



# Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Pastor Todd Stange

Celebrating Our 128th Year

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***Our Purpose Statement: 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***

## A Fresh Start

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A friend shared with me the other day the resolutions she's made for 2015. She was excited about the new possibilities. Her husband, she said, was less excited and hadn't bothered to make any resolutions for himself. So, she helped him by writing up a list of resolutions for him. I can only imagine his excitement.

Many people like to use the occasion of a new year to change their lives (and others' too). Resolutions are made in the hope of living differently: getting in better shape physically, reading smarter books, saving more money, being better friends, getting closer to God.

### In this edition:

- Message from Pastor Stange
- January Calendar
- Birthdays
- Upcoming Events
- And much more!

**Deadline for the February newsletter is Jan. 20th .**

Notices can be left in the office, emailed to: [emanuelwwnews@gmail.com](mailto:emanuelwwnews@gmail.com) or leave a message at: (860)-208-0762  
Thank you! -Mike Gadoury

These are all good things to aspire to, but the fact is most resolutions fall apart before the end of January and people go back to the way they were living before – in ways they are not completely happy with, in ways that cause them dis-ease.

What are people to do? Next year people can try again. Next year people can make new resolutions. But we don't have to wait that long for a fresh start.

Baptism in the life of Christians serves as the point in time when we get a fresh start. The Apostle Paul went so far as to say in baptism we are put to death and then raised to new life in Christ. That is indeed a fresh start. But for most of us – our baptisms are a distant memory, something that happened long ago. But baptism – it turns out – is more about our futures and our present – than it is about our past.

Baptism offers us a fresh start every day, but it is more than just recommitting ourselves with resolutions to be better people. Baptism is God claiming us as God's children. It's God's promise of love and forgiveness for all eternity. Baptism is God's love for us, even now, with all our faults. And baptism is God's assurance that ultimately we will get to a place when all our dis-ease is no more. No more pain, no more loneliness, no more hunger, no more worry. God promise us to bring us to a point where "God will be all in all". This is where we are headed – whether we make resolutions for ourselves or not.

I heard a story a while back about a student who was struggling to write a paper. The student wanted an 'A' or maybe even needed an 'A' to keep his scholarship. But the pressure and anxiety was making it nearly impossible for him to write the paper. When the student finally shared with the professor what was going on, the professor said, "If you need an 'A', I'll give you an 'A', I'll record it in my books today. Now, stop worrying and go write your paper."

This is the type of grace and love God showers on us in baptism – a love that sets us free to live boldly, with confidence – because we know where we are going. And this sets us free to truly love one another – even those who are difficult to love.

This new year let us be resolved to live into this love that God has for us now and in the future. Happy New Year!

Pastor Todd Stange

# YOUE UPDATE

Caroling outside of Jane Wahl's new home and Holiday Break Nerf Wars



Epiphany is Coming!

Come celebrate Epiphany at Emanuel  
on Friday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

We will celebrate with song,  
lights and wonder.



You are talented  
God has blessed you with specific  
skills & interests  
A good place to use your talents  
might be right here:

Time & Talent Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>  
During Coffee Hour (at noon)  
**Come and find out about Emanuel's ministries**  
and where you might be able to lend a hand.

Do you know where your Baptismal Candle is?

If so, dust it off and bring it to worship with you on  
Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>.

On this Baptism of Our Lord Sunday we will light all the  
baptismal candles we can find and celebrate our  
**Lord's baptism and ours.**





Hi. If you haven't already done so, please fill out your 2015 estimate of giving form and put it in the offering plate (or mail it to the church office).

Thank you.

# Thank You!

Thank you to Kat Brown for directing this year's Christmas Pageant and to all the children. Great job!

Emanuel, Thank you ALL for the generous Christmas gifts!!!  
Thank you especially for your companionship on our journey together. We're looking forward to this new year.

Love, Todd, Jill, Carly, Christian, and Aaron

**Is anyone interested in going to the  
New England Synod Assembly?**

**Specifically we are looking for a guy (a male) to represent Emanuel at the  
New England Synod Assembly in Springfield, MA  
Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you're interested or have questions,  
please contact Pastor Todd or Ken Wieboldt.  
Thank you.**





## **EMANUELS FOOD CUPBOARD**

**Its good to be a Christian and know it  
But its better to be a Christian and show it  
(Gods Little Instruction Book)      John 13:35**

This ministry supports about 12 familys each week  
Each family recieves a bag of food containing a full days range of meals,  
Pasta and Sauce,soup, vegetables Hot&Cold Cereals, Canned Fruit, Tuna,  
Peanut Butter /Jelly, Baked Beans, Pancake mix/Syrup etc  
This amounts to about \$150.00 worth of food each week.

