

A total of 37 people took the survey, most of them at the West Warwick Community Appreciation Day at Riverside Park. Here's a summary of the results:

TOTAL = 37

Heard of Emanuel? YES = 11 (30%) NO = 26 (70%)

Heard of Joyful Noise? YES = 26 (70%) NO = 12 (30 %)

People who heard of Emanuel TOTAL = 11

Impression? Positive = 5 (46%) Neutral 6 (54%) Negative = 0

Welcoming? Yes, knew this = 6 (54%) Didn't know = 5 (46%)

Food Pantry? Yes, knew this = 6 (54%) Didn't know = 5 (46%)

2 of the 11 people had been to Emanuel: one for a baptism, one as a Brownie troop leader.

I'm not sure if this is a large enough or varied enough sample to draw definitive conclusions from, but a few things jump out to me.

First, that not many people in West Warwick know about Emanuel. 70% had never even heard of us. Second, a lot more people have heard of Joyful Noise. Perhaps because they have two locations: Emanuel and Christ the King Church, or maybe because they are open 5 days a week. Whatever the reason, it makes clear that we should try harder to make a connection with Joyful Noise families. And finally, none of the people, who know about Emanuel, have a negative impression of us. This is a good thing – to know us is to love us (*or at least be neutral about us*).

If we want our neighbors to know who we are, what we do, and what we stand for, then we'll need to tell or show people what we are about. We should consider advertising and getting more involved with community events (*like the West Warwick Community Appreciation Day*). We should invite people to come and use our facilities for community events. We should talk more to our friends and neighbors about Emanuel. We should let people know who Emanuel is.

But who are we? Who is Emanuel Lutheran Church? If someone came up to you and asked this, what would you say?

The first time we went out into the community and asked people to take the survey, people asked about Emanuel: where is it? when are services? when is the food pantry open? The next time we went out we were prepared. We brought cards with our address and service times, I also put together a sheet that attempted to answer the question - who are we as a congregation? This is what I wrote:

Who is Emanuel Lutheran Church?

We are a group of people who gather on a hill in the Crompton section of West Warwick each Sunday to worship the God that's revealed in Jesus Christ.

We are sinners. We are also children of God, who are loved and who have been forgiven. This affects how we see the world, how we see others, and how we live our lives. In each person we see a child of God, and we strive to live lives of gratitude.

Each Tuesday from 10AM to 12PM we have a food pantry to help anyone who is in need. We have a sewing circle that meets each Tuesday at this same time, which makes blankets for sick children at HASBRO. Emanuel is a partner of Joyful Noise early learning

center, which has been hosted in our building since 1978. Emanuel is also part of the New England GreenStart program, which means we pay for all our electricity to come from renewable sources like wind, solar, and hydroelectric.

Emanuel is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. We were founded in 1886 by Swedish immigrants, who worked in West Warwick's mills. Until the 1930's worship services were held in Swedish. Since 1943 all services have been in English.

*Emanuel has two worship services on Sundays: 8AM and 10:30AM.
Sunday school begins at 9:15AM.
Choir practice begins at 9:15AM*

All are welcome to sing in the choir, and all are welcome to join us for worship or Sunday school. If you have any questions, please call (401) 821-8888 or email - pastor@emanuelww.org.

Each of us would probably answer this question a little differently - who we are as church together. But however you would answer it, our goal is to share with everyone the love of God we know in Jesus. We are children of God. We are a group of people who "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God." (*Micah 6:8*) Let us use our voices and our actions to make God's love known throughout our neighborhood and the world.

Pastor Todd Stange
pastor@emanuelww.org

Thank you for Returning Your 2017 Time & Talent & Estimate of Giving Forms

If you haven't returned them yet, there's still time. Please put them in the offering plate on Sunday or mail them to the church office.

Thank you.

Emanuel Lutheran Church
9 New London Avenue
West Warwick, RI 02893



Thank you to
Joanne Powers, Gwen
Andersen and the
many, many people
who made this year's
Christmas Bazaar a
great success.
Thank you!



