



Emanuel Lutheran Church

November 2015

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Pastor Todd Stange

Celebrating Our 130th Year

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***

Thank you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's November and that means leaves falling, nighttime coming sooner, and a general browner, greyer tone to the world. It also means that Thanksgiving will soon be here. The turkey and turnip meal with a little cranberry, perhaps a little football – and hopefully also a chance to give thanks, to contemplate the blessings God has put in our lives.

It's important at this dark time of year to remember and give thanks for those bright spots in our lives, to embrace and lift up those things that give us light.

One of the bright spots that I'm grateful for is the people of Emanuel – you all. You give your time to teach our kids about God, you make great music in worship, your acts of kindness are inspiring – making meals for one another, driving those in need to the hospital and doctors' appointments. You pray for me, for each other, and even people you don't know. When someone among us dies, you are there - to listen, to comfort, to walk with those who carry on.

You provide a place where people are accepted, where people can come with their hurts, their fears, where people can be themselves. Emanuel is a place where no one goes hungry, where there is warmth in the winter and coolness in the summer. It is a place of rest for the weary, a place where people can become strong. **It's a place where one can find what their talents are, where they can try things – like singing, or cooking, or teaching, or leading – and it's okay not to be a superstar. It's okay even to fail.**

In this edition:

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

Deadline for the December newsletter is Nov. 20th .

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

Thank God for you. Thank you for creating a bit of heaven right here. The world is a better place because you are in it.

So, what about you? What are you thankful for?

Shortly before Roy Anderson died a couple of years ago at the age of 98 – he told me how he prayed every night. He said that 90% of his prayers were thank yous – thank yous to God for all the blessings in his life.

This Thanksgiving I give thanks for the blessing of all of you. May God's love continue to shine through you.

Pastor Todd Stange

Holiday Bazaar

Christmas Bazaar elves busy at work.

**Don't miss the Christmas Bazaar
Saturday November 14th**



Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

Robert Frost, 1923

Senior Live Laugh & Learn

The next luncheon will be held:
Wednesday, November 11, 2015

11:45 PM to 2:00 PM

Crow's Nest
288 Arnold's Neck Drive
Warwick, RI

Please sign the sign-up sheet in the
narthex if you plan to attend.
Estimated cost \$10 -\$20

For last minute decision, call Helen Maine
at

Home: 401-397-3566

Cell: 401-464-1011

Email: helenmaine@gmail.com



Stories of forgiveness & 2nd Chances

Have you ever been forgiven or
given a 2nd chance?

We're looking for people to share
their stories of forgiveness and 2nd
chances during worship. These are
stories of God's Spirit at work and hearing them helps all of us to recognize where God may be at work in our life or where we may need God.

If you have a story or have any questions, please email or call Pastor
Todd – (401) 821-8888,
pastor@emanuelww.org

Thank you.

Save the Dates!

September 10-11, 2016

Emanuel Lutheran Church 130th Anniversary Celebration 1886—2016



Dinner on Saturday evening at West Valley Inn
and a special worship and coffee hour on Sunday

We are looking for contact information for all current and past members. If you have any contact information for past or inactive members, please let us know at 130@emanuelww.org or see any member of the committee.

In order to provide money to pay for the deposit and cover other expenses, we are asking that anyone who is willing, pre-purchase tickets for \$30 each. You can leave a check in Sunday's offering made payable to Emanuel Lutheran Church.

Please write "ELC 130" in the memo line.

We are still in the planning stages. If you have any questions, or would like to help out with the planning of this event, please contact us at 130@emanuelww.org or feel free to contact any member of the committee.

More information will be coming in the coming months!

Thank You!

-130th Anniversary Committee

Gwen Andersen, Diane Gadoury, Mike Gadoury, Beth Groleau, Disa Johnson



Desk in need of home



**We have a desk at the church that looks a lot like the one in the picture above. If you can give it a home, please let Pastor Todd know.
Thank you.**

pastor@emanuelww.org

Did you know...

The projection that we use during Sunday morning worship is available for download each week on our website at www.emanuelww.org?

It is usually available on Saturday evening. Feel free to download it to your smartphone or tablet to use during worship, or view it on your computer to catch up if you are not able to make it to church on Sunday morning.

Also, we are making larger print versions of the hymns that we sing on Sunday morning for those who have difficulty reading the hymns projected on the wall. Copies are available, just ask an usher. If you attend the 8:00 service, please leave the copy for use at the 10:30 service.



Emanuel's Bible study will be held every other week after the service.

Grab a coffee & snack and head over to Anderson Lounge. Next study is Aug. 16th.

