



June 20, 2025

Remembering the Emmanuel 9



This past week, I took time to reflect on the Emanuel 9, especially as we concluded our six-week “Racism in America” study with Sue Linderman.

The Emanuel 9 were nine African American church members who were tragically shot and killed during a Bible study at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 17, 2015. This horrific act of violence was perpetrated by a young white man, confirmed in the ELCA, and serves as a stark reminder of the persistent issues of racism and hatred that continue to plague us.

One of the most profound aspects of this tragedy was the response of the victims' families, who publicly expressed forgiveness towards the shooter. This act of grace amidst such deep sorrow always struck me as remarkable. In a moment where one might expect anger and despair, grace emerged, illuminating a path forward.

In the aftermath of this tragedy, the concept of grace became a beacon of hope and healing for both the families and the broader community.

While the pain of loss remains profound, grace allows us to envision a future where healing is not only possible but attainable. It challenges us to confront our own biases and to work towards a more just and equitable society.

In a world that is divided, perhaps there is still hope for healing.

Maybe there’s hope yet.

Pastor Karis



Where does the Food Bank of Delaware get food, and what else do they do?

Like our own pantry, the Food Bank of Delaware (FBD) relies on a variety of sources for the food and other items it distributes to partner organizations such as the Community Lutheran Food Pantry.

FBD receives food from several USDA programs, including frozen meats, fresh produce, dried fruits and nuts, and some canned or packaged goods. These are among the items we can order at no cost to our pantry.

They also receive generous donations from businesses, community organizations, and individuals, including the U.S. Postal Service's annual food drive. In addition, the Food Bank grows some of the food it distributes through its own greenhouses and farm fields.

To further support pantry partners, FBD purchases food that we can order at deeply discounted prices.

Funding for the Food Bank comes from a combination of donations, grants, and revenue from their on-site cafés. (If you find yourself in Milford or Newark, consider visiting one.) They also offer a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) subscription, which allows individuals to receive fresh produce while supporting the Food Bank's mission.

In addition to supplying food pantries, FBD operates its own pantries and provides a range of services to the community. These include workforce training in warehouse logistics and culinary arts, nutrition education, financial coaching, SNAP outreach, and legislative advocacy.

To learn more about the Food Bank of Delaware, visit fbd.org.

The security team needs you!

Join our Security Team



Help us ensure the safety of our church and congregation.

Our greatest need is for the 8:45 service, but we will accept anyone who would be willing to join our team.

If interested, please reach out to Linda Miller at beachbum9828@verizon.net or call 610-416-9790.

What's happening at Community

CLC Food Pantry Donation Requests

- Black Beans (canned or dry)
- Peanut Butter (ideally 16 oz jars)
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Pineapple - canned
- Peaches - canned
- Fruit or Applesauce cups
- Cream Soups
- Pasta Sauce in jars
- Mac and cheese
- Cooking oil
- Shelf-stable Chocolate Milk

The Food Pantry Ministry is seeking volunteers who are willing and able to go out and purchase food and supplies for the Pantry. Reimbursement is available for approved items. Things we regularly shop for include produce (Sunday or Monday just prior to the pantry dates), as well as cleaning and personal care items, usually sourced from dollar stores. Some non-perishable food is also sometimes on the list, and we try to find the best prices. If you enjoy finding a good bargain and have some time in the evenings or weekends to shop, contact Mona, Susan, or Katie to see about getting a list of things to buy.

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Food PANTRY

Let's Make a Difference

1st & 3rd Tuesday Mornings

Your generosity can help nourish the lives of those in need. Join us for a food drive dedicated to supporting families and individuals facing food insecurity in our community. Let's show that when we unite for a common cause, we can create incredible change. We can't wait to see you at our food drive event!

Suggested Items

- Canned Food ✓
- Fresh Meat ✓
- Cake & Bread ✓
- Dried Pasta ✓
- Fruit & Vegetable ✓

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The next pantry is July 1st, from 10 to 12. Volunteers are welcome to come around 8:30 for set-up. We will also serve lunch after the pantry for all volunteers, so plan to stick around for some food! Thank you for all you do to serve the community!



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New Al-Anon Group

Join us.

Every Wednesday

7 - 8 p.m.

Families, friends, and observers welcome.

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30897 Omar Road
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Beachside Devotionals

Thursdays
Beginning May 29

Whether you seek quiet morning inspiration or a serene evening moment, we welcome you to gather with us.

Sunrise at 8 a.m.
Tower Rd Beach

Sunset at 5:30 p.m.
3 R's Beach



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Grief Support Group

You are not alone.

1st and 3rd Thursdays

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

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White Bag Lunch

Mondays & Thursdays

9 a.m.

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Note: Grief group will not meet on July 3.

We will meet every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. until August 28.

Join us for special worship services on **June 22**.

Rev. Carla Christopher will be bringing the message, and **PEARL** will lead us in a special time of worship.



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Juneteenth worship celebration.

Special Guest Pastor:
Rev. Carla Christopher



Special Guest
Musician: PEARL

DATE
June 22

SERVICE TIMES:
8:45 and 10:30 a.m.



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Council Retreat

How to Lead a Mission Congregation

led by
Pastor Carla Christopher

Saturday, June 28
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Luther Hall



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How Best to Lead a Small Group

led by
Pastor Carla Christopher

Tuesday, July 8
10 a.m. to noon
Luther Hall

What is a prayer request?

In 1 Timothy 2:1, we are told, "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them." Prayer is powerful, especially when we come together in God's name. As Jesus said, "Where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst." At Community Church, we are committed to praying for you and those you hold dear—whether they are struggling with illness, grieving a loss, or facing any other hardship.



To ensure privacy, we will only include first names in prayer requests, though you are welcome to share your relationship to the person being prayed for. We also ask that you refrain from sharing personal details about others without their consent.

How Can We Pray for You?

If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or a loved one, please contact tech.clc.30897@gmail.com.

We are here to support you in prayer, trusting that God hears and answers in God's perfect timing.

[Submit a Prayer Request](#)

Prayer requests: together in faith

No requests this week. Continue to lift one another in prayer.

Each person mentioned in this newsletter publication has granted us permission to do so.

Team Leaders

Please submit e-newsletter articles every Tuesday at noon for publication each Friday.

Articles should be emailed to tech.clc.30897@gmail.com.



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