

Sunday Worship at Emanuel



is now at **10:30AM**

(Note – the 8AM service & choir will start back up after Nancy, our minister of music, returns from her surgery.)

Church Picnic 2024



Thank you to the many people who made last week's church picnic a great success, especially Mike Gadoury for shopping & cooking, Ken & Sue Wieboldt for the bouncy house and Thrivent Financial for supporting the event. Thank you all!

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, September 19th 12:30PM to 2PM

Bill's Place

707 Main St. West Warwick, RI 02893

Estimated cost \$8 to \$20

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

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com

Friends welcome!

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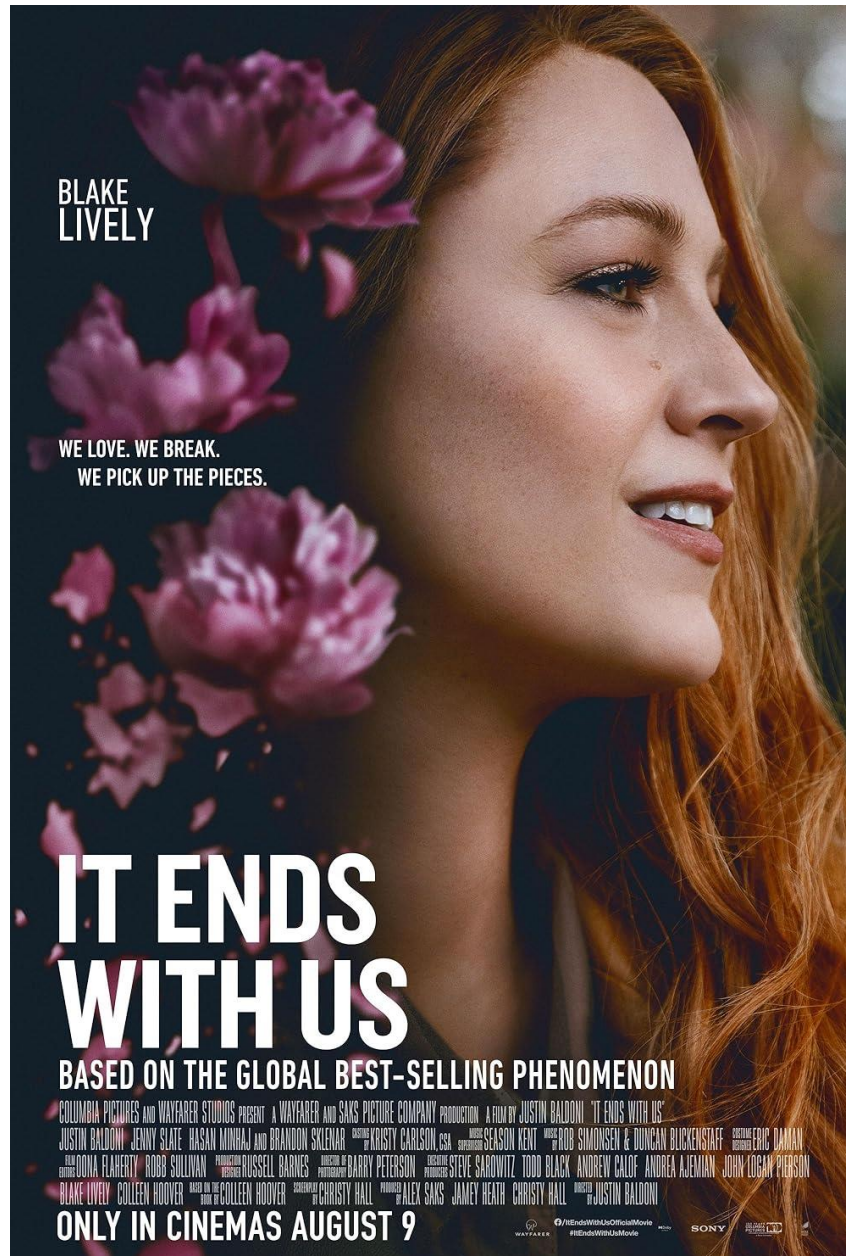
There are thousands of dollars available each year. But you need to direct them to Emanuel, so they will benefit our church!

If you're not familiar with the **Thrivent Choice** program, just ask your Thrivent Representative. Or send an e mail to Pastor Todd, or Emanuel's Treasurer, Carol Johnson. They can assist you.

Thank you to everyone who has already designated their Thrivent Choice dollars to help Emanuel.

Please direct your Thrivent Choice dollars today.

Emanuel Movie Outing



**Sunday September 15th in the afternoon
after book club.**

Earlier this year Emanuel's book club read Colleen Hoover's "It Ends with Us". We will now be going to check out the movie. Note, the book/movie deals with domestic violence. The movie is rated PG-13.

