

Emanuel's 2023 Christmas Pageant



Thank you to all the Sunday school children and teachers for sharing the Christmas story!

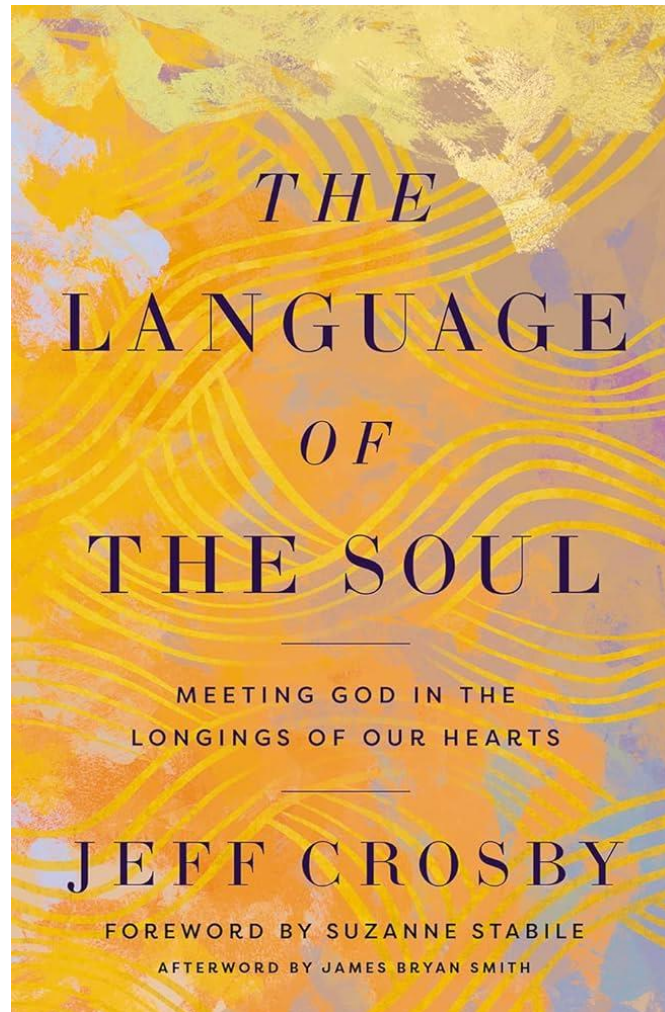
Pot Luck Coffee Hour

Sunday January 7th



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!

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>

Stop & Shop "Bloomin'
for Good"
Program

Buy the "BLOOMIN" Bouquet in
January 2024

ELC FOOD PANTRY
will benefit!

