

2025 Financial Giving Statements (for taxes)

— END OF YEAR —

GIVING STATEMENTS

We are working to get everyone's 2025 Giving Statements out to them by the end of January.

We'd prefer to email as many of them as possible, but if you would like to have yours mailed to your home, please let Danielle David know

david.danielle416@gmail.com by Wednesday 01/21.

Also, please reach out if your email address has changed since last year, so she can make sure it gets emailed to the right place. Thanks!

January's Monthly Lunch



Serving Rhode Island for Over 15 years

The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, January 22nd 12:30PM

at **Asia Grille**

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

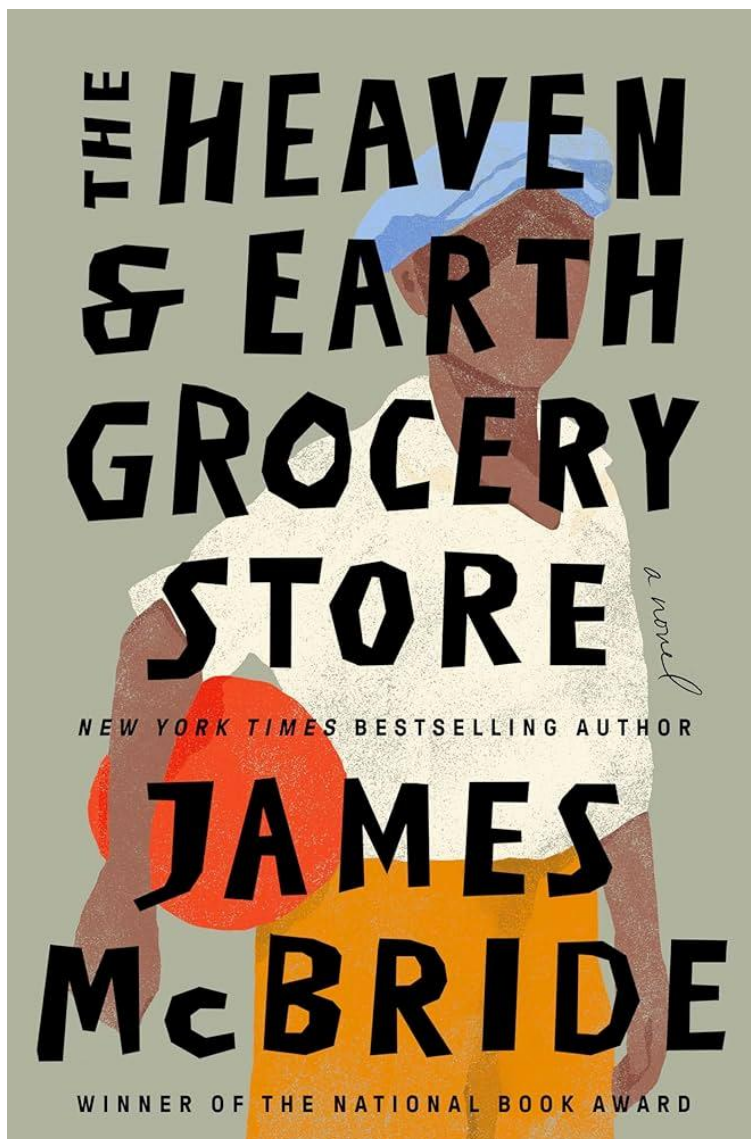
If you would like to go, please email or call Marcia Melanson at

Phone: 401-742-8417

Email: mmelan4@outlook.com

Friends welcome!

Readers of Emanuel



Emanuel's book club is reading

“The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store”

by James McBride

The book has been nominated for and won a variety of awards including the Kirkus Prize.

We will meet on **Sunday February 22nd** at ~12PM in Jacobs Hall to enjoy fellowship, food and discuss the book.
Everyone is welcome!

Emanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday January 25th



11:45am Potluck Lunch

12:15pm Meeting

(snow date – Sunday February 1st same time)

A testament to Emanuel's food pantry by Texas Roadhouse

No bouncebacks, no freebies, no peanuts, just hands and hearts.

