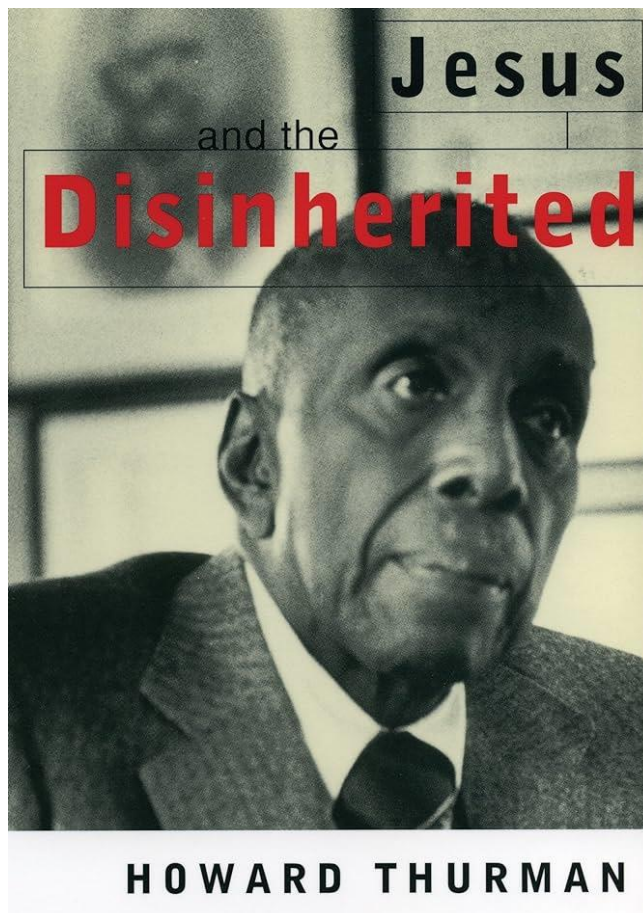


Sunday School Children Leading Worship February 4th 10:30AM service



The Sunday school children will be helping to lead worship this Sunday February 4th at the 10:30AM worship service.

New Adult Forum – starts Wednesday February 7th “Jesus and the Disinherited”



This Lent we will discover who Howard Thurman was and listen to and discuss his small, but powerful book “Jesus and the Disinherited”. This book is still read and taught in seminaries. Martin Luther King Jr. often carried a copy of it with him.

Wednesday Evenings at 7PM

February 7 – Movie “Back Against the Wall – the Howard Thurman Story”
February 14 – Ash Wednesday service
February 21, 28, March 6, 13 & 20 – Jesus and the Disinherited.

We will meet in person in Jacobs Hall and over Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89402743938?pwd=TnVlaGk3dmZWTTiITkyU0FqMVhWQT09>

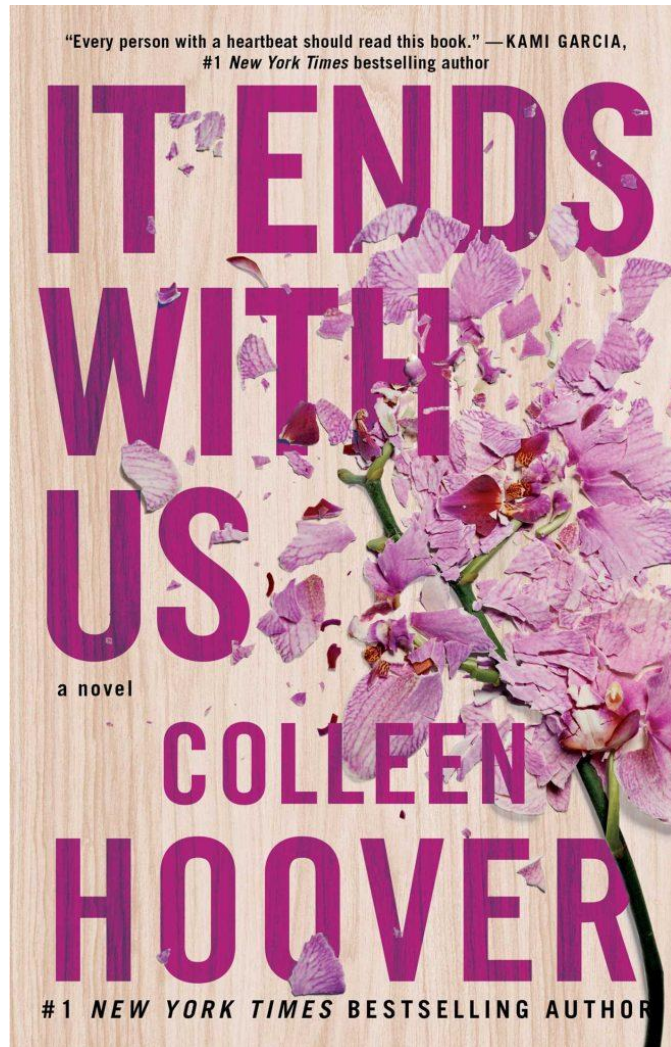
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**Bring your old palms
from last year's Palm Sunday to church**



**on Sunday February 11th
we will present them in worship
later they will be burned to make ashes
for Ash Wednesday**

Readers of Emanuel



Next Meeting Sunday February 18th

The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading “It Ends with Us” by Colleen Hoover – #1 NYT best seller and winner of the 2016 Goodreads Choice Award.

