

Emanuel's Christmas Giving Tree is Up!

17 unclaimed ornaments



The Giving Tree is up. So far we have 17 children who have asked for Christmas gifts. If you would like to buy a gift for a child, please click on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ABAD2FA5FBC52-60726862-emanuel>

We are asking that gifts be dropped off to the church **by Friday December 19th at 1:00pm**. Gifts should be wrapped, if possible, with a note indicating the # of the child.

Gifts can be dropped off at the church on:

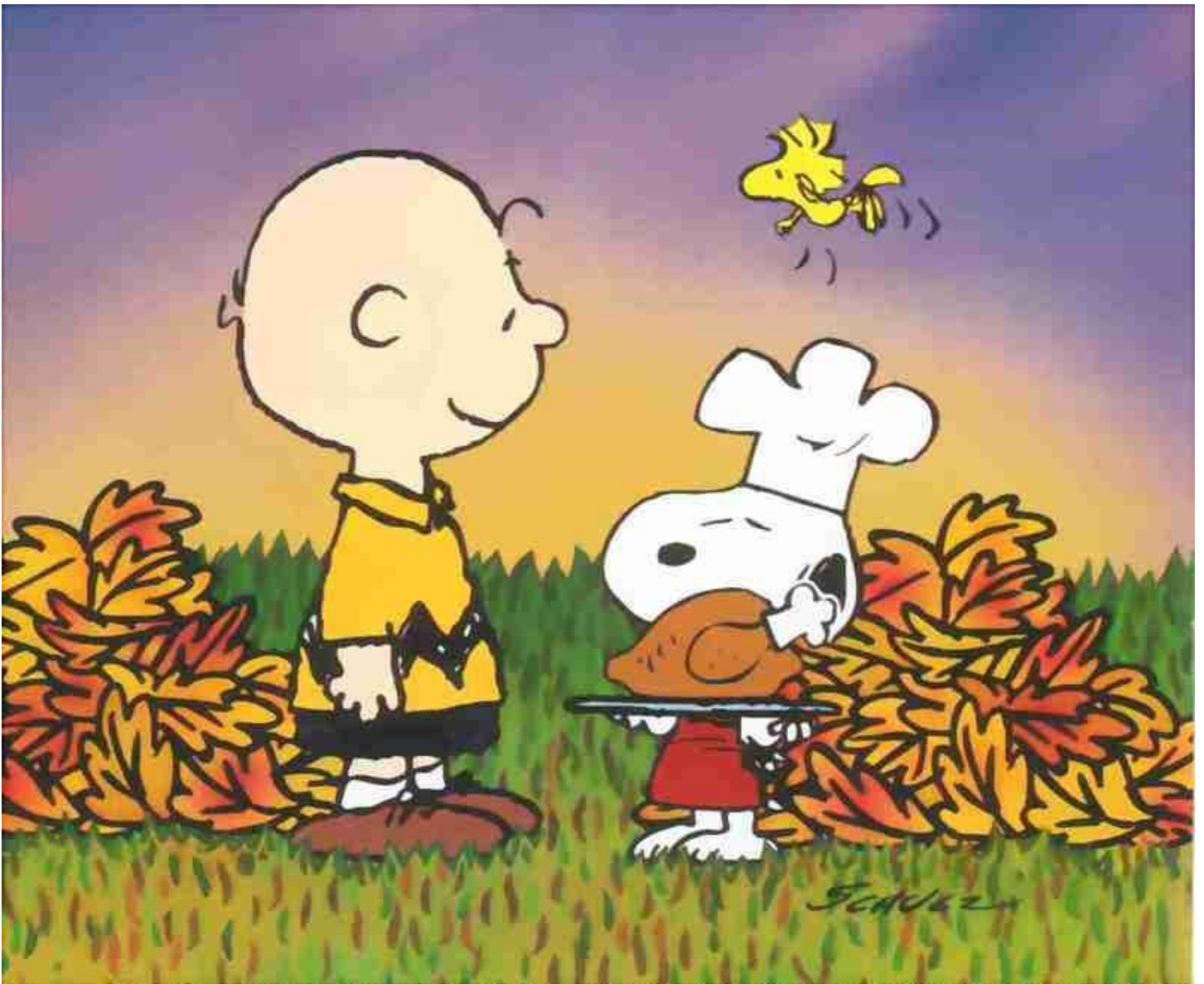
Sundays 8AM to 12PM

Tuesdays 9AM to 2PM

Fridays 9AM to 1PM

If one of these times doesn't work, please call to arrange a different time. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Order Your Christmas Poinsettia



