

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 1st



Easter Egg Hunt and pizza party at Emanuel
Saturday April 1st **from 1PM to 4PM.**

Friends and family are welcome!

Weather permitting the egg hunt will be outside.
Food will be in the fellowship hall.
Treats will be given to all children.

Please sign-up ahead of time. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at church, or call/email Jenn Hadden. Let us know:

- Who would like to attend?
- How many additional children may be coming?
 - Are there any known allergies?

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Easter Flower Orders



Remember someone this Easter

Tulips, Hyacinths and Lilies: \$10.00 per plant

Order forms are at church. Fill one out and place it in the offering plate. Or you can phone in or email your order.

Please include:

- how many of each type of flower
- your name
- who you are giving the flowers in memory of (please include the spelling)

Payments can be mailed to the church
or made online by clicking here:

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(401) 821-8888 churchoffice@emanuelww.org

Lenten Rocks



Lent is a season of reflection, repentance and a time of going without, so that we might better see all that we have. During this season we traditionally do not have flowers on the altar. This year the flowers have been replaced with rocks. In the center is Emanuel's 1886 rock signifying God and God's house. Around it are the cornerstones of our faith. And surrounding them are stones and rocks of various sizes and colors representing all the people of the church – pastors, deacons, old people, young people, all of us gathered together as God's church. Thank you Sue Wieboldt for designing and creating this year's Lenten altar!

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

THURSDAY, March 30th 12:30PM to 2PM

Olive Garden

31 Universal Blvd, Warwick, RI

Estimated cost \$10 to \$20

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

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com

Friends welcome!

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes February 9, 2023

Attendees: Myron Gadoury, Jack Gibbs, Bruce Johnson, Elaine Marsh, Marcia Melanson, Mark Melanson, Ray Nunez, Donna Sennett, Pastor Todd Stange, Ken Wieboldt, Sue Wieboldt

Opening Devotions

- Exodus 3 Moses is surprised that God asked him, at his age, a shepherd, married with children, to go back to Egypt and rescue his people. God often surprises us. We thought at this point Emanuel would have had its annual meeting and tonight we'd be electing a new president, vice pres, and secretary. But given the water pipe leak – we'll have to wait until March to do that. Let us delight in the surprises in our lives.

Welcome new (anticipated) council members

- They haven't been elected yet, but in anticipation of their election to council at the annual meeting on February 12th – we invited Jack Gibbs, Donna Sennett, and Mark & Marcia Melanson to attend the February council meeting. Thank you for being willing to serve and welcome!

Review and approve January Council Minutes - approved

Frozen pipe update

- Pipes in the back Joyful Noise classroom – the classroom on the New London Ave. side of the building with the old big, blue door entrance - froze during cold spell, burst and then broke.
- Water from the heating pipes leaked into the room (lots of hot water). The steam from the water set off the fire alarm.
- When firefighters arrived, they shut down the heating system and air got sucked into the pipes. Later the pipes needed to be bled.
- A split heating/cooling system will be installed in this back Joyful Noise classroom and in the hallway to ensure the heating pipes don't freeze in the future.
- Cost – Joyful will pay for split heating/cooling unit and heating system in hallway.
- Estimate of other costs for repairing heating system, plumbers on Sunday and Lisette (custodian) for cleaning the flooded classroom = ~\$5K. Emanuel will pay half of this and Joyful will pay for half. Joyful had stuff in front of heaters that made it easier for the pipes to freeze.
- When the alarm went off on Sunday, the fire department was not notified. The alarm is supposed to automatically contact the West Warwick fire department. Myron had to call the fire department 30 minutes later. The company that tests the fire alarm came in January and they removed a key that needs to be plugged in for the fire dept to be notified. The testing company pulled the key out during their tests and forgot to put it back in. The testing company was notified and they came in that day. Myron looking into getting a different testing company.

Food pantry

- Ken Wieboldt is now helping on Mondays, when food deliveries come in. . Lots of food is delivered.
- Last Tuesday the food pantry gave out 7,000 pounds of food. SNAP benefits are being cut. People are in need.

Treasurer's report

- Question for Carol: What is line 505 and 507 that show up in the expenses for the month?
- Question for the Finance Committee: What happened to version #2 of the budget 2023? The final budget that council is recommending to the congregation is version #3. The only other budget we say was version #1. Was there an intermediate version the council didn't see?
- Question: What account(s) hold the \$16K for the food pantry?
- Idea: Add some version of the monthly finances to the herald and bulletin.

Committees

Christian Education

- Mentor/confirmation dinner was held Friday 1/20. Ray won the carrot in the bottle contest - Congratulations!
- The Sunday school kids will be leading worship this coming Sunday 2/12. This was rescheduled from 2/5 due to the flood and lack of heat.
- We have begun planning for this summer's Drama Camp.

