

FREE Ping Pong Table



Emanuel's ping pong table is looking for a new home. Please let Pastor Todd know if you or someone you know is interested.

Reminder No Sunday School



Sunday April 14th
(beginning of school vacation)

Something New



Sharing Our Stories of God starting this Sunday April 14th

We are inviting people to share stories of how God has shown up in their lives. This coming Sunday April 14th Donna Sennett will be sharing a story from her life during Sunday worship 10:30am.

If you would be willing to share a story from your life, please let Pastor Todd know. Thank you.

pastor@emanuelww.org

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, April 25th 12:30PM to 2PM

the **Crow's Nest**

288 Arnolds Neck Dr, Warwick, RI 02886

Estimated cost \$15 to \$30

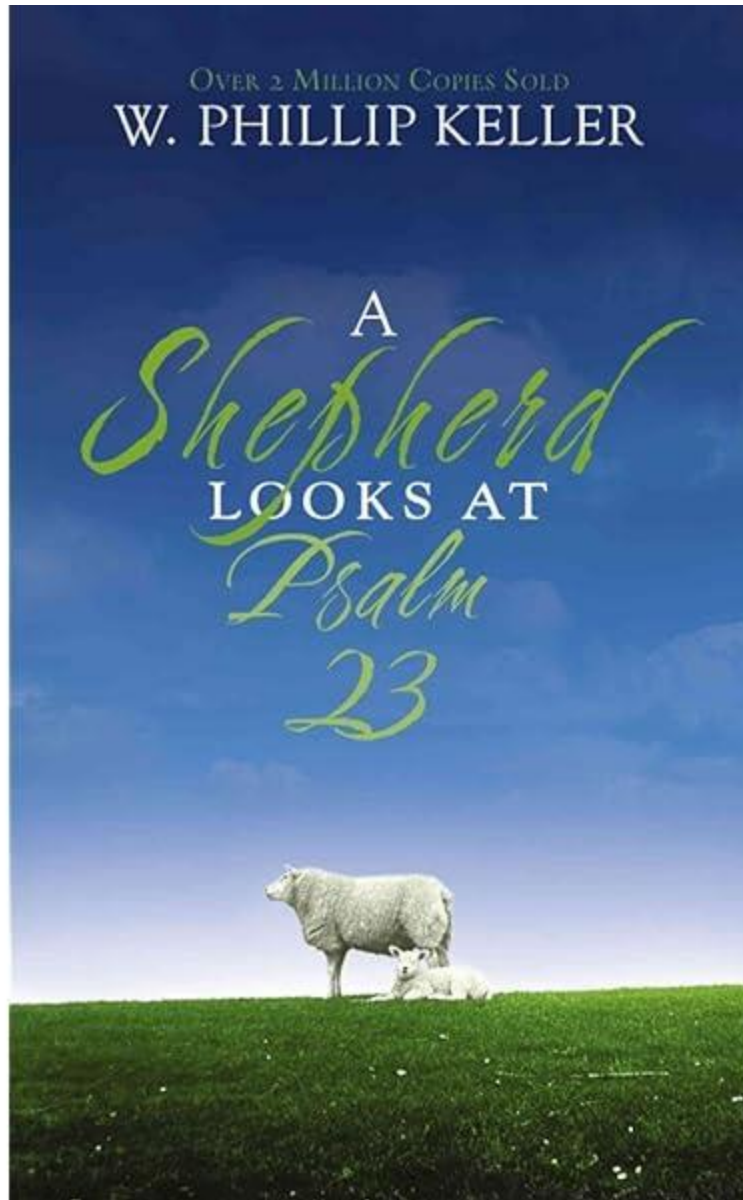
If you would like to go, please email, text or call
Michael Groleau at

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com

Friends welcome!

Readers of Emanuel



Next Meeting Sunday April 28th

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.

Al-Anon at Emanuel



Al-Anon **Family** Groups
Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

Monday's at 7PM in Jacobs Hall

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes March 14, 2024

Attendees: Ken Wieboldt, Sue Wieboldt, Myron Gadoury, Ray Nunez, Donna Sennett, Pastor Todd Stange, Bruce Johnson

Absent: Mark Melanson, Marcia Melanson, Jack Gibbs

Opening Devotions

There was a nomination for Donna Sennett to continue on as secretary and she agreed to retain the position of Council Secretary.

Motion to accept the March Council meeting minutes by Pastor Todd. Motion seconded by Bruce Johnson

Annual Meeting notes had some changes, which were made with others to follow. The changed annual meeting notes will be presented to the Council in advance of the April Council Meeting for approval at that meeting.

Budget: There was a question about line item 505 in regard to an amount of \$4,015.65. Was this an actual expenditure? Ken indicated that he thought this section was just a work space for Carol, but Carol will be asked about it.

