulties of life by rejecting immediate gratification in order to gain a healthier behavior.

Together willpower and self-discipline help one to choose healthy behaviors rather than being controlled by them; resulting in a more productive and satisfying life. Are we ready for this challenge?

Information from: Will Power and Self Discipline by Remez Sasson

28th Annual Christian Ladies Seminar

By Linda Bukowy

February 6-7, 2009

What a blessing the 2008 seminar was to the 465 ladies who attended the seminar this year including myself and Jody Rodiger from Emanuel Lutheran Church in Manchester. I have been attending this seminar for 5 years now and it is a true blessing to share two days with so many ladies of faith. I hope this year that more women from Emanuel will come with me and Jody, who attended for the first time this past year. We stayed in a hotel close to the seminar and enjoyed our evening with a lot of other women. We shared hotel rooms to keep the cost down.

The seminar is being held February 6-7, 2009. The speakers for 2009 are some that I have heard in the past and are wonderful. Two of the speakers are Mrs. Francie Taylor from Apple Valley, MN, and Mrs. Barbara Schultz from DeBary, FL. We will also be hearing from Mrs. Heather Sawtelle and Mrs. Mary Parker, both members of Emmanuel Baptist Church. The speakers provided much spiritual food for thought, the music was a joy to hear, and we laughed and enjoy great fellowship. Nearly 60 teens attended and enjoyed special workshop sessions. They made a bracelet to help remember the time spent in God's Word.

I had been the only Lutheran for four years until the last seminar in 2008. It would be great if we could increase the numbers for 2009! Teens are welcome too! If you are interested in attending in February 2009, contact, Linda Bukowy 648-2983 or lindabukowy@gmail.com. Registration forms should be completed by January 10th. Please consider this faithful weekend, you won't regret it. I will have the cost for the seminar and hotel soon. In the past it has been \$30 which includes meals. If you prefer not to take the meals, you may visit local restaurants. The hotel cost about \$80 for the night. This can be split between two or four people.

January Scripture Readings

January 4th

Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 11th

Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 18th

Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 25th

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 65:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Stewardship

By Micki Zelesky



WILL OUR CHILDREN BE STEWARDS?

As you have witnessed with our 2008 fall pledge campaign, the Stewardship Mission Team is focusing on one very important aspect of stewardship that is often ignored – teaching our children to become stewards. We anticipate keeping this in the forefront of our goals. The article below, printed in part from www.episcopalchurch.org/stewardship, addresses some of our concerns as well.

“What are we teaching our children about stewardship?” is becoming a critical question for our church. The fact is that we are teaching them very little. The baby boomers whose parents passed out nickels, dimes and quarters for childish hands to place in offering plates are not passing that instruction along.

The following is from an Episcopal Church workshop offered to identify some of the specific lessons they want their children to learn about stewardship:

- Stewardship is using the gifts God has given us to do the work God has given us to do.
- Our giving is a thankful response to all that God has given us. Our lives and the manner in which we use our resources should reflect our belief that “All things come of Thee, oh God.”
- Part of the work God is calling each of us to do is to support the life and work of our own congregation and not just special projects that may somehow leave the feeling that the day-to-day support of the congregation is possibly boring and should be left to someone else.
- God calls us to give of our substance, not a portion of the leftovers. Our gifts to God come first, before we spend on ourselves.



You will note that the lessons for children are identical to the lessons we try to teach adults. The technology is similar.

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We, as your Stewardship Mission Team at Emanuel, are researching more ways to reach out to children, as well as young adults, in an effort to continue addressing this need. We are hopeful your children are using their piggy banks and learning the value of the individual slots. If you have any questions or would like additional information on teaching them about stewardship, please contact us.



Healing Prayer Service

Sunday, January 4th

8:45 AM and 10:30 AM

Worship Services

Reconciling In Christ Program comes to Emanuel Lutheran



The Congregation Council adopted the formation of a Mission Team to learn about the Reconciling In Christ Program. This program is sponsored by Lutherans Concerned/North America and includes Lutheran Congregations in the U.S. and Canada, synods of the ELCA and ELCIC, Lutheran colleges and other Lutheran organizations, such as the Lutheran Student Movement USA, the Urban Servants Corps, and ecumenical ELCA-Episcopal camp ministry, the Lutheran Volunteer Corps and several synodical Lutheran Youth Organizations.

