

September's Potluck Coffee Hour this Sunday September 6th



Theme: Summer Swan Song (end of summer)

The first Sunday of each month we have a themed potluck coffee hour. The theme for September is "Summer Swan Song!"

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



This year's bazaar is **Saturday, November 14** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and **Sunday, November 15** from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The bazaar committee is looking for help with the raffle. Any of the following would be gratefully accepted.

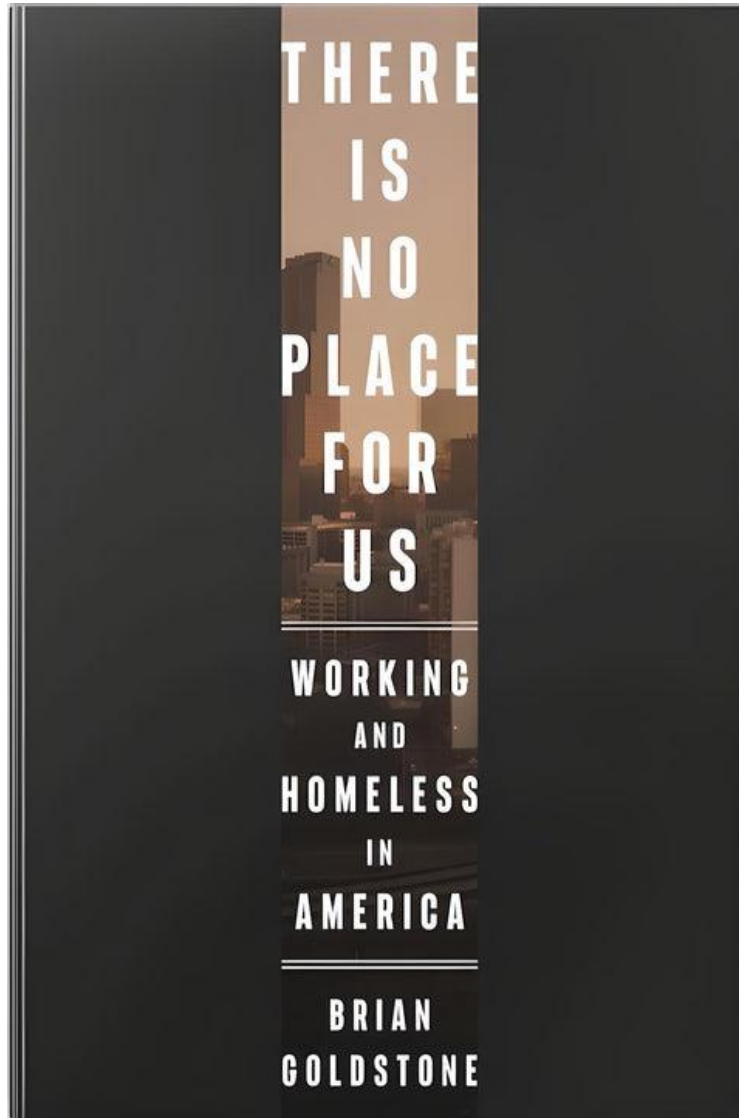
- Gift Cards for our major raffle
- Gift certificates to local establishments.
- Items for baskets. These can be single items or multiple themed items (wine, liquor, candy, garden themed items, etc.) Your ideas are welcome as well.
- Cash donations to help us purchase raffle items.

If you can help, contact

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Carol Johnson at (401) 323-9542, cmjohnson1220@gmail.com

Readers of Emanuel



Emanuel's book club is reading
“There is No Place for Us” by **Brian Goldstone**

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize 2025. One of the New York Times and The Atlantic's Ten Best Books of the Year.

The book documents the story of five Atlanta families struggling to remain housed in a gentrifying, increasingly unequal city. They represent a new trend - working Americans who cannot afford a place to live.

We will meet **Sunday October 4th** at ~12PM in Jacobs Hall to enjoy fellowship, food and discuss the book. Everyone is welcome!

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!

Did You Know?



In August Emanuel's food pantry provided 18,085 pounds of food to 391 people in need and we served 27 new families.

Sunday school & Confirmation



Starting Up September 13th

Sunday school & Confirmation 9:15AM

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

TRI-STATE VASA DAY

CT District #1 ☀ MA District #2 ☀ RI District #3

AT LITTLE RHODY

Little Rhody Vasa Park, 10 Boswell Trail, Foster, RI

Saturday, September 12th

\$7/Adults, 12 & Under free!

