

Emanuel's Christmas Giving Tree

17 unclaimed ornaments



Thank you to everyone who picked children off the Giving Tree this year. There are 17 unclaimed ornaments. If you would like to take one, click on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ABAD2FA5FBC52-46265221-emanuel>

If you haven't already, please drop off your gifts to the church **by Friday December 15th 1:00pm**. Gifts should be wrapped, if possible, with a note indicating the # of the child.

Gifts can be dropped off at the church on:

Sundays 8AM to 12PM

Tuesdays 9AM to 2PM

Fridays 9AM to 1PM

If one of these times doesn't work, please call to arrange a different time. Thank you.

Chuck, Myron & Langdon



Thank you to Chuck Mello for filling in for Nancy while she was away on vacation this past Sunday. Here Chuck is pictured Myron and Langdon.

Pot Luck Coffee Hour

this Sunday December 3rd



The 1st Sunday of each month you are invited to bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. If you don't care to cook or need a week off, please come anyway. There will be plenty for all!

Order Your Christmas Poinsettia



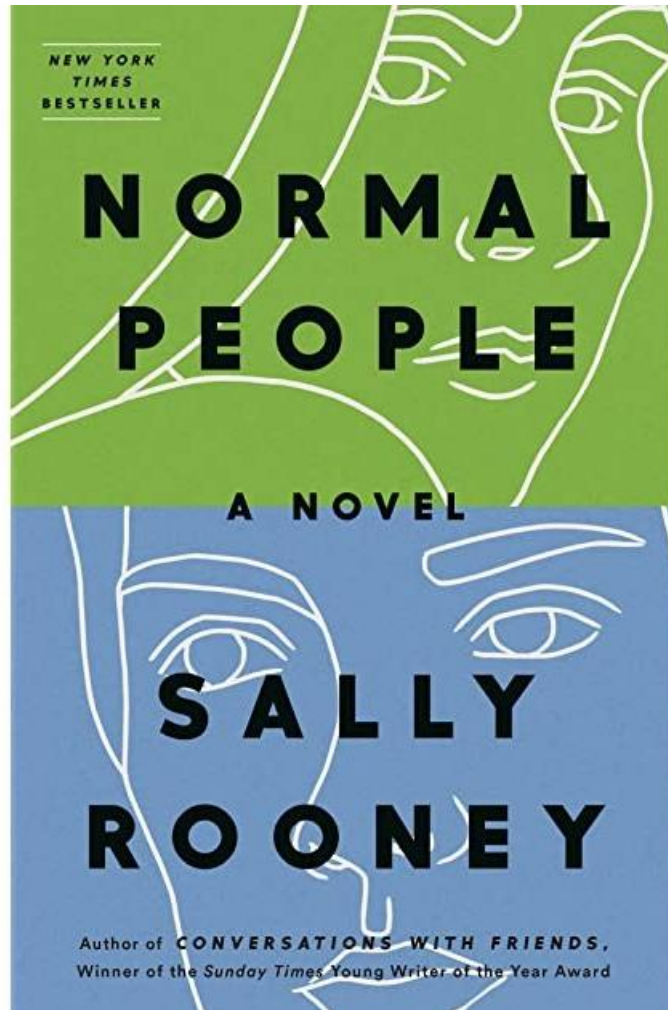
Only **Red** poinsettia this year
Cost = \$10 single or \$20 double

To purchase a poinsettia for Christmas Eve, please complete a poinsettia form (Given for... Given by...) and place it in the offering plate or email/text/call Sue Wieboldt at

(401) 743-3843 susieq3380@gmail.com

Deadline for ordering is Sunday December 17th

Readers of Emanuel Sunday December 3rd



The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading “Normal People” by Sally Rooney. Winner of the Costa Book and British Book Awards, and longlisted for the Man Booker Prize.

We will meet after worship ~**11:45am** in **Jacobs Hall** on
Sunday December 3rd

Everyone is invited for good fellowship and food.

