Rhode Island Lutheran Gathering

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

this 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.

Order of Healing

this Sunday October 18th

During worship this Sunday October 18th 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)*

BAZAAR CRAFT NIGHTS

TUESDAYS @ 6:30

OCTOBER

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All are welcome!

GREENWICH BAY WOMEN'S CLUB

MUSIC BINGO

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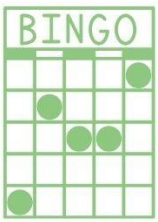

Saturday, October 17th

Doors open @ 7 pm • Games start @ 7:30 pm

The East Greenwich Veteran Fireman's Club
80 Queen St, East Greenwich RI 02818

B.Y.O.S. (Bring Your own snacks) / Beverages available for purchase

Help support:

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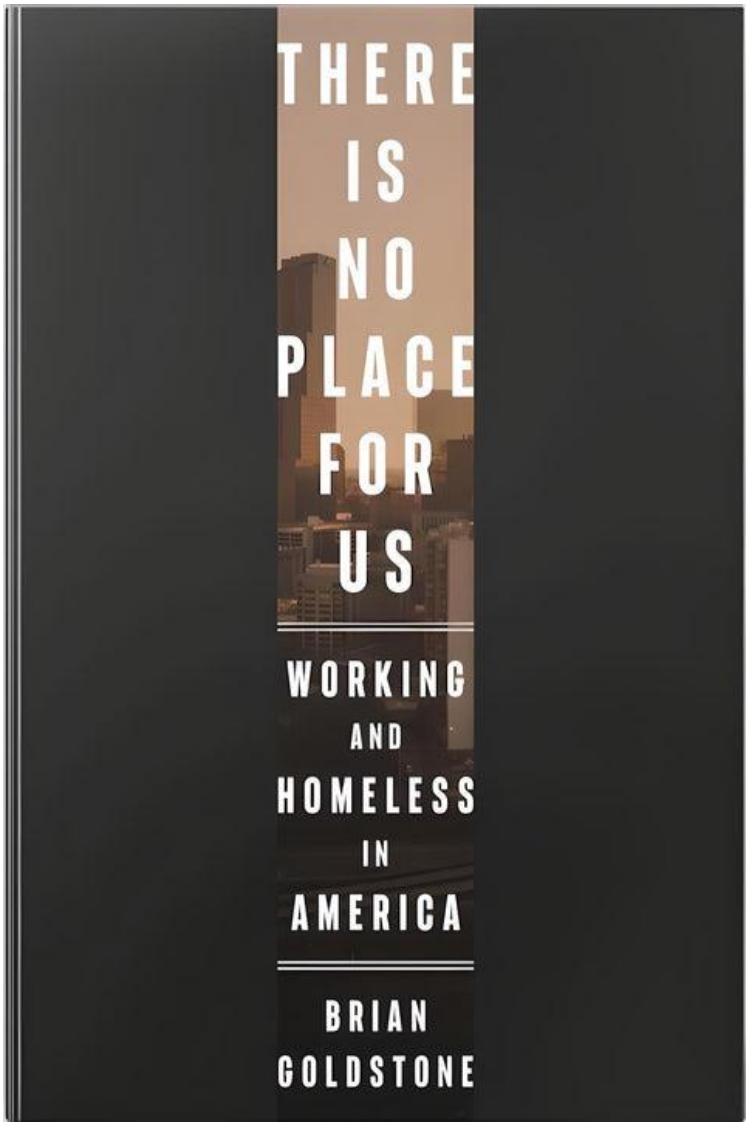
Tickets available at the door, pay by scanning QR code or contact Linda Sami (401) 855-4774

Readers of Emanuel
RESCHEDULED -> Sunday October 25th



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 25th** at ~12PM in Jacobs Hall to enjoy fellowship, food and discuss the book. Everyone is welcome!

Fall Bazaar at Emanuel

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
Sue Wieboldt at (401) 397-9845, susieq3380@gmail.com or
Carol Johnson at (401) 323-9542, cmjohnson1220@gmail.com

Christmas Concert at Emanuel!

When: **Sunday November 29, 2026** @ 2PM
Where: In the Sanctuary at Emanuel - 20 Leaf St, West Warwick
Who: Emanuel Choir AND singers and musicians from the congregation and the larger community.
Why: Fundraiser to benefit our food pantry!

