

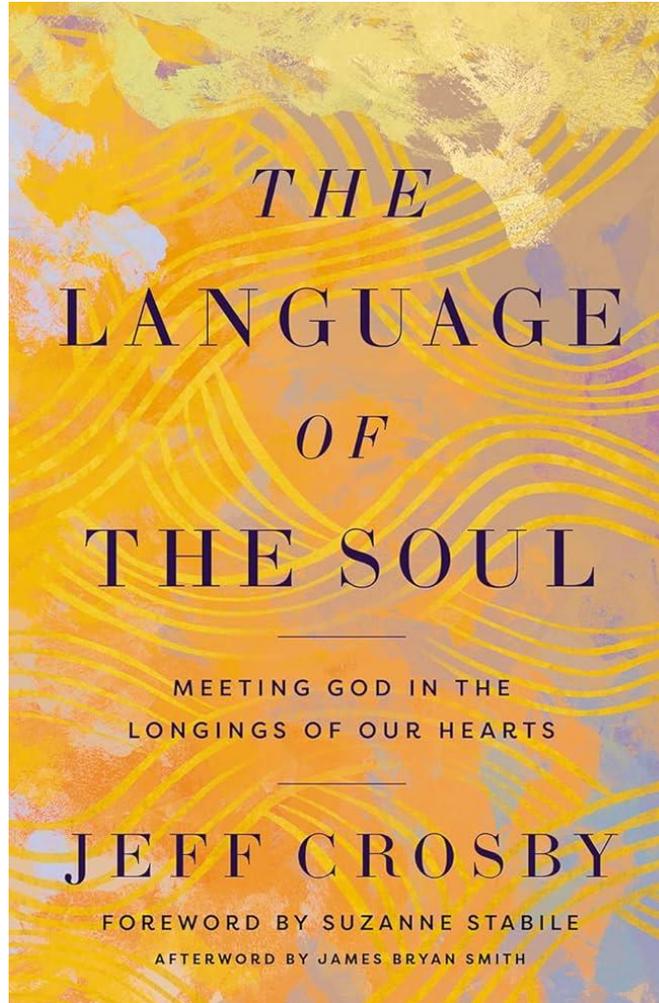
# Pot Luck Coffee Hour

Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>



The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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>

# Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

**Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** 12:30PM to 2PM

at the **Cowesett Inn**

226 Cowesett Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893

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](mailto:MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com)

Friends welcome!