Vegetable & Fruit Thanksgiving Offering



We are looking for fruits and vegetables: squash, pears, car-rots, apples, turnips, cranberries, etc. to fill Emanuel's Thanksgiving cornucopia.

Next Sunday November 20th at the start of worship we will invite thanksgiving offerings for the cornucopia to be brought forward. These vegetables will be given away at our food pantry on Tuesday.

Please consider bringing a vegetable or fruit Thanksgiving offering.

Thank you!



The First Sunday of Advent November 27th

Lori Roeleveld will be our
guest preacher on
Sunday November 27th.

Lori is the author of “Jesus and the Bean
Stalk”, “Running from a Crazy Man” and
“Red Pen Redemption.”

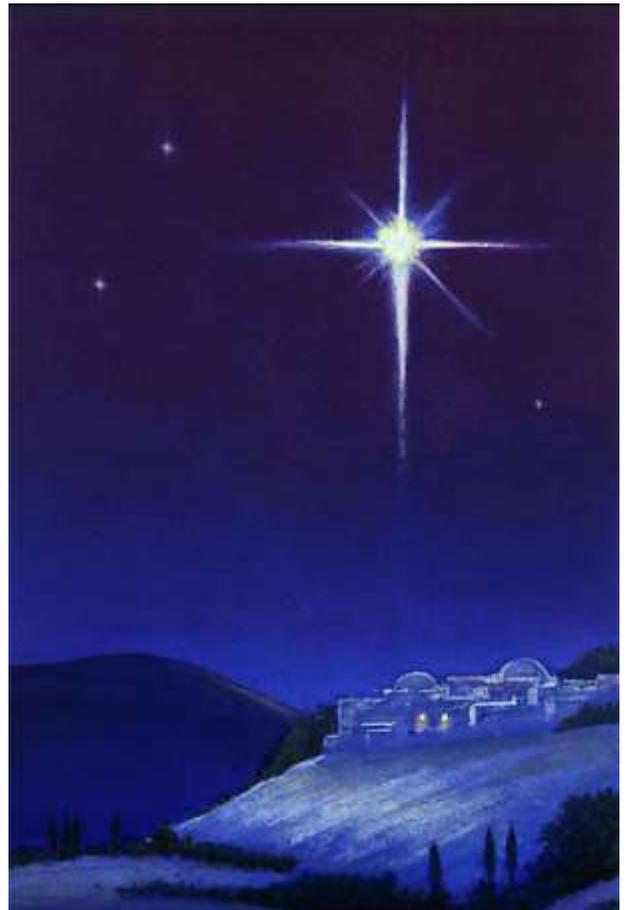
Please join us for this 1st Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Eve Services at Emanuel

**4PM – Service with
Christmas Pageant**

**11PM – Late night
candlelight service**

**Please note –
on Christmas Day
Sunday December 25th there
will just be one service at
10:30AM.**



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

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!



Christmas at Emanuel

Come one, come all...

Music of the season for and
from the people of Emanuel

Sunday November 27th at
3pm

Please save the date for this wonderful kick-off to the Advent season

The Chorus of Kent County

directed by Nicholas Laroche
presents

Comfort and Joy; A Christmas Celebration
featuring the Bell Choir
from Immaculate Conception Parish, Cranston

Performances are
December 3, 7:30pm and December 4, 2:30pm
West Warwick High School Auditorium

Tickets are \$15.00 at the door
or \$12.00 in advance;
children under 10 \$5.00.
For tickets call 401-862-3105.

Bring an unwrapped toy for
The Crazy Christmas Wagon to
benefit local families.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to
start of concert.



FEEDING THE HUNGRY

I have been managing the Food Cupboard at Emanuel since it started for a dozen or so years now. Over the years I as well as others have noticed that most of our Patrons were more needy than hungry. Over the years I have heard many comments towards these people. Some of the comments I have thought about myself.



They have more food than I have as they hit all the food cupboards
They are able to work why don't they buy their food
I wouldn't eat the food we give out
They only take the name brand food so they aren't hungry
They probably sell it and buy alcohol

Now these comments aren't maliciously or hatefully stated. They were just said without thinking about it. Small talk and not in front of our patrons.

