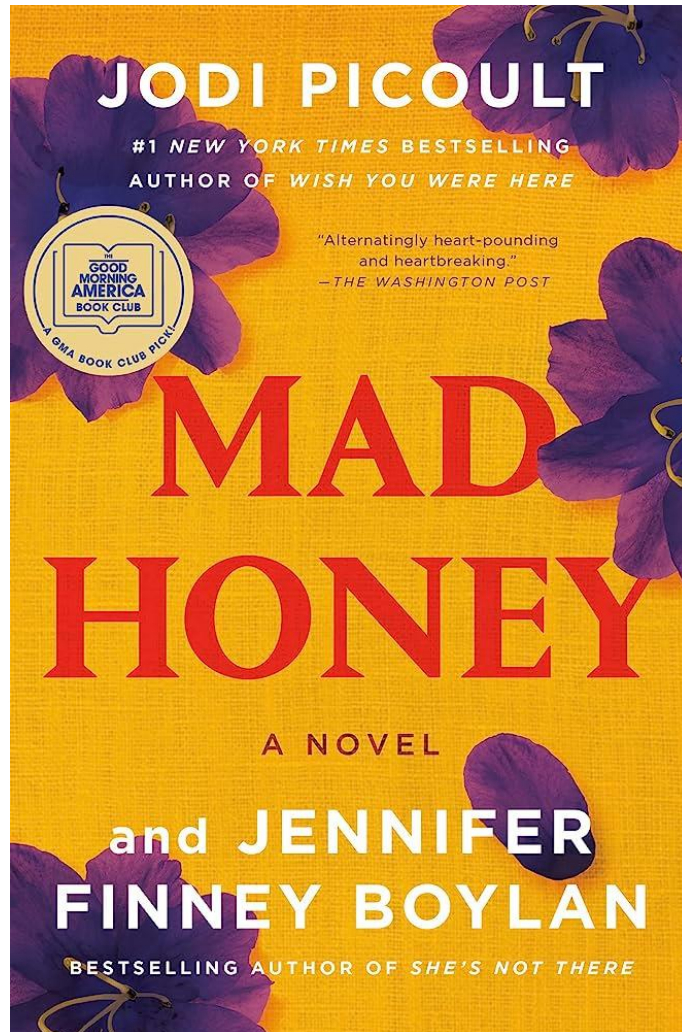


Readers of Emanuel



next gathering Sunday September 24th

In September the Readers of Emanuel book club is reading "Mad Honey" by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan.

We will meet after worship ~**11:45am** in **Jacobs Hall**.

Everyone is invited for good fellowship and food.

"A provocative exploration of the strength that love and acceptance require."—The Washington Post

Discover the Bible in a New Way



“The Chosen” Season #3

We will be watching and discussing the 3rd season of the critically acclaimed series “The Chosen”. No need to have seen previous episodes. All episodes are based on the Bible.

Wednesdays @7PM in person & on-line

September 27th , October 4th , 11th , 25th

November 1st . 8th , (two week break) 29th , December 6th

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86369987751?pwd=eW5aRE5wRHl1UThGUet6OGNZRmdRdz09>

Meeting ID: 863 6998 7751 and Passcode: 392503

All episodes are available for free on
www.angel.com & Amazon Prime

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, September 28th 12:30PM to 2PM

at **Sam's Inn**

2227 West Shore Road, Warwick, RI 02889

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!

Emanuel's Church Picnic



Emanuel's Church picnic last Sunday. Despite some rain lots of fun was had. Thank you to everyone who cooked, cleaned, bounced, limboed and made the picnic a great time. Thank you!

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes August 10, 2023

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

Absent: Jack Gibbs, Ray Nunez

Opening Prayer led by Pastor

June and July Minutes

Motion to accept the June minutes by Bruce Johnson Seconded by Sue Wieboldt

Motion to accept July minutes by Sue Wieboldt Seconded by Pastor Todd

Minutes to be sent to Council as draft minutes as soon as possible, then Council to review and make any recommended changes. Then Council meeting minutes to be put into the Herald. Our hope is to get the meeting minutes out to the congregation sooner.

Finance Committee

- No money has been borrowed from Thrivent funds this year. Our accounts have grown because the funds have been placed in Mutual Funds. The endowment had \$21,000 in growth.
Half of the Bazaar profits will be placed in the Building Fund for projects that are coming up (such as repairing the deck off the Anderson Lounge). The costs for fixing the deck will be minimal – under \$50.
- The Finance Committee is worried about costs for the following projects and wanted to know about costs: replacing the blue doors/the sinkhole in the parking lot/reinforcement of the deck. Costs will be given to finance.

