

# The Emmanuel Envoy

## April 2022

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### **God rested, and so will Pastor!**

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*And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So, God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. Genesis 2:2-3*

As you hopefully know, I am scheduled to take a three-month sabbatical this summer. According to my contract with Emmanuel I am eligible to take a three-month sabbatical every three years. However, actually taking it has proved to be a bit of a challenge. I was eligible for my first sabbatical beginning in December of 2018. For a variety of reasons, I did not take my sabbatical in 2019, instead I deferred it to the summer of 2020. We all know what happened with that. Things were too up in the air in 2021 for me to plan an extended sabbatical that summer, although I did take a one month mini-sabbatical in order to catch my breath in the midst of a very hectic time in the world and in the life of the church. I will be eligible for a second sabbatical in December of 2022 but I will be actually taking my three-month sabbatical this summer, the summer of 2022. For those of you who are keeping track that will mean I will have actually taking four months of sabbatical before I am eligible for my second sabbatical. Knowing that the sabbatical time would be most valuable to my family and me this summer versus next summer and knowing that circumstances had prevented me from taking the sabbatical I was eligible for in 2019 and 2020 (and even, fully, in 2021) the Executive Committee graciously agreed to allow me to take my “second” sabbatical early. I will not take the remaining two months of my “first” sabbatical, so when I return from this summer’s sabbatical, I will not be eligible for another sabbatical until December of 2026.

I will be on sabbatical from May 31-September 6 (There is a little bit of vacation time built into my sabbatical, which accounts for the time beyond three months.). While I’m on sabbatical I plan to do some traveling and some reading in the areas of ecological theology and creation spirituality. I will share more details about what I’ll be doing during my sabbatical in the coming weeks and months. While I’m away you will have some wonderful pastors coming to Emmanuel to preach and preside at in-person and Zoom worship, including Pastor Ken Hilston, Pastor Carolyn Tryggestad, Pastor Greg Mileski, and Pastor Don Larsen. Pastor Hilston and Pastor Tryggestad will also be providing emergency pastoral care during my sabbatical.

While I am on sabbatical the council is spearheading a project to create a Meditation Garden in our courtyard which will make that space even more beautiful, provide us and our neighbors and chance to rest and pray in a beautiful outdoor space, and connect with the focus of my sabbatical. There are details about the first planning meeting for the Meditation Garden project, which will be held after in person worship on April 10th, in this Envoy. Please consider being a part of this congregation-wide project. There will be lots of ways to help!

The word, “sabbatical” comes from the word, “sabbath” and it is supposed to be a time of sabbath rest and refreshment, a time to step away from the familiar rhythms of work and to experience God in a new way. I am, as you might imagine, looking forward to my sabbatical very much, but I am also looking forward to coming home to Emmanuel when it’s over. We have a lot to look forward to in terms of our ministry together. We have shown ourselves to be a strong, resilient, and creative congregation and I look forward to this time of rest and to being with you again; moving with you, guided by the Holy Spirit, into whatever the future holds.

In Christ,

*Pastor Amanda*

**SABBATICAL**

## Prayer Concerns List

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Susan Tomasello	Lyndsay Boysen
Bill Rapp	Jon Pierce
Bo Ruda	Tammie Ruda
Mary Stevens	Micki Hein
The Davis Family	Jean Croll
Dorothy Cegelis	Rebecca Sol
Ann-Marie Litcof	John Sera
George Beaudoin	Danny Connolly
Paul & Heather Crisafulli	Linda Stipkovich
Tony & Sheri Nikolassy	Lisa Gugliuzza
Jovanni Sanchez-Colon	Terry Thomas
The Dimpel Family	Leslie Daskam
Debbie Mathis	John Warner
Theresa Begg	Richard
Sam Richwine	Karter Lopez
Vlada & her family	John Olson



## Thank You Notes

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Dear Pastor & Council,

Thank you so much for the Calumet donation that was made in my name! (To honor her 17 years as Treasurer here at Emmanuel.)

Calumet is a treasure for Lutherans, for New England, for children and teens to know a connection to Christ. It is near and dear to the Donovan family's hearts and this gift is much appreciated.

With Love,

*Beth Donovan*



Dear People of Emmanuel,

Thank you, not only for your generous mission support to the New England Synod, but for also increasing in 2022.

Your support has a profound impact on the resources and opportunities we can offer to congregations, like Forward Leadership community, assistance during transitions, and new mission starts. I hold you in prayer for the ministry you share with so many.

