

Ash Wednesday



"From dust you come, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19

Ash Wednesday Service February 22nd 7PM

Drive up Ashes 12PM to 1PM

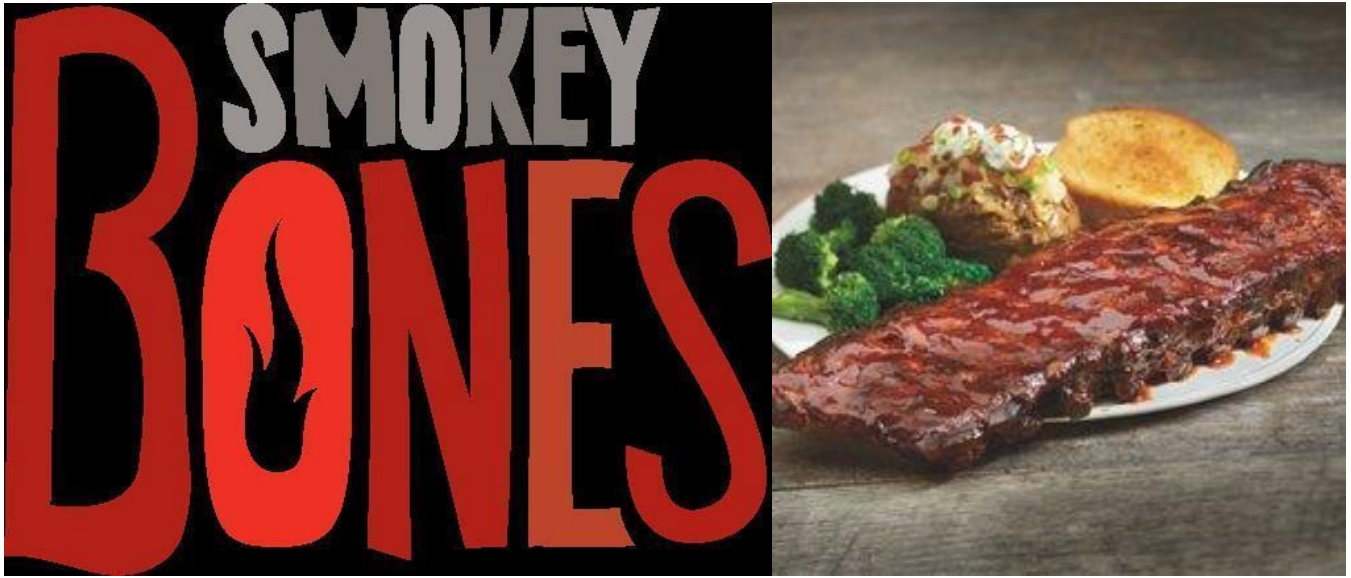
Service with Dispensation of Ashes at 7PM

**Bring you old palms
from last year's Palm Sunday to church**



**on Sunday February 19th
we will present them in worship
later they will be burned to make ashes
for Ash Wednesday**

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

THURSDAY, February 23rd 12:30PM to 2PM

Smokey Bones BBQ

31B Universal Blvd, Warwick, RI 02886

Estimated cost \$10 to \$25

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

Michael Groleau at

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com

Friends welcome!

Thank you!



Thank you to the Children of Emanuel for helping to lead worship last Sunday 2/12.

Congratulations to Emanuel's New 2023 Council!

Myron Gadoury

Jack Gibbs

Bruce Johnson

Elaine Marsh

Marcia Melanson

Mark Melanson

Ray Nunez

Donna Sennett

Ken Wieboldt

Sue Wieboldt

Pastor Todd Stange

**Please wish them well. They were elected
at last week's annual meeting.**

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes January 12, 2023

Attendees: Myron Gadoury, Carol Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Ray Nunez, Pastor Todd Stange, Ken Wieboldt.

Unable to attend: Bruce Johnson, Elaine Marsh, Kathy Plante, Sue Wieboldt

Opening Devotions – Philippians 1:3-5 I thank God for you and our partnership in the gospel. Thank you for being on this year's council and sharing your experience and wisdom. I hope you got something out of the experience – learned something, deeper friendships and faith.

Who will be on the 2023 council?

- Glenn Johnson will be coming off.
- Ken & Sue Wieboldt, Ray Nunez and Myron Gadoury will be staying on.
- Mark & Marcia Melanson are considering serving.

December Council Meeting Minutes

- Pr. Todd made some suggested modifications to the December minutes.
- Minutes approved with modifications.

Treasurer's Report

- Report accepted. Thank you Carol Johnson!

