

Sunday school & Confirmation



Starting Up September 13th

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If you have questions, please contact
Pastor Todd - pastor@emanuelww.org

Emanuel's 140th Anniversary



Celebration Picnic!

You are invited – Free Lunch!
Sunday September 13th at 12 Noon

**Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Drinks, Bouncy House, Corn Hole
Tournament, Limbo Contest, fun**

**at Emanuel Lutheran Church
20 Leaf Street, West Warwick, RI 02893**

Bring your friends & family!

Congregations of the Rhode Island Conference You are invited



Attleboro, MA – Immanuel Lutheran Church
Barrington, RI - St. James Lutheran Church
Charlestown, RI - St. Andrew Lutheran Church
East Greenwich, RI – First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fairhaven, MA - Trinity Lutheran Church
Kingston, RI – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Newport, RI – St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Pawtucket, RI – St. Matthew Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence, RI – Church Beyond the Walls
Providence, RI – Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Providence, RI – La Iglesia Evangélica Luterana del Sur
de Providence
Warwick, RI – Pilgrim Lutheran Church
Warwick, RI – St. Paul Lutheran Church & Bethany Ministry
West Warwick, RI – Emanuel Lutheran Church

Saturday October 17th

What: Come meet fellow Lutherans from all 14 congregations in the RI Conference of the New England Synod. Each congregation will give a 5 minute talk on what is happening at their congregation – the successes and the challenges.

Lunch will be provided by Thrivent Financial.

Who: Everyone who belongs to a congregation in the RI Conference

When: Saturday October 17th 10:30AM to 1PM

Where: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 15 Hayes St, Providence, RI

Parking: Across the street at the Providence Place parking garage.

This is a chance to foster connections and allow God's Spirit to draw us together and lead us.

August's Monthly Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, August 20th 12:30PM

at the **Crow's Nest**

288 Arnolds Neck Dr, Warwick, RI 02886

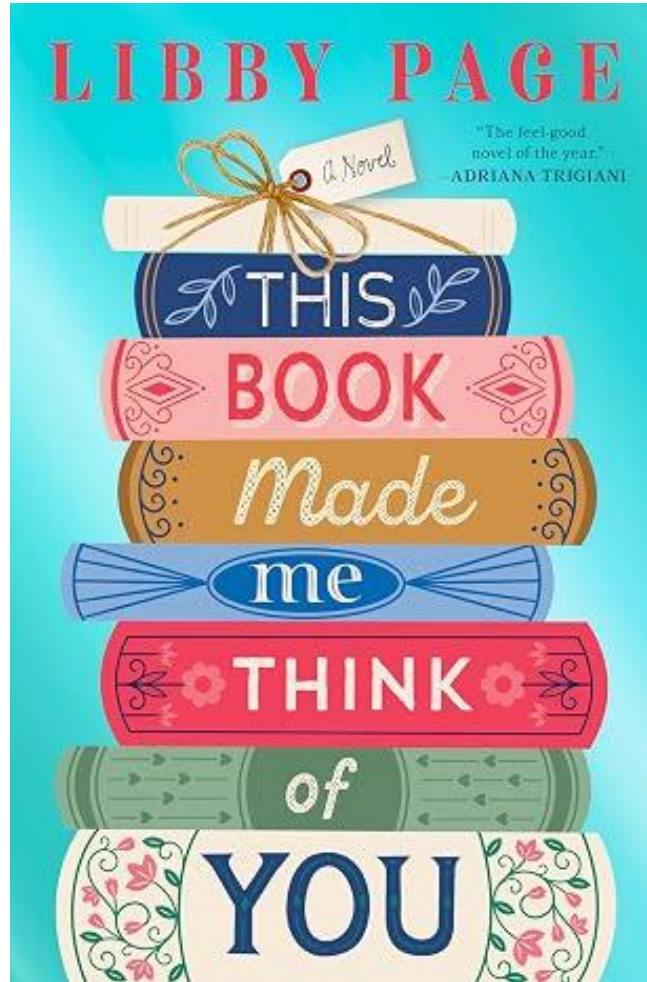
If you would like to go, please email or call Marcia Melanson at

Phone: 401-742-8417

Email: mmelan4@outlook.com

Friends welcome!

Readers of Emanuel



Emanuel's book club is reading **"This Book Made Me Think of You"** by Libby Page

A national bestseller. Named one of Amazon's Best Books of the Year So Far 2026.

When Tilly Nightingale receives a call telling her there's a birthday gift from her husband waiting for her at her local bookshop, it couldn't come as more of a shock. Her husband died five months before. The gift is simple – twelve carefully-chosen books from her husband, one for each month.

Praised as "the feel-good novel of the year" —an emotional and uplifting story about one woman's reading-inspired journey to live, dream, and love again.

We will meet **Sunday August 30th** at ~10:45AM in Jacobs Hall to enjoy fellowship, food and discuss the book. Everyone is welcome!

Flock your friends!

New FUNdraiser at Emanuel this summer!



For \$20 you can send a flock of flamingos to someone's yard for one week!

If you are flocked and wish to have your flamingos removed early, you can do so at the bargain price of \$15.

If you wish to keep your flock longer, you can also do so for \$15.

Don't want to be flocked at all? Buy protection from flocking for the summer for \$50.

Please email **flockemanuel@yahoo.com** to arrange to flock someone's yard, or to arrange your protection. Please be sure to include your name and cell phone number as well as the recipients address in your email!

