

# Do You have a Cane You are Not Using?



Christine Stinson is in need of a cane to help her walk. She is recovering from a bad fall. If you have a cane she could use until she is recovered, please let Pastor Todd know or reach out to Christine directly. Thank you!

**[pastor@emanuelww.org](mailto:pastor@emanuelww.org)**

# Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

**Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** 12:30PM to 2PM

at **Olive Garden**

31 Universal Blvd, Warwick, RI

Estimated cost \$12 to \$25

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

Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: [MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com)

Friends welcome!

# Did You Know?



## Emanuel Lutheran Church

Public group · 273 members



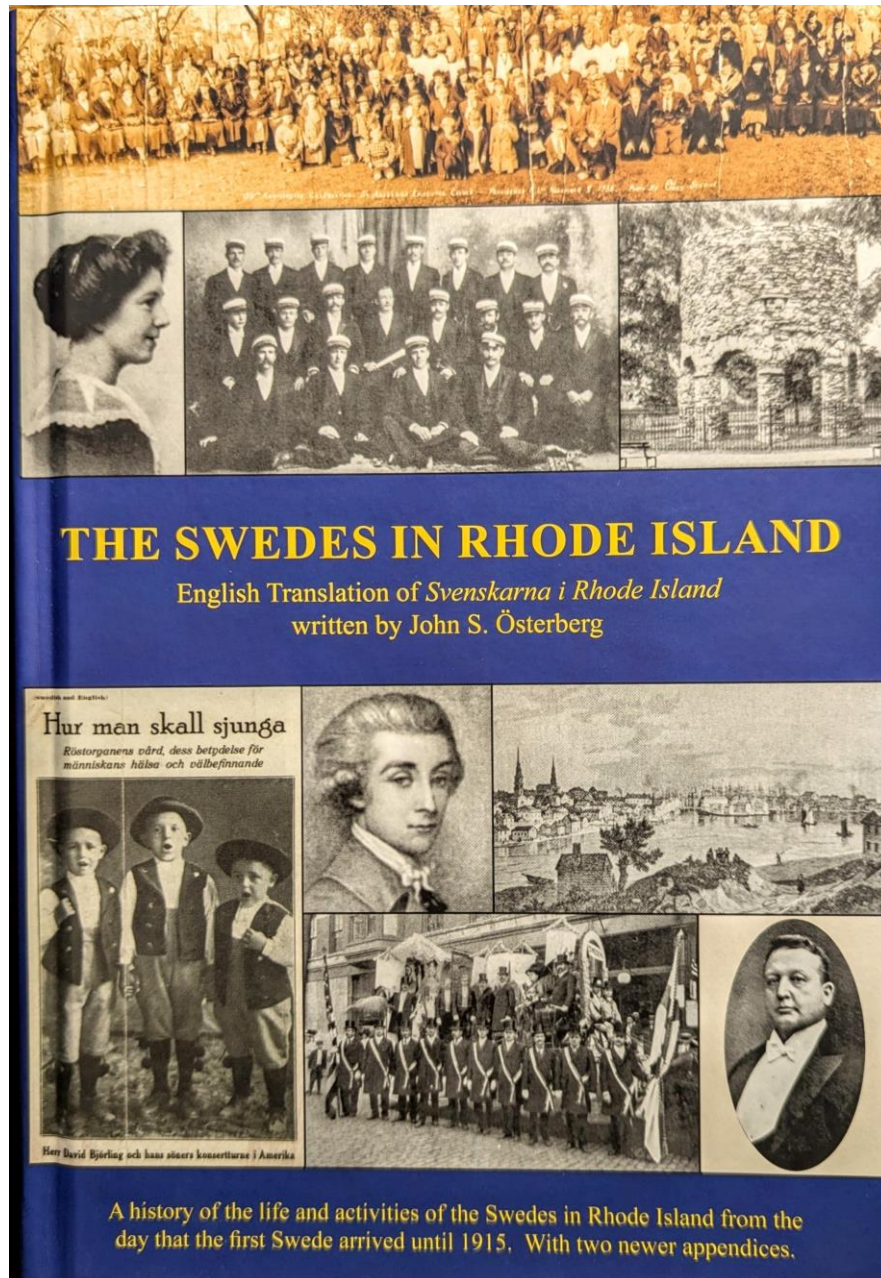
+ Invite

## Emanuel has a facebook group

Check it out at this link:

[www.facebook.com/groups/36035979225](https://www.facebook.com/groups/36035979225)

# New Book Includes Emanuel



A new book has just been published titled "The Swedes in Rhode Island" by John Osterberg. Not surprisingly Emanuel is mentioned.

Astrid Drew, who was a longtime member of the Scandinavian Women's Chorus of RI, has generously donated a copy for Emanuel's library. Thank you!

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please let Astrid or Pastor Todd know. Copies are \$32.

