

# **Palm Sunday**



**this Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Worship 8am & 10:30am**

# Interfaith Vigil for Peace - TONIGHT

Join us as together we pray for peace! **Thursday, March 26** beginning at 7 p.m.  
in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence



## Interfaith Vigil for Peace

*Come and join Rhode Island's diverse faith communities as we gather in vigil to pray for peace.*

### When:

7:00 pm  
Thursday, **March 26th**

### Where:

**Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul**  
30 Fenner St. Providence 02903

### Sponsored by:



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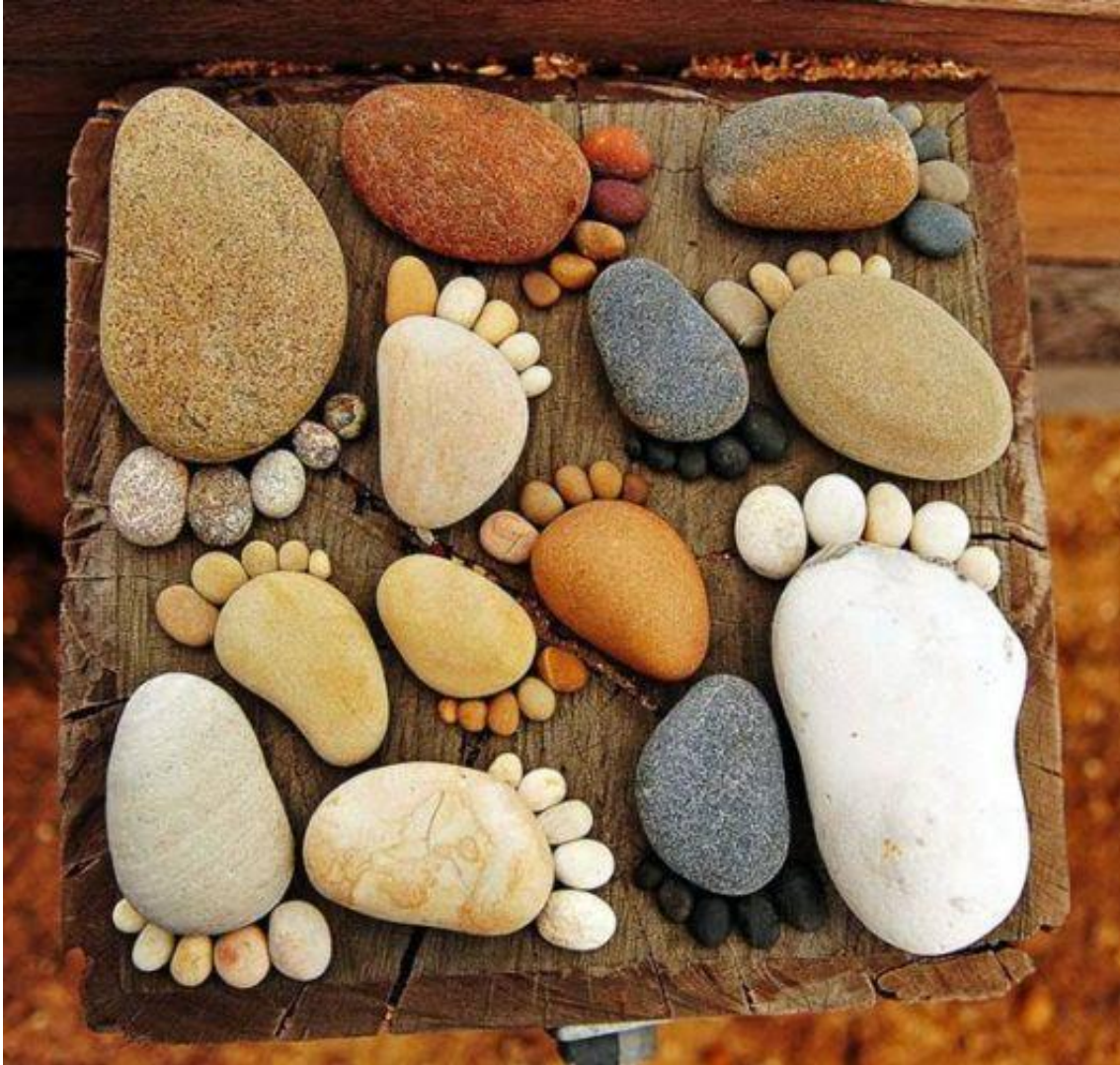


