

# Daylight Saving Time BEGINS



**this Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2AM**

**Clocks spring forward 1 Hour!**

# A “Green Themed” Potluck



Linda Mensinger Nunez wore her green at last Sunday's green themed potluck coffee hour!

Thank you to all who brought in the delicious, green treats.

# New Bible Study Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>



## on the book of Acts

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. We will go through the book chapter by chapter. Come and explore the early days of the church.

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# The Power of Scents & Aromas



*(The Johnson's dog Daisy)*

While walking our dog, Daisy, this morning I was reminded of how powerful a scent can be.

Daisy, being a scent hound (as well as a champion food hound), enjoys her walks to sample the smells, both new ones and familiar ones. In some ways, it's the highlight of her day.

Three disparate aromas hold this power for me, as well.

## **First**

The smell of the hot dog grease cooking at the old Tiger Stadium in Detroit. I sampled it at the Tigers game which my sister, Gladys, plus my niece & nephews, Cheryl, Mike, Steve and I attended back in 1999.

It was the final year of that ballpark in its 87 year history. It opened the same year as Fenway Park.

I hadn't smelled that aroma since my dad and I attended games when I was young, but it came back to me instantly, as we walked up the ramp and into the stadium. They may have been the same hot dogs??

## **Second**

The scent of Gillette Foamy Shaving Cream. This is not a brand I use now, but I bought a small can to use after American Airlines "temporarily" misplaced my suitcase on my January trip to see my beloved sister for her birthday.

On dispensing the shave foam, I instantly recalled one of my teenage responsibilities.

After my dad's stroke, my mother asked me to help my father with shaving each morning. He used Gillette Foamy.

Same smell. Same powerful memory.

## **Third**

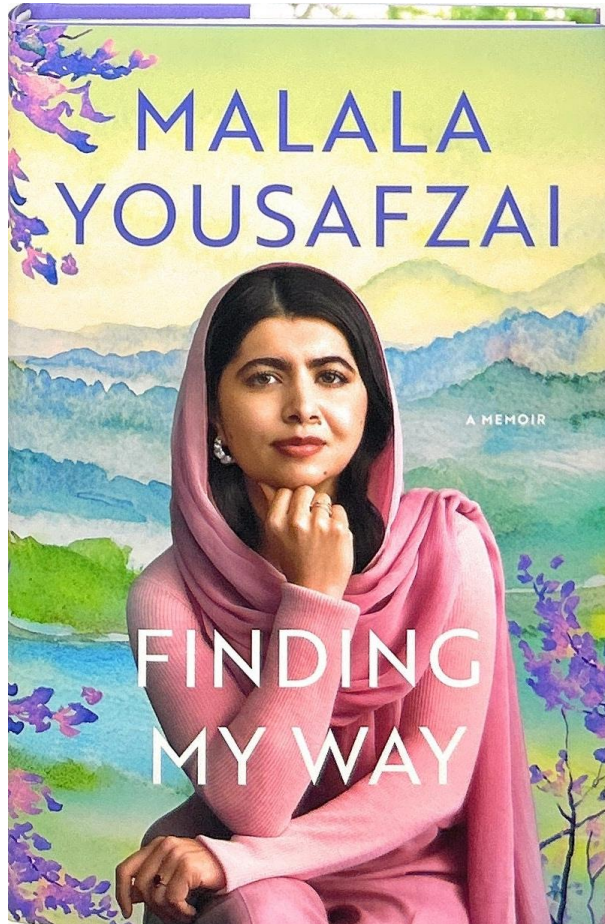
When I was a kid, my mom occasionally made rice pudding with raisins. It was a special treat for me. Whenever I get a chance to have some now, it harks back to my childhood.

Still tasty, still good. (Maybe not as good as mom made it, but great memories.)

So, Daisy, enjoy your scent memories. I know I do.

