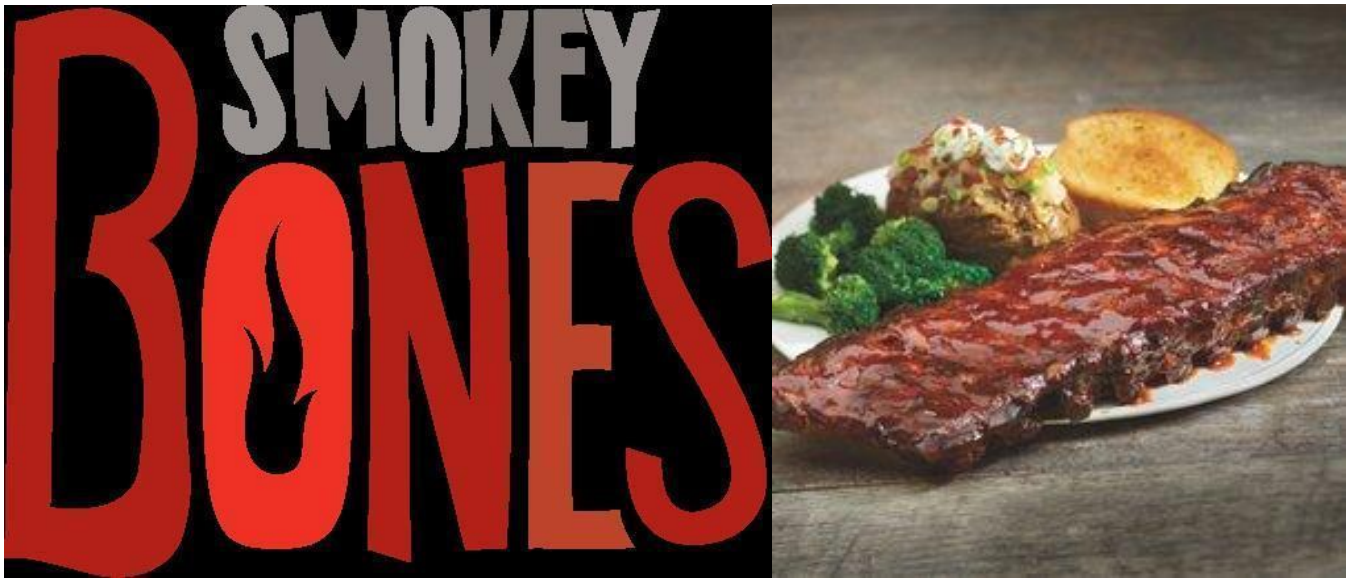
Daylight Saving Time BEGINS

this Sunday March 9th at 2AM

Clocks spring forward 1 Hour!

Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, March 27th 12:30PM to 2PM

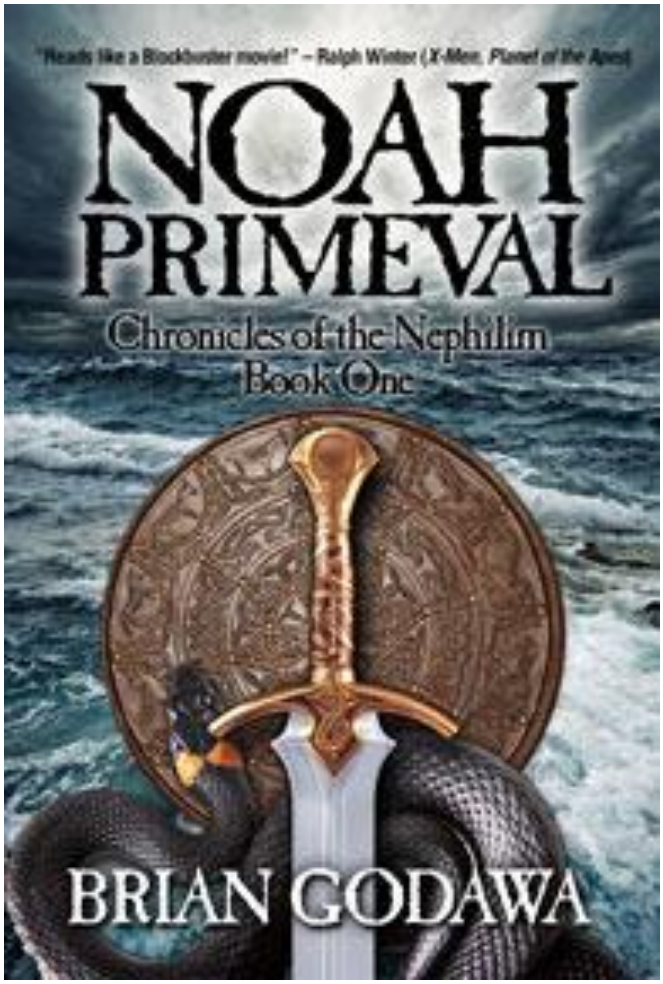
Smokey Bones BBQ
31B Universal Blvd, Warwick, RI 02886
Estimated cost $12 to $25