If we believe this is a worthy mission for Emanuel we need your food donations to continue doing this mission each week otherwise we will need to change our schedule and shorten to once or twice a month.

Thank you for your support  
Food Pantry Committee

# Looking Ahead:

**Epiphany Service**  
**January 9th 7pm**

**Bible Study**  
**1/4, 1/18**

**January 11**  
**Bring you Baptismal**  
**Candle**

**Annual Meeting**  
**January 25, 12 noon**  
**Lunch provided**  
*Snow Date February 1st.*

During worship in the sanctuary, please remember to be kind to those around you:

- Turn off cell phones (or switch them to vibrate).
- Wait until after worship to discuss church business or catch up with family and friends.

Thank you!



Emanuel's Bible study will be held every other week at 9:15am. Please consider coming, all are welcome!

1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, 3/29

## Having a function at Emanuel?

Please remember to fill out a function form.

Function forms can be found in the church office.

Function forms help us ensure that rooms are not double-booked and that we have custodial support when it is needed.

Thank you.

## POSTING AN ANNOUNCEMENT

**For the weekly reminder (Emanuel Herald)** sent out on Mon. or Tue. All submissions must be received in the church office (preferably by e-mail) no later than Sunday morning. Postings for the printed weekly announcement sheet must be received by the previous Sunday.

**For the newsletter:** Please send items to Mike Gadoury no later than the 20th of each month.

Email to: [EmanuelWWNews@gmail.com](mailto:EmanuelWWNews@gmail.com)  
or call 860-208-0762.

**STEWARDSHIP FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

WE VOLUNTEER AT CHURCH WHEN WE ARE PASSIONATE FOR THE CAUSE SUCH AS BAZZAR,  
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, YOUTH GROUP, FOOD CUPBOARD, COMMITTEE WORK, ELLIES CIR-  
CLE, ETC PLEASE CONSIDER THE TASKS THAT NEED TO BE DONE AND YOU ARE NOT COMPAS-  
SIONATE ABOUT AS WELL

WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET—WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE  
ACTS 20:35

**LIFE ISSUES FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

CONSCIENCE IS GODS BUILT IN WARNING SYSTEM.  
BE VERY HAPPY WHEN IT HURTS YOU  
BE VERY WORRIED WHEN IT DOESN'T  
ACTS 24 :16

**THANKFULNESS FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

MOST MEN FORGET GOD ALL DAY AND ASK HIM TO REMEMBER THEM AT NIGHT  
PSALMS 55:17

**WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

THE MEASURE OF A MAN IS NOT HOW GREAT HIS FAITH IS BUT HOW GREAT HIS LOVE IS  
1 CORINTHIANS 13 :13

**FORGIVENESS FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

REAL FRIENDS ARE THOSE WHO, WHEN YOU MADE A FOOL OF YOURSELF, DON'T FEEL YOU'VE  
DONE A PERMANENT JOB.  
1 CORINTHIANS 13:7.8

**NO GRAY AREAS FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

NO IS ONE OF THE FEW WORDS THAT CANNOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD  
MATHEW 5:37

**TRUE SAINTS FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

A PERSONS TRUE CHARACTER IS REVEALED BY WHAT HE DOES WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING  
EPHESIANS 6:6

**PRO ACTIVE FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

HE WHO IS WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO TURN UP MIGHT START WITH HIS OWN SHIRT-  
SLEEVES  
PROVERBS 14:23

**WORDS WITHOUT ACTION ARE ONLY WORDS FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

IT TAKES MORE TO PLOW A FIELD THAN TURNING IT OVER IN YOUR MIND  
1 THESSALONIANS 4:11,12

**BE ALL YOU CAN BE FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

HE WHO BURIES HIS TALENT IS MAKING A GRAVE MISTAKE  
1 TIMOTHY 4:14

**CHURCH COUNCIL FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

As we have our most difficult meeting of the year coming up, please pray before hand and consider this verse as  
we make difficult decisions

