



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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*

I Believe in Scrap Paper

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You read that right. I believe in scrap paper.

The local public radio station WRNI has an on-going segment called "This I believe". Different people from across Rhode Island, kids and adults both, send in essays on the theme "This I believe", and once a week someone is chosen to read their essay on the air. Recent entries have included believing in: the seasons, your mother and performance anxiety. In the 1950's Edward R. Murrow hosted a similar segment and this modern Rhode Island take is based on it.

Listening to this segment over the years I often pondered what I believe in. "God" would seem like a natural answer for a pastor, but in some ways this answer is too big, not specific enough. Lots of people believe in God, but what they mean by this is not always the same thing. Even Christians, who believe that in Jesus we get the clearest picture of God, sometimes come away with quite different pictures. Pastor Fred Phelps, who protested at military funerals with signs that read "God hates fags", and Mother Teresa, who cared for the dying poor, both were followers of Jesus. And yet it seems, at least to me, that they believed in a different God.

This led me to scrap paper. Scrap paper is less murky. It's something you can hold in your hands. Many people have direct experience with scrap paper, and even if they don't regularly use scrap paper, most people at least know what it is.

The Longman's Dictionary defines "scrap paper" as – "paper, often paper that has already been used on one side, that you use for making notes, lists etc." "Etc." here really opens up the possibility for scrap paper, and it's one of the things that I really like about it. You can write, draw and/or scribble whatever you want on scrap paper. The possibilities are endless.

In this edition:

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

Deadline for the July newsletter is June 20th .

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



The artist Andrew Wyeth would sketch countless studies of a subject on scrap paper before ever putting brush to canvas. It's on scrap paper that he had the freedom to play with an idea, try different approaches, turn a subject this way and that, and discover new things about it. With scrap paper one has the freedom to fail over and over again without worry. This is what I love about scrap paper. Above is an early sketch of Wyeth's painting "Christina's World". Below is the finished painting.

My earliest memories of scrap paper come from the early 70's, when my father would bring home punched cards from his job at IBM. Back then computer programs were written on punched cards that were then read by a gigantic main-

frame computer. A program was often hundreds of cards long and if a bug was found in the program, then new punched cards would be made and the old punched cards ended up as scrap paper. As a kid I spent hours and hours drawing pictures and letting my imagination go wild on the backs of these old punched cards.

Today it's my old sermons that I bring home from work. Before ending up in the recycle bin, these sheets of paper go in the scrap paper drawer. When there's a math problem the kids can't figure out and they call on me to help, the first thing I do is grab a piece of scrap paper. "Let's figure this out," I say. It sometimes takes 3 or 4 pieces of scrap paper to figure out a problem. Pictures sometimes need to be drawn. A simpler version of the problem sometimes needs to be explored. Each step of the solution sometimes needs to be written out, often in **BIG NUMBERS** or **LETTERS** (*sometimes writing BIG helps you to think*). On scrap paper all of this is possible, before a single mark is ever written on the actual homework assignment.



One of my proudest moments as a parent came a year or so ago, when I went into our daughter's room and saw on the floor a mess of scatter papers with scribbled equations and sketches on them. It was the waste product of her math homework, but it was also the picture of learning, and discovery, and freedom. It was scrap paper.

But what does it mean exactly to believe in scrap paper?

Martin Luther is often quoted as saying, "Sin boldly," but the second part of his quote is often left out. "Sin boldly," Luther said, "but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly."

Luther knew that life is messy. Even when we try to do good, even when we reach out and try to help others, we often make mistakes, we often mess up and sin. But this doesn't mean we should pull back and live timid lives. For Jesus came into the world, so that we would know the love of God, so that we would know we are children of God. And in this there is freedom, freedom to try new things, and explore the different talents God has given us, and the freedom to fail over and over again without fear. This is grace. This is what I find in scrap paper. And this is what I believe in.

Pastor Todd Stange
pastor@emanuelww.org

Summer Worship Schedule



Begins June 26th
One service at 9:15am



Emanuel Camperships

If you know a child 8 years old to 16 years old, we'd like to help send them for a week of camp. The Wallace Anderson & John Carlson Campership funds are being given away now for Camp Calumet.

Camp Calumet is in West Ossipee, New Hampshire and sits on beautiful Lake Ossipee. For over 50 years people have been making friends, getting closer to God, and having fun at Calumet.

www.calumet.org

For more information speak with Pastor Todd
pastor@emanuelww.org (401) 821-8888

Drama & Music Camp



June 27th – July 1st
8:30am to 12:30pm

Ages 5 to 14

Call for more info
(401) 821-8888

**Auditions for lead parts Sunday June 12th at 12pm
in the sanctuary**

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.

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.

Emanuel's Food Cupboard has been supporting about 16 persons and their family's. Today we had 8 new persons join in.



