

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

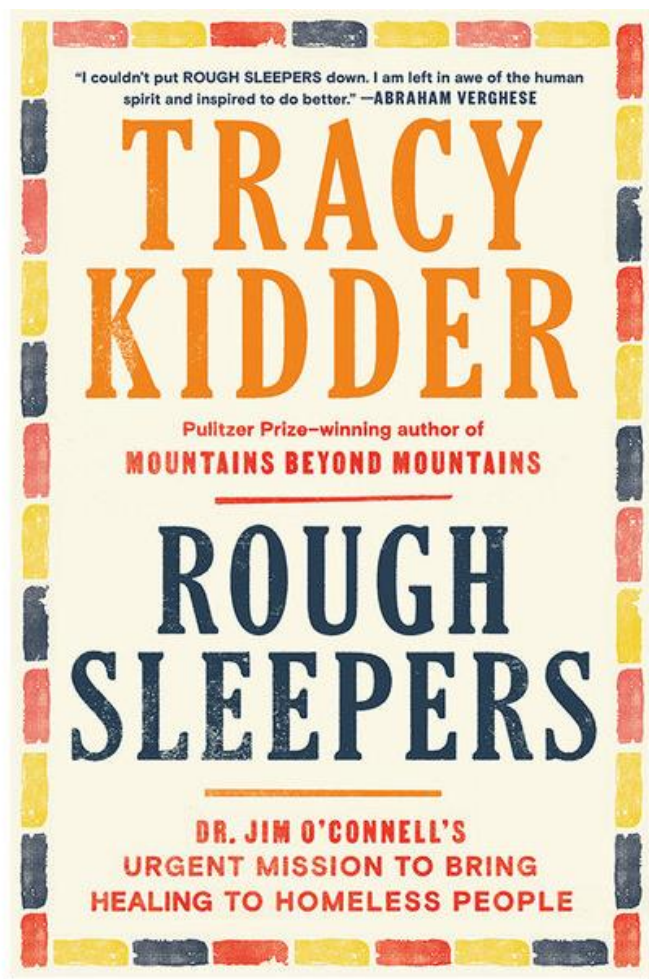
Friends welcome!

Lenten Cross



Thank you to Jack & Lisa Gibbs for
putting up our Lenten cross!

Readers of Emanuel



Next Meeting Sunday March 17th

The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading
“Rough Sleepers” by Tracy Kidder – #1 NYT best seller.

“The powerful story of an inspiring doctor who made a difference, by helping to create a program to care for Boston’s homeless community.”

We will meet after worship ~**12pm** in **Jacobs Hall** on
Sunday March 17th

Interview with the author Tracy Kidder:

<https://www.npr.org/2023/03/15/1163617477/rough-sleepers-how-one-person-can-make-a-difference-caring-for-the-unhoused>

Everyone is invited for good fellowship and food.

Easter Flower Orders



Remember someone this Easter

Tulips, Hyacinths, Lilies & Daffodils: \$15 per plant

Order forms are at church. Fill one out and place it in the offering plate. Or you can phone in or email your order.

Please include:

- how many of each type of flower
- your name
- who you are giving the flowers in memory of
(please include the spelling)

Payments can be put in the offering plate, mailed to the church, or made online by clicking here:

[Donate](#)

(401) 821-8888 churchoffice@emanuelww.org

Please submit orders & payments by Sunday March 17th

Pot Luck Coffee Hour

Sunday **March 3rd**



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!

Are you a Thrivent Member?

