

# Easter Sunday at Emanuel



**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>  
8am & 10:30am**

Worship in person or on-line at 10:30am

To join us **on-line** click on the Zoom link below on Sunday at 10:30AM:

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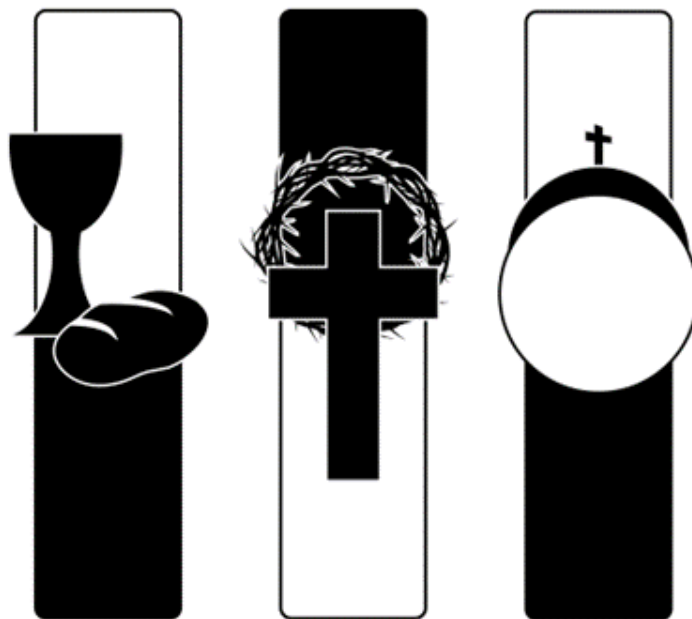
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# Last Week's Easter Egg Hunt



Thank you to Jen Hadden, Margaret Teehan, Joanne Powers, Diane Gadoury and the children for a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday!

# The Holy Triduum at Emanuel



## TRIDUUM

**Mauddy Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm**

Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples

**Good Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm**

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm**

Easter Vigil

**All services live in-person and on-line.**

**Here is the Zoom link for these three services:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81056701319?pwd=SjUrV294VTkrYnZPUHh0OGg3eXJlQT09>

Meeting ID: **810 5670 1319** and Password: **708309**

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
20 Leaf Street, West Warwick, RI 02893  
(401) 821-8888 www.emanuelww.org

# **Easter Breakfast at Emanuel** **March 31<sup>st</sup> 8:30AM to 10:30AM**



Scramble egg omelets, home made kielbasa with apple glaze, Oatmeal with Strawberries & cream, assorted muffins, juice, coffee.

Free will donation.

# Confirmands & Mentors Visit



## The Providence Zen Center

Last Sunday, as part of the confirmand's Other Religions class, the confirmands, their mentors and some of the parents visited the Providence Zen Center in Cumberland, RI. Abbot and Dharma Master Dennis Duermeier led us in meditation and spoke to us about Zen Buddhism.

# Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

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

the **Crow's Nest**

288 Arnolds Neck Dr, Warwick, RI 02886

Estimated cost \$15 to \$30

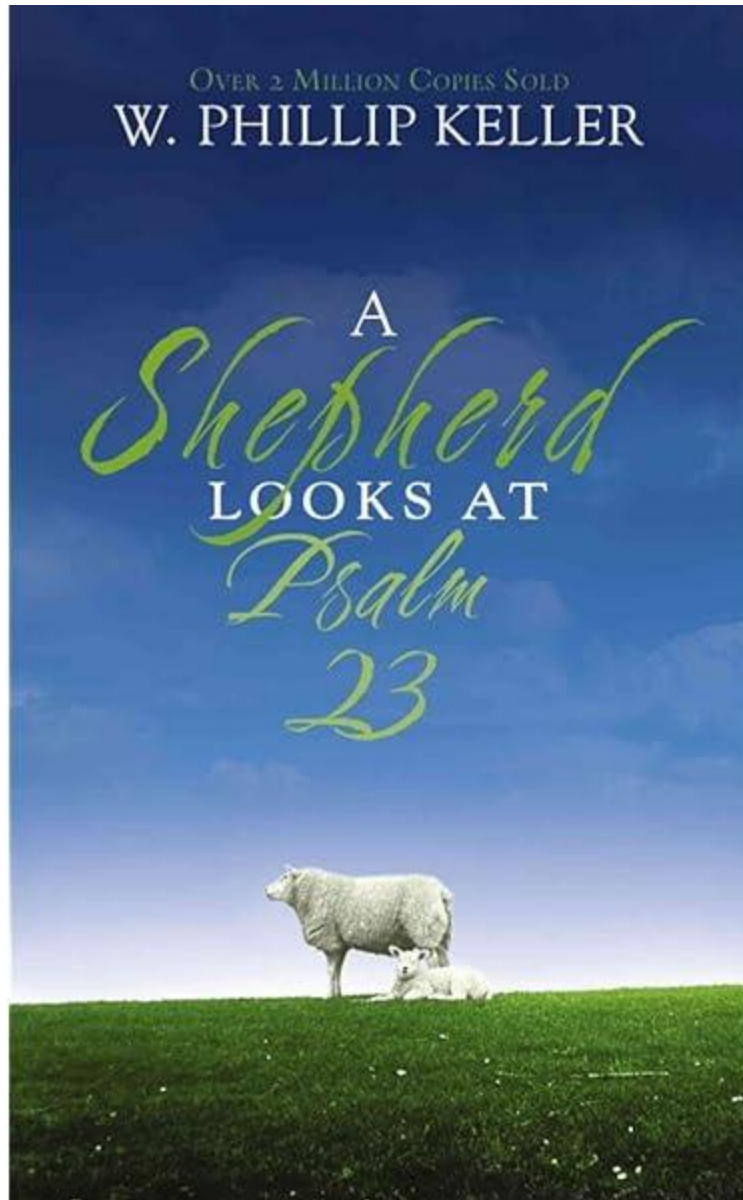
If you would like to go, please email, text or call  
Michael Groleau at

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: [MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com)

Friends welcome!

# Readers of Emanuel



## Next Meeting Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>

The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" by W. Phillip Keller.

We will meet after worship ~**12pm** in **Jacobs Hall**.

Everyone is invited for good fellowship and food.

# Choir at Emanuel



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

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



## **Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes February 8, 2024**

Attendees: Myron Gadoury, Jack Gibbs, Bruce Johnson, Ray Nunez, Marcia Melanson, Mark Melanson, Todd Stange, Ken Wieboldt,

Absent: Donna Sennett, Sue Wieboldt

### **Opening Devotions**

- The season of Lent will soon be here, and on Ash Wednesday we will hear the words “From dust you come, and to dust you shall return.” These words remind us of our mortality and that life is short. Let us enjoy each moment that God gives us, even the moments that don't seem important or maybe we see as boring and uninteresting – like council meetings. God gives us these moments too. They are part of this beautiful life we find ourselves in that is preciously short.

### **Elections 2024 - Council Pres/Vice Pres/Secretary**

- Ken Wieboldt said he was will to serve as president for one more year. Next year we will need to find another president. Ken was nominated and his nomination was seconded. He was voted in as president unanimously.
- Bruce Johnson agreed to serve as vice president again this year. Bruce was nominated and his nomination was seconded. Bruce was elected vice president unanimously.
- Donna Sennett was nominated as serving as secretary again. Donna served as secretary last year. Her nomination was seconded. However, Donna was not at the meeting to accept or decline the nomination. At the March council meeting we will ask Donna if she is willing to serve as secretary again this year.

### **January Council Meeting minutes**

- The January council meeting minutes were approved

### **Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2024**

- Donna is still working on putting together the meeting minutes from that annual congregational meeting.
- There is a Zoom video of the meeting available, in case Donna needs to look back at what happened.
- Once the minutes are available, the council should review the minutes for edits before too much time passes.

### **Treasurer's report /Finance /\$10,000 donation**

- Carol Johnson said there are some additional expenses coming in February. Ken didn't know what these additional expenses are related to – perhaps snow removal, but maybe something else.
- Emanuel received a \$10,000 gift from the estate of David Oltedale from David's children. The letter said it was for “all needs”. We need to decide how best to use this money.
- Additionally, Emanuel received \$2,000 from the family of Beverly Grenier. We also need to decide how best to you use this money.

