

Christmas Cookie Potluck Coffee Hour this 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!

Emanuel's Christmas Giving Tree is Up!

12 unclaimed ornaments



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to take a child. There are still 12 unclaimed ornaments, if you would like to buy a gift for a child. Just 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.

Remember a Loved One this Christmas



with a 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

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.

Name Tags

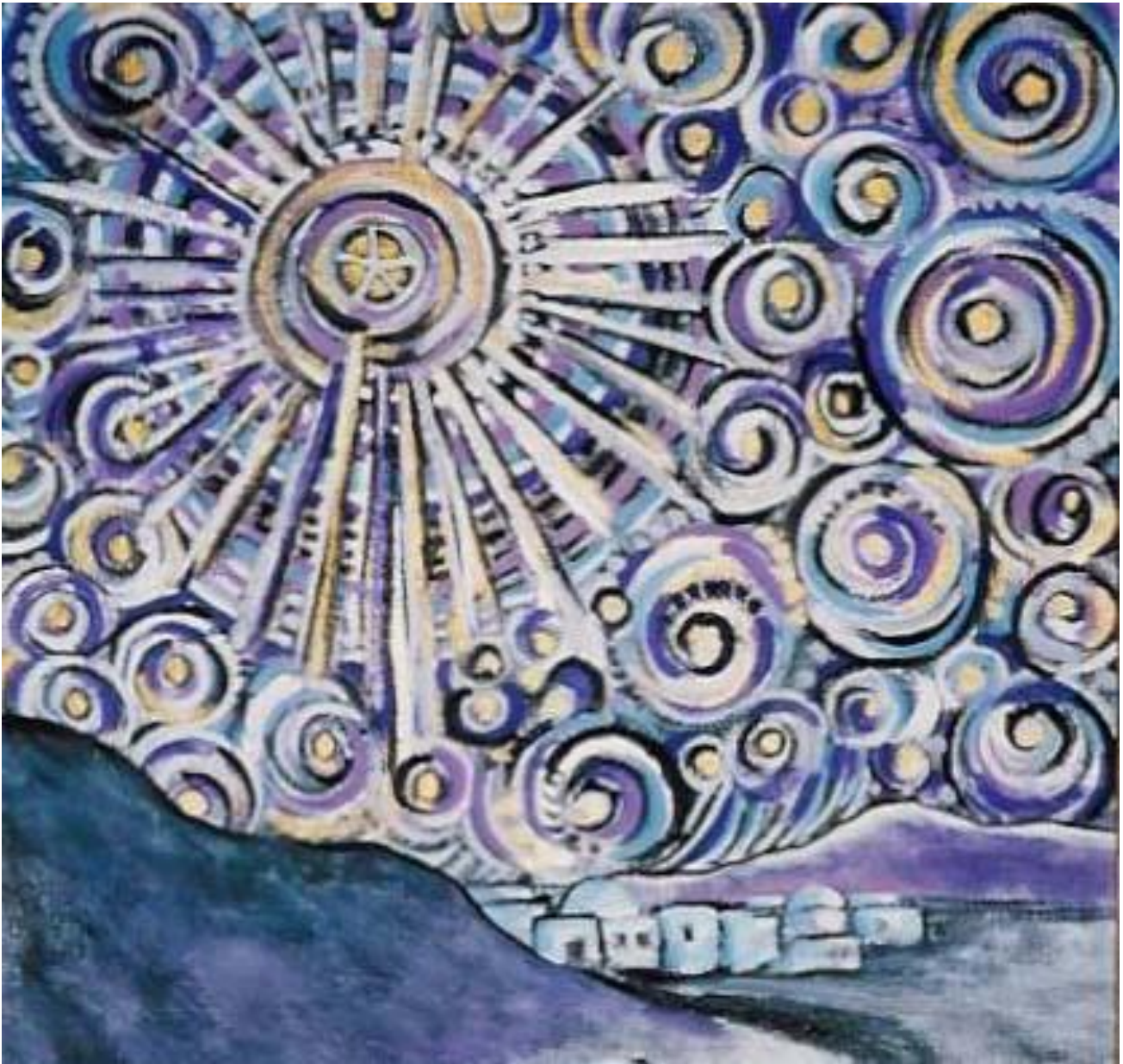


If you would like a name tag, please let Sue Wieboldt know.

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Thank you!

