

PASTA DINNER

To Benefit Emanuel Lutheran Churches Food Pantry

Saturday November 22, 2025

5 to 8 pm

Continuous serving

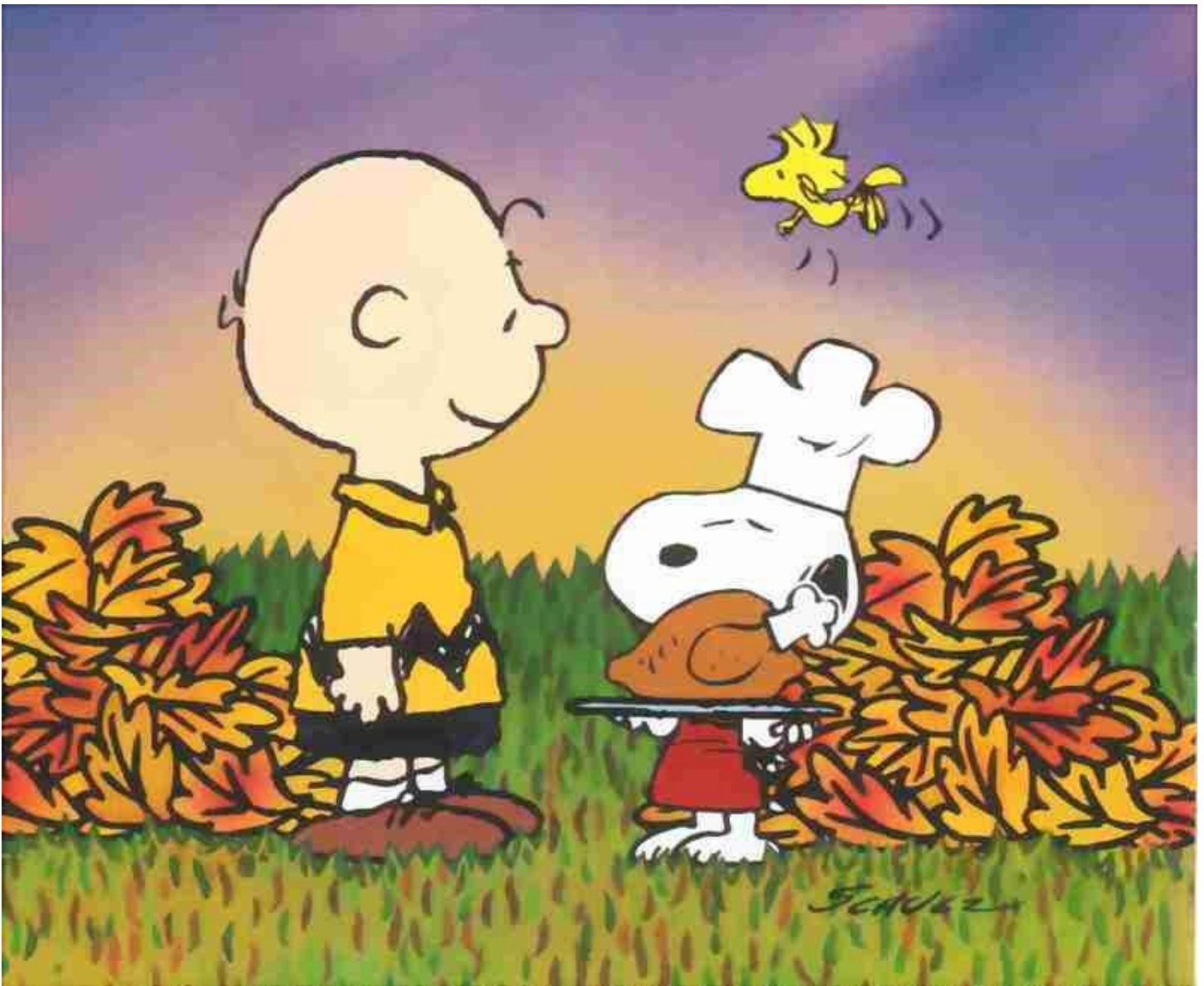


**Pasta, home made Sauce, Meatballs, Italian Bread,
Salad, Coffee, Punch, Desert**

\$12.00 a person Children|12 and under free

Entrance on Leaf Street West Warwick, RI

Thanksgiving Worship at Pilgrim Lutheran



Tuesday November 25th at 7PM

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

1817 Warwick Ave, Warwick, RI 02889

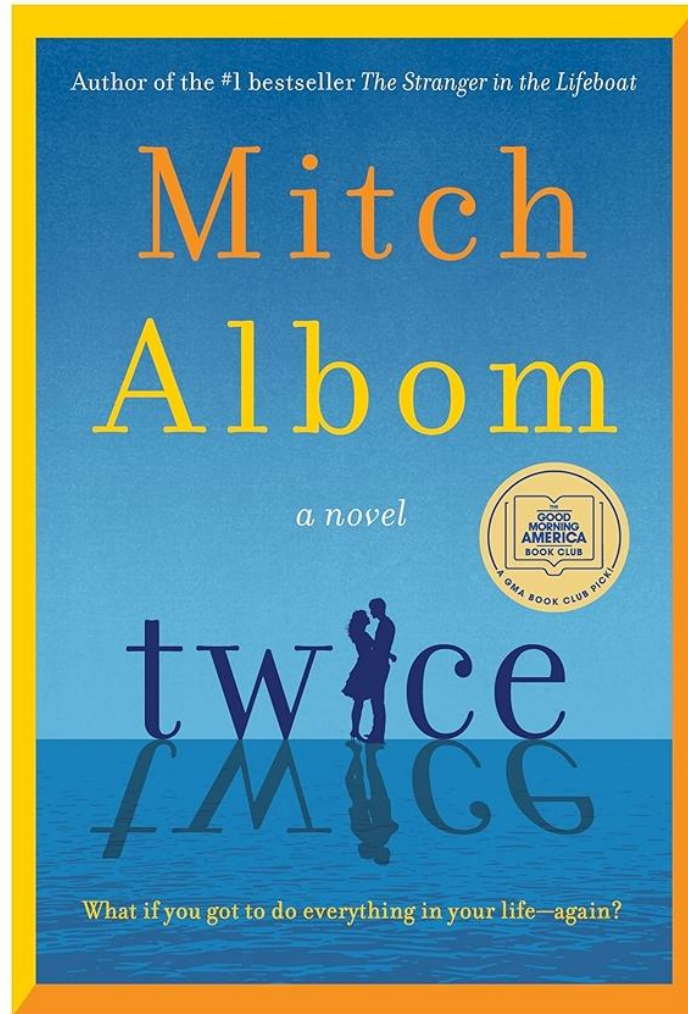
**With Pilgrim Lutheran,
Saint Paul & Bethany Lutheran, and
All Saints Episcopal**

Lost Choir Binder



Bruce Johnson has misplaced his black choir binder. It is filled with music. Please let him, Nancy or pastor know if you see it. Thank you!

Readers of Emanuel



Emanuel's book club is reading:

“Twice” by Mitch Albom

What if you got to do everything in your life—twice? Mitch Albom's newest novel is a stunning love story that dares to explore how our unchecked desires might mean losing what we've had all along.

We will meet on **Sunday January 11th** at ~12PM in Jacobs Hall to enjoy fellowship, food and discuss the book.

Everyone is welcome!