FAITH IS DARING THE SOUL TO GO BEYOND WHAT THE EYES CAN SEE  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

**Do you need someone to talk with, to listen, to pray with?**

***Please call Pastor Todd or one of Emanuel's deacons:***

**Pastor Todd Stange (401) 450-2836 cell**

**Deacon Diane Gadoury (860) 564-1000 home, (860)465-7987 cell**

**Deacon Beth Groleau (401) 822-1448 home, (401) 862-6559 cell**

**Deacon Lee Jacobs (401) 885-4196 home, (401)623-9043 cell**

**Deacon Donna Sennett (401) 284-1232 home, (401) 523-8786 cell**

**Deacon Ida Zecco (401) 781-5231 home, (401)787-4476 cell**

## ***JANUARY BIRTHDAYS***

Julie Carroccia  
Carol Caswell  
Linda Dooley  
Bobby Kraemer  
Brandon Kraemer  
Roger LeBeau  
Maren Nelson Miller  
Barbara O'Connor  
Herta Ross  
Carlene Silva  
Bob Tramm

## ***JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES***

Al & Carol Caswell  
Donna & David Sennett 1/26  
Norbert & Jeanette Sylvestre



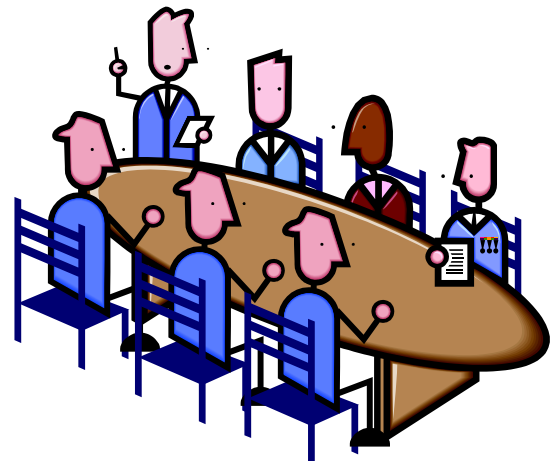
### **Annual Meeting**

Emanuel's Annual  
Meeting will be  
Sunday January 25th  
at 12 noon

Lunch will be provided before the meeting.

Snow date will be February 1st.

*Contact Kym in the Church  
office if we missed your  
birthday or anniversary, or  
give us the exact date.  
We would love to have our  
records up to date!*







## PROPERTY REPORT

- The Church Master Key Lock project is complete and the whole Church has been re-keyed. All keys requested have been passed out.
- Please refrain from taping any papers on the Church walls. The tape is hard to remove, takes valuable time from the custodians duties, and damages the paint on the walls we have bulletin boards for this purpose.
- We have some paint peeling on the wall where the AC Units are located. Phil and I will be addressing this by repairing these areas.
- As we are starting a new year the property Committee gearing up for the ARMY of state and town inspectors who will be coming in the spring. We are in pretty good shape but every year it seems they add another inspection for another code and find something. This past year was the first time we had our kitchen stove and hood inspected. It cost over \$1000.00 to rectify the citation and is now an added cost each year of \$500.00 to keep the Exhaust duct certified.
- The New London Staircase has been gated off for the winter and will re-open after the winter weather is gone. In order to have the staircase stay open the walkway would have to be maintained in the winter (snow removal / Ice melt). At this time this is not financially feasible to do.
- The bazar committee has made a good profit and will be providing funds to install Air Conditioning in the Fellowship Hall. It is their hope there will be more functions in the summer months because it will be more accommodating. What a GREAT IDEA. Going forward I will be getting quotes to accomplish this. I will first check on the feasibility of removing the center AC IUnit from the Sanctuary and re-locating it to the Hall. Presently we turn the center unit off during the service anyway and the two end units seem to do the job. Let's see what the contractor who installed it recommends. This past month we have had a skunk on our property. It was removed by DEM and was reported as rebid. With this being said we must make sure that we do not discard food outside for the animals as we do not want to attract them. I will also talk with the day care and remind them to keep the doors to the dumpster closed.