Cost = \$18 single red or white
\$30 double red or white

To purchase a poinsettia for Christmas Eve, please complete a poinsettia form (Given for... Given by...) and place it in the offering plate OR email/text/call Sue Wieboldt at

(401) 743-3843 susieq3380@gmail.com

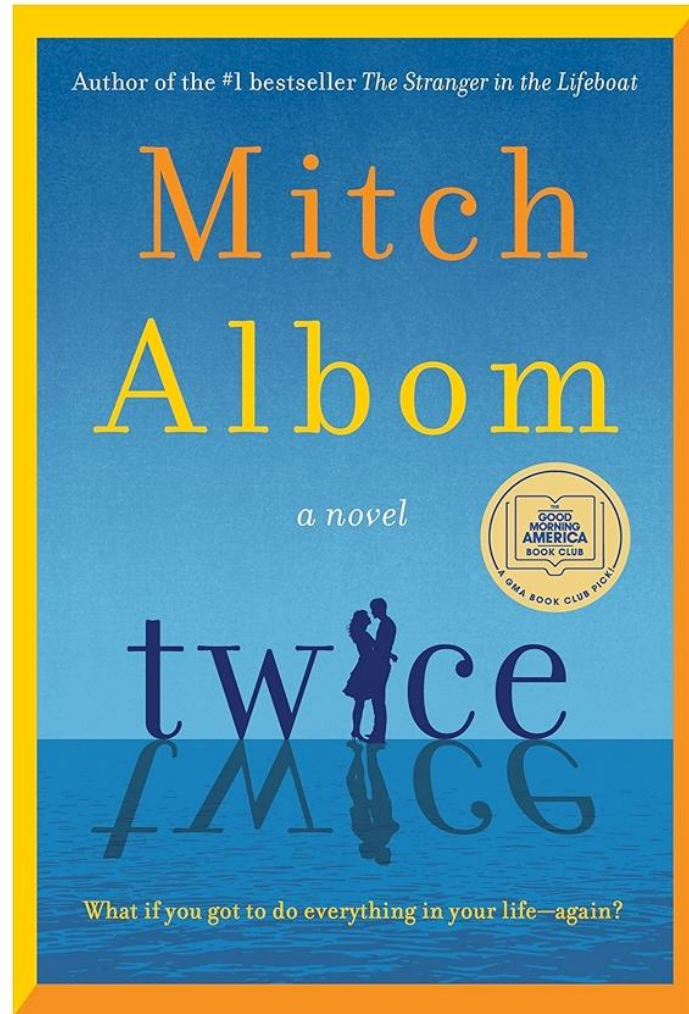
Deadline for ordering is Sunday December 14th

No Sunday school



this coming Sunday November 30th

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!

Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who came out and all those who helped at last week's pasta dinner fundraiser. \$1,100 was raised to support Emanuel's food pantry!

Emanuel's Choir



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

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

Thank you letter from Ascentria Care Alliance



Ascentria
CARE ALLIANCE

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18 Chestnut Street, Suite 410, Worcester, MA 01608
774.243.3100 | ascentria.org

Emanuel Lutheran Church
9 New London Ave
West Warwick, RI 02893-4094

Dear Members of Emanuel Lutheran Church,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your generous gift of \$1,500.00 on October 24, 2025 to Ascentria Care Alliance. Your compassionate support is immensely appreciated, and your gift will be used in the area of greatest need. Thank you!

