

Emanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday February 2nd



11:45am Potluck Lunch

12:15pm Meeting

(snow date – Sunday February 9th same time)

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STOP & SHOP

**ELC Foodbank will receive donations from
each bouquet sold.**

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2024 Financial Statements



We are preparing to send out 2024 Giving Statements.

We would like to send them via email this year, but if you would like to receive a physical copy instead, please email Danielle David at

david.danielle416@gmail.com by January 18th.

Also, if your email address has changed since last year, please let Danielle know so she can make sure your statement is sent to the correct place. Thanks!

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

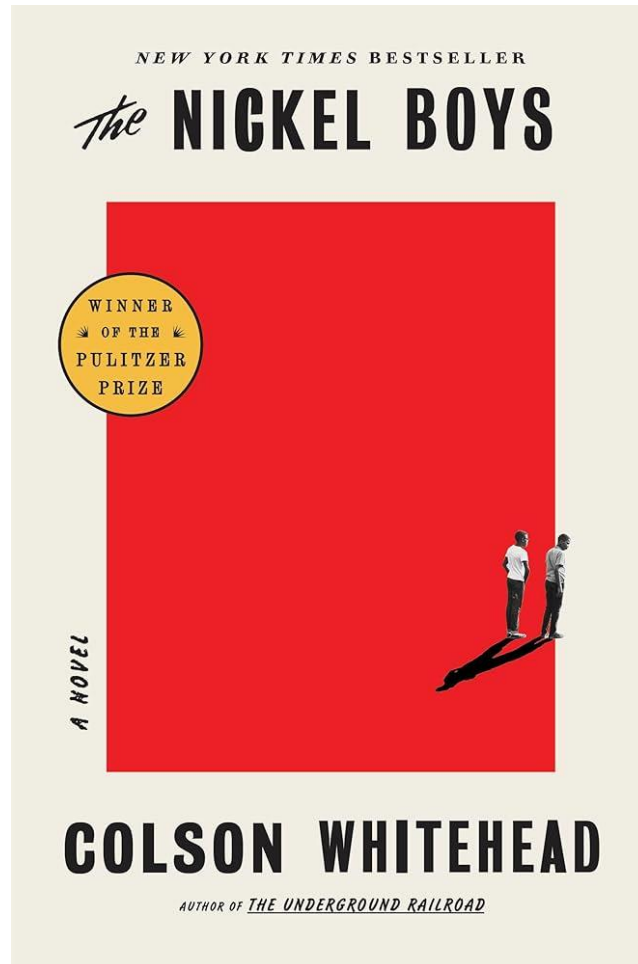
If you would like to go, please email, text or call
Michael Groleau at

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com

Friends welcome!

Readers of Emanuel



Sunday January, 26th

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 will meet on Sunday January 26th after worship
at ~12pm in Jacobs Hall. Everyone is invited!

Wednesday Bible Study of Genesis



**Next session Wednesday
January 15th at 7PM**

We meet in person in Jacobs Hall at Emanuel.

On January 15th we will be reading about the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah. No previous knowledge of the Bible necessary.

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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.

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes December 15, 2024

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

Absent: Marcia Melanson, Mark Melanson

Opening Devotions

November minutes: Motion to accept by Bruce Johnson. Seconded by Jack Gibbs

Treasurer's Report: We are down \$4,700 in donations. Carol had to use earmarked funds to make up the difference. Earmarked should be \$93,168. \$80K is earmarked for solar panels. That leaves \$13,168. Partial Bazaar proceeds will be donated to a women's group to be determined. The remaining amount will be given to the church. \$500 will be used for next year's startup for the Bazaar. We made nearly \$6,000 this year from the Bazaar.

We had almost \$7,000 donated to the Food Pantry last month. There are additional donations to be added to December's total.

2025 Budget: Income will be going up because of the electric payments by Joyful Noise. Solar will be going in this Spring. It was suggested that these electric payments be deposited in another account and to be drawn on as needed, rather than simply included in the income number. Carol will be coming to our meeting next month to discuss the 2025 Budget.

Sue raised the question about increasing Pastor's salary for the coming year. There was a suggestion that we propose a \$5,000 raise and bring it to the Finance Committee to work on this in relation to the new budget. The proposed budget for staffing would then be \$134,968.00 if \$5,000 is approved.

Insurance is budgeted up to \$13,600.00 from \$11,100 to reflect increased costs for next year. There were questions about what the Technology costs cover, as there was not a more specific breakdown available. Pastor recommended that the Christian Education budget remain at \$850.00 rather than \$700.00. However, Christian Education requested the \$700.00, so it may stay at the \$700.00 level. The \$400 on the music line has been budgeted for special music. Our total proposed budget is \$188,600.00.

We discussed the possibility of forming a stewardship committee.

Endowment fund: The Endowment Fund has grown \$28,000. The main account has grown \$12,131.00

Christian Education: The Christmas Pageant is being done at 4:00 on Christmas Eve as is the usual time. The 11:00 service will still be held on Christmas Eve as well.

