

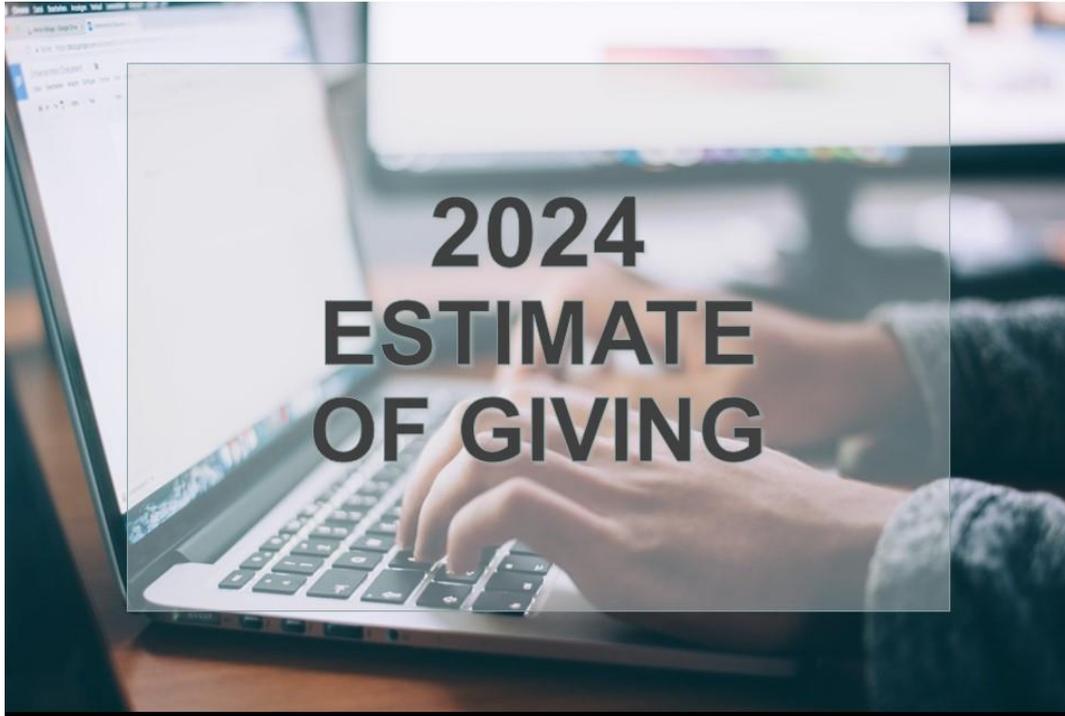
**Movie Night at Emanuel**  
**Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> 6PM to 8PM**  
in the fellowship hall