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

Cell: 401-465-5021
Email: MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com

Friends welcome!

Readers of Emanuel



Noah Primeval
Chronicles of the Nephilim

The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading
"Noah Primeval: Chronicles of the Nephilim"
by Brian Godawa

Noah Primeval is written in the spirit of The Chronicles of Narnia and The Lord of the Rings, blending fantasy and mythopoeia with history to retell the Biblical narrative with a fresh perspective, while staying true to the original spirit of the story.

We have not picked a date to meet and discuss the book, but it will likely be at the end of March or April.
Everyone is welcome to come!

Thrivent Choice Dollars - DEADLINE

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HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

You have until March 31, 2025 to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars, else they will be lost.

If you have a Thrivent Financial relationship, you may have Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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!

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

- Online at www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- Phone: 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. The Member Connection Center is open until 6 p.m. Central time, Monday – Friday.

Wednesday Bible Study of Genesis

Next session Wednesday March 12th at 7PM

We meet in person in Jacobs Hall at Emanuel.

On March 12th we will be reading the disturbing story of Dinah and the Shechemites.

No previous knowledge of the Bible necessary.

Emanuel Needs Your Help

The February snow storms have put a big strain on our church budget. We have over **$2,000 in snow plowing bills** to pay so far this month.

In addition, the cancellation of in-person worship services for two weeks in a row has meant a dramatic decrease in Sunday giving.

Many members give their offering using the ***Simply Giving*** program, or the ***Givelify*** app, while others use their Offering Envelopes to give to our church.

We now have a severe crunch in paying our regular church bills, plus the big plowing bills over the past few weeks. We are asking you to consider making a special contribution, if possible, to help make up for the shortfall.

Emanuel's Finance Committee and the Church Council thank everyone who is able to help out with this financial challenge.

Please mail your check to Emanuel, or bring it to church next Sunday.

This will help to get through these difficulties and put us back on track. Thank you for your help.

Making Ashes

This past Tuesday we burnt the dried palms from last year's Palm Sunday. The ashes were used on Ash Wednesday.

Thank you to all who brought in their palms!