There's still time to direct your

2023 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

to **Emanuel Lutheran Church.**

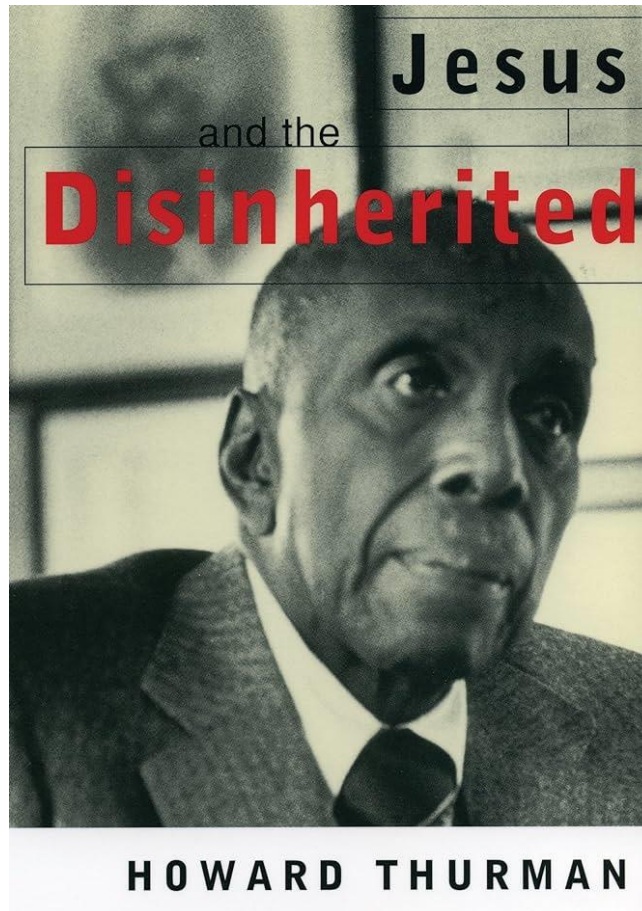
March 31, 2024 is the deadline.

You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by going:

- Online at www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- OR
- Phone: [800-847-4836](tel:800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. The Member Connection Center is open until 6 p.m. Central time, Monday – Friday.

Adult Forum – Wednesdays in Lent

“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 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=TnVlaGk3dmZWtTliITkyU0FqMVhWQT09>

Meeting ID: **894 0274 3938** Passcode: **258717**

A FREE online copy of the book can be found here:

<https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.260684>

Looking for help/contributions



for this year's Easter Egg Hunt *the Saturday before Palm Sunday* **Saturday March 23rd at Emanuel**

Jen Hadden and Margaret Teehan are looking for helpers for the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be on Saturday March 23rd (the Saturday before Palm Sunday).

They are also looking for contributions of candy or anything else that would be helpful at an Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you.

You can nominate someone to be our next bishop

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](https://www.nelutherans.org/bishopelection).

Go to

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

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

Would you like to serve on the Synod Council?



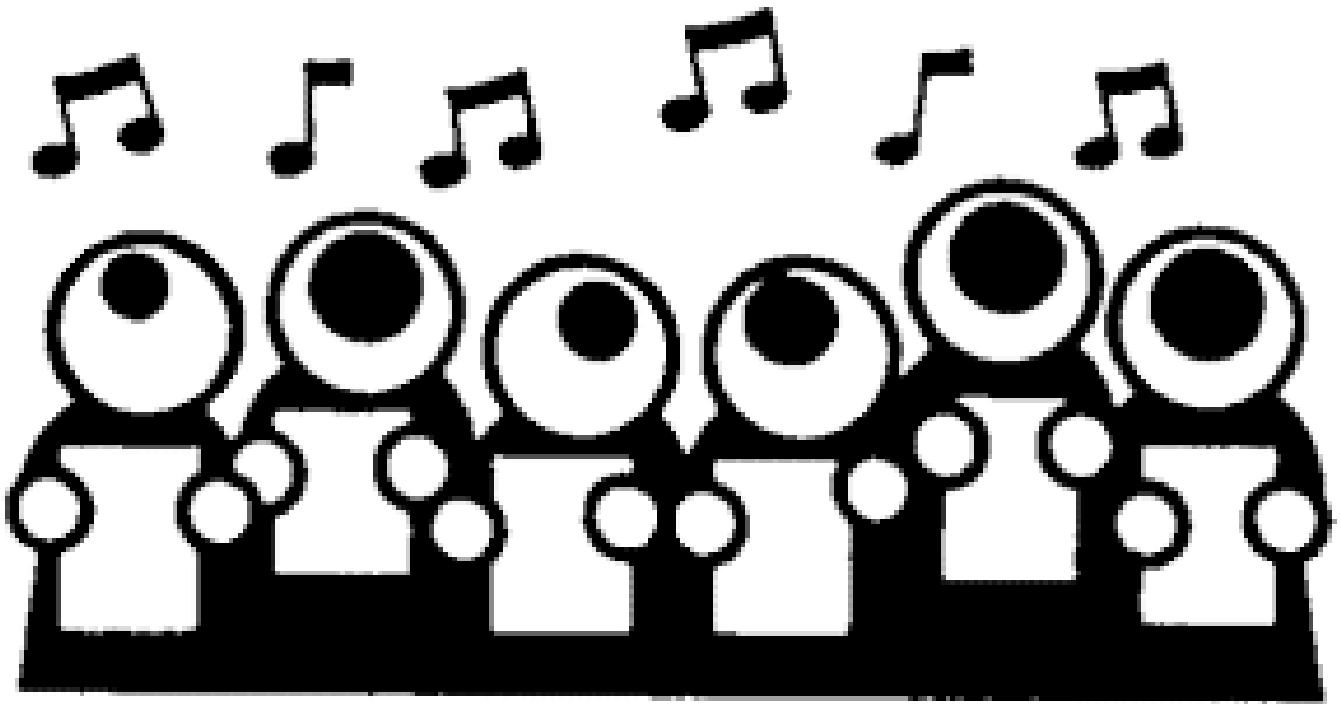
Nominations are being taken now for representatives to , the Synod Council, and the Synod Discipline Committee and the 2025 churchwide Assembly. Representatives will be selected at the New England Synod Assembly June 6-8, 2024.

