



Emanuel Lutheran Church

July/August 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*

Elvis Presley, Katy Perry & You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I recently found out that I have something in common with Elvis Presley, Katy Perry, Justin Timberlake, Beyoncé and even John Lennon. We all got our start in the same place - church.

I was an uncomfortable teenager, when I agreed to have my musical debut in church. It took some coaxing from my mother. I had only played at a few small recitals in front of other piano students and their parents, but this was going to be different. There would be more people, and it would be in the holy atmosphere of church. Just the thought of it made me nervous.

Wisely I chose a piece I already knew – Felix Mendelssohn's "A Song Without Words." I practiced it over and over again. By the time that Sunday finally came around, I had the piece practically memorized. To calm my nerves I reminded myself that I was playing for God and not anyone else, certainly not to make myself look good.

When the time finally came, I did okay. Not my best. Certainly not as well as I did in practice (isn't this always the case). But afterwards people clapped. They gushed with encouragement after the service. "That was so good." "Absolutely beautiful!" "How long have you been playing?" The people who made up the church that day were full of gratitude and love. Any mistakes I made, they either didn't hear or didn't focus on.

Unlike Elvis Presley and Katy Perry I didn't go on to a professional career in music, but the encouragement, forgiveness and love shown to me in church did lead me – to be a pastor. The church is where I got my start – just like Elvis and Katy.

In this edition:

- Message from Pastor Stange
- July/August Calendar
- Upcoming Events
- And much more!

Deadline for the Sept. newsletter is Aug. 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

Emanuel's stewardship program this year is organized around 3 verbs: *Asking, Thanking, and Telling*. 3 separate teams have been setup with their sole focus on one of these verbs.

(1.) There's an "Ask" Team, whose job is to invite people to use their skills at Emanuel or somewhere else out in the world.

(2.) A "Thank" Team, whose job is to thank people for using and sharing their gifts.

(3.) And a "Tell" Team, whose focus is on telling stories of how people are sharing their talents with the community.

I'm on the "Ask" Team. So, just like someone came to Elvis Presley years ago and asked him to share his gifts at church, I (or someone else on the team) will be coming to you and asking you to share your gifts and talents at Emanuel.

When invited in the next few months, please feel free to say, "No." Our job is NOT to pressure people or make them guilty. Our job on the "Ask" Team is just to invite and make sure people know that they have value and are wanted at Emanuel.

Music is the talent that often gets associated with church. Many famous musicians got their start playing on Sunday mornings. But the church is a place where lots of other talents can be tried out, discovered and honed for future professional careers as well.

counting Sunday offerings -> future accountant
Finance Committee -> future CFO (Chief Financial Officer)
Property Committee jobs -> future carpenter or plumber
Coffee Hour, Smorgasbord -> future chef
reading Bible lessons, preaching the sermon -> future pastor or comedian
Sunday school teacher -> future teacher
Church Council -> future CEO
visiting those who are sick -> future doctor or nurse
helping with the church website -> future web developer
photographing events, sets for Drama Camp -> future artist

Whatever skills God has blessed you with or talents you would like to explore, Emanuel is great **place to get started. Indeed, it's never too late to try something new, and there's no better place to try something new than at church. The church is a place where you can try things, fail at them, and you're still loved and welcomed. Encouragement and forgiveness are in the air.** At Emanuel we are all children of God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ for all eternity, and nothing can change this.

You have been blessed by God with talents. You have value. You have the potential to make this world a better place. I look forward in the coming months to inviting you to share your gifts at Emanuel and in the wider world. You too can get your start at church.

Pastor Todd Stange
pastor@emanuelww.org



Clean-up day was a huge success. A lot of needed work was accomplished!

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.

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

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.

Strawberry Picking for Father's Day shortcake

Sharon Brown, Gwen Andersen,
Clair Leveillee & Lois May
Thank you!



Girls (& kids) Night in Fun!



The Confirmation / Mentor end-of-year Mini-golf Celebration



Sunday school children learning about God's love for them from their teacher Linda Maguire



Drama Camp 2016 put on the play Old Testament Fast Forward



Thank you to Director Jenna Larson, the children and the many helpers. It was a great display of God's love and a lot of fun!



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*Celebrating 130 years
1886-2016*

By now, you should have received your invitation to our very special 130th anniversary celebration. If you did not receive a letter, please see Pastor or any member of the anniversary committee to get a copy. We are reaching out to all current and past members and friends of Emanuel, so if you are in contact with someone who might be interested in attending one of these events, please extend an invitation.