Ways to Support Ascentria Care Alliance

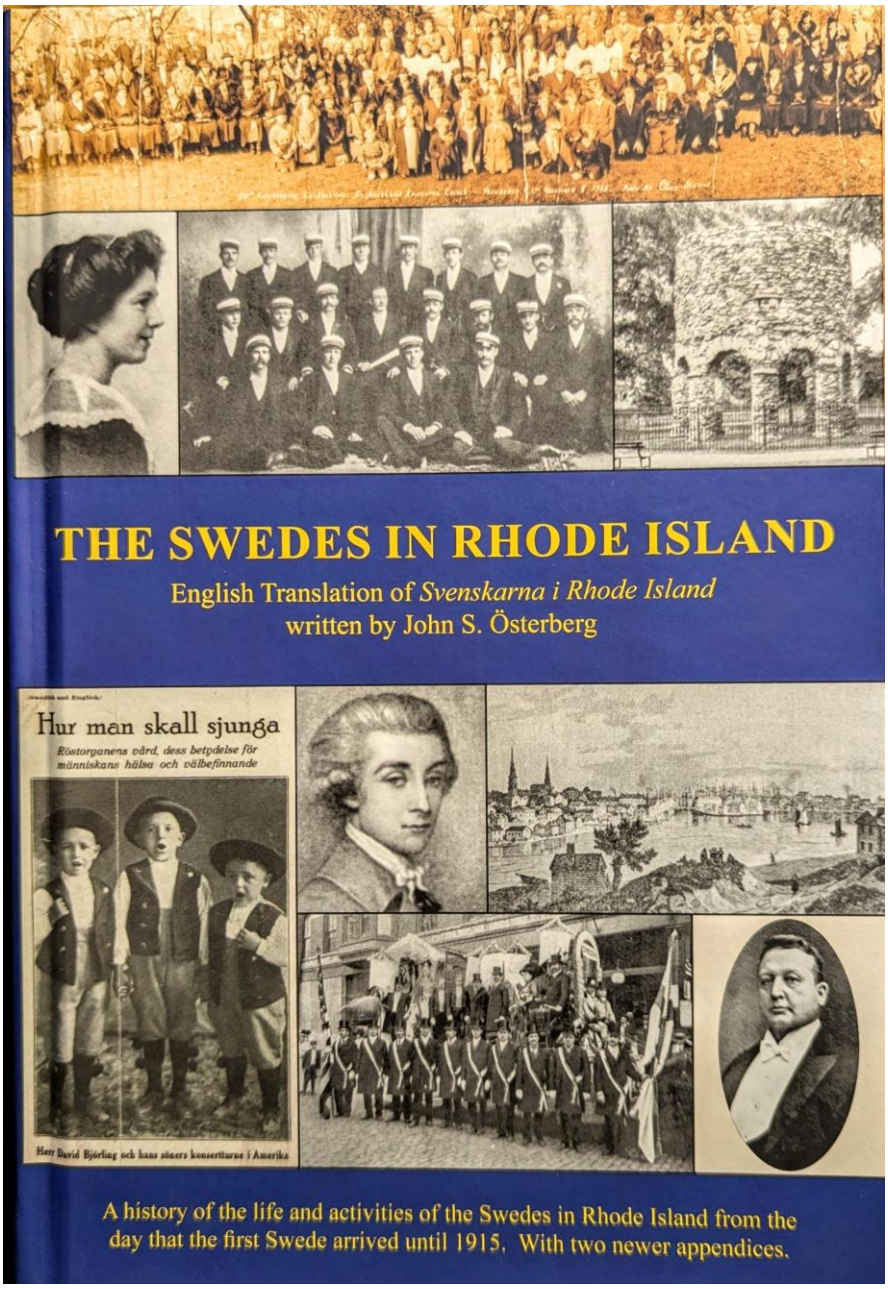
formerly Lutheran Social Services of New England

Ascentria recently received a "stop-work order" from the Federal government and a spending freeze stopped payment for Ascentria's work with 61 families involving 234 people. Ascentria, formerly Lutheran Social Services of New England, provides adoption services, care for the elder and people with disabilities and mental health challenges, refugee settlement, help for poor families with children, and runs the Good News Garage program.

For more information about Ascentria go to their website:
www.ascentria.org

If you would like to support them financially, there is a DONATE button on their website. Checks may also be sent directly to Ascentria Care Alliance, 11 Shattuck St, Worcester, MA 01605. Attention: Advancement. Thank you.

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**
Thank you.

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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

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.

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.

Bible Readings for Sunday March 9th

First Reading Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do
to inherit eternal life?' 26He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you
read there?' 27He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself.' 28And he said to him, 'You have given the right
answer; do this, and you will live.'

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'
30Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into
the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him
half dead. 31Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he
saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32So likewise a Levite, when he came
to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33But a Samaritan while
travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34He
went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them.
Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of
him. 35The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and
said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more
you spend." 36Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man
who fell into the hands of the robbers?' 37He said, 'The one who showed him
mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Second Reading Luke 10:38-42

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is single-minded devotion to Jesus and his word.