The concert is free and open to the public. Cash or check donations encouraged to help support our food pantry during the Holiday Season.

Sign up for to perform 1-3 Holiday songs with Nancy by:
– calling or texting her @ 401-374-2017
OR email: kennedyn17@gmail.com

Deadline for signing up to perform is Friday, October 30, 2026

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Thursday September 10, 2026

Attendees: Song Edwards, Myron Gadoury, Bruce Johnson, Marcia Melanson, Mark Melanson, Ray Nunez, Pastor Todd Stange, Ken Wieboldt, Sue Wieboldt.

Absent: Margaret Teehan, Jenn Hadden, Jake Johnson

Date: 9/10/2026
Duration: 88 min, 43 sec

OPENING DEVOTIONS
* Reflection on the 9/11 Anniversary and Church Purpose. Pastor Todd shared a reflection with the council in light of the upcoming 9/11 anniversary.
* Emanuel will participate in a ringing of the bells to mark the 9/11 25th anniversary tomorrow at noon, which will last for a duration of four minutes.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES
* Carol Johson, our treasurer, asked for a modification to the June council meeting minutes.
* A sentence talking about how the air conditioners were paid for was not accurate. Carol suggested we insert the following language instead "We received $953 in donations from the congregation for the new air conditioners. This is shown as earmarked funds in the Treasurer's report. The air conditioners were purchased with these funds plus $4,273 that was allocated from Emanuel's endowment fund. After purchasing the air conditioners there was a little left over from the endowment funds. These leftover funds were used towards the fire code work."
* A motion was made and seconded to approve the modified June minutes; the motion was approved.
* Review and Approval of July Minutes
  * The July minutes were reviewed at the August council meeting, but we did not have a quorum to approve them.
* A motion was made and seconded to approve the July minutes; the motion was approved.
* Review and Approval of August Minutes
* At the August council meeting there was a discussion about whether or not the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by Emanuel and Joyful Noise and whether or not there is a copy in the office.
* Ken clarified that the MOU has been signed by Jen Marchetti, the Joyful Noise director, and Ken Wieboldt, the council president, and a signed copy is in the office.
* It's not clear if the final version of the MOU was seen by and/or discussed by Joyful Noise's board of directors.
* A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes from August's council meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BUDGET SHORTFALLS
* A question was raised regarding the "Giving versus Estimate" report. The actual giving estimate is $5,750 over what was expected. However, the treasurer's report shows a shortfall of $9,800

* Although income was higher than expected, it still failed to meet the projected budget, which had anticipated a 10% to 15% shortfall. This shortfall started at the beginning of the year due to higher-than-expected snow removal costs.
* Carol Johnson, our treasurer, will attend next month's meeting to discuss these financial details and answer questions.
* Thrivent Savings (Memorial Funds): $4,100 was taken out of this account to pay for the recent boiler repair.
* Endowment Account: Currently holds $178,000. The account made $10,000 this year. 75% of the gain of the Endowment account will be distributed next year. UP to 60% of the distribution can be used to help support Emanuel's ministries – including maintaining the property.
* Property Budget for this year is nearly depleted, with only approximately $500 remaining.
* Insurance Policy: Expected to increase by 10% next year. This is after a large increase last year.
* Energy Credit for the solar panel installation: All the paperwork was submitted months ago. We are still waiting to hear back.
* Snow Removal: The snow removal budget is currently $1,500 behind, with a total shortfall of $2,500. A bad snow season is predicted again this year.
* Monthly Giving: Had an estimated budget of $9,800, but actual giving was $7,800.
* Solar Energy Revenue: The church received over $1,000 from solar power credits/payments in the past month. The payments come from Joyful Noise paying Emanuel for electricity.
* On page 3 of the Treasurer's report, Joyful Noise Income and Rent are combined with Sunday offerings collected in church under the column titled "Sunday Offering Regular Giving/Rent". Joyful Noise rent is $750 per month.

