



Emanuel Lutheran Church

October 2016

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Pastor Todd Stange

Celebrating Our 131st 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***

The Power of "Thank You"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have in our possession a great power that often goes unused. The power of saying, "Thank you."

Last year I had the pleasure of hearing Bishop Hazelwood speak to a group of us pastors. He told us a story about how St. Andrew received a \$127,000 gift unexpectedly a number of years ago. They were contacted by a lawyer handling the estate of a man who had recently died. St. Andrew was designated as a beneficiary in the man's last will and testimony.

Years ago in the early 90's the church had received a \$10 check in the mail from him. The man had heard about one of St. Andrew's ministries and wanted to support it. Bishop Hazelwood wrote a little thank you note and sent it off in the mail. Periodically over the years they had received similar checks, and each time a little hand written thank you note would be sent in reply. Bishop Hazelwood said he's not sure if he ever met the man, or if the man ever came to St. Andrew, and yet the man must have felt a connection to the church and felt good to be a part of it through his giving.

When I was a little kid and wanted something, my mother would sometimes ask, "What's the magic word?" "Please" was the word she taught me to say, and it was magic. Often when I wanted something and said, "please" I would get it. But then she taught me a couple of other magic words – "thank you." Saying "thank you" has the power to make people happy. It lets them know they are appreciated. It lets them know that they have stirred happiness in you. It has the power to strengthen the connection between you and the other person.

A few years ago I went out with a friend from Massachusetts that I hadn't seen in a while. We played tennis, which is something we used to do years ago, then got a bite to eat. The next morning I received an email from him saying simply, "Good time last night. I enjoyed it. Thank you." It was nothing really, just a short email – and yet it made me feel good and brightened my day.

In this edition:

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

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Thank you! -Mike Gadoury

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All of us have this power – to say "thank you", to make people feel happy, to make connections with people and draw them and us into something bigger than ourselves. As the writer of Colossians says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

The Mustard Team and I are going to exercise this power and say "thank you" to the people of Emanuel. You are all invited to a special **Thank You Lunch** on **Sunday October 23rd at 12pm**. We want to thank you for all you've done this past year in our lives together as a congregation: sharing your energy, compassion and humor, singing, teaching, bringing your children, reading, counting, accounting, leading, painting, scrubbing, learning, cooking and just being you. Thank you.

Pastor Todd Stange
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This Saturday!

Sunday school Pasta Dinner

Saturday October 15th

Serving 5pm to 6:30pm

Gluten & Gluten Free

Please come and support
the Sunday School .

***We are looking for dessert
donations.***

If you're able to help, please contact
Sue Meriano at 401-821-5154.

Thank you,

The Sunday School Staff



Sons of Norway - Musical Concert

at Emanuel

Friday October 28th at 4PM



**Get your
Norwegian on!
All are invited.**



Emanuel Supports Calumet, Ali Thayer & dog Darwin

This year Camp Calumet had 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.

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday November 12, 2016

9am-4pm

“Let the little children come...”

Matthew 19:14



Children's sermon

3rd Year Confirmation Fun



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.

Name Tags at Emanuel



Strengthen relationships, make friends.

Name tags are for everyone.

If you don't have one, take an index card found in the pews, write your name on it and the names of others you'd like to have a name tag, then place it in the offering plate. Your name tag(s) will be waiting for you the next week in church.

**The name tags are made with magnets.
They are fun to play with and leave no holes.**

**Once you have your name tag, please wear it.
Notice the difference!**

If you'd like to help with the \$3.00 per Tag cost, you can place a contribution marked "Name Tags" in the Offering plate.

Thank you!

2016 Emanuel Church Picnic Cornhole Finalists

Runner Ups: Marge & Carolyn
Champions: Carl & Heather



Emanuel's 130th Anniversary Celebration September 10th & 11th 2016



130th Anniversary ~ Afterthoughts

Pr. Daniel J. Carlson

Here are a couple of items I might have shared during the dinner on 9/11 but, for reasons not clear, they went unspoken.

The first: why this pastor wore a green stole during worship when the others who were liturgically clad wore red. Well, it was the only stole brought north from Florida for the summer. And although Pr. Stange offered me a red alternative, I stuck to the green because, as I said to my colleagues, (1) Faith made it and (2) the green symbolized the growth I experienced while living the opportunity given me 1965-71 by the call from and graciousness of Emanuel's people.