Community Church of Providence

Lime Rock Baptist Church

The Rhode Island State Council of Churches and the Catholic Diocese of Providence are hosting an interfaith Vigil for Peace. All are invited to the vigil on Thursday March 26th at 7PM. It will be held at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence. Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski, C. Ss.R. is hosting. The evening will include: prayers for peace, music, and reflections. All are welcome to join as we gather together to pray for peace!

# Spring Bazaar Craft Nights



(rock art)

**Tuesday evenings at Emanuel  
6:30PM to 8PM in the Fellowship Hall**

**April 21 & 28**

**May 5, 12, 19 & 26**

**June 2**

**Everyone is welcome!**

YOU DON'T NEED TO  
AUDITION TO GET A PART!

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# DRAMA CAMP

A WEEK LONG DAY CAMP LEARNING  
SONGS. PRACTICING STAGING.  
PAINTING SETS. & CREATING COSTUMES  
FOR AGES 7 - 14 YEARS OLD!

## Family Friendly Pricing:

1 Child - \$20

2 Children - \$30

3 or more - \$35

## WHEN?

AUDITIONS:  
June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm

CAMP:  
June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
8:30AM - 12:30PM

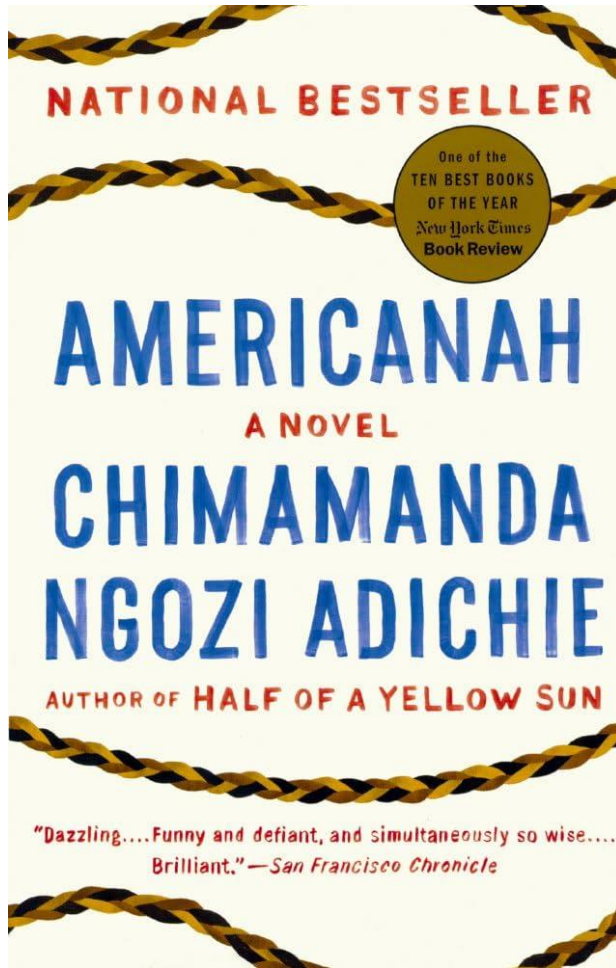
For more information on  
Emanuel Lutheran's Drama Camp,  
check out our digital brochure!

