

2023 Financial Statements



Hello charitable churchgoers!
2023 giving statements will be compiled and sent out to you soon.

If you would prefer to receive your statement by email, please reach out to Danielle David

email: **david.danielle416@gmail.com** or
text: **401-248-5922**

by **Thursday January 25th** to let her know.

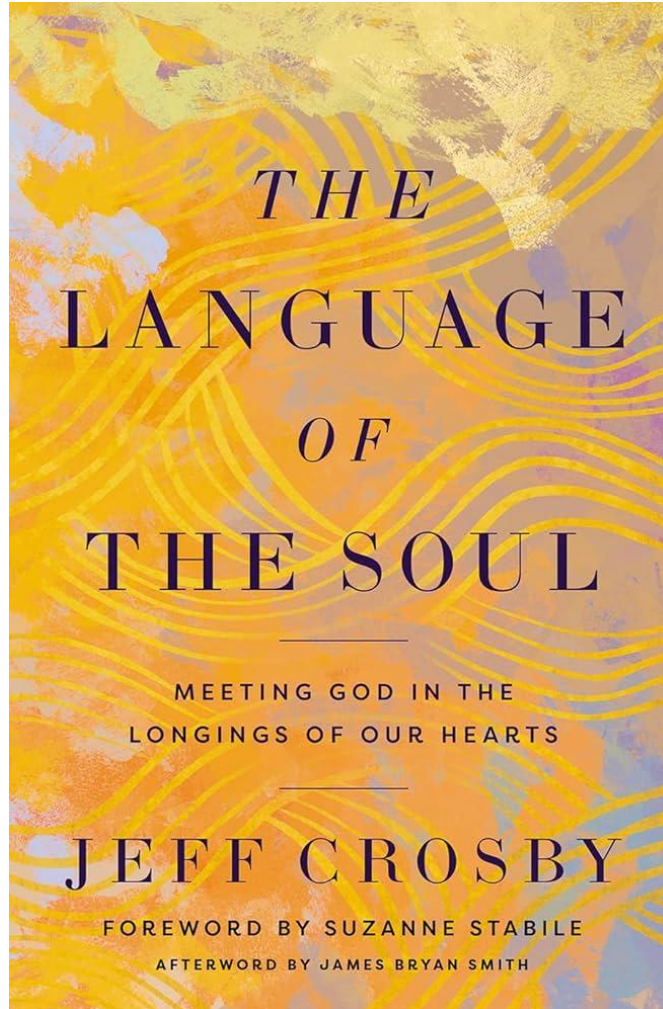
If we do NOT hear from you by 1/25, then a printed copy of your 2023 giving statement will be mailed.
Thanks!

Pot Luck Coffee Hour **RESCHEDULED** to this Sunday **January 14th**



Because of last week's snow, we are rescheduling the potluck coffee hour to this coming Sunday 1/14. 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



This 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>

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, January 25th 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

