



# Emanuel Lutheran Church

October 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***

Why I want our kids to come to church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Getting kids to church is not always easy. And by "church" I mean the gathering of believers on Sunday morning, e.g. worship. Getting kids there usually means you've got to make sure they're dressed, fed, you've got to pull them away from other activities and corral them into the car. So, why do we bother? Why do we go through all this effort to get our kids to church?

When our kids were younger, things were simple (or at least simpler). Our kids came to church because we were coming to church. They didn't complain, because they either didn't know how to talk yet or didn't realize complaining was an option. Things have changed since then.

Now that they are older they freely offer up their opinions, e.g. "Church is boring." They are also more involved with activities like soccer, baseball, and road races that sometime occur on Sunday mornings. Perhaps we should just say, "No" to these activities that infringe on the time that was once set aside for church. I am after all a pastor and our kids are pastor's kids, but it can be hard to tell them they can't play on the baseball team, because they have to go to church. We're selective about when we take this stand, because ideally church is a place of grace and ultimately we'd like them to want to come to church.

My kids have a weird relationship with church. At some level they think they go to church because I'm the pastor and that's my job. But this is not unlike many other kids. Often a parent or grandparent wants them to come to church and so they go along because they want to make them happy. It won't be until later that they'll get to freely choose whether they come to church or not.

**In this edition:**

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

**Deadline for the November newsletter is Oct. 20th .**

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Thank you! -Mike Gadoury

Today many kids don't come to church because their parents choose not to come. Family life has become so hectic that even parents who would like to bring their families to worship – sometimes opt to stay home because Sunday morning is the only time when they can rest and get caught up on the chores that have built up over the week.

But despite these forces that work against us getting to worship on Sunday – I recently found myself hoping and praying in a new way that our children find a home in the church and **continue to come as adults long after Jill and I are gone.** Perhaps it's because our kids are getting older now. Carly especially, as she becomes a teenager, is easier to imagine as an adult.

As our children become adults and we fade into the past – **it's becoming clearer to me that it is the church that will become more and more the holder of life's truths and the source of encouragement and hope that I want for our kids.**

As children, like they are now, I want them to come to church to learn the history of the Bible – about Noah, Abraham and Sarah, the Israelites, Moses, King David and Jesus too. Much of western thought and literature is based on the Bible. Even in the secular world Biblical and religious references pop up all the time. Without a familiarity with them, they will miss out on a certain depth and richness of life.

The church also serves to reinforce morality: **do unto others as you would have them do unto you, love one another, care for those in need.** These are the foundation of much of the world's morality. But perhaps the more important teachings of the church are the ones that are harder to grasp and believe.

Forgiveness, for instance, for others and for ourselves, that the way out of failure and mistakes **is not through hiding, covering it up, pretending that it didn't happen, but in acknowledging the truth, saying we're sorry, and working to make amends.** This is where second chances come from (and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> chances too). Another of the church's teachings, that is not readily obvious, is the revelation that we are intimately connected with the other 7 billion people we share this planet with, that they are not strangers, but our brothers and sisters. In fact, we are **not just connected to other people, but to the earth and all of God's creation.** And also that death is not the most powerful thing in the universe. That God can transform death and suffering into a new beginning. These are the teachings we need to keep hearing and be reminded of again and again.

Ultimately I want our kids to come to church so that they will know the true God – not an angry God, not a capricious God, not a God of fame, beauty or money, but the God that is revealed in Jesus. One that is intimately close to them and loving, and that no matter where they end up in life, no matter what trouble they may find themselves in, they can know for sure that they are not alone, that God is there with them, and loves them, and will see them through. And if **they know this as the truth, then they don't have to live a life full of anxiety and worry, but have the possibility to live confident, hopeful, and courageous lives.**

This is why I want our kids, and all kids, to come to church.

Pastor Todd Stange

Swedish Dinner at Emanuel  
Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>

Come enjoy the food & fun  
4:30pm to 7pm

Adults \$8  
Children 10 and under \$5  
Under 3 years old free



## Stories of forgiveness & 2<sup>nd</sup> Chances



Have you ever been forgiven or given a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance?

**We're looking for people to** share their stories of forgiveness and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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*



## **“ FREE “SAUSAGE MAKING CLASS**

**When:** Sunday October 18, 2015 at 2pm

**Where:** Emanuel Lutheran Church Kitchen

**HERITAGE - the traditions,  
achievements, and beliefs that are part  
of the history of a group of people**

Come join me and learn how to make the Swedish Christmas Sausage (KORV) that is served each Christmas in Swedish Tradition.

This Art was passed down to me from 5 generations . Taught to me by my Aunt Beatrice Reynolds .

Korv is not readily available in stores and the art of making it needs to be passed to the next generations of our Swedish descendants.

This will be a hands on workshop and all will have a chance to make the sausage. We will make about 100 pounds of Korv

Most of the Korv will be used at Emanuels Swedish Dinner the following week but we will end the class with a Korv dinner for all participants.

