

RESCHEDULED
Emanuel's Annual Congregational Meeting
now Sunday February 1st



Due to the snow predictions for this coming Sunday, we are rescheduling the annual congregational meeting to the following Sunday February 1st. Same time:

11:45am Potluck Lunch

12:15pm Meeting

New Adult Forum on Grief **all there is**

with Anderson Cooper



(Anderson Cooper and his older brother Carter)

Wednesday February 4th & 11th at 7PM

Anderson Cooper explores the topic of grief in his series "All There Is". Cooper lost his father when he was 10 years old and his brother to suicide when he was 21. We will watch a couple of episodes in this series and discuss grief. What is it? How does it affect us? Where is God in it?

Wednesdays at 7PM in Jacobs Hall

2/4 & 2/11.

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Valentine's / Love / Chocolate / Red Food
Potluck Coffee Hour



to Sunday February 8th

The first Sunday of each month we have a themed potluck coffee hour. The theme for February is Valentine's (love, chocolate, red).

Because the annual meeting has been rescheduled to February 1st, we are rescheduling the Valentine's themed coffee hour to Sunday February 8th.

As always all are welcome for good food & fellowship – even if you're not able to bring a dish.

February's Monthly Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, February 19th 12:30PM

at **Bill's Place**

707 Main St. West Warwick, RI 02893

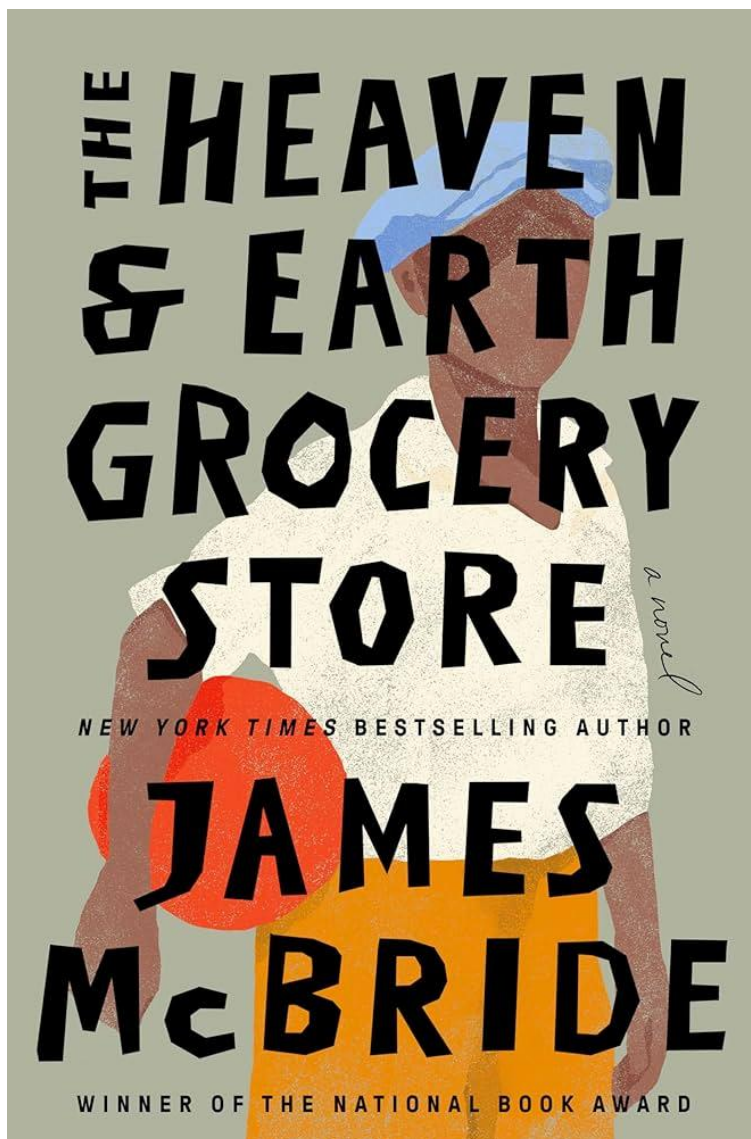
If you would like to go, please email or call Marcia Melanson at

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!