Finance Committee / 2023 Budget

- Myron questioned note in Finance Committee report that suggested the food pantry pay rent. Carol explained:
 - Line #107 in the budget reflects anticipated spending for the food pantry.
 - Lines 100 to 412 in the budget are paid out of general offerings to the church. When we receive donations for specific purposes like flowers, food pantry, etc., this gets reflected in budget lines 500+.
 - Currently the food pantry has ~\$17,000 (\$9,786.85 in food pantry account + \$6,946.16 in earmarked funds in the general account). These are funds that were donated specifically for the food pantry. Because of this abundance we have not needed to fund the food pantry out of general offerings to the church – budget line #107.
 - Agreed to \$0 out the general offering food pantry line #107 in the budget for 2023. We are doing this because there is adequate money in the food pantry account + earmarked funds in the general account.
 - Food pantry expenses for 2023 will not be shown on the budget page of the Treasurer's report, but on the separate page of the report showing the food pantry account's income and spending. This should be simpler to understand.
 - We will revisit the budgeting of the food pantry out of general offerings for the 2024 budget. Also, if the food pantry account gets spent down, money would come out of the general account to support the food pantry.
- Based on estimates of giving and giving history Carol estimates income in 2023 will be \$165,273. This is down from 2022. Finance Committee looked for places where we could lower the budget for 2023.
- Council suggested the following changes to the 2023 budget suggested by the Finance Committee:

- Line #107 Food pantry reduce to \$0 for this year (see above)
- Line #306 Building maintenance increase from \$5,000 to \$6,000
- Line #313 Custodial supplies increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000
- Line #403 Sunday school increase from \$300 to \$500.
- With these changes the budget total for 2023 = \$179,468. This is considerably more than the anticipated offerings of \$165,273. In most years' budgets the amount is higher than anticipated income. This the faith gap.
- Council voted unanimously to recommend this budget to the congregation.

Christian Education Committee

- see report
- Sunday school children helping with worship 2/5
- Confirmation/mentor dinner 1/20

Property

- 30 rolls of toilet paper disappeared from upstairs. Toilet paper is now locked up.
- Recycle company is in the first year of a 3 year contract. Joyful has to call when bins full. They are on top of this now. In the past there has been problems with the recycling not being picked up.
- Many food pantry people do not care for TEFAP – The Emergency Food Aid Program
- Kelly Schwab, who is living in the parsonage, now has her amended birth certificate, SS card, and her RI id.
- 20 possible apartments were found for David & Kelly, but have not heard back from social workers.

Worship & Music

- Question raised at Worship & Music - Should we require masks again during the winter surge of COVID? Should we open more windows? Discussion: Vaccines are now widely available. One window open provides good air circulation. We don't want to lose heat unnecessarily. Services over Zoom should continue.

Anything Else

- The Boy scout troop that currently meets at Christ the King Church down the street is investigating whether they could meet at Emanuel. The priest at Christ the King will only be there once a month starting soon. It's not clear if the Boy Scout troop will be allowed to continue to meet at Christ the King. They are exploring other options in case they are asked to leave. This troop used to meet at Emanuel years ago. They could meet at Emanuel, but we have very little storage space for them to use.
- Pastor Todd will be talking to Kym about working on Fridays 9am to 1pm. During the fall there were a few weeks when she was not able to work on Fridays.
- David Cabral & Kelly Schwab were going to join Emanuel's council, but have decided not to.
- Ken & Sue Wieboldt will send out annual meeting announcements
- Pastor Todd will speak with Danielle David about sending out 2022 annual financial statements. We will send statements via email for people who agree to receive them this way.
- Pastor Todd will also speak to Danielle about helping to put together then annual meeting packet.

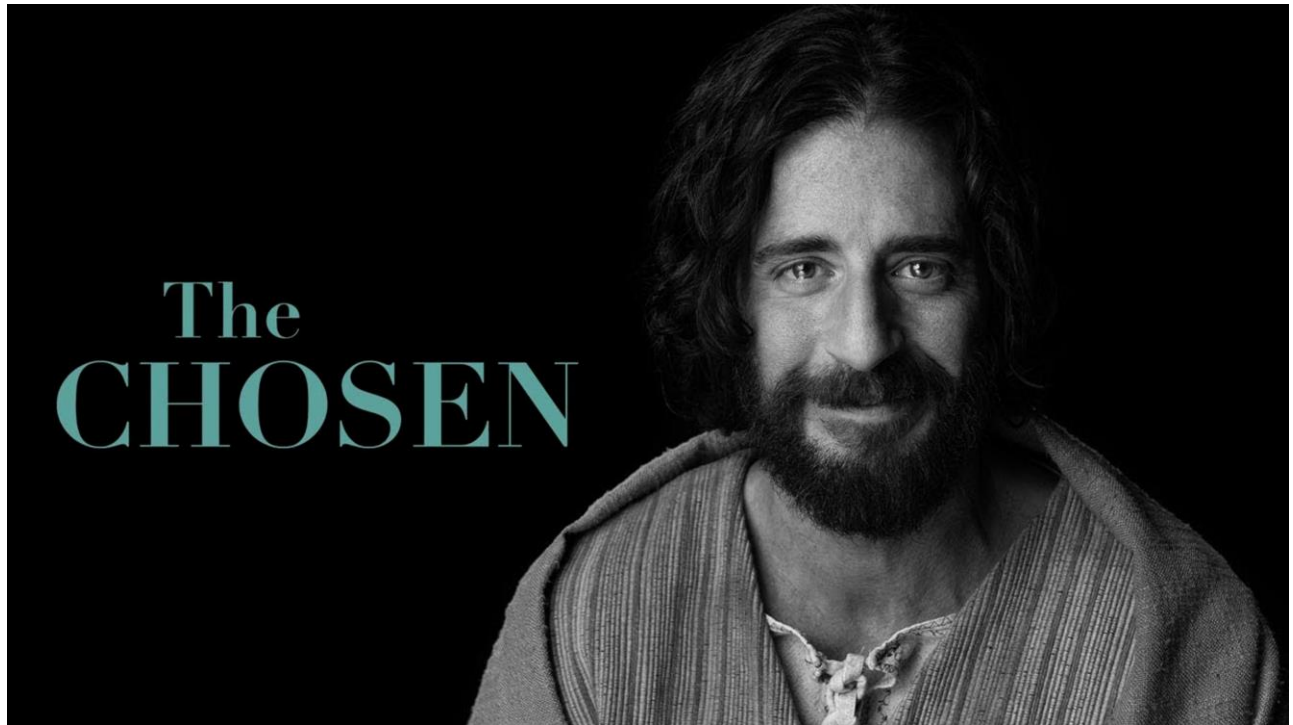
- Auditing Emanuel's finances. The audit of Emanuel's 2021 books has not been done yet. Rebecca Nunez is able to do this, but it is difficult to coordinate the activity with other people. This is a busy time for Rebecca at work. Perhaps Rebecca can do the audit and then have someone else review it? Carol Johnson has reached out Rebecca. Ray Nunez will follow up.