Please consider coming, all are welcome!

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. Churchoffice@EmanuelWW.org

For the newsletter: Please send items to Mike Gadoury no later than the 20th of each month. Email to: EmanuelWWNews@gmail.com or call 860-208-0762.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Baked Goods are needed, sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board,
please bring your Pies, Cakes, Cookies etc.
to Fellowship Hall on Friday, Nov 13th from 5—7pm

Help to Set-Up for bazaar (tables & a few chairs)
is needed on Fri, Nov 13th at 3pm

Help is needed on Sunday Nov 8th after 10:30 service to bring White Elephant
items down from the attic.

We are looking forward to a wonderful day!!

Endowment Committee



The **Endowment Fund Committee** will meet this
Sunday, November 8th in the pastor's office af-
ter the 10:30 service to make the final deci-
sions on spending the 2015 funds.

Christmas at Emanuel

Come one, come all...

Music of the season for and from the
people of Emanuel

Sunday November 29th at 3pm

*Please save the date for this wonderful kick-off to
the Advent season*



Did you know?



FOOD PANTRY

**Anyone from Emanuel can get food from our
food pantry – on Sundays mornings or Tuesdays
10am to 12pm**

**Speak with Pr. Todd or Myron Gadoury
for assistance.**

Help Wanted with Coffee Hour

We're looking for people who would be willing to help
setup and host coffee hour.

No experience needed. There are people who will show you
where things are and how to make coffee.



**If you're willing to help, please let Pastor Todd
or Carolyn Duprey know. Thank you.**



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Sami 11/7
Joan Mendes 11/8
Sue Wieboldt 11/9
Ray Nunez 11/11
Kathy Marco 11/14
Donna Lucier 11/19
Pat Johnson 11/22
Steve Chabot
Barbara Fatkin
Melissa Gadoury 11/25
Phyllis Gustafson
Debra Johnson
Eric Johnson
Mark Johnson
Norma Krahn
Andrea Lancellotta
Linda Maguire
Noah Maguire
Christopher Martin

Steve Martin
Julie McCarthy
Laurie Miller
Brenda Morgan
Jamie Silva
Melissa Silva
Jeannette Silva
Coral Weedon

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Stephanie Chabot
Cyrus & Norma Krahn
Phillip & Sandra Malouin

*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!*

We are looking for a few vol-
unteers who are willing to
work in the church office
when our office administrator
is on vacation or sick.

If you might be able to help in
the office, please let Pastor
Todd know –
(401) 821-8888 or
pastor@emanuelww.org.
Thank you.

Hello Emanuel friends!

I recently attended Doris Stone's funeral and Gwen was there and asked me for advice on how the church can serve youth better. She said there is no youth group right now, but Todd assured me that there are still occasional activities, which is great!

I thought about this on my drive home to Massachusetts and a few things came to me.

I remembered my Mom's advice when I started as the youth leader for Emanuel. She said "Kristina, you don't have to worry about a thing. As long as everyone comes back in one piece and no one gets pregnant, you are doing a good job." Although this probably doesn't rank as "sage advice", it has a truth to it.

The number one and most important skill needed to run a youth event is the ability to show up. Sure some activities seem cooler than others, and our egos might want our event to be the best ever, but BEING there shows the youth that you care. And that is huge.

Next, feel free to steal with pride. Think back to what you thought was the best youth event (for me, Marge and Melissa's Amazing Race event comes to mind) and do it again.

If doing something that someone else came up with feels weird to you, then go with something that you, yourself, are jazzed about. Like picking apples and making pies? Offer to bring some church youths with you. Feel passionately about the Easter Breakfast? Start planning for it and include some kids. Knitting is your thing? I've read that young skateboarders have been learning how to knit so that they can create their own, cool patterns for caps to show off to their friends (and maybe encourage them to make some for newborn babies or cancer patients too).

Doing things that worked in the past might not be the right formula for the present. Talking to the youth and finding out what would make their church life more rich and fun could help the program take a whole new and exciting direction.

One other thing that comes to mind is that maybe the "youth leader" paradigm doesn't work for Emanuel right now. Being the youth leader, or even sharing it, is a lot of work. When it is left to one or two people, and it is a volunteer position, it can lead to eventual burn out, or what some might call exhaustion. Especially if you are someone like Marge or Melissa who feels so passionately about the youth and their engagement in the church community. (I'm not saying that either burned out, just using these two passionate leaders in example.) At Baptism, we all promise to help and guide the youth on their journey. As a community in Christ, any one of us can run an event, lead a youth Bible study, take the youth to Hammo/Calumet, bake a pie, teach a song, have a fund raiser, bring the youth to a nursing home, go caroling...you get the picture.

