



Emanuel Lutheran Church

March 2017

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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 Joy of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Is Lent a joyous time? This might seem like a silly question to you, like when I asked our kids if cleaning their rooms was a joyous occasion. Of course it isn't. At least we don't normally associate cleaning rooms (or Lent) with joy.

Often we think of Lent as a somber, serious time; a time of fasting and giving things up (like ice cream). And this would be right. Lent is serious. It's a time for remembering our mortality, that we will die someday, and that life is surprisingly short.

It's customary for Christians, including us Lutherans, to embrace spiritual disciplines during the season of Lent. Often times people will give something up, like eating meat on Fridays, or will take things on, like carrying around a nail in one's pocket. Doing out-of-the-ordinary things like this allows us to see our lives from a new perspective. And it opens up the possibility of doing new things and living in a new way. Indeed, the questions that Lent raises are: How will we live the remainder of our days here on earth? What kind of relationship do we want to have with God? What kind of relationship do we want to have with our neighbors, our co-workers, our families?

The 40 days of Lent represent the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting and praying after his baptism (Luke 4:1-13). There in the wilderness Jesus was tempted by the devil.

We too will be tempted during Lent. We will be tempted to indulge, to be lazy, to give up whatever Lenten spiritual disciplines we've taken on. Lent is a serious time. There are often struggles. But – joy – can also be found here.

In this edition:

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

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

In overcoming these temptations and struggles Jesus used the Word of God – Bible verses, which for Jesus back in the olden days was the Jewish Bible, our Old Testament. Jesus found **comfort and strength in God's Word. In it he found the means to overcome temptation. And in overcoming, there is joy.**

When we don't overcome, when we fail and give in – there is still God's Word.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." – Romans 5:8

When we fail, there is still God – the God who loves us, and cares for us, and who encourages us to try again. And in this, there is joy too.

This Lent the Worship Team has put together a calendar of the 40 days of Lent. Next to each **of the 40 days is the name of someone on Emanuel's prayer list. Some of these people are** struggling with cancer, some with addiction, some with grief. All are sick, hurting or broken in some way. As a Lenten discipline this year, we are inviting all who wish, to pray for the person on the day they are listed on the calendar. Next to each day on the calendar there is also a suggested good deed for the day. We invite you also to embrace these good deeds as a spiritual discipline.

Lent is a time for looking at our lives and how we are living them. These Lenten disciplines help us do this. And no matter how we do, whether we succeed or fail, God is still there with us. And where there is God – joy can always be found.

Pastor Todd Stange
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P.S. The Lenten prayer calendar can be found in this month's newsletter.

Ash Wednesday at Emanuel



"You are dust, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19

Emanuel's Annual Smörgåsbord



\$5 seniors & children
\$8 adults

Saturday March 25th
5 to 7pm

Continuous Serving

Wednesday Mid-Week Lenten Services

Evening Prayer Service 7pm

Wednesdays during Lent –
evening prayer at Emanuel

Wednesday at 7PM at Emanuel

March 8 – Holden Evening Prayer

March 15 – Taizé Worship

March 22 – Vespers Prayer

March 29 – Service of Healing

April 5 – Holden Evening Prayer



Everything is Waiting for You

Your great mistake — Your great mistake is to act the drama
as if you were alone. Your great mistake is to act the drama

as if you were alone. As if life
were a progressive and cunning crime
with no witness to the tiny hidden
transgressions. To feel abandoned is to deny
the intimacy of your surroundings. Surely,
even you, at times, have felt the grand array;
the swelling presence, and the chorus, crowding
out your solo voice

You must note
the way the soap dish enables you,
or the window latch grants you courage.
Alertness is the hidden discipline of familiarity.
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The stairs are your mentor of things
to come, the doors have always been there
to frighten you and invite you,
and the tiny speaker in the phone
is your dream-ladder to divinity.
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Put down the weight of your aloneness and ease into
the conversation. The kettle is singing
even as it pours you a drink, the cooking pots
have left their arrogant aloofness and
seen the good in you at last. All the birds
and creatures of the world are unutterably
themselves. Everything, everything, everything is waiting for you.

— David Whyte, 2003
(as recited by Whyte in 2016)

Are you an **Organized** person?

Like spending time with people and fostering **Fellowship**?

Enjoy raising funds for an **Awesome Emanuel Lutheran**?

Then you are the one we need to chair this year's...



Come to the meeting on Tuesday March 7, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Live Laugh & Learn

The next luncheon will be held:

March 8, 2017

12:30 Noon to 2:30 PM

Cowesett Inn

226 Cowesett Ave., West Warwick

Estimated 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



February's Be the Change Dinner



Emanuel hosted another great Be the Change dinner at the West Warwick Senior Center on February 19th.

