

# Emanuel's Christmas Giving Tree

9 unclaimed ornaments



Thank you to everyone who picked children off the Giving Tree this year. There are 9 unclaimed ornaments. If you would like to take one, click on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45abad2fa5fbc52-giving>

If you haven't already, please drop off your gifts to the church **by Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts should be wrapped, if possible, with a note indicating the # of the child.

Gifts can be dropped off at the church on:

Tuesdays 9AM to 2PM

Fridays 9AM to 1PM

Sundays 8AM to 12PM

If one of these times doesn't work, please call to arrange a different time. Thank you.

**Let's have some fun!**



Please sign up by  
Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>

I will let you know on  
Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>  
how many cookies to make

*Any questions, contact Joanne Powers at  
[my3angels.3@juno.com](mailto:my3angels.3@juno.com)*

**Please no nuts or peanut butter**  
*so we can share with family*

# Order Your Christmas Poinsettia



Only **Red** poinsettia this year & only one size!

Cost = \$10.00

To purchase a poinsettia for Christmas Eve, please complete a poinsettia form and place it in the offering plate or email/call Sue Wieboldt at

**(401) 743-3843      [susieq3380@gmail.com](mailto:susieq3380@gmail.com)**

Deadline for ordering is Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>  
with a maximum # of 50 poinsettia

# Looking for Christmas Morning Readers

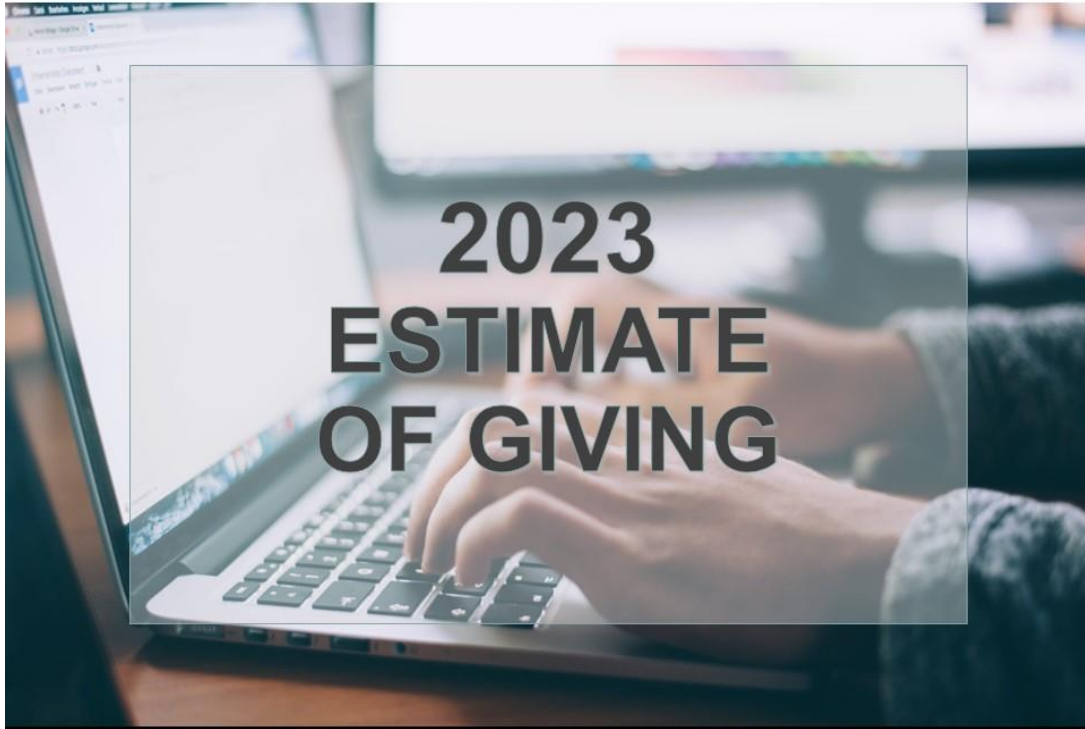


**On Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am  
we will be worshipping at Emanuel with a  
Christmas lessons & carols service.**

We are looking for people to read the lessons. If you would like to help with this, please let Pastor Todd know.  
Thank you.



# Requesting 2023 Estimates of Giving



Thank you for your support this past year.