FOOD PANTRY STRUCTURE AND GRANT MANAGEMENT

* A recommendation was presented to evaluate the opportunity for the food bank to become an independent 501(c)(3) entity. Under this proposed model, the food pantry would rent space from the church and help with church expenses.
* Other churches have successfully used this model to secure grants for church buildings that house food banks, which could help with church budget strains like the $15,000 to $40,000 needed for new boilers. Food pantries have access to grants that churches are not able to apply for.
* The food bank leader (Myron) expressed strong opposition to this proposal. Myron stated "The food bank is an outreach of the church. The Food bank isn't here to make money for the church. The church is here to support the food bank." Myron is not interested in running the food pantry if it's forced to change the structure.
* Myron stated that grants can already be applied for under the church's existing 501(c)(3) umbrella. The food pantry is currently self-sustaining with approximately $20,000 to $21,000 in funds, including a recent $5,000 grant received two weeks ago.
* The church is struggling to pay for the maintenance of the building. If the food pantry can get grants to help with building maintenance, should we not explore that possibility?
* The council would like more information from Sarah Groleau regarding how other churches with food pantries generate revenue to help with church expenses.

BOILER REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT STRATEGY

* $4,100 was spent last month on repairs to keep the boiler running.
* The contractor has been recommending a full replacement of the boiler for two years.

* The newly installed parts from the recent repair can be reused in a new boiler.
* If the boiler fails during the winter, a replacement will take two weeks. This would require shutting down the daycare and potentially the church for those two weeks.
* Emanuel has a 2 boiler system. If one of them fails, a single boiler could supply heat and hot water during a mild month like October, but a failure in November or December (colder months) would likely leave the building with no heat or hot water.
* What about electric heat, if the boilers fail? Joyful Noise has heat pumps/air conditioners that could be used to supply heat, but they are shut off in the winter, they are not in all rooms, and they would not provide sufficient heat. Additionally, relying on electric heat in the past caused frozen pipes.
* Replacement Cost and Funding Options. The previous quote for one boiler was approximately $15,000. The contractor is currently preparing a new quote. The new boiler is expected to cost more than the previous quote due to building code changes requiring all PVC piping to be replaced with CPVC.
* The finance committee suggested a line of credit to pay for the replacement. Sarah Groleau recommended considering a line of credit to avoid liquidating money market funds in Emanuel's saving account in a down market. The line of credit is viewed as a fallback for emergency expenses, such as immediate boiler repairs. A past line of credit was obtained at 1.5%, but current rates are estimated to be around 6.5% to 6.9%.
* Some members expressed concern about paying an estimated 6%, 7%, or 8% interest when internal funds are available.
* An alternative option is to borrow from Emanuel's Thrivent savings account. This account is invested in mutual funds. Borrowing from this account would require selling a portion of the mutual funds/stocks. The downside to this is that we would no longer make money when the funds go up. Also, if an emergency comes up, then we would have less or no savings to deal with it. And it may be harder to get a line of credit then.
* Sarah Groleau raised concerns about the church's long-term financial trend, noting - a lot of money has been taken out of savings over the past couple years. At this rate the savings will not last much longer.
* The council must make the final decision on how to fund the project. The group discussed comparing the interest rate of a line of credit against the Thrivent account earnings percentage. If the Thrivent account is earning 5% and a line of credit costs 6%, they agreed a line of credit would not make sense.
* The Finance Committee will discuss the viability and interest rates of this option at their next meeting.

GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

* Matthew 25 House Grants - Matthew 25 House was a joint venture built by B. Reynolds Co. for low-income housing, located in the parking lot behind St. Paul Bethany Lutheran Church in Warwick.
* The Matthew 25 House board recently adjusted their constitution to allow them to distribute grants to outside organizations. Pilgrim Lutheran Church received a grant from them to install air conditioning units.
* According to their website, the criteria for funding is very specific; they would fund a room renovation for a homeless person, but would not pay for a boiler.
* Pastor Todd reached out to Pilgrim Lutheran Church and is waiting to hear back on how they secured their funding.