This started me to thinking and I wanted to investigate a little. I visited other food cupboards as a requirement of the RI Food Bank application process. Many of these food Banks offer food and have strict requirements. Some you have to make under \$13,000 a year but if you do make under and get assistance from another agency you can't get food there.

With this being said I would like to offer a few stories of some of our patrons without their names. Think about them. There are so many with stories. Even though they look fit they are terribly hurt and broken.

Mrs. X - It is very hard for her to make ends meet. She is a nice lady and looks very able. But you see she suffers from emotional problems which inhibit her from doing things like working. A number of years ago a member of her family with severe depression killed her children in front of her and then shot her in the chest.

Mr. Z - A very nice proud man. Pleasant to talk to and looks very able. What you don't see is a man who at one time worked, but one day at work had a nail shot into his brain limiting what he can do.

Mr. Y - You can tell by talking with him he is educated but he is homeless. A number of vehicle accidents caused head injuries. He was put on heavy medication and became addicted.

Working with Teen Challenge I could tell dozens of stories that they witnessed with me. We need to look beneath the surface or rather not look at all.

I am proud to say at Emanuel's Food Pantry we have NO requirements. Everyone who feels they are in need is able to get food. The poor, needy, and even those who are working, but cant make it that week. EVERYBODY GETS FOOD.

Please continue to support Emanuel's Food Pantry AS THE NEED IS GREAT.

What you do for the least of them you do for me

Myron Gadoury
Sandra Malouin
Beverly Locke



THE RHODE ISLAND SWEDISH HERITAGE ASSOCIATION
POST OFFICE BOX 1023, EAST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND 02818



Saturday, December 10, 4:00 p.m. St. Lucia Fest
at [St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Greenwich, RI.](#)

RISHA is offering a \$500 scholarship for the girl (age 15-22) chosen to portray Lucia. Deadline for the written application for Lucia must be post-marked by December 4. [Click here for details.](#)

Rehearsals begin Friday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Church.

We are seeking other participants to be singing attendants, star boys, and small santas (tomtar). [Please read this](#) for details.

Don't miss this beautiful candlelit program! It will be followed by Swedish refreshments, dancing around the Christmas tree, a visit from jultomte (Swedish Santa) and Scandinavian shopping.

DIRECTORY PICTURES

If you were not able to get your picture for the directory a make up picture can be scheduled at:

- Greenwood Community Church, 805 Main St, Warwick, RI
- Call 401-737 x1230 ask for the coordinator Wayne Maunier and tell them you are from Emanuel Lutheran Church and they will give you Wayne's Contact info.
- Dates are – November 17, 18, 19, 28 and 29th
- Also Contact Myron Gadoury and let me know you have an appointment so I will know to hold the completion of our directory until your photo is taken.

Thank you,
Emanuel Directory Team



EMANUEL'S FOOD CUPBOARD

We are in need of the following food items:



Canned fruit
Mac n Cheese
Rice a Roni
Instant Potatoes
Tuna Fish
Instant Oatmeal
Pasta Sauce

THANK YOU



EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH NEW OUTREACH

We have been asked to help a large group of individuals. They are Senior's living in subsidized housing and many are disabled. 170 residents in total. The Church Council has authorized our food Cupboard to help them via a soup kitchen.

After much research, time, and meetings we will start this in December. The best way to help them and others is to partner with a 501c3 organization called Be The Change. It is located on Brookside Ave. in Artic. They presently provide meals each Sunday to about 50 needy and homeless persons. The seniors I mentioned are on the bus route to this location and have started coming for the meals. It is best that we do this outreach with them as they already have it in place and are located in the ideal location right where the persons in need are and where others can access their meals. They provide a meal each Sunday at supper time as well as offer nonperishable food, toiletries etc.

There is also a Catering truck that provides meals in Artic to those in need. St. John The Baptist Church provides a meal on Tuesdays three times a month. Emanuel will be providing a meal on the Third Tuesday of each month. The Tuesday that St. Johns doesn't.