Blessings,

*Pastor Sara Anderson*  
Associate to the Bishop



Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

Thank you, for your gift of \$500 in support of "Safe Harbors: A Cape cod Ministry of Welcome."\*

Our mission is to provide a ministry of welcome, accompaniment and support to a family/families seeking refuge in the US through the legal process of asylum and referred to us through AMMPARO ELCA and its partners. We have made a lot of progress.

Your generosity has helped significantly with our fundraising. To date we have raised about \$63,000 in gifts, pledges, and grants toward the budget of this ministry. We are currently committed to two years of Safe Harbors ministry, with a total budget of \$90,000-\$100,000.

We have and continue to build a collaboration with several neighboring congregations as well as individuals from the community. We welcomed a family of three in mid- November and continue their support.

We thank you for your gift, and invite your continued prayers and participation.

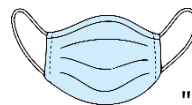
*Pastor Christian Holleck, Cathy Samples, & Juliet Bongfeldt for Safe Harbors*

\*A ministry of St. Peter's Lutheran Church Harwich, Mass.



## Masks Now Optional

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At their recent meeting, Emmanuel's church council decided to make Emmanuel "Mask Optional" beginning this past weekend (3/27/22).

So, while you are always welcome to wear a mask at Emmanuel, it is no longer our requirement for in person activities in this building.

Please note that if there is another surge of Covid-19 and public health guidance around the wearing of masks changes our practice will change as well

## Easter Garden

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**Flower Memorials** are being received for the Easter Garden that will fill our chancel on Easter day. Please use the envelopes in your offering box or the pew racks, returning them by **Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## Decorate for Easter

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You are invited to come and make our Sanctuary beautiful for Easter Sunday. We will be decorating the chancel on **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** and many hands are needed. Please consider coming to help us get ready for our first in-person Easter service in two years!

## Easter Egg Hunt!!!

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We'll be holding an Easter Egg Hunt for Emmanuel's children and youth on Easter Sunday (April 17<sup>th</sup>) at 10:15 a.m.



In order to have our hunt, we need a large number of plastic Easter Eggs and candy to go in them. If you'd like to help with this event, we'll be collecting eggs and small, individually wrapped candy now through **April 8<sup>th</sup>**. There are places in the Narthex and in the hallway outside of the offices where you can leave your donations.

## Palm Sunday Passion Reading

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We are looking for people interested in reading a part during Palm Sunday's reading of the passion narrative.

If you would like to read a part in the Passion Reading (the reading about Jesus' last supper, arrest, trial, and crucifixion), you can sign up for a part:

- 1) In the Narthex for the in-person service
- 2) Using this sign-up genius link for the Zoom service:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4BA-AA82FA2FE3-palm1>

Palm/Passion Sunday is **April 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## Celebrating Norwood's 150<sup>th</sup> with a St. Lucia Festival

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**St Lucia Festival Planning:** At the January Annual Meeting it was noted that Norwood's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary was

this year (2022). It was also mentioned that more information about how Emmanuel would be participating and how you could be a part of it would be forthcoming.

Our plan is to hold a St. Lucia festival on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** (the Sunday closest to St Lucia Day) to which the town will be invited. We'll talk about our Swedish roots, share Swedish food, and more. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

We recently had an initial meeting to start the discussions and planning. If you would like to be involved, but were not able to be part of the meeting, please reach out to Rebecca Sol, by email at: [president@emmanuelnorwood.org](mailto:president@emmanuelnorwood.org). and she will be sure to send you information and notes from this discussion.

## Meditation Garden Planning

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Pastor Amanda's sabbatical is this summer and the church council feels that while she is away it would be nice for the congregation to work together on a project that would enrich and strengthen us as a congregation.



After some discussion the council decided that we would like to create a meditation garden in the courtyard. There will be a planning meeting for this opportunity on **Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** after the in-person worship service; we'll meet in the Founder's Room.

If you would like to be involved, but are unable to attend on April 10<sup>th</sup> please reach out to Rebecca Sol, by email at: [president@emmanuelnorwood.org](mailto:president@emmanuelnorwood.org) who will be sure to send you information and notes from this discussion.

## **New England Women of the ELCA 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention**

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Women from New England ELCA congregations will be gathering at Camp Calumet on

October 27-29, 2022

See the flyer posted outside the church offices for details. (Special guest – Bishop James Hazelwood)

More details to follow are promised!

## **April Living Lutheran Available**

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This month's Living Lutheran magazine is available if you'd like a copy. Copies are in the hall outside the church office and in the Narthex.