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman
named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39She had a sister named Mary,
who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40But Martha was
distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not
care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help
me.' 41But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and
distracted by many things; 42there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen
the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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=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
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

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

Sermon Topics

Narrative Lectionary September 8 – June 8

3/9 The Good Samaritan

3/16 Lament Over Jerusalem

3/23 Lost Sheep, Coin & Son

3/30 The Rich Man & Lazarus

4/6 Zaccheus was a Wee Little Man

4/13 Palm Sunday

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

For Healing & Comfort: the Quadrof family (Christine Stinson's cousin), Jonathan Leddy

For Grieving: the family & friends of Patty Gray (Sue Meriano's cousin), the family & friends of Norbert J. Sylvester (Michelle Ricci's dad)

www.carpenterjenks.com/obituaries/Norbert-J-Sylvestre?obId=38158717

Worship Assistants

	March 9	*March 16*
Counter:	**Linda Mensinger Nunez**	**Ken Wieboldt**
	8:00AM	**8:00AM**
Lector:	**Kathy Garriott**	**Sue Auger**
Acolyte	**Tim Hart**	**Tim Hart**
	10:30AM	**10:30AM**
Lay Minister:	**Bruce Johnson**	**Donna Sennett**
Acolyte	**Cali LaMountain**	**-**
Ushers	**Diane Gadoury & Pauline LaVallee**	**Bruce Johnson**
Lector:	**Mary Schabek**	**Linda Mensinger Nunez**
Coffee Hour	volunteer needed	**Sue Wieboldt & Diane Plante**

March's Memorial Candle

The Memorial Candle for March is given in celebration of **Ken & Sue Wieboldt's anniversary.**

This Week at Emanuel

Monday, March 3	**10:00am**	**Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)**
Presidents Day	**7:00pm**	**Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)**
Tuesday, March 4	**9:00am**	**Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)**
	10:00am	**Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM**
		Pastor Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
Wednesday, March 5	**10:00am**	**Ellie's Circle (JH)**
Ash Wednesday	**12:00pm**	**Dispensation of Ashes 12PM to 1PM in parking lot**
1st Day of Lent	**7:00pm**	**Ash Wednesday service with dispensation of ashes**
Thursday, March 6	**4:00pm**	**Christian Education Committee ONLINE**
2nd Day of Lent	**6:30pm**	**Finance Committee ONLINE**
Friday, March 7 - 3rd Day of Lent	**9:00am**	**Sue's Office Hours (9AM – 1PM)**
Saturday, March 8 - 4th Day of Lent		
Sunday, March 9	**8:00am**	**Worship in Person**
First Sunday in Lent	**9:00am**	**Choir**
	9:15am	**Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH)**
	10:30am	**Worship in Person & Online**
	11:30am	**Coffee Hour**

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, March 10	**10:00am**	**Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)**
5th Day of Lent	**7:00pm**	**Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)**
Tuesday, March 11	**9:00am**	**Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)**
6th Day of Lent	**10:00am**	**Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM**
		Pastor Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
	7:00pm	**Worship & Music Committee ONLINE**
Wednesday, March 12	**10:00am**	**Ellie's Circle (JH)**
7th Day of Lent	**7:00pm**	**Genesis Bible Study (JH)**
Thursday, March 13 - 8th Day of Lent	**7:00pm**	**Council Meeting (JH)**
Friday, March 14 - 9th Day of Lent	**9:00am**	**Sue's Office Hours (9AM – 1PM)**
Saturday, March 15 - 10th Day of Lent		
Sunday, March 16	**8:00am**	**Worship in Person**
Second Sunday in Lent	**9:00am**	**Choir**
	9:15am	**Sunday School (FH)**
	10:30am	**Worship in Person & Online**
	11:30am	**Coffee Hour**

Upcoming Commemorations

Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society
Monday, March 10, 2025
Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

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

Emanuel's Online Calendar

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.