As this year comes to a close we have begun to look forward to 2023 and have begun putting together a budget for the new year. Please help us with this process by taking a moment to send in your estimate of giving for 2023. You can do this be either filling out the form on Emanuel's website:

[www.emanuelww.org](http://www.emanuelww.org)

*(Click on "2023 GIVING FORM" under the "DONATE" menu item)*

Or you can mail a paper copy of the estimate of giving form to the church office. In case you need form, a copy is **attached** to this email. If possible, please submit your 2023 estimate of giving by **Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

I hope that you will continue to be a part of Emanuel. Thank you in advance for your input. It is an important part of figuring out what our budget should be in the coming year. If you have any questions, please call or email me. Thank you.

# **Longest Night Service at Pilgrim Lutheran**



**Pilgrim Lutheran Church has invited Emanuel to a  
Longest Night Service**

**Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM**

**1817 Warwick Ave, Warwick, RI 02889**

The Longest Night service remembers those who are experiencing grief and loss during this season of Christmas. It focuses on the Word and comfort of the Gospel with a candle lighting of remembrance.

Following the service there will be time  
for conversation and refreshments.

## Invitation to Help Plumbing repairs at church



Emanuel has just incurred **\$2,700** in some unplanned expenses for plumbing repairs at church.

This comes at a time when our regular church Offering contributions have dropped off.

If you can help, you can make a special contribution to help pay for some of these extra expenses.

You can make out a check, or give a donation in cash, via the offering envelopes located at in the church pews.

Please mark your check or envelope "*Plumbing repairs.*"  
Thank you for any help which you are able to give.

**Could you use  
...more belonging,  
...more team work,  
...more friendship,**



**Considering joining Emanuel's council in 2023**

**If you are interested or have questions, please  
speak with Pastor Todd, President Ken Wieboldt, or  
anyone on council. Thank you!**

Myron Gadoury, Bruce Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Elaine Marsh,  
Ray Nunez, Pastor Todd Stange, Ken Wieboldt, Sue Wieboldt



## **Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting- November 11, 2022**

Attendees: Myron Gadoury, Bruce Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Elaine Marsh, Ray Nunez, Kathleen Plante, Pastor Todd Stange, Sue Wieboldt, Ken Wieboldt.

**Opening Devotions** – In celebration of what would have been Martin Luther's 539<sup>th</sup> birthday the council played Martin Luther trivia.

**Review and approve October Council Minutes** with the adjustment of "See 3<sup>rd</sup> page of Treasures report" as see "Notes" and notation of "tree was removed with the crane" not, "remove the fence."

**Treasurer's report** – Amend distribution of reconciliation of gift from Jane Wahl. Income was higher expenses lower, expect changes going into the winter months due to utilities. Ellie's Circle was budgeted at \$100 last year. A request was made that Ellie's Circle budget be increased to \$300. Also, the flower budget should be increased to \$300. Everything is very expensive. The budget requests are being asked for now, so working on it in December, for presentation to the congregation at the annual meeting. Fuel and electricity are going up. Anticipating a balance with flat budget on outreach and staffing. Transferred from savings \$500 budgetary adjustment. Did not need to borrow from savings to pay the bills. Historically we have been behind, we are holding steady.

### **Committees:**

**Christian Education** – Pastor will talk to Sunday School and Christian Ed on their budget for 2023. There are approximately 10 little children coming to Sunday school, Pastor is hopeful that perhaps there could be a new Christmas pageant. Youth Group, November 19<sup>th</sup> a movie night and make your own sundaes, December they're going Christmas Caroling; Sue asked if they are going to the adult members that are currently homebound. Sue offered to perhaps she could make a small gift of greens in a mug. Confirmation has 6 children. The youth group is 3 to 12yrs. There are plans to go sledding in January.

**Finance** – minutes were presented to Council from Finance committee meeting from last week. Is there an acceleration of the 2021 audit? Finance would like the audit completed in a timely fashion. Looking for a completion of this year 2022 audit by second quarter 2023. Is Anne available to join the committee. Sue can ask her cousin to volunteer. A committee of three is needed.

**Property** - Report was submitted. A church clean-up is needed, not a great showing for the cemetery clean-up.

**Worship and Music** – Joint Thanksgiving at Pilgrim St. Paul Bethany and All Saints Episcopal. The Holden Evening Prayer Service will be December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Two services on Saturday Christmas Eve and one service on Christmas Day at 10:30am. Nancy is taking December 11<sup>th</sup> off. Pastor Todd is taking December 31<sup>st</sup> through January 7<sup>th</sup> off through Epiphany. Has Choir started practicing for Christmas? Should we stop using the fans and having the windows open? There's been 3 fans on during worship. One window in the back and the fan blowing on the pulpit. Let's revisit at next Council meeting.

