

Emanuel Camp Scholarships



If you know a child 8 years old to 16 years old, we'd like to help send them for a week of camp. The Wallace Anderson & John Carlson Campership funds are being given away now for Camp Calumet.

Camp Calumet is in West Ossipee, New Hampshire and sits on beautiful Lake Ossipee. For over 50 years people have been making friends, getting closer to God, and having fun at Calumet.

www.calumet.org

For more information speak with Pastor Todd
pastor@emanuelww.org (401) 821-8888

May's Monthly Lunch

THE OLD THEATER ≈ DINER ≈

The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, May 28th 12:30PM

The Olde Theater Diner

33 Sandy Bottom Road, Coventry, RI 02816

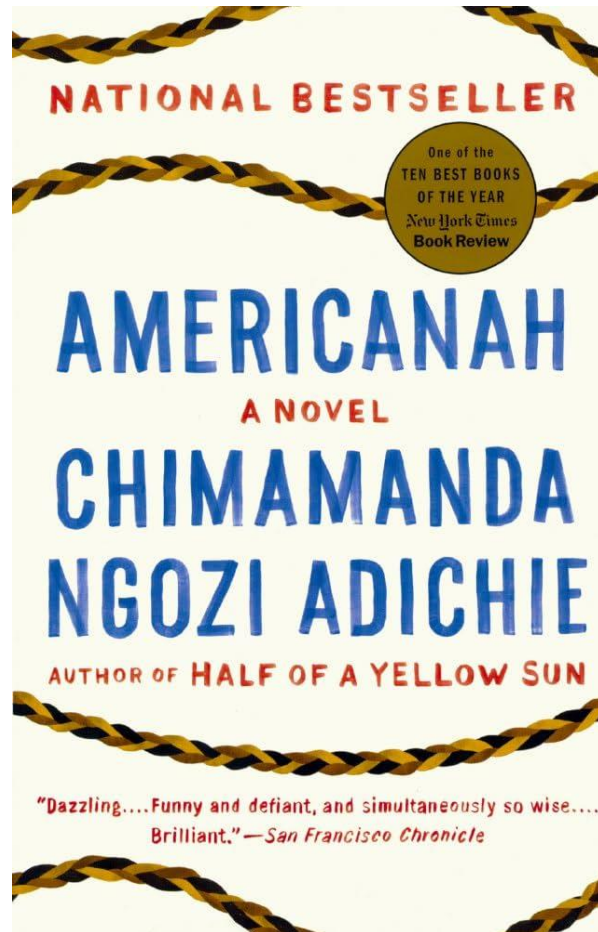
If you would like to go, please email or call Marcia Melanson at

Phone: 401-742-8417

Email: mmelan4@outlook.com

Friends welcome!

Readers of Emanuel Meeting this Sunday May 17th



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

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 17th** at ~12PM in Jacobs Hall to enjoy fellowship, food and discuss the book. Everyone is welcome!

Order of Healing



Sunday June 7th

During worship on Sunday June 7th we will have the order of healing. During this time any who wish to come forward for a laying on of hands and prayer will be invited.

Are any among you sick?
They should call for the elders of the church
and have them pray over them,
anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.
The prayer of faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise them up;
and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
Therefore confess your sins to one another,
and pray for one another,
so that you may be healed. *(James 5:14–16a)*

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

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH PROUDLY PRESENTS...

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 14th @ 12pm

CAMP:

June 29th - July 3rd
8:30AM - 12:30PM

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

Emanuel Lutheran Church
20 Leaf Street, West Warwick, RI

For more information please contact Kat Brown
at kab7026@gmail.com or
Pastor Todd Stange at pastor@emanuelww.org
(401) 821-8888



Did You Know?



On Saturday May 21, 2011 a retreat was held at Emanuel. On this day we prayed, read the Bible and posed the question – “What's next for Emanuel?”

The answer we came up with took the form of a purpose statement for Emanuel along with a set of guiding principles:

Emanuel – Boldly joining God in sharing our gifts and love.

Listening for God through prayer, scripture and discussion

Following Christ's example

Generously sharing God's grace

Passion – having it, using it!

Being organized

Following through – walking the walk

The bolded purpose statement may look familiar. It's on the front page of our bulletin each Sunday. The idea captured in it is an assertion that God is already out in the world at work, transforming it and creating God's kingdom. And our purpose is to go out and join God in the work that is already underway, using the talents and resources with which God has blessed us.

The guiding principles underneath the purpose statement are harder to find. If you poke around on Emanuel's website, you might find them. Or if you wander into my office, you can see them taped to the wall. Despite their elusiveness, we often live out these guidelines. Not always, but often.

Their intention is to remind us how we should act as a congregation, and also to remind us that we are not alone. That God is already at work even before we show up and will continue to be at work long after we are gone. In this there is a humbling and a peace, knowing that not our will be done, but ultimately and most certainly God's will.