- Some ideas that were mentioned: Put all or some of the money into the Endowment fund. Doing this would allow the money to grow and would continue to benefit Emanuel and our mission for years to come. Another idea – put the money in the building fund for a future building project. The money could be used for new flooring (carpeting or laminate) in the narthex and hallway and/or the sanctuary. The discussion was tabled until the March council meeting.

### **Recommendation for Endowment committee**

- The Endowment committee will be distributing \$21,207 from the Endowment fund this year.
- It was recommended that the Endowment committee distribute some of that money to Joyful Noise – to make up for the funds from the regular budget that Emanuel is not giving Joyful this year. Last year Emanuel gave Joyful \$5,000. This was done for many years out of Emanuel's regular budget.
- Based on our discussions with Jennifer Rathbun, Joyful's director, at our January council meeting – the full \$5,000 was not used/needed for scholarships last year. Given this it was recommended that less than \$5,000 be given from the endowment fund – perhaps \$2,500.
- Joyful is going to setup a separate fund for scholarships that these funds will go into. This will make it easier to see what money is available for scholarships, and if additional scholarship money would be helpful.

### **Committees**

#### **Christian Education**

- The Chris. Ed. committee is looking for a directory for this coming summer's Drama Camp. Kat Brown has new job and is not able to be the director this year.

#### **Property**

- A tree along Leaf Street was removed and other trees in the courtyard were trimmed. The tree along Leaf Street was causing problems with the retaining wall. Having it removed buys us time on having to repair the retaining wall. It will collapse gradually now. We could buy even more time by replacing the top tie railroad ties. We might be able to do this ourselves.
- The food pantry is buying a new freezer. A big one. It will go in the back of the fellowship hall and replace a small one. The new bigger freezer will allow us to purchase and store items like meat, when it is available. Lately there has been no meat available. If we have a place to store it, when meat is available, we will be able to buy it and store it.

#### **Worship and Music**

- See committee report. We are making plans for Easter and Holy Week.
- Pastor Todd away March 10. Sue Wieboldt will lead worship and has been given permission to preside over Holy Communion.

#### **Big Sister Big Brother Clothing Bin**

- Sue Buckley who lives across the street from the bin complained about furniture being left in front of the bin.

- Pastor Todd met with Sue. Things had been good since last August. Pastor spoke with Sue last August about the bin being full and people leaving bags of clothing on the ground. Both Sue and we now know who to call to have BSBB come for an additional pickup whenever necessary.
- The only problem Sue has had recently was the furniture that was left along the road. Pastor asked her if she would like us to remove the bin. After learning that Emanuel gets a financial benefit for it (Emanuel got close to \$1,000 last year from the bin), Sue said let's keep the bin and see how things go over the next few months. This is what we will do – along with keeping a close eye on it.

## **Other items**

### **Annual Congregational Meeting voting procedures**

- Myron made a motion regarding how the congregation votes at the annual congregational meeting to be accepted as a continuing resolution.
  - Suggestion made that the council get a written copy of the motion via email and then vote at the March council meeting. Myron will email the motion to council. Motion tabled until March meeting.
  - Here is the motion that was emailed after the meeting.

### **EMANUEL LUTHERAN VOTING PRIVILEGES AT CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**

**Our voting process in the past has not been done in a professional manner. Voting is a privilege, and our Constitution has requirements to be eligible to vote. This should be taken seriously.**

**We need a process to verify members at our Congregational meetings that are eligible to vote. We will also need verification that we have enough eligible voting members at the meeting to constitute a quorum.**

