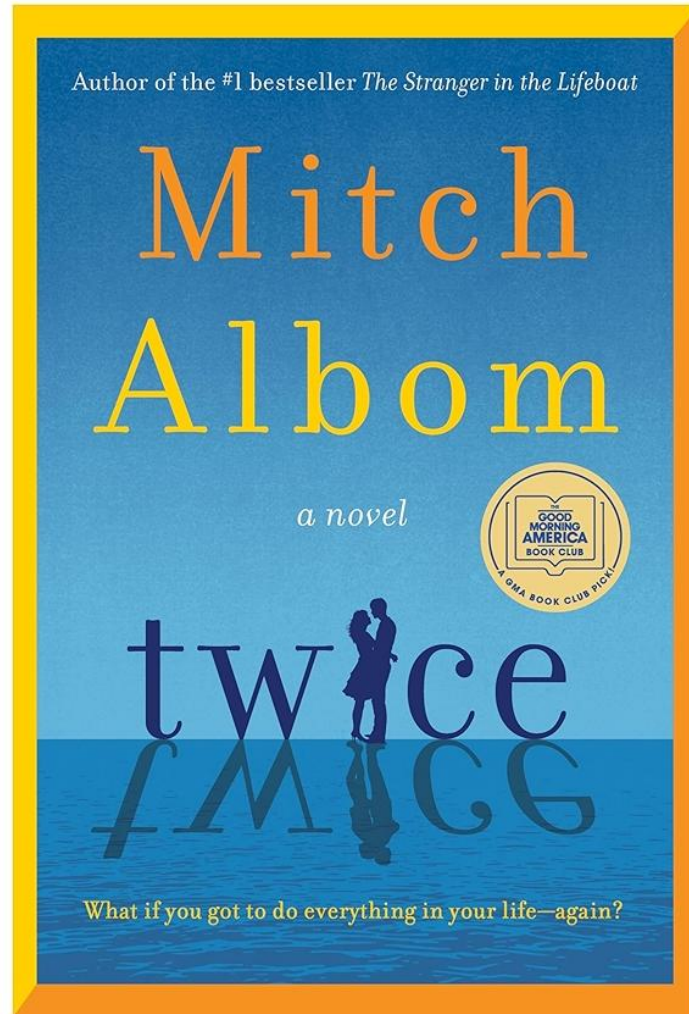


# Readers of Emanuel



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 11<sup>th</sup>** at ~12PM in Jacobs Hall to enjoy fellowship, food and discuss the book.

Everyone is welcome!

# Epiphany 2026



Emanuel was joined by people from St. Paul/Bethany, First and Pilgrim Lutheran churches on the day of Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup>) this past week. Thank you to everyone who made this wonderful Epiphany service possible!

# January's Monthly Lunch



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The next lunch will be held:

**Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** 12:30PM

at **Asia Grille**

140 Hillside Rd, Cranston, RI 02920 (Garden City)

If you would like to go, please email or call Marcia Melanson at

Phone: 401-742-8417

Email: [mmelan4@outlook.com](mailto:mmelan4@outlook.com)

Friends welcome!

# Enjoy this blast from the past!



Top Left: Gladys Swanson, Jennison, Beth and Debbie Anderson.  
Bottom Left: Dale Anderson, Faith Carlson, Diane Gadoury, Helen Faulk



Bottom Left: Anna Johnson (Myron's aunt & Rayburn's wife), Avis Jennison, Sonja Johnson (Disa and Eric's mom), Merle Anderson. Top left Faith Carlson (Pastor Dan Carlson's wife)



Bottom Left: Judith Gadoury (Myron's grandmother), Leona Swanson (Beth & Marcia's mother), Marguerite Anderson (Roy's wife). Top Left: George Johnson (our custodian), Roy Anderson, Roland Johnson (Uncle Rays father), Gus Anderson Sr. (Roy & Gus' father).

# Emanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting

## Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>



11:45am Potluck Lunch

**12:15pm Meeting**

*(snow date – Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup> same time)*

## 2026 Offering Envelopes



The 2026 Offering envelopes are in! If you use offering envelopes, please pick your box of envelopes in the back of the sanctuary. If you didn't have envelopes this year and would like some for 2026, feel free to take an unmarked box. There is a sheet for you to put your name and address next to the envelope number you are taking. Thank you.

# Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the altar this Christmas with Poinsettia!

