

Christmas Pageant 2024



Thank you to all the children & Sunday school teachers for sharing the Christmas story with us on Christmas Eve. Special thanks to Sue & Jim Meriano, Danielle David & Lynne Wolff.

Epiphany Service at Emanuel



Monday January 6th

Come celebrate Epiphany on
Monday January 6th, 2025 at 7PM

We will celebrate with song,
light and wonder.

Potluck Coffee Hour – this Sunday January 5th



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!

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, January 23rd 12:30PM to 2PM

at the **Cowesett Inn**

226 Cowesett Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893

Estimated cost \$10 to \$30

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

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com

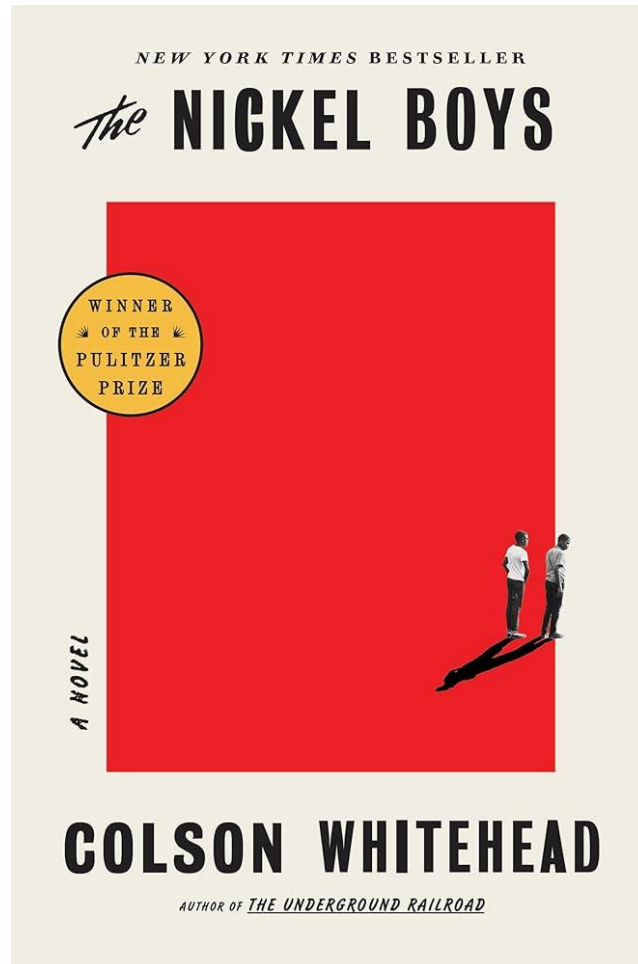
Friends welcome!

Christmas Poinsettias 2024

Given by: Given for:

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| The Stewart Family | Dan Conneally |
| Sue & Jim Meriano | In honor of our grandsons, Jackson, Owen, Ethan, & Weston |
| Elsie Kilguss | In memory of George Kilguss, The Kilguss & Schaich Families |
| Bob & Kathy Marco | The Joy of the Season |
| Mary Schabek | In honor of Don Schabek & Tom Fekete with Love |
| The Nunez Family | The Glory of God and in Memory of Loved Ones |
| Birgit Newmann | In Loving Memory of Anita & Gunter Neumann |
| Tim & Robin Hart | Bev, Bob, & Roz Grenier George & Josephine Hart John & Kim Bailey & Jessica |
| Elaine Marsh | Mom & Bernie |
| Annette M. Rocheford | The Rocheford & Florio Families |
| Sharon & Frank Dias | Dorothy & Fred Charlton |
| Georgette Clark | In Loving Memory of Donald Clark |
| Their Loving Family | Douglas Auger, John & Helen Robinson |
| Christian L. | Joey Meyer |
| Lesley Behm & Family | Hank Behm & Bill Robinson |
| The Stange Family | Michael Weiner, Katherine Dietz, & Diana Richardson |
| The Wieboldt Family | The Dutilly & Wieboldt Families |
| Eric & Disa Johnson | Our Parents |
| His Loving Parents | Jason Suffoletto |
| Joyce Bunch | In Memory of Loved Ones |
| Brenda, Evan, Leah, & Troy | Tim Morgan |
| Jan and Paul | Our Family: Mom, Dad, Mick, Cher, Carla, Ron, & Neil |

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!

Emanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday February 2nd



11:45am Potluck Lunch

12:15pm Meeting

(snow date – Sunday February 9th same time)

Feeling Grateful!



Emanuel, This is as close as we came to a family picture this year. Thank you for your generosity this Christmas. I feel grateful. It is a pleasure and honor to serve as your pastor and count you as friends. Pastor Todd

2025 Offering Envelopes



The 2025 Offering envelopes are in! If you use offering envelopes, please pick your box of envelopes in the back of the sanctuary. If you didn't have envelopes this year and would like some for 2025, feel free to take an unmarked box. There is a sheet for you to put your name and address next to the envelope number you are taking. Thank you.

Are You Interested in Giving?



Rhode Island Blood Center

Pilgrim Lutheran Church is organizing a blood drive in honor of one of their members Chris Spencer. They have reached out to Emanuel to see if anyone would be interested in giving blood. A date has not been set yet, but it will be in January or February of next year.

If schedule permitting you would be willing to give blood, please let pastor Todd know. Thank you!

pastor@emanuelww.org

Did You Know?



Emanuel has a mission endowment fund that provides funds to further the church's mission at Emanuel and beyond. Since 2015 it has given away over \$43,000.

Wednesday Bible Study of Genesis



2 weeks off

**Next session Wednesday
January 8th at 7PM**

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.

What is 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.

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Bible Readings for Sunday January 5th

First Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with new garments upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who receive God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Second Reading

Luke 2:42-52

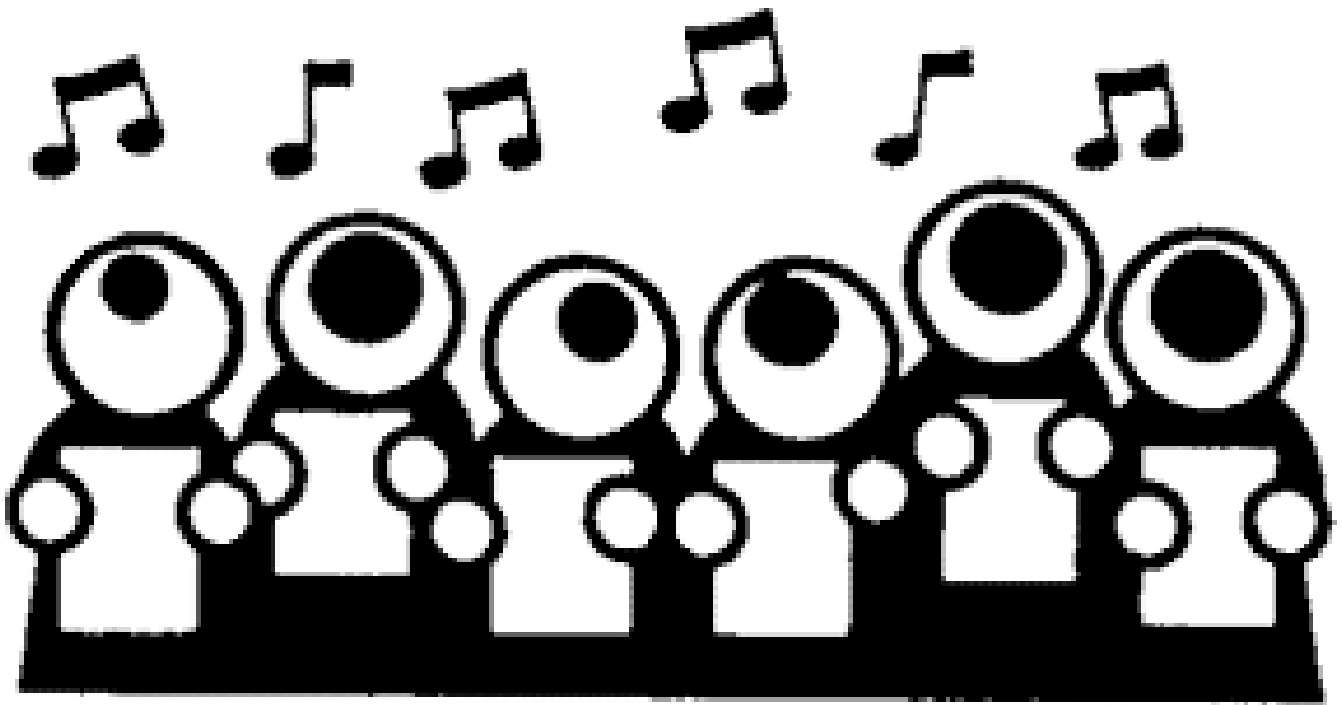
Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.