#### **Recommended Process**

**(This process is used at Synod Assembly)**

- **Before entering Sanctuary each person would be checked at the entrance from our official membership list by a Council assigned person. The number of voting members will be recorded.**
- **If eligible to vote they will be given two colored cards which they will hold up when voting. One colored card used when voting in favor and the other card used to oppose. These colored cards would have colors changed at subsequent Congregational meetings.**
- **At the start of the meeting when called for all voting members would raise their in favor cards to be counted to establish a quorum. This will be recorded on paper.**
- **When a vote is called for it will be for approval or opposed. Each voter would then hold their one applicable card up as to in favor or opposed.**
- **These will then be counted for determination if passed or opposed of the motion at hand by a Council selected person who will tabulate and record the approval votes and opposed votes on paper subtracting the total votes from the recorded number of eligible voters entering the meeting to determine abstained votes with the motion being voted on and then hand to Council Preseident to announce.**
- **All recorded information at meeting is to be kept on file for Council review and filed in Church Office along with the minutes.**

## **Outdoor Lenten Crosses**

- Jack asked when he should put up cross and the cloth bunting in the courtyard and along New London Avenue. The purple bunting should go up on Ash Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Jack!
- Jack also asked if he could paint the New London Ave. cross white – council said Yes.

## **Council Retreat**

- Should we have a Council retreat to do future planning? If we do should be an overnight at Canonicus Camp in Exeter, or a day retreat on a Saturday at Emanuel? After some discussion about what the agenda of the retreat would be, it was decided to table the discussion until the March council meeting. Ken will send out an email and ask for input on the retreat.

## **New Mission Statement for Emanuel**

- Should the congregation come up with a new mission statement? This was one possible agenda item at a possible council retreat. However, some said that a mission statement for the congregation should have wider congregational participation in developing a mission statement.
- Current mission statement:

Emanuel – Boldly joining God in sharing our gifts and love.

Listening for God through prayer, scripture and discussion

Following Christ's example

Generously sharing God's grace

Passion – having it, using it!

