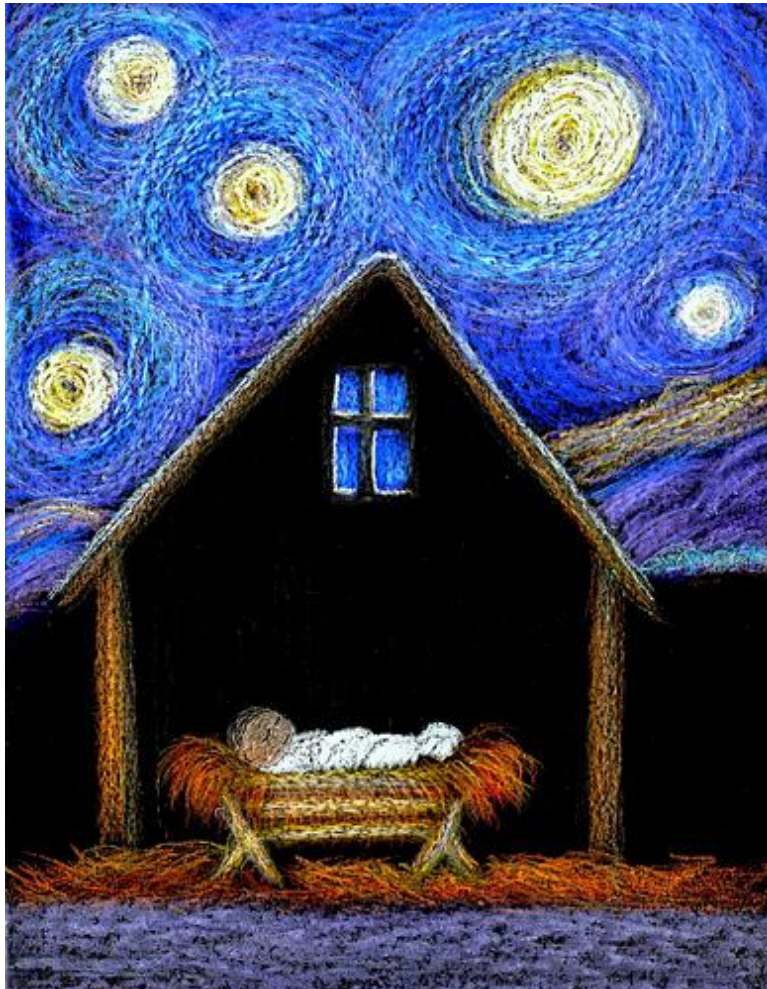


Christmas Eve at Emanuel Sunday December 24th

10:30AM & 11PM



10:30AM – Service with Christmas Pageant

Zoom Link for 10:30AM service:

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11PM – Late night candlelight service

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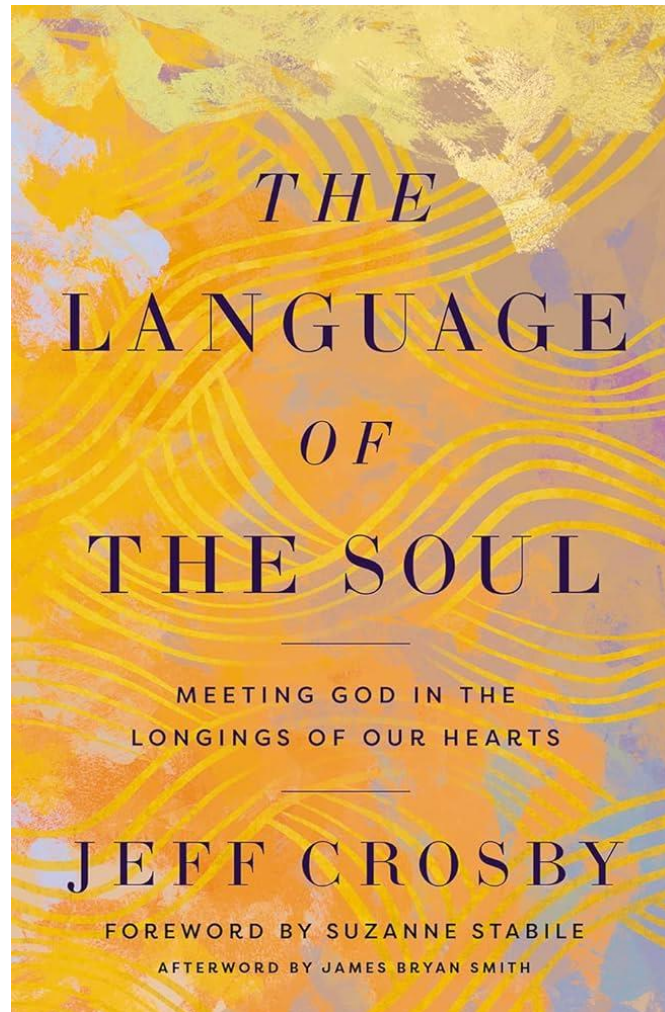
"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