Every 3rd Sunday Emanuel is hosting. If you would like to help by serving or cooking, please let Myron know. mig-ABB@atlanticbb.net

Do you have Thrivent Choice dollars?

Thrivent Choice dollars Expire March 31st

If you have Thrivent Choice dollars please allocate them before 3/31, and please consider donating them to Emanuel. Thank you.



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!

Do you have a credit card that earns Airline Miles?



Here's a great new way to earn Air Miles and help Emanuel, too!

Using a new app developed via the "Simply Giving Program," you can now make a special contribution to Emanuel Lutheran and earn air miles for your contribution.

With a new program that's been mentioned recently in Emanuel's "Weekly Herald," you can now use your credit card to make a special, one-time contribution to help support a number of Emanuel's Programs.

You may choose the one you'd like to support.

For example, you can contribute to the Emanuel Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.

Or you can support Emanuel's:

- Food Pantry;
- Pastor's Discretionary Fund; or
- our Music Program, just to name a few.

You can even use it to help send kids to camp via Emanuel's Camp Calumet Scholarship Fund.

Do you want more information, or have a few questions on how it works??

Send an e mail to:

Emanuel's Treasurer, Carol Johnson at:

CMJohnson1220@gmail.com

Or call her at [\(401\)323-9542](tel:401323-9542).

You can help Emanuel start off on the right path in 2017!



HIP HIP HOORAY

I truly believe we have Conquered the fight on hunger in West Warwick, Rhode Island. Emanuel served a big part in this. Congradulation's.

Between Emanuel/RI Food Bank/Stop and Shop, Be The Change, Helping Hands, St. John and Paul, and Loaves and Fishes there is **no reason anyone in West Warwick should go hungry.**

Hot meals are provided each Sunday and Tuesday in Artic. Emanuel provides the Sunday Meal the third Sunday of each month. People also get a meal to go on these days to have the next day if they wish.

Food Pantry's are open on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday.

Emanuel previously gave 1 bag of food each week and now gives out as much as 6 bags of food a week to those in need. We are now feeding over 50 people and this is increasing each week. This now includes fresh vegetables, fruits, Eggs, Bread, and pastries each week as well as many non perishable items. Last month we received almost 4000 lbs of FREE FOOD.

GOING FORWARD

We have a good base of volunteers to cook for the Sunday Meals and we invite others to join in. It would be especially nice if we could get other Parishioners to take part as Servers at these dinners so you may take part and see the people we help. It will be rewarding.

The Food Pantry is in Full Swing right now and it is now time to make plans for its sustainability well into the future as long as it is needed.

We are looking for others to get trained to carry on this outreach if the need arises. As Sandy, Beverly, and I are not exactly kids any more we need younger persons to be able to carry on and help now as well.

Please think about this and contact me if you can help. It would be greatly appreciated.

Also if you could make any food donations as Cash instead of item's we can purchase 10 times the amount as you can for the same money. You can put change in the Pennies for Pantry box on the wall in Coat Closet or put a donation Labeled for the Food Pantry in the offering plate.

At present Council has approved using funds from the Shepherding account but we do now want to deplete this account so please help as you can.

We will utilize the philosophy of BE THE Change and make adjustments to our program as needed.

Thank You for the Support and helping Feed so many People.

Sandra Malouin

Beverly Locke

Myron Gadoury




Lent 2017 Daily Prayer Calendar

Date	Lent #	Pray for on this Day & Good Deed
Wednesday March 1	1	<i>Wilfred Lucier (Steve Lucier's brother & Gale Lucier's friend) - Open and hold a door for someone</i>
Thursday March 2	2	<i>Sharon Daniels - Buy someone a coffee</i>
Friday March 3	3	<i>Pastor John Carlson - Write a note to someone you admire</i>
Saturday March 4	4	<i>John Gustafson - Donate something</i>
<i>Sunday March 5</i>		<i>Sundays are not counted as days in Lent. They are considered mini-Easters</i>
Monday March 6	5	<i>Joshua McIlmail (friend of Erica Trudell) - Leave a treat for your mail person</i>
Tuesday March 7	6	<i>Coral Weedon (Joan's Mendes' granddaughter) - Feed the birds</i>
Wednesday March 8	7	<i>Kimberlee Powers Norton (Joanne's daughter) - Give someone a hug</i>
Thursday March 9	8	<i>Ivy & Ray Gauvin (friends of Emanuel) - Send a birthday wish</i>
Friday March 10	9	<i>Sharon Kopczynski (Sue Brown's aunt) - Write a prayer for someone (and then say it)</i>
Saturday March 11	10	<i>The family and friends of Dan McCarthy - Praise someone</i>
<i>Sunday March 12</i>		<i>Sundays are not counted as days in Lent. They are considered mini-Easters</i>
Monday March 13	11	<i>Carol Michetti (Pauline Lavallee's sister) - Call a friend you haven't spoken to for awhile</i>
Tuesday March 14	12	<i>Wendy Capotosto (Sandy Malouin's sister) - Put an extra dollar in the collection plate one Sunday</i>
Wednesday March 15	13	<i>Bob Maine - Give someone your undivided attention</i>
Thursday March 16	14	<i>Jamie Douglas (Ann LaMountain's daughter) - Say hello to someone you don't know as they pass you by</i>
Friday March 17	15	<i>Florence Halloby (Pam Beck's mother) - Send a "get well" note or card</i>
Saturday March 18	16	<i>Joey Barrette (friend of Don & Mary Schabek) - Leave a penny or two at the cash register</i>
<i>Sunday March 19</i>		<i>Sundays are not counted as days in Lent. They are considered mini-Easters</i>
Monday March 20	17	<i>Lauren Long (friend of Emanuel's) - Donate extra change</i>
Tuesday March 21	18	<i>Tonya Kennon & Isabella Berger (friends of Erica Trudell) - Do something someone else wants to do</i>
Wednesday March 22	19	<i>Joan Mendes - Be kind to an animal/pet</i>
Thursday March 23	20	<i>Edward Letendre (Sheila Clough's brother-in-law) - Do an errand for someone else</i>