**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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup>**.

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

# Emanuel's Christmas Giving Tree

12 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

# 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 17<sup>th</sup>

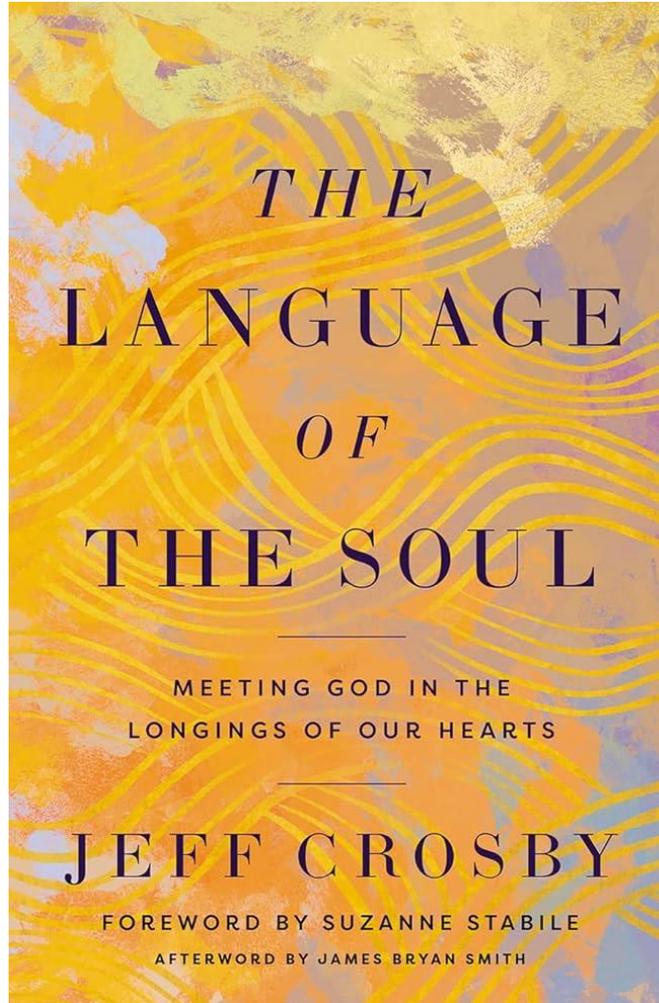
# Bed Looking for a New Home



Brenda Morgan has a twin bed in good condition with drawers underneath. Please contact Brenda or Pastor Todd, if you or someone you know could make use of it. Thank you.

**[pastor@emanuelww.org](mailto:pastor@emanuelww.org)**

# Readers of Emanuel



## Next gathering Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>

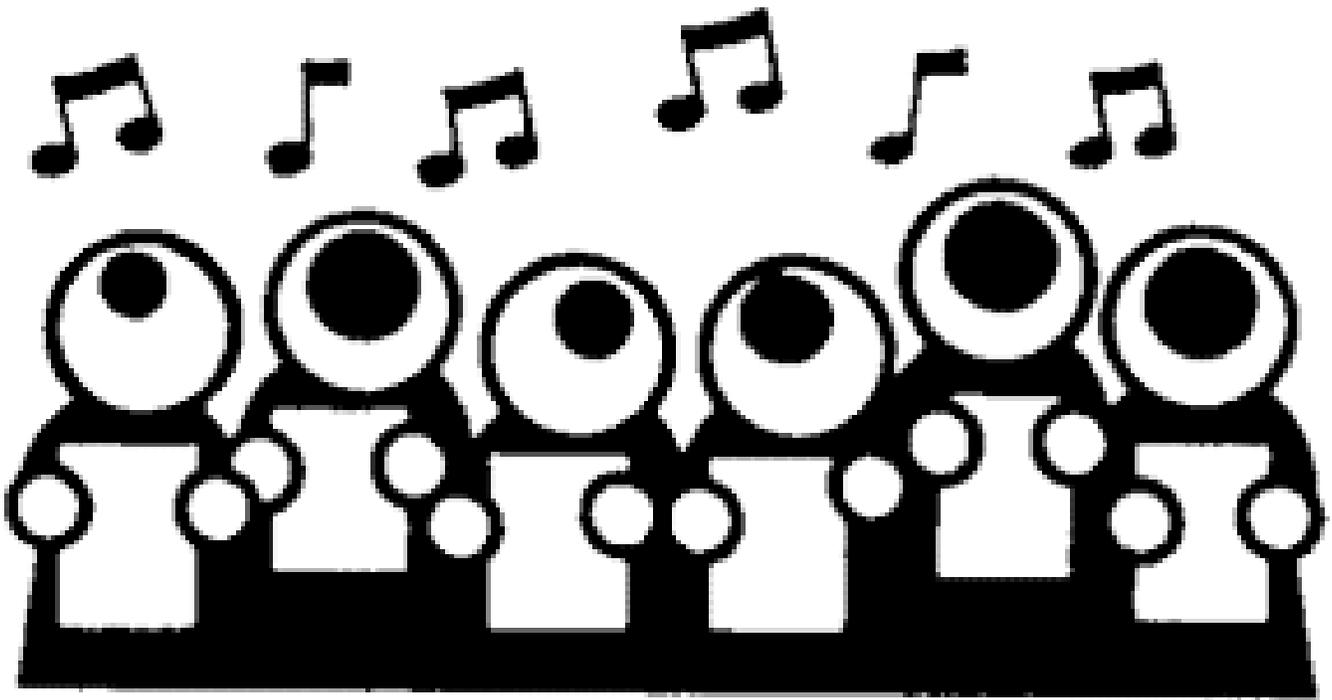
The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading  
“The Language of the Soul” by Jeff Crosby.