Emanuel's Christmas Giving Tree



Thank you to everyone who provided gifts for the Giving Tree. This year we made Christmas special for 27 children. Special Thanks to Christine Stewart & Lori Martin for organizing the Giving Tree again this year. Thank you!

Readers of Emanuel



Next gathering Sunday January 14th

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 14th

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>

Desserts Direct by Jenna Larson



Accepting Holiday Orders

larjen46499@gmail.com or text 401-644-5372

| ITEM | PRICE PER UNIT | PRICE PER DOZEN |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Brownies | \$2.00 | \$24.00 |
| Cheesecake (minis) | \$3.50 | \$42.00 |
| Cheesecake (whole) | \$35.00 | X |
| Cinnamon Rolls | X | \$30.00 |
| Cookies | \$2.00 | \$24.00 |
| Cupcakes | \$3.00 | \$36.00 |
| Dessert Dips | \$15.00 | X |
| Dessert Shots | \$3.00 | \$36.00 |
| Donuts | \$2.00 | \$24.00 |
| Meringues (minis) | \$2.00 | \$24.00 |
| Muffins | \$2.00 | \$24.00 |
| Pies | \$30.00 | X |
| Tarts (minis) | \$3.50 | \$42.00 |
| Three-Layer Cake | \$55.00 | X |
| Two-Layer Cake | \$30.00 | X |

Gluten and dairy free is able to be accommodated.

Stop & Shop "Bloomin'
for Good"
Program

Buy the "BLOOMIN" Bouquet in
January 2024

**ELC FOOD PANTRY
will benefit!**

COVENTRY STOP & SHOP

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes November 9, 2023

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

Opening Devotions – Pastor Todd

Discussed the Boy Scouts outstanding food collection donations to the food pantry this week. We had 79 families come for food this week.

Motion to accept last months' minutes Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes.
Seconded by Mark Melanson

Budget: Had to borrow \$4000 from the building reserve to pay a \$4000 bill outstanding from last year to take down a tree. The contractor had not sent a bill after the work was done last year. He had just sent it.

Finance Committee: We have made money on our Thrivent account this year.
2024 Budget. Note that we did not budget for a donation to JN. There is a proposed allocation for \$2,950 donation to the Synod. Pastor proposed that we donate \$5,500 to the Synod. The Council agreed to let it remain the same for the coming year. Outreach total budget is \$4000. Facilities costs have increased, particularly fuel and electricity (budgeted for 10% increase). We need to raise the custodial line because it should be based on 12 hours per week, not 10 hours a week. The insurance line went up by \$2,100. Music went up because of the addition of the license fee. This brings the budget to over \$184,679.75. The projection for income for 2023 is \$170,000. If this remains the same for 2024, we will be short approximately 14,680. We currently have \$1,300 in the building fund. Snow removal this year could escalate the costs. The Synod convention is going to be more expensive this year because it is for two nights. This tentative budget will be sent back to the Finance Committee for their review.

Motion by Marcia to accept the budget. Seconded by Bruce

Stewardship Campaign 2024:

Estimate of giving is coming up. Speakers during services again. Ken and Pastor volunteered to be two of the speakers. Letters to be sent out. We will also do Time and Talent sheets during a coffee hour. Someone will also speak about Simply Giving. We receive more in gifts through Simple Giving than through regular offerings. This can be arranged with Carol Johnson. We should also talk about this during service. Ray discussed what a Donor Advise Fund through Thrivent is and that it is a tax-free fund.