Discussion regarding possibly replacing the blue doors, but they are not going to be replaced due to high costs. They will be painted and sill will be repaired in house at minimal cost. Also concern over the sinkhole in the parking lot, which is to be filled and seal-coated as needed. Eventually it will need to be done by professionals. The sink has since been fixed and needs no further attention at this time. Myron assured the Council that he can fix the deck reinforcement himself. The cost should be under \$50.

- In July, we had an excess of \$2,000 in income over June.
- Administrative Assistant Substitute payment. Staff shifts in the office have had to be covered repeatedly. Sue Weiboldt has been volunteering in the office to cover when the office admin is not able to work, but she is doing it frequently. The Finance Committee suggested that Sue or any substitute might be paid for their time. We need to decide what needs to be done in relation to staffing the church office. Myron feels we need to correct the issue. Pastor made a motion to pay the substitute the same rate as the administrative assistant. This was seconded by Bruce Johnson. Substitutes will be paid the hourly rate currently being paid to the office staff.

Christian Education

- Sunday School and Confirmation classes are to restart on September 10th. We will also go back to two services on that Sunday.

- The church picnic is also scheduled for September 10th. Bruce is working on procuring a band for the picnic. We still need to know the cost involved for the band (Dynamite Rhythm). Mark Melanson will apply for a grant to be used for the church picnic. An invitation to the larger community will be placed in the Reminder. Sue will place this ad

Sunday school teaching staff is in place:

- PK – 2nd grade: Sue Meriano/Lynne Wolff , 3rd – 6th grade: Danielle David and likely Kathy Marco (Sue Meriano will check with Kathy)
- There was a question about background check charges not being taken out of the budget line for the background checks done for the Music Camp volunteers. Sue Weiboldt stated that she didn't think the account had been previously charged for other background checks, so perhaps there had not been a fee for this.

Property

- Myron needs more volunteers on the property committee to do work around the church and is going to need to start hiring contractors to complete projects. Jack Gibbs would like to be included in doing some of these projects. Jack will be informed of Property meetings and property report.
- DHS Inspection items not in compliance are to be paid for by the Day Care.
- No other concerns

Worship and Music

- We are switching over to the Narrative Lectionary on September 10th
- Average worship attendance this summer is 31. Last year it was 36. Overall in-person attendance is 44 for this year (January – August). Last year at this time, the average worship attendance was 45, so attendance has remained steady. However, it is well below the pre-COVID average attendance. The current average Zoom YTD is 8. Average video views YTD is 31

Ideas to boost attendance:

- Worship invitation cards, ask for people to help with worship who haven't been there for a while, advertise in local newspapers, put people in a smaller space, host cultural events, debate an atheist on theological issues, publish the sermons, ask people why they come to Emanuel and post their responses in Jacobs Hall, at the beginning and end of the service invite people to come to worship next week, joint service for Thanksgiving, have conversations with people we don't know.

We discussed doing invitation cards to invite people to come to Emanuel. Pastor will do a draft and will send them to us for our suggestions. We need to have them done in advance of the picnic, so people can be invited to the picnic. We should also send invitations to the picnic to our regular members.

Todd Time

- Pastor proposed a Constitution meeting Sunday November 5th to vote on required Constitutional changes that came out in the 2022 ELCA churchwide assembly last year. It was agreed for this after church meeting to be held on that date,

Five year outlook for Emanuel.

Where are we headed? Where is God leading us?

- Worship attendance is declining overall
- We have good outreach projects
- Discussion about offering something for young families including: Re-engaging the Confirmation class kids – youth to help with the picnic. Sue Weiboldt and Donna Sennett will continuing their effort to get the confirmation class youth more involved.
- Myron suggested hiring a youth group leader (1st Lutheran hired youth leaders). We need to ask about how the Youth Leaders function, the costs involved, etc. – information gathering. Discussion around building the youth group and starting when they are young and incorporating them.
- What else are kids doing in place of youth group activities?
- We could continue teaming up with other Christian Churches and expand on this effort in order to offer activities on a monthly (or more often) basis.
- There was a suggestion made by Myron that it is important to include children of all ages in the youth group so that they are raised up in the church and feel included. This would make them more active in the church and will hopefully keep them engaged.. It was pointed out that younger children should not be included in the same activities as the older (teenage) youth, in their teens.as children of differing ages have different interests and needs, and that we need to think about the appropriateness of having children of elementary age included with youth in their teenage years. Myron suggested two youth groups as we did in past, one for the younger children.
- The point was made that we might want to consider that we start saving money for possible future leaner times, while we are experiencing a surplus of funds.

