



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Pastor Todd Stange

Celebrating Our 129th 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***

7 Things NOT to Procrastinate

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Autumn is almost here. It's hard to believe with temperatures still in the 90's as I write this. But not doubt it will be here before we know it. The change of seasons always has a way of sneaking up on me. Another thing that I think is going to be like this – is death. We all know it is coming, but when it finally arrives, I suspect, it will probably sneak up on me.

Now, as some of you may know, I have a tendency to procrastinate – with sermons and with chores around the house. I've got a whole list of to-do's that need doing. And the other day I began wondering how this procrastinating is ultimately going to play out in my life. When death comes for me, what things will still be on that list of to-do's? What things am I never going to get to?

Now, there's probably some positive aspects to procrastinating, but there are some things that I don't want to leave undone and never get to before I die. So, as a big fan of lists on the internet, e.g. "Top 10 Best Places to Live", "3 Best Diners in RI", "5 Most Dangerous Professions", etc. I thought I would take a shot at coming with a list of things one shouldn't procrastinate. Here's what I came up with:

(1.) Saying, "I love you."

We don't have to love everyone, but if God puts love in our hearts for someone, we should let them know – tell them, give them a pat on the back, spend time with them, or just say, "Hello." There are many ways we can express the love that's in us.

In this edition:

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

Deadline for the October newsletter is Sept. 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

(2.) Saying, "I'm sorry."

"To err is human," the saying goes, and the Bible puts it this way, "We all sin and fall short of the glory of God." (*Romans 3:23*). We're going to mess up, that's what we do. And when we do, there's no point in pretending we didn't.

When we mess up, we should say we're sorry, we should fix whatever we broke (if possible), and then we should give space and time to let the other person (or people) either accept or reject our apology.

Regardless of whether our apology is accepted or not, we are children of God, and this means **we are loved, and forgiven, and God's forever.**

(3.) Forgiveness.

When we are wronged, it can stir up in us anger, hurt and sadness. Overtime these feelings and thoughts associated with them can suck the joy out of life and can literally make us sick.

Life is short. And so, we should do our best get this anger and hurt out of us.

Find someone you trust and talk to them. Tell them how you were wronged. Tell them how it makes you feel and how it has changed your life. Imagine with them a future where you no longer have this hurt, anger and sadness.

You don't have to forgive the person (or people) who wronged you in person. The important thing is to get the anger and hurt out. Forgiveness is more important for the person who was wronged. It makes it possible for them to get their life back.

(4.) Spending time with friends.

If you have friends, treasure them, spend time with them, nurture them, be generous with them. They are one of the greatest gifts God blesses us with.

(5.) Helping someone in need.

Helping someone can be dicey business. You often end up getting into more than you initially imagined. **And many times people need things, we don't have.**

BUT – there are occasions, when there's someone in need and we find ourselves with the ability to help – someone is hungry and we have food, someone is cold and we have a coat we're not using, someone is homeless and we have an extra room, someone's lonely and we have time for a conversation. In these cases God has matched someone's need and put us there to help. We should take advantage of these moments whenever and wherever they occur. We are children of God, vessels of God's grace. In moments like these we are given the opportunity to experience the kingdom of God.

"Truly I tell you," Jesus said, "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (*Matthew 25:40*)

(6.) Enjoying the good things God has put in your life.

Del's Lemonade, evening walks, friends, beaches, oceans, calamari. Here in Rhode Island God has put lots of good things in our lives, and this includes our community of faith at Emanuel.

(7.) Using your talents and sharing them with the world.

Some of us are musicians, some of us are woodworkers, some of us are good with numbers, some of us enjoy cooking, and some of us are good with the gab. God has given each of us different talents. Let us use them boldly, without fear. Let us try new things knowing that sometimes we will fail and sometimes we will succeed.

God has freed us from sin and death and holds us secure in love, so let us not hold back, let us not procrastinate. Let us imagine the abundant life God desires for all of us – and then boldly live into it.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Todd Stange



Bob Perry Bible Trivia Questions

(1.) "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."
- Book of Proverbs
true or false?

(2.) " At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. " - Book of Haggai
true or false?

(3.) "Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of this ways."
- Book of Proverbs
true or false?

