



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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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*

How to Get the Holy Spirit to Show Up in Your Life

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you've never been to the New England's Synod Assembly, you should consider going next June. It's not every day you get to hang out with and sing with 400 or so Lutherans. It's loud and good.

The assembly is the gathering of all Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) congregations from across New England and even a small sliver of New York State. About 180 congregations in all are represented. Congregations normally send two representatives along with their pastor. Congregations can also send an additional "youth" representative. "Youth" here means younger than 30. Each year I'm amazed at the diversity and talent of the people in this wider church to which we belong.

In this edition:

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

Please let me know if you're interested in going. It's normally held the 1st or 2nd weekend of June. It's my hope that everyone at Emanuel will get to come and participate in the Assembly at least once.

This year Shannon Schabek, Diane Gadoury and I represented Emanuel at the assembly. Here's a bit of what I experienced.

On Friday night after dinner there was a worship service. There's nothing like a full belly and worship to get you ready for bed, but the preacher that evening was a pastor from the Massachusetts Council of Churches named Daryl Lobban. He's a big man with a big voice and his energetic preaching style made it difficult to nap. I can't remember his whole sermon, but he was preaching on the Pentecost texts – where the Holy Spirit comes upon the fearful, bumbling disciples – and suddenly they are transformed and do amazing deeds in the name of God.

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Thank you! -Mike Gadoury

"How do you get this Holy Spirit to show up in your life?" he said, "Risk your life for the gospel. Put your life on the line for justice, for love. The Holy Spirit *will* show up."

What do you think? This was the claim Daryl Lobban's made in his sermon. Is he right? Based on your experience, when you've put your life on the line for others, has the Holy Spirit shown up?

The next day at the Assembly I attended a workshop titled "Sanctuary Movement." It was led by a young man from Wisconsin named Kristofer Rhude. He's in seminary, and this past year he did an internship at University Lutheran Church in Cambridge, MA.

At the start of the workshop a pastor came to the front of the room and asked that no one take pictures or videos during the workshop. He explained that there were some people in attendance, who were putting themselves at risk and that pictures and videos would put them at even more risk.

This got my attention. Not every workshop at Synod Assembly begins like this.

The young man, Kristofer Rhude, then explained how the previous winter he decided to do his internship project on helping immigrants. Many undocumented immigrants had begun to be afraid of stricter enforcement of immigration laws, of having their homes or places of work raided, of getting in a fender-bender and then being removed from their families and deported.

I know people have different feelings about undocumented immigrants. Some view them as breakers of immigration law, as people who are cutting ahead of all the people who have applied and are waiting patiently to immigrate legally. Others see them as people fleeing poverty or violence or both, with no good choices, good people who just want to live in peace. Both of these are true.

A man in his early twenties got up to speak next. He was an undocumented immigrant. As a boy he came to the United States with his parents from South America. He went to high school in America and has recently graduated from college. His future would seem to be bright, but every day he lives in fear of being sent back to a country he doesn't know.

As part of Kristofer Rhude's project University Lutheran looked at U.S. immigration policy and enforcement practices and the experience of undocumented immigrants. At the end of their study the congregation voted to become a "Sanctuary" church, which means a church that supports immigrants under threat of deportation.

There is a history of churches giving sanctuary to people under threat. During the times of slavery many churches were part of the Underground Railroad. In World War II churches gave sanctuary to Jews, and in the 1980's refugees escaping El Salvador's civil war were given sanctuary in churches. Churches at their best are places of sanctuary, places of safety, where one can take a time out, and think and pray. In our own tradition Martin Luther was given sanctuary at Wartburg Castle, when he was deemed a criminal.

In the months since becoming a sanctuary church University Lutheran has begun working with other churches, and synagogues, and social service agencies across the city to help support immigrants. And this past May the church became the first in Massachusetts to

Kristofer Rhude shared that being a sanctuary church has been a lot more work than he thought, but that it has been rewarding. Coming from a small town in Wisconsin, one of the things he missed being in Cambridge was that small town feel of running into people you know when you're out and about. But he shared that since University Lutheran became a sanctuary church he has met so many pastors, social workers, lawyers, reporters, politicians, immigrants, and other good people – that no matter where he goes in the city now, he's always bumping into people he knows.

If we put our faith on the line, does the Holy Spirit show up? If we put our faith into action, is God there? I think Pastor Daryl Lobban got it right. The answer is... yes.

One of the last things we did at Synod Assembly this year was pass a resolution declaring the New England Synod to be a Sanctuary Synod, a synod that is against the mass deportation of undocumented ones, a synod that supports immigrants, including undocumented immigrants, a synod that supports congregations to become communities of sanctuary.

May God give us the courage to live out our faith.

Summer Drama Camp 2017's "A Technicolor Promise"

Thank you to all the children, parents, and many helpers who made last week's Summer Drama Camp a lot of fun!