The second: my favorite John Carlson story. Besides the coincidence of Pr. John's first call having been in my home church, serving as an associate to my Confirmation pastor and sponsor at my ordination (Pr. Paul Westerberg, First Lutheran Church, Jamestown, NY), here's the story.

In the early 1980s, Faith was one of Calumet's summertime nurses. On a morning during one of those four summers when I was visiting, Bert Carlson, then the husband of Barbara Carlson, was also at Calumet – he did a lot of volunteer work there – and it was necessary that he be taken to the hospital in Wolfeboro. I accompanied him. Once Bert was admitted to the ER, I identified myself to the receptionist at the front desk. When asked about my relationship to the patient, I replied, “No, I am not related to Bert.” Then I sat down in a far corner of the nearly empty waiting room.

Meanwhile, Pr. John had arrived at Calumet where he was to leave his son, Erik. Being told of Bert's location, he immediately drove to the hospital. I saw him as he approached the front desk, although he did not see me. This was the ensuing exchange: *Pr. John* ~ “Is Bert Carlson here?” *Receptionist* ~ “Yes, he's back there being tended to. Who are you?” *Pr. John* ~ “John Carlson.” *Receptionist* ~ “Any relation to Mr. Carlson?” *Pr. John* ~ “No.” *Receptionist* pointing to me ~ “What about that fellow over there?” *Pr. John* ~ “No, I'm not related to him either. We're all from Calumet.” *Receptionist* ~ “What kind of a camp is that over there anyway?” Not surprisingly, a conversation remembered.

As we know, Calumet is a shining example of the church's outdoor ministry for children, youth and adults, faithfully influencing lives in the context of the biblical mandates of love and justice. And isn't that a worthy description of Emanuel Church's ministry and influence during the past thirteen decades as well?

Here is a link to the video slideshow that was shown at the anniversary dinner on Sunday. It showcases just some of Emanuel's history through members, events and outreach: <https://youtu.be/bnLyVkNAYN8>

A video recording was made of Sunday's special worship and will be made available in the near future along with a second slideshow of the anniversary events. If you have any pictures you'd like us to include, please send them to 130@emanuelww.org.

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

Drivers Needed

Occasionally there are people at Emanuel who need a ride to a doctor's appointment. We are putting together a list of people who are willing (*when they are available*) to give rides.

Please let Pastor Todd know if you would like to be on this list. Thank you.



pastor@emanuelww.org

Have you ever heard of Emanuel Lutheran Church in West Warwick?



We will be taking a survey of West Warwick residents to get their impressions of Emanuel.

(1.) Have you ever heard of Emanuel Lutheran Church in West Warwick?

(2.) If so, do you have a negative impression, positive impression or neutral impression of Emanuel?

(3.) Have you ever been to Emanuel in West Warwick?

... etc.

We will be going to several locations in West Warwick and asking people to take a 30 second survey on Saturday October 15th 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Please let Pastor Todd (pastor@emanuelww.org) know if you would like to help give the survey OR just come to the church this Saturday 10/15 at 11:30am. Thank you.

Our goal is that everyone will know who Emanuel Lutheran Church is, what we do and what we stand for.



JELLY MAKING CLASS

OCTOBER 22, 2016

12 NOON TO 5PM

Lunch Provided

We will make an assortment of Jelly's and Jams and teach the art of canning your foods.

Learn to make Jelly's at a fraction of the cost of buying them utilizing the fruits when they are in season and cheapest, from your own gardens, or wild berry's you pick for free.

In making them yourselves you can get the taste and texture that you like best and not settle for the over sweetened solid products in the stores.

Learn the tricks of the trade.

All will take home a variety of the Jelly's we make.

Featuring my Best Orange Marmalade

Cost \$20.00 per person – Includes all supplies

All Proceeds to benefit Emanuel's Bell Repair

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Council Agenda and Minutes

September 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Present: Gwen Andersen, Pam Beck, Sharon Brown, Carolyn Duprey, Myron Gadoury, Beth Groleau, Lee Jacobs, Bruce Johnson, Disa Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Helen Maine, Walter Phaneuf, Kathy Plante, Pastor Todd, and Ken Wieboldt.