**Fall Worship Schedule begins
September 13th.**

Two services at 8:00 & 10:30am

*Sunday school and 1st year confirmation will begin on
Sunday September 13th at 9:15am. 2nd year confirmation
will begin on Tuesday September 15th at 7pm.*



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

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!



Holiday Bazaar

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

Pastor John & Eric enjoying a beautiful afternoon of sailing! They were sailing out of Newport with a group from Atria Harborhill this summer. They are wearing safety harnesses.



Fellowship Hall Roof Repair

Emanuel,

I don't know if you remember or not, but this past winter we had a major leak that came through the ceiling of the fellowship hall kitchen.

The leak was in the fellowship hall's flat roof. Over the years the pitch of roof has changed and water now collects in the center away from the side drains.

Since the winter, the ceiling has been repaired, the roof has been patched and two new drains have been added to drain away water.

All this repair work has come at an expense, an expense that was not planned for in our budget. The most recent drain, which was added last month, cost \$2,400.

We are looking to raise the money to cover this needed repair. **If you'd like to help and are able to give a little extra, please either mail a check into the office with a note in the memo line saying "roof repair" or use one of the envelopes in the pews and give your offering when it's collected during worship.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call or email. Thank you.

Pastor Todd Stange



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!

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.

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.**

Bob Perry Bible Trivia Answers

- (1.) False (1st Corinthians 1:25)
- (2.) False (Daniel 6:19)
- (3.) True (Proverbs 3:31)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Gustafson
Eric Johnson 9/9
Cyrus Krahn
Michael Lancellotta
Kara McCarthy
Linda Nunez 9/28
Abigale Reynolds
Althea Selby 9/15
Chris Stewart



& ANNIVERSARIES

Pastor Dan & Faith Carlson
Myron & Diane Gadoury 9/3
Stephanie & Patrick Hartnett 9/3
Todd & Jill Stange 9/7
Tim & Brenda Morgan 9/20
Steven & Donna Lucier 9/26
Robert & Linda Maguire

*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.



Emanuel's church picnic was held on August 30th at the Masonic Park in Buttonwoods.

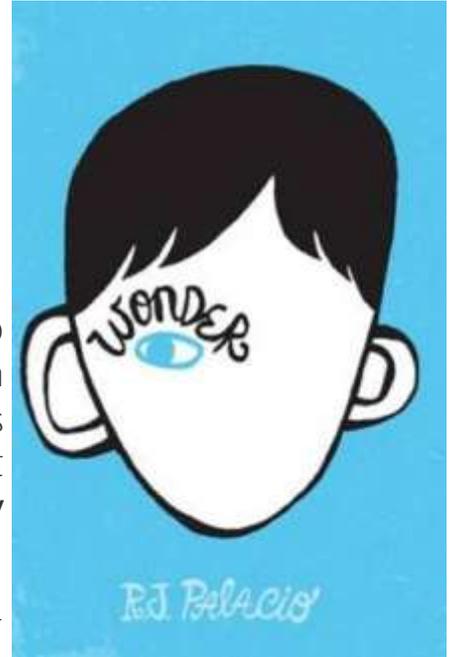
This year's Corn-hole Tournament winners are Nicholas Andersen & Brandee Muncey. Langdon Clough & Aaron Stange were runners-up. Congratulations!



Readers of Emanuel

September's book is Wonder
by R.J. Palacio

Next book club date September 13, 2015
After the 2nd service ~12pm



August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.

WONDER, now a #1 *New York Times* bestseller and included on the Texas Bluebonnet Award master list, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

Evening Bible Study at Emanuel

This fall we will be going through the book of Romans. Almost 2,000 years ago the Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the young church in Rome. Join us in taking a look at his letter and discovering what it has to say to us today.



Tuesdays in the Music Room

September 22nd 7pm

September 29th 7pm

October 6th 7pm

October 13th 7pm

October 20th 7pm

October 27th 7pm

November 3rd 7pm

November 10th 7pm

Emanuel Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes
July 16, 2015

The meeting was held at the home of Ken and Sue Wieboldt. We started with a cookout, and then moved to the meeting.

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

Absent: Lee Jacobs, Glenn Johnson, Kris Knapp, and Jim Schabek.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20.