Three of the team members attended a three full day training session in Washington, D.C. in November. They returned with many new relationships, resources and materials to be shared as part of the program.

Watch the weekly bulletin and other communication tools for information about open forums, discussion groups around printed resources as well as video presentations, and Bible studies to begin in January. You are also invited to reach out to Linda Bukowy, David Bukowy, Jr., Pete Baron-Krieger or Pastor Cady with any comments or opportunities you might like to offer.



Family Ministry

By Tara Arner

Faithtrek

Happy New Year! In December, the children of Faith Trek learned about the shepherd's story in Luke 2:8-20. Our next rotation will be Love Your Enemy!. You can read Matthew 5:38-48 for more on our story.

Little Lutheran Landing

The three and four year olds at Little Lutheran Landing will be starting the New Testament stories. Thank you to all the parents who have helped out the first half of the year. We still need to fill a few more slots for the second half. Two adults are really needed for each Sunday. We have a lot of Preschoolers who attend on a regular basis! Please see the sign-up board above the water fountain near LLL.

Family Fun

Epiphany is celebrated on January 6 and commemorates the journey of the wise men to see Jesus. Decorate your home for Epiphany with star ornaments for your windows and doorways. Make star cookies. How about lining your walkway with paper bag star luminaries? For more information you can go to <http://home.howstuffworks.com/paper-lanterns.htm/printable>. Finally, as a family, read and discuss Matthew 2:1-12 by candlelight.

WISH LIST

The television in Luther Hall used by evening groups and the MARC program needs to be replaced! If you have a television that you would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated!



Please contact Cindy if you can help us out. Thanks.



Calling All College Students Home on Winter Break!

On Sunday evening, January 11, you are

invited to come to the MACC Samaritan Shelter and help cook and serve the Sunday meal! This will be a great service project for you while you are on break and a great way to reconnect with church friends that you may not have seen for a while. Please email Cindy Hall at cindyh@snet.net if you are interested.

Thanks in advance for sharing your light in the world. Peace to you in this new year.

Mission Teams

By Cindy Hall

ATTENTION PARENTS!



If your child(ren) is age 8 or older, how would you like to seize a great opportunity for him or her? While it doesn't seem right to be thinking of summer camp in the midst of winter, it is truly the

time to do it. Registration for Calumet, an awesome Lutheran-based camp in New Hampshire, is under way.

For those of you familiar with Calumet, you're aware that many of our youth and even adults within our congregation attended summer camp and other workshops there and had the usual fun, phenomenal, inspirational and God-filled experience. It is an environment where many children are introduced to God's blessings, and a place where some folks even feel a call to ministry. It is truly a gift we have been given.

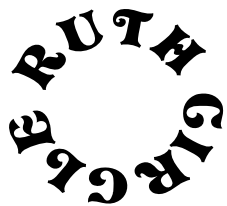
Understandably, there may be some hesitation about the cost. We now have the Pastor Bill White Calumet Fund available to assist not only with summer youth tuition, but also with adult workshop fees. You may contact Cindy Hall for details. We promise to exercise discretion and keep your requests private. Please don't pass up this opportunity, especially for your children. We can help!

Note: If your child is planning to attend camp, and you are in a position to decline the annual campership award, please consider doing so. Those monies can then supplement another child's tuition who may not be able to afford to pay anything toward his/her expenses. Some parents have already stepped forward to allow this to happen.

In connection with this, and in order to help our youth attend, we would like to advertise the opportunity to donate. **Anyone can make a contribution to send a child to camp.** It would be very sad to know that an Emanuel youth was not able to go to Calumet due to economic concerns. For each \$510 we raise, that will cover the tuition for one child to attend for a week this coming summer.

Let's see how packed Emanuel can make Calumet!

Church Events



Reminder...

There is no Ruth Circle meeting in January. Ruth Circle resumes on February 3, 2009 with a brown bag lunch at 12 noon in Luther Hall. The program is entitled "Sharing Household Gadgets".

There is still time to drop off books for the Annual Meeting Book Sale!