Payment can be placed in the offering if labeled clearly that it is for flocking or can be given directly to Margaret Teehan or Jenn Hadden!

Thank you and happy flocking!

Summer Worship Schedule



One service at 9:15am

June 21 through September 6

Did You Know?



Emanuel has generated \$3,645 in income so far in 2026 from the energy created from the solar panels on the church's roof.

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 August 16, 2026

First Reading

Genesis 19:14-26

Two angels warn Lot and his family to flee Sodom and Gomorrah before God destroys the cities. Lot's sons-in-law think he is joking, Lot asks if he can flee to a town that's closer instead of the mountains, and finally Lot's wife looks back after being told not to and becomes a pillar of salt.

¹⁴ Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry his daughters. He said, "Hurry and get out of this place, because the LORD is about to destroy the city!" But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.

¹⁵ With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished."

¹⁶ When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them.

¹⁷ As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, "Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!"

¹⁸ But Lot said to them, "No, my lords, please! ¹⁹ Your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can't flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I'll die. ²⁰ Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn't it? Then my life will be spared."

²¹ He said to him, "Very well, I will grant this request too; I will not overthrow the town you speak of. ²² But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it." (That is why the town was called Zoar.)

²³ By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land. ²⁴ Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens. ²⁵ Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land. ²⁶ But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Gospel

Luke 17:20-37

Jesus telling his disciples when the kingdom of God will come tells them to remember Lot's wife. For the kingdom of God is not behind us in our old lives, in front of us in the new lives God is calling us into.

²⁰ Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, ²¹ nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst."

²² Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. ²³ People will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. ²⁴ For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

²⁶ "Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

²⁸ "It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. ²⁹ But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

³⁰ "It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹ On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. ³² Remember Lot's wife! ³³ Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. ³⁴ I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. ³⁵ Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left." [³⁶]

³⁷ "Where, Lord?" they asked. He replied, "Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather."

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.

Check your Thrivent Financial account.



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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 During the summer Sundays at 9:15AM



What to Do - if You would Like to Come to On-line Worship

Just click on the Zoom link below on Sunday at 9:15AM:

<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](#)

www.emanuelww.org

Sermon Topics



Summer 2026 Sermon Series (13 Sundays)

Rediscovering Lost Women of the Bible

June 14: The daughters of Zelophehad

June 21: Deborah and Jael

June 28: Jezebel

July 5: Orpah

The Rapture

July 12: End Times and the Rapture

Psalms

July 19: Psalm 23

July 26: Psalm 88

August 2: Psalm 139

Guest Preacher

August 9: Marge LeBeau preaching!

Hard Passages of the Bible

August 16: Lot's Wife Turning to Salt

August 23: Ecclesiastes

August 30: Balaam and His Donkey

God & Sex

September 6: Does God want us to have sex?

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

For Healing & Comfort: Camille Mangiameli (friend of Jenn Hadden), Thomas Morelli (Jenn Hadden's uncle), Ralph & Carol Julinelli (friends of the food pantry), Karin Kohl & Pastor Dennis Kohl (friends of Pastor Todd), Cathy Alteri (friend of Christine Stinson), John Saritelli & Bill Waring (Joanne Powers) Amanda Hedger & Shirley Stovall (friends of the food pantry)

Worship Assistants

	<i>August 16</i>	<i>August 23</i>
Counter	Glenn Johnson	Kathy Marco
	9:15AM	9:15AM
Lay Minister	Song Edwards	Tim Hart
Acolyte		
Ushers	Diane Gadoury & Molly Beaudoin	Mark & Marcia Melanson
Lector	Danielle David	Elaine Marsh
Coffee Hour	volunteer needed	volunteer needed

August's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for August is given by Susan Auger In
loving memory of **Dougl Auger**

This Week at Emanuel

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

Tuesday, August 11	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
	10:30am	Christian Education Committee (PO)
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Committee ONLINE

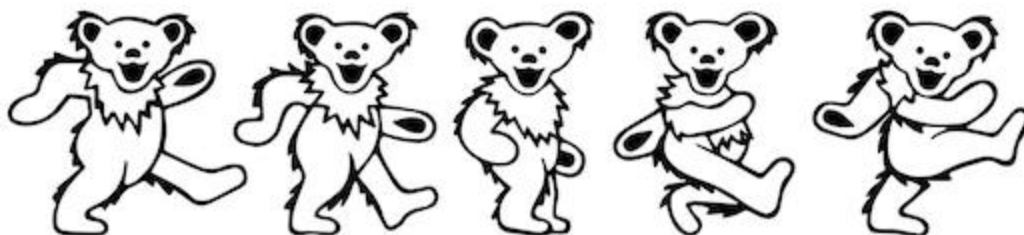
Wednesday, August 12	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, August 13	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)

Friday, August 14	9:00am	Elaine Marsh in the office

Saturday, August 15		

Sunday, August 16	9:15am	Worship in Person & Online
12 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:15am	Coffee Hour



Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, August 17	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, August 18	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM

Wednesday, August 19	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, August 20	12:30pm	Monthly Lunch at the Crow's Nest in Warwick

Friday, August 21	9:00am	Sue in the office

Saturday, August 22		

Sunday, August 23	9:15am	Worship in Person & Online
13 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:15am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs

Friday, August 14, 2026

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Saturday, August 15, 2026

The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.