Glenn Johnson  
February 27, 2026

# 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!

# Bishop Curry Issues Statement on Iran War



March 4, 2026

Dear siblings in Christ,

*They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more (Isaiah 2:4).*

In our Lenten journey, we are reminded of our dependence on God, and we are sustained by hope in the future peace God has promised. As war involving the United States, Israel and Iran intensifies and spreads, we lament how far off that promise seems. We do not know how many people have been killed, but we know the number will continue to grow. Early reports indicate that more than 100 Iranian schoolgirls and several U.S. service members are among them.

The church of Jesus Christ is called to proclaim the peace of God's eternal reign and to work for an earthly peace here and now. The ELCA social message "[Living in a Time of Terrorism](#)" states that this earthly peace is a "precious yet fragile good." Its existence depends on leaders who prioritize diplomacy over military engagement and deterrence over war, and on citizens who hold government accountable whenever military action is considered.

With many of you, I am distressed that a robust, public discernment through congressional authorization did not occur prior to the United States' engagement in this war. As Lutherans, we affirm that government and the order that just laws provide are gifts of God for our safety

and well-being. This war does not represent the promotion of this just order but rather its failure.

The costs in lives and safety of this failure will be borne by those least able to avoid it — children, families and those without the means to flee. Its deadly toll has been, and will continue to be, paid with the lives of our neighbors, including our siblings in Christ in the Middle East.

This moment underscores the urgent need for robust, well-resourced diplomatic and humanitarian efforts. Our companions in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land have asked our church to pray fervently for peace and safety and to advocate for the dignity and security of all people. ELCA Witness in Society will continue to provide opportunities for this advocacy.

As members of the body of Christ, join me in prayerful, hopeful solidarity with our siblings and neighbors who suffer today.

Together,

We mourn the rush to war and the combatants and noncombatants who have lost their lives.

We yearn for creation's fulfillment in "a new heaven and a new earth" where death and pain "will be no more" (Revelation 21:1, 4).

We strive for justice and peace in all the earth, strengthened by faith in the crucified and risen Lord to persist.

We trust that, through God who sustains us, our weariness and fear will not overcome us.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yehiel Curry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

The Rev. Yehiel Curry  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# 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!

## Did You Know?



In February Emanuel had to pay zero dollars for electricity and received a income of \$630.

Emanuel's first Pastor was a student Pastor. Pastors were paid \$400 a year, and church members had to pay dues each week of 25 cents.



Emanuel's Library was started in 1894. There were 71 books to lend out to church members. non members had to pay 2 cents per week. It was operated by the Young Peoples Society.

# 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.**

# Immigration Observer Training

The **Rhode Island State Council of Churches**, in partnership with the **Lawyers Committee for Rhode Island**, is hosting an observer and legislative advocacy training afternoon.

Scan the QR Code for information and to register (REQUIRED):



The Rhode Island State  
Council of Churches

Sunday, **March 15th**  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Barrington Congregational Church

461 County Rd.  
Barrington, RI 02806

For more information: [communications@councilofchurchesri.org](mailto:communications@councilofchurchesri.org)

# 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 8<sup>th</sup>

## First Reading

## Romans 7:15-25a

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

<sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## Second Reading

## John 13:33-38

*Peter says he is willing to lay down his life for Jesus, but Jesus tells him he will deny Jesus three times before the cock crows the next morning.*

<sup>33</sup> [Jesus said,] "Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." <sup>37</sup> Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." <sup>38</sup> Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

## Third Reading

## John 18:12-27

*After Jesus is arrested, Peter does follow Jesus, but as predicted Peter denies even knowing Jesus three times before the cock crows. In contrast to Jesus saying, "I am", Peter says, "I am not."*

<sup>12</sup> So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

<sup>13</sup> First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup> Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup> Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup> One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup> Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