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Thursday October 9, 2025

Attendees: Myron Gadoury, Bruce Johnson, Mark Melanson, Marcia Melanson, Ray Nunez, Pastor Todd Stange, Ken Wieboldt, Sue Wieboldt

Absent: Kathy Plante, Song Edwards

Opening Devotions

- Pastor Todd opened the meeting with a prayer

Approve September council meeting minutes

- Ray Nunez questioned the statement the value of the church (Emanuel) is barely \$1 million. Given housing prices in RI this doesn't seem right. Pastor Todd noted that this was taken from the September Finance minutes. The treasurer was called during the meeting and confirmed that Emanuel's insurance provided coverage up to \$3 million replacement value on the property.
- The September minutes were amended to say, "the church **property** is barely \$1 million". The word "property" was added.
- The September council meeting minutes were approved as amended unanimously.
- The treasurer called back later in the meeting at stated that Emanuel's property is valued at \$4,000,300.

Treasurer's report / Finance

New Insurance Company & Policy

- Emanuel has a new insurance company and policy. The new policy is with Guide One. They were our insurance provided about 10 years ago.
- The policy we had with Church Mutual increased 20% last year and was going to increase another 20% this year (an increase of almost \$4,000).
- The new Guide One policy offers the same coverage except for sexual misconduct. The sexual misconduct liability was lowered from \$1M to \$500K. Given the size of the congregation the insurance company believe \$500K to be adequate coverage.
- The new Guide One policy is \$12,157 for the next year. The Church Mutual policy was going to be \$16,045.

Financial Strain & Budget Planning for 2026

- We lost a large financial giver this past September, Michael Groleau, we will need to keep an eye on the budget.
- The fall bazaar usually raises about \$5,000. This will help with budget shortfalls.
- The new solar panels should eliminate Emanuel's electric costs and we will take in money from Joyful Noise's electrical usage. This too should help with the budget.
- There was a discussion about the Food Pantry applying for grants that would help with electrical and property costs. This money would help offset the costs of the church. Myron stated that he wasn't aware of any grants available for these types of purposes. There are grants to buy food and get refrigerators and freezers, but not to pay electricity changes or rent – that he is aware of.
- Committees are requested to submit their 2026 budget requests to the Finance Committee.
- The savings and endowment accounts invested in the stock market are up for the year.

Alternative Potluck Ideas

- Linda Nunez has suggested doing away with the potluck coffee hours the 1st Sunday of the month. Instead she is suggesting that we have themed potlucks the 1st Sunday of the month. For November 2nd Pie Potluck – bring your favorite pie. December 7th Christmas Cookie Potluck. January 4th Healthy Resolution Potluck – bring your favorite healthy snack.
- The council thinks this is a great idea. Thank you Linda! Let's try it and see what happens.

Parking Lot Traffic Pattern Helped with Planter Boxes

- There have been some concerns and complaints that cars are racing in and out of the parking lot.
- A few years ago we discussed adding some kind of curb or barrier to create a more defined entrance and exit. Although there are lines painted now to guide traffic, the area is still wide open, so people don't always follow them.
- One possible solution might be to place several large planters—big pots with flowers or small trees—in a way that forms a natural barrier. This would help guide cars to enter and exit more safely and make the area look nicer at the same time.
- Some concerns about putting up a barrier like this were raised. They would have to be big enough to see at night. What about plowing during the winter? Plants require care. Who would have the time to care for plants?
- It was suggested the barrier could just be big boxes that could be movable. The boxes could be painted bright happy colors. And/or they could have letters on them that spell something like “EMANUEL” or “LOVE” or “JESUS” or “JOY”.
- Pastor Todd and Sue Wieboldt will come up with some ideas and present them to the council.
- Ray Nunez suggested adding a sign to direct people to the Big Brother Big Sister's clothing bin – now that it is in the back of the parking lot.

Water Bottle Policy

- A while ago the Council voted not to have plastic bottles of water in the church for environmental reasons. However, since COVID we have been using plastic water bottles at different events. We should clarify what Emanuel's policy on plastic water bottles.
- After some discussion noting that plastic water bottles can be recycled, a motion was made to allow for the use of plastic water bottles at Emanuel.
- The motion was passed with one vote in dissent.