As part of our planning process, we are trying to get an idea of how many people to expect. If you haven't already done so, please return the RSVP form that was included with your letter, or you may email us at 130@emanuelww.org with your response. Tickets for Sunday's dinner are available from Gwen, Diane, Mike & Beth.

We are looking for photographs of Emanuel's past. If you have any that you can share, please send them to 130@emanuelww.org, or you may provide photographs. We can scan them and return your original to you.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Emanuel's 130th Anniversary Committee:

Gwen Andersen, Pam Beck, Sharon Brown, Langdon & Sheila Clough, Diane Gadoury, Mike Gadoury, Beth Groleau

Summer Worship Schedule



One service at 9:15am
June 26th through September 4th

Summer Church Office Hours



Tuesday – Thursday 9AM to 2PM

The church office will be on summer hours from
June 20th though September 8th

Sunday school & Confirmation:

Sunday school & 1st year Confirmation begin on
Sunday **September 11th** – registration 9AM.

2nd & 3rd year Confirmation begin on
Tuesday September 13th at 7PM.

Yard Sale at Emanuel



Saturday July 16th

Hammonasset

New England Youth Gathering

September 9 – 11, 2016



Any Youth in Grades 8 – 12

are eligible

Cost \$55

If You are interested, Sign-up with Marge
\$25 check to reserve your spot
made out to Youth of Emanuel by July 17th

remainder due August 21st

Discovering Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Summer Adult Forum – next Wednesday 7/20



Exploring the life and writings on Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Wednesdays at 7PM July
20th and July 27th

We will be meeting in
Jacobs' Hall.

**MAKE IT
HAPPEN**



**I HEARD THE
BELL ON
CHRISTMAS DAY**

**DEC 25
IT **WILL** RING
AGAIN**

IN THE COMING WEEKS YOU WILL SEE IN OUR NEWSLETTERS, BULLETIN BOARDS AND VIDEO SOME CREATIVE IDEAS ON HOW TO **RING OUR BELL** AGAIN THESE IDEAS WILL BENEFIT YOU AND IS NOT JUST A DONATION AS WELL AS RING OUR BELL.

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME FORM TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN THIS YEAR. WE NEED TO RAISE THE FUNDS BY THE FALL TO COMPLETE PROJECT THIS YEAR.

OUR FIRST CREATIVE IDEA IS A **STEAK FRY ON JULY 30TH** . AS YOU MAY GO OUT TO EAT FROM TIME TO TIME PLEASE CONSIDER THE STEAK FRY AT EMANUEL.

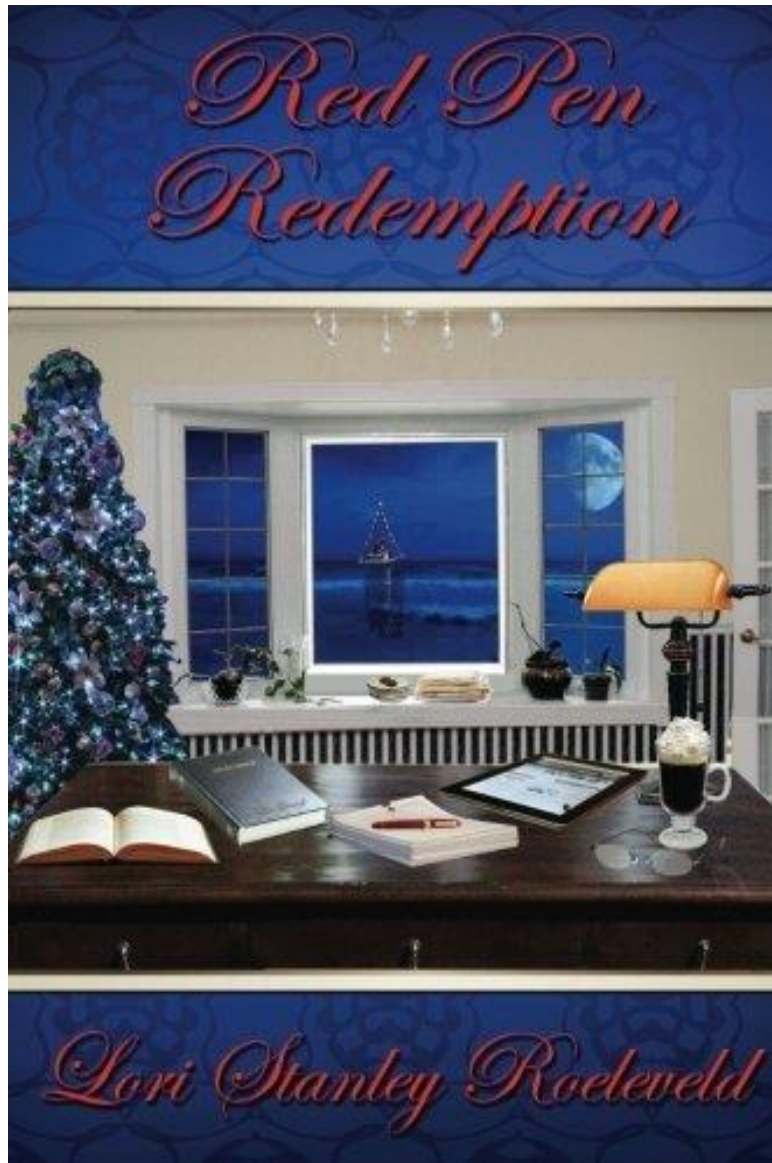
WE WILL ALSO BE OFFERING A NUMBER OF CUSTOM MADE PRODUCTS FOR YOUR HOME. CUSTOM MADE PRODUCTS YOU WONT FIND IN ANY STORES THAT ENHANCE YOUR HOMELIFE.