Property: Myron would like to tell the current tenants that they should begin to look for another apartment. They have already spoken with Pastor about this and they have begun to look. They do have a concern about moving Joey prior to the school year ending. This is something for all to consider, so as not to disrupt the school year for Joey. They are

considering a move to North Kingstown, which would bring the family closer to Joe's work location.

Sue is going to put a sign on the doors leading to the deck, which is in disrepair.

JN- the fire alarm went off and Jen did not receive a call. The technician came in and there was no issue with the fire alarm. It turned out to be the sensors.

There is a new handicapped parking sign for a space to be used by grandparents who are dropping off their grandchildren at Joyful Noise.

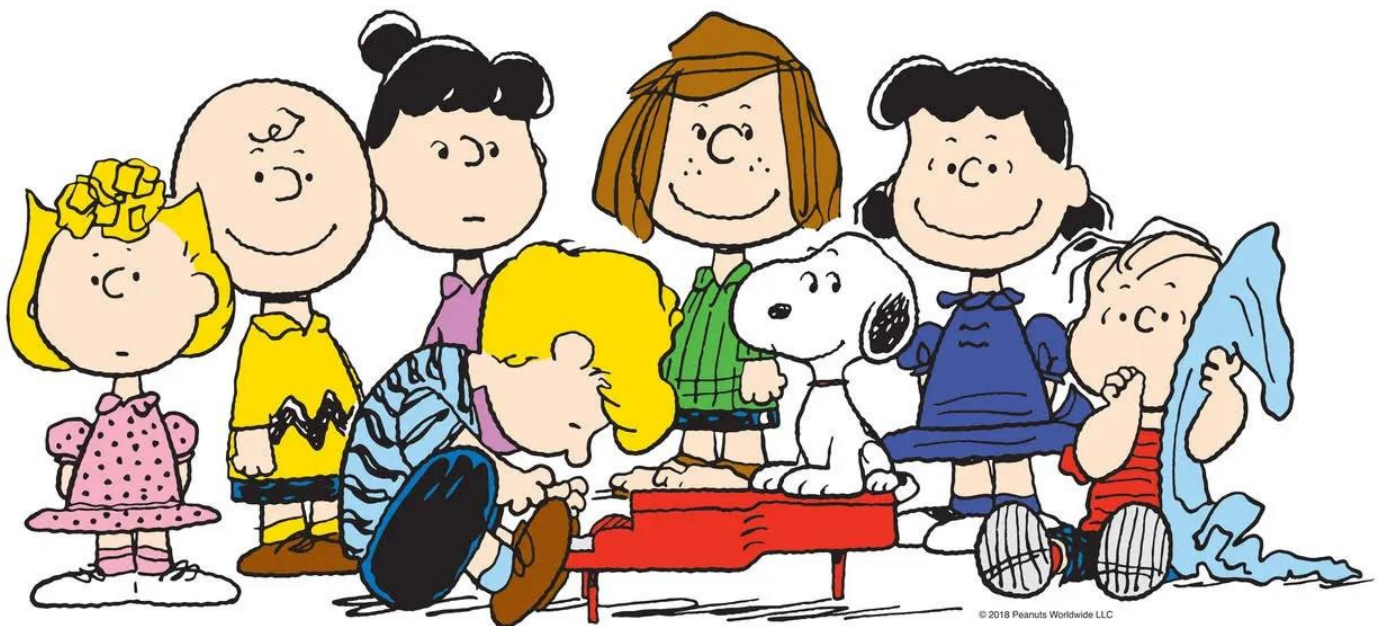
There was a building use form submitted for a wedding on December 28th. They need to use the building for the rehearsal and then the next day for the wedding. It was approved.

Worship and Music: Poinsettias will be brought into the church the Monday morning of Christmas week. We are doing the Lessons and Carols service the Sunday after Christmas. Monday January 6th is the Epiphany Service at 7 pm. Other churches are being invited to that service. January 26th the children will be doing the 10:30 service.

Congregational Meeting will be held February 2nd following the 10:30 service. Snow date will be February 9, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 1:16.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Sennett





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 January 19th

First Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Second Reading

Luke 4:22-30

When Jesus tells the hometown people they will not receive special treatment and that the year of the Lord's favor is also for foreigners, the people try to kill him.