Local Store Marketer Trainer, Missy Beaudoin, out of Warwick, RI, organized the best kind of event that we can do at Texas Roadhouse. Local Store Marketers, FOH Training Coordinators, Managing Partner, Stephanie Bourgeois, all from our smallest state, Rhode Island, gathered to help local community members at the Emanuel Lutheran Church Community Food Bank this December.

A little back story on the food pantry-

The Emanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry, was established in 2005 by parishioners Myron Gadoury (Missy's father) and Marge LeBeau, feeding over 1,000 local families in and around its community. What started out as just providing nonperishable food (given out of a former coat closet), has grown- and continues to grow- to providing thousands of pounds of fresh, frozen, and nonperishable food items to those in need.

Myron's biggest message to us, as he passionately explained how many people they help, was that you can never judge someone based on the car they drive, the house they live in, or the clothes they wear. Food insecurity is real and happening all around us. The best thing that we can do is put a smile on our faces and try to make their day with kindness. We had 83 families come through to get food, impacting approximately 250 people.

There is no tangible ROI from giving back that we will see on PowerBI, but the real return on investment is sharing our time side by side with people in our community.

At the beginning of December staff from Texas Roadhouse helped out at Emanuel's food pantry. Above is a writeup from their newsletter.

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!

Thank you!



Thank you to overwhelming and generous response this past Sunday in helping to purchase gift cards for the **Good Samaritan bags** Sue Wieboldt is putting together. Sue received all she needed and more. Thank you!

Come join the Fun



Consider joining Emanuel's council in 2026

If you are interested or have questions, please speak with Pastor Todd, President Ken Wieboldt, or anyone on council. Thank you!

Song Edwards, Myron Gadoury, Bruce Johnson, Mark Melanson, Marcia Melanson, Ray Nunez, Kathy Plante, Pastor Todd Stange, Ken Wieboldt, Sue Wieboldt

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 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 January 18th

First Reading

Psalm 127:1-2

Unless we work with God, nothing we do will last.

¹Unless the LORD builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.

²In vain you rise early
and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat—
for he grants sleep to those he loves.

Second Reading

John 2:13-25

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

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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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.

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

Sermon Topics



Narrative Lectionary September 7 – May 24

1/18 Jesus Cleanses the Temple (MLK Sunday)

1/25 Nicodemus visits Jesus (Annual Meeting)

2/1 The Woman at the Well (RIC Sunday)

2/8 Healing Stories (Children Lead Worship)

2/15 The Man Born Blind (Transfiguration Sunday)

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

For Healing: Karen Pepin (friend of the food pantry), Gene Plouffe (Christine Stinson's brother)

For Grieving: River & Bella (Giuliana Ucci's dog & cat), the family & friends of Fred Alexander (friend of Pastor Todd's), the family & friends of Michelle Ricci

Worship Assistants

	<i>January 18 MLK Sunday</i>	<i>January 25 Annual Meeting</i>
Counter:	Ken Wieboldt	Song Edwards
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector:	Kathy Marco	Sue Auger
Acolyte	Tim Hart	Tim Hart
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Bruce Johnson	Diane Gadoury
Acolyte		Brandee Muncey
Ushers	Brandee Muncey	Bruce Johnson & Paul Hyink
Lector:	Lynne Wolff	Mary Schabek
Coffee Hour	Jan Hyink & Sue Wieboldt	Annual Meeting Potluck

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

Monday, January 5 Twelfth Day of Christmas	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
Monday, January 12	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
Tuesday, January 13	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
Wednesday, January 14	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
Thursday, January 15	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)
Friday, January 16	9:00am	Sue in the office)
Saturday, January 17		
Sunday, January 18 MLK Sunday 2 nd 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



Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, January 19 MLK Day	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
Tuesday, January 20	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
Wednesday, January 21	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
Thursday, January 22	12:30pm	Monthly Lunch at Asia Grille in Cranston
Friday, January 23	9:00am 5:30pm	Sue in the office Confirmation & Mentor dinner & fun night
Saturday, January 24		
Sunday, January 25 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany Annual Meeting	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:45am 12:15pm	Worship in Person Choir Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH) Worship in Person & Online Potluck Lunch Annual Congregational Meeting

Upcoming Commemorations

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.

Confession of Peter

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156

Monday, January 19, 2026

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Agnes, martyr, died around 304

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.