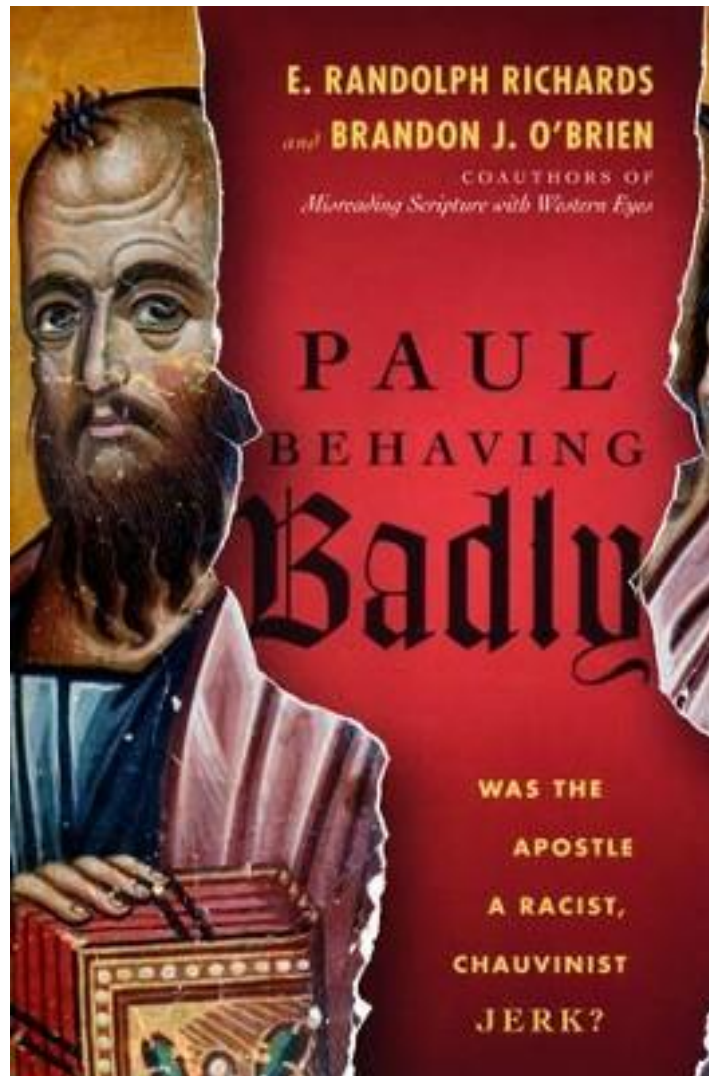


Readers of Emanuel



The readers of Emanuel book club is starting up again.

The first meeting date is scheduled for **Sunday April 23rd**
at ~11:45am in Jacobs Hall.

The book for this month is **“Paul Behaving Badly”**
by E. Randolph Richards

If you have questions, contact Diane Gadoury .

dmgadoury@gmail.com

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Wednesday, April 26th 12:30PM to 2PM

Braza Brazilian BBQ

15 Sandy Bottom Road, Coventry, RI 02816

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!

Easter & Holy Week at Emanuel



**Thank you to the many people who
made it a wonderful Holy Week.
Happy Easter!**



Bazaar Workshops on Tuesdays starting May 9th



When: Tuesday Evenings Time: 6:30 -8:00pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Dates: May 9, 16, 23.& 30th, June 6 & 13

Led By: Sue Wieboldt, interim Craft Leader

All are welcome!

All supplies and craft ideas will be provided.

Join us in the fun and fellowship.

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes March 16, 2023

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

Absent: Elaine Marsh

Opening Devotions

- Pastor asked the council to write down 3 good things at Emanuel, 3 ways you could make Emanuel even better, and answer the question What is Emanuel's purpose?

Elections

- Ken Wieboldt was elected council president.
- Bruce Johnson was elected council vice president.
- Donna Sennett was elected council secretary.

Review and approve February Council Minutes – approved unanimously.

Annual congregation meeting minutes

- The annual congregational meeting was held February 12th. The council reviews the minutes and makes any necessary updates.
- The minutes to the February 12th congregational meeting were sent to the council just today 3/16. More time is needed to review the minutes. Review and go over congregational meeting minutes at the April council meeting.