As well – April/May/June devotionals *Christ in Our Home* and *The Word in Season* are available as well. Feel free to pick up a copy.

## **Forwarding Addresses...**

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We have new addresses for a couple of our members and former members.

Greta Carlson has moved to the Scandinavian Living Center in West Newton. Her address is:

Greta Carlson  
206 Waltham Street  
West Newton, MA 02465

The Ott Family (Glenn, Caryl, & Edward) moved last year and here's their new address:

3013 Krogen Court  
Creedmoor, NC 27522

phone 919-528-1528

## **Pull-tabs/Pop-tabs...**

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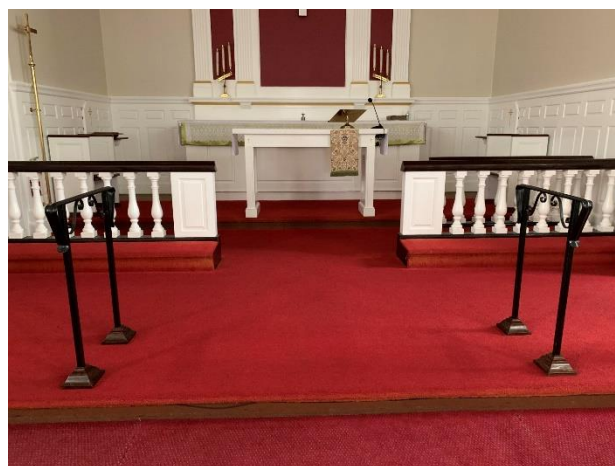
As you have just read – Greta Carlson, our contact for seeing these tabs get recycled for a good cause, has moved.

We will continue to collect them, but now they will be forwarded to a contact I have at the *Ronald McDonald House* located in Providence RI. They'll still be appreciated and funds will be used to further their mission of caring for families with children hospitalized for serious illnesses and conditions. – *Alice Wuschke*

## **New Feet!**

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We've had our chancel hand rails for a long time, but this winter they got an upgrade! Many thanks to Bryon Sol, who created the "footers" to give the point where the legs of the hand rails meet the carpet a finished look. The footers are removeable too, so, when we get new carpet for the chancel they can be removed and replaced easily!



## Holy Week worship assistants

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Holy Week is approaching quickly, and we're in need of volunteers to help out with the numerous worship services that week. Services and assistant needs are listed at the links below for both our in-person and *Zoom* services.

### **Serve as a worship assistant for In-Person worship.**

If you would like to sign up to be a worship assistant at our any of our In-Person worship services you can use this sign-up genius link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4BAAA82FA2FE3-inperson>

### **Serve as a worship assistant for Zoom worship**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4baaa82fa2fe3-zoom>

If you would prefer not to use the sign-up genius link, you can contact the church office by *phone* or *email* to sign up to be a worship assistant at either the Zoom or the In-person worship services.

## Holy Week Schedule

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- April 10 Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion**  
Zoom Worship 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship 11:15 a.m.  
Reading of the Passion according to St. Luke
- April 14 Maundy Thursday**  
Zoom Worship 6:00 p.m. In-person Worship 7:30 p.m.
- April 15 Good Friday**  
6:00 p.m. Worship - Way of the Cross - Zoom  
7:30 p.m. Worship - Tenebrae - In-person
- April 16 Holy Saturday**  
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil service at Grace Episcopal Church  
A recorded Easter Vigil will be emailed out on Holy Saturday for anyone who wants to attend a Vigil but who cannot make it to the in-person service.
- April 17 Easter Day**  
Zoom Worship 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship 11:15 a.m.  
An Easter Egg hunt for all children will be held at 10:15 a.m. If you have a child who would like to participate, please have him or her here at church by 10:00 a.m. There will be coffee, juice, and snacks available for those who are participating in the Easter Egg hunt and their families as well.

## Stewardship Report – March 31, 2021

	Target Income	Received actual	Received actual
Marach	\$19,038.46	\$19,308.50	101%
YTD	\$61,875	\$65,542.37	106%

### Ministry Highlights for March

- On-line Sunday worship continues.
- On-line Midweek prayer group continues.
- On-line Lenten services began.
- In-person Sunday School is taking place.
- The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was held.
- Ash Wednesday services were held on Zoom and in-person.
- Piecemakers are meeting to assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
- Confirmation Class attended Confirmation weekend at Camp Calumet and held their lock-in at church.
- The collection for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits is ongoing.
- Friday Night Live is meeting.
- Bell Choir is rehearsing.
- Easter Choir is rehearsing.
- First Communion classes have begun.
- Ministry Team and Leadership Meetings: Worship Team, Executive Committee, Council, Forward Leadership Team, St. Lucia Planning.