Christian ED:

WE are doing a new Christmas Play this year. There is no Sunday School this year on November 12th because of the Bazaar. We should think about where Sunday School could hold their classes next year during the Bazaar.

Property Committee:

Fall clean-up is coming up. If not enough volunteers, the cemetery will take propriety. The clean-up is scheduled for November 18th.

The couple, Joseph and Amanda and their 5 year old son are set to move in upstairs in the parsonage. The final BCI checks came back okay. Joseph just lost his job. He has a car. The care committee should meet and discuss the details of how they are going to help this family. Margaret will be called to let her know they can move in this coming week. Carol is still trying to find out if there will be an increase in insurance costs

The wall near the fellowship hall needs to be replaced this year. The railroad ties are rotting.

Jack brought up the topic of chores being outlined in a punchlist. Jack thinks that a list of pending projects should be posted, but Myron has tried that, and it has not brought any volunteers. Jack is trying to reduce Myron's workload. Myron stated that he could put a note up saying he is looking for volunteers for some small jobs. Myron doesn't want people to just take on projects without guidance.

A question was raised by Ray about the cost for recycling. Carol was contacted and she indicated that the amount was negotiated by Bob Maine about 10 years ago.

Worship and Music:

We are not having an 8 AM service on Sunday December 24th Christmas Eve. On Sunday December 17th we are going to do Holden Evening Prayer. We are doing it on a Sunday morning instead of during the week, so more people can experience it.

Other Items:

There is a concern about people driving though the parking lot to drive their kids to JN. They are speeding and not following the arrows. Myron has spoken to at least one person who was driving too fast. Myron was thinking about putting up metal posts. It was suggested that those plastic child shaped figures might work to help slow people down while driving. The day care has sent out letters to parents, but it has not made a difference.

Myron states that the Property Budget has been used up. It was suggested that we should let people know when there is an additional project to be done, because he will need funds to cover these expenses. He should speak to finance for money. Myron asked for approval to go over the budget. A motion was made to go overbudget if necessary items by Pastor. Kit was seconded by Mark Melanson.

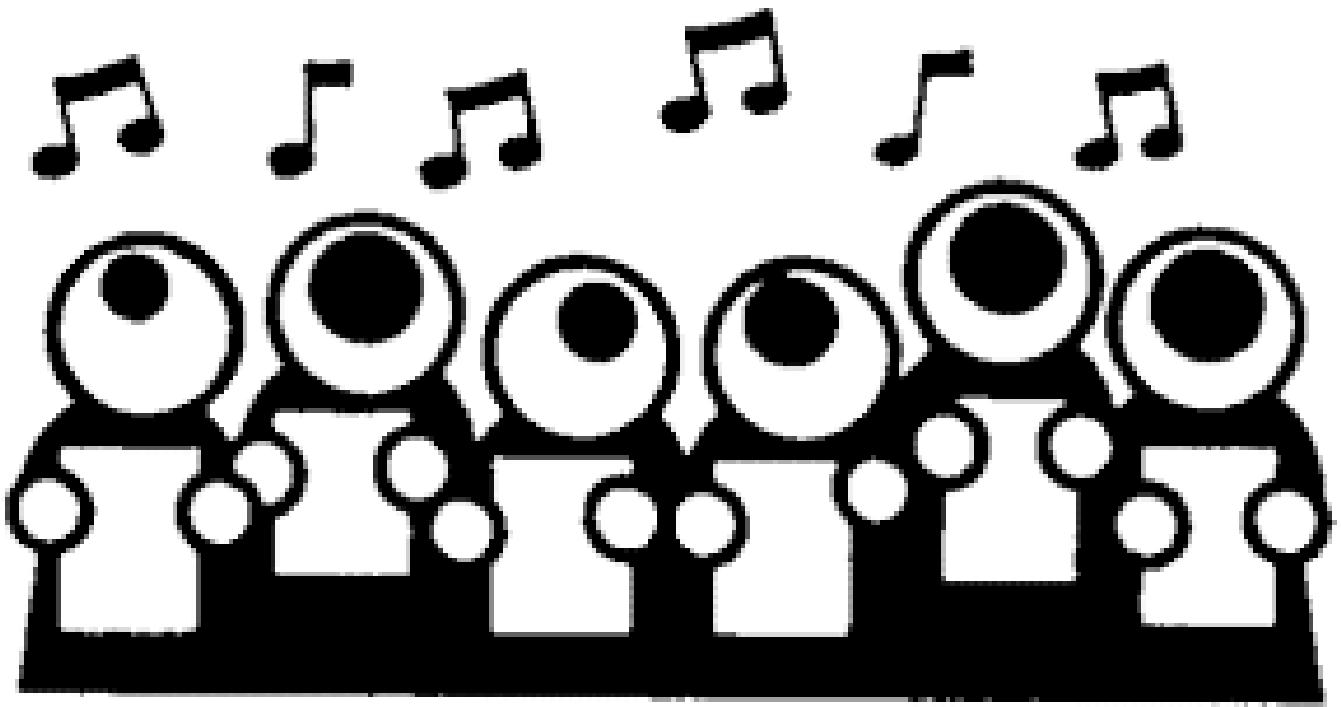
Next meeting is at Ken and Sue's house on December 14th. There will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM first. Members of the Council volunteered to bring food items.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 28, 2024, with the snow date on February 4, 2024.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Donna Sennett, Church Secretary