Ruth Circle will sponsor a used book sale at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25, 2009. All proceeds will benefit the youth attending the National Gathering. We invite your participation in two ways:

1. please drop off gently used books (hard covers, paperbacks and children's) at the church office.
2. please attend the sale and buy some books.

We promise friendly service and very reasonable prices.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Emanuel's Book Club meets on the first Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Library.



January 4, 2009

eat, pray, love by Sarah Gilbert

February 1, 2009

The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner

Winter Storm Closings

Procedure for winter storm closings of Emanuel's Sunday worship services and Faithtrek is to check TV stations: CBS, NBC or ABC, and Radio station WTIC AM 1080.



Emanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

**Sunday, January 25th
12:00 noon**

Epiphany Day Worship Service

Tuesday, January 6th
7:00 PM
Concordia Lutheran Church



Joint Worship Service between Emanuel, Concordia and St. Mary's. Fr. Paul Briggs will preach.



Gary Hart's Annual Jazz Band Concert

Sunday, January 11th
3:00 PM

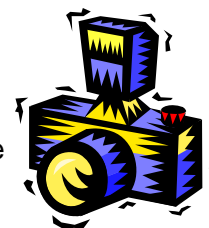
Come join us for an afternoon to hear a FABULOUS Jazz Band at this annual event! No tickets are required, but donations are accepted. Dinner in Luther Hall to follow the concert. Cajun food will be a highlight of the evening.

The goal for the afternoon is to raise \$500 for MACC, \$500 for Jubilee International and \$3,000 for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Matching Funds of \$800 will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

For those of you who have attended in the past, you know this is an event not to be missed!

Church Pictorial Directories

If you had your picture taken by Olan Mills this past summer, you may pick up your church directory in Cindy's office at any time. If you did not have your picture taken and would like to have a directory, you may purchase one for a donation of \$5.00.



Save the Date!
April 24 -26, 2009

YOU are cordially invited to attend a weekend retreat at Koinonia of Vermont!

Pastor David Halmers will be the retreat leader. For more information, contact Sylvia Hellstrom at feboct3436@att.net

Caring Commission



January Birthdays 75 years old and older

Edith Persiani	January 9th
Birgitta Waltenius	January 9th
Caryl Stratton	January 19th
Estelle Gothberg	January 21st
Thomas Morrison	January 21st
Christa Ley	January 23rd
Eris Jenack	January 26th
Astrid Wierzbicki	January 28th
Dorothea Ritzen	January 31st

PASTORAL ACTS

Graveside Service
Edith Petersen



Wedding
Erica M. Gawlinski
and
Shane K. Langille

Emanuel Giving Tree 2008 Wrap Up!

Clifford DVD - \$15.00
Scarf, Hat, Mittens for single mom - \$20.00
Target Gift Card - \$25.00

The generosity of Emanuel Members to the
Giving Tree – **PRICELESS!**

THANK YOU to everyone who gave to the Emanuel Giving Tree to make Christmas a little brighter for individuals and families supported through MANA, MACC, the Bridge Program and Covenant to Care. Your generosity has brought light and hope to many in the community!



Blood Pressure Screening
2nd Sunday of the month,
between Services
January 11th



By the Grace of God
the Right Reverend
Andrew D. Smith
Bishop of Connecticut
will Receive



Martha Klein Larsen

into the Sacred Order of Priests
in the Episcopal Church

Saturday, January 24, 2009
at eleven o'clock in the morning

in Saint John's Church
679 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, Connecticut

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Clergy: Red Stole

Reception will follow with
SUNY – Purchase Jazz Combo

If you would like to sing in a Pick-Up Choir which will rehearse at 9:00 a.m. that morning, please go to www.reuningscherer.net/martha.

MANA position available to a qualified candidate

Here are the specifications:

- Must have valid CT. driver's license
- Wed/Thurs/Fri 8:30-4:30 pm
- Hourly rate: \$15.00
- *Responsibilities:* Agency donation pick-ups, oversee AID-A-PET program (fill orders), monthly reports for FoodShare and AID-A-PET, general maintenance of the building, oversee volunteers, light cooking for monthly meetings, stock food pantry and any other responsibilities deemed necessary by the director.
- Timeframe: January 1, 2009- February 28, 2009.