**Food Pantry** - Received a \$2000 grant.

**Bazaar Review** – everything is coming together, vendors coming in on Friday evening and Saturday morning. The hours of the bazaar are: 9a-3p Saturday and 12p-3p Sunday. Vendors paid \$25 for table rental. There are thirteen vendors coming.

**Anything else** – Stewardship estimates of giving campaign send out a letter asking for an estimate of giving for 2023. Should we send a thank you letter? Or mention it in a service to provide an opportunity for non-local visitors watching Zoom? Time and Talents should return as an option for distribution in part of the Stewardship campaign. Perhaps we should have a drop box. Finance is meeting on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm on Teams. They will be meeting with Mike Ricci will be looking at the numbers for next year.

**Food allergies** – nut oils and nut usage should be clearly marked in all ingredients.

**Helping the un-housed** population now that the minimum housing usage code will be relaxing from the Building Inspector, the room in the church could be used for a single person. We could assist in lifting a person from poverty. Myron and Pastor are engaged in monthly meetings with the Director of House of Hope, Horizon, BH Link. The state rapid rehousing program requires less documentation, than the federal program. Social worker from the House of Hope can help get a voucher. The voucher will pay the rent for the average rental cost in the area.

Next meeting December 8

Closing

## Do you have Thrivent Choice Dollars?



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**To see if you have Thrivent Choice dollars and to direct them, go to:**

- Online at [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).
- Phone: [800-847-4836](tel:800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. The Member Connection Center is open until 6 p.m. Central time, Monday – Friday.

# Children's Church



## Looking for Help with Children's Church

Children's church is a time for children to worship God with movement, play and creativity. After the children's sermon the children are 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. Two adults supervise the children. If you are interested in helping, please let Pastor Todd or Margaret Teehan know.

[pastor@emanuelww.org](mailto:pastor@emanuelww.org)

[mbteeahan@gmail.com](mailto:mbteeahan@gmail.com)

Thank you.



## On-line Worship at Emanuel Sundays at 10:30AM



### What to Do - if You would Like to Come to On-line Worship

Just click on the Zoom link below on Sunday at 10:30AM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93690864460?pwd=CHZ5RVNsdnFYcDhhNVdMKzA2VEN1QT09>

You can also join us by phone by calling (929) 205-6099 and entering  
Meeting ID: 936 9086 4460 and Password: 933328

A video of the service will be posted on Emanuel's website and  
Facebook group page later in the day.

# Offerings to Emanuel



## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has been mailing in their offering or giving through Simply Giving and Givelify.

Offerings can be mailed to:

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

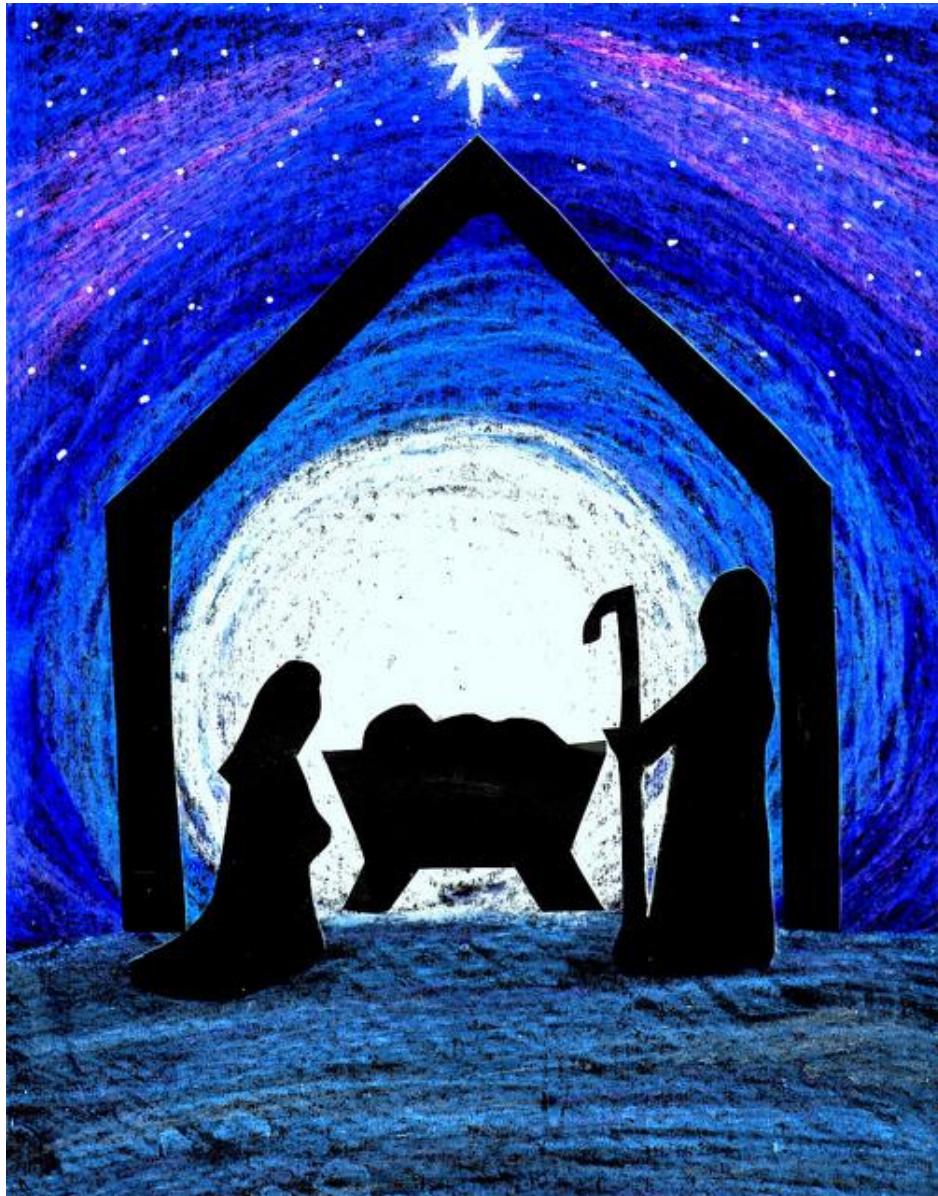
OR you can use either the Simply Giving program, which allows you to automate the giving of an offering from a checking account, or Givelify, which is online app that allows giving through a debit or credit card.