## 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 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.**

# 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:

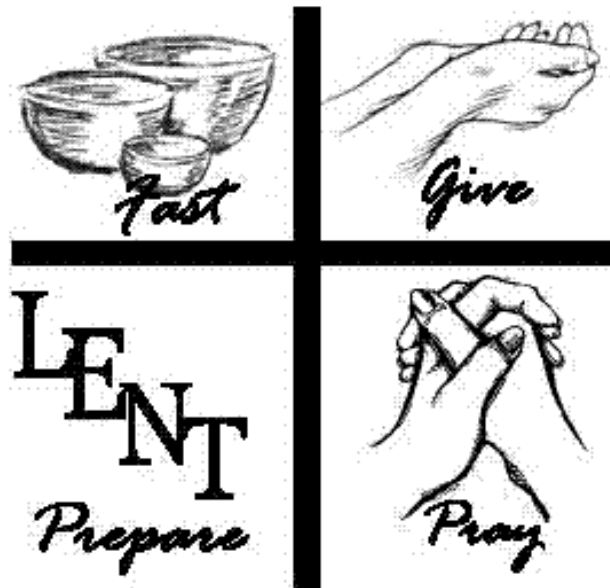
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OR you can use either the Simply Giving program, which allows you to automate the giving of an offering from a checking account, or Givelify, which is online app that allows giving through a debit or credit card.

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](#)**

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## The Reason for the Season: LENT

During Lent we turn our eyes to Jesus, who promises liberation and healing. We gather as a community to be strengthened for the journey ahead.

The Lenten season this year begins on February 18<sup>th</sup> — with Ash Wednesday — and will continue until Easter on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Lent lasts for 40 days (Sundays in between are not counted toward the forty days, because each Sunday is considered a mini-Easter).

The forty days of Lent recall the 40 day fast of Jesus in the wilderness after his baptism (Matthew 4:2, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-2) and Moses' 40 day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28). It is a time of simplicity and preparation. The days of Lent are a time for us to ask the questions: Are we happy with our lives? Is this the way we want to live the rest of our lives? Are our lives shaped by God's love for us, or by the culture of the world around us?

Many Christians give up something during the season of Lent. Doing so opens up space in our lives for God to appear in new ways.

The Liturgical color for Lent is purple signifying the suffering of Jesus (think blood and bruises) and also Jesus' reign in glory. Purple was the color of the Roman Emperor's toga. Because Lent is a somber season of reflection on our human frailty and our need for God, we refrain from using the word "Alleluia."

# 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?

# Did You Know?



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## 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*

3/8 Peter's Denial

3/15 Jesus and Pilate

3/22 Jesus Condemned

3/29 The Crucified Messiah (Palm Sunday)

4/5 The Resurrection (Easter)

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

**For Comfort & Healing:** Tim Nunez (Ray's brother), Anthony Grisi & Grisi family (friend of Christine Stinson), Jenn Hadden

**Worship Assistants**

	<i>March 8</i>	<i>March 15</i>
<b>Counter</b>	<b>Mike Ricci</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>Bruce Johnson</b>	<b>Diane Gadoury</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Lorenzo Ucci &amp; Sue Auger</b>	<b>Paul Hyink &amp; Bruce Johnson</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Ezra LaMountain</b>	<b>Elaine Marsh</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Lorenzo Ucci &amp; Sue Auger</b>	<b>Joanne Powers &amp; Jan Hyink</b>

**March's Memorial Candle**



The Memorial Candle for March is given in celebration of  
**Ken & Sue Wieboldt's wedding anniversary!**

### This Week at Emanuel

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

### Next Week at Emanuel

<b>Monday, March 9</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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<b>Tuesday, March 10</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
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<b>Wednesday, March 11</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
	7:00pm	Bible Study on the book of Acts (JH)
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<b>Thursday, March 12 – 20<sup>th</sup> Day</b>	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)
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<b>Friday, March 13 – 21<sup>st</sup> Day</b>	9:00am	Sue in the office
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Saturday, March 14 – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Day		
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<b>Sunday, March 15</b> Fourth Sunday in Lent	8:00am	Worship in Person
	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School (FH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

### **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.

### **Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

### **Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604 Thursday, March 12, 2026**

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

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

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

sThe calendar is on Emanuel's web site.