DAYCARE FLOORING PROJECT AND PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS

* Joyful Noise daycare received insurance money for a new floor downstairs. The insurance money was from the toilet overflow incident earlier in the year.
* They would like to install laminate flooring in the room that currently has rubber flooring. This flooring was damaged during the flood and was repaired by Emanuel. The Property Committee cleaned the damaged tiles reinstalled them with a rubber seam, so Joyful could resume business quickly.
* Joyful Noise indicated the issue with the flooring is cosmetic; they need the facility to look good to justify charging clients.
* The church paid for the original rubber floor in 2014. It cost $3 per square foot at the time (now $7 per square foot), making it a $14,000 floor.
* The daycare originally requested the rubber floor in 2014 to prevent children from hurting themselves on a hard floor. Laminate will result in a hard floor again.
* Joyful Noise has not yet provided a quote for the installation of the new laminate flooring.
* The Property Committee has some concerns. They require that the existing rubber floor be ripped up first before any laminate flooring can be installed. According to a remediation company, laying laminate directly on top of the rubber floor would cause mold to breed underneath.
* The existing rubber flooring would need to be removed, the floor needs to be leveled, and a vapor barrier and pad will need to be installed.
* The new flooring must be commercial/industrial grade rather than residential.
* It's not clear if Joyful Noise has received enough insurance money to do all this and have the new laminate flooring installed properly.
* Joyful proposed having a friend install the floor, but the church requires a licensed and insured contractor. The contractor must provide a certificate of insurance (COI).
* A council member (Song Edwards) volunteered to take the old rubber flooring to use in her garage and will pay the church for it.
* Decisions and Action Items - The council agreed to give the go-ahead with specific conditions: that the existing rubber flooring is removed, that a vapor barrier is put down under the new laminate flooring, that commercial grade laminate flooring be used, and that a licensed and insured contractor be used.
* Joyful Noise should make sure they have enough money before they proceed.
* Myron will communicate this to Joyful Noise next week.

UPSTAIRS HOUSING AND FIRE CODE REGULATIONS

* The family that was living in the upstairs parsonage have left. They found an apartment in West Warwick.
* Myron Gadoury noted that the fire code requires two means of egress for a living space where there are tenants.
* If we were to house people in the parsonage again, we would first need to install a fire escape ladder. This may require the 2nd story window that faces the courtyard to be replaced by a door leading to a fire escape ladder that would go down to the courtyard.
* Additionally, a boarding room permit would need to be applied for every year. Rhode Island law requires compliance for operating a boarding or rooming house, or renting three or more rooms. Although the church is not renting, the fire marshal has stated they must comply with the code.
* Questions were raised if a rope ladder could be used instead of a physical fire escape.

Concern was raised if occupants would be physically able to use a rope ladder in the case of emergency.
* There was discussion if the fire escape could be done out of a different side of the church – towards the parking lot, or towards the back of the building, so as not to disturb the look of the courtyard. It's not clear if these other alternatives would be approved or not. The parking lot side of the church has a handicap ramp.
* Question was raised if the church could get a waiver and not have to have a
* Additionally, there are space and capacity Limits. Code requirements dictate "80 square feet for the first person and 60 square feet for each additional person."
* Because the upstairs room is only about 140 square feet, legally it cannot house more than two people.
* Housing a family would require a second room upstairs. Providing a second room would require the church to either give up the front room used for counting and as Michael's office, or use the Christian Ed room at the back of the second floor.
* The church is facing financial difficulties currently. We may not be able to afford putting in a fire escape now. However, we may be able to get a grant to help pay for this type of housing project. Myron believes he can write a grant to Matthew 25 to cover the cost of the egress.
* It was expressed that maybe we need a break from hosting occupants for a time to evaluate our options.
* Myron will contact the fire marshal and the minimum housing authority after his vacation to clarify the exact exit requirements. The Pastor requested to be present for the meeting with the fire marshal.
* Myron will get a price estimate once the exit specifications are determined.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS
* A a leaking toilet was replaced that could not be repaired.
* Removing the toilet revealed that the floor underneath was completely rotted.
* A temporary fix was completed by replacing pipes and flanges to "buy some time," costing $1,200.
* The floor will eventually need to be cut out and redone. Myron plans to cut the floor out himself to save on labor costs.
* Rotary Club Sign Request - Myron joined the local Rotary group, which supports the food pantry with "thousands of dollars" and recently donated approximately 20,000 meals.
* The Rotary group wants to put up a 30-inch circular, double-sided International Rotary sign on London Avenue, right above/next to the Emmanuel wall sign, to raise awareness. It features a blue star design. A QR code will be added to the sign once the Rotary website is running, allowing people to scan it for information. The sign will be located along New London Avenue.
* It was noted the Rotary's history of charitable work: the Rotary is responsible for the cure for polio. They raised millions of dollars for it. They also support the homeless, nursing homes, and Coventry High School grants.
* Decision: A motion to put the sign up was made and approved by the council.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
* Preparations are underway for Sunday School and confirmation classes.
* Sunday School teachers for this year are Danielle (older class), Kathy Garriott, Kathy Marco, Joanne Powers, and Carly Stange. Carly Stange stepped in to replace Olivia Katz, who had