Anyone appropriate, please contact Philip Grover at philipgrover@snet.net or call 643-1193 x. 302

World AIDS Day

By Crystal Hall



A year ago on World AIDS Day I was a student organizing students on a university campus. I was trying to convince my peers that it was in their best interest and the “right thing” to care about a pandemic happening thousands of miles away on “the problem continent” (although it is happening on a much smaller scale at home too). I helped coordinate a letter writing campaign to the US Senate in support of legislation for the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which took place during a worship at the campus chapel. Although a profoundly different experience, this year on World AIDS Day I was also a young person among young people. But I was the student and my peers were the teachers. There was nothing spiritualized or theoretical about the day. It wasn’t advocacy; it was “real life” in a way I wouldn’t have been able to comprehend a year ago.

The day started with a march. Hundreds of people sang, danced, carried banners, and distributed flyers and red ribbons to passers-by. Stopping traffic and making active participants of those standing on the side of the road was a powerful way to disseminate information. I had an adrenaline rush from being among so many people singing and marching, and the almost parade atmosphere of the police escort cars and people watching.



The march was followed by a rally. There were speakers, dramas, and singers. On the field where the rally was held were mobile HIV testing sites. Each of the three trailers had several

consultation rooms fully staffed by counselors and nurses. Most South Africans are “HIV ignorant.” Of the 600 people that attended the event, over 70 tested for HIV and learned their status. Knowing one’s status is extremely important in stopping the spread of the pandemic. Those who test negative are encouraged

to continue practicing safe behaviors and habits. Those who test positive can take the necessary steps in getting treatment and support. The people at the rally weren’t just talking about HIV/AIDS. They were doing something to stop its spread. What struck me about the types of people in attendance was that they were either



young or old. This year World AIDS Day fell on a Monday, which could explain why there were not as many adults present. Many were probably working. The number of young people there, especially those that participated in the program and decided to get tested, was a strong testament to the power that youth can have in transforming a society. There was strength in their commitment to change, to taking ownership of their generation.



The young people of South Africa have inherited so many challenges: high rates of crime and unemployment, limited access to quality education, and a failed health care system. These are challenges most American students and young adults cannot even fathom. As a young person myself, I know how quickly some in the older generations write me off, won't take me seriously, or condemn me as apathetic and uninterested. Many older people think youth are more fascinated by the latest video game or designer brand of jeans than becoming involved in the community. Yes, it is true, that there are many young people that do need a swift kick in the pants to get off the couch. But this year on World AIDS Day, I was a witness to the power that youth can have to making a positive impact on their communities. Young people may have a lot to learn, but they also have a lot to teach, especially to their western peers.

The Spiritual Discipline of Numbers

By Philip Grover, Executive Director

I don't know this first-hand; I wasn't there. But, rumor has it that my Uncle Fred was a bit of an embarrassment to Aunt Florence when recruiters from the university for which I recently worked—a small Christian university northeast of Philadelphia—visited their home church in Maine. It doesn't stretch the imagination to think so.

Evidently, when the university's new business major was introduced, Uncle Fred, in a whisper audible to all in the entire congregation, exclaimed: "God save me from a Christian business man." Apparently, he was of the opinion that there was little difference between a Christian business man and any other. It's unclear whether he thought there ought to be, but it doesn't stretch the imagination to think so.

Here's one instance in which Christian business—church business, at least—is both the same and different: the annual budget process. In both cases, budgets are based upon a vision for the future. They are simultaneously a goal to be reached and a constraint; they contain a set of objectives against which success can be measured. In both cases, the best budgets are a process of open negotiation between competing interests. Budget building can get confusing. But, for the church, there is a spiritual discipline behind the numbers.

There's a poster in my office that reads: "Budgets are Moral Documents" (the story of which will have to wait until later) but, as Pastor Cady pointed out during a recent meeting of the Congregation Council, budgets are also theological documents. As a congregation, we live and worship in community and we identify with the needs of that community. While, in business—as in the government action that led to the printing of the poster—there may be a temptation to cut back on benevolence when times get tough, since the first church described in the Acts of the Apostles, the church comes together to share and lighten burdens when times get tough. It doesn't tighten its belt in the same way.