Church Security

- Given the recent shootings at churches, a member has suggested that we should consider locking Emanuel's doors during worship after people have arrived.
- A few years ago we discussed security at Emanuel. Ushers should be ready to call 911. Many people in the pews also have cell phones.
- If the doors were locked, the ushers would need to stand next to them in case people came late. It would likely be cumbersome and it may give people the wrong message – the we are an unwelcoming, fearful congregation.

- Some churches have people assigned to security who carry guns. Some Jewish synagogues hire police details for Yom Kippur services. Concerns were expressed about people bringing guns to church. This could lead to a more unsafe environment.
- Statistically it is unlikely there will be gun violence at Emanuel.
- There was general agreement that we should not lock the doors during worship.

Christian Education

- No Sunday school on October 12th because of Columbus/Indigenous People's Day.
- The Confirmands and mentors did a hike at the Chaffee Preserve Rome Point last week. It was great.

Property

- There was a suggestion to get a firebox or safe to protect church documents in case of a fire.
- There will be a pasta dinner fundraiser to support the food pantry on Saturday November 22nd. The fundraiser will help pay for a mobility scooter for a parishioner.
- The church produced 1.4 megawatt hours of electricity, enough to run the church for a week. The new solar panels are up and running!
- The church stopped 2,200 pounds of CO2 from being released into the air.
- Joyful Noise has stopped paying for recycling. They are looking at ways to save money. Emanuel used to use their recycling bins. Emanuel will have to decide if it wants to pay for recycling.
- The daycare is paying for garbage, and the church may share the cost.
- Joyful Noise has a new financial person is organizing their expenses.
- Joyful Noise sent a letter to Carol, the treasurer, requesting a rental agreement outlining their responsibilities.

Worship & Music

- This year's late night Christmas Eve service will be at 10 o'clock. The survey results were not unanimous. There were 10 votes for 11PM, 13 votes for 10PM and 15 votes for 9PM.
- The choir has started back up with some new members.

Other Items

- Ellie's Circle will not be meeting during the month of November. With the bazaar and Thanksgiving the month is busy. The will come back in December.
- Pastor Todd was approached by The Rhode Island State Grange and asked if Emanuel would host and Pastor Todd preside at an annual service the Grange holds. The service would be at Emanuel on Sunday June 7, 2026 at 2PM. Disa Johnson is part of the Grange.

Next Meeting – Thursday November 13

Closing Prayer

Emanuel's Choir



**The choir meets on
Sundays at 9AM
in the sanctuary.**

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

Thank you letter



Pastor,
I want to thank
you and the church for
fixing my window.
It's so nice not having rain,
wind and cold blowing at me
as I drive my family around to work
and doctors. My 4yr old grandson
no longer says he's cold.
Thank you so much
for your kindness.
God Bless
Thanks
sooo
much
Sady Jolisa

A few weeks ago, we helped a woman fix her car window. The weather was getting colder and she was not able to close the window.

THE CHORUS OF KENT COUNTY

Nicholas Laroche, Musical Director
Stephen Romano, Accompanist

Presents

Candlelight & Cheer

SONGS FOR THE SEASON

December 6 | 7 p.m.

December 7 | 2 p.m.

West Warwick High School
1 Webster Knight Drive



Tickets:

Scan QR code, call 401-862-3105,
or visit chorusofkentcounty.com.

\$17 advance/\$20 day of event

\$10 children 10 & under (under 2 free)

Bring a new,
unwrapped toy
for our
Toys for Tots
collection.



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.

Bible Readings for Sunday November 23rd

First Reading

Lamentations 1:1-3

In 586BCE the Babylonians under King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem including the temple Solomon had built. The people of Jerusalem were killed or sent into exile to Babylon.

¹ How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become subject to forced labor.

² She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers,
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her;
they have become her enemies.

³ Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations;
she finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.

Second Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Jeremiah sends a letter to those exiles encouraging them, as they live in that strange place, to raise families and even to pray for the welfare of Babylon. But he also warns them not to be deceived by false prophets. God will restore them in due time.

¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the

LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸ For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

¹⁰ For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

How do the Bible readings speak to 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.

Check your Thrivent Financial account.



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HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

There could be free money for Emanuel.

Please check your account now, to see if you have **free Thrivent Choice** dollars available. If you do, you can tell Thrivent to donate them to help Emanuel.

You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by going online at **www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice** OR by calling **800-847-4836** and saying "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

There are thousands of dollars available each year. But you need to direct them to Emanuel, so they will benefit our church!

If you're not familiar with the **Thrivent Choice** program, just ask your Thrivent Representative. Or send an e mail to Pastor Todd, or Emanuel's Treasurer, Carol Johnson. They can assist you.

Thank you to everyone who has already designated their Thrivent Choice dollars to help Emanuel.

Please direct your Thrivent Choice dollars today.

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

Sermon Topics



Narrative Lectionary September 7 – May 24

11/23 Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles

11/30 Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego

12/7 Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones

12/14 God's Word Accomplishes God's Purpose

12/21 The Word Made Flesh

Barbara Carlson



(Here at Camp Calumet, front row in yellow)

Barbara Carlson was a longtime member of Emanuel. On October 30th she died at the age of 91. For anyone wishing to make a gift in her memory, the family invites donations to Amos House in Providence or Camp Calumet. Barbara volunteered at Amos House, and she and her family spent many years at Camp Calumet. Addresses for both are below:

Amos House
460 Pine Street,
Providence, RI 02907
www.amoshouse.com

Camp Calumet
PO Box 236,
West Ossipee, NH 03890
www.calumet.org

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

For Healing & Comfort: Cathy Tardie (friend of Tim & Robin Hart), Ed Lentendre (Sheila Clough's brother-in-law)

For Grieving: the family & friends of Gary Smith (Kathy Marco's brother)
<https://www.donnellanfuneral.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?obId=46377655>

The flowers this coming **Sunday November 23rd** are given by Lynne Wolff
in memory of her mom **Glays Hoth**

Worship Assistants

	<i>Christ the King November 23</i>	<i>Advent November 30</i>
Counter:	Mike Ricci	Mike Ricci
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector:	Kathy Garriott	Sue Auger
Acolyte	Tim Hart	Tim Hart
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Diane Gadoury	Langdon Clough
Acolyte	Sam Hadden	Brandee Muncey
Ushers	Bruce Johnson & Paul Hyink	Ken & Sue Wieboldt
Lector:	Glenn Johnson	Mary Schabek
Coffee Hour	volunteer needed	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 17	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, November 18	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM

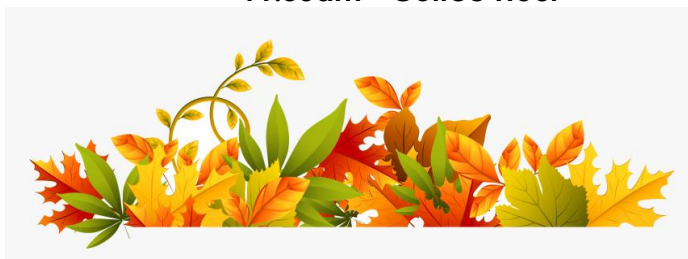
Wednesday, November 19		

Thursday, November 20	12:30pm	Monthly Lunch at the Crow's Nest in Warwick

Friday, November 21	9:00am	Sue in the office

Saturday, November 22	5:00pm	Pasta Dinner Fundraiser 5PM to 8PM

Sunday, November 23	8:00am	Worship in Person
24 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH)
Christ the King Sunday!	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour



Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, November 24	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, November 25	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Worship at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Wednesday, November 26		

Thursday, November 27		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday, November 28		

Saturday, November 29	9:00am	Sue in the office

Sunday, November 30	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

Upcoming Commemorations

Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America

Monday, November 24, 2025

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.