Everyone is invited!

Church Bazaar November 9th & 10th



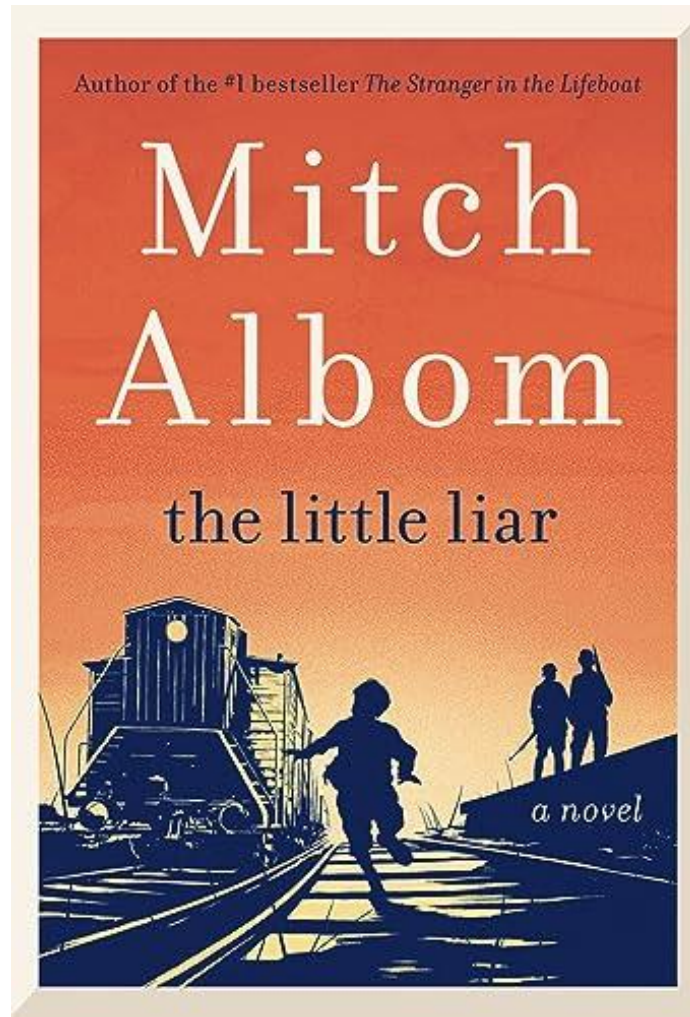
This year's bazaar is Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sunday, November 10 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The bazaar committee is looking for help with the raffle. Any of the following would be gratefully accepted.

- Gift Cards for our major raffle
- Gift certificates to local establishments.
- Items for baskets. These can be single items or multiple themed items (wine, liquor, candy, kid's themed items, etc.) Your ideas are welcome as well.
- Cash donations to help us purchase raffle items.

If you can help, contact

Sue Wieboldt at (401) 397-9845, susieq3380@gmail.com or
Carol Johnson at (401) 323-9542, cmjohnson1220@gmail.com.

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. **NOTE** – If we go and see the movie
“It Ends with Us” this Sunday 9/15, then we will likely postpone
the discussion of “The Little Liar”.

Everyone is invited for good fellowship and food.

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes July 17, 2024

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

Absent: Jack Gibbs, Mark Melanson, Marcia Melanson, Ray Nunez

Opening Devotions

Minutes Motion to accept last month's minutes made by Bruce Seconded by Myron

Treasurer's Report We recovered financially last month because our giving was up. We also had 5 Sundays last month. We are still minus \$3,622.32 for the year. Thrivent continues to do well. YTD gains were \$15,498.91. Myron raised the issue about the mulch not being able to pay the mulch bill. This is because we are behind financially for the year. Donna Had a question about the outreach amount shown in the bar graph Carol prepared. The question was does the endowment fund outreach count in this amount. It was said that the endowment funds are not traditionally included as this bar graph represents our budget only. but Ken will ask this question in the next Finance meeting.

Finance: Myron met with Jen from Joyful Noise and she approved the solar project. Myron needs to meet with the bank to find out the amount we would need to pay on a monthly basis. He needs this information to put together a final proposal. The finance committee also needs to develop a plan to finance the loan, as part of the proposal to be presented to the congregation for a vote.

Christian Ed: They did not meet this month. Sue Mariano has not mentioned anything about stepping down from Sunday School Superintendent. 10 children participated in Drama Camp this year. There were about 20 teens and adults who helped with Drama Camp. Nick Andersen did a great job!