Being organized

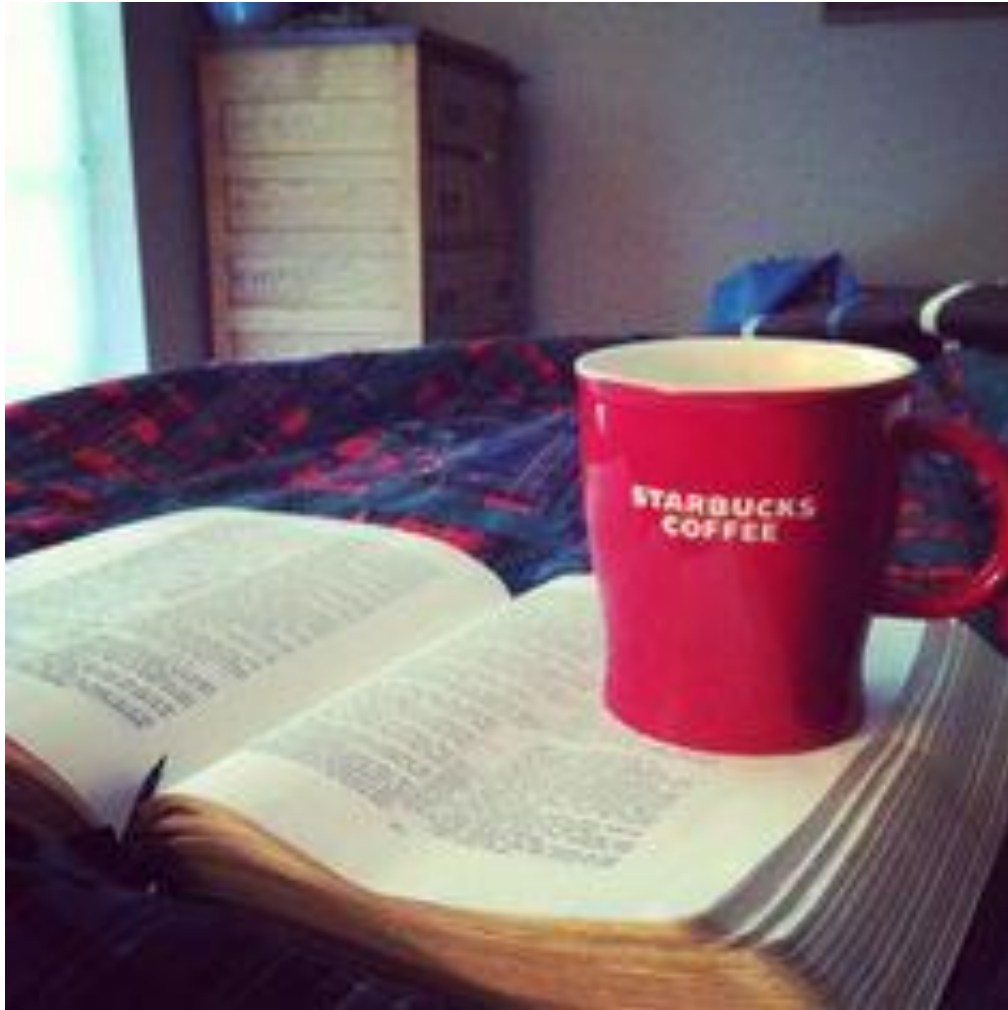
Following through – walking the walk

- Is a new mission statement needed? What benefits would there be in creating a new mission statement?

**Next Meeting March 14, 2024**

**Closing Prayer**

# **New Tuesday Morning Bible Study**



**Join us Tuesdays 9AM to 10AM at Emanuel  
in Jacobs Hall for**

## **Bible Study**

**Let's explore the Bible together.  
Everyone welcome.**

**Emanuel Lutheran Church,  
20 Leaf Street,  
West Warwick, RI 02893**

Thousands of dollars are left unclaimed each year.



If you are a Thrivent Member, check to see if you have Thrivent Choice Dollars to direct.

The **deadline** for directing your dollars is March 31, 2024.

You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by going:

- Online at [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://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.

# Did You Know?



In March Emanuel's Food Pantry fed 338 people from 135 families. We gave out 18,940 pounds of food. 24 new families visited the pantry. We gave each person 15 days of food this month.

# Bible Readings for Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>

## First Reading

## Psalm 118:1, 21-27

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God,  
and he has given us light.

## Gospel Reading

## Mark 16:1-8

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

<sup>1</sup> When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome (Sal oh may) bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

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

**For Comfort & Healing:** Beverly Locke, Sue Brown, Nancy Kennedy, Nick Gifford  
(Christine Stinson's surrogate son)

**Worship Assistants**

	<i>Easter Sunday March 31</i>	<i>April 7</i>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>	<b>Ken Wieboldt</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>Donna Sennett</b>	<b>Sue Wieboldt</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Aubrie Suffoletto</b>	<b>Alyssa Andersen</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Linda &amp; Ray Nunez</b>	<b>Mark &amp; Marcia Melanson</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>	<b>Jack Gibbs</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Easter Breakfaster between services</b>	<b>Potluck Coffee Hour</b>

**March's Memorial Candle**



The Memorial Candle for March is given in honor of  
**Ken & Sue Wieboldt's Anniversary**

### This Week at Emanuel

<b>Monday, March 25</b> 35 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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<b>Tuesday, March 26</b> 36 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	9:00am 10:00am	Bible Study (JH) Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
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<b>Wednesday, March 27</b> 37 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
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<b>Thursday, March 28</b> 38 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday service
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<b>Friday, March 29</b> 39 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	7:00pm	Good Friday service
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<b>Saturday, March 30</b> 40 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	7:00pm	Easter Vigil service
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<b>Sunday, March 31</b> Easter	8:00am 8:30am 9:00am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship In Person Easter Breakfast 8:30am to 10:30am Choir Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour

### Next Week at Emanuel

<b>Monday, April 1</b>	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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<b>Tuesday, April 2</b>	9:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	Bible Study (JH) Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM Worship & Music Committee ONLINE
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<b>Wednesday, April 3</b>	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
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<b>Thursday, April 4</b>	4:00pm 6:30pm	Christian Education Committee ONLINE Finance Committee ONLINE
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<b>Friday, April 5</b>		
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<b>Saturday, April 6</b>		
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<b>Sunday, April 7</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship In Person Choir Sunday School & Confirmation Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824**

**Friday, March 29, 2024**

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

### **John Donne, poet, died 1631**

**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

### **Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589**

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

### **Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists**

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

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

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

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.