Women's Retreat April 14th – 16th



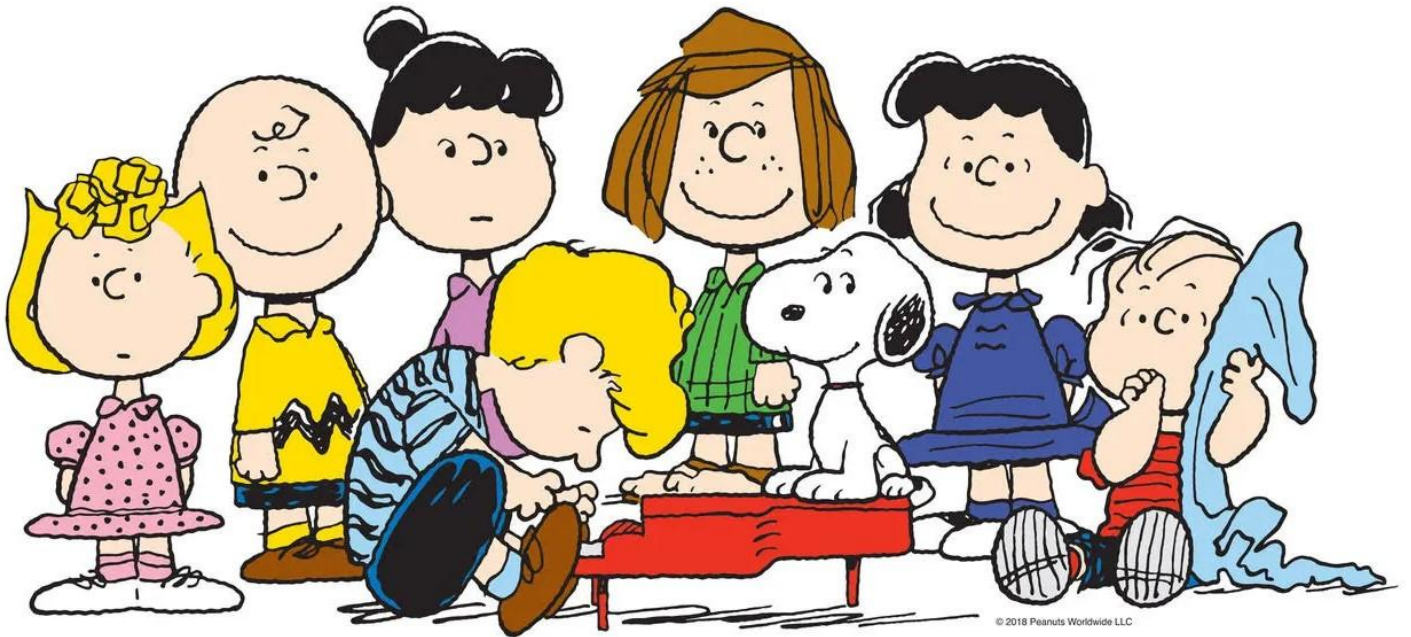
at Camp Calumet

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!

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 25th

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. Serpents appear and many die. The people repent and turn to Moses and God for help. The salvation God provides is a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole. They have to look upon image of the thing that's killing them to live.

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

⁷ The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Second Reading

John 3:1-21

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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=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](#)

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Sermon Topics



Narrative Lectionary September 7 – May 24

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)

2/18 Ash Wednesday (the Good Shepherd)

2/22 Jesus Raises Lazarus

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

For Healing: Bonnie Austin (friend of the food pantry)

Fred Alexander (friend of Pastor Todd's) obituary:

<https://www.barbermemorialhome.com/obituaries/Frederick-Alexander?obId=46903218>

Michelle Ricci obituary:

<https://www.carpenterjenks.com/obituaries/Michelle-Ann-Sylvestre-Ricci?obId=46979823>

Worship Assistants

	<i>January 25</i>	<i>February 1 Annual Meeting</i>
Counter:	Song Edwards	Glenn Johnson
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector:	Sue Auger	Sue Auger
Acolyte	Tim Hart	Tim Hart
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister:	Diane Gadoury	Sue Wieboldt
Acolyte	Brandee Muncey	-
Ushers	Bruce Johnson & Paul Hyink	TBD
Lector:	Mary Schabek	TBD
Coffee Hour	-	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 19 MLK Day	10:00am Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) 7:00pm Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, January 20	9:00am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH) 10:00am Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM

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 Sue in the office 5:30pm Confirmand & Mentor Dinner & Fun night

Saturday, January 24	

Sunday, January 25 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	8:00am Worship in Person 9:00am Choir 9:15am Sunday School (FH) 10:30am Worship in Person & Online 11:30am Coffee Hour



Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, January 26 MLK Day	10:00am Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) 7:00pm Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, January 27	9:00am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH) 10:00am Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM

Wednesday, January 28	10:00am Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, January 29	

Friday, January 30	9:00am Sue in the office

Saturday, January 31	

Sunday, February 1 4th Sunday after Epiphany Reconciling in Christ Sunday Annual Meeting	8:00am Worship in Person 9:00am Choir 9:15am Sunday School (FH) 10:30am Worship in Person & Online 11:45am Potluck Lunch 12:15pm Annual Congregational Meeting

Upcoming Commemorations

Conversion of Paul

Sunday, January 25, 2026

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

Monday, January 26, 2026

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.