After learning to make the Korv you will be able to make most other sausages just by changing the recipe.

Pass on a part of your Heritage to your family before it is lost.

**Tack Sa mycket** and I hope to see you on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheet in Narthex

**This Class is generously brought to you as a Thrivent Action Team Event and is open to all who wish to learn.**

Myron Gadoury

# 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](http://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!



**Christmas Bazaar Workshops**  
**Tuesdays at 6pm**  
**Anyone is Welcome!**

Senior Live Laugh & Learn

The next luncheon will be held: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 11:45 PM to 2:00 PM

**Jack's Penang**—255 Cowesett Ave. (Rte 3) W. 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](tel:401-397-3566)

Cell: [401-464-1011](tel:401-464-1011)

Email: [helenmaine@gmail.com](mailto:helenmaine@gmail.com)

Have You Applied for a  
Thrivent Action Team Grant?



If so, please let Beth Groleau know -  
[bethgroleau78@gmail.com](mailto:bethgroleau78@gmail.com)

**Beth is tracking Emanuel's Thrivent Action Teams.**

If you have any questions about Thrivent Action Teams,  
please see Pastor Todd or Beth Groleau.

Thank you!

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Girls Night Out Friday Oct 16, 2015 (5pm-?)**

**Christmas Bazaar Saturday Nov 14, 2015 (9am-4pm)**

Reminder:

If you are donating to the White Elephant Table please mark the bag/box & give to  
a bazaar committee member

Donations for Raffle Baskets will be accepted 2  
weeks prior to the bazaar

Bake Sale will need lots of goodies

Thank you, Mary Schabek



# Church Fall Clean-up Day Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>

After the 10:30am  
worship service

Lunch will be served  
Fun will be had

Wear your work clothes  
to church.

Thank you!



**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.**

## Temple talk “Ask, Thank, Tell” by Charles Lane

It has been more than a year now that a few members have been meeting monthly to study about a year-round stewardship program and to create events on a quarterly basis.

God comes down to us with love and grace was the emphasis in the first quarter. Everything we have comes down from God. We are stewards of his possessions. In the second quarter we recognize our strengths with our time and talents that God has given to us. We had two opportunities to sign up to help our congregation provide for worship and activities sponsored by Emanuel. Thank you to everyone that volunteers their services in this way. In the third quarter, we recognized the reaching out to our community through our neighboring St Therese Church, maintaining our food bank, sponsoring our Day Care Center, helping members in time of need, and numerous connections to the community by individual members.

To tell the truth, I had the fourth phase on my mind all year, The Annual Response. Is it going to be the same old thing, asking for money? A letter from Pastor, a Sunday to collect pledges, time and talent sheets, maybe a dinner or cottage meeting to tell the story, and a few phone calls to complete the numbers for the year. The committee records the numbers mixed in with some trends of past years, and creates the budget for the annual meeting.

Recently I read “Ask, Thank, Tell” by Charles Lane, highly recommended by Bishop Hazelwood. Shouldn’t we take a look at what we accomplished in 2015 before we look at 2016? Shouldn’t we TALK about what we are doing, Thank everyone for what they have done, and then ASK what the congregation wants to do in 2016? That is what we are planning to do for the fourth quarter. Our vision is to line up temple talks for October and November to tell the story. The past three weeks we had work to do on the Fellowship Hall roof drains that would cost \$3500. We went over our goal last Sunday. Thank you all for recognizing this need and allowing us to complete this task as soon as possible. On Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have a luncheon after worship to celebrate our year-round program and to ask the congregation what it wants to do in 2016. We will distribute Estimate of giving cards and Time & Talent Sheets during the morning service and collect them in the offering and during the luncheon. Hope to see you on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Your attendance will help us to prepare for 2016.

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

## 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.

**Thank you for everyone who helped  
raise over \$3,000 to help fix the  
fellowship hall roof!**

### ***OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS***

**Natalie Santurri 10/7**

**Beth Groleau 10/29**

**James Fatkin**

**Gale Lucier**

**Bob Maguire**

**Sean Martin**

**Trish Reynolds**

**Michael Silva**

**Michael Stewart**

**Norbert Sylvestre**



*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](mailto:pastor@emanuelww.org).

Thank you.



## **THE BEEF IS AT EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2015 5 PM**

### **STEAK FRY**

**TICKETS \$20.00 PER PERSON SOLD IN ADVANCE ONLY**

**FOR TICKETS SEE Myron Gadoury, Michael Gadoury, Walter Phaneuf, Phil Malouin, or Jack Gibbs**

#### **MENU**

**COIWBOY CUT APPROX 1 ½ LB SIRLOIN STEAK**

**COOKED IN THE FIRE PIT OVER WOOD FIRED HICKORY SMOKED CHARCOAL**

**COWBOY BAKED BEANS - CREAMY POTATOE SALAD - ROLLS - SPICY COLESLAW - ASSORTED DESERTS - ROOT BEER - COFFEE**

**ALL INVITED – BRING A FRIEND – YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU CAME  
AND  
“ YOU WILL BE FULL”**

**ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED**

# Emanuel Care Giver Needs Assessment Survey

*Are you a Care Giver for someone?*

*Do you know someone who provides regular care for an elderly parent, for a Special Needs child, for a relative, a neighbor or a friend?*

*As part of Year-Round Stewardship at Emanuel, we are exploring the idea of a new ministry to provide additional support to those who are Care Givers among us.*

*Please let us know if you are a Care Giver, or if you know of someone else who is. We are attempting to learn more about those who provide regular care for others, in order to determine if this is a new ministry support opportunity for Emanuel Lutheran Church.*

Please fill out this Needs Survey by sending an e mail with the following information:

1. Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of Care Giver: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Type of individual cared for (child, parent, relative, friend, neighbor):

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Would you be interested in meeting with others to discuss ways in which Emanuel can provide additional support to those care givers among us?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. Would you be interested in being part of an advisory committee to further explore the possibilities of a Care Giver support program?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please provide us with your contact information:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate whether Land Line - or Mobile?)

E-mail (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact day(s) & time: \_\_\_\_\_

Send your e mail response to: [pastor@emanuelww.org](mailto:pastor@emanuelww.org)

*OR* you may send the information via U.S. mail to: Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Needs Survey  
9 New London Avenue  
West Warwick, RI 02893

*All information will be kept strictly confidential.*

# Readers of Emanuel

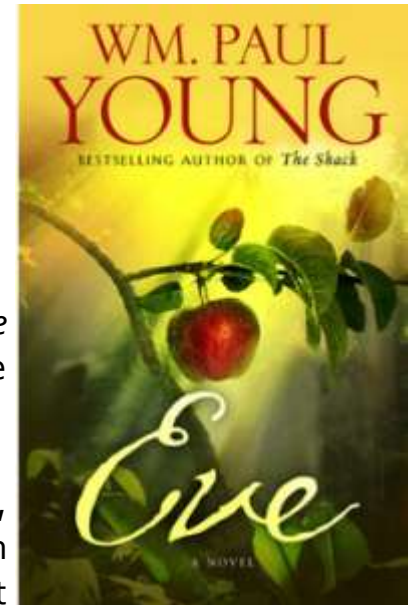
**Date : October 25th**

**Time : After the 2nd service**

**Where : Jacobs Hall**

**Book : Eve By Wm Paul Young**

**Come for the fellowship and the potluck**



From the author of the twenty-five-million-copy bestseller *The Shack* comes a captivating new novel destined to be one of the most talked-about books of the decade.

*Eve* is a bold, unprecedented exploration of the Creation narrative, true to the original texts and centuries of scholarship—yet with breathtaking discoveries that challenge traditional beliefs about who we are and how we're made. *Eve* opens a refreshing conversation about the equality of men and women within the context of our beginnings, helping us see each other as our Creator does—complete, unique, and not constrained by cultural rules or limitations.

When a shipping container washes ashore on an island between our world and the next, John the Collector finds a young woman inside—broken, frozen, and barely alive. With the aid of Healers and Scholars, John oversees her recovery and soon discovers that her genetic code connects her to every known race. No one would guess what her survival will mean...

No one but Eve, Mother of the Living, who calls her “daughter” and invites her to witness the truth about her own story—indeed, the truth about us all.

As *The Shack* awakened readers to a personal, non-religious understanding of God, *Eve* will free us from faulty interpretations that have corrupted human relationships since the Garden of Eden.






Thoroughly researched and exquisitely written, *Eve* is a masterpiece that will inspire readers for generations to come.

**Sunday December 6th at 12pm we will have a luncheon meeting to discuss our hopes for 2016 at Emanuel.**

**Please come and help us plan for a great 2016. Thank you!"**



# 2015

Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
<div><div>Sunday A.M. Schedule:</div><div>8:00 Service of Holy Communion</div><div>9:15 First Year Confirmation, Sunday School, Choir</div><div>10:30 Service of Holy Communion</div></div>						1		2		3	
						Committee Night 7pm					
4		5		6 10am Ellie's Circle		7		8		9	
Baptism: Weston Meriano				Food Pantry 10-12				7pm Council Meeting			
		7pm ALNON		6pm BAZAAR Mtg							
11		12		13 10am Ellie's Circle		14		15		16	
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/ CONFIRMATION				Food Pantry 10-12				Mustard Seed Meeting 6:30pm			
		7pm ALNON		6pm BAZAAR Mtg							
				7pm Confirmation							
18		19		20 10am Ellie's Circle		21		22		23	
SAUSAGE MAKING CLASS 1-6PM				Food Pantry 10-12							
				6pm BAZAAR Mtg							
		7pm ALNON								SWEDISH DINNER 5-7PM	
25		26		27 10am Ellie's Circle		28		29		30	
				Food Pantry 10-12							
		7pm ALNON		6pm BAZAAR Mtg							
				7pm Confirmation							