And, while governments cut budgets supporting even shovel-ready projects, like supportive housing in Manchester, it is true that some of the greatest public works projects in the Bible—Nehemiah's rebuilding of Jerusalem, for example—were conducted during periods of severe austerity. As we read on the Sunday before I wrote this in a lesson

from Isaiah 61: "They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice." And, all this was done during a tight economy. The people of God continue to find the spiritual nurture and community support they seek because faithful people have been building budgets and pressing on with projects to ensure it. While I'm fondly reminiscing about my Uncle Fred, let me thank the four kindly avuncular men who came to the church office to help me find money in the budget. I would refer to them as "My Three Uncles" in a twist on the TV show you'd have to be at least my age to remember, but there were four of them: Bruce Johnson, Jim Hamilton, Len Johnson, and Ron Lehrach. I greatly appreciate the time we spent circled around my computer screen.

Emanuel's budget contains a vision for the future. It is a theological document. It is built upon generations of the faithful who have built the platform on which I, the staff and volunteers are so privileged to serve. Thank you, Emanuel, for your help and support. All God's peace and joy to you in the New Year.

Thank You Notes



Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry and Members of my Emanuel Family,

Your expression of love and support has been a real comfort to me during this time of great sadness. Thank you for holding me in your loving arms. I am truly grateful for all you have done to help us get through these difficult days.

Lovingly, Joyce Brown

To Emanuel Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so much for the prayer shawl made by Irene. The shawl has been keeping me warm this past week and I look forward to many more warm nights being wrapped in it. The comfort comes from knowing that the Emanuel Family is praying for me and I will always be grateful for hope, joy, peace and love that your prayers will bring. Thank you again to Irene, Marti and the entire prayer shawl ministry. And, may I add that the shawl is absolutely beautiful!

Sincerely, Marilyn Cavanna

JANUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Nursery Care provided during both services Pastor Joseph Bourret preaching 8:45 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Worship Service	29 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - LH	30 9:30 AM Visitor mailing - LH 6:30 PM New Day Singers - SA 7:30 PM AA Smile - LH	31 6:30 PM NO H2H	1 New Year's Day - Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3 11:00 AM Scandia - Library
4 Healing Prayer at both services Nursery Care provided during both services 8:45 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Communion Assistant Training - Altar area 10:30 AM Worship Service 6:30 PM Book Club - Library	5 9:00 AM Arts from the Heart-CR 4:00 PM All Annual Report Materials DUE 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - LH	6 Epiphany of Our Lord 1:00 PM MARC Teen Class - LH 6:30 PM New Day Singers - SA 7:00 PM Emanuel Housing Corp. - Library 7:00 PM Joint Epiphany Worship Service at Concordia 7:30 PM AA Smile - LH	7 9:15 AM Staff Meeting - LH 9:30 AM Moms' Faith Group - Library/CR 6:30 PM Head to Heart - CR	8 1:00 PM MARC Teen Class - LH 7:30 PM Bell Choir - SA	9	10 9:00 AM Lay Preacher Team - SA/Library 11:30 AM Edith Petersen Memorial Service 1:00 PM Jazz Band Concert Rehearsal - SA 5:00 PM Jazz Band Rehearsal Supper - LH
11 Baptism of Our Lord Joe Jauss preaching Nursery Care provided during both services 8:45 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Endowment Meeting - Library 3:00 PM Gary Hart Annual Jazz Band Concert followed by Dinner in LH 6:00 PM Moms' Faith Group - CR	12 9:00 AM Arts from the Heart-CR 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - LH	13 1:00 PM MARC Teen Class - LH 6:30 PM New Day Singers - SA 6:45 PM Council Devotions - CR 7:00 PM Council Meeting - CR 7:30 PM AA Smile - LH	14 9:15 AM Staff Meeting at Concordia 9:30 AM Head Start Policy Council - LH/Nursery 6:30 PM Head to Heart - CR 7:45 PM Emanuel Choir - MR	15 VISITOR NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:00 AM Staff Annual Report Assembly 1:00 PM MARC Teen Class - LH 7:30 PM Bell Choir - SA	16	17
18 Nursery Care provided during both services 8:45 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Retreat Planning - Library 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed 9:00 AM Arts from the Heart-CR 6:30 PM Creative Living Community - CR 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - LH 7:00 PM Property - Library 7:00 PM Storytellers - Youth Room	20 1:00 PM MARC Teen Class - LH 6:30 PM New Day Singers - SA 7:30 PM AA Smile - LH	21 9:15 AM Staff Meeting - LH 9:30 AM Moms' Faith Group - Library/CR 6:30 PM Head to Heart - CR	22 1:00 PM MARC Teen Class - LH 7:30 PM Bell Choir - SA	23	24 11:00 AM Pr. Martha Klein Larsen's Reception as Episcopal Priest - St. John's in W. Hartford
25 Nursery Care provided during both services Ruth Circle Book Sale 8:45 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Annual Congregational Meeting - LH	26 8:00 AM MARCH, Inc. - LH 9:00 AM Arts from the Heart-CR 7:00 PM Boy Scouts - LH	27 1:00 PM MARC Teen Class - LH 6:30 PM New Day Singers - SA 7:30 PM AA Smile - LH 7:30 PM Mutual Ministry - Melody Ryan's home	28 9:15 AM Staff Meeting - Library 9:30 AM Visitor Mailing - LH 6:30 PM Head to Heart - CR 7:45 PM Emanuel Choir - MR 8:15 PM Brass Choir - SA	29 9:30 AM Head Start - LH/Nursery 9:30 AM Head to Heart - SA/CR (Huddle) 1:00 PM MARC Teen Class - LH 7:30 PM Bell Choir - SA	30	31 9:00 AM Creative Living Community /CR