One of the great things about Emanuel is the community. As the great community that you are, you can involve the youth in everything that is going on in the church. As a warning, it can be tempting to invite youth to be the manual labor. Don't do that. At least not all the time. But rather, involve youth in the events for the church in a fun way.

Finally, I think that if you take a look around, you will probably see that you already DO a lot of age-mixed events and maybe the angst that Gwen is feeling just shows a little need for a few more age-specific events. If you agree, pray on it. God will place the inspiration on your hearts.

Love and God's peace be with you all!
Kris Bacon

Readers of Emanuel

November 22, 2015
After the 2nd Church Service
in Jacobs Hall

Book: War Room by Chris Fabry



Juggling motherhood and her job as a real-estate agent, Elizabeth Jordan wishes her husband could **help more around the house. But Tony's rising career as a pharmaceutical salesman demands more and more of his time. With a nice home in the suburbs and a lovely young daughter, they appear to have it all—yet they can't seem to spend time together without fighting.**

Hoping for a new listing, Elizabeth visits the home of Clara Williams, an elderly widow, and is both amused and uncomfortable when Clara starts asking **pointed questions about her marriage and faith. But it's Clara's secret prayer room, with its walls covered in requests and answers, that has Elizabeth most intrigued . . . even if she's not ready to take Clara's suggestion that she create a prayer room of her own. As tensions at home escalate, though, Elizabeth begins to realize that her family is worth fighting for, and she can't win this battle on her own. Stepping out in blind faith, putting her prayers for her family and their future in God's hands, might be her only chance at regaining the life she was meant for.**

Please join us for a special lunch –

Sunday December 6th 12pm

(after the 10:30am worship service)



We will be discussing the coming year at Emanuel and how you can help make it the best year yet.

Please mark your calendars.
Thank you.

Emanuel Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
September 10, 2015

Agenda and Minutes

Present: Pastor Todd, Gwen Andersen, Pam Beck, Carolyn Duprey, Myron Gadoury, Beth Groleau, Lee Jacobs, Bruce Johnson, Disa Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Helen Maine, Kathy Plante, Linda Sami, Donna Sennett, Margaret Teehan, and Ken Wieboldt.

Absent: Kris Knapp (Ken will check with Kris), Walter Phaneuf (ill), Jim Schabek (working).

Guest: Bob Maine

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

1. Opening Devotions: A reading from John's Gospel --- Lazarus's resurrection after being dead 4 days. Are there times in our lives when things just seem to be falling apart? It can seem like that at home or at church sometimes. When things look bad for us, we need to remember that God is always there for us, that God loves us, and we are forgiven. Remember to rest, and take a deep breath, and then go on.
2. Approve August Minutes Approved as written
3. Finance Glenn Johnson
 - a. Review and approve August Budgets
 - i. We are 2/3 through the year; we are \$7,000 behind, and have been deficit spending.
 - ii. Treasurer's Report approved
 - b. Ways to deal with 2015 budget deficit
 - i. We need to continue to communicate to the congregation that Emanuel's offerings have fallen short this year, and that we have borrowed \$7,000 from our savings so far and may need to borrow more.
 1. Lee Jacobs and Beth Groleau will make announcements at both services on Sunday, September 13, paraphrasing Pastor Todd's letter in the Herald, and asking for extra contributions.
 - ii. Fundraisers, including food-based fund-raisers
 1. Spaghetti supper and other suppers for several months before the end of the year

2. Make a formal request to Mary Schabek and the Bazaar Committee to contribute some of the proceeds from the Bazaar (maybe for the roof repairs).
3. What about a coffee house like we used to do? (Linda Sami will organize.)
4. Chuck wants to do a Christmas concert the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
5. Myron will organize a Ham and Bean supper in November.
6. Ask Ida if it would be possible to do another music show.
7. Can Council members each make a contribution as leaders of the congregation to make up the remaining deficit? Each Council member, please think about that, and do whatever you can do. (This includes writing for a Thrivent Action Team.)
8. Bruce asked about what has happened to the money that people have already given as extra offerings? The response was, that all the offerings, including extra ones, have still left us \$7,000 short this year and unable to pay for the second drain on the fellowship hall roof.
9. Glenn reminded us that Sarah Groleau will be here on September 27th to help people sign up as Thrivent Associate Members.
10. For a very limited time (due to a NASCAR sponsorship) you can use the word "Driven" as a promo code on your Associate Membership on-line application and the normal membership fee of \$19.95 is waived. This special promotional membership entitles you to sponsor one (1) Thrivent Action Team. Note: This offer may end at any time.
11. Beth reported that, at St. Andrew's, Pastor Lisa Hazelwood put paper slips out with ideas for writing Thrivent Action Teams.

c. Projected fundraising needs for 2015-16 – NOT DISCUSSED.

d. How to better support Emanuel's fundraising efforts

- i. Pam suggested we check into training from the Synod training for stewardship. Glenn looked into this: on Wednesday, September 23rd, there will be a free training at Christ the King in Holliston, MA. Interested Council members could attend.