“Normal People” book review by Maureen Corrigan:
<https://www.npr.org/2019/04/09/711377704/personal-demons-and-class-differences-complicate-love-in-normal-people>

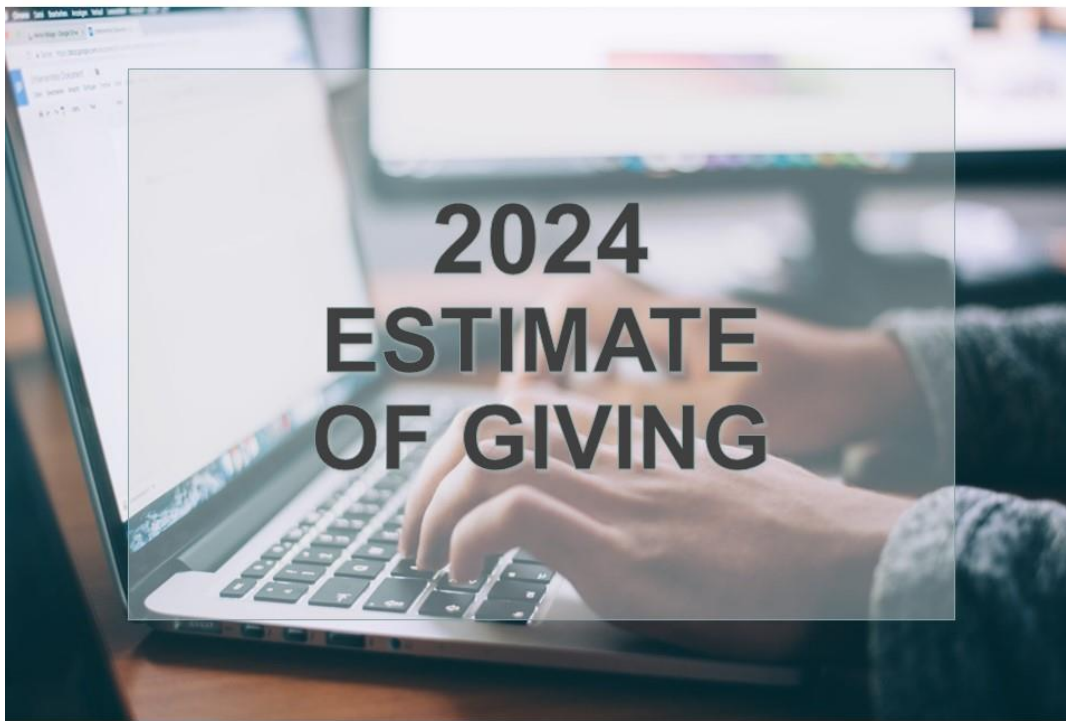
Movie Night at Emanuel
Saturday December 16th 6PM to 8PM
in the fellowship hall



Movie "The Star"

The Christmas story from the point of view of the animals. Children welcome.

Requesting 2024 Estimates of Giving



Thank you for your support this past year.

As this year comes to a close we have begun to look forward to 2024 and have begun putting together a budget for the new year. Please help us with this process by taking a moment to send in your estimate of giving for 2024. You can do this be either filling out the form on Emanuel's website:

www.emanuelww.org

(Under the "DONATE" menu item click on "2024 GIVING FORM")

Or you can mail a paper copy of the estimate of giving form to the church office. In case you need form, a copy is **attached** to this email. If possible, please submit your 2024 estimate of giving by **Sunday December 17th**.

Thank you in advance for your input. If you have any questions, please call or email me. Thank you.

Cemetery Cleanup November 2023



Thank you to everyone for a great job – even in the rain!

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, December 7th 12:30PM to 2PM

at **Top of the Bay Restaurant**

898 Oakland Beach Ave, Warwick, RI 02889

Estimated cost \$10 to \$30

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

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com

Friends welcome!

THE CHORUS OF KENT COUNTY

Nicholas Laroche, Musical Director
Stephen Romano, Accompanist

Presents

Joyful Voices

A HOLIDAY
CHORUS CONCERT

A graphic of a musical staff with a treble clef, several colorful notes (pink, blue, yellow), and small starburst symbols.

December 2 at 7:00 p.m.
December 3 at 2:30 p.m.