FOOD PANTRY

Each person gets about \$15.00

worth of food each week. Our donations have not been meeting the demand and we might have to lessen our distribution days if we cannot correct this shortly.

We are looking to get some consistency in our donations so we can plan and distribute food each week as we have been. If everyone could just bring one or two items **each** Sunday it would allow us to keep up with demand.

A box in the coat closet (Pennies for Pantry) has a slot on top for any monetary donations you wish to make or you can also ear mark any monetary donation in your Church envelope labeled Food Pantry and place in offering plate.

If anyone could write a Thrivent Grant at this time it would be very much appreciated to help us get through the upcoming summer months which are the leanest.

Thank you for all your support in the past and in the future. The food cupboard provides about \$10,000.00 a year in food to the needy which everyone at Emanuel should be proud of.

Myron Gadoury
Sandra Malouin

Thanksgiving for Healing Service



This past year many friends and family members have gone through sickness and other health problems.

On Father's Day – Sunday June 19th

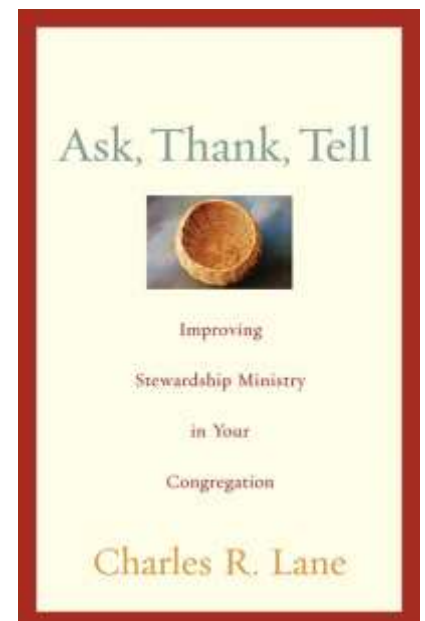
we will be giving thanks for the healing and life that God has blessed us with. Come and join us for this celebration.

Mustard Seed Team 2016

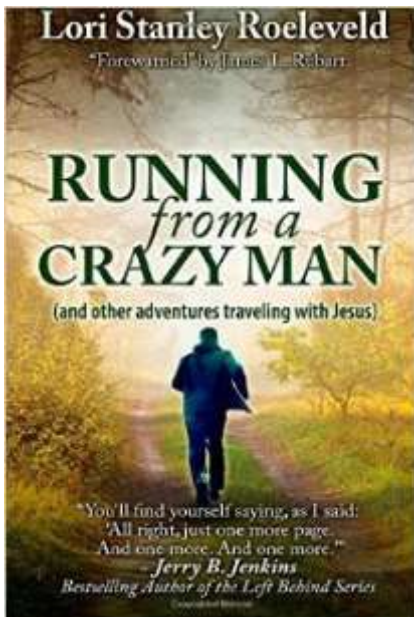
**Next Meeting
June 16th
6:30 pm in Jacobs' Hall**

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

Thank you.



Readers of Emanuel



We have an awesome opportunity with this unbelievable book. The Author lives in RI and she told me she is willing to come to Emanuel and Speak. What an opportunity!

Date: June 26th, 2016

Time: After Church in Jacobs' Hall

**Book: Running From A Crazy Man
(and other adventures traveling with Jesus)**

Winner of the Director's Choice Award for Non-fiction, Devotion

You'll find yourself saying as I did: just one more chapter. And one more. And one more. ~
Jerry B. Jenkins

You're restless. Trouble has you gasping beside the narrow road. This is your invitation back to the adventure.

Some Christians leave their relationship with God in a sealed box like a collectible that will be worth something "someday." Not you. You wholeheartedly answered the call to follow Him into the great adventure.

Then, something unexpected happened that left you gasping beside the narrow road. You thought you were following Jesus but now it feels as if all you're doing is running from a crazy man. Even knocked down, though, you seek the strength to continue the journey.

This isn't a book for the happily comfortable. This is a book for the restless Jesus lover, the longsuffering disciple, the openhearted believer. Be forewarned. The challenges inside are designed to unsettle you as well as provide practical suggestions for thriving on the narrow road even if trouble is your travel companion.

Running from a Crazy Man (and Other Adventures Traveling with Jesus) is a siren call to the modern believer that the God-adventure can happen even when, like King David, you're running from a crazy man.

The Holy Spirit Visits Emanuel

Pentecost celebration at Emanuel May 15th



Look Who's Leading Worship



The Sunday school children will help lead worship on Sunday June 5th at the 10:30AM service.

It's going to fun!