Choir at Emanuel



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

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

Gospel Reading for Christmas Eve

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Luke's Christmas story. God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

How does the Christmas story 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=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 Comfort & Healing: Mike Holmes (friend of the food pantry), Bob Bellows
(friend of Joanne Powers)

Worship Assistants

| | <i>Christmas Eve Serving December 24</i> | <i>New Year's Eve Serving December 31</i> |
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| Counter: | Glenn Johnson | Glenn Johnson |
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| | NO 8AM service | 8:00AM |
| Lector | | Kathy Garriott |
| | 10:30AM & 11PM | 10:30AM |
| Lay Minister: | Diane Gadoury 10:30am Donna Sennett 11:00pm | Bruce Johnson |
| Acolyte | Aubrie Suffoletto 10:30am | - |
| Ushers | Bruce Johnson & Joanne Powers 10:30am Ken & Sue Wieboldt 11:00pm | Ray & Linda Nunez |
| Lector: | Christmas Pageant 10:30am Sue Wieboldt 11:00pm | Mary Schabek |
| Coffee Hour | Potluck Christmas Cookies | 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

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| Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent | 8:00am | Worship In Person |
| | 9:00am | Choir |
| | 9:15am | Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH) |
| | 10:30am | Holden Evening Prayer in Person & Online |
| | 11:30am | Coffee Hour |
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| Monday, December 18 | 10:00am | Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) |
| | 7:00pm | Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall) |
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| Tuesday, December 19 | 10:00am | Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM |
| | | Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM |
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| Wednesday, December 20 | | |
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| Thursday, December 21 | | |
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| Friday, December 22 | | |
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| Saturday, December 23 | | |
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| Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve! | 9:00am | Choir |
| | 9:15am | Sunday School (FH) |
| | 10:30am | Christmas Eve service with Christmas pageant in Person & Online |
| | 11:30am | Coffee Hour |
| | 11:00pm | Late night candlelight Christmas Eve service |

Next Week at Emanuel

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| Monday, December 25 Christmas | | Merry Christmas! |
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| Tuesday, December 26 | 10:00am | Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM |
| | | NO Pastor's Office Hours |
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| Wednesday, December 27 | 10:00am | Ellie's Circle 10:00 am |
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| Thursday, December 28 | | |
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| Friday, December 29 | | |
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| Saturday, December 30 | | |
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| Sunday, December 31 1st Sunday of Christmas New Years Eve! | 8:00am | Worship In Person |
| | 10:30am | Worship in Person & Online |
| | 11:30am | Coffee Hour |

Upcoming Commemorations

Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.

Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

John, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Thursday, December 28, 2023

This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.