



Emanuel Lutheran Church

September 2016

9 New London Avenue
West Warwick, RI 02893
401-821-8888

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***

130 Years of Emanuel

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been at Emanuel a little over 9 years now, and have presided over 9 Christmas Eve services and 9 Easter Sundays. But long before I came around, people were gathering at our white church on the hill in West Warwick.

When I'm alone in the church during the week, I sometimes think about all that has taken place at Emanuel over the years – in this space. I think of the baptisms, the confirmations (all those teenagers who have awkwardly come forward and confirmed their faith), the weddings and the funerals. I think of all the people who came with their joys, with their struggles and sat in the same pews we sit in today, who came and worshipped – right where we still worship today.

The writer of Hebrews talks about being "surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses." This is true for us at Emanuel too. When we gather for worship, we are not alone. Those who have come before us still shape and support us as we continue the work God started 130 years ago at Emanuel.

Emanuel means "God with us", and it is with God that many lives have been touched through the years at Emanuel:

- through Sunday school and confirmation classes
- through ski trips, and bowling, and miniature golf outings
- through Joyful Noise, which began 35 years ago as a ministry and has nurtured thousands of children over the years
- through the Matthew XXV House, which Emanuel helped build with other Lutheran congregations during the 1970's and has for decades provided affordable, low-income housing in Warwick

In this edition:

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

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Thank you! -Mike Gadoury

- through the Wrap-a-Friend coat give away, Emanuel gave away over 25,000 coats in the first decade of this century helping many to keep warm
- through Ellie's Circle, the sick have been helped since the 1960's, first by making cancer bandages and more recently by making blankets for children at HASBRO
- through Thanksgiving Baskets and our weekly food pantry, Emanuel has been helping to feed the hungry for many years
- And there have also been countless Smorgasbords, pot-luck dinners, coffee-hours, Christmas Giving Tree gifts, and families adopted and helped

And all this doesn't take into account all the people we touch in our day-to-day lives.

Over the last 130 years there have been over 6,760 Sundays with an average of 75 to 125 people per service. That's over half a million worshippers at Emanuel. Granted many of the same people come each week, but over the years thousands of people have passed through Emanuel's doors, thousands of people have been fed by God's word and at the Lord's table – and then were sent out into the world to share the grace and love they received with family members, friends and strangers. Emanuel's impact has been wide and deep. It has rippled out across Rhode Island and the world.

Emanuel, of course, is part of a larger history, one that goes back some 2,000 years ago to Jesus – when he came with a message of forgiveness and God's love for all, especially to those who rarely hear it. In Jesus, God's kingdom broke into the world, and today it continues to come into the world – in our day-to-day acts of grace and love – God is made known.

May God bless Emanuel and continue to work through you for many years to come.

Pastor Todd Stange
pastor@emanuelww.org



Congratulations!

to Lisa & William Beaudreau

**Married at Emanuel
 September 3, 2016**

Emanuel's church bell will be repaired in the coming weeks.

The work is going to cost approx. \$9,750.
So, far we have raised approx. \$3,000.

If you would like to help with this restoration effort and make a financial donation, please either place it in the offering plate on Sunday with a note

OR mail a check to the church office:

9 New London Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893

Thank you!



Emanuel Supports Calumet, Ali Thayer & dog Darwin

This year Camp Calumet has 5 teams of 12 runners (60 in total) in the 200 mile relay race from Cannon Mountain to Hampton Beach in New Hampshire. This is Calumet's biggest fundraiser for the scholarships it gives out to kids who cannot afford camp.

Emanuel is supporting one of Calumet's runners - Allison Thayer. Ali is a member of Immanuel Lutheran in Attleboro, MA. We will be supporting her with prayers and Calumet with financial support.

A special coffee hour will be held in support of Calumet and Ali on Sunday October 30th. Donations will be collected then for all who wish to help.

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.

New Adult Forum



What exactly is the Bible? Who wrote it? Who decided what was in it? Why do we give it authority?

Over 6 Wednesday evenings this fall we will explore these questions and more in a Bible study developed by the Massachusetts Bible Society.

Wednesdays 7 to 8:30pm
9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2
in Jacobs' Hall

Whether you know nothing about the Bible or read it daily – you will get something out this forum

Retire Wisely

Will you have enough to retire? Will your retirement income last? Are your assets protected? Join us for Retire Wisely



A Thrivent Financial Event at **12pm** on **September 22, 2016** at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 9 New London Ave, West Warwick.

Lunch will be provided by Thrivent, donations to the Emanuel Food Pantry will be accepted.

Thrivent Financial representative Sarah Willey Groleau, FIC will share how to manage six risks all retirees face:

outliving income, inflation, unpredictable events, market volatility, income taxes and rising health care costs.