# Lakota Star Quilts

for sale



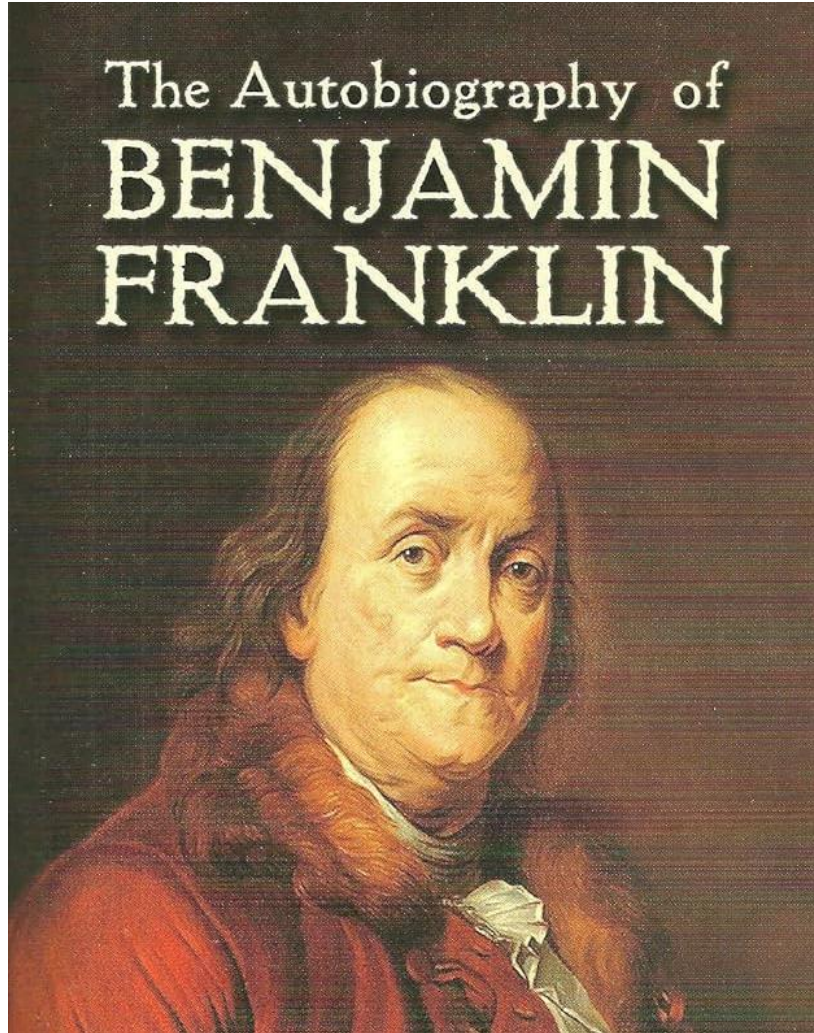
## in support of the Oglala Sioux Tribe

Jack Silverman came and spoke at Emanuel last October about his experience living on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota with the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Jack is a friend of Pastor Todd's and grew up in Rhode Island. A grandmother he knows there makes traditional Lakota Star Quilts and is attempting to sell them.

The quilts are \$300. This includes shipping and everything. Each quilt is unique and handmade. Traditionally, quilts are given as gifts in honor of a baby's birth, marriages, funerals, or other rites of passage.

If you are interested in purchasing one, please let Pastor Todd know or contact Jack directly at [\*\*jlsilverman2019@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:jlsilverman2019@gmail.com)  
Thank you.

# Readers of Emanuel



**Sunday February, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading  
“The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin”  
by Benjamin Franklin :-)

Written by Franklin between the years 1771 and 1790, Franklin referred to as his “Memoirs”. In it he describes his journey from boyhood to becoming an internationally famous founding father. Along the way he discusses his practice of vegetarianism, how to make friends, ideas on creating a new religion, the start of public libraries and the start of the first firefighting company.

We will meet Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> after worship  
at ~12pm in Jacobs Hall. Everyone is invited!

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GOOD!

BUY FLOWERS IN

FEBRUARY

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STOP & SHOP

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

**Quaker Lane S & S**

## **Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes January 9, 2025**

**Attendees:** Ken Wieboldt, Sue Wieboldt, Myron Gadoury, Ray Nunez, Pastor Todd Stange, Bruce Johnson, Mark Melanson, Marcia Melanson, Jack Gibbs, Donna Sennett, Carol Johnson

**Absent:**

### **Opening Devotions**

Motion to accept the December Council Meeting minutes made by Bruce. Seconded by Marcia.

### **Finance**

Carol was present. We underspent the 2024 budget by nearly \$4,000. We did have to borrow from ourselves (the Building Fund) for landscaping materials.

Thrivent – we are still doing well. Thrivent Endowment Account has \$171,919.95 with almost \$25,000.00 gained over the last year and the Thrivent Account has \$99,902.06. The donation monies given by Marcia and Mark was placed in a Thrivent Money Market Fund to protect that gift.

Calumet Funds money being used toward adult activities at Calumet was discussed. Myron suggested that we take some of those funds and donate them directly to Calumet to use toward Calumet scholarships.

Sunday offerings were up in December due to an extra Sunday and holiday donations.

2025 budget: Pastor's salary was increased, but all other aspects remained the same. The total budget is now \$188,906.95 including Pastor's salary increase. Projected income is \$173,282.00. The variance between projected income and budget is \$15,625.00.