Treasurer's report

- Expenses were greater than income for the month of February. This was partly due to paying our insurance bill in February.
- The "Total Expenditures" at the bottom of the first page of the Treasurer's report includes donations made to Emanuel. This doesn't make sense. Get clarification from Finance.
- The Bazaar committee has decided where the proceeds from last year's bazaar will go to:
 - \$500 donated to the International Women's Leader's Group with a matching grant through the ELCA
 - \$500 for seed money for this year's (2023) Bazaar
 - \$4,700 to be held in reserve for Emanuel's budget shortfalls

Committees

Christian Education

- Drama Camp will be held the week of June 26 – 30. We are focusing on getting volunteers for drama camp. Olivia Santurri, who directed last year, cannot help out this year. She is doing an internship in Worcester this summer.
- Question was raised: Should confirmands be required to come to worship? There was a discussion about the tradeoffs between not having kids participate at all because they cannot make the commitment because of sports or parents that don't want to come to worship vs. having kids participate in the confirmation program at some lower

level. A greater participation by a smaller number vs. some participation by a larger number. Many of the teenagers play on sports teams that sometimes play on Sunday mornings.

- How can we support the confirmands in participating more in the life of the church and worship? Perhaps have them help with worship more – usher, read, acolyte, coffee hour. Perhaps ask the confirmands serve in worship on specific Sundays like we ask the adults. Donna and Sue are going to work to find ways/opportunities to get the teenagers involved with worship and the church.

Finance –

- In February we had to borrow from funds ear marked for other purposes like the food pantry and pastor's discretionary fund – to pay bills.

Property

- The outside portion of the new ac/heat split units for Joyful Noise has been installed. These will help the water lines from freezing and bursting, which happened in February. It will also help the classroom stay cool in the summer.
- Myron has been helping Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. An arial review of their roof was completed for repairs that are needed.
- Last month Myron mentioned a federal grant for COVID building projects that we could apply for, but it had to be for a project between \$50K and \$150K. Glenn asked - What if Emanuel, Joyful Noise and the food pantry worked together to apply for a grant to redo the parking lot, which is used by all? It's not clear if this would qualify, since it's connection to COVID may not be strong enough.

Worship and Music

- The Worship & Music committee wanted to get feedback from the council on the possibility of having just one service on Easter at 10:30AM and not having the 8AM service in order to have more people together in worship. Idea - perhaps have one service at 9:15AM like during the summer. Myron suggested that since there is no Sunday school on Easter that we could have an Easter Breakfast between the two services. Myron will cook. It was agreed this is what we should do. There will be two services on Easter 8AM and 10:3AM.
- Should we have a flower cross on Easter? Carnations are 99 cents a piece. The cross looks better when we have 200 flowers. Pastor Todd will apply for Thrivent seed money to help pay for Easter cross flowers. Yes, we will have it.
- IDEA – For Mother's day ask people to bring in pictures of their mothers.

Ellie's Circle

- We will have a blessing of the blankets in worship at the 10:30AM service on Sunday April 16th
- Pr. Todd will be meeting with Claire on Tuesday 3/21 to look at the Ellie's Circle space in Jacobs Hall. We have more people come to Ellie's circle. Pr. Todd and Claire will make sure we have enough space, tables, etc.

Fall Bazaar

- It has not been finalized, but we are looking at Friday November 10th for bazaar setup and Saturday November 11th and Sunday the 12th for the Fall Bazaar.

Other items

- All hands on choir. Myron is going to recruit people to come and sing in the choir on Sunday April 16th. Myron and Ken will be singing.
- The Help the Homeless meal is moving indoors to the Health Equity Zone, which is across the street from NY System wieners in Arctic Center. There's not a lot of ventilation in this building. The meal was being held outdoors at the gazebo in Arctic Center.
- Pastor Todd will put together a list of people who haven't been coming to church in a while. The council will then divvy up the names and reach out to the people.
- Ken & Sue are able to give Merrily Wilbur a ride to church one Sunday a month. Pastor Todd will send Ken & Sue Merrily's phone number.
- Pastor Todd is now co-Dean of RI Conference rostered leaders. Council is in support of this new role.
- Ken Wieboldt led a group exercise called "What color are you?" Everyone answered questions scoring statements on how much they agreed with them. The exercise identified people with a color: Green, Blue, Gold or Orange. Each color represents a personality type. It's good to know what type of personality type you are and what type other people are. Knowing this allows us to communicate better and support one another.
- Council voted to allow David & Kelly to stay in the parsonage beyond the winter, if need be. Previously the council voted to allow them to stay while it was cold out.

Next Meeting Thursday April 13th

Closing Prayer

\$\$\$ Available for Emanuel's Bazaar!