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20 Leaf Street, West Warwick, RI

For more information please contact Kat Brown  
at [kath7026@gmail.com](mailto:kath7026@gmail.com) or  
Pastor Todd Stange at [pastor@emanuelww.org](mailto:pastor@emanuelww.org)  
(401) 821-8888



# Readers of Emanuel



Emanuel's book club is reading  
**“Americanah”** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

One of the New York Times's 100 Best Books of the 21st Century • One of The Atlantic's Great American Novels of the Past 100 Years • A Kirkus Reviews Best Fiction Book of the Century.

Ifemelu and Obinze are young and in love when they depart military-ruled Nigeria for the West. Beautiful, self-assured Ifemelu heads for America, where despite her academic success, she is forced to grapple with what it means to be Black for the first time. Quiet, thoughtful Obinze had hoped to join her, but with post-9/11 America closed to him, he instead plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London.

We will meet **Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at ~12PM in Jacobs Hall to enjoy fellowship, food and discuss the book. Everyone is welcome!

# Easter Flower Orders



## Remember someone this Easter

Tulips, Hyacinths, Lilies & Daffodils: \$15 per plant

Order forms are at church. Fill one out and place it in the offering plate. Or you can phone in or email your order.

Please include:

- how many of each type of flower
- your name
- who you are giving the flowers in memory of

Payments can be put in the offering plate, mailed to the church, or made online by clicking here: [Donate](#)

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# Easter Potluck Coffee Hour

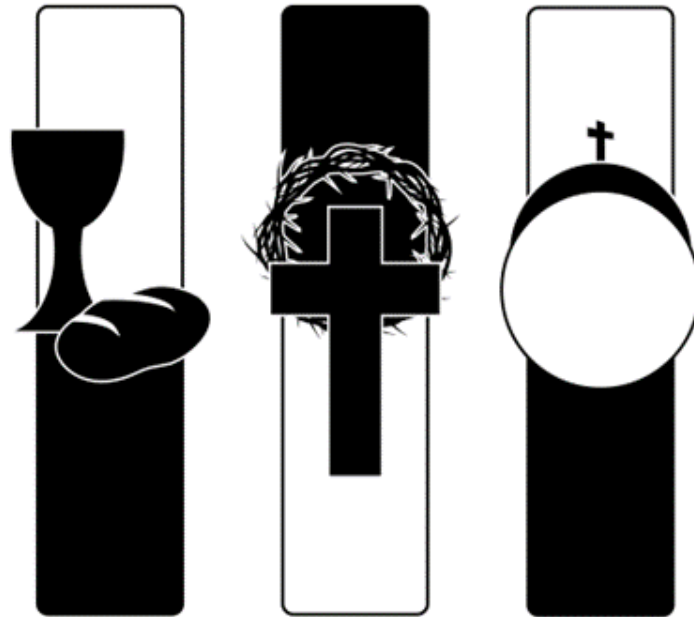


## Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>

The first Sunday of each month we have a themed potluck coffee hour. The theme for April is Easter goodies.

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

# The Holy Triduum at Emanuel



## TRIDUUM

**Maundy Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00pm**

Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples

**Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00pm**

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm**

Easter Vigil

**All services live in-person and on-line.**

**Here is the Zoom link for these three services:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82201515279?pwd=svJ5rkR22Kz2uDI3kHU9vSa3jifWm4.1>

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Please RSVP to  
Marcia Melanson at  
401-742-8417

Olson Funeral Homes

## Peace of Mind & Pizza

Please join us for pizza and an advance funeral planning seminar hosted at Emanuel Lutheran Church. We will be discussing the steps involved in getting a funeral plan in place, how that plan will affect your loved ones, and answering your questions on funeral service.

**Location:**

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
20 Leaf St  
West Warwick, RI 02893

**Date and Time:**

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 PM

Advance Funeral Planner:  
**Jamie Jackson**



**Topics Discussed**

- Advance funeral planning
- Types of services
- Death away from home
- Planning financially for services
- After the funeral service

# Our unbelievable snow plowing bills



Whether you shovel the snow at your home, or pay someone else to do it, I'm sure everyone hopes that we've seen the last big snowstorm this winter.