YOU WILL ALSO SEE SOME ARTICLES ON CHURCH BELLS AND WHY THEY WERE IMPORTANT. OUR FIRST ARTICLE WILL BE CO-AUTHORED BY RAY GAUVIN AND MYRON GADOURY.

EMANUEL LUTHERAN PROPERTY COMMITTEE

LET'S LET EMANUEL RING AGAIN

Readers of Emanuel



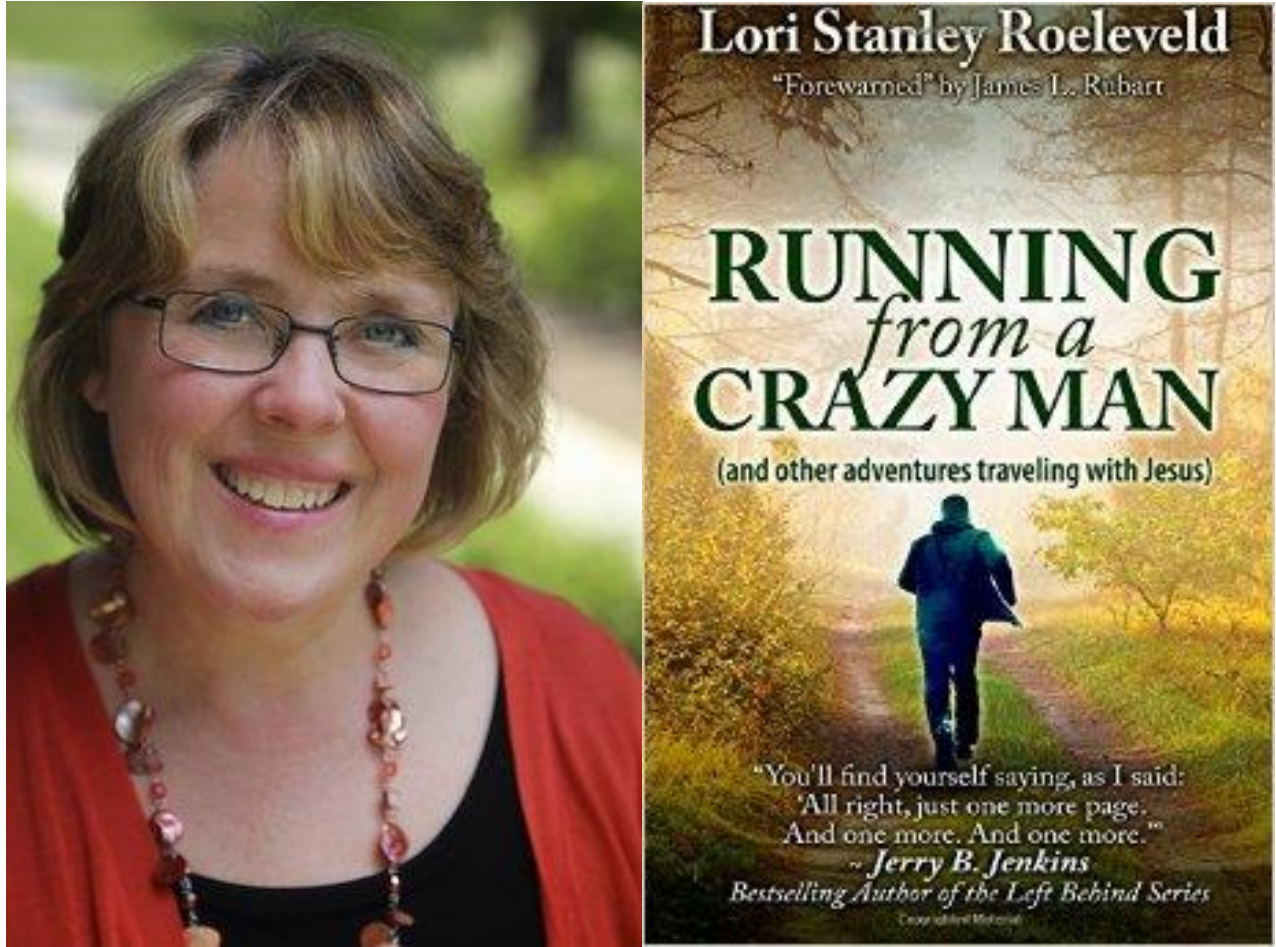
Date: July 17th

Time: After church - Jacobs Hall

Book: Red Pen Redemption by Lori Stanley Roeleveld

It appears to be Christmas in July.

Author Lori Roeleveld will be visiting Emanuel



Thursday July 21st at 6PM

Lori is a Rhode Island native and the 2015 winner of the Christian Non-fiction's Director Choice Award for her book "Running from a Crazy Man."

She will be joining us on Thursday July 21st at 6PM to discuss her book, life, and God.

Please join us. All are welcome.



**Its at EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
9 NEW LONDON AVE WEST WARWICK, RI**

STEAK FRY

JULY 30TH @ 5PM

COME JOIN US FOR GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