We will meet after worship ~**11:45am** in **Jacobs Hall** on  
**Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone is invited for good fellowship and food.

An interview with Jeff Crosby on The Unhurried Living podcast:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=BEBP4aMcywY>

# Choir at Emanuel



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

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

# Bible Readings for Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>

## First Reading

## Isaiah 40:1-5

*In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. The Lord is coming and will deliver the people of Israel.*

- <sup>1</sup> Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.  
<sup>3</sup> A voice cries out:  
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
<sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

## Second Reading

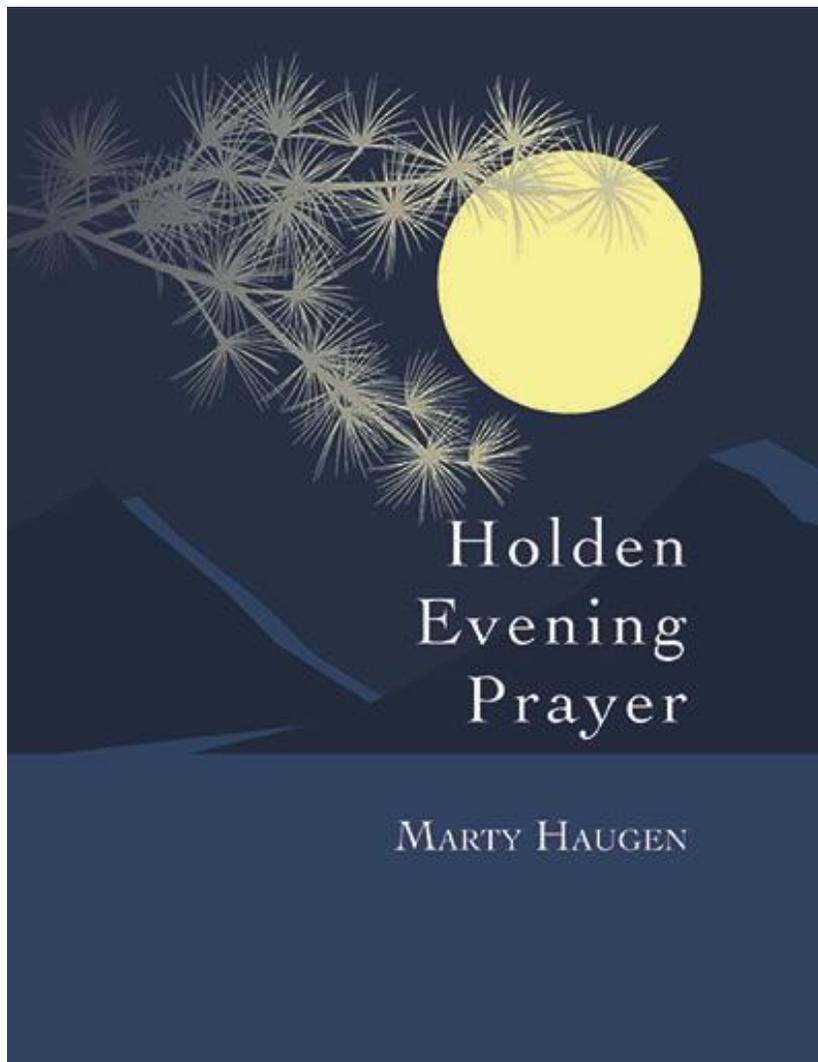
## Isaiah 40:6-11

*The Lord will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for his sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of the God.*

- <sup>6</sup> A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'  
All people are grass, their faithfulness is like the flower of the field.  
<sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our  
God will stand for ever.  
<sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'  
<sup>10</sup> See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.  
<sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## How do these readings speak to you today?