Emanuel Youth Miniature Golfing & Ice Cream



Friday May 22nd 6:30PM – 9:00PM

**Meet at Emanuel at 6:30PM.
We will be driving to Mulligan's Island in
Cranston and then returning to Emanuel.**

Spring Bazaar Craft Nights



(orange peel art)

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

May 12, 19 & 26

June 2

**No experience necessary.
Everyone is welcome!**

Do you have an Air Conditioner



You are not using?

David and Kelly, who used to live in the parsonage, are looking for an old air conditioner they could use for the summer. They live on the 3rd floor of a house and do not have one. If you, or someone you know, has an air conditioner they could use, please let Pastor Todd know. Thank you!

pastor@emanuelww.org

Garden Hoses Needed!



Saturday June 20th

The property committee is looking for volunteers to help clean head stones in Emanuel's cemetery on Saturday June 20th.

This will be a daylong event, unless we have lots of volunteers. We will apply a cleaner to the stones then use a soft brush to rub in then a light power wash. Many of the stones are presently unreadable.

We have permission from a neighbor to hook up to their water spigot. We will need to borrow as many hoses as we can get. We are looking for 1,000 feet of hose. A signup sheet will be posted in the narthex. Signup and put a checkmark next to your name if you can bring a hose. Thank you!

3 Sessions

Observer Training & Legislative Advocacy

April 19

April 27

May 17



April 9, 2026, 2026

[View as Webpage](#)

www.councilofchurchesri.org

Latest Newsletter: [April 2, 2026](#)

Join the growing movement of community members & people of faith - working together to support our immigrant communities. This training is for anyone who is concerned about the inhuman & illegal treatment of our immigrant communities - and are asking: "what can I do?" The training is a concrete way to answer that question by receiving education & legal training - and taking specific action through legislative lobbying.

If you have attended previous legal training, you might want to refresh your knowledge and learn new ways to support the immigrant community through legislation - as the training has been updated following the experience in Minnesota.

Our work together is grounded in our two core values: everyone is a beloved child of God and a commitment to non-violence.

This training will provide guidance on how stay within the law when you:

- are protesting
- are a friend or bystander during ICE and CBP actions and arrests
- are documenting ICE and CBP actions and arrests
- are protecting your home, school, place of worship, or business from ICE and CBP

Legislative advocacy training will include:

- updates and information on state legislation to protect our immigrant communities
- legislative process 101 (how it happens and who your reps are)
- tips on effective advocacy

May 17 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm St. Luke's Episcopal Church (East Greenwich) [Registration](#)

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 May 17, 2026

First Reading

Philippians 1:12-14, 18b-26

Paul writing from prison to the church in Philippi. Whether alive or dead Paul rejoices in the Lord.

¹² I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, ¹⁴ and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

^{18b} Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my salvation. ²⁰ It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way but that by my speaking with all boldness Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

How do the Bible readings speak to you?



Emanuel's Choir



**The choir meets on
Sundays at 9AM
in the sanctuary.**

**All who like to make
music are welcome.**

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.

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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No Sunday school

Memorial Day weekend May 24th



the Sunday before Memorial Day
Sunday May 24th

Sermon Topics



Narrative Lectionary September 7 – May 24

5/17 The Christ Hymn

5/24 Pentecost & Confirmation Rite

5/31 Trinity Sunday!

6/7 Summer sermon series begins

6/14 Summer sermon series continues

During the summer June 7th through September 6th we will be doing several sermon series. If you have an idea for a sermon series, please let Pastor Todd know. Thank you.

pastor@emanuelww.org

Worship Assistants

	<i>May 17</i>	<i>Pentecost May 24</i>
Counter	Kathy Marco	Linda Mensinger Nunez
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Sue Auger	Kathy Garriott
Lay Minister	-	Tim Hart
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister	Diane Gadoury	Bruce Johnson
Acolyte		
Ushers	Pauline LaVallee & Brandee Muncey	Carlton & Linda Sami
Lector	Song Edwards	confirmand
Coffee Hour	volunteer needed	Confirmation Celebration!

May's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for May is given by Georgette Clark
In loving memory of **Donald Clark**

This Week at Emanuel

Monday, May 11	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, May 12	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
	4:45pm	Chrisitan Education Committee (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Bazaar Craft Night (FH)
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Committee (ONLINE)

Wednesday, May 13	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, May 14	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)

Friday, May 15	9:00am	Sue in the office

Saturday, May 16		

Sunday, May 17	8:00am	Worship in Person
7 th Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School (FH) & Confirmation (JH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
	12:00pm	Readers of Emanuel book club (JH)

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, May 18	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, May 19	9:00am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
	6:30pm	Bazaar Craft Night (FH)

Wednesday, May 20	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, May 21		

Friday, May 22	9:00am	Sue in the office
	6:30pm	Confirmand/Mentor mini golf/ice cream

Saturday, May 23		

Sunday, May 24	8:00am	Worship in Person
Pentecost	9:00am	Choir
Confirmation Rite	9:15am	Sunday School (FH)
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

Matthias, Apostle

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160

Monday, May 18, 2026

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.