Crafters,

Last year everyone was so generous in donating so many crafts, goods, and food for the Bazaar. YOU made our Bazaar such a wonderful success!

We have set aside money to help our church members in their support of the 2023 Bazaar. If you plan on making and donating crafts, we are offering to partially reimburse you for the money you have spent!

Please submit your receipts to Sue Wieboldt to be reimbursed up to \$50.

Thank you for all you do to support Emanuel!

Free Piano

Story & Clark Mahogany Upright Piano



needs a home

**If you are interested, please call Pam Beck
(401) 234-3205**

“The Chosen” Season #2



Wednesday Evenings at 7PM

We will be watching and discussing the 2nd season of the critically acclaimed series “The Chosen”. No need to have seen previous episodes. All episodes are based on the Bible, so you will likely know what's going on.

Wednesdays @7PM in person & on-line

April 12, 19 & 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

We will be meeting in person in Jacobs Hall and also over Zoom.

To meet over Zoom click on this link at 7PM on Wednesdays:"

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82646905094?pwd=eEVHaG9LekNkUDlUbGVWRW55aDAvQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 4690 5094 and Passcode: 083059

All episodes are available for free on **www.angel.com**

Are you getting a Tax Refund this year?



If so, consider donating part of your tax refund to Emanuel.

You could donate to help Emanuel in 2023 & beyond. Here are two possible options:

- Emanuel's Endowment Fund furthers our church outreach by supporting ministries at Emanuel and in the wider community.
- Emanuel's Building Fund helps to maintain our church building and grounds.

Please consider this if you will be receiving a tax refund this year.

Thank you!

Glenn Johnson
Emanuel Finance Committee

Do You Like Coffee?



If so, consider hosting coffee hour one Sunday. If it's your first time (or 2nd or 3rd), people will help you and show you where everything is.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entry way. 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

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

For Healing & Comfort: new baby Atlas Lancot praying for Atlas, Theo, Sarah and Chris, Joanne Powers, , Lissette Velasquez (Emanuel's custodian), Katrina Faken (Claire Leveillee's niece), the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, MA who suffered a devastating fire to their building

For Grieving: the family & friends of Raymond Lang (friend of Pauline & Gerry Lavallee), the family & friends of May Greenwood (Chet's mother), the family & friends of Candy Benanti (Sabrina Sargent's cousin)

Worship Assistants

	Easter Serving April 23:	Serving April 30:
Counter:	Kathy Marco	Kathy Marco
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Marco	Kathy Garriott
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Deacon:	Bruce Johnson	Diane Gadoury
Acolyte:		
Ushers	Pauline LaVallee & Mary Schabek	Mark Melanson & Donna Sennett
Lector:	Song Edwards	Glenn Johnson
Coffee Hour	<i>help needed</i>	<i>help needed</i>

This Week at Emanuel

Sunday, April 16 Second Sunday of Easter	8:00am	Worship IN Person
	9:15am	Sunday School & Choir
	10:30am	Worship IN Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Monday, April 17	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, April 18	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM, Pastor's office hours 10AM – 2PM
	7:00pm	Scandinavian Women's Chorus

Wednesday, April 19	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)
	7:00pm	Adult Forum – The Chosen S2.e2 (JH & Online)

Thursday, April 20	10:00am	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Friday, April 21		

Saturday, April 22	12:00pm	Confirmants & Mentors helping at Church Beyond the Walls in Providence - meet at Emanuel at 12PM

Sunday, April 23 Third Sunday of Easter	8:00am	Worship IN Person
	9:15am	Sunday School & Choir
	10:30am	Worship IN Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
	11:45am	Readers of Emanuel (JH)

April's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for April is given in loving memory of
Doug Auger from his family.

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, April 24	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, April 25	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM, Pastor's office hours 10AM – 2PM
	7:00pm	Scandinavian Women's Chorus

Wednesday, April 26	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)
	12:30pm	Live, Laugh & Lunch at Braza Brazilian BBQ
	7:00pm	Adult Forum – The Chosen S2.e3 (JH & Online)

Thursday, April 27	10:00am	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Friday, April 28		

Saturday, April 29		

Sunday, April 30	8:00am	Worship IN Person
Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:15am	Sunday School, Confirmation & Choir
	10:30am	Worship IN Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109

Friday, April 21, 2023

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación) (LLC)

Saturday, April 22, 2023

This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.

Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into society, he worked among poor people, established schools and hospitals, and worked for peace.

Mark, Evangelist

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380

Saturday, April 29, 2023

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.