## Sunday Morning Holden Prayer



**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am**

**On this Sunday close to the darkest day of the year we will be worshipping using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy.**

**"The Light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5**

# On-line Worship at Emanuel Sundays at 10:30AM



## What to Do - if You would Like to Come to On-line Worship

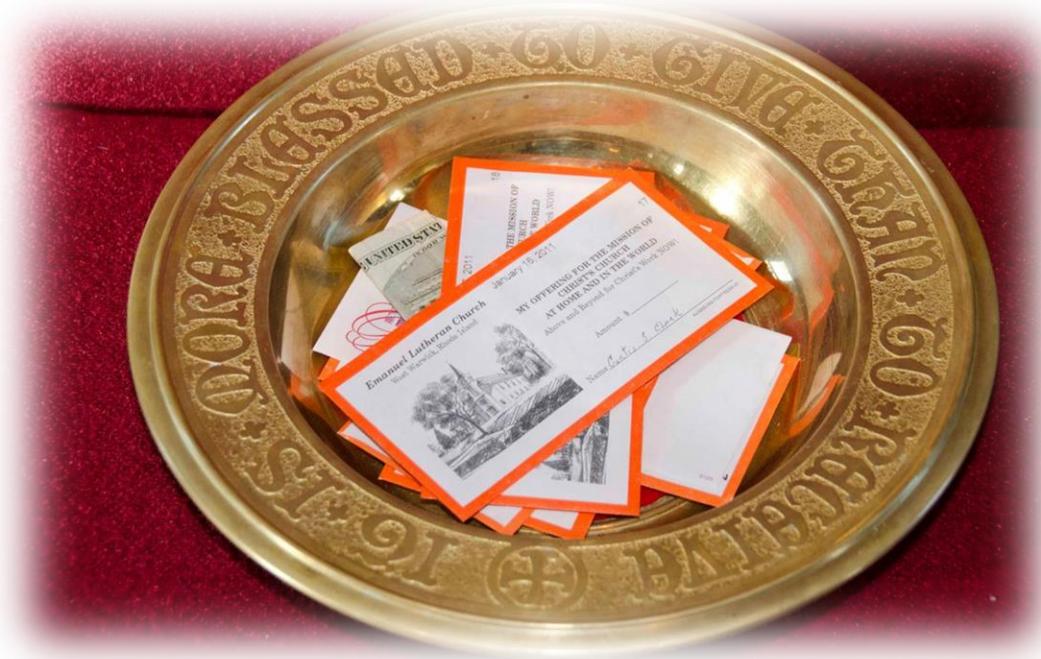
Just click on the Zoom link below on Sunday at 10:30AM:

