



Emanuel Lutheran Church

March 2016

9 New London Avenue
West Warwick, RI 02893
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Pastor Todd Stange

Celebrating Our 130th Year

Our Purpose Statement: Emanuel – Boldly joining God in sharing our gifts and love.

***Listening for God
through prayer,
scripture and discussion***

***Following Christ's
example***

***Generously sharing
God's grace***

***Passion – having it,
using it!***

Being organized

***Following through –
walking the walk***

Denying Jesus

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last year I visited a tennis club. I'd never been there before and was a bit apprehensive. I wasn't sure where to park or where to go once I got there. The club offers a tennis camp, and I was hoping to get some information on it. People were playing on the outside courts, but inside the club I couldn't find anyone. I was feeling a little lost and out of place, like I didn't belong there, when I heard someone call my name.

A parent of one of our son's friends from school was there playing tennis. Someone I'm friendly with, but hadn't seen in a while. He excused himself from his game and came over. I told him I was looking into summer camp for the kids, and he said I should speak with club's tennis pro that runs the camp. The pro, this young guy about 25 years old was out on one of the courts giving a lesson. "Let me introduce you," he said.

"He looks busy, maybe I should come back later."

"No. It's okay. I know the person he's with." And so I was introduced, spoke to the tennis pro about camp for the kids, and came away from the experience feeling grateful that this acquaintance, this friend, had gone out of his way to welcome me and make me feel at home.

In a few weeks at church we will be hearing the story of how Peter acted when people asked him if he was one of Jesus' disciples. After Jesus was arrested the disciples were afraid. Most of them fled. They were afraid that they too would be arrested and sentenced. When a young woman asked Peter if he was one of Jesus' disciples, he denied it. Not once, but three times he said he wasn't a follower of Jesus. Peter went so far as to say he didn't even know Jesus.

Do we ever do this? Do we ever deny Jesus?

In this edition:

- Message from Pastor Stange
- March Calendar
- Birthdays
- Upcoming Events
- And much more!

Deadline for the April newsletter is Mar. 20th .

Notices can be left in the office, emailed to: emanuelwwnews@gmail.com or leave a message at: (860)-208-0762
Thank you! -Mike Gadoury

I saw a post on the internet recently that listed "100 Ways We Deny Christ."

- We seek friendships with those mainly like ourselves.
- We fail to walk alongside others who are suffering.
- We don't share our blessings with others.
- We hold grudges.
- We don't see others as children of God. We don't see ourselves as children of God.
- We fail to forgive others (and ourselves).
- We fail to pray.
- We walk by people in need.
- We don't invite our neighbors to church.

We don't read the Bible regularly.

These are a sampling of the ways that were listed. There are others.

The great American preacher Fred Craddock gave a sermon once where he described how as a child he learned about the Christian martyrs. How some of them gave their lives in the Coliseum instead of denouncing their faith. Craddock said he would imagine himself in similar situations, brought by soldiers before a magistrate and commanded to denounce Jesus. In his imagination Craddock would boldly proclaim his faith.

As a teenager his faith was strong. He was ready for a dramatic encounter like this. But instead, Craddock lamented, that what he got was a slow day-by-day challenge to his faith. He was challenged by things not life threatening, but threatening to his pride, to his desire for security, to his desire to be liked. Challenges, it turns out, that over time were in a way much harder to withstand.

The good news for Craddock, and for us, is that even though sometimes we deny Jesus, Jesus doesn't deny us. Jesus is the one that welcomes us, when no one else will. Jesus is the one who calls out to us and invites us to follow. Jesus is the one who dusts us off, reminds us who we are, and sends us out to try again.

Pastor Todd Stange

Do you have one of these?

Pastor Todd is looking into sponsoring a ping-pong tournament at Emanuel and needs a few more tables.



Please call or email Pastor Todd if you'd be willing to loan your table out for a one day Saturday tournament.

pastor@emanuelww.org (401) 821-8888

Thank you!

