

Cemetery Cleanup



**Saturday November 30th
9am to 1pm**

Come bag some leaves with us.
If we have enough people,
we will also do Church Grounds as well.

Potluck Coffee Hour – this Sunday December 1st



First Sunday of the Month after the 10:30am service.

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!

Emanuel's Christmas Giving Tree is Up!

10 unclaimed ornaments



The Giving Tree is up. So far we have 9 children who have asked for Christmas gifts. If you would like to buy a gift for a child, please click on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ABAD2FA5FBC52-53338176-emanuel#/>

We are asking that gifts be dropped off to the church **by Friday December 13th at 1:00pm**. Gifts should be wrapped, if possible, with a note indicating the # of the child.

Gifts can be dropped off at the church on:

Sundays 8AM to 12PM

Tuesdays 9AM to 2PM

Fridays 9AM to 1PM

If one of these times doesn't work, please call to arrange a different time. Thank you.

Order Your Christmas Poinsettia



Cost = \$18 single red or white
\$30 double red only

To purchase a poinsettia for Christmas Eve, please complete a poinsettia form (Given for... Given by...) and place it in the offering plate or email/text/call Sue Wieboldt at

(401) 743-3843 susieq3380@gmail.com

Deadline for ordering is Sunday December 15th

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Wednesday, December 4th 12:30PM to 2PM

at **Carrabba's Italian Grill**

1350 Bald Hill Rd Bldg C, Warwick, RI 02886

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!

Happy Thanksgiving!



Thank You!

In November Emanuel's Food pantry provided food to 447 people in need from 186 families. We were visited 398 times this month and distributed 20,223 pounds of food including 148 turkey baskets. Thank you to all our volunteers and the many donations from wonderful people!

Special thanks to my friends at Barber Associates for helping distribute 150 turkey baskets to those in need and for raising \$4,325.00 for Emanuel's Food Pantry. Brian Barber was one of my Cub Scouts and I am very pleased to see how he turned out. Your Dad would be very proud my friend. God bless you and your team!

Myron Gadoury

Readers of Emanuel



January 2025

The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading
“The Nickel Boys” by Colson Whitehead.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize • New York Times Bestseller • Longlisted for The National Book Award • Winner of The Kirkus Prize • One of Publishers Weekly's 10 Best Books of the Year • Soon to be a motion picture. The Nickel Boys is a 2019 novel by American novelist Colson Whitehead. It is based on the historic Dozier School, a reform school in Florida that operated for 111 years.

We haven't set a date for our next meeting yet, but it will be on a Sunday in late January. We will meet after worship at ~12pm in Jacobs Hall. Everyone is invited!

What's your story?



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 Decembre 1st

First Reading

Daniel 6:1-16

Daniel was an Israelite living in the Babylonian kingdom. Despite being a foreigner, he worked as an administrator for the king and did so well that he became a target for the other administrators. They tricked the king into passing a law they knew Daniel would not obey.

¹ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, stationed throughout the whole kingdom, ²and over them three presidents, including Daniel; to these the satraps gave account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³Soon Daniel distinguished himself above all the other presidents and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom. ⁴So the presidents and the satraps tried to find grounds for complaint against Daniel in connection with the kingdom. But they could find no grounds for complaint or any corruption, because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption could be found in him. ⁵The men said, 'We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.'

⁶ So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.' ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.

¹⁰ Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, 'O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?' The king answered, 'The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.' ¹³Then they responded to the king, 'Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.'

¹⁴ When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, 'Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.'

¹⁶ Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!'

Second Reading

Daniel 6:17-28

The king felt he could not go back on the law he passed, and so Daniel was thrown into the lions den. Daniel trusted God, and God watched over and protected him. In the morning when Daniel emerged unharmed, the king knew the God of Israel is the true and living God.

¹⁷A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹ Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. ²⁰When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, 'O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?' ²¹Daniel then said to the king, 'O king, live for ever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.' ²³Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: 'May you have abundant prosperity! ²⁶I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:
For he is the living God,
enduring for ever.
His kingdom shall never be destroyed,
and his dominion has no end.

²⁷ He delivers and rescues,
he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth;
for he has saved Daniel
from the power of the lions.'

²⁸So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

How do the Bible readings speak to you?



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

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
20 Leaf Street
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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If you have Thrivent Choice dollars, you have to direct them, otherwise they are not given out.

To see if you have Thrivent Choice dollars and to direct them, go to:

- Online at www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- 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.

Sermon Topics



Narrative Lectionary September 8 – June 8

11/24 God Promises a New Covenant

12/1 Daniel's Hope in God

12/8 Joel: God's Promised Spirit

12/15 Spirit of the Lord Upon Me

12/22 Christmas Pageant

12/29 Christmas Lessons & Carols

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

For Healing & Comfort: Michelle Wilmot & family

Worship Assistants

	<i>December 1</i>	<i>December 8</i>
Counter:	Glenn Johnson	Kathy Marco
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector:	Kathy Marco	Sue Auger
Acolyte	Tim Hart	-
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Lee Jacobs	Sue Wieboldt
Acolyte	Amanda Vohnoutka	Cali LaMountain
Ushers	Joanne Powers & Christian L.	Ken Wieboldt
Lector:	Christian L.	Elaine Marsh
Coffee Hour	Potluck Coffee Hour	volunteer needed

November's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for November is given by Carol Swanson
in loving memory of **Karl Swanson.**

This Week at Emanuel

Monday, November 25	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, November 26	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Service at Pilgrim Lutheran

Wednesday, November 27		NO Bible Study

Thursday, November 28		HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 29		Sue's Office Hours

Saturday, November 30	9:00am	Cemetery Cleanup

Sunday, December 1	8:00am	Worship in Person
First Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	NO Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Next Week at Emanuel

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

Tuesday, December 3	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, December 4	10:00am	Ellie's Circle Resumes (JH)
	7:00pm	Bible Study on Genesis (JH)

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

Friday, December 6		Sue's Office Hours
Saint Nicholas Day		

Saturday, December 7		

Sunday, December 8	8:00am	Worship in Person
Second Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

Andrew, Apostle

Saturday, November 30, 2024

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, *The Fount of Wisdom*, remained influential for centuries.

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342

Friday, December 6, 2024

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397

Saturday, December 7, 2024

While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.