

# Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** 12:30PM to 2PM

Cowesett Inn

226 Cowesett Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893

Estimated cost \$8 to \$25

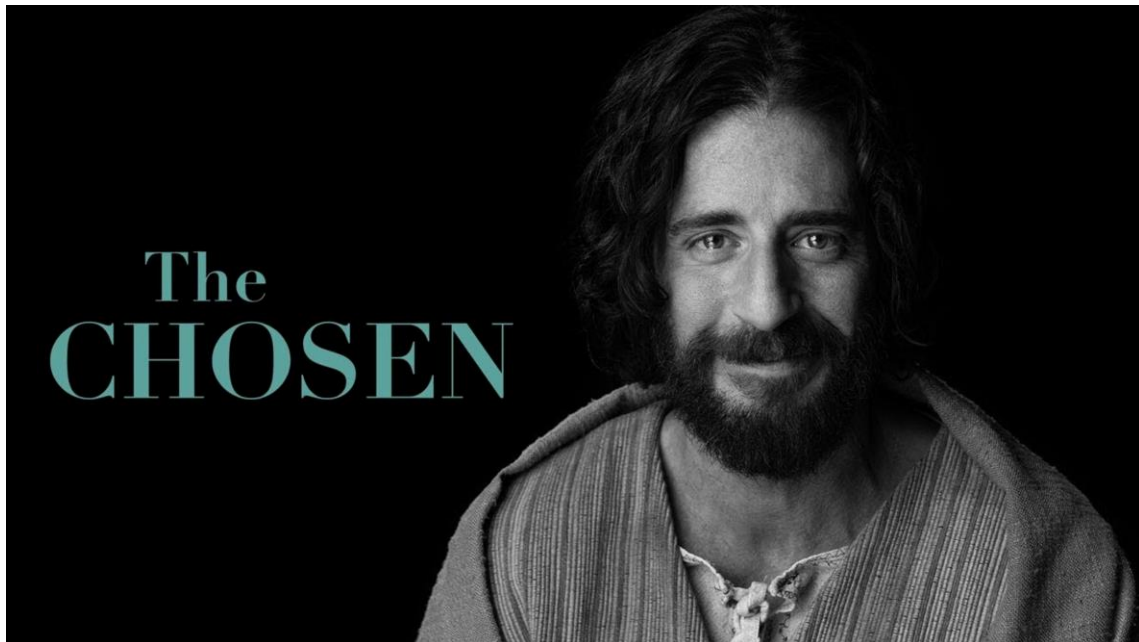
If you would like to go, please email, text or call  
Michael Groleau at

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: [MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com)

Friends welcome!

# New Adult Forum



Over 8 evenings we will be watching and discussing the first season of the critically acclaimed series “The Chosen”.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/25/us/the-chosen-jesus-streaming-tv.html>

Wednesdays @7PM in person & on-line

February 1, 8 & 15  
March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

We will be meeting in person in Jacobs Hall. On-line we will meet at the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82646905094?pwd=eEVHaG9LekNkUDIibGVWRW55aDAvQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 4690 5094 Passcode: 083059



# Emanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting

## Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>



11:45am Pot luck Lunch

**12:15pm Meeting**

*(snow date – Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> same time)*

## Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes December 8, 2022

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

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor read from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi in the midst of hard times.

**Review and approve Nov. Council Minutes** – November minutes approved.

### Treasurers Report

Is the income down? The offerings for the month of November are the lowest they have been for this year. Five Sundays in October, but just four in November. Trending down \$14,000 average but the early numbers for December are down. Some people have decreased their offering in Simply Giving. Some parishioners are giving less. This past year we did not send out quarterly statements showing people how much they have given to date. Bruce asks is that a possible contributing factor to decreased offerings. If we can send them electronically that would be helpful, Glenn will mention that to Danielle David. Ken mentioned that the remaining budgets for Food Pantry and Custodial Supplies have surpluses. Myron mentioned that he did just place a big order for supplies. Myron wonders if some of the supply's bills went to the regular building budget. The Bazaar Committee is reviewing their options for designating where the funds they raised may go to. The total for the Bazaar is \$5,768.

**Ellie's Circle** – 315 blankets donated to Linus Project! \$219.00 in earmark funds.

### Committees

**Christian Ed** – Christmas pageant, new and improved. Some younger children. Sunday School children are helping on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will be away during Epiphany, could the Sunday School children help?

**Finance** – Glenn stated that the letters requesting 2023 estimates of giving has been mailed out to the congregation. The hope is that they get them back soon to help prepare for the budget. Carol has not been getting the on-line version of the form, but Pastor has. Danielle and Pastor receive them. Glenn to ask Carol to verify.

**Property** – The rubbish and cardboard are getting worse and worse, they do not empty it on a timely basis. Supposed to be twice a month. The cleaning crew is not breaking the daycare boxes down. We're using the garbage dumpster for cardboard. Should we reconsider a new garbage disposal company and a new recycle collection company? Jen, Director of Joyful Noise is out sick. Ken can address with the daycare. The Joyful and Emanuel share the cost for the recycling to be picked up. Joyful pays the full bill for garbage collection.