- ✧ Hot Dogs
- ✧ Swedish Pancakes
- ✧ Swedish Meatballs on-a-stick
- ✧ Swedish Coffee Bread
- ✧ Sill Sandwiches
- ✧ Clam Chowder, Clam Cakes
- ✧ Children's Games
- ✧ The Sawdust Pile, Tombola, Raffle



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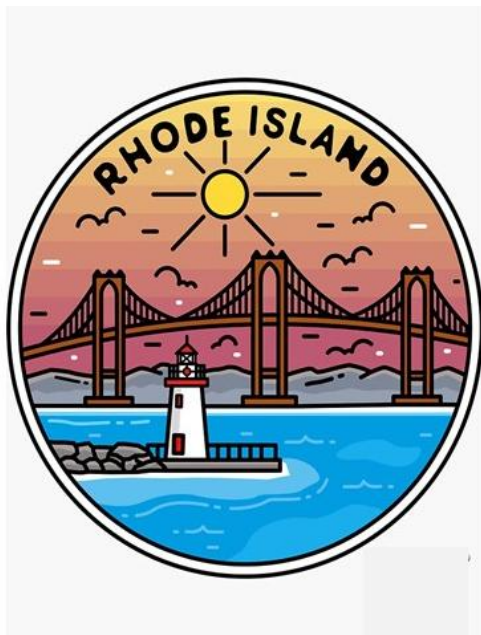
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Music & Entertainment

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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.

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!

One more Sunday Summer Worship Schedule



(Lake Ontario, Fair Haven, NY)

One service at 9:15am

June 21 through September 6

Emanuel's Choir



**The choir will be starting back up
Sunday September 13th
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 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 September 6, 2026

First Reading

Genesis 1:26-31

In Genesis chapter 1 God creates people in the image of God, both male and female at the same time. God then blesses them and gives them a commandment - to be fruitful and multiply.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Second Reading

Song of Songs 7:1-13

The Song of Songs was written by Solomon, the 3rd king of Israel in his younger years. It is a collection of love poems between a young woman (the beloved) and her partner (presumably Solomon). The poems trace their journey through courtship, marriage, and deep emotional attachment. The poem in chapter 7 is a celebration of romantic love, mutual desire, and physical closeness within marriage.

How graceful are your feet in sandals,

O queenly maiden!

Your rounded thighs are like jewels,
the work of a master hand.

² Your navel is a rounded bowl;
may it never lack mixed wine.

Your belly is a heap of wheat,
encircled with lilies.

³ Your two breasts are like two fawns,
twins of a gazelle.

⁴ Your neck is like an ivory tower.
Your eyes are pools in Heshbon,
by the gate of Bath-rabbim.

Your nose is like a tower of Lebanon,
overlooking Damascus.

⁵ Your head crowns you like Carmel,
and your flowing locks are like purple;
a king is held captive in the tresses.

⁶ How fair and pleasant you are,
O loved one, delectable maiden!

⁷ You are stately as a palm tree,
and your breasts are like its clusters.

⁸ I said, "I will climb the palm tree
and lay hold of its branches."
O may your breasts be like clusters of the vine,
and the scent of your breath like apples,
⁹ and your kisses like the best wine
that goes down smoothly,
gliding over lips and teeth.

¹⁰ I am my beloved's,
and his desire is for me.

¹¹ Come, my beloved,
let us go forth into the fields
and lodge in the villages;

¹² let us go out early to the vineyards;
let us see whether the vines have budded,
whether the grape blossoms have opened
and the pomegranates are in bloom.
There I will give you my love.

¹³ The mandrakes give forth fragrance,
and over our doors are all choice fruits,
new as well as old,
which I have laid up for you, O my beloved.