Absent: Donna Sennett (recovering from surgery), Margaret Teehan (having the baby)

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

1. Opening devotions: Read Chapter 8 of *Really Good Church* "Opening and Affirming"
 - a. Is Emanuel a welcoming church?
 - b. Is Emanuel a welcoming church to LGBTQ?
 - c. Do you think the people on Leaf Street who drive by know whether Emanuel is welcoming to LGBTQ people?

Summary of discussion:

- We hope to have conversations about what it means to be a "Reconciling in Christ Church," and where Emanuel might go from there. We wondered about putting up a Rainbow Flag to let the community know that LGBTQ people are welcome at Emanuel. We will pray about that idea, think about it, and talk to people about it, and revisit that idea in a couple of months.
 - Council members will invite people who are strangers to visit our church and give us feedback about whether they feel welcome, and perhaps what made them feel the way they do.
- d. Pastor read from Galatians 3: 28 " There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
 - e. Devotions closed with prayer.

2. Review and Approve August Minutes

Approved

3. Review and Approve August Treasurer's report

Approved as corrected

- a. Glenn called Carol about one of the fund-raising reports, and she found the error, corrected it, and e-mailed the corrected page for Beth to send out to the Council.
- b. Note that some people have not been able to fulfill their pledges to date, so the Finance Committee will ask Pastor Todd to reach out, see whether there is a problem, and see if we might be able to help them through a rough time, perhaps.

4. 130th Anniversary Celebrations: Almost there; “good job!” to the committee!
 - a. Gwen gave a quick report about how many people we expect at the banquet (136). We have a lot of work to do this weekend, but we think things will go well.
 - b. Glenn asked the Council to all help clean up after the picnic on Saturday to make sure that the church is clean for Sunday. Myron has not been able to get any custodians to work that night.
 - c. On Sunday, we should encourage people who are going to the banquet to leave church by 12:30 so they can get to Meadowbrook while they are serving appetizers from 1-2 and we can buy beverages of our choice. The dinner starts at 2.
5. Retreat goals --- Where are we?
 - a. Advertise Emanuel’s website - **Pastor Todd** is still working on it getting the web site ready before we advertise it.
 - b. Bulletin Inserts to tell more about upcoming events so people can anticipate them and put them on their calendars. Note that some people do not use computers still. Sometimes there isn’t room to put everything on the printed bulletin. **Gwen** will prepare the information and give it to Kym in the church office.
 - c. Pamphlet for visitors – **Margaret and Pastor** have worked on this, but since Margaret is having her baby now, they will need at least until October to have it ready.
 - d. Survey of West Warwick residents’ awareness of Emanuel – A 5-question survey was put out on Survey Monkey, but Pastor Todd thinks that it might be more effective in person.
 - i. Council members volunteered to go out in pairs to stand outside local establishments in West Warwick to ask passersby the 5 questions. Lee suggested getting more volunteers and then holding a meeting to talk about how to do the job and discussing timing and details. Pastor would call ahead to ask permission of the owners to have our people do the surveys on their property. So far the list of volunteers is: **Pam Beck, Sharon Brown, Glenn Johnson, Lee Jacobs**. Someone suggested asking Dan McCarthy and asking for more volunteers.
 - e. Educational Workshop on Financial end of life items – the first of what we hope will become a series will be held from 12-2 on September 22. 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.
 - f. Spring Cleanup Day at Emanuel. This is complete. Myron organized this at the end of June.
6. “Rock the City” on September 17 organized by New Life Church
 - a. A Neighborhood Block Party being held from 11-2 at Veterans Field in West Warwick. For more information ask Pastor Todd.
7. Approval of Sunday School and Confirmation Teachers Approved

