



Emanuel Lutheran Church

May 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***

Grass Season

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A friend of mine came up to me the other day and said, "Your yard's looking great."

"Yep," I said, "It's grass season." There's lots of rain. The nights are cool. The grass just loves it. And the flowers don't look too shabby either, but my wife takes care of them. The grass is my responsibility. I told my friend, "Wait until August. The yard will be parched, dry and leaning toward a brownish color." That's weed season.

As the book of Ecclesiastes says, "There is a time and a season for every activity under the heavens." And the month of May is a beautiful season. The gardens are bursting with life and the grass is green, but I heard a story recently about a different season.

At the age of 79 Carl Dunzen was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. It was still in the early stage of the disease. Carl recalled going to the doctor and being asked a bunch of silly questions: What's your name? Who's the president? And then they would ask him to draw a clock with a certain time on it like 11:20PM, an analog clock – the type with a round face and hands. Carl didn't like going to the doctors and thought the questions were silly. It was the same thing every time.

But then on one visit, he was asked to draw a clock, and he couldn't. He looked at the blank white paper in front of him, and no matter how hard he tried, he just couldn't.

Carl's Alzheimer's had progressed, but still Carl thought this was crazy. Why couldn't he draw a simple clock with a specific time on it anymore? He had a graduate degree in physics. He had taught physics and mathematics for years. He was good with numbers. Now all of sudden he couldn't do this basic task.

So Carl with his usual scientific and methodical manner analyzed the problem. One day he took out a piece of paper and for about an hour he studied the problem. The problem of why it's so hard to draw a clock.

In this edition:

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Thank you! -Mike Gadoury

"I finally realized that the problem is a superposition of three types," Carl said. Carl drew a very precise circle split into twelfths and explained that there are three layers of information in a clock. Carl explained with the help of his wife, "There's the hours that are represented from 1 through 12, even though there are 24 hours in a day. But then, there's the second layer, which is the minutes. And a 1 represents not a 1 anymore, but 5 minutes. And a 2 represents 10. After that layer is the second hand, which is now measuring 1 through 60 seconds... You have three different elevations that you have to get together to make the information."

Hearing Carl's description of how time is represented on a clock made me wonder how anyone can tell time. In the interview after explaining about these three layers of information Carl says, "Look." And he turns his wrist to see his watch. He's going to tell what time it is. But his watch is small and he has trouble seeing the hands. His wife takes her watch off and hands it to him. Her's is bigger. Carl bends over the watch. He says, "The eye goes to the larger minute hand first and your brain has to override that to focus on the smaller hour hand, which is actually more important." Even though he's able to analyze a clock and describe why it's so hard to draw, it still takes Carl several grueling minutes before he eventually tells the time. As Carl's Alzheimer's progresses telling what time it is will only get harder. He is in the season of life where his brain and body are starting to break down.

Some theologians say that God is beyond time, that God holds all time (past, present and future) in the same moment. When I was a boy in church, my mother once told me to watch the people as they go up for communion. You see children and parents, you see old people and teenagers. At communion you see every season of life. You see where you've been and where you're going.

The Apostle Paul describes the church as a body made up of different parts. Some people are the feet, some are the hands, but we all come together to form one body, to form the one church.

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit, so as to form one body." - 1st Corinthians 12:12-13a

In the church all different kinds of people, young and old, at different seasons of their lives are brought together. Some of us are toward the end of our lives, some are just starting, but in the church we are connected. In the church we are part of something bigger than ourselves. Even in our season of growth and new life, there are also parts of us that are breaking down. And even in our breaking down, there are also parts of us there bursting forth with new life.

Whatever season you find yourself in now, let us rejoice together, for we are not alone - God is with us, we have each other, and the grass is green.

Pastor Todd Stange

Chana Joffe-Walt, "It'll Make Sense When You're Older," *This American Life*, March 25, 2016, <https://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/583/transcript> (accessed May 4, 2017)



Emanuel Yard Sale
Saturday May 13th
9AM to 12PM

**Items needed for Emanuel's
Yard Sale.**

If you have something in your garage,
closet, attic, basement, etc. you'd like

to donate to Emanuel's yard sale, please bring it to church between

Sunday May 7th – Friday May 12th

Please put items at the south end of the fellowship hall.

We are also looking for help setting up on Friday 5/12 at 5PM
and working the yard sale on Saturday 5/13.



If you can help or have questions,
please see Sandy Malouin or
Gwen Andersen

Thank you!

Easter Flower Cross at
Emanuel
April 16, 2017



We are looking for help

with Children's Church

Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Children's church is a time for children to respond in a creative and active way to what they've learned in the children's sermon.

After the children's sermon, children will be invited to go to the fellowship hall for a time of games and crafts. They will be brought back to the sanctuary before Holy Communion.

We are looking for volunteers to supervise the children's church games and crafts. Two adults would supervise children's church each week. Our hope is to have children's church every Sunday at the 10:30am service.

If you are interested in helping, please sign-up on the bulletin board or let Pastor Todd know. Thank you.

pastor@emanuelww.org

Did you know...

If you have trouble reading the hymns that are projected during worship, feel free to use the red ELW hymnals located beneath the pew in front of you. The hymn numbers are projected during the intro, and are posted on the hymnboard on the wall near the memorial candle as well as printed in the bulletin.

For those members with difficulty reading the hymnal, there are a few larger printed copies of the hymns available. Please ask an usher for assistance if you require one of the larger print versions.