Finance

- Ken Wieboldt will begin attending Finance Committee meetings as the council representative.

Property

- There are federal government grants available for 501c3's. Emanuel might be able to apply for one. However, the grants being awarded are \$50K to \$150K for projects that will help things that were impacted by COVID. Is there a project at Emanuel COVID related that would cost at least \$50K? Council was not able to think of one at the meeting.
- Kelly, the woman living in the parsonage, is having seizures almost daily. She is waiting to see a neurologist. She has an appointment, but the earliest appointment she could get is in 2 months. There's a possibility the surgery may be needed.

Worship and Music

- Lent is coming up. Getting ready for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services.
- Myron asked if we could startup the bell choir again? We are having a hard time finding people for the vocal choir. Perhaps people would be more interested in a bell choir – ringing bells than singing? We could also try for a children's choir. It may be worth trying. Many parents don't come to worship with their children.
- Is there Problem with organ? When Chuck left he said the only problem was with the box that allows the organ to play different sounds of other musical instruments, e.g. trumpet. This was discussed at the Worship & Music committee meeting. Nancy will test and confirm this is the only problem.
- Suggestion to have more familiar songs – at least 2 that everyone knows each Sunday.

Other items

- We need to get things going. Get more people involved in coming to church and being involved. Need to do more things. Doing more things will attract people. We

could ask people why they don't come to worship/events. What would they come for?

- Installation of council will be at the 10:30AM service on Sunday March 12th
- We should take pictures of the council members for Emanuel's website.
- Idea: make a long table for coffee hour, so people can all sit together, bring people together.

Next Meeting

- Pastor will be away 3/6 – 3/10. This includes the 2nd Thursday of the month. Because of this the next council meeting will be held the 3rd Thursday of the month - **March 16 at 7PM in Jacobs Hall.**

Closing Prayer

Lenten Cross



Thank you to Lisa & Jack Gibbs for erecting two Lenten crosses at Emanuel. One in the courtyard and one on our New London Avenue hill. They are powerful reminders of this season of Lent.

Members needed who can assist with counting



As Emanuel's Sunday Worship returns to a more normal experience, we have assembled a team of members who have agreed to count the offering following the 10:30 service. They will serve as "Lead Counters" on a rotating basis throughout the year.

Additional volunteers are needed to assist the Lead Counters, so that we can follow the proper procedures (requiring two counters), as recommended by the Audit Committee.

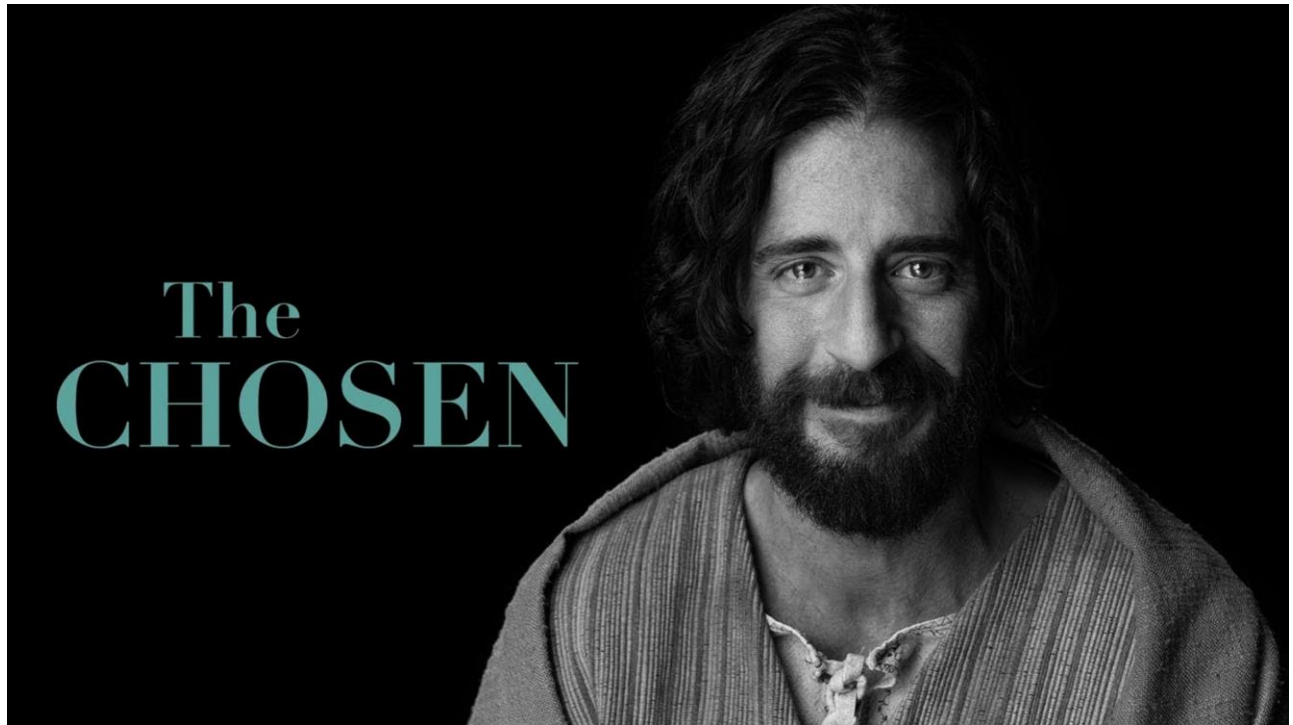
Would you be willing to be an assistant counter?

