

Last Summer Sunday

(before Labor Day)



One service at 9:15am

June 23rd – September 1st

Church Picnic



You are invited – Free Lunch!
Sunday September 8th at 12 Noon

**Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Drinks, Bouncy House, Corn Hole
Tournament, Limbo Contest, fun**

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

Bring your friends & family!

Emanuel's Food Pantry



Getting Ready

In August, we served 396 people in need
and distributed 1,548 lbs of food.

Sunday school & Confirmation



Starting Up September 8th

Sunday school & Confirmation 9:15AM

If you have questions, please contact
our Superintendent Sue Meriano - tea4sue@gmail.com
or Pastor Todd - pastor@emanuelww.org

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

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

The Cozy Grill

473 Tiogue Ave, Coventry, RI 02816

Estimated cost \$10 to \$25

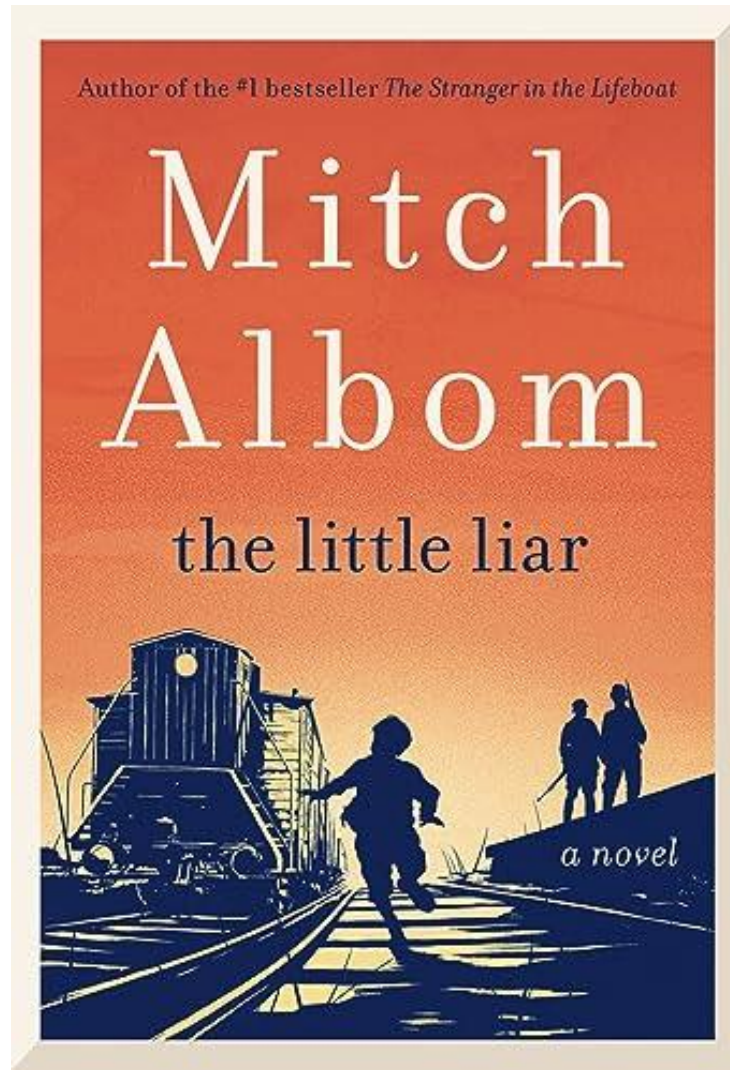
If you would like to go, please email, text or call
Michael Groleau at

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com

Friends welcome!

Readers of Emanuel



Sunday September 15th

The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading
"The Little Liar" by Mitch Albom.

Beloved bestselling author Mitch Albom returns
with a powerful novel of hope and forgiveness

We will meet after worship on Sunday September 15th
at ~12pm in Jacobs Hall.

Everyone is invited for good fellowship and food.