This book is based on the relationship between Hoover’s mother and father, Hoover described it as “the hardest book I’ve ever written.”

We will meet after worship ~**11:45am** in **Jacobs Hall** on
Sunday February 18th

Everyone is invited for good fellowship and food.

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, February 29th 12:30PM to 2PM

at **Olive Garden**

31 Universal Blvd, Warwick, RI

Estimated cost \$12 to \$25

If you would like to go, please email, text or call
Michael Groleau at

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com

Friends welcome!

Bishop Election 2024



Pre-Identification Form now available

The pre-identification form is now available for those individuals interested in offering the name of a rostered minister of Word and Sacrament (a pastor) in the ELCA for consideration for call to be elected Bishop of the New England Synod. Any pastor in good standing on the ELCA roster in the United States is eligible to be named.

The form will be available from February 1-29, 2024. Individuals whose names are provided will be contacted to determine if they'd like to discern a call to bishop, and if so, will provide biographical information that will be made available on the synod website in April.

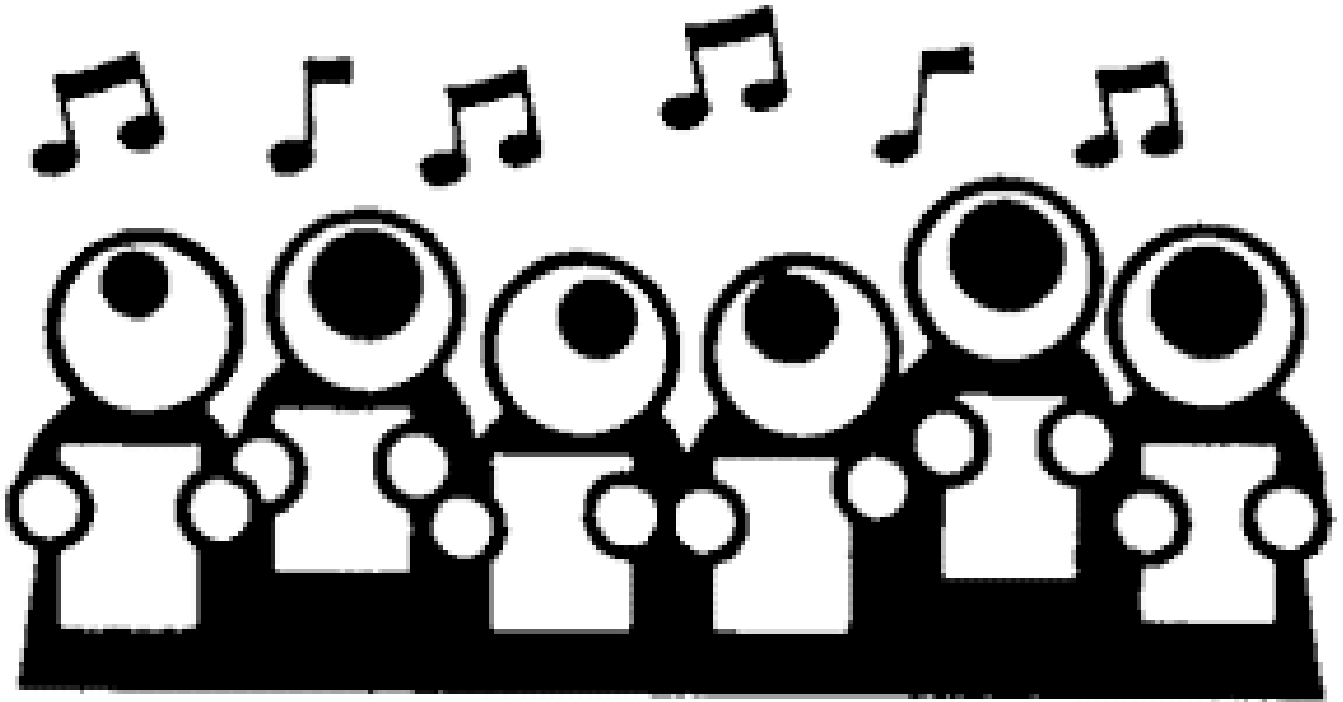
At the start of Synod Assembly on June 6, 2024, the names of these pre-identified persons will be included on the first ballot for the bishop election, along with the opportunity for an alternative candidate's name to be written in. The remainder of the election process will follow the guidelines outlined in our synod constitution, which may be found on the synod website [here](#).