Next meeting is September 14th

Closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted

Donna Sennett, Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Secretary

Emanuel Word Search

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Looking for Help



This year's bazaar is Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sunday, November 12 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The bazaar committee is looking for help with the raffle. Any of the following would be gratefully accepted.

- Gift Cards for our major raffle
- Gift certificates to local establishments.
- Items for baskets. These can be single items or multiple themed items (wine, liquor, candy, kid's themed items, etc.) Your ideas are welcome as well.
- Cash donations to help us purchase raffle items.

If you can help, please contact:

Sue Wieboldt at (401) 397-9845, susieq3380@gmail.com or
Carol Johnson at (401) 323-9542, cmjohnson1220@gmail.com.

Something New



Starting this fall Emanuel will begin using the Narrative Lectionary

What is the Narrative Lectionary?

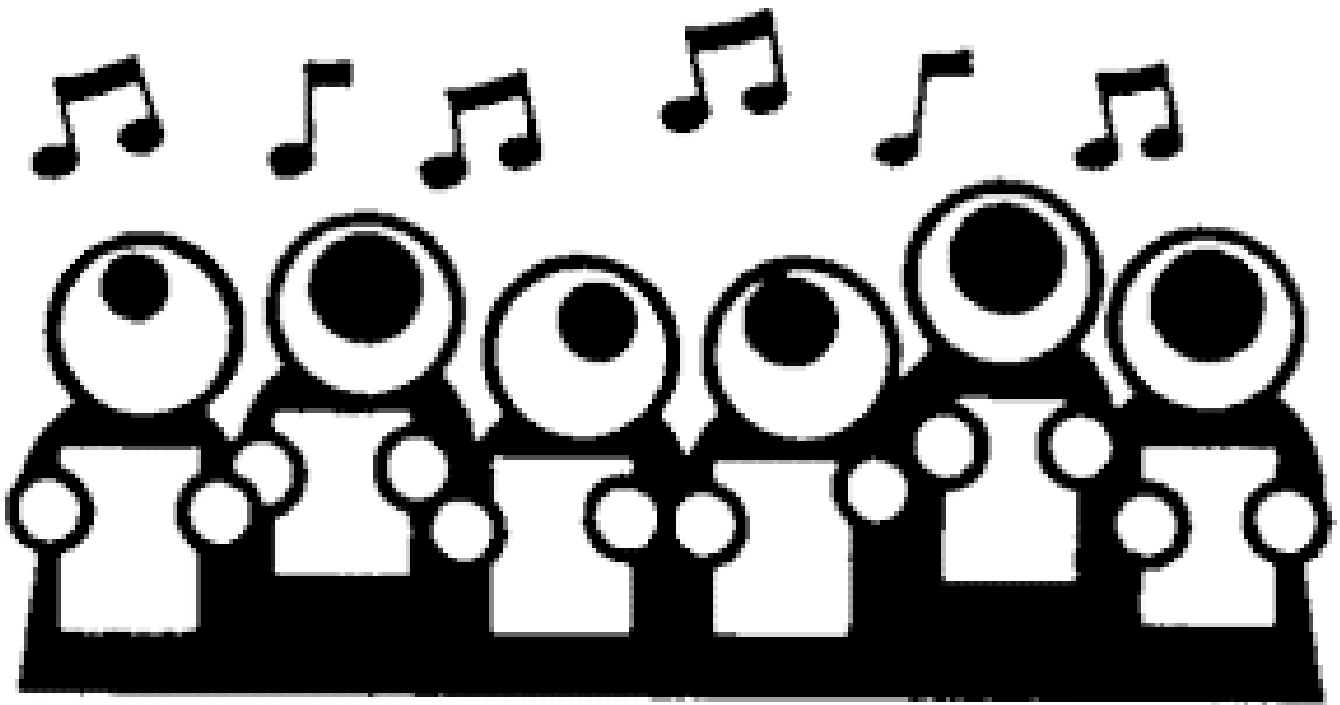
A lectionary is the guide which tells us which Bible readings to use each Sunday. For the past 3 years we have been using the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). Many denominations use the RCL, e.g. Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists, etc. There's a benefit in being in sync with other churches, but the RCL also has some weaknesses – the RCL sometimes pulls stories randomly week to week and it can be hard to get a sense of the chronological story of the Bible. This is especially true with the Old Testament readings.