Lay Minister Schedule for January 2009

Worship Assistants	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Greeters 8:45	Volunteers needed	Mark & Micki Zelesky	Paul Berg Marianne Wilcox	Bill & Paula Braithwaite
Greeters 10:30	Mark & Jill Anderson	Kurt & Rebecca Bellhorn	John & Eileen Berk	John & Kim Boerner-Mercier
Acolyte 8:45	Rachel Hansen	Kent Zelesky	Andy Hart	John David Torstenson
Acolyte 10:30	Ryan Davis	Tobias Boerner-Mercier	Emily Chromik	Chris DiBella
Assisting Minister 8:45	Marina Halmers	Marge Andersen	Pete-Baron-Krieger	David Bukowy, Jr.
Assisting Minister 10:30	Ron Lehrach	Kim Boerner-Mercier	Patti Quatrocelli	Brian DiBella
Lector 8:45	Fred Hughes	Len Johnson	Beverly Leo	Kent Zelesky
Lector 10:30	Mindy McVey	Stephanie Quatrocelli	Tom Schirmer	Chris Rothe
Communion Assts. 8:45	Elsa Robinson John David Torstenson	Rod Andersen Pete Baron-Krieger	Carl Benson Joyce Brown	Linda Bukowy Robert Bukowy
Communion Assts. 10:30	Betsy Grupe, Hannah Jauss Joe Jauss, Chris Rothe	Ron & Ruth Lehrach Herb & Rich Lindahl	Brittany Niver, Paige Niver Melody Ryan, Bob Schmidt	Marissa Shanbaum Gary Stough, Rowena Stough Zachary Stough
Ushers 8:45	Kent Carlson Mel & Sylvia Hellstrom Paul Margelony	Keith Carriere Eric Haaga Nelson & Elsa Robinson	Vyrjil & Karin Buus Len Johnson Steve Johnson	Matt Heinrich Mel & Sylvia Hellstrom Bruce Johnson
Ushers 10:30	Mark Anderson Dave Jackson Richard Marsh Shawn McVey	Bob & Sandy Coulombe Doug & Gail Porter	John Berk Ray Purtell Dan Reel Tom Schirmer	Dave Kent Ron & Ruth Lehrach Jean Rothe
Nursery Helper 10:15 w/ Monica Swanson	Brian Swanson	Janet McAllister	Kim Boerner-Mercier	Cindy & Leah Kent
Hospital Visitor	Carol Kohl	Sylvia Hellstrom	Susan Plese	Len Johnson

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