

FROM YOUR NEW INTERIM PASTOR, Pastor Larry

First of all, I'm privileged to serve as your 'pastor' for the next several months. Pastor Paul Sinnott served you well for the past 2 years as you seek a permanent pastor at Immanuel Lutheran. When I was asked to come to this congregation, I was a bit hesitant because of the distance(45 miles), and also knowing I have been retired for 10 years, kind of. We moved to New Hampshire in 2011 where I served a small, community church on a part-time basis. Coming back to CT, I subbed for the Pastor of Bethany, Cromwell on a number of occasions, and did some visitation there. So, I come to Immanuel not as a full-time pastor, but to answer pastoral needs for the next few months until a new person is called. I plan to preach and lead the service, visit as needed, attend meetings, and certainly respond to situations where I can be of help.

Second, let me share a bit about myself. I was born and brought up in Manchester, CT, baptized and confirmed at Emanuel Lutheran. Went to Upsala College in New Jersey, then to seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. I served Lutheran parishes in Willimantic(8 yrs), Torrington(5 yrs), and Cromwell(27 yrs). I married my college sweetheart, Nancy, in 1968, and after 54 happy years, she passed to eternal life in 2022. We have 3 married children and 6 grandchildren. We moved to Covenant Living of Cromwell 3 years ago to be closer to our children, and I live in an independent apartment.

Finally, let me say that I look forward to getting to know you during the next few months. I know you're hoping to get a permanent pastor soon, but in the meantime, we need to continue the ministry of Immanuel to the congregation and community. I've been impressed with the activities that go on at the church, both in the building and among the communities around Oxford. If I can be of help, please don't hesitate to call. If I don't answer, leave a message and I'll call back. Or, get in touch with the secretary or the president of the congregation.

BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, February 16th

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Contact **1.800.733.2767** or visit

www.redcrossblood.org

enter **ILCOxford** to schedule an appointment.

Immanuel's Blessings!

Every one of you.

Happy Birthdays!

3	Amanda Betts	16	Mallory Rioux
4	Hunter Cripps		Henry Rotzal
6	Sharon Trede		Pastor Paul Sinnott
	Virginia Nimons	17	Katelyn Mullen
8	Stephanie Alves	21	Norma Miles
10	Maverick Nimons	22	Michelle Schreyer
11	Andrew Alves	26	Billy Ahearn
	Erica Marcinczyk	29	Jeanette Scinto
14	Crystal Palombo		

Happy Anniversaries!

10 Stephanie & Hector Vargas

New baby? Contact the office if you would like a rose placed on the font in their honor. immanuelct@sbcglobal.net.

The Food Bank Corner

The 2nd Sunday is
Food Collection Sunday.

February 11th

Your offerings are going to those in our community who have food insecurities and are greatly appreciated. One of the local food resources will receive the items. Thank you for your generosity.

Spooner House Meal

February 27th

If you would like to help with this meal, and any of the meals in 2024, please contact Deb Solomon to be a part of this ministry.

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*M & O Ministry for the
February 14th dinner.*

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CPR and AED Certification Class - Learn How to Save a Life

Saturday, February 17th, from 9am to 11am in Borchert Hall

Immanuel will be offering a CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) certification class. Many places, including Immanuel, have an AED. Come and learn how to use an AED and be a lifesaver.

The cost is \$35 per person. If you are unable to pay the fee, please let us know.

The class is limited to 15. It is open to anyone (not just Immanuel members) so bring a friend.

Please contact Walter Koerting if you plan to attend or have any questions at 203-924-7145 or at Walter.Koerting@Beiersdorf.com.

Prayers: Deb Steckert 203-494-2049.

Alex, Arleen, Ava
 Alicia Belinsky
 Bob, Bridgid
 Cheryl, Chris, Christine, Connie
 Anthony Cortigiano
 Clarissa D.
 Ray DelSole
 Dan, David, Diana
 Jeanne Durbin
 Bill Fassbender
 Linda Flach
 Family & friends of
 Eleanor Flach
 Eileen
 Gary, Gloria

Tim Godkin
 Doug Gokey
 Carol Isberg
 Jim, John
 Katherine, Kathleen, Kim
 Joe Levesque
 Laura, Liam, Lisa, Lynn, Lin
 Wilma Luft
 Maddie, Margo, Mark, Maureen
 Josh Mackey
 Wendy Morrow
 Traval Nesmith
 Nellie
 Patty, Paul,
 Larry Paulin

Rich, Rebecca
 Maritza Richmond
 Sandra, Sharon
 Savannah
 Bill Solomon
 Susan & Joe Spataro
 Margo Steckert
 Richard Stuart
 Tiffany
 Patty Thompson
 Stephanie Vargus
 Wesley
 Patty Zennis

February Ministry Schedule			
	Assisting Minister	Usher	Fellowship Hour
4	Kim Burton	Rick Kaeser & Andrew Alves	Mary Ann Robinson
11	Teresa Mentgen	Kim Burton & the Hummels	Deb & Tom Solomon
14	Silas Levine	Ellen & Charles O'Neil	Ash Wednesday 7pm
18	Mary Ann Robinson	Deb & Tom Solomon	The Burton's & Jean Coddington
25	Crystal Palombo	Vicki & Andrew Napomiceno	Karin Schidat & Jutta Firat
	Technicians:	Lee Burton, Julie Cormack	



**Souper Bowl of Caring
 February 11th**

Soup &
 Grilled Cheese sandwiches
 after worship.
 & soup to go
 Donations will support
 a local charity.

**TACKLE
 HUNGER**