Emanuel is no different. We have had the biggest snow removal bills we've ever had at church in our 140 year history.

So far this season, Emanuel has paid out over \$6,000.00 for snow plowing. This has put a tremendous strain on our budget.

But you can help, by making a special contribution to help pay for some of these expenses.

Make out a check, or give a cash donation. You can mail it to church, or place it in the Offering Plate on Sunday morning. You can also use the envelopes located in the church pews. Or donate online by clicking here: [Donate](#)

Please mark your check or envelope "Snow Plowing."

Thank you for your help.

# 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 Palm Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>

## First Reading

**John 12:12-19**

*Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem has the Pharisees concerned.*

<sup>12</sup>The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.  
Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. <sup>18</sup> It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. <sup>19</sup> The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

## Second Reading

**John 12:20-27**

*Just like a seed must die to bear fruit, Jesus says we must give over our lives in order to bear the fruit that leads to eternal life.*

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

## Third Reading

## John 19:16b-22

*Jesus turns what it means to be a king upside down. He is a king willing to give his life for others.*

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup> Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.' " <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

## 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](http://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.**

# Bible Study on the book of Acts



**NOTE -> Off next Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
(due to Holy Week)

**Next session Wednesday April 8<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. We will go through the book chapter by chapter. Come and explore the early days of the church.

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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:

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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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# 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*

3/29 The Crucified Messiah (Palm Sunday)

4/5 The Resurrection (Easter)

4/12 Doubting Thomas

4/19 Paul's Conversions

4/26 Paul and Silas

# Easter Sunday at Emanuel



**Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**8am & 10:30am**

Worship in person or on-line at 10:30am

To join us **on-line** click on the Zoom link below on Sunday at 10:30AM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93690864460?pwd=CHZ5RVNsdnFYcDhhNVdMKzA2VENlQT09>

Meeting ID: **936 9086 4460** and Password: **933328**

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

**For Comfort & Healing:** the Bass family (Andrew Bass' family), Janice Smith (called church asking for prayers)

**Worship Assistants**

	<i>Palm Sunday March 29</i>	<i>Easter Sunday April 5</i>
<b>Counter</b>	<b>Mike Ricci</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sue Auger</b>	<b>Kathy Marco</b>
<b>Lay Minister</b>	<b>Tim Hart</b>	<b>Tim Hart</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>Lay Minister</b>	<b>Sue Wieboldt</b>	<b>Bruce Johnson</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Ezra LaMountain</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Joanne Powers &amp; Amanda Grudzinski</b>	<b>Ken &amp; Sue Wieboldt</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Mary Schabek</b>	<b>Ray Nunez</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Pat &amp; Jake Johnson</b>	<b>Potluck Coffee Hour <u>theme</u> Easter goodies</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

Monday, March 23 29 <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 24 30 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	9:00am 10:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH) Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
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Wednesday, March 25 31 <sup>st</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 26 – 32 <sup>nd</sup> Day of Lent	7:00pm	Interfaith Vigil for Peace (Providence Cathedral)
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Friday, March 27 – 33 <sup>rd</sup> Day of Lent	9:00am	Sue in the office
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Saturday, March 28 – 34 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	10:00am	Sherman Drew funeral
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Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday	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 30 35 <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 31 36 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	9:00am 10:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH) Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
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Wednesday, April 1 37 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)
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Thursday, April 2 38 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday service
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Friday, April 3 39 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	9:00am 7:00pm	Sue in the office Good Friday service
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Saturday, April 4 40 <sup>th</sup> Day of Lent	7:00pm	Easter Vigil service
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Sunday, April 5 Easter	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship in Person Choir <del>NO Sunday School (FH)</del> Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour

## Upcoming Commemorations

**Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824**

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

**John Donne, poet, died 1631**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

**Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589**

**Saturday, April 4, 2026**

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

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

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

sThe calendar is on Emanuel's web site.