Property: Today we had to do a toilet repair for \$525.00+. JN will pay for this. The Monday adult volunteers for the food pantry will be going through Safe Church training. The background checks have been done. The church clean-up was successful. Myron spoke with Jen about the JN floors. A final decision will be made when Jen returns from her leave of absence.

Worship and Music: Did not meet this month. Langdon preached last week. Donna will be preaching on August 4th.

Food pantry: 374 individuals from 162 households 14,446 pounds of food.

Welcome bags: Sue had welcome cards printed for the bags. The bag might include "A Small Catechism" and a copy of "The Lutheran's Welcome to Jesus", bookmarks made by the Bazaar crafters, one of our envelopes with our address on it, a map of West Warwick, maybe a box of cookies or something like that, a wooden cross pin and a letter from Pastor. .

Church picnic: To be held Sunday, September 8th. We should do it in the parking lot again. Sue and Ken will sponsor the bouncy house and continue with the other activities we've had in the past.

Youth Group will have a drive-in movie in August in the church parking lot.

Closing Prayer

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes August 8, 2024

Opening Devotions

Pastor Todd opened with a story about an 8 year old boy who asked Warren Buffett a question at this past year's Berkshire Hathaway shareholder meeting. The boy asked if he had one more day with his good friend and business partner Charlie Munger, what would he do with him. Charlie died last November. Buffet said that they would probably do what they always did. He noted that Charlie liked learning about new things. He also noted that his best memories with Charlie were not when things were going well, but during the bad times when they had to work together to get out of a situation. He told the boy he should find the person or people that he wants to be with – and start spending time with them today.

Approve last month's council meeting minutes

We didn't have the July minutes. Will approve them at September's council meeting.

Treasurer's report /Finance

Looks good. Offerings down in July. Maybe due to people away on vacation. Hopefully we will catch up in August.

Committees

Christian Education – Getting ready for Sunday school and confirmation. We are ready. Mailing to past & potential students will go out at the end of August.

Worship & Music

- Nancy's surgery – End of August. Chuck will fill in 9/1, 9/8 and 9/15. No 8AM service on 9/8 and 9/15.
- Ask if Nancy is okay with sharing her address for people to send her cards.

Property

- Only a few people signed up to help with retaining wall. Meet at 10am. Myron will be here at 9am.
- Meeting with Finance and solar person at end of August. Question raised – what if hurricane or storm damages solar panels? Will insurance cover their replacement? We would have to pay RI Energy during the time the panels are not working.
- Joyful Noise supports putting on the solar panels – paying 80% of the monthly cost of the panels' loan payment.

- Gas smell this past week in fellowship hall kitchen. Pilot light out? Maintenance company will be coming to service the stove – make sure it is working properly – new knobs will be replaced.
- Food pantry – Janet got hit with a giant frozen piece of pork in the head and sustained a concussion. Myron will put up a guard rack to make sure the food doesn't fall out in the future.