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***Celebrating 130 years
1886-2016***

You are invited to our very special 130th Anniversary Celebration on September 10 & 11, 2016. We will be celebrating with “**A Rhode Island Picnic**” on Saturday afternoon at the church. On Sunday there will be a 10:30 worship service at Emanuel including special music, welcome of pastors and other past members and friends. Following worship, we will be hosting an anniversary dinner at the **Meadow Brook Inn** in Charlestown. Please share this invitation with any current or past members and friends of Emanuel that you may be in contact with. Our goal is to reach out to anyone who has a connection to Emanuel. The details of the weekend’s events are below:

Saturday September 10 2016 12:00pm
A Rhode Island Picnic

- To be held in Emanuel’s Courtyard, Playground and Fellowship Hall
- Food will be provided at family friendly prices
- Menu will include chowder & clam cakes, Del’s Lemonade, coffee milk, hot wieners, Saugys, Johnny cakes, native fruit, corn on the cob, popcorn and more!
- In addition to time to catch up with old friends, entertainment will include a bounce house for the kids as well as assorted games and activities for kids of all ages.

Sunday September 11, 2016 10:30am
Worship Service

- Special music, anniversary choir
- Welcome of past pastors

Sunday September 11, 2016 1:00pm
Anniversary Dinner at Meadow Brook Inn

- Tickets are \$30 for adults, children under 12 are \$15
- Hors d’ouvres available upon arrival
- Dinner served at 2:00
- Dinner will be buffet style including: Salad, prime rib, chicken, pasta selections, vegetable choices, rolls & butter, and dessert
- Video slide show featuring Emanuel through the years
- Emanuel trivia game & Door prizes
- We welcome any feedback. Feel free to send us an email at 130@emanuelww.org with any feedback you’d like to share. If there is something you’d like to see at these events, please let us know!

Tickets are available directly from:

Gwen Andersen
Diane Gadoury
Michael Gadoury
Beth Groleau

If you have any pictures of past Emanuel events that you would like included in the slide show, please email them to 130@emanuelww.org.

***Letters are available in the Narthex for current members. Please pick them up!
We will be mailing letters to former members soon!***

Church Clean-up Day Saturday June 25th

9am Start

Fun will be had



Volunteers needed to jump start our cleanup of the Church Grounds.

We need volunteers of all ages to perform the many tasks that need to be done to beautify our Church.

We would like to do the following:

Power wash the exterior of our building

Clean out the dumpster area and paint the enclosure around it

Sweep New London Staircase and paint railing

Clean New London Church Sign

Clean bulkhead roof by fellowship Hall ramp

Paint Courtyard signs

Paint bulkhead to basement

Resurface deck outside Jacobs Hall and paint railings

Paint railing on Jacobs Hall Ramp

Weed Garden New London Front, cut grass

Remove Brush from New London sides

Wash exterior windows

Clean gutters

Plant bushes in courtyard

Re-paint Handi Cap signage

We also have tasks to complete inside if we have enough volunteers.

Tasks can be catered to your age and ability's so Young and old all invited.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can attend so we may plan what we can accomplish, organize it, and have tools/ supply's on hand to accomplish the tasks.

Thank you

Emanuel Lutheran Property Committee

Teen Challenge Garden



Teen Challenge is a Christian based addiction treatment program for teens and adults.

There is a women's program in Providence, which has several times visited Emanuel and helped us out with worship.



For the 2nd year in a row the Gadourys have donated part of their land for a vegetable garden. Last week a bunch of the women along with several folks from Emanuel worked on a beautiful day to plant the garden. The dogs and everyone else thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to Myron for organizing the garden and the day and to Thrivent Financial, who is sponsoring this great project. Throughout the summer the Teen Challenge women will tend the garden and harvest the vegetables, which will supply fresh food for the home in Providence.



Congratulations!

Gale Lucier recently celebrated her 40th anniversary of working at Centerville Bank. In recognition of her years of service Centerville Bank donated \$1,000 to a charity of Gale's choosing. She chose Emanuel.



Palm Tree?



In early May the council spent a night at Camp Canonicus in Exeter on a retreat. In addition to planning and prayer we also had fun. Above some members of the council playing a game of Elephant, Cow, Palm Tree. What do you think they are?

Council retreat lunch





June 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sunday A.M. Schedule:

June 5, 12 & 19
8:00 & 10:30 Service of Holy Communion

June 5 & 12
9:15 Sunday School, Choir

June 26
9:15 Service of Holy Communion

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				Committee Night 7pm		Private Party (FH)
5 Sunday school led worship at 10:30 service	6 7pm ALNON	7 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	8	9 7 pm Council Meeting	10 11 New England Synod Assembly in Springfield, MA June 10-12	
12 Last Day of Sunday School Drama Camp auditions 12pm	13 7pm ALNON	14 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	15	16 6:30 pm Mustard Seed Meeting	17	18
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