Church Picnic



**CHURCH
PICNIC
Sunday,
August 27th
Time: 12:00pm**

**Buttonwoods
Masonic Park**

What's Provided:

- hot grills for cooking
- ice cold drinks
- tongs, spatulas, grilling utensils
- ketchup, mustard, relish
- really fun games
- 4th Annual Emanuel corn hole tournament

What you bring:

- food for grilling, e.g. hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, ribs, lobster, etc.
- dessert, chips or salad (*pasta, potato, green, watermelon, etc.*)
- bathing suit & towel
- folding chair or blanket
- you, your friends, your family

Other facilities provided at the park:

Outdoor Pool with lifeguards, Beach, Rest Rooms & Showers, Baseball Fields, Picnic Areas, Playground

Readers of Emanuel

August's book is "Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint" by Nadia Bolz-Weber

Sunday August 13th 10:45AM
in Jacobs Hall

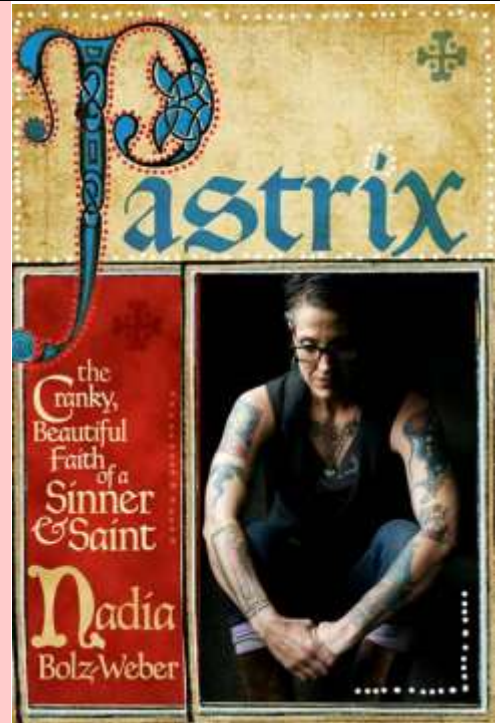
All are welcome to come for food
& fellowship.

Upcoming Books:

September 24 – "Counted With the Stars"
by Connilyn Cossette

October 22 – "The Great House of God"
by Max Lucado

November 19 – "Dancing with Jesus"
by Linda Fitzpatrick



Help Wanted in
the church office

We are looking for someone to cover
the office (answer the phone and
door, small tasks).

Wednesday August 23rd 9am to 2pm
and
Thursday August 24th 9am to 2pm



If you might be able to help one of the days
(even for just part of the time), please call or email the office
(401) 821-8888, churchoffice@emanuelww.org

Thank you.

July's Council Meeting at Pastor's House

**It was a full, cozy house with many in attendance.
Thanks to all for making the trek!**



June 4th was confirmation day at Emanuel



**Congratulations to our confirmands
Carly, Natalie, Calla & Hunter!**

EMANUEL BE THE CHANGE DINNER

August 20, 2017 @ 5PM

FYI – Ready for our next meal?

If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does Gods love abide in him? Little children let us not love in word or speech but in **Deed and in Truth.**

1 John 3: 17-18

I have applied and received a Thrivent Grant for this event to give all you very generous people a break from buying food this month. We will all be wearing Thrivent Shirts for this meal and will need a group photo for Thrivent to prove the event.

Cooks – Myron, Pat The Johnson, Kathy Plant (arrive 10 am)

Servers – Song Edwards, and ? (arrive 4:30 PM)

I need 5 more servers. Please contact me if you can help

MENU:

Fresh Home Made Kielbasa
Grand Ma's Baked Beans
Secret recipe Potato/Egg Salad
Fresh Garden salad
Country Corn Bread
Cold Drinks



I will attempt to have live music at this event to give it a special twist for our people in need and make it a special day.

Please continue to support this mission for those in need.

He who does what is True comes to the Light, that it may be clearly seen that his **Deeds** have been wrote in God.

John 3: 21

If you would like to help, please contact Myron Gadoury.
Thank you.

mig-abb@atlanticbb.net or 860-465-7347



The Fellowship Hall will be completely **closed** to all traffic from August 17 through August 27.

The Fellowship Hall Floor will be refinished as well as the floor moldings. Thank you.

Emanuel's Financial Thermometer

(based on July's Treasurer's Report)



**Do You Like Coffee, Fellowship,
Meeting New Friends?**



If so, consider hosting coffee hour. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entry way.

If you've never done it before, just note this next to your name, and you will be helped and trained.

Thank you.

Congratulations Hailey James Andrew!

**Baptized at
Emanuel
June 11, 2017**



Did you know...

that the Scandinavian Women's Chorus of Rhode Island was awarded a grant from the Rhode Island Council on the Arts and that Emanuel is serving as a fiscal agent for the grant?

Congratulations!

The grant will be used for the chorus to perform and record a series of concerts across Rhode Island including one at Emanuel.



Worship Service time Change:



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



Sunday school:

Sunday school begins on
Sunday **September 10th** – registration 9AM.

Confirmation:

Confirmation begins on
Tuesday **September 12th** at 7PM.

Mustard Seed Meeting



The Youth of Emanuel



Playing miniature golf this June.

**Wednesday August
23rd at 6:30PM**

If you would like to help us, or just come and see what the Mustard Seed Team is about, come to **Jacobs Hall on Wednesday August 23rd at 6:30PM.**

**Pastor Todd will be away
next Week August 14 - 20**



**Pastor Dennis Kohl
from Pilgrim Lutheran
will be covering**

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AUGUST



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10am El-lie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	2	3 Committee Meeting 7pm	4	5
6	7 7pm ALNON	8 10am El-lie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	9	10 Council Meeting 7 pm	11	12
13	14 7pm ALNON	15 10am El-lie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	16	17	18	19
20	21 7pm ALNON	22 10am El-lie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	23 Mustard Seed Meeting 6:30pm	24	25	26
27	28 7pm ALNON	29 10am El-lie's Circle Food Pantry 10-12 6pm Bazaar Workshop 7pm Scandinavian Women's Choir	30	31 Sunday A.M. Schedule: 9:15 Service of Holy Communion SUMMER OFFICE HOURS Tuesday- Thursday (9:00am-2:00pm)		