COVENTRY STOP & SHOP

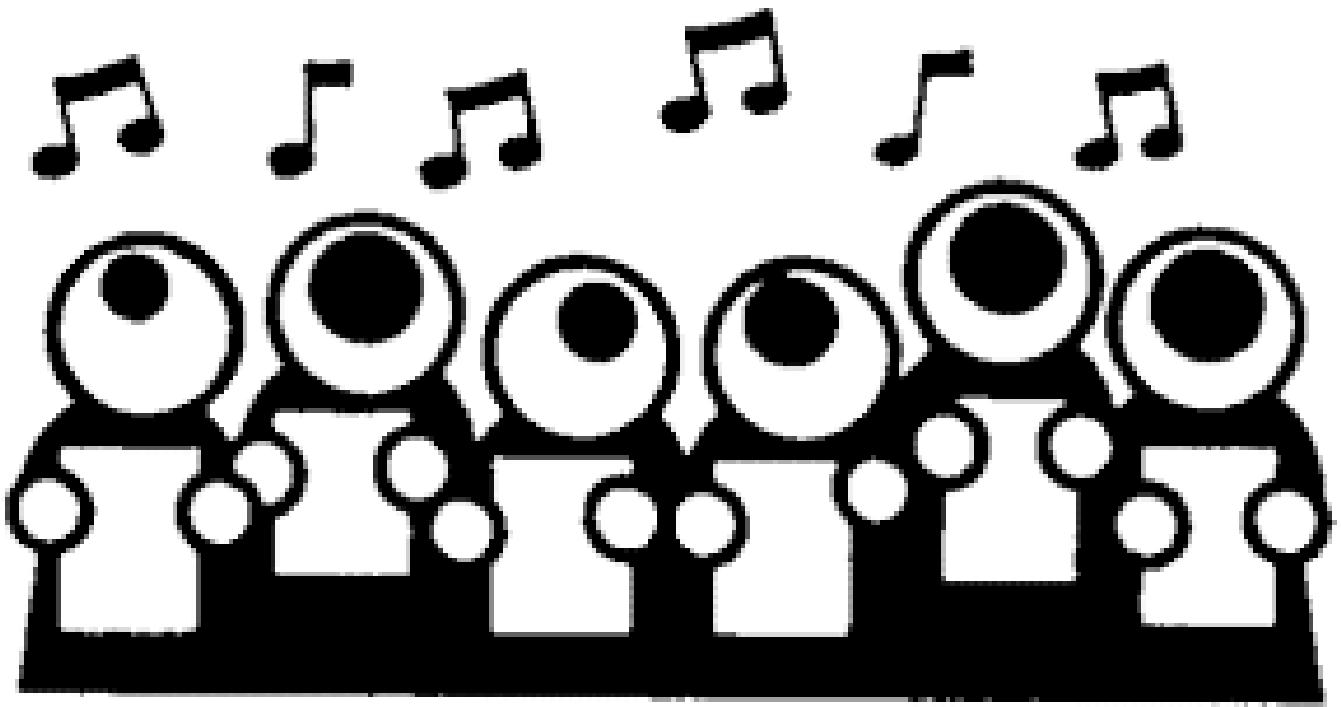
Emanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday January 28th



11:45am Lunch
12:15pm Meeting

(snow date – Sunday February 4th same time)

Choir at Emanuel



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

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

Merry Christmas!



Sandy & Phil Malouin brought the Christmas Spirit last Sunday!

Gospel Reading for Sunday January 31st

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-20

¹ The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ',

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Christmas Eve



Late Night Service

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

For Comfort & Healing: Carolyn Duprey

Worship Assistants

	<i>New Year's Eve Serving December 31</i>	<i>Serving January 7</i>
Counter:	Glenn Johnson	Glenn Johnson
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Garriott	Kathy Garriott
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Bruce Johnson	TBD
Acolyte	-	-
Ushers	Ray & Linda Nunez	Disa Johnson & Mary Schabek
Lector:	Mary Schabek	Aubrie Suffoletto
Coffee Hour	volunteer needed	Potluck Coffee Hour

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 24	9:00am	Choir
4th Sunday of Advent	9:15am	Sunday School (FH)
Christmas Eve!	10:30am	Christmas Eve service with Christmas pageant in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
	11:00pm	Late night candlelight Christmas Eve service

Monday, December 25	Merry Christmas!
1st Day of Christmas	

Tuesday, December 26	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
2nd Day of Christmas		NO Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, December 27	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10:00 am
3rd Day of Christmas		

Thursday, December 28		
4th Day of Christmas		

Friday, December 29		
5th Day of Christmas		

Saturday, December 30		
6th Day of Christmas		

Sunday, December 31	8:00am	Worship In Person
1st Sunday of Christmas	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
New Years Eve!	11:30am	Coffee Hour
7th Day of Christmas		

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, January 1	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
New Year's Day	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
8 th Day of Christmas		

Tuesday, January 2	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
9 th Day of Christmas		Pastor's Office Hours
		Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 3	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10:00 am
10 th Day of Christmas		

Thursday, January 4	4:00pm	Christian Education Committee
11 th Day of Christmas	6:30pm	Finance Committee

Friday, January 5		
12 th Day of Christmas		

Saturday, January 6		Epiphany
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Sunday, January 7	8:00am	Worship In Person
Baptism of Our Lord	9:00am	Choir
1 st Sunday After Epiphany	9:15am	Sunday school & Confirmation
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Potluck Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

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.

Name of Jesus

Monday, January 1, 2024

By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, died 1872

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Loehe was a pastor in nineteenth-century Germany. Loehe's chief concern was that a congregation find its life in the holy communion, and from that source evangelism and social ministries would flow. He sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and Ukraine.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.