In Need of Buttons, Old Jewelry & Picture Frames

The **Holiday Bazaar Committee** Is In Need Of The Following Items:

- Buttons
- Older Jewelry
- Picture Frames



If you are able to bring in any of these items, there will be a box located in the Parsonage Kitchen where you can drop them off. Thank you!

Saturday MAY 20, 2017

SPRINGTIME IS HERE AND IT'S NOW A GOOD TIME TO PREP THE CHURCH FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

We will be working outside the Church as well as the Cemetery. Raking, washing, sweeping, Painting, repairing, etc.

We need a good turn out to accomplish this. I will post a sign up sheet in the Narthex so in this way I will know what can be accomplished with the volunteers and hand out assignments. You may also email me or call my cell.

860-465-7347

mig-ABB@atlanticbb.net

This will be an all day event, so any time you can give would be appreciated.

Let's make our Church Shine

Myron Gadoury



Wear Your RED on Pentecost



Pentecost Sunday June 4, 2017



**Something Different at
Emanuel
Mother's Day
Sunday May 14th**

**Special guitar led worship on
Mother's Day**

**Thank you
Maren Nelson & Jim Mariano!**

Senior Live Laugh & Learn

The next luncheon will be held:

Wednesday May 10, 2017

12:30 Noon to 2:00 PM

The Crow's Nest

288 Arnold's Neck Drive, Warwick, RI

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

Cell: 401-464-1011

Home: 401-397-3566

Email: helenmaine@gmail.com



Treasurer's Report

Monthly Giving through March

2017 Monthly Giving									
	Simply Giving Program	Sunday Offering Regular Giving/Rent	Thrivent Choice	Refunds/ Rebates	Total Regular Income	Total Needed to Support Budget	Actual Regular Spending	Monthly Shortfall/ Excess	Running Balance Shortfall/ Excess
Beginning Bal.					\$53.79			\$53.79	
Jan	\$9,431.99	\$7,228.60	\$103.00	\$0.00	\$16,763.59	\$17,081.92	\$15,854.79	\$908.80	\$962.59
Feb	\$9,065.02	\$5,464.70	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$14,537.72	\$17,081.92	\$16,130.96	-\$1,593.24	-\$630.65
Mar	\$8,770.02	\$6,751.15	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$15,571.17	\$17,081.92	\$17,819.52	-\$2,248.35	-\$2,879.00
Total	\$27,267.03	\$19,444.45	\$161.00	\$0.00	\$46,926.27	\$51,245.75	\$49,805.27	-\$2,879.00	-\$2,879.00

Notes:

3/31/17. We were unable to pay back the \$2000 borrowed from savings in February. Simply Giving deposits are down for the month of March due to the death of a member and the transfer of a family. Expenses were higher than receipts but no borrowing was necessary because the funds we are holding in the checking account for other purposes were enough to cover the shortfall. \$2,250 was withdrawn from the building fund and general savings to cover the roof drain repairs which will be paid in early April.

Simply Giving

What is it? The Simply Giving program lets you have your Emanuel Offering deducted automatically from a checking account or a savings account. If you already pay your electric bill or phone bill using an automatic debit from your checking or savings account, this program works the same way.

You can have your offering deducted weekly, bi-monthly (twice a month), monthly or annually.

How much does it cost? There is NO cost to the giver! The church pays a small administration fee.

Is there a minimum amount? No. You can give \$1 or you can give \$1,000. It's up to you, and you can change the amount at any time. You can also cancel at any time.

What do I put in the offering plate? When the offering plate comes around, you can sit back and enjoy the music, or you can put an "I Gave by Simply Giving" card in the offering plate. These cards can be found in the pamphlet holder in the narthex.

Some people give part of their offering through Simply Giving and the rest they put in the offering plate on Sundays .

How long a commitment? There's no commitment. You can cancel at any time. You can also change the amount at any time. Just send an email to our Treasurer Carol Johnson - cmjohnson1220@gmail.com – and she will make the change.

How do I sign up? Fill out a Simply Giving form. Forms can be found in the narthex in the pamphlet holder.

If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Todd or Carol Johnson. 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 Pastor Todd or Carolyn Duprey know.
Thank you.

Emanuel Youth Miniature Golfing & Ice Cream



Friday June 2nd 6:30PM – 9:00PM

**Meet at Emanuel at 6:30PM.
We will be driving to Mulligan's Island in Cranston
and then returning to Emanuel.**

Cost = \$4 (*\$6 maximum per family*)

Thank you!

Robin Lancelotta
and **Stop & Shop**
for donating over 100
boxes of food
to Emanuel's food
pantry last month.

Emanuel's food pantry
is open every Tuesday
from 10am to 12pm.
Everyone is welcome.



Spring Break at Emanuel



The children
helped at the
food pantry over
their spring
break.
Thank you!



May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 6pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	3	4 Committee Night 7pm	5	6 Council Retreat
7 Mother's Day	8 7pm ALANON	9 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 6pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	10	11 7pm Council Meeting	12 Yard sale set-up	13 Church YARD SALE <small>Support Your Mission Community</small>
14	15 7pm ALANON	16 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 6pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	17	18	19	20 CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY Scandinavian Women's Choir Concert 4pm
21	22 7pm ALANON	23 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 6pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	24	25	26	27
28 No Sunday School 	29	30 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 6pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	31	Sunday A.M. Schedule: 8:00 Service of Holy Communion 9:15 Confirmation, Sunday School, Choir 10:30 Service of Holy Communion		