to withdraw due to her busy schedule in a nurse practitioner master's program.
* Ray Nunez and Pastor Todd are leading confirmation. There are currently six known confirmands.
* Pastor Todd will be away from Monday September 14th through the 29th. Marge LeBeua will help teach confirmation on 9/20 while pastor's away.

WORSHIP

* Worship services will return to their regular times of 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM starting this Sunday.
* Langdon Clough will lead worship on 9/20. Sue Wieboldt will preside on 9/27. The bishop has granted both permission to preside over holy communion on those Sundays.
* We will have a baptism on November 22nd. This will be the first baptism in a couple of years.
* 140th Anniversary and Rally Picnic Preparation for Sunday September 13th
* The church received a video sent by the bishop for the 140th anniversary, which will be played during worship on Sunday.
* Michael is scheduled to cook for the rally/picnic (including hamburgers and other items). He obtained two Thrivent grants: one for food and one for a bouncy house.
* Susan set up coordination for salads and other food items; potato salad is being made, Mary is making the cake, Linda is procuring paper goods, and an unnamed member is getting drinks and bringing games.
* A group of people from the food bank is expected to attend.
* There is a 90% chance of rain forecast, with steady rain in the morning and showers continuing into the afternoon. The council discussed whether or not the event should be postponed.
* Rescheduling was dismissed because food has already been purchased, and rescheduling would push the event to October when it is colder.
* The event will be held inside the fellowship hall, which can easily accommodate the expected turnout of approximately 50 people.
* To cook outside, Michael can use a 10x10 hot pink pop-up tent loaned by a member, or search the church attic for alternative tents.
* Action Item:* Because the bouncy house is already paid for by a grant, a coordinator will call the provider tomorrow to see if they can cancel and receive credit for next year, or get their recommendation. If cancellation or credit is not possible, they will let the provider bring it anyway.

FUNDRAISING

* The Flamingo Flock fundraiser has raised $700 so far.

RI LUTHERAN GATHERING ON SATURDAY 10/17

* The Rhode Island Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th. Thrivent is providing the lunch, and an estimated headcount is needed by the end of September. Only a few people (including Diane and another member) have signed up so far. Attendees are urged to write their names down even if they are only considering going.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

What do you think?

Should the sanctuary be quiet before worship?

Some like a time of silence before worship, a time to pray, or think, or just center themselves.

Some like to say hello to friends they haven't seen all week. It's an important time of social connection.

What do you think?

If you have thoughts, please let Pastor Todd know – in person or with an email: pastor@emanuelww.org

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays 9am to 10am

Join us Tuesdays at Emanuel
in Jacobs Hall for

Bible Study

Let's explore the Bible together.
Everyone welcome.

Emanuel's Choir

The choir meets on Sundays at 9AM in the music room.

All who like to make music are welcome.

Help Wanted

Looking for help hosting coffee hour. If you could host coffee hour one Sunday, it would be greatly appreciated.

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 October 18, 2026

First Reading — Joshua 24:1-15

In this farewell speech, Joshua goes through the history of God's relationship with the Israelites and calls on them to respond by choosing to serve only the Lord.

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders,
the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves
before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived
beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from
beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring
many. I gave him Isaac, 4 and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill
country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

5 Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst, and
afterward I brought you out. 6 When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came
to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to
the Red Sea. 7 When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and
the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them, and your eyes
saw what I did to Egypt. Afterward you lived in the wilderness a long time.

8 Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the
Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took
possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. 9 Then King Balak son of
Zippor of Moab set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor
to curse you, 10 but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you, so I rescued
you out of his hand.

11 When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought
against you, as well as the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the
Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I handed them over to you. 12 I sent
swarms of hornets ahead of you that drove out before you the two kings of the
Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. 13 I gave you a land on which you
had not labored and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the
fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant.