<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

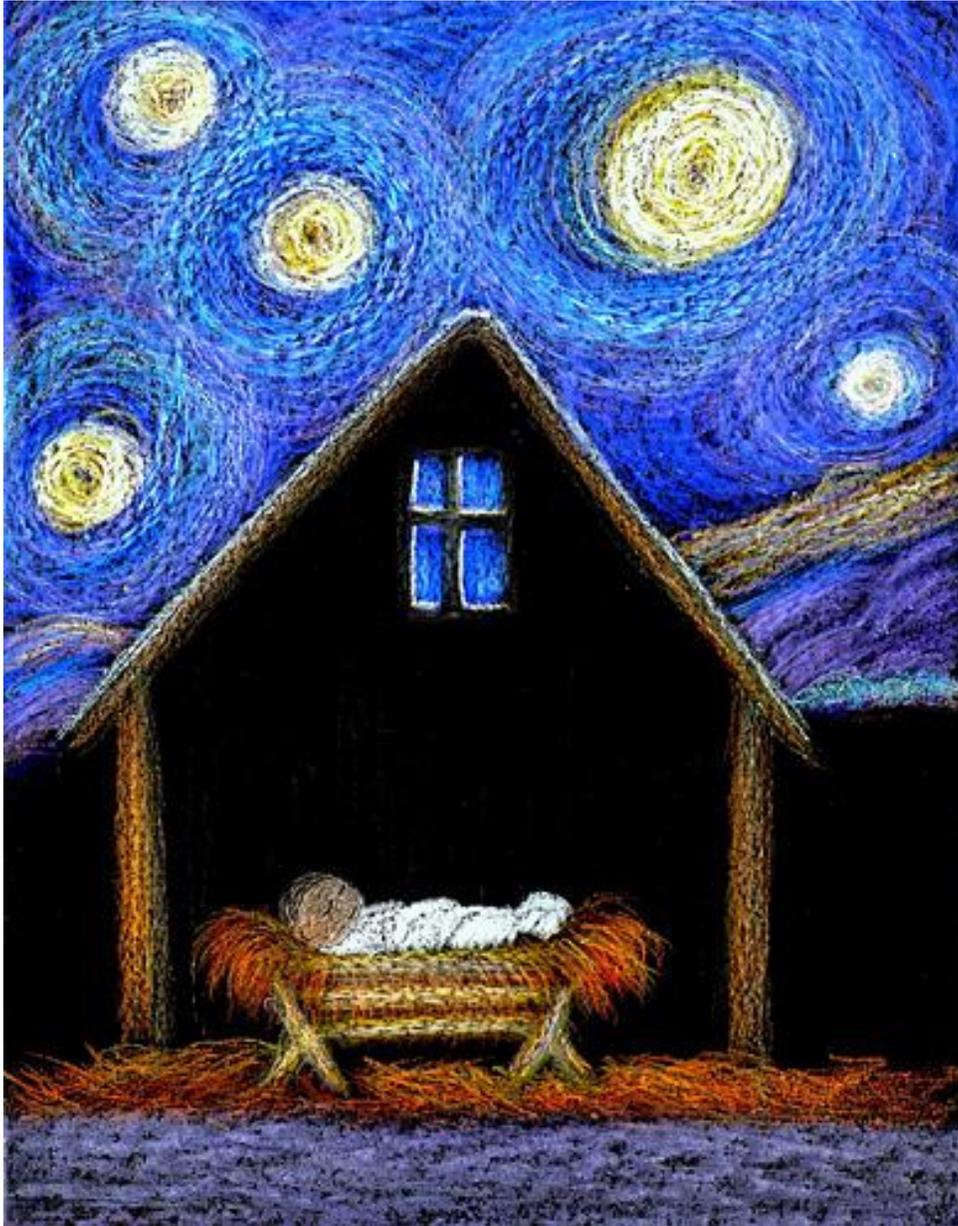
OR you can use either the Simply Giving program, which allows you to automate the giving of an offering from a checking account, or Givelify, which is online app that allows giving through a debit or credit card.

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](http://www.emanuelww.org)

# Christmas Eve Services at Emanuel



**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>**

*(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 24<sup>th</sup>

## Worship Assistants

	<i>Serving December 10</i>	<i>Serving December 17</i>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Mike Ricci</b>	<b>Linda Nunez</b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Kathy Garriott</b>	<b>Kathy Marco</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Donna Sennett</b>	<b>Sue Wieboldt</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Antonio Montecalvo</b>	<b>Aubrie Suffoletto</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Marcia &amp; Mark Melanson</b>	<b>Bruce Johnson &amp; Pauline LaVallee</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Dianne Gadoury</b>	<b>Danielle David</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	volunteer needed	volunteer needed

## December's Memorial Candle



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

## This Week at Emanuel

**Sunday, December 3**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Worship In Person  
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)

---

**Monday, December 4**

10:00am Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)  
7:00pm AI-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**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Worship In Person  
9:00am Choir  
9:15am Sunday School (FH)  
10:30am Worship in Person & Online  
11:30am Coffee Hour



## **Upcoming Commemorations**

### **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.

### **Lucy, martyr, died 304 Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

### **John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591 Thursday, December 14, 2023**

John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

### **Las Posadas (LLC) Saturday, December 16, 2023**

This celebration, long popular in Mexico, takes its name from the "posadas," or lodgings, sought by Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Their search is reenacted in a neighborhood, unsuccessfully, until finally they are welcomed in, and a party commences.

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

**[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)**

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.