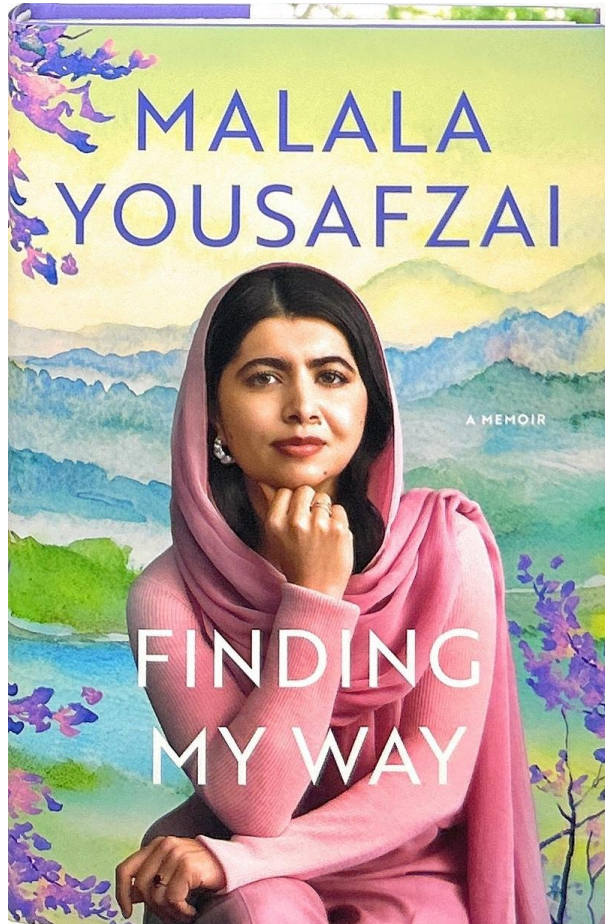


# Readers of Emanuel



Emanuel's book club is reading

## **“Finding My Way” by Malala Yousafzai**

At the age of 15 Malala Yousafzai was shot in the head by the Taliban who wanted to silence her. At the age of 17 she won the Noble Peace Prize. Then at the age of 20 she began college. "Finding My Way" is her memoir about navigating life as someone whose darkest moments threatened to define her—while seeking the freedom to find out who she truly is. It is a New York Times bestseller and a finalist in the 2025 Goodreads Choice Awards.

We will meet **Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at ~12PM in Jacobs Hall to enjoy fellowship, food and discuss the book.

Everyone is welcome!

# March's Monthly Lunch



The next lunch will be held:  
**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** 12:30PM

at **Carrabba's Italian Grill**  
1350 Bald Hill Rd Bldg C, Warwick  
(next to Barnes & Noble)

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!

# Acts of the Apostles



## New Bible Study starting Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>

The book of Acts (or Acts of the Apostles) traces the early days of the church - its struggles and how it grew. What can the church today learn from the early church?

We will meet on Wednesdays at 7PM in Jacobs Hall starting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We will go through the book chapter by chapter. Come and explore the early days of the church.

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# 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 March 1<sup>st</sup>

## First Reading

## Psalm 51:1-12

*A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan revealed his sin, after David had gone in to Bathsheba.*

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

## Second Reading

## John 13:1-17

*During Jesus' last meal he performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

- <sup>1</sup> Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to

God, <sup>4</sup> got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

## **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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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**

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# 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  
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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)

# Crosses on the altar this Lent



The 40 days of Lent are a time of repentance, a time to remember our mortality, and a time to look at how we are living our lives. The 3 crosses on the altar depict the crosses of Calvary. Before being crucified Jesus was forced to wear a cross of thorns while he was mocked, beaten and spit upon. The cross and thorns have become symbols of Jesus' suffering, forgiveness and love for us.

“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.” - John 3:16

Thank you to Sue Wieboldt for creating this year's Lenten altar!

Questions to ponder:

- Why is the middle cross bigger?
- What do the brighter colors represent?
- Is this before or after the crucifixion?

# Sermon Topics



*Narrative Lectionary September 7 – May 24*

3/1 Jesus Washes Feet

3/8 Peter's Denial

3/15 Jesus and Pilate

3/22 Jesus Condemned

3/29 The Crucified Messiah (Palm Sunday)

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

**For Comfort & Healing:** Diane Plante

**Worship Assistants**

	<i>March 1</i>	<i>March 8</i>
<b>Counter</b>	Kathy Marco	TBD
	8:00AM	8:00AM
<b>Lector</b>	Kathy Garriott	Kathy Garriott
<b>Acolyte</b>	Tim Hart	Tim Hart
	10:30AM	10:30AM
<b>Lay Minister</b>	Diane Gadoury	Bruce Johnson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Callie Suffoletto	-
<b>Ushers</b>	Pauline LaVallee & Sue Wieboldt	Lorenzo Ucci & Sue Auger
<b>Lector</b>	Glenn Johnson	Ezra LaMountain
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Potluck THEME: "Green Foods"	Lorenzo Ucci & Sue Auger

**February's Memorial Candle**



The Memorial Candle for February is given by Mary Schabek  
In loving memory of **George Thomas Fekete**

### This Week at Emanuel

Monday, February 23 5 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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Tuesday, February 24 6 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent		BLIZZARD everything cancelled
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Wednesday, February 25 7 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent		BLIZZARD everything cancelled
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Thursday, February 26 – 8 <sup>th</sup> Day	7:00pm	Lay Ministers meeting ONLINE
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Friday, February 27 - 9 <sup>th</sup> Day	9:00am	Sue in the office
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Saturday, February 28 - 10 <sup>th</sup> Day		
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Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday in Lent	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship in Person Choir Sunday School (FH) Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour

### Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, March 2 11 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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Tuesday, March 3 12 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	9:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH) Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM <del>NO Pastor's Office Hours</del> (funeral at Carpenter-Jenks) Worship & Music Committee ONLINE
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Wednesday, March 4 13 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	10:00am 7:00pm	Ellie's Circle (JH) Bible Study on the book of Acts (JH)
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Thursday, March 5 – 14 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	4:00pm 6:30pm	Christian Education Committee ONLINE Finance Committee ONLINE
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Friday, March 6 – 15 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	9:00am	Sue in the office
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Saturday, March 7 - 16 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent		
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Sunday, March 8 Third Sunday in Lent	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship in Person Choir Sunday School (FH) and Confirmation (JH) Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

### **George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633**

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

### **John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church**

**Monday, March 2, 2026**

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

### **Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202**

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

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

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

sThe calendar is on Emanuel's web site.