14 "Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put
away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve
the LORD. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will
serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the
gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD."

Second Reading **Joshua 24:16-28**

The Israelites choose to serve the Lord. Joshua erects a stone monument to serve as a witness to the solemn promise the people made to serve the Lord.

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to
serve other gods, 17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up
from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in
our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples
through whom we passed, 18 and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the
Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our
God."

19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He
is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the
LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you,
after having done you good."

21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!"

22 Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you
have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses."

23 He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your
hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." 24 The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God
we will serve, and him we will obey."

25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and
ordinances for them at Shechem. 26 Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law
of God, and he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary
of the LORD.

27 Joshua said to all the people, "See, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has
heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness
against you if you deal falsely with your God." 28 So Joshua sent the people away to
their inheritances.

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** 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 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=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

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Sermon Topics

Narrative Lectionary September 13 – May 16

10/18 Joshua Renews the Covenant

10/25 David & Bathsheba (Reformation Sunday)

11/ 1 Solomon's Wisdom (All Saints' Sunday)

11/8 Elisha Heals Naaman

11/15 The prophet Micah

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

For Healing & Comfort: Roger Bonin (friend of Lucy Ogden), Leonardo & Senafina Marco (Kathy Marco's new twin grandbabies born 10/9/26), Bill Edwards (Song's husband), Fred Linden (friend of Pastor Todd's from Pilgrim Lutheran), Karin Kohl & Pastor Dennis Kohl (friends of Pastor Todd), Joseph Starnino (Tuesday Bible study)

The flowers this coming **Sunday October 18th** are given by Birgit Neumann in loving memory of **Anita &Gunter Neumann.**

Worship Assistants

	Order of Healing October 18	*Reformation Sunday* October 25
Counter	Ken Wieboldt	Song Edwards
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Garriott	Kathy Marco
Lay Minister	Tim Hart	Tim Hart
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Lay Minister	Sue Wieboldt	Bruce Johnson
Acolyte	Callie Suffoletto	Christian Pavao
Ushers	Ray & Linda Nunez	Marcia & Mark Melanson
Lector	Song Edwards	Elaine Marsh
Coffee Hour	Elaine Marsh & Sue Wieboldt	volunteer needed

October's Memorial Candle

The Memorial Candle for October is given by Mary Schabek in loving memory of **Don Schabek**

This Week at Emanuel

Monday, October 12	**10:00am**	**Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)**
	7:00pm	**Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)**
Tuesday, October 13	**10:00am**	**Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM**
	9:00am	**Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)**
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
	6:30pm	**Craft Night (FH)**
Wednesday, October 14	**10:00am**	**Ellie's Circle (JH)**
Thursday, October 15	**12:30pm**	**Monthly Lunch at Applebee's Coventry**
Friday, October 16	**9:00am**	**Sue in the office**
Saturday, October 17	**10:30am**	**RI Lutheran Gathering at Gloria Dei**
Sunday, October 18	**8:00am**	**Worship in Person**
21st Sunday after Pentecost	**9:00am**	**Choir**
Order of Healing	**9:15am**	**Sunday school (FH) & Confirmation (JH)**
	10:30am	**Worship in Person & Online**
	11:30am	**Coffee Hour**

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, October 19	**10:00am**	**Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)**
	7:00pm	**Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)**
Tuesday, October 20	**10:00am**	**Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM**
	9:00am	**Tuesday Morning Bible Study (JH)**
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM to 2PM
	6:30pm	**Craft Night (FH)**
Wednesday, October 21	**10:00am**	**Ellie's Circle (JH)**
Thursday, October 22		
Friday, October 23	**9:00am**	**Sue in the office**
Saturday, October 24		
Sunday, October 25	**8:00am**	**Worship in Person**
22nd Sunday after Pentecost	**9:00am**	**Choir**
Reformation Sunday	**9:15am**	**Sunday school (FH)**
	10:30am	**Worship in Person & Online**
	11:30am	**Coffee Hour**
	12:00pm	**Readers of Emanuel book club (JH)**

Upcoming Commemorations

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115
Saturday, October 17, 2026
Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Luke, Evangelist
Sunday, October 18, 2026
Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62
Friday, October 23, 2026
One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

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