## Christmas Poinsettias 2025

**Given by: Given for:**

Sue & Jim Meriano	In honor of our grandsons, Jackson, Owen, Ethan, & Weston
The Kilguss Family	In memory of George Kilguss, Jr.
Mary Schabek	Don Schabek & Tom Fekete In thankfulness for my Grands
The Nunez Family	The Glory of God and in Memory of Loved Ones
Birgit Newmann	In Loving Memory of Anita & Gunter Neumann
Tim & Robin Hart	Bev, Bob, & Roz Grenier George & Honey Hart
Mark & Marcia Melanson	Melanson, Swanson, & Johnson Families
Pat & Jake Johnson	Roy & Margarite Anderson
Joanne & Russell Powers	Robert & Frieda Waring Roger & Janice Powers
Sharon & Frank Dias	Dorothy & Fred Charlton
Georgette Clark	In Loving Memory of Donald Clark
Their Loving Family	Douglas Auger, John & Helen Robinson
Christian & Brandi LaPorte	Joey Meyer
Lesley Behm & Family	Hank Behm & William Robinson
The Stange Family	Virginia Burmester, Mary Stange, Norma Cicetti & Grace Surgeon
The Wieboldt Family	The Love and Blessings God had Bestowed on Us
Hank and Ann Marie	Jason & Gertrude Suffoletto
Joyce Bunch	Peace & Joy of Christmas
Brenda, Evan, Leah, & Troy	Tim Morgan
Jan and Paul Hyink	Cheryl, Carla, Ron, & Neil

# Ellie's Circle



**Sewing is resuming on  
Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Join us!**

Ellie's Circle is a group of sewers and tiers who usually get together each Wednesday 10AM to 12PM in Jacobs Hall to make blankets for sick children. The blankets are given to the Linus Project and then given to children at HASBRO.

If you are interested in helping, contact  
Claire Leveillee [claire.leveillee@yahoo.com](mailto:claire.leveillee@yahoo.com)

# Women's Retreat April 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>



## 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](mailto: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.**

# 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 January 11<sup>th</sup>

## First Reading

## Isaiah 62:1-5

*The Israelite's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, Jerusalem and Judah was restored, and God rejoiced.*

- <sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn  
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- <sup>3</sup> You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her  
and your land Married,  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.
- <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

## Second Reading

## John 2:1-11

*Turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana is the first of Jesus' signs. Through such epiphanies, Jesus reveals God's creative power and joyful presence in the world.*

<sup>35</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

**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.

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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=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.

# 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**

# 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)

# 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)

# Sermon Topics



*Narrative Lectionary September 7 – May 24*

1/11 Wedding at Cana

1/18 Jesus Cleanses the Temple

1/25 Nicodemus visits Jesus

2/1 The Woman at the Well

2/8 Healing Stories

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

**For Healing:** Kristin Lehoullier (friend of Pastor Todd's), Alexa Monti and her baby (friend of Jill Stange), John Bunch (Joyce's husband), Eric Johnson, Sheila Clough, Bev Barrette (friend of Sue Wieboldt, Elaine Marsh & a member of GBWC)

**For Grieving:** the family & friends of Raymond Allard (Georgette Clark's brother)

<https://www.griswoldfunerals.com/obituaries/Raymond-Allard?obId=46851157>

### Worship Assistants

	<i>January 11</i>	<i>January 18</i>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Kathy Marco</b>	<b>Ken Wieboldt</b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Kathy Garriott</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>Langdon Cloughs</b>	<b>Bruce Johnson</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Lorenzo Ucci</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Ken Wieboldt</b>	<b>Brandee Muncey</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>	<b>Lynne Wolff</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Hart/Grenier families &amp; Ezra LaMountain</b>	<b>Jan Hyink &amp; Sue Wieboldt</b>

### January's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for January is given by Disa and Eric Johnson  
In loving memory of **Sonja & David Johnson**

### This Week at Emanuel

<b>Monday, January 5</b> Twelfth Day of Christmas	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
<b>Tuesday, January 6</b> Epiphany	9:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH) Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM Epiphany Service at Emanuel
<b>Wednesday, January 7</b>	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
<b>Thursday, January 8</b>	4:00pm 6:30pm	Christian Education Committee ONLINE Finance Committee ONLINE
<b>Friday, January 9</b>	9:00am	Sue in the office
<b>Saturday, January 10</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 11</b> Baptism of Our Lord Sunday First Sunday after Epiphany	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am 12:00pm	Worship in Person Choir Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH) Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour Readers of Emanuel book club (JH)



### Next Week at Emanuel

<b>Monday, January 12</b>	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
<b>Tuesday, January 13</b>	9:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH) Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM Worship & Music Committee ONLINE
<b>Wednesday, January 14</b>	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
<b>Thursday, January 15</b>	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)
<b>Friday, January 16</b>	9:00am	Sue in the office
<b>Saturday, January 17</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 18</b> MLK Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship in Person Choir Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH) Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)**

**Friday, January 9, 2026**

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

### **Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968**

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

### **Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356**

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

### **Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346**

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

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

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

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.