- A number of years ago we had the Church re-lamped with T8 bulbs and cfl's. This was a great savings in energy for Emanuel with a short payback. Going forward now the technology has again changed with the advent of the LED Technology. While the savings is not as great going from Fluorescent to LED we have found that if ballast goes or the fixture has the round tubes it is cheaper to replace the whole fixture with LED Light fixtures. We have started doing this in the Day Care. The Led Fixture does not have any bulbs to replace but actual LED Array's which are supposed to light for 35 years. The cost of the fixture is only \$20.00.
- Coat Closet has a number of coats in it that have been left there for months. If no one claims them we will give them out to food pantry persons who are in need.
- We need to keep the coat closet functional and clean. Space is limited and in the winter months the racks get full of winter coats during Church services. We **do not** want to have clothes and coats donated and dropped off in the Coat Room.  
WE **do not** have a program for this and just means that I have to take them to one of the bins in town. It would be best if you took them to one of those bins, Salvation Army, or one of the local Churches who has that program. Check with the Church Office for which local Churches accept clothes. If you have children's clothes to donate you might want to check with Joyful Noise and bring them downstairs to their office.. **Contact them first** otherwise they just put them in the coat closet and again I have to dispose of them.  
If you are dropping off bottles or other items for a cause, please contact the committee chair of that Cause and let them know to pick them up. We cannot leave them there for weeks.  
There are some plastic bins in the Coat Closet. Please remove them or we will need to dispose of them.
- Going forward our next project is to make better use of our space by cleaning out the attic and basement. We would like to hear from everyone who has anything stored in these areas so we can identify the items and put them in a log.

The log will be kept at the respected areas and will contain the name of the person or committee, a description of what is being stored, and its location. In this way everyone will know what is in the attic.

The attic will be cleaned out of any items not identified. We will then identify with painted lines storage areas with assigned numbers.

After the basement is cleaned out we will address the water issues in the basement and determine what our options are for reducing/eliminating this issue so we can use the basement for storage of hard items.

WE do not wish to discard any items that you have stored but we must hear from you so we will know this, otherwise we will discard the items.

Next Sunday after Church service I will be available to anyone who wishes to enter the attic or basement to identify items.

**The cleanout will start to take place the end of January**

Thank you

Myron Gadoury Property Chairman

Committee

Phil Malouin, Walter Phaneuf, Jim Duprey, Gerry May, Mike Gadoury Eric Johnson, Kristopher Knapp

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
November 13, 2014

Present: Pastor Todd, Gwen Andersen, Pam Beck, Myron Gadoury, Beth Groleau, Bruce Johnson, Disa Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Helen Maine, Linda Sami, and Donna Sennett.

Absent: Stephanie Chabot, Lee Jacobs, Don Nester, Jim Schabek, Gayle Vincent (working), and Ken Wieboldt (vacation).

Guests: Bob Maine

The meeting was called to order at 7:05

Opening Devotions Pastor

- Matthew 28:19-20
- "Saving People's Souls," giving people hope, helping them, bringing them into the family – this is Emanuel's purpose, connecting with people who are lost and don't have hope. Jesus says we are not alone: "I am with you to the end of the age."

Approve October Minutes Beth  
Approved

2015 Budget Pastor

- Report about shortfall in 2014 budget predicted to be \$11K.
- Finance prepared a draft budget according to the anticipated income based on 2014:
  - Discussion:
    - What about the connection with the new ideas from Stewardship about not focusing on money, but on time and talents?
    - Suggested we follow finance recommendations.
    - Concerns about cutting Administrative Assistant, Sunday School
  - Proposal to ask people to increase their giving by 10% if they can and to encourage consistent and faithful week-to-week giving, even if the amount remains the same. A mailing and an event are planned for December 7 to encourage this.
  - Inform people in the congregation about the situation now and ask them to come to the annual meeting with their ideas.
  - On Sunday January 11 we will have a Time & Talents event during the coffee hour where people can sign-up to help with Emanuel's different ministries. A letter about all kinds of Stewardship will be going out soon
  - Myron shared information about the Westfield Church Capital Campaign from Killingly Ct where they are asking for public support in the local newspaper.
- Motion to approve the Proposal to communicate the financial situation to the congregation, to include a summary of possible cuts if the level of giving in 2015 stays the same as in 2014. The letter should be careful not to panic the

congregation, but should have a sense of "measured urgency." (10 years, 1 day.)

- Date of Emanuel meeting to be January 25 with a snow date of February 1.

January **9-20** Bob and Helen will be in Florida, so someone else will need to track the 2015 estimates of giving information that comes in.

#### Next Steps for Engaging Youth in Emanuel's Ministries

Pastor

- Pam's idea --- gift card program
- Ask committees to discuss the four questions Pastor proposed:
  - If we were not constrained by money and people, what could we do differently with our ministries to transform more people's lives?
  - Given the money we have and the people we have, what could we do differently with our ministries to transform more people's lives?
  - How might the young people of Emanuel play a bigger role in the ministry - so that their lives might be transformed.
  - Is a similar ministry already being done in our community? Would it make sense for us to join with that ministry and partner with them to accomplish our goals?