**Thank you for your generous giving**

## Rummage Sale April 2022

The rummage sale is coming back this spring by popular demand! To keep its success going, we will need your help – as well as ‘stuff’ to offer.

Please start to bring your good stuff after services on **Sunday, April 24**. And if you’re here that day and can stay a few minutes after worship, it would be most appreciated if you can help set up tables in Kask Hall



Again, we must say... Please do not bring TV’s, monitors, or computers—these items do not sell and it costs us money to discard them.

We will be setting things up for the sale on Wednesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 28, starting around 9:00 a.m. until usually sometime after lunch (which we provide). If you’re available to join in the unpacking and sorting and placing – come on down!

The **rummage sale** itself will be **Friday, April 29** and **Saturday, April 30**, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We can certainly use help anytime during these hours.

We need people to sort the boxes and bags, help at the “white elephant” tables, and help in the kitchen.

This is an event for all members of Emmanuel and friends. Just to remind everyone, last fall's sale earned \$1700!

This past year we have used some of the proceeds to buy items not in the church budget. Did you see the new window candelabras this past Christmas/Advent season? We've also purchased new altar paraments and we provide camperships to Calumet. We hope to donate all the unsold books, CDs and DVDs to the charity "More Than Words".

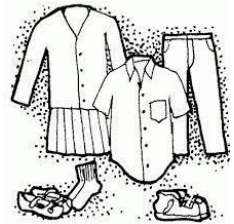
This is a fun event with much laughter and food. We supply coffee, snacks and yummy lunches all four days.

## Rummage Sale Cleanup

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By the time Saturday afternoon comes along, the people that have been working the sale all week are tired. We need a new few people for the final cleanup.

- A few people to take our leftovers away to Savers.
- A few to clean up Kask Hall.



Tasks to be done:

The extra boxes, after we pack up the leftovers, need to be broken down and recycled. The church only has one recycling bin and there are too many boxes for it. (Norwood people-these can be taken to the recycling center on Saturday mornings 8am -1:30pm.)



We also need to recycle all the extra paper bags and plastic bags (Roche Brothers has a bin near the front door for plastic bags).

Then Kask Hall needs to be mopped or vacuumed. Where all the dust bunnies come from—who knows, since they aren't there earlier in the week.



If you can take on any one of these tasks, **please** let me know. The more people that join in – the quicker it all goes.

If you have any questions, please talk to Arlene Cegelis (781-762-0360), [acegelis@norwoodlight.com](mailto:acegelis@norwoodlight.com). Thank you.



# THE MISSION FUND

## Mission Fund

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In just three short months of 2022, our Mission Fund Team has been busy vetting and approving Mission Fund Grants and, with our church council's approval, distributing funds. These are the three organizations that have benefited from our Mission Fund this year:

**Global Giving's Madagascar Relief Fund:** More than one million men, women, and children in Madagascar are malnourished and at risk of starvation, due to a severe four-year drought and the Covid-19 crisis. To learn more about this situation in Madagascar and about Global Giving's work there, follow this link:

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/madagascar-famine-relief-fund/>

**Safe Harbors Project:** Safe Harbors is a ministry of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Harwich, MA. Its mission is "To provide a ministry of welcome, accompaniment, and support to families seeking refuge in the United States through the legal process of asylum." To learn more about Safe Harbors, you can follow this link:

<https://stpeterslutherancapecod.org/safeharbors-a-ministry-of-welcome/>

**Lutheran Disaster Response's Eastern Europe Crisis Response:** We are all aware, through the news and through our prayers, about the devastating war going on in Ukraine right now. Lutheran Disaster Response, which is a ministry of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), is working with local partners and other relief agency partners to provide supplies and support to Ukrainian refugees and to those who are providing them shelter and care. You can learn more about Lutheran Disaster Response's work in Eastern Europe by following this link:

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response>

A total of \$3000 has been distributed from the Mission Fund so far in 2022 to help people and communities in need. If you would like to donate to the Mission Fund you can write a check to Emmanuel with Mission Fund in the memo line or follow this link:

<https://onrealm.org/EmmanuelLuthera6070/-/form/give/default>

If you give online be sure to choose "Mission Fund" in the dropdown menu of "Funds".

If you would like to submit a grant request for funding from the Mission Fund, you can follow this link to the form on our website:

<https://www.emmanuelnorwood.org/ministries/mission-endowment/grant-request-form/>

You can also request a paper grant request form from the church office.