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 28<sup>th</sup>

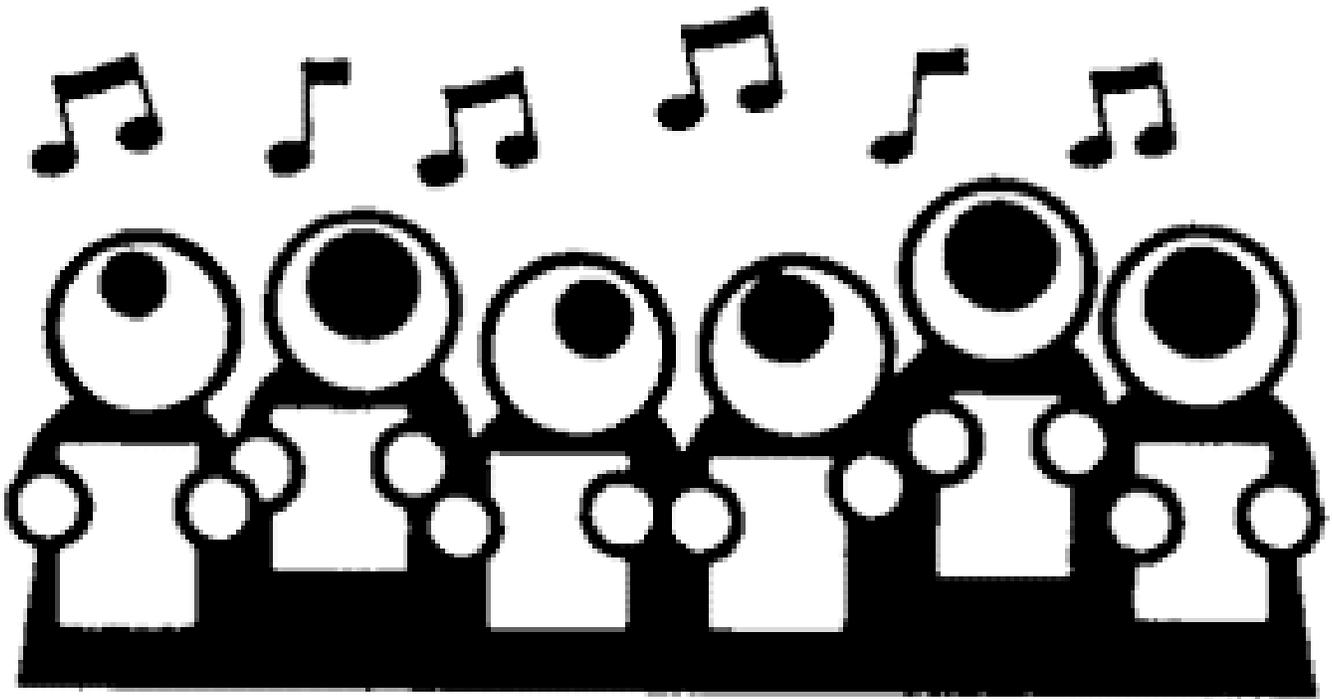


11:45am Lunch

**12:15pm Meeting**

*(snow date – Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> same time)*

# Choir at Emanuel



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

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

# Gospel Reading for Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>

## First Reading

## Mark 2:1-12

*Jesus heals a paralyzed man both physically and spiritually. This ignites a tension between Jesus and the religious leaders. Meanwhile more and more people are drawn Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup> When [Jesus] returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup> So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' <sup>8</sup> At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"?' <sup>10</sup> But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup> 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' <sup>12</sup> And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

## Second Reading

## Mark 2:13-22

*The religious leaders are upset that Jesus' disciples eat and that Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners. In response Jesus tells them parables about the old being torn apart by the new. Jesus ushers in a new relationship with God and our neighbors.*

<sup>13</sup> Jesus went out again beside the lake; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. <sup>14</sup> As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

<sup>15</sup> And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax-collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' <sup>17</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

<sup>18</sup> Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, 'Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?' <sup>19</sup> Jesus said to them, 'The wedding-guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. <sup>20</sup> The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

<sup>21</sup> 'No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. <sup>22</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.'

## How does the Bible 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

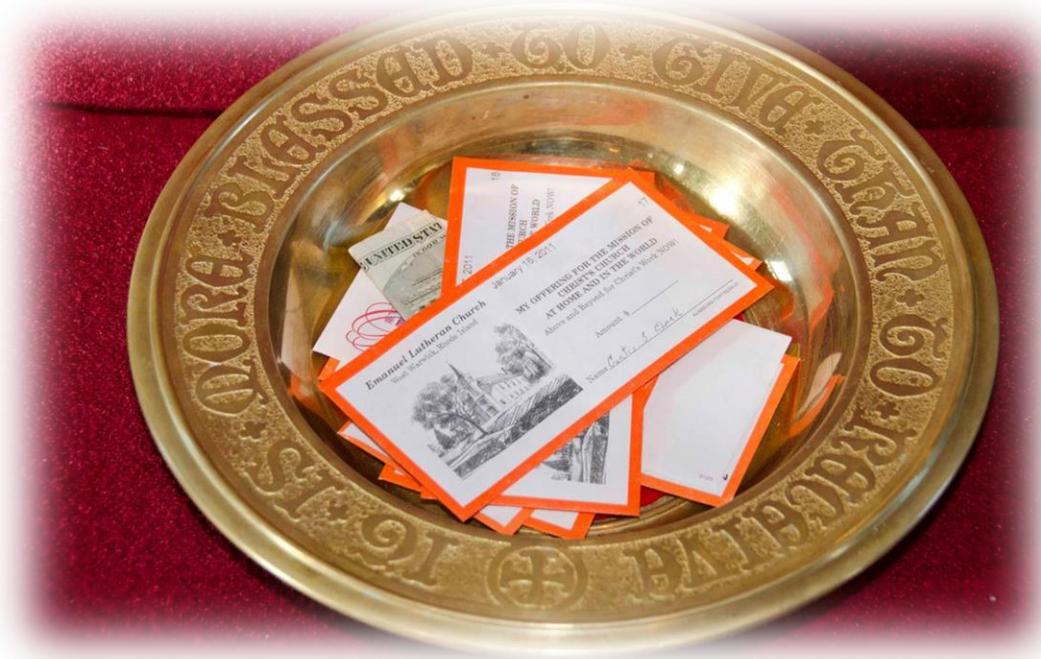
Just click on the Zoom link below on Sunday at 10:30AM:

<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.