Todd will send out an updated 2024 Monthly Giving Report with updated figures. There was also discussion regarding the YTD Actual Monthly Shortfall/Excess of -\$511.23. Ray pointed out that we actually have a \$3800 shortfall for 2024 to date if we don't count the carryover amount which was positive, thereby creating a shortfall amounting to the \$3800 figure. It was felt by the Council that the positive amount of the carryover should be included, resulting in the shortfall of \$511.23.

Christian Education: We have three confirmands this year, Confirmation Sunday is on May 19th. Olivia Santori is going to let Pastor know if she can direct Drama Camp this year.

Property: No questions. Myron has not gotten the results of the air sampling yet. The Daycare has never washed the floor downstairs. JN states that the custodian will not clean them. However, they should keep the floors washed and will need to come up with a solution to this issue.

Myron needs to put a bulkhead on the door with panic hardware. The door is \$2300 installed. He got a quote for a laminate floor in the kitchen of \$2,080. That includes installation.

The sinkhole will be filled this Saturday.

There was an accident with an Amazon truck damaging the cement pylon in the parking lot and Myron put in a claim for \$400, which Amazon agreed to pay. The pylon will need to stay up in that area from now on with no vehicle traffic in that area. There will be a separate parking spot for deliveries to the DayCare.

We will need will need to do the parking lot at some point in the future, but Myron states that it will be extremely expensive, possibly as much as \$150,000.

There are still issues with parents and how unsafe their driving is in the parking lot during drop-off and pickup times.

Worship and Music: They are getting ready for Holy Week. Pastor is looking at sermon series for this summer.

Annual Meeting Attendance: There was a discussion regarding attendance and voting members. Pastor feels there should be some mechanism to distinguish voting members only should there be a close vote. Myron feels that there should be something to distinguish voting members from non-voting members at all annual meetings. Myron made a motion that all those attending the Annual Meeting be identified if they are voting members or not. It was not seconded. Ray feels that people could be checked off if there is a member or not during the course of the meeting, but not approached separately. The majority of the Council feels that the membership list should be made available in case there is a close vote.

Council Planning Meeting (Retreat): Most people felt that they would rather doing a meeting during the day and not overnight.: Proposed dates are May 4th and June 1st. Ken will send out a request for availability for each of those dates to the Council members. We will also consider meeting from 9:00-12:00, then lunch, then 1:00-3:00. The purpose is for short-term and long-term planning. Ken will also send out a request for topics to be discussed. Pastor thinks we might discuss that we revisit the congregation's mission statement. Myron suggested that we discuss how to go about having the parking lot repaired/paved. Ray also suggested that we discuss ongoing use of the parsonage for housing unhoused people. Myron would like to have us consider that Eric Johnson be allowed to live upstairs following the departure of its current residents. Eric would pay the church \$500.00 a month to live upstairs.

What to do with a \$12,000 gift: Myron suggested we put a new floor in the kitchen and purchase the new door. Pastor felt that we should do a building improvement and put the other half into the endowment fund. There was a consensus that the door and the kitchen floor be done and the remaining \$6000 be put in the Endowment Fund. Myron made a motion to accept and Sue seconded the motion.

Use of Endowment Fund: We are still looking for suggestions on places to donate. Myron suggested that we donate to a camp called Camp Sunshine in Maine.

Calumet: Myron is going to speak with the Food Bank families to see if they know of children who might want to go to Calumet. Ken suggested that we could possibly rent a van to transport registered children.


Next Council meeting scheduled for April 11, 2024.

Closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Notes respectfully submitted by Donna Sennett, Council Secretary.

FEMA Funds Available in Rhode Island



DISASTER ASSISTANCE

To apply and get answers to your questions, call:

1-800-621-3362



711 or Video Relay Service (VRS): 1-800-621-3362

Please have the following available:

- Your address with zip code
- Condition of your damaged home
- Insurance information, if available
- Social Security number
- Phone number where you can be contacted
- Address where you can get mail or email address to receive electronic notifications

Direct Deposit: Disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to your bank account. Please provide your bank account type, account number and bank routing number.

Stay in touch with FEMA: When you apply, you will receive a FEMA registration number. Save it. You will need the number whenever you contact FEMA.