⁴¹ Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

How do the Bible readings speak to you?

Choir at Emanuel



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

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

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](#)

www.emanuelww.org

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Thrivent Choice Dollars can be given to many organizations including Emanuel. Last year Emanuel received over \$2,000 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. These funds helped Emanuel's ministries. Thank you!

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

1/5 Boy in the Temple

1/12 Jesus' Baptism

1/19 Sermon at Nazareth

1/26 Fish for People

2/2 Healing on the Sabbath

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

For Healing & Comfort: Russ Sears (Carol Johnson's brother), Jo-Anne Lafond, the Gale family (friends of Christine Stinson), Myron & Diane Gadoury

For Grieving: the family & friends of Sharlene Risho (Sheila Clough's sister)

Worship Assistants

| | <i>January 5</i> | <i>January 12</i> |
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| Counter: | Glenn Johnson | Linda Mensinger Nuñez |
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| | 8:00AM | 8:00AM |
| Lector: | Kathy Marco | Kathy Garriott |
| Acolyte | - | - |
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| | 10:30AM | 10:30AM |
| Lay Minister: | Sue Wieboldt | Bruce Johnson |
| Acolyte | Amanda Vohnoutka | Cali LaMountain |
| Ushers | Bruce Johnson & Pauline LaVallee | Joanne Posers & Alex Lucier |
| Lector: | Glenn Johnson | Margaret Teehan |
| Coffee Hour | Potluck | ??? |

December's Memorial Candle



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

This Week at Emanuel

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| Monday, December 30 6th Day of Christmas | 10:00am 7:00pm | Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall) |
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| Tuesday, December 31 New Years Eve 7th Day of Christmas | 9:00am 10:00am | Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH) Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor Office Hours 10AM – 2PM |
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| Wednesday, January 1 8th Day of Christmas | | New Years Day! |
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| Thursday, January 2 9th Day of Christmas | 4:00pm 6:30pm | Christian Education Committee (ONLINE) Finance Committee (ONLINE) |
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| Friday, January 3 10th Day of Christmas | | Sue's Office Hours |
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| Saturday, January 4 11th Day of Christmas | | |
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| Sunday, January 5 Second Sunday of Christmas 12th Day of Christmas | 8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am | Worship in Person Choir Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH) Worship in Person & Online Potluck Coffee Hour |

Next Week at Emanuel

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| Monday, January 6 Epiphany | 10:00am 7:00pm | Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Epiphany Service Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall) |
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| Tuesday, January 7 | 9:00am 10:00am | Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH) Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor Office Hours 10AM – 2PM Worship & Music Committee (ONLINE) |
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| Wednesday, January 8 | 10:00am | Ellie's Circle (JH) |
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| Thursday, January 9 | 7:00pm | Council Meeting (JH) |
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| Friday, January 10 | | Sue's Office Hours |
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| Saturday, January 11 | | |
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| Sunday, January 12 Baptism of Our Lord | 8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am | Worship in Person Choir Sunday School (FH) Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour |

Upcoming Commemorations

Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)

Thursday, January 9, 2025

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.