4. Property

- a. Approval for installation of 2nd drain pipe by Furey Roofing – need about \$1,100
- b. Myron explained the problem and proposed plan for the drain.
- c. The drain we already had put in is on the lower part of the roof, and it might take care of the water this year, but if it doesn't, then we will have another leak in the ceiling over the kitchen. That cost us \$2,500 to repair last winter.
- d. Since we are already \$7,000 in the hole this year, it is difficult to approve this additional expense. **The Council voted NOT to spend the money at this time.**

5. Other Items

a. Data Bases Bob Maine

- i. Bob Maine will track stewardship pledges for this year, but it will be the last year he does so.
 - ii. Bob raised the issue that right now we have 4 data bases --- church office, Financial Secretary, and Bob's Stewardship data base as well as the 130th Anniversary Committee's data base. It would be helpful to have one that each group could access, partly to reduce duplication and share current information.
 - iii. Pastor Todd suggested that we get a subcommittee together to investigate what is available and come up with a plan. His parents' church uses a program that is online. He will begin by looking for information about what there is, how it works, and whether it is protected. It was suggested that Bob Maine, Walter Phaneuf, and Michael Gadoury be asked to help, and also consider asking other people who might be Bob's and Walter's replacements in the future.
- b. Ken asked all Council members to study the budget to make sure we all understand it.
- c. Gwen reported that the 130th Anniversary Committee would like to do a Swedish Dinner in October as a fund-raiser for the anniversary celebration expenses, such as postage and the down payment for the West Valley Inn. (The preliminary committee will meet next Wednesday, October 16 at Carolyn Duprey's house to start planning the Swedish Dinner.)

- i. Myron volunteered to write for a Thrivent Action Team to teach a class on how to make Korv, and then supply the Swedish Sausage for the dinner.

d. **That fundraiser was approved by the Council.**

- i. Kathy Plante suggested that we consider having the dinner after the 10:30 service as a luncheon.
- e. Donna suggested that we make a folder and keep track of Thrivent Action Teams and see if we can print out the applications we write so that others can use them as a model for their applications. **We are looking for someone who could organize and keep this information and make it available to the congregation.**
- f. So far, Emanuel has either organized or benefitted from 5 Action Teams. Myron Gadoury got one to grow vegetables with and for Teen Challenge. Ken Wieboldt wrote one for the snacks for Drama Camp. Michael Groleau and the Groleau's neighbor, Francine Vasquez, organized them to get groceries for Emanuel's Food Pantry. Beth Groleau got one to buy quilt batting for Ellie's Circle.
- g. Beth Groleau reported that the Christian Education Committee has developed a new procedure for Communion Set-up and distribution of the wafers so that the gluten-free wafers are less likely to be contaminated by gluten. There will be articles in the Herald to educate the congregation, a sign made for the sacristy to remind people who prepare for and clean up from Communion, and Lee Jacobs will send out the new procedure to the people who volunteer for the responsibility.

6. Closing: The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:55 p.m.

7. Next meeting Thursday, October 8, 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Baptism</i>	2	3 10am <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm BAZAAR Mtg	4	5 <i>Committee Night 7pm</i>	6	7
8	9 7pm ALANON	10 10am <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm BAZAAR Mtg 7pm Confirmation	11 Senior Luncheon	12 7pm Council Meeting	13 Bazaar Set-up	14 <i>Christmas Bazaar</i> 9:00-4:00
15	16 7pm ALANON	17 10am <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm BAZAAR Mtg	18 <i>Mustard Seed Committee</i> 6:30	19	20	21
22 <i>Readers of Emanuel</i> 12:00	23 7pm ALANON	24 10am <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 7pm 2nd Year Confirmants/ Mentor Night	25 <i>Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm</i>	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/CONFIRMATION Christmas at Emanuel 3pm	30 7pm ALANON		<u>Sunday A.M. Schedule:</u> 8:00 Service of Holy Communion 9:15 First Year Confirmation, Sunday School, Choir 10:30 Service of Holy Communion			