You must register to attend by September 19th.
Please **RSVP** by signing up on the bulletin board or
call Helen Maine at [401-464-1011](tel:401-464-1011).

Thank you

Linda Sami & Lori Roeleveld

Lori Roeleveld visited Emanuel in July. Lori is a RI author who has written several books including "Running from a Crazy Man," which won the 2015 Christian Non-fiction's Director Choice Award.





Please consider bringing in a non-perishable item to help support our Food Cupboard. Donations can also be made in the Penny's for Pantry box in coat closet or put in the offering plate in a separate envelope labeled food pantry. We provide a bag of food to as many as 20 families each

week. Each family receives about \$15.00 worth of food consisting of a balanced food group for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

We need the below listed items:

Hot or cold cereal, Pancake mix and syrup
Instant Potatoes, Rice, Mac n cheese, scalloped potatoes,
Canned fruit, Tuna, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Baked Beans
Soups, Canned Pasta, Beef stew, Ravioli, Chilli
Pasta Sauce, Macaroni, Spaghetti

It is good to be a Christian and know it
But it is better to be a Christian and show it.

Be part of our 130th Anniversary Edition
of the Emanuel Lutheran Church Directory

Directory Picture sign up will be every Sunday after service in Fellowship Hall.

You will receive a FREE 8 x 10 if you have your picture taken.

- We will add your family to our picture board in back of the hall to depict our membership*

- We will have your updated mailing address and phone/email*

You will be included in our new directory as part of the Emanuel Family

Thank you



Worship Service time Change:

Sunday **September 11th**
just one service
at 10:30AM celebrating
130th anniversary



Monday – Thursday

Sunday **September 18th**
regular Worship Service times
return
8AM & 10:30AM



Senior Live Laugh & Learn

The next luncheon will be held:

September 14, 2016

12:30 Noon to 2:30 PM

Sunday school begins on
Sunday **September 11th**
registration 9AM.

2nd & 3rd year Confi mation begins on
Tuesday September 13th at 7PM.

1st year Confi mation begins on

The Crow's Nest 288 Arnold's Neck Drive, Warwick, RI

Es mated cost \$10 to \$20

Please sign the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan to
attend. I need to give the restaurant a count.

For last minute decision, call Helen Maine at

Home: 401-397-3566

Cell: 401-464-1011

Email: helenmaine@gmail.com



Readers of Emanuel

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September's book is *The Uninvited* by Lysa TerKeurst

Date: September 25, 2016

Time: After 2nd Service ~12pm

Where: Jacobs' Hall

Book Description:

The enemy wants us to feel rejected . . . left out, lonely, and less than. When we allow him to speak lies through our rejection, he pickpockets our purpose. Cripples our courage. Dismantles our dreams. And blinds us to the beauty of Christ's powerful love.

In *Uninvited*, Lysa shares her own deeply personal experiences with rejection—from the incredibly painful childhood abandonment by her father to the perceived judgment of the perfectly toned woman one elliptical over.

With biblical depth, gut-honest vulnerability, and refreshing wit, Lysa helps readers:

Release the desire to fall apart or control the actions of others by embracing God-honoring ways to process their hurt.

Know exactly what to pray for the next ten days to steady their soul and restore their confidence.

Overcome the two core fears that feed our insecurities by understanding the secret of belonging.

Stop feeling left out and start believing that "set apart" does not mean "set aside."

End the cycle of perceived rejection by refusing to turn a small incident into a full blown issue.

All are welcome!



Emanuel Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
July 14, 2016

Agenda 7:00 PM

Present: Gwen Andersen, Pam Beck, Carolyn Duprey, Myron Gadoury, Beth Groleau, Lee Jacobs, Bruce Johnson, Disa Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Helen Maine, Walter Phaneuf, Kathy Plante, Donna Sennett, Margaret Teehan, and Ken Wieboldt

Absent: Pastor Todd (vacation), Sharon Brown (vacation)

Gwen Andersen reported that Lois May told Pastor Todd on Sunday that she was resigning from Council.