#### Update on getting Job descriptions in Constitution

- Pastor sent e-mail to Chris Stewart, Don Nester, and Bob Maine. Pastor received the documents that they had. Bob gave advice that they be placed in an appendix to make it a simpler process. (Place a note in the continuing resolutions that the job descriptions are located in a specific appendix.)

Council Needs to Recommend 5 People for the Mission Endowment Committee; one person from Council

- Will be on staggered terms so they don't all go off at once.
- Responsible for:
  - Distributing the funds according to the guidelines specified.
  - Encouraging others to contribute
  - Bob Maine, Carol Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Don Schabek, Hank Richter, Eric Johnson, Marge LeBeau, Beth Groleau, Ray Nunes, Donna Lucier were nominated.

#### Set Date for Annual Meeting

- Suggestion to change the date of the January 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to January 15, with the annual meeting January 25. Approved

#### Kitchen in Fellowship Hall

Myron

- Kitchen is operational again; stove is now back in middle of hood, side of hood restored; stove inspected by contractor, pilots cleaned and adjusted, all burners cleaned.. Myron rebuilt fan turbine/repaired motor. Other work needs to be done, and Myron has made the plans to do the rest of the work.



Myron noted that the stove is in good shape and in the future, he recommends that we replace the Hood /Halon system so we can cook anytime whether for Day Care or Church.

- Church can cook 12 times a year on average. Day care can only heat food up per State Fire Code Board of Appeal and Review Court session.

#### Office Record Keeping Myron

- We are no longer recording things in the ledger; they are being kept in the data base. Myron's concern is having a record for the future in hard copies. In the future, the software might not work and we could lose the data and our church records.

#### Savings – **How much do we want to keep in the savings?** Myron

- We used to allocate something for savings in the budget every year, but we haven't been able to do it for the past couple of years.
- Myron would like to make our goal having a reserve of six months of expenses as our goal.
- Pam would like to get 25 people to give \$1000 each and invest it with Thrivent and leave it there to build (compound interest).
- When we get the mortgage paid off, we will have \$25,000 more each year to use in some way.
- Since the budget is about \$200, 000, our goal will be to build to \$100, 000 and put as a future item for the council how to get there. Motion made and seconded. Bob Maine noted that we will not be able to get there until our consistent giving supports the budget we adopt. Approved, no nays.

Get Update on Emanuel's Annual Financial Audit – ask Ray Nunez, Karl Andersen, and Mike Ricci

Emanuel's Membership Roll Needs to be reviewed and corrected

- Myron will work with Pastor to do this work during December.

Are there any Decisions or Input needed by the committees?

- Oral Report for Worship (Gwen)
- Disa asked Glenn to summarize what happened at the last Mustard Seed meeting; next meeting ~~December 9~~ (Meeting moved to Wednesday December 17 at 6PM)

December Council Meeting Pot-luck Dinner at Wieboldts' house; sign-up sheets sent around ...





Follow-Up – Did Council Members have any interesting conversations with members of the congregation? Did you get feedback? Do conversations like this help people to feel connected to Emanuel?

Follow-Up – Tammy Stark asked to teach healthy eating classes at Emanuel. Myron gave her Pastor Todd's phone number. She has not yet called Pastor Todd.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 with the Lord's Prayer.



# 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday A.M. Schedule:</b> 8:00 Service of Holy Communion 9:15 Sunday School, First Year Confirmation, Choir 10:30 Service of Holy Communion				1 	2	3
4 <b>Bible Study in Anderson Lounge 9:30am</b>	5 <b>ALANON 7 pm</b>	6  <b>Day of Epiphany</b> 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10am-12	7 7	8 <b>Committee Night 7pm</b>	9  <b>7 PM Epiphany</b>	10
11 <b>Time &amp; Talents Sunday Coffee Hour</b>	12 <b>ALANON 7 pm</b>	13 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10am-12 <b>3rd Year Confirmation</b>	14	15 <b>Council Meeting 7 pm</b>	16	17
18 <b>Bible Study in Anderson Lounge 9:30am</b>	19  <b>ALANON 7 pm</b>	20 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10am-12	21	22	23	24
25 <b>Annual Congregation Meeting 12 noon</b>	26 <b>ALANON 7 pm</b>	27 10am Ellie's Circle Food Pantry 10am-12 <b>3rd Year Confirmation</b>	28	29 <b>Mustard Seed Meeting 6pm</b>	30	31