Next Meeting February 9, 2023

Closing Prayer

Adult Forum – Wednesday March 1st

Episode #4



We are 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

March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

We will be meeting in person in Jacobs Hall and on-line over Zoom. Here is the Zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 826 4690 5094 Passcode: 083059

All episodes of "The Chosen" can be viewed on Netflix, Amazon Prime and for free at the website: www.angel.com

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

Reconciling in Christ Sunday at Emanuel



This Sunday **February 19th** we will be celebrating that we are a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all of God's children.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

If you are Asian, Hispanic, black or white....
If you are male or female or transgender...
If you are 3 days old, 30 years old or 103 years old...
If you've never stepped foot in a church...
If you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic or a life long Lutheran...
If you are singled, married, divorced, separated, or partnered...
If you are straight, gay, lesbian or bisexual...
If you have or had addictions, phobias, abortions
or a criminal record...
If you own, rent, live with your parents or are homeless...
If you are fully abled or a person of differing abilities...

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Emanuel Lutheran Church

Emanuel at Night



Photo credit David Cabral

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

For Healing & Comfort: Pam Beck, Danielle (Sandy Johnson's daughter in law from food pantry), Lisa Villnova, Linda Walsh (friends from the food pantry), Susan & John (Pastor Todd's friend Kathy's sister & brother), Lucy Brown (Sue Brown's mother)

Worship Assistants

	<i>Serving February 19:</i>	<i>Serving February 26:</i>
Counter:	Glenn Johnson	Glenn Johnson
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Marco	Kathy Garriott
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Deacon:	Bruce Johnson	Donna Sennett
Acolyte:		
Ushers	Alyssa Andersen & Rebecca Nunez	Joanne Powers & Pauline LaVallee
Lector:	Ray Nunez	Kelly Schwab
Coffee Hour	Courtney Dunn	

February's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for February is given in memory of
George Thomas Fekete from his loving family.

Altar Flowers Sunday February 19, 2023



The flowers this coming Sunday February 19th are given in celebration of **Ken & Sue Wieboldt's 22nd Anniversary!**

This Week at Emanuel

Sunday, February 12	8:00am	Worship IN Person
6 th Sunday after	9:15am	Sunday school, confirmation & choir
Epiphany	10:30am	Worship IN Person & Online
Sunday school children	11:45am	Lunch
help lead worship	12:15pm	Annual Congregational Meeting

Monday, February 13	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, February 14	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM, Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
	7:00pm	Scandinavian Women's Chorus

Wednesday, February 15	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)
	7:00pm	Adult Forum – The Chosen S1.e3 (JH & Online)

Thursday, February 16	10:00am	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Friday, February 17		

Saturday, February 18		

Sunday, February 19	8:00am	Worship IN Person
7 th Sunday after	9:15am	Sunday school, confirmation & choir
Epiphany	10:30am	Worship IN Person & Online
Transfiguration Sunday	11:30am	Coffee Hour
Reconciling in Christ		
Sunday		

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, February 20	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, February 21	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM,
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
	7:00pm	Scandinavian Women's Chorus

Wednesday, February 22	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)
Ash Wednesday	12:00pm	Dispensation of Ashes
1 st Day of Lent	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday service with dispensation of ashes

Thursday, February 23	10:00am	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
2 nd Day of Lent	12:30pm	Live, Laugh, Learn Lunch @ Smokey Bones

Friday, February 24		
3 rd Day of Lent		

Saturday, February 25		
4 th Day of Lent		

Sunday, February 26	8:00am	Worship IN Person
First Sunday in Lent	9:15am	Sunday school, confirmation & choir
	10:30am	Worship IN Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.