Triduum



Part I Maundy Thursday

3/24 – 7:00pm

Service of Holy Communion with washing of feet.

Part II Good Friday

3/25 - 7:00pm

Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross.

Part III Holy Saturday 3/26 - 7:00pm

Easter Vigil with Affirmation of Baptism and Service of Holy Communion

**Easter Sunday
services
8am & 10:30am**



Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday March 9th 7pm

The “Holden Evening Prayer”
service is full of music and
makes use of light and darkness.



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 130TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2016

Saturday Evening

Cost: \$30.00

Dinner at West Valley Inn

*Steam Ship Round (carved by Chef) *
Eggplant Parmigiana * Stir Fry Chicken
* Meatballs in Italian Sauce * Penne
Pasta * Rice Pilaf * Mixed Vegetables *
Garden Salad * Potato Salad * Rolls
w/Butter * Italian Green Bean Salad *
Assorted Olives * Raspberry Truffle Ice
Cream Pie * Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea*

Emanuel Jeopardy

Slideshow

Food, Fun & Fellowship!

Sunday

Cost: FREE!

10:30am Special Worship

*130th Anniversary choir * Special music
* Past Pastors * and more...*

After worship Church Fair

*Entertainment * Fun & Games * Giant
Inflatable for the kids * Popcorn*

Enjoy a Rhode Island Lunch

*(All items for sale at low prices)
Chowder & Clam Cakes * Hot Weiners
* Saugy's * Del's Lemonade * Coffee
Milk * And Much More!*

Please consider coming on Saturday, Sunday or Both!

Reconnect with old friends and make some new ones!

Tickets for Saturday's Dinner will be available starting March 13th.

Please see any committee member: Gwen Andersen, Diane Gadoury, Mike Gadoury, Beth Groleau, or Disa Johnson to purchase tickets.

Checks can also be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

(please write "ELC 130" in the memo line)

Questions or suggestions? Please see any committee member or contact us by email at:

130@emanuelww.org



GENERATING GENEROUS GIVING

April 23 – Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Warwick, R.I. – register by Friday, April 15

What is 3G? : Wherever you are on the journey of generating generous giving in your congregation, these workshops will help you take the next steps forward. We're hoping this event will encourage small groups from multiple congregations to spend the day talking and thinking together about generosity.

The event includes:

Giving 101: The First Steps: Ask, Thank, Tell - Bishop James Hazelwood;
Giving 201: The Road Less Traveled: Steps That Make All the Difference - Rev. Renée LiaBraaten, Associate to the Bishop for Generosity

"Creating Generations of Generosity": Exploring the unique sensitivities and behavioral trends of the various generations sitting in our pews (or not!), and some opportunities that the Internet and technology provide for inspiring generosity from generation to generation.

"Traveling Tips for the Journey": A time for sharing some "Best Practices" or "Things that have worked for us!"

We are asking for a nominal contribution of \$5 per person to defray the cost of the lunch that will be served; payment by cash or check may be made the day of the event. Please RSVP with the names of your group members to **Martha Whyte** at mwhyte@nesynod.org, no later than one week prior to the event you plan to attend, so we have an accurate head count for food service and materials.

Are you interested in going to the 3G even?

If so, let Pastor Todd know by April 1st – we want to get a preliminary registration in early. Thank you.