Looking for Helping Hands



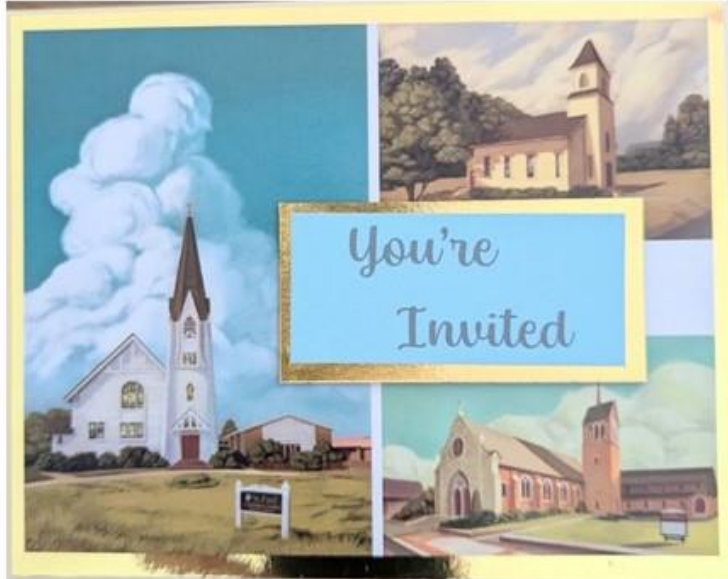
September 7th at 9AM

September 7th at 9am we will resume our wall project. Two sections are done so far. We have 32 more RR Ties to replace and are looking for some strong men to remove and replace. RR Ties have been delivered and exterminator has killed the wasp nest in the wall.

Let Myron Gadoury know if you can help.

mig-ABB@atlanticbb.net

Saint Paul's 150th Anniversary



You are cordially invited to our
150th Church Anniversary Celebration of
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and Bethany Ministry
on Sunday, September 29th, 2024.

What a joy it is to announce the celebration service of the
anniversary of our church's founding!

It is an important day for those of us in the church community and it
would be an honor for you to attend and share this blessing with us.

_____ is (are) attending

Meal Choice: x____ Chicken Marsala

x____ Baked New England Cod w/lemon butter

x____ Children's Meal (12 and under \$3.00)

Chicken Fingers and French Fries

Let us know if you have special dietary requirements

Kindly RSVP by September 15th, 2024

The cost is \$ 35.00 per person

By mail to the church office including the number of adults and
children, food choice and a check made out to St Paul Lutheran
Church

Or Online at Vanco



A commemorative church service will be held at 2:00 pm at
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and Bethany Ministry
389 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, RI 02886

Reception to follow

Starting with a cocktail hour at 4:00 pm (cash bar)

Radisson Airport Hotel

And dinner at 5:00 pm

2081 Post Rd, Warwick, RI 02886

Room reservation can be made at the Radisson Hotel for the event.

Discounted rates are available.

\$119.00 for the deluxe room or \$139.00 for a suite

Please contact the hotel at

[ChoiceHotels.com/reservations/group/G9667069](https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/group/G9667069)

St. Paul Bethany Lutheran Church is celebrating their 150th Anniversary with a special worship service and dinner. They have invited us (the people of Emanuel). If you would like to attend the dinner, they are asking for an RSVP the cost is \$35 per person.

If you are interested in going, please let pastor Todd know. Thank you.

pastor@emanuel.org



Sharing Our Stories of God

We are inviting people to share stories of how God has shown up in their lives.

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

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Bible Readings for Sunday September 1st

First Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fattest calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he

heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

How do the Bible readings speak to you?



On-line Worship at Emanuel Sundays during the Summer at 9:15AM



What to Do - if You would Like to Come to On-line Worship

Just click on the Zoom link below on Sunday at 9:15AM:

<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.