This moment in history presents profound challenges and opportunities to act with renewed purpose. Thanks to your generosity, we can remain steadfast in our work to provide fair and compassionate support to all who come to us, regardless of their background or circumstances.

For over 153 years, Ascentria has stood as a beacon of resilience and compassion through wars, economic upheavals, pandemics, and social transformations. Through it all, our mission has remained clear: to treat everyone with respect, love, and care, and to uplift those who need it most.

Thanks to generous support from people like you, there are neighbors from all walks of life receiving care in the moment it counts such as:

- Juanita, a young adult in our Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program who is working to complete her Bachelor's degree and wants to be a foster parent to a young girl in need as well someday.
- A passionate preschool educator and Ukrainian refugee, Oksana, who worked with Workforce Development to find a new job back in the classroom again.
- David, age 72, who depends on Ascentria In-Home Care to receive quality care in his own home without moving to a nursing home.

Thank you for taking action, promoting compassion, and making lasting difference in the lives of others.

With gratitude,

Cashmir Cranson
VP of Advancement
Ascentria Care Alliance

Thank You!

Ascentria Care Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation. Therefore, the donation may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Gifts from a DAF or restricted account may not qualify, so please refer to your financial institution. Tax ID: 04-2496563



Ascentria Care Alliance recently received \$1,500 from Emanuel's mission endowment fund. Formerly known as Lutheran Social Services of New England, Ascentria has roots dating back over 150 years. They provide adoption services, care for the elder and people with disabilities and mental health challenges, refugee settlement, help for poor families with children, and run the Good News Garage program.

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 30th

First Reading

Daniel 3:1-7

King Nebuchadnezzar, who destroyed Jerusalem and sent the Israelites into exile in Babylon, creates a giant statue of gold and demands that all people worship it.

¹ King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ² Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ³ So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, ⁴ the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵ that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶ Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire." ⁷ Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Second Reading

Daniel 3:8:30

Three Israelites refuse to worship the golden statue and the God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob rescues them.

⁸ Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹ They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, ¹¹ and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. ¹² There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king.

¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship

the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. ¹⁷ If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary ²⁰ and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. ²¹ So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. ²² Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³ But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." ²⁵ He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god." ²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷ And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. ²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

²⁹ Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way." ³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

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.

Christmas Cookie Potluck Coffee Hour Sunday December 7th



The first Sunday of December 12/7 we are inviting people to bring some Christmas cookies to share for coffee hour.

All are welcome for Christmas cookies & fellowship!

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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