The Narrative Lectionary (NL) was created in 2010 at Luther seminary in order to lift up some of the stories in the Bible that aren't told that often, and to give a chronological telling of the biblical story from start to finish. In the fall the NL readings begin in Genesis and sweep their way through the Old Testament. Then starting at Christmas the NL begins working through one of the gospels from the beginning (Jesus' birth) to the end (Jesus' resurrection). This year we will be reading through the gospel of Mark. After Easter the NL tells the story of the early church, pulling readings from Acts and the epistles.

Sometimes it's nice to try something new. In this case the NL isn't entirely new to Emanuel. We used the NL from 2016 to 2020. This will be our second go around with the NL. It is my hope that in doing so we will hear something new and experience the Bible in a new way, and that through this our faith will be deepened. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

Pastor Todd

Choir at Emanuel



**Starting back up
Sundays at 9AM
in the sanctuary.**

**Anyone who would like to make
music is welcome.**

Craft Night at Emanuel



Tuesdays at 6:30PM – starting **September 26th**
in the **Fellowship Hall**

Come help make crafts to sell at Emanuel's
Fall Bazaar table.

Fun fellowship too!

Special Congregational Meeting at Emanuel



**Sunday November 5th
after the 10:30AM service (~11:30AM)**

**PURPOSE: to vote on required constitutional
changes that came out of the 2022 ELCA
churchwide assembly.**

**More information will be coming out. If you have
any questions in the meantime, please ask Pastor
Todd or Linda Nunez. Thank you!**

CPR TRAINING AT EMANUEL INCLUDING THE USE OF OUR AED

SIGN UP SHEET ON NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD

Date and cost will be announced after enough signatures are accumulated.

Be trained to save a life



A new Battery is on order for our AED. As it has been some time, we will also be having a CPR Class at Emanuel if enough signatures show interest. This will include the AED operation.

Joyful Noise will also be included.



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Emanuel Lutheran Church

Food Pantry

Wednesday & Thursday

October 11th & 12th

4pm – 8pm



Support Emanuel Lutheran Church by presenting this flyer to the **Warwick** location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **15%** of your total food purchases to the food pantry!

Flyers will be available in Narthex. Bring flyer to Texas Roadhouse on the two dates and times and Emanuel's Food Pantry will get a 15% donation from your bill. This will be used for our Thanksgiving Baskets.

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: Raymond (client of Laurie Phillips), Chris (friend of Laurie Phillips), Diane Gadoury, Sue Meriano

Worship Assistants

	<i>Serving September 17</i>	<i>Serving September 24</i>
Counter:	Ken Wieboldt	Ken Wieboldt
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Marco	Kathy Garriott
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Deacon:	Sue Wieboldt	Langdon Clough
Acolyte		Caroline Schabek
Ushers	Joane Powers & Pauline Lavallee	Mary Schabek & TBD
Lector:	Mary Schabek	TBD
Coffee Hour	volunteer needed	volunteer needed

September's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for September is given in loving memory of **John Gustafson** from his wife Phyllis Gustafson.

This Week at Emanuel

Sunday, September 10	8:00am	Worship In Person
15th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School & Confirmation
Rally Day!	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Emanuel Church Picnic

Monday, September 11	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, September 12	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM

Wednesday, September 13	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)

Thursday, September 14	10:00am	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
	7:00pm	Council Meeting (Jacobs Hall)

Friday, September 15		

Saturday, September 16		

Sunday, September 17	8:00am	Worship In Person
16th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, September 18	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, September 19	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
	7:00pm	Constitution Meeting (JH)

Wednesday, September 20	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)

Thursday, September 21	10:00am	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Friday, September 22		

Saturday, September 23		

Sunday, September 24	8:00am	Worship In Person
17th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
	11:45am	Readers of Emanuel (JH)
	12:30pm	Confirmation Hike

Upcoming Commemorations

Holy Cross Day

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

Sunday, September 17, 2023

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

Monday, September 18, 2023

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.