You Are Invited



The New England Synod invites you to a Festival Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Installation of

The Rev. Nathan D. Piphio

as the Fourth Bishop of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Saturday, **September 7, 2024**, 1:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church
73 Lancaster Street Worcester, MA 01609

Service to be livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester

Childcare provided. Please contact Christy Fyfe to RSVP no later than August 30, 2024 at youthministry@trinityware.org

A reception will follow at Trinity.

Additional information is available at www.nelutherans.org

The Rev. Nathan D. Piphó



The Rev. Nathan D. Piphó will be installed as the fourth bishop of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at a Festive Holy Eucharist on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA. The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA will preside and a reception in Trinity's Jeppson Hall will follow. The public is invited to attend. The liturgy will also be livestreamed at www.vimeo.com/trinityworchester.

Bishop Piphó was elected to a six-year term on June 7 by the New England Synod Assembly meeting at the DCU Center in Worcester. At the time of his election, he had been serving as the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, Massachusetts. He began ministry at Trinity on All Saints Day in 2016. In addition to all aspects of parish ministry, he served as Secretary of the Board of Worcester Interfaith and as Protestant Chaplain at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI).

Prior to his ministry in Worcester, he served as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in North Quincy, Massachusetts from 2002 to 2015. He helped establish a Chinese outreach ministry under the direction of the Rev. Ryan Lun, served as internship supervisor for the Rev. Tiffany Chaney and was a founding member and first President of Quincycles Bicycle advocacy group. He also served as President of the Interchurch Council of Wollaston and North Quincy.

He has been active in the life New England Synod by serving as a member of the Antiracism Advisory Board, the New England Synod Candidacy Committee, Chair of the Synod Team for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Inclusion, and Dean of the Boston Metro Conference. He was a voting member of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly and was elected at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to serve a six-year term on the ELCA Committee on Discipline.

He was ordained on St. Michael & All Angels Day in 2002 at St. John Lutheran Church, Sudbury, Massachusetts by the Rev. Margaret Payne, 2nd Bishop of the New England Synod. He completed his internship at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Woburn, Massachusetts. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa in 1998 and a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) in 2002. He earned a Master in Public Administration degree from the Harvard Kennedy School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 2016.

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

Sermon Topics



9/1 Salvation

Narrative Lectionary September 8 – June 8

9/8 Creation & Humanity's Fall

9/15 God's Promise to Abraham

9/22 Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat

9/29 The Promise of Passover

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

For Healing & Comfort: Stu Gentry (friend of Michael Groleau's)

Worship Assistants

	<i>September 1</i>	<i>Rally Day! September 8</i>
Counter:	Kathy Marco	Glenn Johnson
	9:15AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Sue Wieboldt	Bruce Johnson
Acolyte	-	-
Ushers	Mark & Marcia Melanson	Brandee Muncey & Pauline LaVallee
Lector:	Margaret Teehan	Mary Schabek
Coffee Hour	Sue Wieboldt	Church Picnic

August's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for August is given by Susan Auger
in loving memory of **Doug Auger**.

This Week at Emanuel

Monday, August 26	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, August 27	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
	7:00pm	Constitution Meeting chapter 12 (FH)

Wednesday, August 28	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, August 29	12:30pm	Live, Laugh & Learn Lunch at the Cozy Grill

Friday, August 30		

Saturday, August 31		

Sunday, September 1	9:15am	Worship in Person & Online
15th Sunday after Pentecost	10:15am	Coffee Hour
Sunday before Labor Day		

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, September 2	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
Labor Day	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, September 3	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
	7:00pm	Worship Committee ONLINE

Wednesday, September 4	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, September 5	4:00pm	Christian Education Committee ONLINE
	6:30pm	Finance Committee ONLINE

Friday, September 6		

Saturday, September 7	9:00am	Retaining Wall rebuild project

Sunday, September 8	9:15am	Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH)
16th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
Rally Day!	12:00pm	Emanuel Church Picnic

Upcoming Commemorations

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Monday, September 2, 2024

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.