Christmas Eve Services at Emanuel



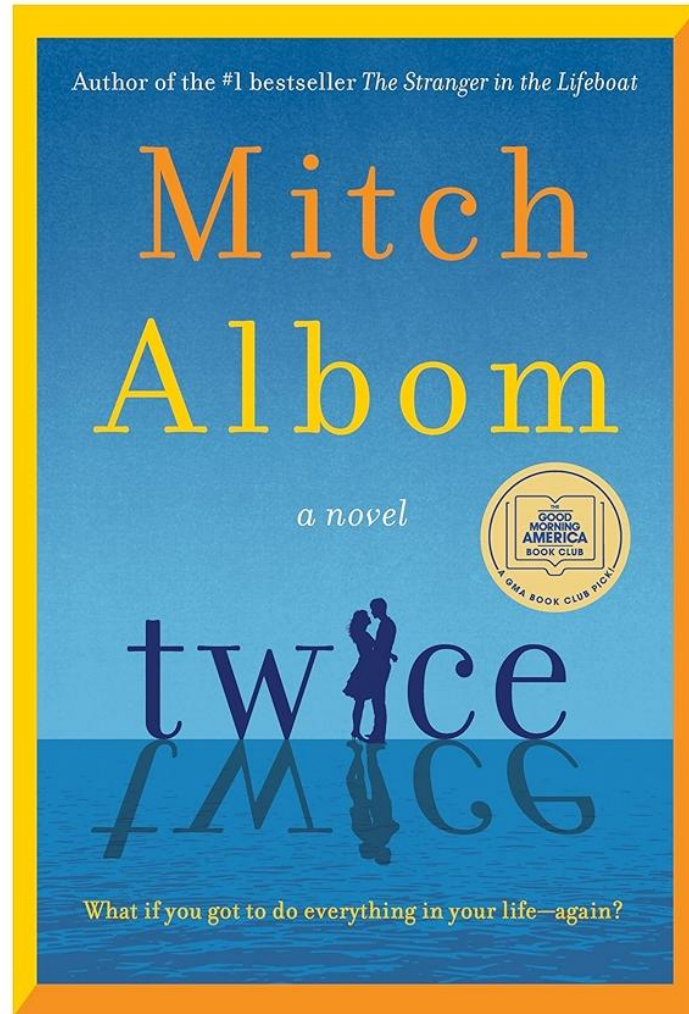
Wednesday December 24th

4PM – Service with Christmas Pageant

10PM – Late night candlelight service

NOTE – new slightly earlier time for the late night service

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!

Women's Retreat April 14th – 16th



at Camp Calumet

If you are interested in attending the midweek women's retreat at Camp Calumet – Tuesday 4/14 to Thursday 4/16, please let Sue Wieboldt know.

susieq3380@gmail.com

Thank you!

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 World Central Kitchen



November 4, 2025

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

"Wherever there is a fight so that hungry people may eat, we will be there."
- WCK Founder José Andrés

Dear Emanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for making a gift to World Central Kitchen! Your gift details are as follows:

Amount: \$1,500.00

Date: October 17, 2025

In support of: our work around the globe

No goods or services were received in exchange for this philanthropic contribution.

We're a team of food first responders, mobilizing with the urgency of now to provide meals to the people who need them most. Deploying our model of quick action, leveraging local resources, and adapting in real time, WCK has provided more than 535 million meals since 2010 in response to community crises around the world. We know that a nourishing meal in a time of crisis is so much more than a plate of food - it's hope, it's dignity, and it's a sign that someone cares.

Thank you for your belief and trust in our mission.

Sincerely,

Javier García
Acting Chief Executive Officer
World Central Kitchen

p.s. - We hope that you follow us on Twitter (@WCKitchen), Facebook (@WorldCentralKitchen) and Instagram (@wckitchen) for the latest updates on our work.

Emanuel's endowment fund gave World Central Kitchen \$1,500 to help with their work. They provide fresh meals to people in the midst of war, earthquakes, hurricanes or other humanitarian crises. Often they are the first ones on the frontlines helping.

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 December 7th

First Reading

Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:1-5

Ezekiel lived during the time of the Babylonian exile ~597–539BCE. He was a descendant from the tribe of Levi and was a priest. He served the Jews in exile in Babylon. It was there he was called to be a prophet of God.

¹ In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the River Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. ² On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin), ³ the word of the LORD came to the priest Ezekiel son of Buzi in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar, and the hand of the LORD was on him there.

He said to me: "O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Second Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit.

¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

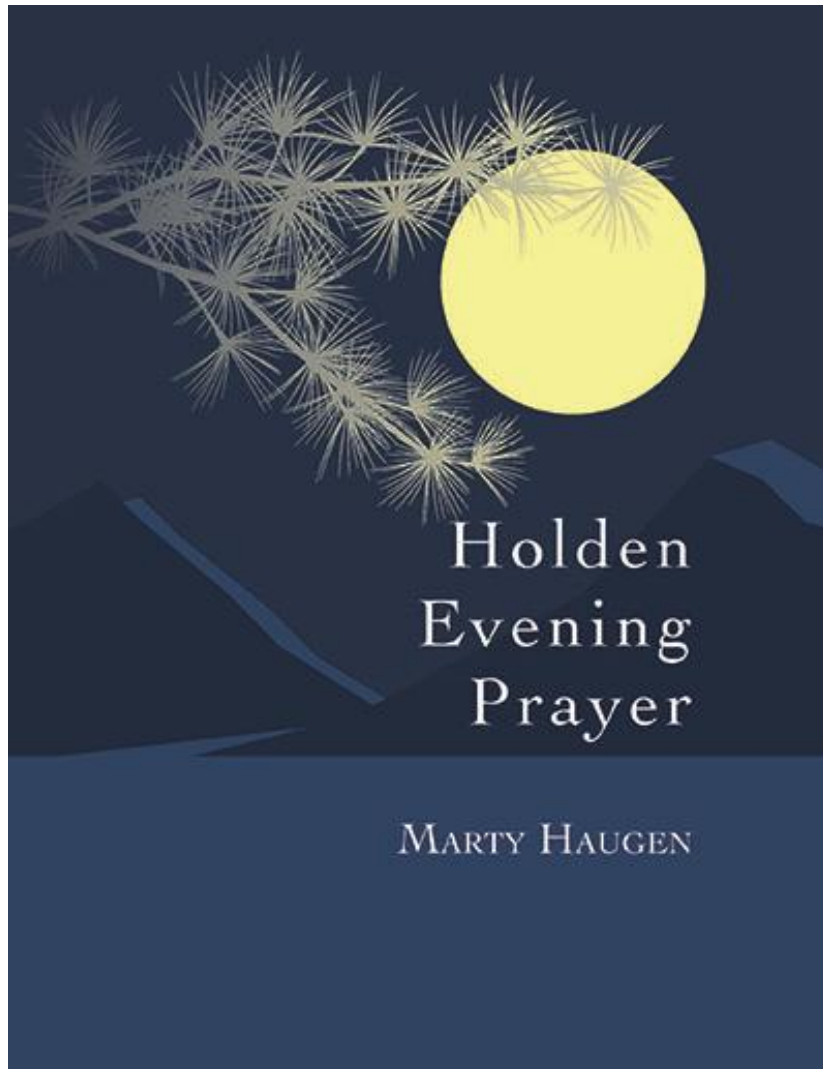
OR you can use either the Simply Giving program, which allows you to automate the giving of an offering from a checking account, or Givelify, which is online app that allows giving through a debit or credit card.

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

Sunday Morning Holden Prayer



Sunday December 14th @ 10:30am

On this Sunday close to the darkest day of the year we will be worshipping using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy.

**"The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5**

Sermon Topics



Narrative Lectionary September 7 – May 24

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

12/28 Lessons & Carols

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

For Healing & Comfort: Anthony Bernardo (husband of food pantry visitor),
Jimmy Anderson (Jake Johnson's cousin)

The flowers this coming **Sunday December 7th** are given by Kathy Marco
in memory of her brother **Gary Smith**

Worship Assistants

	<i>December 7</i>	<i>December 14</i>
Counter:	Kathy Marco	Mike Ricci
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector:	Kathy Garriott	Kathy Marco
Acolyte		
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Sue Wieboldt	Bruce Johnson
Acolyte	Ezra LaMountain	
Ushers	Pauline LaVallee & Brandee Muncey	Ken Wieboldt
Lector:	Elaine Marsh	Diane Gadoury
Coffee Hour	Christmas Cookie Potluck	Christmas Cookie Potluck

December's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for December is given by Susan Auger
In loving memory of **Doug Auger.**

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



Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, December 8	10:00am Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) 7:00pm Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

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

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

Thursday, December 11	7:00pm Council Meeting (JH)

Friday, December 12	9:00am Sue in the office

Saturday, December 13	

Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent Holden Prayer	8:00am Worship in Person 9:00am Choir 9:15am Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH) 10:30am Worship in Person & Online 11:30am Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

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.

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397

Sunday, December 7, 2025

While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

Lucy, martyr, died 304

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.