- a. Sunday School: Superintendent – Sue Meriano; Pre-school -Shannon Shabek and Tyler Hayes; kindergarten & 1st grade - Pat Winarski; 2nd grade & 3rd grade - Sue Meriano; 4th-6th grade - Linda Maguire; Sub - Mike Meriano
 - b. Possible teen helpers for Sunday School to ask: Emily Chabot, Emily Phillips, Hannah McGuirk, Victoria Andersen
 - c. Confirmation: First year – Ray Nunez and Brenda Morgan; Second year – Marge LeBeau and Linda Sami; Third year- Pastor Todd and Beth Groleau
8. Approval of Function Forms Approved with some clarification needed on some
- a. Sunday School Pasta Dinner date changed to October 15
 - b. October 14 – Bazaar Workshop “Night Out”
 - c. October 22 – Jelly making class by Myron Gadoury (**Thrivent Action Team**) to raise money for the bell repair
 - d. October 28 at 4 p.m. Concert for Sons and Daughters of Norway ---need piano moved to Fellowship Hall ---- **Pastor** will check to see whether the concert could be in the sanctuary and if it is open to the public.
 - e. October 30 – Special Coffee Hour to raise money for Camp Calumet to sponsor one of the runners – Ali Thayer. The race is September 16-17. This special coffee hour will be after the race. (We were too busy to do it before she ran in the “Reach the Beach Fundraiser.) **Bruce Johnson** will write a **Thrivent Action Team** to support that effort.
 - f. November 11-13 Christmas Bazaar (Set up Friday, Sale Saturday/Sunday)
9. Other things:
- a. Lee let us know that Marion Drew has asked that the Memorial money that came in for Ed Drew be moved from savings to help pay for the repair of Emanuel’s Bell. **Lee** will ask her to put that in writing to **Carol Johnson**.
 - b. **Lee**, as part of the Stewardship Team, a.k.a as the Mustard Seed Group, got approval to proceed with purchasing magnetic name tags for a cost of \$413 for 300 tags. He will get a Thrivent Action Team together to offset the cost, and we will ask families to contribute \$1 to help cover the cost. **Michael Gadoury** will make the data base and print the inserts for us. Once everything is set, we will have a nametag Sunday and then ask everyone to wear a nametag every week to help everyone learn and remember names.
 - c. Gwen reported that the Sanctuary lamp is wearing out and could be a fire hazard and needs to be replaced ASAP. **Bruce Johnson and Pastor Todd** are researching the cost of replacement and the options. In the meantime, **Myron Gadoury and Walter Phaneuf** looked at it after the meeting tonight to see whether they could repair it.

- d. Myron asked for clarification about what we are supposed to charge nonmembers when they hold a fundraiser at Emanuel, noting that members give 1/10th of the profit of fundraisers they hold to the general budget, and designate the rest to a specific cause, church-related or not. Members do not have to tithe (give 1/10th) for events that are not fundraisers. **Nonmembers holding fundraisers pay \$50 for using Emanuel's facilities, but do NOT need to give 1/10th to the church's general budget.**
- e. Property Committee update by Myron: Last Sunday there was a problem with the toilet downstairs in the parsonage, and sewage was spilled on the basement floor. Myron had it repaired. Pipes had to be replaced. The cost was \$616.
- f. Glenn Johnson, on behalf of the Finance Committee, asked Beth Groleau (Congregational Advocate for Thrivent) to check to see if she could find out which members of Emanuel have Thrivent Choice Dollars to allocate, so they can ask people to designate them to Emanuel.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Groleau

Council Secretary



2016

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>Sunday A.M. Schedule:</u> 8:00 Service of Holy Communion 9:15 First Year Confirmation, Sunday School, Choir 10:30 Service of Holy Communion					1
2	3 7pm ALNON	4 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry (10-12) 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	5 BIBLE STUDY 7-8:30PM (Jacobs' Hall)	6 <i>Committee Night 7pm</i>	7	8
9 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/ CONFIRMATION	10  COLUMBUS DAY 7pm ALNON	11 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry (10-12) 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir 7pm Confirmation	12 12:30pm Sr. Live, Laugh & Learn Lunch BIBLE STUDY 7-8:30PM (Jacobs' Hall)	13 7pm Council Meeting	14 	15 5pm Sunday school dinner 
16	17 7pm ALNON	18 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry (10-12) 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	19 BIBLE STUDY 7-8:30PM (Jacobs' Hall)	20 6:30pm Mustard Seed Meeting	21	22  JELLY MAKING CLASS 10AM-6PM
23 Thank You Lunch 12pm	24 7pm ALNON 	25 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry (10-12) 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir 7pm Confirmation	26 BIBLE STUDY 7-8:30PM (Jacobs' Hall)	27	28  Sons of Norway Music Concert 4PM	29  STEAK FRY
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