For more information, watch this video from Bishop Hazelwood:

<https://vimeo.com/909276818/01aca1b3a7?share=copy>

**If you are interested in serving in any of these positions,
please let Pastor Todd know. Thank you.**

Choir at Emanuel



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

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

Bible Readings for Sunday February 25th

First Reading

Mark 10:32-40

Jesus' tells his disciples about his coming suffering, death and resurrection for the 3rd time, but it's not clear if they understand what it means to stand with him.

³²They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; ³⁴they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.'

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' ³⁹They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

Second Reading

Mark 10:41-52

Jesus explains that his glory is found in serving and giving away what we have.

⁴¹ When the ten heard [James and John asking Jesus to sit at his right and left], they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' ⁵²Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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=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: Dave Johnson (Pat Johnson's husband)

For Grieving: the family & friends of Karen DeStefano (Dina Andersen's mom)

Worship Assistants

| | <i>Serving February 25</i> | <i>Serving March 3</i> |
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| Counter: | Mike Ricci | Kathy Marco |
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| | 8:00AM | 8:00AM |
| Lector | Kathy Marco | Kathy Garriott |
| | 10:30AM | 10:30AM |
| Lay Minister: | Bruce Johnson | Langdon Clough |
| Acolyte | - | - |
| Ushers | Sue & Ken Wieboldt | Mark & Marcia Melanson |
| Lector: | Diane Gadoury | Elaine Johnson |
| Coffee Hour | TBD | Pot Luck |

February's Memorial Candle



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

This Week at Emanuel

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| Monday, February 19 5 th Day of Lent | 10:00am 7:00pm | Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall) |
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| Tuesday, February 20 6 th Day of Lent | 10:00am | Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM NO Pastor's Office Hours (Pastor Todd away) |
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| Wednesday, February 21 7 th Day of Lent | 10:00am 7:00pm | Ellie's Circle (JH) Adult Forum – Jesus and the Disinherited (JH & ONLINE) |
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| Thursday, February 22 8 th Day of Lent | | |
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| Friday, February 23 9 th Day of Lent | | |
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| Saturday, February 24 10 th Day of Lent | | |
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| Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday in Lent | 8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am | Worship In Person Choir Sunday school & Confirmation Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour |

Next Week at Emanuel

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| Monday, February 26 11 th Day of Lent | 10:00am 7:00pm | Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall) |
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| Tuesday, February 27 12 th Day of Lent | 10:00am | Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours |
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| Wednesday, February 28 13 th Day of Lent | 10:00am 7:00pm | Ellie's Circle (JH) Adult Forum – Jesus and the Disinherited (JH & ONLINE) |
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| Thursday, February 29 14 th Day of Lent Happy Leap Year Day! | 12:30pm | Live, Laugh & Learn Lunch at Olive Garden |
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| Friday, March 1 15 th Day of Lent | | |
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| Saturday, March 2 16 th Day of Lent | | |
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| Sunday, March 3 Third Sunday in Lent | 8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am | Worship In Person Choir Sunday school Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour |

Upcoming Commemorations

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156

Friday, February 23, 2024

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633

Friday, March 1, 2024

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

Saturday, March 2, 2024

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.