Go to

<https://www.nelutherans.org/bishopelection>

**to nominate someone for bishop of the New England Synod or
to find out more information.**

Choir at Emanuel



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

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

Bible Readings for Sunday February 4th

First Reading

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus is not accepted at home for who he has become. Jesus sends his disciples out, and they too encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and heal affliction.

[Jesus] left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honor, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Second Reading

Mark 6:14-29

Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those caught in the bondage of sin.

¹⁴King Herod heard [about Jesus], for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

How do the Bible readings speak to you?

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

Did You Know?

Emanuel's Mission Endowment Fund has given out over \$21,000 since 2015.

Emanuel's Mission Endowment Fund Distributions

\$ 21,953 <- TOTAL Given away to date

2015 \$ 175 La Iglesia Luterana (new Spanish speaking church in Providence)
 \$ 75 Joyful Noise
 \$ 75 ELCA World Hunger
 \$ 325

2016 \$ 405 Joyful Noise
 \$ 150 RI Good Neighbor Energy Fund
 \$ 150 ELCA World Hunger
 \$ 705

2017 \$ 1,387 ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response
 \$ 463 Joyful Noise
 \$ 463 Emanuel's Food Pantry
 \$ 2,313

2018 \$ 997 A Local family in need house destroyed in a fire
 \$ 332 ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response
 \$ 332 Emanuel's Food Pantry
 \$ 1,661

2019 No distribution
 \$ -

2020 \$ 1,084 RI Food Bank
 \$ 1,084 Help the Homeless RI
 \$ 1,084 RI Coalition to End Homelessness
 \$ 1,083 ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response
 \$ 1,083 Emanuel's Building Fund
 \$ 5,418

2021 \$ 1,000 Church Beyond the Walls
 \$ 1,000 ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response
 \$ 2,000 Emanuel New Roof
 \$ 661 RI Coalition to End Homelessness
 \$ 4,661

2022 \$ 6,846
 \$ 4,000 58.4% 6846 Emanuel New Roof
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 \$ 6,870 100.4%

Kathy Garriott donated \$50 to round up donations in 2022

2023 No distribution
 \$ -

And this year 2024 Emanuel's Mission Endowment Fund will give out another \$21,207. If you have ideas on where this money could be given to do the most good, please let someone on the Endowment Committee know - Kathy Garriott, Mary Schabek, Elaine Marsh, Hannah Haas, Kathy Plante and Pastor Todd.

Thank you to all those who have made contributions to Emanuel's Mission Endowment Fund. Past contributions to the Endowment Fund have been made by or in memory of the following:

Doug & Lois Grant

Vera Erickson

Roy Anderson

Carpenter Jenks Funeral Home

Michael & Beth Groleau

Glenn & Carol Johnson

Bob & Helen Maine

Karen Roessner

Barbara Carlson

Dan McCarthy

Ray & Linda Nunez

Sharon Daniels

Danielle David

Jane Wahl

Todd & Jill Stange

Lilly Froiseth

Judy Carlson

Ash Wednesday



"From dust you come, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19

**Ash Wednesday Service
February 14th at 7PM**

Dispensation of Ashes at 12PM & 7PM

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

For Comfort & Healing: Langdon Clough, Sharlene Risho and Sharon Letendre
(Sheila Clough's sisters), David & Kelly Cabral, Beverly Grenier

Worship Assistants

	<i>Serving February 4</i>	<i>Serving February 11</i>
Counter:	Mary Schabek	Ken Wieboldt
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Garriott	Kathy Marco
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Donna Sennett	Diane Gadoury
Acolyte	-	-
Ushers	Jack Teehan & Joanne Powers	Pauline LaVallee & Brandee Muncey
Lector:	Callie Suffoletto	Disa Johnson
Coffee Hour	Myron Gadoury	volunteer needed

February's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for February is given in loving memory
of **George Thomas Fedete** from Mary Schabek.

This Week at Emanuel

Monday, January 29	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, January 30	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, January 31	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, February 1	6:30pm	Finance Committee ONLINE

Friday, February 2		Ground Hog's Day

Saturday, February 3		

Sunday, February 4	8:00am	Worship In Person
5th Sunday After Epiphany	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday school
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online – Sunday school children lead worship
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, February 5	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, February 6	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours
	5:00pm	Christian Education Committee ONLINE
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Committee ONLINE

Wednesday, February 7	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
	7:00pm	Adult Forum – Jesus and the Disinherited (JH & ONLINE)

Thursday, February 8	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)

Friday, February 9		

Saturday, February 10		

Sunday, February 11	8:00am	Worship In Person
6th Sunday After Epiphany	9:00am	Choir
Transfiguration Sunday	9:15am	Sunday school & Confirmation
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Potluck Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

Presentation of Our Lord

Friday, February 2, 2024

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865

Saturday, February 3, 2024

A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597

Monday, February 5, 2024

Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.