Emanuel's Annual Smörgåsbord

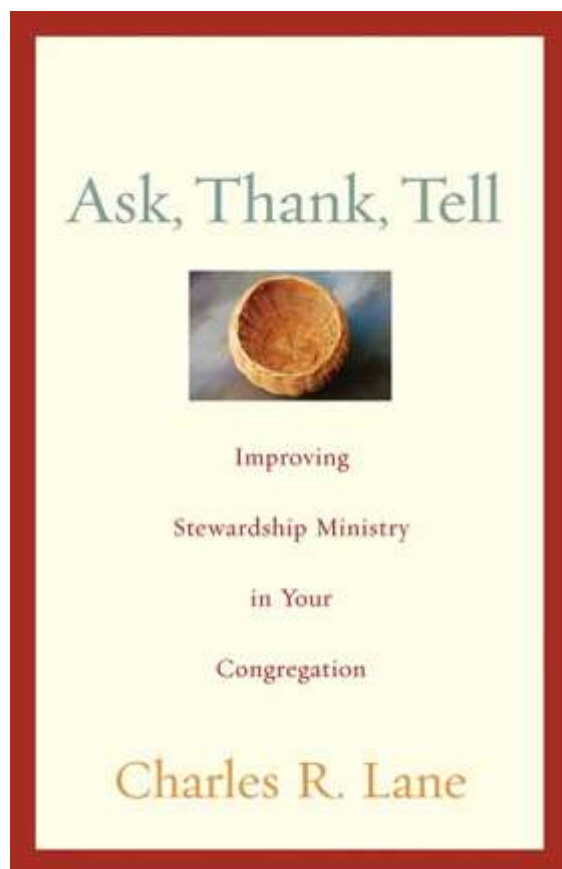
**Saturday April 30th
5 to 7pm**

Continuous Serving

Mustard Seed Team 2016

**Next Meeting
Tuesday April 5th
7pm in Jacobs' Hall**

**If you are interested in reading
this book with the group (or by
yourself), please let Glenn Johnson
or Pr. Todd know.
Thank you.**



POSTING AN ANNOUNCEMENT

For the weekly reminder (Emanuel Herald) sent out on Mon. or Tue. All submissions must be received in the church office (preferably by e-mail) no later than Sunday morning. Postings for the printed weekly announcement sheet must be received by the previous Sunday. Churchoffice@EmanuelWW.org

For the newsletter: Please send items to Mike Gadoury no later than the 20th of each month. Email to: EmanuelWWNews@gmail.com or call 860-208-0762.

Thank you!



For making the Sunday school Pasta Dinner a great success.
Great fun was had and over \$400 was raised.
Proceeds are going to the Pastor's discretionary outreach fund.
Thank you.

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers this month:

For Healing: Sharon Daniels, Sue Brown, Pastor John Carlson, Linda Sami, Bob Maine, Mabel Lewis, Al Wolff, Marilyn Howard (Courtney Jacob's grandmother), Dina Andersen, Todd Gustafson (John & Phyllis's son), Florence Halloby (Pam Beck's mother), Jane Wahl, Bethany Cargill (Phyllis Gustafson's daughter), Pauline Borum (Georgette Clark's sister), Clive Aylsworth (Disa's friend's father), John Gustafson, Linda Dooley (friend of Beth Groleau), Joan Mendes, Joe & Elizabeth LaMountain (Ann LaMountain's sister & brother-in-law), Michael Frye (Ann LaMountain's grandson), Roger LeBeau, The Grossi Family (friends of the Schabek's), Beckie & Brenda Cascio (friends of Jessica Strensrud), Catherine Gould (friends of Jessica Strensrud), Sheila Clough, Gerry LaVallee, Chrissy Ventura (niece of Kathy Plant), Ann Bacon (Kristina Bacon's sister), Diane Homsany, Joe Bianco (Lori Martin's father), Chuck Menge, Cheryl Windley (Linda Sami's sister), Hank Richter, Marie Anttil, Linda and Eugene Plouffe (Dan McCarthy's friends)

For Members of the Military: Ric Charest, Tim Windley (Linda Sami's nephew), Joey and Nic Palombo (the Gustafson's grandchildren)



Lenten Branches

During the season of Lent we forgo flowers on the altar. In their place Sue Wieboldt created this stark and beautiful bare branch arrangement.

Thank you Sue.

Joint Lenten Prayer Service with Saint Therese Old Catholic Church



Friday March 18th 7pm
at St. Therese 1500 Main Street West Warwick



FOOD PANTRY

Did you know?
**Anyone from Emanuel can get food from our food pantry – on Sundays
mornings or Tuesdays 10am to 12pm**

**Speak with Pr. Todd or Myron Gadoury
for assistance.**

Help Wanted with Coffee Hour

We're looking for people who would be willing to help setup and host coffee hour.