- 16 OUNCE STEAK COOKED OVER WOOD FIRED GRILL**
- POTATOE, VEGETABLE, BREAD, DESSERT, COFFEE, SOFT DRINKS**

COST \$20.00 PER PERSON

For tickets see Myron Gadoury, Michael Gadoury, Walter Phaneuf., Kathy Plante, Jack Gibbs, or Phil Malouin

All proceeds to benefit the repair of our Church Bell. We need to raise \$8000.00 to accomplish this. Please help ring our Bell which has rung in the Pawtuxtet Valley for over 125 years.



Emanuel Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes
June 9, 2016

Present: Pastor Todd, Gwen Andersen, Sharon Brown, Carolyn Duprey, Myron Gadoury, Beth Groleau, Disa Johnson, Helen Maine, Lois May, Walter Phaneuf, Kathy Plante, Donna Sennett, Margaret Teehan, and Ken Wieboldt

Absent: Pam Beck (returning from Long Island), Lee Jacobs (away), Bruce Johnson, and Glenn Johnson (away)

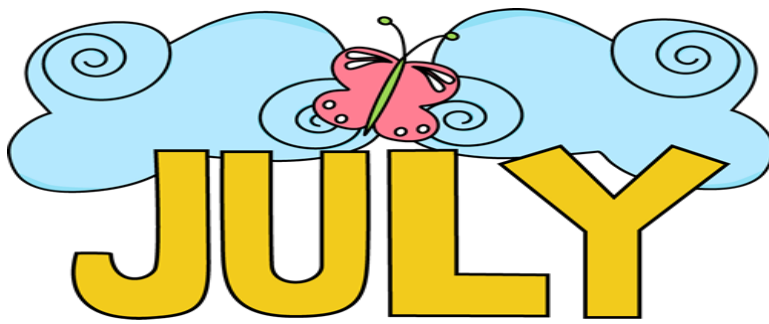
The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