Gospel

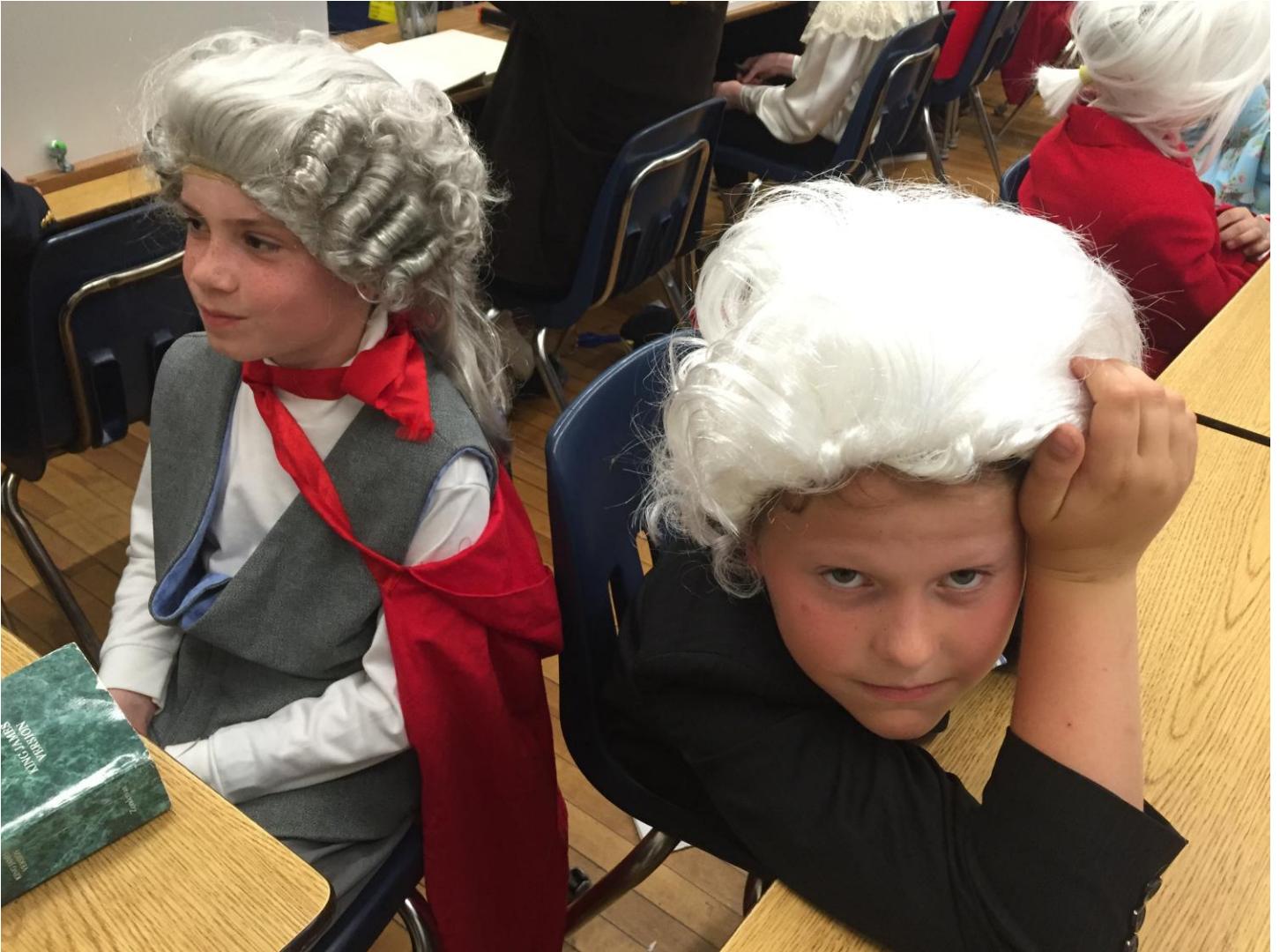
Matthew 5:27-30

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, he gives his disciples an even stricter commandment than "Do not commit adultery". Jesus tells his disciples to not stare at a woman lustfully, because doing so may lead to grave consequences. He gets the listener's attention by using hyperbole, suggesting it would be better to gouge out one's eye, if it causes you to sin.

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

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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HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

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=CHZ5RVNsdnFYcDhhNVdMKzA2VEN1QT09>

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 Grieving: the family & friends of Johnell Norton (friend of Nancy Kennedy)

Worship Assistants

	<i>September 6</i>	<i>Rally Day! September 13</i>
Counter	Song Edwards	Ken Wieboldt
		8:00AM
Lector		Kathy Marco
Lay Minister		
	9:15AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister	Tim Hart	Sue Wieboldt
Acolyte		
Ushers	Pauline LaVallee & Joanne Powers	Pauline LaVallee & Brandee Muncey
Lector	Mary Schabek	Ray Nunez
Coffee Hour	Potluck Coffee Hour Theme: Summer Swan Song	Church Picnic 140 th Anniversary!

September's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for September is given by Phyllis Gustafson
in loving memory of **John Gustafson**

This Week at Emanuel

Monday, August 31	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)

Tuesday, September 1	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, September 2	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, September 3	6:30pm	Finance Committee ONLINE

Friday, September 4	9:00am	Sue in the office

Saturday, September 5		

Sunday, September 6	9:15am	Worship in Person & Online
15 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:15am	Potluck Coffee Hour – Theme: Summer Swan Song



Next Week at Emanuel

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

Tuesday, September 8	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM

Wednesday, September 9	10:00am	Ellie's Circle (JH)

Thursday, September 10	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)

Friday, September 11 Emanuel's 140 th Anniversary	9:00am 12:00pm	Sue in the office Bells Tolling to mark 25 th anniversary of 9/11

Saturday, September 12		

Sunday, September 13 16 th Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day!	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship in Person Choir Sunday school (FH) & Confirmation (JH) Worship in Person & Online Church Picnic 140 th Anniversary Celebration!

Upcoming Commemorations

Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

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

[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.