No experience needed. There are people who will show you where things are and how to make coffee.

If you're willing to help, please let Pastor Todd or Carolyn Duprey know. Thank you.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Johnson 3/16
Alexandra McGuirk
3/19
Kimberly Gauthier 3/23
Gayle Vincent
Emily Chabot
Glenn Johnson
Jean Savage
Robert Ross
Evan Morgan
Lucas Maguire
Bernie LeBeau
Sean Grandy



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Sue Wieboldt
Kevin Prest & Patricia
Reynolds

Contact Kym in the Church office if we missed your birthday or anniversary, or give us the exact date. We would love to have our records

We are looking for a few volunteers who are willing to work in the church office when our office administrator is on vacation or sick.

If you might be able to help in the office, please let Pastor Todd know –
(401) 821-8888 or
pastor@emanuelww.org.
Thank you.

EASTER PLANTS



*Order forms are in the narthex.
Please return form and payment to the
church office by Sunday, March 6.*



Senior Live Laugh & Learn

The next luncheon will be held:
Wednesday, March 9, 2016

12:15 PM to 2:00 PM

Filippou's Twisted Pizza & Restaurant
915 Tiogue Ave.,
Coventry, RI

Please sign the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend.
Estimated cost \$10 - \$20

For last minute decision, call Helen Maine at
Home: 401-397-3566 Cell: 401-464-1011
Email: helenmaine@gmail.com

Pawtuxet Valley Ping Pong Tournament



at Emanuel
Saturday April 2, 2016
9AM to 4PM
at Emanuel Lutheran Church
20 Leaf Street
West Warwick, RI 02893

1st Prize \$50, 2nd Prize \$20, 3rd Prize \$10

All ages and skill levels welcome.
Tournament will be capped at 60 players
(first 60 players to pay the \$10 registration fee)

All proceeds (minus prizes) will support
Emanuel's Community Food Pantry
Open each Tuesday 10am to 12pm

Register by sending to Emanuel Lutheran Church: your name, age, skill level (beginner, intermediate, advanced), email or phone#, and a \$10 check made out to Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Registration fees may be paid in Cash at the church office Monday – Thursday 8am to 12pm, or on Sunday mornings, or on the day of the tournament.

NOTE – NO refunds of the \$10 registration fee will be given after March 30, 2016.

For more information email churchoffice@emanuelww.org OR call (401) 821-8888

Tournament sponsored by Thrivent Financial

Readers of Emanuel

March's Book for ROE

The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto

by Mitch Albom

**Readers of Emanuel will meet next on Sunday
March 13th at 12pm in Jacobs' Hall.**

Mitch Albom creates his most unforgettable fictional character—Frankie Presto, the greatest guitarist to ever walk the earth—in this magical novel about the bands we join in life and the power of talent to change our lives.

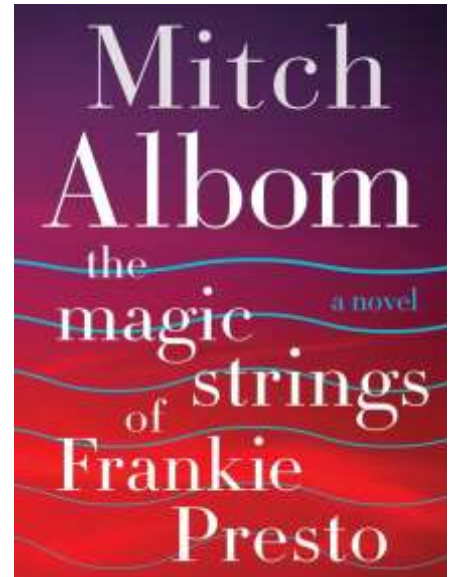
In his most stunning novel yet, the voice of Music narrates the tale of its most beloved disciple, young Frankie Presto, a war orphan raised by a blind music teacher in a small Spanish town. At nine years old, Frankie is sent to America in the bottom of a boat. His only possession is an old guitar and six precious strings.