We need to stop the duplication of effort and work as a team in the community.

HOW IT WORKS

On the third Sunday of the month I am asking that parishioners make food in foil pans, bring to Church on Sunday and store in the refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. I will heat the food and deliver to Be The Change Tuesday afternoon. You can call me at 860-465-7347 Saturdays and let me know what you can provide. This is important as in this way I will know what I need to provide to make sure we have enough. I am also in need of several persons to serve the food on Tuesday night and will need to know if you can attend.

MENU

We will be making a specific menu on the third Tuesday of the month. Bread and butter, Macaroni and meatballs, Beans and Franks , soda, coffee, tea, desert. Paper plates, plastic ware, cups, napkins.

As relayed to me by the staff at Be The Change - it is important to remember when making the desserts that they be soft foods as many of these persons have no teeth or bad teeth, which makes it hard for them to chew, e.g. Cakes, puddings, soft brownies etc. This is also why we have a specific menu to make. They also recommend soda as the beverage as this is what the people want and it is something they do not readily get.

If you are interested in helping with this outreach please call or email me so I can make up a list of volunteers. It is one day a month and wont take much of your time. PLEASE contact me at:

860-465-7347 Or Mig-ABB@atlanticbb.net

Thank You,

Myron Gadoury

Thanksgiving Baskets



This year Emanuel will be giving away 30 Thanksgiving baskets to families who are struggling. The baskets will include a turkey, stuffing vegetables, etc.

This year we are filling the Thanksgiving baskets through donations from the Make a Difference Foundation (*they provide the turkeys*) and a grant from Thrivent Financial. Food will be purchased and assembled on Monday November 21st.

Help is needed with unloading the food and putting together the baskets. If you can help, please come to Emanuel at 3PM on Monday 11/21.

If you have questions, please ask Gwen Andersen or Pastor Todd. Thank you.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Emanuel Lutheran Church has been signed up to volunteer to place wreaths at the RI Veterans Cemetery. We are asking for volunteers to take part in this Country Wide Ceremony. A Thrivent Grant will also be applied for to purchase wreaths for the event. If anyone wishes to donate funds each wreath is \$15.00. You can make a check out to Emanuel Lutheran and label the envelope "Wreaths Across America". We will purchase the wreaths at end of November and make a bulk purchase in Emanuel's name. **Many thanks to Kathy Plante for initiating this Outreach for Emanuel.**

We encourage Confirmants with Mentors and Parents, Sunday School Children/Parents, Clergy, Council, and any other adults to participate. We will car pool from the Church and return to a cookout at the Church.

LET'S HONOR OUR FALLEN MILITARY

Location Information:

Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery (RIVCEX) 301 S County Trail Exeter, RI 02822

Veteran Graves: 30,000 **Coverage Goal:** 30,000

Ceremony On: **12/17/16** **Ceremony At:** 12:00 pm

Location Coordinator: Mike Dalmazzi **Location Phone Number:** (401) 556-3160

Ceremony and Volunteer Information

We are happy that you are willing to help with our Wreath Across America ceremony at Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery (RIVCEX). ***Please do not forget to register on the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery (RIVCEX)!*** That way you will get all updates about the cemetery itself.

Here are some things to remember about the ceremony:

- Everyone of all ages and backgrounds is welcome.
- Ceremonies around the world will be starting at the same moment, so please be on time.
- Please help ensure that all participants get the opportunity to place a wreath.
- Please follow the location coordinators instructions on where to place wreaths, as well as "how" they should be placed.

We especially appreciate volunteers willing to help clean-up. Please check in with the location coordinator if you are interested in helping with the clean-up.

The most important thing to remember is to have a wonderful experience participating in the ceremony and thank you so much for help Wreaths achieve our mission to remember, honor and teach.

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

CEMETERY CLEANUP



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26th
startin at 9AM

Bring rakes and pruning cutters for branches.

We will bag all debris for removal.

Refreshments provided

Property Committee, Confirmands, mentors, youth, and adults needed.