Guest: Bob Maine, from Finance Committee and the Committee that met with Joyful Noise

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

- I. Opening Devotions Lee
 - A. A reading from John (outreach)
 - B. Reading Chapter 5 and 6 Real Good Church (see handout)
 - C. What outreach organizations does/did Emanuel support?
 1. Coat Drive
 2. Joyful Noise
 3. Boy Scouts
 4. Share Program
 5. Food Pantry. Amos House, Gloria Day
 6. Giving Tree
 7. Al Anon (AA)
 8. Support for Seminarians
 9. Sharing the building
 10. Teen Challenge
 11. Camp Calumet
 12. Clothes and Shoes to Boy Scouts

13. Ellie's Circle's Linus Programs (quilts for Hasbro Hospital)
14. Soup Kitchen with other churches
15. Drama Camp
16. Iglesia Luterana
17. Holiday Baskets
18. School of Lay Ministry
19. Mobile Food for the Homeless
20. Smorgasbord and Bazaar
21. Lutheran Social Services (new name = Ascentria Care Alliance)
22. Interfaith Counseling Center
23. St. Therese's Old Catholic church
24. Community Service for Students and Others
25. Adoption of Vietnamese Family
26. Food for _____?
27. Sponsored family from Liberia
28. Lutheran Social Services
29. New England Synod

D. What did we think about First Somerville Church's giving more and more money to outreach even though they were running a deficit?

E. Where is the Action in West Warwick? How do people from Emanuel get involved?

1. What are the needs of individuals?
2. St. Patrick's Day Parade, Tree Lighting, Summer Concert Series at the Gazebo, The Portuguese LaLa
3. Station Fire Memorial

F. What are Emanuel's Signature Events?

1. Smorgasbord
2. Drama Camp

3. Joyful Noise

G. How can we serve needs of people who are at Joyful or the Food Pantry better?

1. Maybe ask some Food Pantry people to help with things there?
2. Maybe organize a Welcome Wagon program for the community?

II. Review, approve June minutes Done

III. Review, approve June budget Done

IV. Joyful Noise - Change of funding responsibility for property repairs

Bob, Ken, Myron, Todd met with Joyful about who pays for property related repairs: Came up with the goal of sharing expenses for the Joyful Noise area 50-50 for routine maintenance due to normal wear and tear. Adrienne said they were okay with handling repairs this way. IF Joyful Noise wants to make improvements to the property, then they should pay 100% of the cost. Snowplowing is 50-50 now.

Discussion: There will be no \$\$ left in the Property budget now if the cost for the sewer pump comes out of the maintenance budget. Maybe, since we don't use that area, Joyful should pay for more of things in that area? (Note that when Joyful was paying for everything, their income was over a million dollars. Federal funds have been cut drastically.)

Motion to move to 50-50 for maintenance and repairs and monitor the process to the end of the year and see **where we are. Start this tomorrow.** If Joyful damages something or the state requires so that Joyful can stay open, they pay 100%. **Approved**

V. Property Budget

A. Discussion about sewage pump and how to pay for it and other expenses to the end of this year because the Property Committee's budget has been totally expended already --- memorial fund, building reserve, fund, giving tree, ask people to make a special donation to cover the pump and boiler that were unexpected expenses., Check with Carol to see if the money that was not used to repair the drain last year is somewhere in savings.

B. Make the Congregation aware of the unexpected expenses this year, and ask if anyone could make a special donation to help cover the **unexpected repairs (the boiler repairs, sewage pump replacement, and other maintenance costs for the year are expected to total about \$8000).** A suggestion was made to take \$1000 from snowplowing, and \$2000 from the Building Reserve Fund, for now. **Helen Maine** will make the announcement in church on July17.

VI. Drama Camp --- successful

VII. Function Forms--- Thanks, Myron

VIII. Children in Church ---

A. Children standing in pews can be distracting to other worshippers and might fall.

B. When parents allow children to leave the sanctuary and wander unsupervised in the building, they might be in danger. First of all, we don't know whether there might be someone in the building or garden who might hurt the children. Then, children sometimes do things that put them at risk by the things they do like jumping on furniture, jumping off the retaining walls in the garden, and similar things.

Beth Groleau will write a brief insert to go in church bulletins for the next few weeks.

IX. Other: Gwen asked all Council members to return their forms to the 130th Anniversary Committee ASAP.

Next meeting August 11

The meeting adjourned about 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Groleau, Council Secretary



2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sunday A.M. Schedule:</p> <p>8:00 Service of Holy Communion 9:15 Choir, First Year Confirmation, Sunday School 10:30 Service of Holy Communion</p>				1	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6 10am <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	7	8	9	10 <i>130th Anniversary Church Picnic</i>
11 Regular Sunday Schedule Begins First Day of Sunday School 130th Anniversary Celebration Dinner	12 7pm ALNON	13 10am <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar 7pm 2nd/3rd yr confirmation 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	14 Senior Live Laugh & Learn 12:30-2:30 PM Crow's Nest	15 Mustard Seed 6:30 Church Directory	16 Church Directory	17 Church Directory
18	19 7pm ALNON	20 10am <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	21	22 Meetiing 11:30-2:30 <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>	23	24 Private Party (12-5)
25	26 7pm ALNON	27 10am <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar 7pm 2nd/3rd yr confirmation 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	28	29	30	