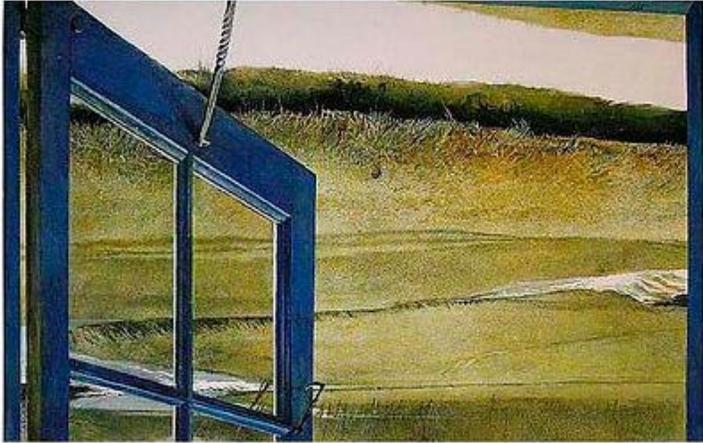
If you would like to find out more about either of these, please let Emanuel's Treasurer, Carol Johnson, or Pastor Todd know. Thank you.

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

A poem for Epiphany

**“The Year as a House: A Blessing” by Jan Richardson**



Think of the year as a house: door flung wide in welcome,  
threshold swept and waiting, a graced spaciousness  
opening and offering itself to you.

Let it be blessed in every room.  
Let it be hallowed in every corner.  
Let every nook be a refuge  
and every object set to holy use.

Let it be here that safety will rest.  
Let it be here that health will make its home.  
Let it be here that peace will show its face.  
Let it be here that love will find its way.

Here let the weary come  
let the aching come  
let the lost come  
let the sorrowing come.

Here let them find their rest  
and let them find their soothing  
and let them find their place  
and let them find their delight.

And may it be in this house of a year  
that the seasons will spin in beauty,  
and may it be in these turning days  
that time will spiral with joy.  
And may it be that its rooms will fill  
with ordinary grace  
and light spill from every window  
to welcome the stranger home.

Wherever you make your home, may it be blessed, and may you  
enter this Epiphany and the coming year in peace.

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

**For Comfort & Healing:** Phil Driscoll (friend of Pastor Todd), Sue Brown

**Worship Assistants**

	<i>Serving January 7</i>	<i>Serving January 14</i>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Ken Wieboldt</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</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>Lay Minister:</b>	<b>Sue Wieboldt</b>	<b>Diane Gadoury</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	-	<b>Caroline Schabek</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Disa Johnson &amp; Mary Schabek</b>	<b>Joanne Powers &amp; Brandee Muncey</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Aubrie Suffoletto</b>	<b>Mary Schabek</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Potluck Coffee Hour</b>	volunteer needed

**January's Memorial Candle**



The Memorial Candle for January is given in loving memory of  
**Sonja & David Johnson** from **Disa & Eric Johnson**.

### This Week at Emanuel

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

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

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<b>Wednesday, January 3</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ellie's Circle 10:00 am</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas</b>		

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<b>Thursday, January 4</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Christan Education Committee</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>

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<b>Friday, January 5</b>		
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas</b>		

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

### Next Week at Emanuel

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

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<b>Monday, January 8</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>

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<b>Tuesday, January 9</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM</b>
		<b>Pastor's Office Hours</b>

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<b>Wednesday, January 10</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ellie's Circle 10:00 am</b>
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<b>Thursday, January 11</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Council Meeting (JH)</b>
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<b>Friday, January 12</b>		
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<b>Saturday, January 13</b>		
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<b>Sunday, January 14</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship In Person</b>
<b>MLK Sunday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Sunday school</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship in Person &amp; Online</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Readers of Emanuel (JH)</b>

## Upcoming Commemorations

**Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

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

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

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.