Friday March 24	21	<i>Tom Motta (Gerry Lavallee's boss) - Do something nice for/visit a neighbor</i>
Saturday March 25	22	<i>The Kaplan Family (Sue Brown's friends) - Lend someone a book or music CD or movie</i>
<i>Sunday March 26</i>		<i>Sundays are not counted as days in Lent. They are considered mini-Easters</i>
Monday March 27	23	<i>Al Wolff (Lynn Wolff's husband) - Bake something and give it away</i>
Tuesday March 28	24	<i>Chrissy Ventura (niece of Beverly Locke) - Volunteer to do something</i>
Wednesday March 29	25	<i>Roger LeBeau - Write a thank you note</i>
Thursday March 30	26	<i>Rod Bidwell (friend of Pastor Todd) - Let someone win an argument</i>
Friday March 31	27	<i>Erik Medhus (Sue Brown's cousin) - Tell someone how nice they look</i>
Saturday April 1	28	<i>Kellie Musci (Don & Mary Schabek's daughter-in-law) - Tell someone they are doing a good job</i>
<i>Sunday April 2</i>		<i>Sundays are not counted as days in Lent. They are considered mini-Easters</i>
Monday April 3	29	<i>Michael Frye (Ann LaMountain's grandson) - Help out a co-worker/friend</i>
Tuesday April 4	30	<i>Donna Sennett - Pick up a piece of trash from the ground</i>
Wednesday April 5	31	<i>The friends and family of Dennis Dooley (friend of Myron Gadoury) - Open and hold a door for someone</i>
Thursday April 6	32	<i>Carolyn Duprey - Buy someone a coffee</i>
Friday April 7	33	<i>Joanne and the Keisewelter Family (friends of Shannon Schabek) - Write a note to someone you admire</i>
Saturday April 8	34	<i>Jerry Chapman (friend of Sandi Malouin's) - Donate something</i>
<i>Sunday April 9</i>		<i>Sundays are not counted as days in Lent. They are considered mini-Easters</i>
Monday April 10	35	<i>Linda Sami - Give someone a hug</i>
Tuesday April 11	36	<i>Jane Latour (Gwen Andersen's friend) - Send a birthday wish</i>
Wednesday April 12	37	<i>Todd Gustafson (John Gustafson's son) - Call a friend you haven't spoken to for awhile</i>
Thursday April 13	38	<i>Sue Brown - Give someone your undivided attention</i>
Friday April 14	39	<i>Marie Volner (Don Schabek's friend) - Say hello to someone you don't know as they pass you by</i>
Saturday April 15	40	<i>Richard Strickland (Carolyn Duprey's brother) - Send a "get well" note or card</i>
<i>Sunday April 16</i>		<i>Easter Sunday Lent is over!</i>



March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday A.M. Schedule: 8:00 Service of Holy Communion 9:15 Sunday School, Confirmation, Choir 10:30 Service of Holy Communion			<i>1</i>  ASH WEDNESDAY	<i>2</i> 7pm Committee Mtgs	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 7pm ALANON	<i>7 10am</i> <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop	<i>8</i> 7:00pm <i>Lenten Evening Prayer Service</i>	<i>9</i> 7pm Council Meeting	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
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<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 7pm ALANON	<i>28 10am</i> <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm 2nd Year Confirmation	<i>29</i> 7:00pm <i>Lenten Evening Prayer Service</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	