If time/volunteers allow, we will clean up the Church courtyard as well.

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday November 23rd
at 7PM

Come and give thanks!



Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree will be up soon.

If you would like to purchase and wrap a gift for a child in need, please call or email the church office or pick a stocking from the tree.

NOTE – if calling or emailing, please wait until you get confirmation from the office to make sure no one else has already adopted the child, and to get size and gift recommendation information.

Wrapped gifts should be brought to the church office on or before Sunday December 18th.

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.

Emanuel Lutheran Church
Council Agenda and Minutes
October 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM

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

Absent: Sharon Brown, Carolyn Duprey (vacation)

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Opening devotions: Read Chapter 9 *Really Good Church* by Rev. Molly Phinney Baskette.
 - a. Pastor Todd prepared a list of questions for us to discuss (How exciting is worship at Emanuel? How authentic/real is worship at Emanuel?)
 - b. A few highlights from the discussion:
 - i. People like when Chuck sets a context for the music. Now that our readings are different, we also like when someone sets the context for the lessons and how they are related (somewhat like Dan McCarthy did the last time he was the reader).
 - ii. We like having kids and different adults help with the jobs --- like collecting the offering, helping with communion, filling in where they are needed.
 - iii. What about people who can't participate in the service because they are going blind or are deaf, or have some other handicapping condition? What can we do to help them be active participants?

2. Review and Accept September Minutes Accepted

3. Review and Accept September Treasurer's report Accepted

4. Budget status and spending levels

- a. **Most people are up-to-date on their pledges.**
- b. We are still short of having enough funds to fully fund the budget. We have deliberately under spent the budget, and we still have had to borrow about \$7000 from ourselves from funds that were earmarked for other things. We may also need to borrow from our savings again to meet payroll and other obligations.
- c. We will be in deficit unless we get some extra money coming in. **What should the Council do now to raise more money? We said at the annual meeting that we would need extra fund-raisers to meet the church budget this year.**
 - i. We should let the congregation know about the situation --- perhaps by posting a thermometer to show the congregation about where our income stands compared to our budget... **Bruce will look into preparing such a visual to post at church.**

- ii. Perhaps put the Treasurer's Report in the bulletin, in the newsletter, on the bulletin board... or use a simplified version.
- iii. Maybe we need someone to do a verbal explanation of the problem.
- iv. If everyone gave one extra week's offering by any means, we would get about half of what we need to add at this time.
- v. From now on update the congregation on a regular basis, perhaps on a monthly or quarterly basis... This would be our third quarter report.
- vi. Request that **Carol Johnson** draft a simplified report to explain the "financial forecast" for the month to the Council in a form that can also be shared with the congregation.

Resolution: Have the thermometer ready and have a talk on October 23. **Ken Wieboldt** will do the verbal presentation with help from some others. Inform the congregation. Work with Mike Gadoury to have a graphic on the screen --- probably the thermometer visual, and ask that we update it and continue to use it each week as part of the slide show before the service.

- 5. Congregation support of budget: (See 4.c above).
- 6. Council help at Oct. 23 post-worship luncheon
 - a. Glenn did fill out a function form for the event. He will do a temple talk on October 16.
 - b. Some Council members will not be available to help on that day.
- 7. Westcott Terrace (See attached information). Approved to do this at the expected expense of \$50 a week. This also depends on Myron's passing the test to get the appropriate qualifications.
 - a. We were ASKED to do this, and it fits in with our goal to extend our outreach into the community.
 - b. Myron asked that we include \$3600 a year for the food budget for 2017.
 - c. Myron thinks it will cost about \$50 a week to do the Westcott Terrace project.
 - d. We will need volunteers to help at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. We have a volunteer from Pilgrim Lutheran and will ask Pastor Tourgee from Riverpoint Advent Christian Church if there are people there who could also help.
 - e. The food will be made from food we are able to purchase from the RI Food Bank at a reduced cost.
 - f. **Donna Sennett** will write a Thrivent Action Plan to support this when Myron gets it organized.
- 8. Separate activity insert in bulletin: There is a need for a bulletin insert that lists the different activities occurring at Emanuel. Often there is not enough room on the back of the bulletin to list them all. A separate insert has been done already for this week.
- 9. Other
 - a. Reviewed Function forms. Question: Do we need to have a function form a month in advance so that the Council can approve it? Not necessarily ... get the information from the church office, speak to the pastor and make sure there is a plan for clean-up. The council reviews upcoming events to make sure there are no conflicts, to make sure there is a cleanup plan. For church events there also should be a setup and advertising plans.