Motion to accept this year's budget by Sue Wieboldt, seconded by Bruce Johnson. This budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Christian Education**

The Christmas Pageant went well. There were about 12 kids who participated. The children will be helping with the service on January 26<sup>th</sup>. There is a Confirmation event on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Property**

Myron installed new carbon monoxide sensors in Joyful Noise. There was a suggestion that sheet goods be installed in the Narthex. It would be waterproof. Both Ken and Sue think this would be a good idea.

Myron suggested that the Endowment Committee not provide funds to Joyful Noise this year as they are financially stable. This had been discussed previously and last year it was decided that we would not designate funds from the Endowment Committee to Joyful Noise.

### **Worship and Music**

Worship and Music has started to discuss moving the time of the Christmas Eve Service from 11:00 to 9:00 PM. There was a suggestion that we do a healing service and having prayer stations. There was discussion about prayer stations which was positive. The consensus was to do this after the service.

### **Questions about the Annual Meeting**

Pot luck lunch that morning. We need to contact all the committee chairs for their reports.

### **Council for 2025**

Jack will be leaving Council this coming year. Kathy Plante has indicated she is interested in joining. Donna will confirm her desire to join the Council for 2025. The slate of committee members will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Officers will be voted on at the February meeting Donna Sennett is stepping down as Secretary for the coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Sennett, Secretary.

# Wednesday Bible Study of Genesis



**Next session Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM**

We meet in person in Jacobs Hall at Emanuel.

On February 12<sup>th</sup> we will be reading about Jacob wrestling at night with an angel/God/himself.

No previous knowledge of the Bible necessary.

# Do You Like Coffee?



If so, consider hosting coffee hour one Sunday. If it's your first time (or 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>), people will help you and show you where everything is.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entry way. Thank you.



# Bible Readings for Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>

## First Reading

## Luke 7:18-23

*John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Luke 3:16-17). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.*

<sup>18</sup> The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples <sup>19</sup>and sent them to the Lord to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>20</sup>When the men had come to him, they said, 'John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"'

<sup>21</sup> Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, 'Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

## Second Reading

## Luke 7:24-35

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He invites them to look at the results - the blind receive their sight, the lame walk... Wisdom is vindicated by her children.*

<sup>24</sup> When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.' <sup>29</sup>(And all the people who heard this, including the tax-collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. <sup>30</sup>But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

<sup>31</sup> 'To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? <sup>32</sup>They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep."

<sup>33</sup>For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, "He has a demon"; <sup>34</sup>the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" <sup>35</sup>Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.'

## 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](http://www.emanuelww.org)

## Do you have Thrivent Choice Dollars?



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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](http://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.**

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

## Ash Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>



*"From dust you come, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19*

**Dispensation of Ashes at 12PM to 1PM parking lot**

**Service & Dispensation of Ashes 7PM**

# Sermon Topics



*Narrative Lectionary September 8 – June 8*

2/16 More than a Prophet (Jesus is)

2/23 Forgiven at Jesus' Feet

3/2.....Transfiguration Sunday

3/9 The Good Samaritan

3/16 Lament Over Jerusalem

3/23 Lost Sheep, Coin & Son

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## Worship Assistants

	<i>February 16</i>	<i>February 23</i>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Ken Wieboldt</b>	<b>Linda Mensinger Nunez</b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Kathy Marco</b>	<b>Kathy Marco</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Tim Hart</b>	<b>Tim Hart</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>Lay Minister:</b>	<b>Donna Sennett</b>	<b>Langdon Clough</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	-	-
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Mary Schabek &amp; Pauline LaVallee</b>	<b>Ken Wieboldt</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Elaine Marsh</b>	<b>Song Edwards</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Sue Wieboldt &amp; Diane Plante</b>	volunteer needed

## **February's Memorial Candle**



The Memorial Candle for February is given by Mary Schabek  
in loving memory of **George Thomas Fekete.**

### This Week at Emanuel

Monday, February 3	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
Monday, February 10	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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Tuesday, February 11	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
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Wednesday, February 12	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
	7:00pm	Genesis Bible Study (JH)
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Thursday, February 13	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)
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Friday, February 14	9:00am	Sue's Office Hours (9AM – 1PM)
Valentine's Day		
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Saturday, February 15		
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Sunday, February 16	8:00am	Worship in Person
Sixth Sunday after	9:00am	Choir
Epiphany	9:15am	Sunday School (FH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

### Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, February 17	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
Presidents Day	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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Tuesday, February 18	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
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Wednesday, February 19	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
	7:00pm	Genesis Bible Study (JH)
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Thursday, February 20	12:30pm	Live, Laugh & Learn monthly lunch at Ollive Garden
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Friday, February 21	9:00am	Sue's Office Hours (9AM – 1PM)
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Saturday, February 22		
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Sunday, February 23	8:00am	Worship in Person
Seventh Sunday after	9:00am	Choir
Epiphany	9:15am	Sunday School (FH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
	12:00pm	Readers of Emanuel book club (JH)

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs Friday, February 14, 2025**

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

### **Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546 Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

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

### **[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)**

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.