The toilet and sink are not working upstairs, the sink in pastor's changing room was also broken. \$2700 repair for the plumbing repairs upstairs. The daycare is also repairing a sink. They will pay for this. Glenn mentioned that for the Sunday bulletin and the weekly Herald

perhaps the congregation should be made aware of this \$2700 unplanned expense. Pastor will add this to the bulletin and Herald. Landscaping is an issue. Hard to find someone to do landscaping. Daycare needed a repair to one of their doors. Received a \$500 donation to the food pantry from the Furey Roofing Company.

**Worship and Music** – Chuck is filling in for Nancy this week 12/11 while Nancy is on vacation. Holden Evening Prayer on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Lessons in Carols looking for readers, Christmas day at 10:30. Two services Christmas Eve. One service on New Year's Day 10:30am. January 8<sup>th</sup> back to two services, welcome new members Adriana Golden and her mother Kim Sebastian to be baptized. Pastor proposes that Adriana, Kim along with David Cabral and Kelly Schwab, who was baptized in November be officially approved for membership. The Council approved. Counters may not come in on Christmas Sunday, please make sure offerings are taken from the plates on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and locked in the safe.

**Annual Meeting** – Setting date, last Sunday in January or the first Sunday in February. January 29<sup>th</sup> and possible rain/snow date the first Sunday in February. **NOTE – Since this council meeting on 12/8, the date of the annual meeting has been changed to February 5<sup>th</sup> with a snow date of February 12**

**2023 budget review** – We had to adjust for natural gas and electricity and sewer bill, etc. Custodial is \$1,000 less? Pastor benefits are adjusted. Building reserve was brought down to \$2,000. If we get more members, we should be able to accommodate. Food pantry has no budget allocated, 2022 has used to-date \$1574. As part of the donations to the Food Pantry there is \$16,000. Were we buying more sheet music? Is that why there is \$400 in her budget. Sometimes is used for hired musicians. Budget is \$7,000 less this year so far. Take the line 108 out – Food Pantry Truck. Bring your questions to next month's meeting so it can be approved for presentation to the church body.

**Anything Else** – Are we voting on the constitutional changes we made last year, at the next annual meeting? Yes. Do we need to send out another packet of the changes we made? The overall decision is that we do not need to mail it out again. Ken is hoping to ask for Talents in church may be very effective. Sunday School, Ushering, Coffee Hour, Readers, Lessons, Offer Guild, Council members. Joyful Noise has 16 members on their board. They ended last year with a positive balance. Youth group: Myron took them out for Halloween, it was a good event. In November they were going to have a make your own Sundae and movie night. Christmas carols for the youth group is this month, hopeful for good participation. If the present youth leaders do stay on, perhaps we should ask one or two of them may want to join Council. We should keep looking for leaders who could do one event a month. It does take time and effort. David and Kelly asked to be members of the Council. Council voted to welcome them to Council.

Next meeting January 12

Closing prayer

# Have You ever been to the New England Synod Assembly?



We are looking for two people to represent Emanuel at the New England Synod Assembly Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA.

Diane Gadoury and Kathy Plante attended last year's assembly. If you're interested or have questions, ask them or Pastor Todd.

Thank you.

**Your help is needed**



**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

## 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)

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

**For Healing & Comfort:** Barbara & Bob O'Connor

**Worship Assistants**

	<i>Serving January 22:</i>	<i>Serving January 29:</i>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Disa Johnson</b>	<b>Kathy Marco</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Lee Jacobs</b>	<b>Sue Wieboldt</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	-	-
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Donna Sennett &amp; Brandee Muncey</b>	<b>Bruce Johnson * Mark Melanson</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>	<b>David Cabral</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Donna Sennett</b>	-

**January's Memorial Candle**



The Memorial Candle for January is given in loving memory of **Sonja & David Johnson** from Disa & Eric Johnson.

## This Week at Emanuel

<b>Sunday, January 15</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person</b>
	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Sunday school &amp; choir</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person &amp; Online</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
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<b>Monday, January 16</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>AI-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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<b>Tuesday, January 17</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, January 18</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)</b>
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<b>Thursday, January 19</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>AI-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>RI Lutheran Conference Pastors' meeting (JH)</b>
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<b>Friday, January 20</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Dinner &amp; Fun</b>
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<b>Saturday, January 21</b>		
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<b>Sunday, January 22</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person</b>
	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Sunday school &amp; 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, January 23</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>AI-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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<b>Tuesday, January 24</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, January 25</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)</b>
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Live, Laugh &amp; Learn Lunch (Cowesett Inn)</b>
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<b>Thursday, January 26</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>AI-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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<b>Friday, January 27</b>		
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<b>Saturday, January 28</b>		
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<b>Sunday, January 29</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person</b>
	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Sunday school &amp; choir</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person &amp; Online</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

### **Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156**

**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

### **Agnes, martyr, died around 304**

**Saturday, January 21, 2023**

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

### **Conversion of Paul**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

### **Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries**

**Thursday, January 26, 2023**

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

### **Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith**

**Friday, January 27, 2023**

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchræ.

### **Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274**

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

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

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

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.