West Warwick High School
1 Webster Knight Drive



For tickets, scan the QR code, call 401-862-3105,
or visit chorusofkentcounty.com.

\$17 advance/\$20 day of event/\$10 children 10 & under
(under 2 free)

Please bring a donation to our collection bins at the concert:
new, unwrapped toys (for Toys for Tots) and/or nonperishable
food such as cereal, rice, tuna, and peanut butter (for Project Hand Up).

Did You Know?



On Tuesday November 14th the employees of Barber Associates helped distribute food to our families in need. Thank you to Brian Barber and all his staff. In addition to helping they also donated \$3,500 from their Christmas fundraiser. Thank you!

In the month of November Emanuels Food pantry distributed 26,535 pounds of food to 333 people in need from 159 families. Our pantry was visited 333 times this month. We had 21 new families. Each person was given 18 days of food. Thank you to all who support this ministry.

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes October 12, 2023

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

Opening Devotions:

Opening prayer

September Council Minutes

Pastor made a motion to accept. Mark seconded. Minutes accepted

Treasurer's report

Carol presented. We still have \$1,830 left in the checking account which is not earmarked. We are in good shape financially. We are currently underspending the budget.

Thrivent Accounts: We are up for the year in both Thrivent accounts, even with no deposits, because of the way we have invested.

Review of Earmarked Items: Total Earmarked: \$10,525.86

Other earmarked funds were to go to remotely ring the church bell, which is currently being held. This money was donated by the Gibbs (\$320.00). There was a discussion about the need to ring the bell remotely, and the discussion was tabled for now.

Property Insurance: There is a significant increase in insurance costs. Brotherhood Mutual came back with a lower cost, but higher deductible. With a lower deductible, the insurance cost would be comparable to what we are currently paying. We will be paying the current quote on a month-by-month basis, pending more input. We have not filed a claim against the policy, so we discussed having a higher deductible and paying less. Carol will go back and get the actual figures for a higher deductible and inform the Council of these figures. It will be put on the agenda for next month's meeting. Joyful Noise does not have any effect on the cost of our insurance. They have their own separate insurance policy. Carol reminded us that if we are going to overspend the budget or foresee larger upcoming expenditures, we need to notify the Council for discussion.

Endowment Fund: If there is a gain, up until it reaches \$100,000, we could give up to 50% of the gain. After \$100,000 we can switch to 75% of the gain. Last year, we did not distribute any funds. There was a discussion of giving a set percent (ex. 3%, which is a very sustainable model) of the principal. To change this, we would need a (double) congregational vote to change the Constitution. There was a thought that we might want to consult with a money manager to see what our options are. We might want to say that we give a "minimum" of 3% per year. Pastor made a motion that we temporarily table the discussion.

Joyful Noise: Discussion of whether we should continue to give Joyful Noise (JN) a \$5,000 yearly grant. There was a review of expenses paid by JN and paid by Emanuel. There is concern that JN does not have a budget. Myron is going to ask about JN having an established budget at the next JN Board meeting. Myron asked to be notified when bills come in

Christian Education: We are going to do a different play for Christmas this year, and sending out invitations to other youth to see if they would like to be involved. The Christmas Pageant will be at the 10:30 service on Christmas Eve (which falls on Sunday this year).

There are 8 children in Confirmation this year.

Margaret Teehan and Jen Hadden are going to do a Halloween event on 10 **ctivity**.

Property Committee:

The Property Committee report was reviewed and the following items were highlighted:

There is going to be a cemetery cleanup on November 18th. Discussion of the Boiler Room circulator pump breaking.

We are not going to fix the bottom of the blue doors this year because of how time consuming it will be. We will take that on next year.

Myron is trying to find a new snow removal company. He got a quote from Town Farm Landscape. Myron believes the price is fair and he would like to give this company a chance. He is also getting quotes for landscaping, as we will need someone to take over this work. He will seek multiple quotes. Myron estimates that it could cost upwards of \$4,000 or more.

There was discussion about having volunteers work with the Property Committee. Myron would like to discuss repairs with the volunteers prior to any work being done.