If so, please send an e mail to Glenn Johnson at
Glennjri47@gmail.com

Your name will be added to the list of counting assistants.
Please include your mobile phone number. Thank you!

Adult Forum – Wednesday March 22nd

Episode #7



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 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

Emanuel YTD Income/Expenses

	2023 Monthly Giving							Actual Monthly Shortfall/ Excess
	Simply Giving Program	Sunday Offering Regular Giving/Rent	Thrivent Choice	Total Regular Income	Total Needed to Support Budget	Budget Shortfall/ Excess	Actual Regular Spending	
Beginning Bal.				\$1,086.84		\$1,086.84		\$1,086.84
Jan	\$7,200.96	\$6,933.59	\$7.00	\$14,141.55	\$14,964.00	-\$822.45	\$13,168.08	\$973.47
Feb	\$6,950.96	\$6,130.25	\$0.00	\$13,081.21	\$14,964.00	-\$1,882.79	\$15,733.47	-\$2,652.26
YTD Total	\$14,151.92	\$13,063.84	\$7.00	\$27,222.76	\$29,928.00	-\$2,705.24	\$28,901.55	-\$1,678.79

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=cHZ5RVNsdnFYcDhhNVdMKzA2VENlQT09>

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](#)

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Emanuel's 2023 Council



Sue Wieboldt, Jack Gibbs, Myron Gadoury, Bruce Johnson, Elaine Marsh, Marcia Melanson, Ray Nunez, Donna Sennett, Ken Wieboldt *(from left to right, missing Mark Melanson)*

This year's council was officially installed last Sunday 3/12.

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

For Healing & Comfort: Sandy Johnson's son (food pantry friend), Michelle & Leslie (sisters)

For Grieving: the family & friends of Miriam Gill (Cara Nunez's boyfriend's mother)

Worship Assistants

	<i>Serving March 19:</i>	<i>Serving March 26:</i>
Counter:	Glenn Johnson	Glenn Johnson
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Cali LaMountain	Kathy Garriott
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Deacon:	Sue Wieboldt	Donna Sennett
Acolyte:	Alyssa Andersen	
Ushers	Donna Sennett & Bruce Johnson	Joanne Powers & Pauline Lavallee
Lector:	Glenn Johnson	Song Edwards
Coffee Hour		

March's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for March is given in celebration of
Ken & Sue Wieboldt's wedding anniversary!

This Week at Emanuel

Sunday, March 12 Third Sunday in Lent	8:00am	Worship IN Person
	9:15am	Sunday school & choir
	10:30am	Worship IN Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Monday, March 13 17th Day of Lent	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	AI-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, March 14 18th Day of Lent	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM, Pastor's office hours 10AM – 2PM
	4:00pm	Christian Education Committee ONLINE
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Committee ONLINE
		Scandinavian Women's Chorus

Wednesday, March 15 19th Day of Lent	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)
	7:00pm	Adult Forum – The Chosen S1.e6 (JH & Online)

Thursday, March 16 20th Day of Lent	10:00am	AI-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
	7:00pm	Council Meeting (Jacobs Hall)

Friday, March 17 21st Day of Lent		Saint Patrick's Day!

Saturday, March 18 22nd Day of Lent		

Sunday, March 19 Fourth Sunday in Lent	8:00am	Worship IN Person
	9:15am	Sunday school, confirmation & choir
	10:30am	Worship IN Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, March 20
23rd Day of Lent - Spring
Equinox

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

Tuesday, March 21
24th Day of Lent

10:00am Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM,
Pastor's office hours 10AM – 2PM
7:00pm Scandinavian Women's Chorus

Wednesday, March 22
25th Day of Lent

10:00am Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)
7:00pm Adult Forum – The Chosen S1.e7 (JH &
Online)

Thursday, March 23
26th Day of Lent

10:00am Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Friday, March 24
27th Day of Lent

Saturday, March 25
28th Day of Lent

Sunday, March 26
Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00am Worship IN Person
9:15am Sunday school & choir
10:30am Worship IN Person & Online
11:30am Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.

Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980

Friday, March 24, 2023

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

Annunciation of Our Lord

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.