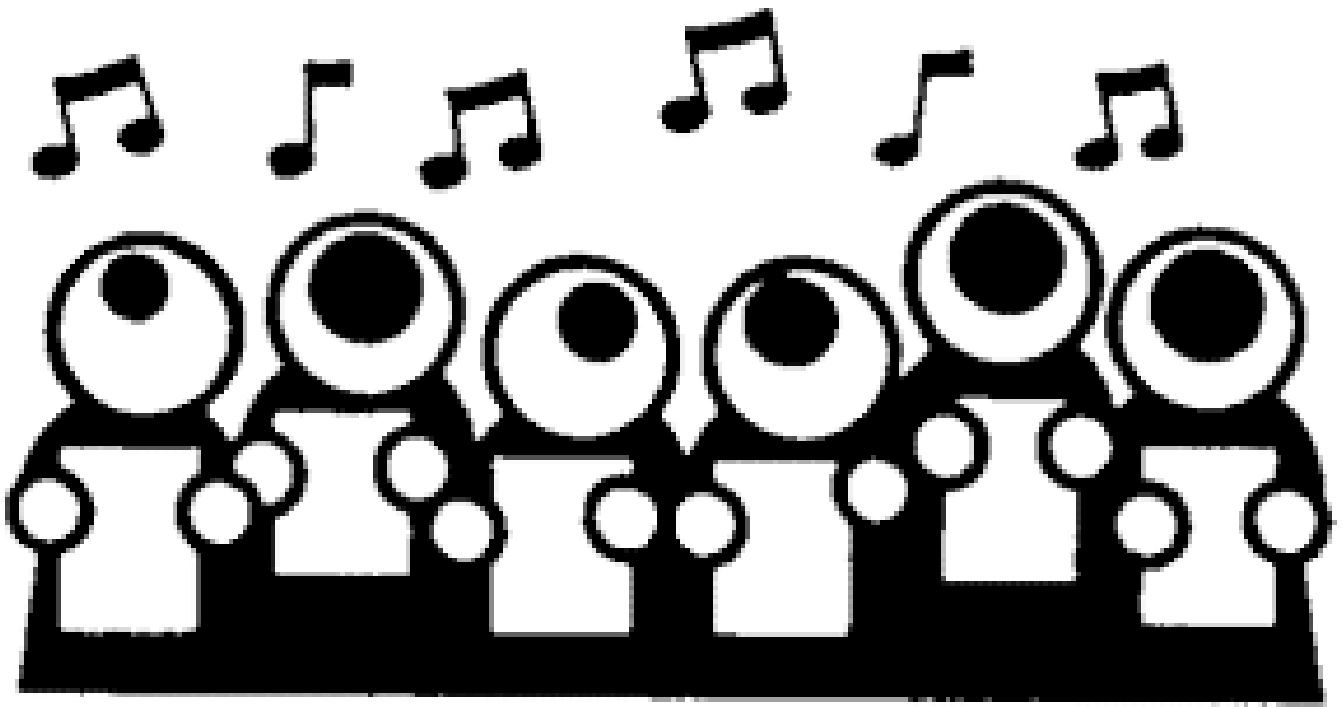
²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?'

²³He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' ²⁴And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.'

²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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](#)

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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.

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.**

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Sermon Topics



Narrative Lectionary September 8 – June 8

- 1/19 Sermon at Nazareth
- 1/26 Fish for People (children lead worship)
- 2/2 Healing on the Sabbath
- 2/9 Reconciling In Christ Sunday
- 2/16 More than a Prophet (Jesus is)
- ...

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

For Healing & Comfort: Sophie (Pastor Todd's friend), Jane Watson (Scott's mom), Christine Stinson (Christine suffered a serious fall and was hospitalized. She would appreciate prayers. Thank you)

Worship Assistants

	<i>MLK Jr. January 19</i>	<i>Children Lead Worsihp January 26</i>
Counter:	Ken Wieboldt	Linda Mensinger Nunez
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector:	Kathy Marco	Kathy Garriott
Acolyte	Tim Hart	Tim Hart
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Donna Sennett	Diane Gadoury
Acolyte	Christian L.	Christian L.
Ushers	Linda & Ray Nunez	Cali LaMountain & Ken Wieboldt
Lector:	Song Edwards	Sunday school children
Coffee Hour	volunteer needed	volunteer needed

January's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for January is given by Disa & Eric Johnson
in loving memory of **Sonja & David Johnson.**

This Week at Emanuel

Monday, January 13	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, January 14	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor Office Hours 10AM – 2PM

Wednesday, January 15	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
	7:00pm	Genesis Bible Study (JH)

Thursday, January 16		

Friday, January 17	9:00am	Sue's Office Hours (9AM – 1PM)
	5:30pm	Confirmand & Mentor Dinner Fun Night

Saturday, January 18	11:30am	Sharlene Risho's Celebration of Life

Sunday, January 19	8:00am	Worship in Person
Martin Luther King, Jr.	9:00am	Choir
Sunday	9:15am	Sunday School (FH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, January 20	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, January 21	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor Office Hours 10AM – 2PM

Wednesday, January 22	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
	7:00pm	Genesis Bible Study (JH)

Thursday, January 23	12:30pm	Live, Laugh & Learn Monthly lunch at Cowesett Inn

Friday, January 24	9:00am	Sue's Office Hours (9AM – 1PM)

Saturday, January 25		

Sunday, January 26	8:00am	Worship in Person
Sunday school children	9:00am	Choir
help lead worship	9:15am	Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online – children lead
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

Friday, January 17, 2025

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Friday, January 17, 2025

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156

Sunday, January 19, 2025

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Agnes, martyr, died around 304

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

Conversion of Paul

Saturday, January 25, 2025

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.