There are issues with Joyful Noise throwing out inappropriate materials in the dumpsters and around the dumpsters. They are not supposed to be dumping these things in our dumpsters. They need to hire someone to take the bulk items separately. We may need to find someone who will pick up bulky items and give JN that information with the direction that they need to call to have their bulky items removed. They will need to pay for this service.

Worship and Music: Review of minutes. Holden's Evening Prayer will be done on Sunday vs mid-week. Discussion of maybe singing more Christmas music prior to Christmas. Make the last hymn of the service a Christmas hymn.

Constitution Update: Committee met in September and reviewed the updates.

Congregational Meeting to be held on November 5th. The 1st nine chapters are fairly straightforward in terms of changes. Chapters 10-14 will require more discussion.

Questions: Do we want to use the upstairs parsonage to shelter a homeless person? There are things to consider. We would go to Andrea from "Homeless RI" for recommendations for a person that is in need of housing and would be appropriate for our space. Perhaps we could find someone who already has, or who could be connected to, a social work or community health team to provide basic services. The person would need clothing, a bed, basic home supplies like pots/pans, etc.. as well as transportation to medical appointments, to the grocery store, etc. Pastor will ask the congregation members for assistance with these things. Myron also suggested that we check on insurance company provisions as well. Carol Johnson will look into this.

Other: Nancy asked if we have licensure to broadcast/stream music over Zoom. We would need a broadcast license to do this. One license is a company that handles traditional hymns. This cost is approximately \$300/year. A more contemporary company called "People Look" covers more contemporary music, which costs about \$230. We should have

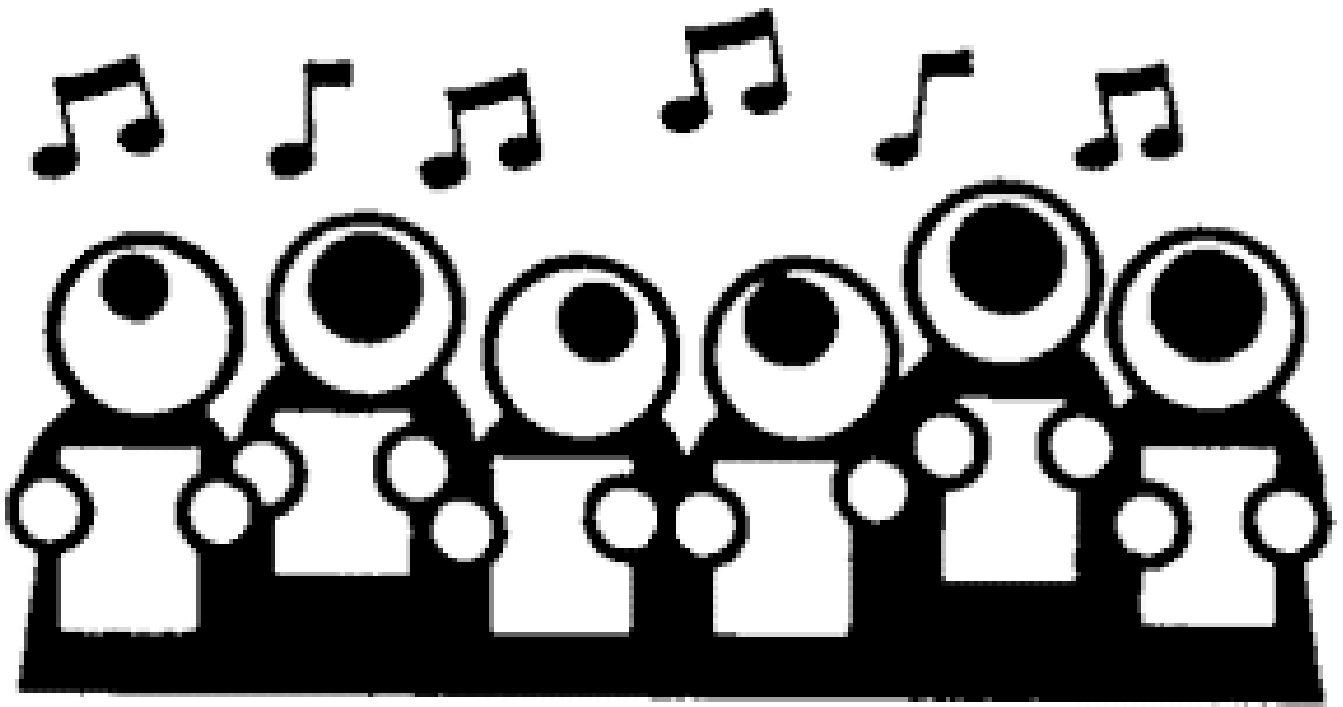
had at least one of these already. We should also track which music we are using to make sure we are accurate in which fees we should be paying.

Closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Sennett, Secretary

Choir at Emanuel



**Sundays at 9AM
in the sanctuary.**

**All who like to make
music are welcome.**

Bible Readings for Sunday December 3rd

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:1-11

Jerusalem is under siege by the Babylonians. The future looks bleak. But even then Jeremiah prophesies that God will bring recovery and healing to the city. Jerusalem will be rebuilt and made new again.

¹The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still confined in the court of the guard: ²Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name: ³Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. ⁴For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the kings of Judah that were torn down to make a defense against the siege-ramps and before the sword: ⁵The Chaldeans are coming in to fight and to fill them with the dead bodies of those whom I shall strike down in my anger and my wrath, for I have hidden my face from this city because of all their wickedness. ⁶I am going to bring it recovery and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. ⁷I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. ⁸I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. ⁹And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them; they shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

¹⁰Thus says the Lord: In this place of which you say, 'It is a waste without human beings or animals', in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without inhabitants, human or animal, there shall once more be heard ¹¹the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank-offerings to the house of the Lord: 'Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!' For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first, says the Lord.

Second Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-18

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

¹⁷For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, ¹⁸and the levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt-offerings, to make grain-offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

How do these readings speak to you today?

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](#)

www.emanuelww.org

Christmas Eve Services at Emanuel



Sunday December 24th

(This year Christmas Eve is on a Sunday)

10:30AM – Service with Christmas Pageant

11PM – Late night candlelight service

Note – there will be NO 8AM service on Sunday December 24th

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

For Comfort & Healing: Denese Edwards (friend of the food pantry), George & Iris Lackey (friends of Gale Lucier)

For Grieving: The family & friends of Sue Kamp (a friend of Laurie Phillips)

Worship Assistants

	<i>Serving December 3</i>	<i>Serving December 10</i>
Counter:	Mary Schabek	Mike Ricci
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Marco	Kathy Garriott
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Deacon:	Diane Gadoury	Donna Sennett
Acolyte	Caroline Schabek	Antonio Montecalvo
Ushers	Alyssa Andersen Joanne Powers Brandee Muncey	TBD
Lector:	Glenn Johnson	TBD
Coffee Hour	Pot Luck	volunteer needed

November's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for November is given
by Carol Swanson in loving memory of **Karl Swanson**

This Week at Emanuel

Sunday, November 26	8:00am	Worship In Person
26th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
Christ the King Sunday	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Monday, November 27	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, November 28	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
	7:00pm	Constitution Team meeting (JH)

Wednesday, November 29	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)
	7:00pm	Bible Study (JH & ONLINE)

Thursday, November 30		

Friday, December 1		

Saturday, December 2		

Sunday, December 3	8:00am	Worship In Person
1st Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
	11:45am	Readers of Emanuel (JH)

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, December 4	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, December 5	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Committee ONLINE

Wednesday, December 6	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)
	7:00pm	Bible Study (JH & ONLINE)

Thursday, December 7	12:30pm	Live, Laugh & Learn Lunch (Top of the Bay)
	4:00pm	Christian Education Committee (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Finance Committee (ONLINE)

Friday, December 8		

Saturday, December 9		

Sunday, December 10	8:00am	Worship In Person
2nd Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School (FH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

Andrew, Apostle

Thursday, November 30, 2023

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

Sunday, December 3, 2023

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

Monday, December 4, 2023

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397

Thursday, December 7, 2023

While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.