- b. Doing Survey this Saturday: “Will you take a 30-second survey to help my church?” Pastor Todd listed the volunteers (Glenn Johnson, Kathy Plante, Beverly Locke, Sissy Hendricks) who will help him and where they hope to go. He will call businesses this week to ask permission to conduct the surveys on their property.
- c. Wendy Aylsworth would like to become an Associate Member (non-voting member) at Emanuel. Approved
- d. We got cited by our recycling company for having garbage in the recycling bins. There is one dumpster for garbage, and another for cardboard. The smaller bins are for mixed recyclables such as paper, and bottles, and cans. (The problems were diapers from the daycare, and coffee hour trash. Joyful will inform their staff and we will inform coffee hour people. **Not discussed at the meeting, but Beth will make an announcement at church to inform everyone, because she thinks she may be partly responsible.**)
- e. Myron planned to polyurethane the staircase off the parish hall on November 11. Council told him to delay that until after the Bazaar, even if it means that the job doesn't get done this year. (We need the Bazaar to be a successful fundraiser and many people have been preparing for it, so we do not want any odors to hamper the event.)
- f. The Sunday after the bazaar (November 13), Myron will polyurethane the parish hall after everyone leaves. The parish hall will/may be blocked off from use for the following week so that it dries and no one spoils the finish by walking on it. **If we mechanically block the doors Myron will work** with the fire marshal to make sure we meet fire protection requirements and get the **fire** marshal's approval.
- g. Myron reported that the bell wiring has been completed. He also reported that the repairs are now fully funded through donations and fund-raisers. Thank you!
- h. Myron called Rob Burton, “The Tree Guy” to give an estimate about cutting trees and brush for the Joyful playground at Joyful's expense. He will charge \$1600 for that work and will also cut overhanging **/dead** branches over the parsonage and at the church entrance for an additional \$300.00 while he is here. (That is about \$5000 of work for \$1900.) The Daycare will pay \$1600.00 for the playground work. Rob used to be a member here, and is helping us.
- i. At the Council's request, Myron brought in someone to give his impressions of our church as a visitor. We began discussing his report, but will continue at a later date.
- j. Donna Sennett thanked the Council for the \$200 we allocated to help her pay for the School of Lay Ministry.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:55 p.m.
 Next meeting: Nov. 10, 2016

Respectfully submitted, Beth Groleau, Council Secretary

NOVEMBER

2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry (10-12) 6pm Bazaar Workshop 6pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	2	3	4	5
	7pm ALANON			Committee Night 7pm		4pm-Private Party (FH)
6	7	8 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry (10-12) 6pm Bazaar Workshop 6pm Scandinavian Women's Choir 7pm Confirmation	9	10	11	12
	7pm ALANON			7pm Council Meeting	Bazaar Set-up	Christmas Bazaar
13 Mini Christmas Bazaar after both services 	14 FELLOWSHIP HALL * * * * *	15 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry (10-12) 6pm Bazaar Workshop 6pm Scandinavian Women's Choir 3rd Year Confirmation Pizza Party 6-8:30pm	16	17 CLOSED	18 November 14-19	19
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20	21	22 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry (10-12) 6pm Bazaar Workshop 6pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	23 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm	24  Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
	7pm ALANON					
27 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION  Christmas at Emanuel 3pm	28 7pm ALANON	29 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry (10-12) 6pm Bazaar Workshop 6pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	30	Sunday A.M. Schedule: 8:00 Service of Holy Communion 9:15 First Year Confirmation, Sunday School, Choir 10:30 Service of Holy Communion		