But Frankie's talent is touched by the gods, and his amazing journey weaves him through the musical landscape of the 20th century, from classical to jazz to rock and roll, with his stunning talent affecting numerous stars along the way, including Hank Williams, Elvis Presley, Carole King, Wynton Marsalis and even KISS.

Frankie becomes a pop star himself. He makes records. He is adored. But his gift is also his burden, as he realizes, through his music, he can actually affect people's futures—with one string turning blue whenever a life is altered.

At the height of his popularity, Frankie Presto vanishes. His legend grows. Only decades later, does he reappear—just before his spectacular death—to change one last life.

With its Forest Gump-like romp through the music world, The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto is a classic in the making. A lifelong musician himself, Mitch Albom delivers a remarkable novel, infused with the message that "everyone joins a band in this life" and those connections change us all.



April's book is Do You Believe a novel by Travis Thrasher.

From the creators of the blockbuster film God's Not Dead comes a novel based on their follow-up film Do You Believe?—an inspiring, heart-stirring, and faith-affirming story about how God works in the lives of those who believe.

When Pastor Matthew Wesley encounters a homeless man on a city street in the middle of the night, he can't imagine the series of life-changing events that will result from that brief moment. But as the stories and desperate circumstances of several people—including a couple struggling to make ends meet, a soldier trying to rejoin society, a pregnant and homeless teenager, and an elderly couple still grieving the loss of their only child—intertwine and come together during one climactic night, they all must work together to overcome their struggles before all is lost.

Evocative and moving, this sweeping narrative challenges you to confront the question: Do you really believe in the power of the cross, and if so, what are you going to do about it?

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Agenda and Minutes January 14, 2016

Present: Pastor Todd, Gwen Andersen, Pam Beck, Myron Gadoury, Beth Groleau, Bruce Johnson, Disa Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Helen Maine, Walter Phaneuf, Kathy Plante, Margaret Teehan, and Ken Wieboldt.

Absent: Carolyn Duprey (excused), Kris Knapp, Lee Jacobs (excused), Linda Sami (excused), Jim Schabek (excused), and Donna Sennett (excused).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening Devotions: "Is your life going in a good, healthy direction? Why do you answer this way? How can you tell? What makes a good healthy life?"
 - a. How can we tell if Emanuel is going in a good, healthy direction?
 - b. Read the Bible from Galatians about the fruits of the Spirit: list of the fruits of the Spirit...
2. Pastor's Sabbatical answers and questions Pastor Kohl
 - a. Pastor Kohl learned 10 years that he can retire... meaning that he found he had a life outside of being pastor. People at Pilgrim had to serve, and they learned that they could do things.
 - b. The Congregation prepared by talking to each other about sabbatical and what it was for. They went to a restaurant to talk, and walked together because pilgrimage was a theme of his sabbatical. He walked part of the Camino, visited France to read and spend time on the beach with his wife. Then he went to visit a community in France to find out about it. They went to eastern Germany to visit friends --- where he ended up in hospital for 11 days while Mrs. Kohl stayed with the friends.
 - c. Pastor Kohl reported that a sabbatical is not good only for the pastor, but for the congregation.
 - d. He got \$38,000 from Lilly to prepare to go, to support the community, and to help him to go and get renewed.
 - e. How did the congregation do? Well, they had a send off before he left to talk about hopes, and another event when he got back to talk about how they all did and what they experienced during the sabbatical.
 - f. Prepared congregation to ask "How do we tell our story? What about the life of the congregation?" People learned about how to do visitations ... including to hospitals...
 - g. The church is larger than the congregation.
 - h. Pastoral coverage was provided by interns and other supply pastors in the area. Church income stayed about the same while Pastor Kohl was gone. Maybe more people came because they were curious about how things were going.
 - i. Whole process probably took about a year all together to prepare before Pastor Kohl left on Sabbatical.