- 1) Opening Devotions and Book Discussion: Real Good Church --- Chapters 3 and 4
Pastor Todd
 - a) Committee meetings once a month at the same time on Sunday mornings, provide brunch, and they keep the nursery open through it.
 - i) Reminds of us about our committee meetings on first Thursdays, when Pastor Todd has to juggle our times so he can attend.
 - ii) When committees stick to that time frame, it means that people can be on only one committee, and reduce the influence that any one person has.
 - b) Conversation led to discussion of the church service with the Sunday School kids.
 - c) Entry points at Emanuel, choir, smorgasbord, bazaar, food pantry, Drama Camp, Tuesday night bazaar group, Ellie's Circle
 - d) Do we talk about growing our church?
 - e) Write a prayer to God about growing Emanuel... we prayed
 - f) Myron raised the issue of people who might come if we could provide transportation so they could get here. Do we need a church van?
- 2) Review, approve May minutes Approved as noted
- 3) Review, approve May budget
 - a) Bob Maine from the Finance Committee attended and noted that when we passed the budget, we said that we would need to have fundraisers to help meet the budget. Fundraisers have not been making up enough of the difference. Bob presented a report that showed offerings in 2016 are not keeping pace with our budget.
 - b) We need to keep an eye on the budget as the year progresses.
 - c) Note that we were in worse shape last year. So far this year all our bills are paid and we have not had to borrow any money from our savings. We need to be aware of where we are.
 - d) Kathy asked why we still have a mortgage; Bob and Council Members explained that we refinanced in 2012 (amount - \$215,000; interest rate – 3.375% per annum; term – 10 years) in order to pay for a new heating system.
 - e) Question about committee spending beyond its budget. We need to make sure that every committee chair knows what the Constitution and By-laws require when overspending seems necessary.
- 4) Maintenance budget discussion
 - a) Unexpected things come up and need to be fixed – like they did this week --- cracked


- window, problem with the alarm system which we think will deplete the property budget.
- b) Discussion about what Day Care pays for and what Emanuel pays for.
 - i) Myron says that that they pay if they want something new or changed when it is working. All repairs come out of church budget.
 - ii) They will replace bathroom stalls because they want new ones, when the old ones could be repaired.
 - iii) Carol gets the itemized bill from Home Depot.
 - c) Resolution: Talk to **Carol Johnson** when she gets home, and then arrange for the meetings with Joyful that we suggested doing when we were at Canonicus.
 - d) There are 25 building violations in Joyful now.
 - e) Pastor Todd summarized the situation about our being landlords and Joyful being one of our ministries; and we both are in financial stress, so we need to work together. **Ken, Myron, Bob, Carol, and Pastor will get together to gather the information we need to bring to the discussion. They will meet after this meeting to set a date and report progress at the July Council meeting.**
 - f) **Disa made a motion: Request that the Council let Myron work directly with Joyful, to fix the discrepancies and allow Joyful to pay for those repairs so that they can renew their license. The application is due now. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - g) We need more money as a stopgap measure to fix the things that have come up recently: Motion to move the \$1000 we received from Gale Lucier's 40th anniversary at Centerville Bank into the property line. Moved, seconded, and approved.
 - (1) Donna Sennett will do a fundraiser like a giving tree to buy supplies and publicize it in 2 weeks. (People can also give Home Depot gift cards, or give donations in marked envelopes and put them in the church collection plate.)
 - h) Daycare wants to put up a permanent structure to cover the nursery play area to replace the temporary tents they use now.
 - i) They would pay for it.
 - ii) Will it raise our taxes?
 - iii) Motion made, seconded and approved to allow Joyful and Myron to continue the planning and implementation.
- 5) Office hours: Switch to 9:00 am to 1:00 pm., summer hours 9-2
 - a) Kym would like to switch her hours to help with her son. 9-2 Tu-Th summer and then fall 9-1 M-Th. (Would be one hour less per week.) Moved, seconded, approved.
 - 6) Drama Camp: Beth reported on what is planned to date.
 - 7) Retreat Follow-up: go through the to-do's
 - a) Advertise the website --- website is not complete, so advertise it when it is done ---
Pastor
 - 8) Reminder: Retreat Payment is due.
 - 9) Other: Report about 130th Anniversary (Gwen)

Next meeting: July 14

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:56.



2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday A.M. Schedule: 9:15 Service of Holy Communion</p>					<p>1 DRAMA CAMP 8:30-12:30 <i>Drama Camp Performance 7pm</i></p>	2
3	<p>4  7pm ALNON</p>	<p>5 10am El- lie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir</p>	<p>6 Bonhoeffer Adult Forum 7PM</p>	<p>7 <i>Committee Meeting 7pm</i></p>	8	9
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<p>24 31</p>	<p>25 7pm ALNON</p>	<p>26 10am El- lie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir</p>	<p>27 Bonhoeffer Adult Forum 7PM</p>	28	29	<p>30 5PM Steak Fry</p>

AUGUST



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