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 28th

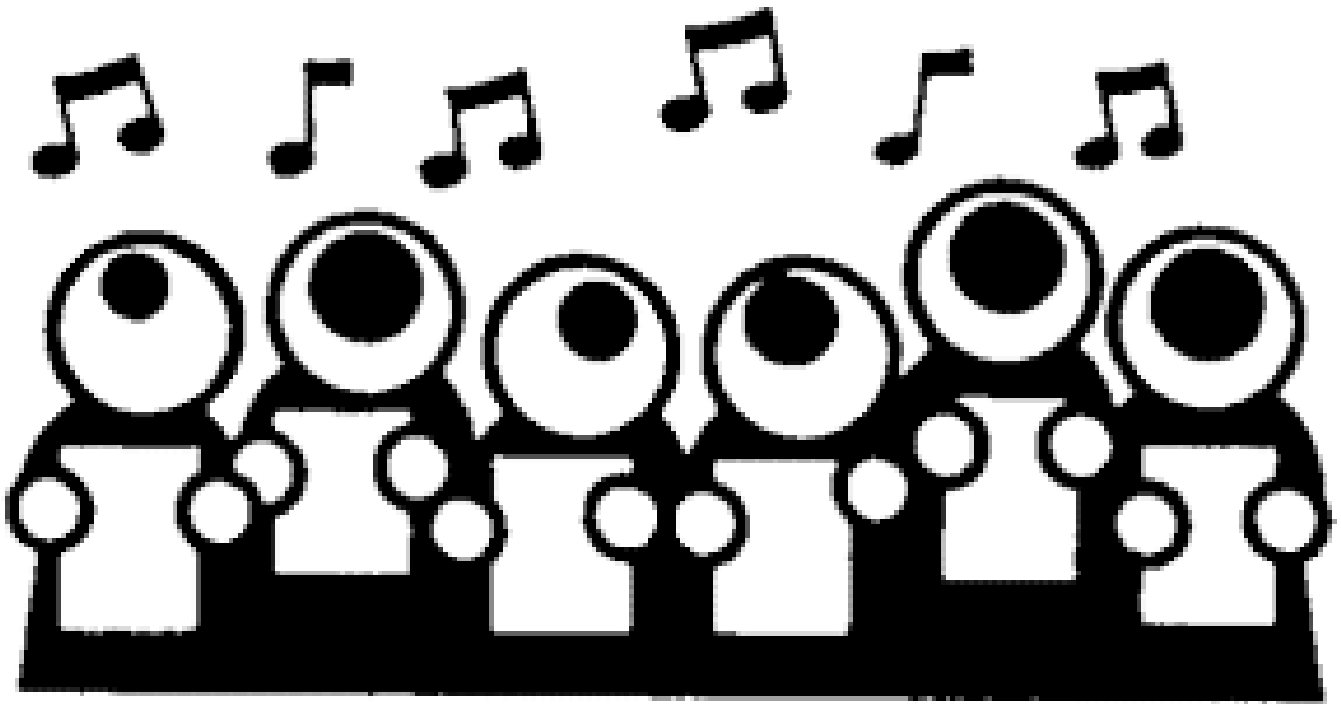


11:45am Lunch

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.**

Bible Readings for Sunday January 14th

First Reading

Mark 4:1-20

Jesus gives the secret of the kingdom of God in parables. He then gives an explanation of the parable of the sower to his disciples.

¹Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. ²He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' ⁹And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

¹⁰When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹And he said to them, 'To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; ¹²in order that "they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven."' ¹

¹³And he said to them, 'Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁵These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²⁰And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.'

Second Reading

Mark 4:21-34

Through a series of parables Jesus invites people to contemplate the kingdom of God. In private Jesus explains the parables to those who follow him.

²¹He said to them, 'Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? ²²For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. ²³Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' ²⁴And he said to them, 'Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. ²⁵For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.'

²⁶He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

How do 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

“For Those Who Have Far to Travel”

If you could see the journey whole
you might never undertake it;
might never dare the first step
that propels you
from the place you have known
toward the place you know not.

Call it one of the mercies of the road:
that we see it only by stages
as it opens before us,
as it comes into our keeping
step by single step.
There is nothing for it but to go
and by our going take the vows
the pilgrim takes:

- to be faithful to the next step;
- to rely on more than the map;
- to heed the signposts of intuition and dream;
- to follow the star that only you will recognize;
- to keep an open eye for the wonders that
attend the path;
- to press on beyond distractions
beyond fatigue
beyond what would tempt you from the way.

There are vows that only you will know;
the secret promises for your particular path
and the new ones you will need to make
when the road is revealed by turns
you could not have foreseen.

Keep them, break them, make them again:
each promise becomes part of the path;
each choice creates the road
that will take you to the place
where at last you will kneel to offer the gift
most needed—the gift that only you can give—
before turning to go home by another way.

by Jan Richardson



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

For Comfort & Healing: Gabriel Tevyaw (Brandee Muncey's nephew)

Worship Assistants

	<i>Serving January 14</i>	<i>Serving January 21</i>
Counter:	Glenn Johnson	Mary Schabek
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Marco	Kathy Garriott
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Diane Gadoury	TBD
Acolyte	Caroline Schabek	Antonio Montecalvo
Ushers	Joanne Powers & Brandee Muncey	Ray & Linda Nunez
Lector:	Mary Schabek	Diane Gadoury
Coffee Hour	Potluck Coffee Hour	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

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 10	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10:00 am
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Thursday, January 11	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)
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Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

Sunday, January 14	8:00am	Worship In Person
MLK Sunday	9:00am	Choir
2nd Sunday After Epiphany	9:15am	Sunday school
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
	11:45am	Readers of Emanuel (JH)

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, January 15	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
MLK Day	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, January 16	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, January 17	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10:00 am
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Thursday, January 18

Friday, January 19	5:30pm	Confirmation, Mentor Dinner & Fun (JH)
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Saturday, January 20

Sunday, January 21	8:00am	Worship In Person
3rd Sunday After Epiphany	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday school
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
	11:45am	Readers of Emanuel (JH)

Upcoming Commemorations

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

Monday, January 15, 2024

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156

Friday, January 19, 2024

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.