11/30 Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego

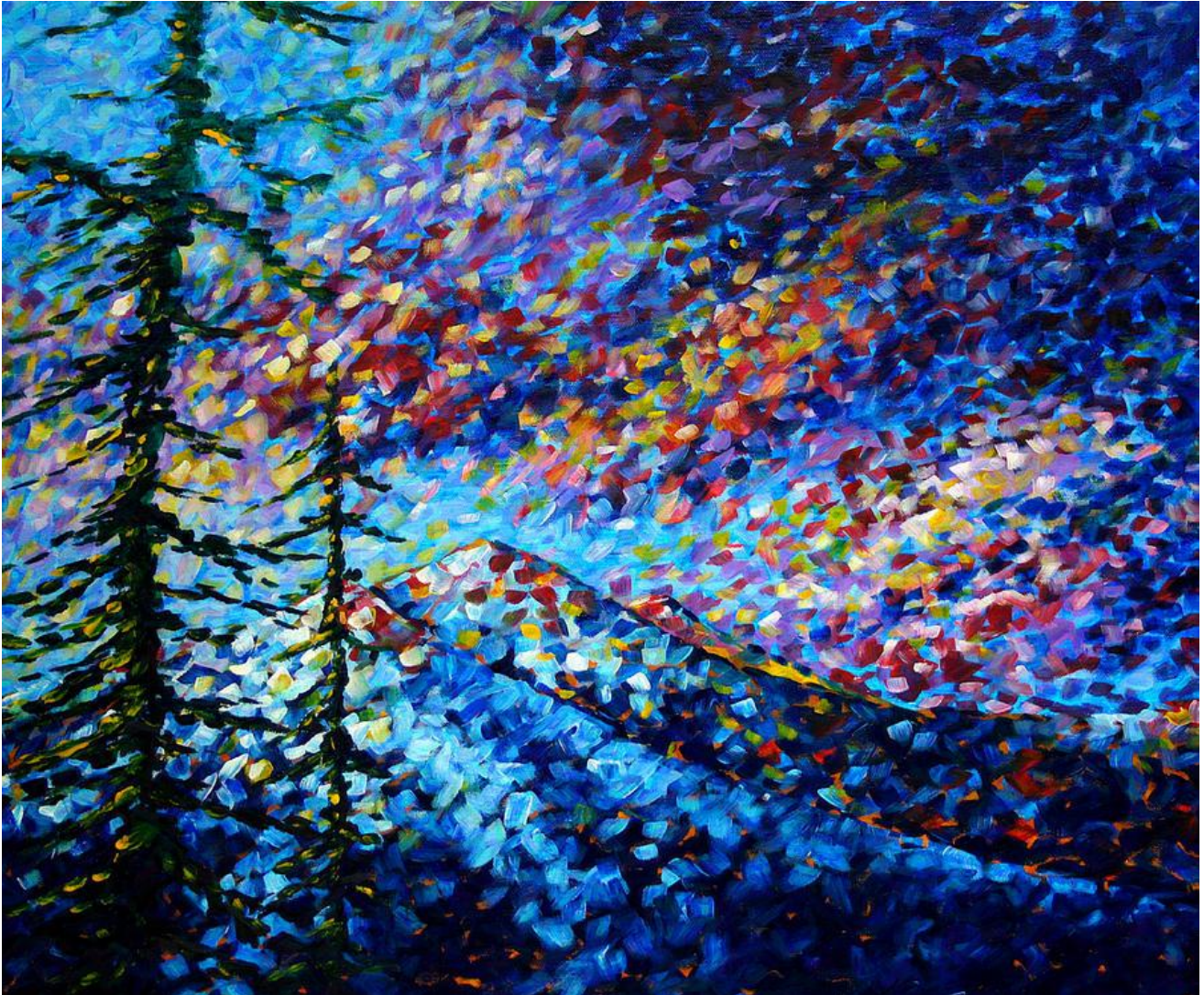
12/7 Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones

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

12/21 The Word Made Flesh

12/24 The birth of Jesus

Christmas Eve Services at Emanuel



Wednesday December 24th

4PM – Service with Christmas Pageant

10PM – Late night candlelight service

NOTE – new slightly earlier time for the late night service

The flowers this coming **Sunday November 30th** are given by Bruce Johnson
in memory of his wife **Debra Johnson**

Worship Assistants

	<i>First Sunday of Advent November 30</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent December 7</i>
Counter:	Linda Mensinger Nunez	Kathy Marco
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector:	Sue Auger	Kathy Garriott
Acolyte	Tim Hart	Tim Hart
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Langdon Clough	Sue Wieboldt
Acolyte	Brandee Muncey	Ezra LaMountain
Ushers	Ken & Sue Wieboldt	Pauline LaVallee & Brandee Muncey
Lector:	Mary Schabek	Elaine Marsh
Coffee Hour	Diane & Don Plante	Christmas Cookie Potluck

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 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	9:00am	Sue in the office

Saturday, November 29		

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



Next Week at Emanuel

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

Tuesday, December 2	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Committee ONLINE

Wednesday, December 3	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, December 4	4:00pm	Christian Education Committee ONLINE
	6:30pm	Finance Committee ONLINE

Friday, December 5	9:00am	Sue in the office

Saturday, December 6	2:00pm	Ordination Service at Pilgrim Lutheran

Sunday, December 7	8:00am	Worship in Person
Second Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Potluck Christmas Cookies Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

Andrew, Apostle

Sunday, November 30, 2025

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

Thursday, December 4, 2025

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.