Other items

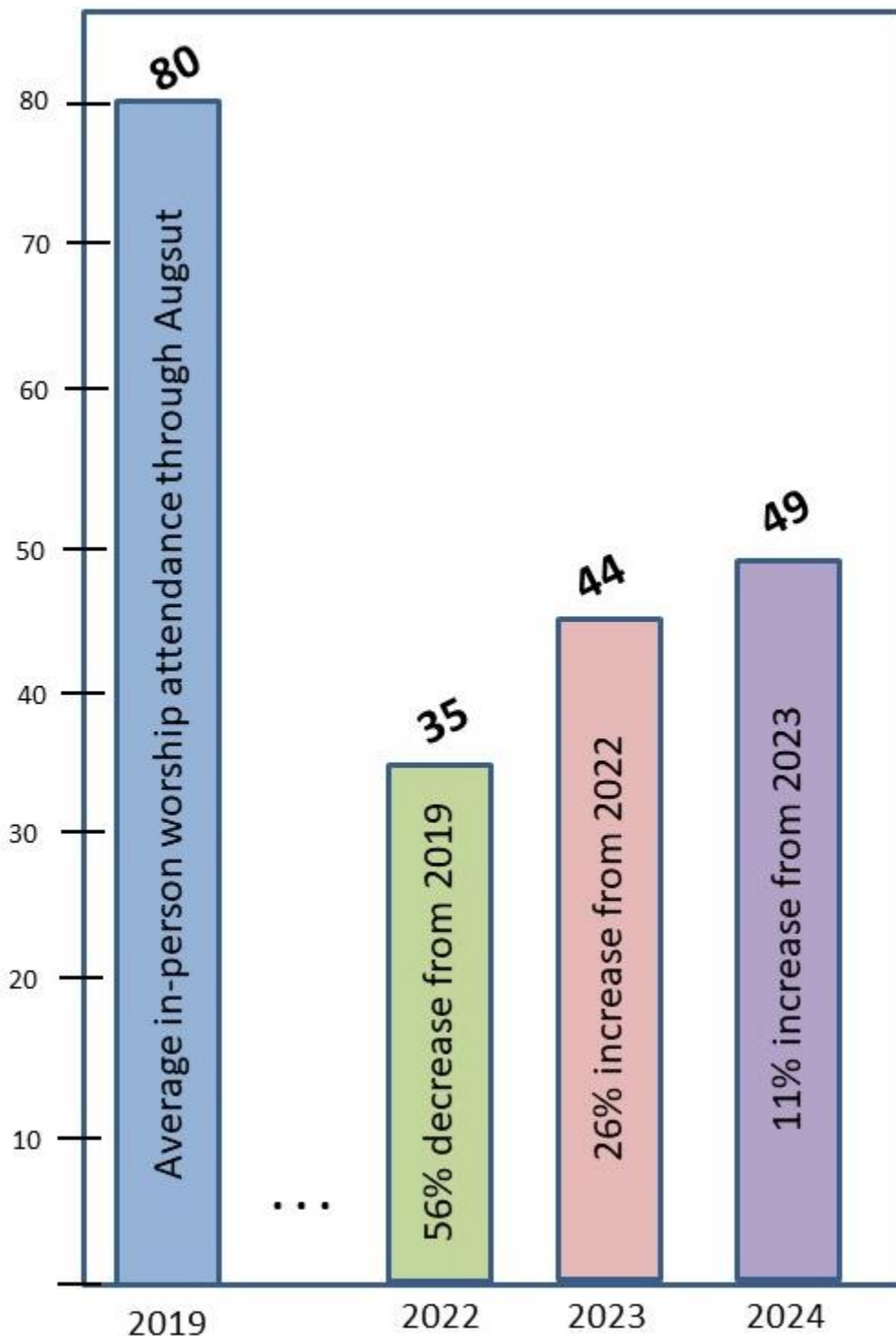
- Put together a new Emanuel directory? We looked into this a couple years ago, but the photo company was not doing them during COVID. Bruce will initiate an effort to have a new Emanuel directory made.

Next Meeting September 12th

Closing Prayer

Adjourned 7:41pm

Worship Attendance Trending Upward



Average in-person attendance at Emanuel.



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.

pastor@emanuelww.org

Bible Readings for Sunday September 15th

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4, 15:1-3

God promised to make a great nation of Abram. Abram listens to God and sets out from his homeland. But as he gets older and older, he brings his concern about being childless to God.

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

About 5 years past.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'

Second Reading

Genesis 15:4-15

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, though it will take hundreds of years to be fulfilled, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

⁴ But the word of the Lord came to [Abram], 'This man [Eliezer of Damascus] shall not be your heir; no one but your very own flesh and blood shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' ⁹He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹³Then the Lord said to Abram, 'Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years; ¹⁴but I will bring judgement on the nation that they serve, and afterwards they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

How do the Bible readings speak to you?

On-line Worship at Emanuel Sundays during the Summer 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](#)

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Sermon Topics



Narrative Lectionary September 8 – June 8

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: Nancy Kennedy, Carol Swanson

Worship Assistants

	<i>September 15</i>	<i>September 22</i>
Counter:	Ken Wieboldt	Mike Ricci
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Donna Sennett	Ida Zecco
Acolyte	-	-
Ushers	Donna Lucier & Alex	Bruce Johnson
Lector:	Ray Nunez	Glenn Johnson
Coffee Hour	Donna Sennett	volunteer needed

September's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for September is given by Phyllis Gustafson
in loving memory of **John Gustafson.**

This Week at Emanuel

Monday, September 9	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, September 10	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		NO Pastor Office Hours Pastor Away

Wednesday, September 11	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, September 12	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)

Friday, September 13		Sue Office Hours 9-1:00

Saturday, September 14		

Sunday, September 15	9:15am	Sunday School (FH)
17 th Sunday after	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
Pentecost	11:30am	Coffee Hour
	12:00pm	Readers of Emanuel (JH)
	~1pm	"It Ends with Us" movie outing

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, September 16	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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Tuesday, September 17	9:00am 10:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH) Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
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Wednesday, September 18	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
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Thursday, September 19	12:00pm 12:30pm	RI Conference Clergy meeting (JH) Live, Laugh & Learn Lunch at Bill's Place
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Friday, September 20		Sue Office Hours 9-1:00
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Saturday, September 21		
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Sunday, September 22	9:15am	Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH)
18 th Sunday after	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
Pentecost	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407

Friday, September 13, 2024

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

Holy Cross Day

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

Monday, September 16, 2024

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)

Friday, September 20, 2024

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.