 **Online registration also available**  **DisasterAssistance.gov**
ACCESS TO DISASTER HELP AND RESOURCES

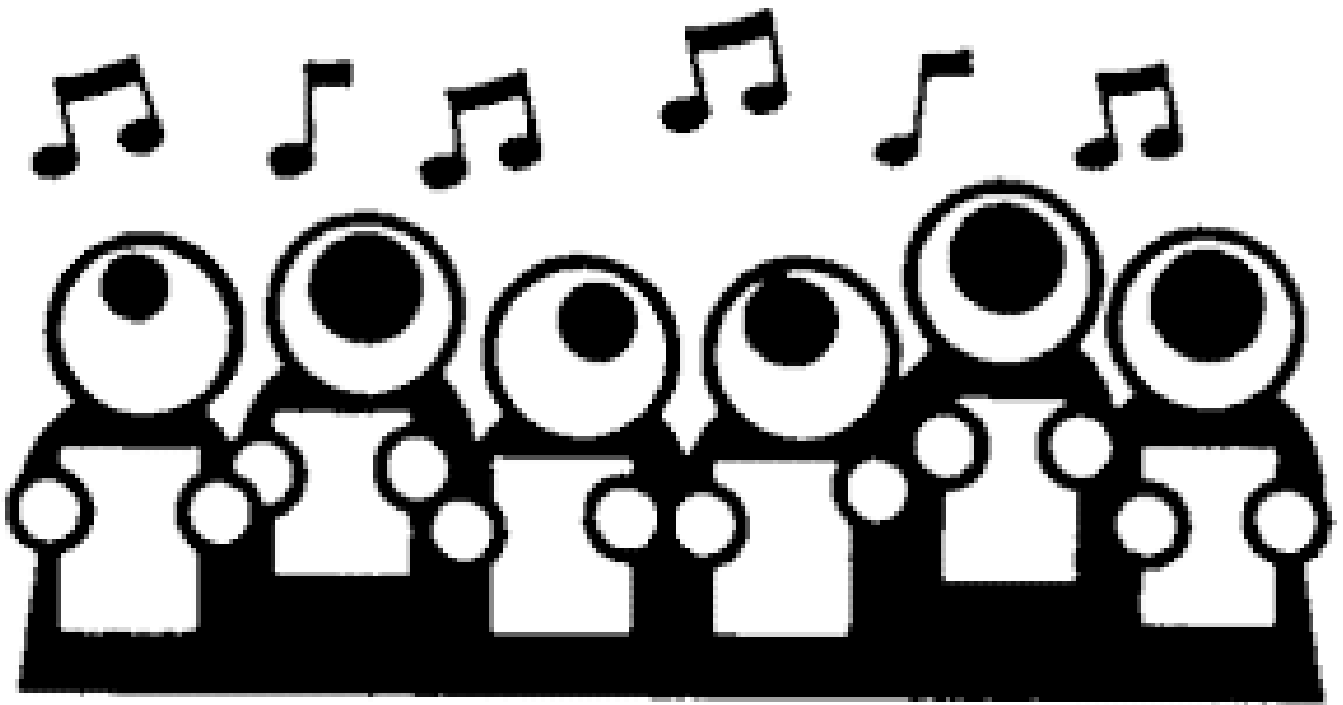
Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status.

Residents and businesses hurt by two recent rounds of severe flooding now have access to federal grants and low-interest loans.

People in Providence, Kent and Washington counties may receive federal funding if they or their properties were affected by either of the disaster designation periods: Dec. 17-19, 2023, and Jan. 9-13, 2024.

For more information call 1-800-621-3362 or visit the FEMA disaster recovery center at the Coventry Town Hall Annex, 1675 Flat River Road.

Choir at Emanuel



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

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

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

Bible Readings for Sunday April 14th

First Reading

Acts 2:22-24, 37-47

After the Holy Spirit comes upon the disciples Peter boldly proclaims the gospel and many become followers of Jesus' way.

²² 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Second Reading

Acts 3:1-10

Peter and John give what they have to a lame man – healing in the name of Jesus. And the lame man is able to join the community in prayer.

¹ One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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

Do You Like Coffee?



If so, consider hosting coffee hour one Sunday. If it's your first time (or 2nd or 3rd), people will help you and show you where everything is.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entry way. Thank you.

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

For Comfort & Healing: Pearl Strembicki, Jessica Rodolowicz (friends of the food pantry), Gabriel Stinson (Christine Stinson's son)

Worship Assistants

	<i>April 14</i>	<i>April 21</i>
Counter:	Mary Schabek	Kathy Marco
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Garriott	Kathy Garriott
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Diane Gadoury	Donna Sennett
Acolyte	-	-
Ushers	Bruce Johnson & Pauline LaVallee	Joanne Powers & Brandee Muncey
Lector:	Ray Nunez	Diane Gadoury
Coffee Hour	volunteer needed	volunteer needed

April's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for April is given by Susan Auger
in loving memory of **Douglas Auger**.

This Week at Emanuel

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

Tuesday, April 9	9:00am	Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM

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

Thursday, April 11	12:00pm	RI Conference Clergy Meeting (JH)
	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)

Friday, April 12	10:00am	Rhode island Food Bank Members (FH)

Saturday, April 13		

Sunday, April 14	8:00am	Worship In Person
3rd Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	NO Sunday School (school vacation)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Next Week at Emanuel

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

Tuesday, April 16	9:00am	Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM

Wednesday, April 17	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, April 18		

Friday, April 19		

Saturday, April 20	10:00am	Confirmation Earth Day Service Event

Sunday, April 21	8:00am	Worship In Person
4th Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church

Friday, April 19, 2024

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.