- j. Next steps: Get a committee to help write the application --- Pastor Todd asked for volunteers
- 3. Approve December Minutes Approved as written.
- 4. Approve December Budget, review 2015 Budget Approved

We had no unpaid bills at the end of the year and we paid ourselves back for 2015, mostly paid back because of the money donated by the bazaar committee. We wrote off the money we borrowed from ourselves in 2014.

- 5. Review, finalize 2016 Proposed Budget
 - a. Budget is as we discussed it in December. It is relatively flat.
 - b. Myron suggested raising the Administrative Assistant to \$15 an hour for a total of \$2,263.04 more for the budget.
 - c. Discussion centered on these questions:
 - i. What do people in similar positions get paid?
 - ii. How many days do we want someone present in the church office? Which days are most important? Suggested Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.
 - iii. Would asking volunteers to cover other days be helpful?
 - iv. Alternative ideas...
 - d. Motion made and seconded to go to \$15 an hour for sixteen hours a week. Approved 7 to 6.
- 6. Annual Meeting:
 - a. Ken and Helen will organize lunch before the meeting as required by the constitution. Helen got a Thrivent Action Team for food and supplies.
 - b. We need someone to take the notes for the Annual Meeting. We will ask for help.
 - c. Ask that reports are in the order they are presented in the Agenda.
 - d. Council for 2016 : Linda Sami is resigning to be the Christian Education Committee's chair. Shannon Schabek and Lois May would like to join the Council. Kris Knapp and Jim Schabek will be leaving the council.
- 7. Other
 - a. Custodians: Myron
 - i. Custodian Liz Redin is still out from a car accident; will return when she is able.
 - ii. Friday custodian did not come to work or call Myron; the person cannot work Saturdays so will move to be a substitute when needed; Tyler Hayes has been hired to work on Saturday.
 - b. Disa – Thinking about what happened to Joan Mendes Could we find a way for us to help people who are elderly and live alone be checked daily so no one else falls and is not discovered for several days?






- c. Pastor Todd: Real Good Church by Molly Phinney Baskette: Would Council agree to read a chapter a month and discuss as part of Council meetings?
- d. Synod Workshop at with Bishop Hazelwood Pilgrim April 23 “Generating Generous Giving” at 9 AM Arrival – 3:30: Hopefully a few people from Emanuel will go.
- e. Scandinavian Women’s concert at 3 p.m. Saturday \$5.00
- f. Annual Meeting: encourage all council members to be there.
- g. Helen asked about a plan to cover window wells to prevent water and leaves from filling them, and sump pumps incase the basement gets flooded. We learned that there have been no problems since road was repaired and there is a berm to prevent water from flowing from the street into the back of the church property. The water flows down the hill across the parking lot. We already have sump pumps that are in storage until they are needed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting: February 11, 2016 at 7 p.m.



March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday A.M. Schedule: 8:00 Service of Holy Communion 9:15 Sunday School, Confirmation, Choir 10:30 Service of Holy Communion		<i>1</i> 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Confirma-	<i>2</i> Lenten Healing Service 7pm	<i>3</i> 7pm Committee Mtgs	<i>4</i> Emanuel's 130th Anniversary Planning Meeting @ 5pm (JH)	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 7pm ALANON	<i>8</i> 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop	<i>9</i> Holden Evening Prayer 7pm	<i>10</i> 7pm Council Meeting	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> Baptism (10:30 service)	<i>14</i> 7pm ALANON	<i>15</i> 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Confirma-	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Joint Service with St Therese 7pm	<i>19</i> Private Party (FH) 3-6pm
<i>20</i>  	<i>21</i> 7pm ALANON	<i>22</i> 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>  1pm Service	<i>25</i>  1pm Service	<i>26</i>  1pm Easter Vigil
<i>27</i>  Christ has Risen!	<i>28</i> 7pm ALANON	<i>29</i> 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Confirma-	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		