If you would like to find out more about either of these, please let Emanuel's Treasurer, Carol Johnson, or Pastor Todd know. Thank you.

**You can give to Emanuel through Givelify by clicking on the DONATE button on Emanuel's website OR by clicking here: [Donate](#)**

[www.emanuelww.org](http://www.emanuelww.org)

## **Christmas Eve Services at Emanuel**



**4PM – Service with Christmas Pageant**

**11PM – Late night candlelight service**

**Christmas Morning Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Service of Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion**

***Just one service at 10:30AM***



**Please keep these children of God  
in your prayers this week:**

**For Grieving:** the family & friends of Elijah Mather (son of Nancy Kennedy's  
colleague at Pilgrim High School)

**Worship Assistants**

	<i>Serving December 11:</i>	<i>Serving December 18:</i>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Kathy Marco</b>	<b>Kathy Garriott</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Donna Sennett</b>	<b>Bruce Johnson</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>Bryce Principe</b>	<b>Bryce Principe</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Ray &amp; Linda Nunez</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Mary Schabek</b>	<b>Aubrie Suffoletto</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**December's Memorial Candle**



The Memorial Candle for December is given in loving memory  
of **Douglas Auger** from his family.



### **This Week at Emanuel**

<b>Sunday, December 4</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Sunday school, Confirmation, Choir</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person &amp; Online</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Pot Luck Coffee Hour</b>
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<b>Monday, December 5</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Finance Committee (Online)</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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<b>Tuesday, December 6</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM, Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music Committee (Online) Scandinavian Women's Chorus</b>
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<b>Wednesday, December 7</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Holden Evening Prayer (in person &amp; online)</b>
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<b>Thursday, December 8</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Council Meeting (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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<b>Friday, December 9</b>		
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<b>Saturday, December 10</b>		
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<b>Sunday, December 11</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Sunday school, Choir</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person &amp; Online</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

### **Next Week at Emanuel**

<b>Monday, December 12</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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<b>Tuesday, December 13</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM, Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Scandinavian Women's Chorus</b>
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<b>Wednesday, December 14</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)</b>
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<b>Thursday, December 15</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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<b>Friday, December 16</b>		
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<b>Saturday, December 17</b>		
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<b>Sunday, December 18</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Sunday school, Confirmation, Choir</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person &amp; Online</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Lucy, martyr, died 304**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

**John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591**

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

**Las Posadas (LLC)**

**Friday, December 16, 2022**

This celebration, long popular in Mexico, takes its name from the "posadas," or lodgings, sought by Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Their search is reenacted in a neighborhood, unsuccessfully, until finally they are welcomed in, and a party commences.

Double click on link below to see Emanuel's online calendar:

**[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)**

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.