1. Opening Devotions

Pastor Todd told about a man who was not successful making a pitch to interest a venture capitalist in investing in his new company. After turning down the investment opportunity, the venture capitalist advised him to improve his pitch. He told him he should be able to tell his story in an elevator ride to a stranger. What's your story about Emanuel? What story can you share in an elevator that explains why you participate at Emanuel?

2. Approve June Minutes Accepted as written

3. Review and Approve May and June Budgets: Approved, but will ask for an explanation of our question about the May budget.

- Accept May's report for now, while we ask Carol:
- **Have people who went to the Council Retreat all paid?**
The total paid was \$975. The bill was \$1,125. \$150 was not reimbursed. I put that in line 405 – Trips and Training. The \$975 that was reimbursed went in line 412 – non-budget expenses.
- **Line 412 --- How did the payments for the Council retreat get posted?**
See answer above.
- **Other earmarked at bottom of sheet --- what is that?**
Bills that were due but paid after the first of the following month.
- June Report looks like we are running behind, as usual, during the summer.

4. Property Committee

- Joyful Noise repair costs for inspections, who pays?
 - Property Committee feels that Joyful should pay for the \$3000 needed because it is a cost for them to keep their license.
 - Rug in front classroom needs replacement because it is torn. Myron said that Inspectors tend to treat all problems as possible asbestos

issues.

- We need to fix things because we don't want to spend the money to contest them by having more costly inspections and testing. Property Committee has agreed to meet every Monday night to make all the repairs that they can make to save us from the expense of fighting citations. Some the repairs have already been made. Council voted that Joyful pay for the inspection (which they have already paid) and the cost of the repairs that were needed as a result of the inspectors' citations. Motion passed.

- Fellowship hall roof drain repairs, yes or no? Recommendation to add a drain to the low area on the roof at a cost of \$3000. Council voted to make the repairs. Ask the congregation to consider making an extra pledge to help cover the cost. Gwen suggested that we approach the Bazaar Committee and ask if some of their profit could help pay for the repairs. Motion made and approved to do the repairs and pursue these fund-raising proposals.
- AC units left on in fellowship hall
 1. **Pastor Todd** will follow up with Adrien and other people who use our space. (Perhaps Linda, Joyful Noise's cook, could turn off the units in the kitchen and parish hall when she leaves at 1:30.)
 2. A suggestion was made to investigate the possibility of putting timers on each unit.

5. Office Administrator proposal finalized

- Pay period is the 15th and the end of the month.
- Time may be made up, but that is not mandatory. If time is made up, it must be made up during the same pay period or the one following.
- Administrator, on snow days, may delay until Joyful is open.
- Moved, seconded and approved with one dissenting vote.

6. Camp Calumet funds proposal

- Motion made and seconded that the money be left in the Calumet Fund and only spent to send kids to Camp Calumet.

7. New member Sunday

- Suggest that we should do it on August 30 so that we have everyone at one service. **Walter** will take pictures of the new families.

8. Emanuel records/pictures for Swedish Museum

- Myron was approached and asked for records and pictures. Give pictures that are before 2000. Approved.
- Must get releases for current minors.

9. Previous Business

- Job Description in constitution

- It is in the Constitution, but Bob Maine thinks we need more numbers.
- Myron called the Synod Office, and they said they could help us. **Pastor Todd** will use the information Myron will forward to him to contact the Synod.
- Recording of church records
 1. Making progress --- Kym is working on inputting wedding information.

10. Retreat Goals Review – will cover at August’s council meeting.

11. Other items

- Pam reported about a scam regarding IRS.
- Gwen asked that a new notice be sent out asking people to pay for tickets in advance for the 130th Anniversary Celebration. Council suggests that **Gwen** set up a table on Sunday morning.
- Bob Maine has been serving as the fiscal agent (treasurer) for Iglesia Luterana in Providence; he is stepping down and that congregation is getting its own treasurer.
 1. **Pastor Todd** would like to organize a joint celebration with Iglesia Luterana. He will contact their pastor and explore possibilities.
- Pastor asked what we can do to make the dumpster are more attractive. Myron and Pastor talked about the problems. Myron reminded the Council that the Property Committee does not recommend doing anything now because there is NO money in the Property budget. Let Myron know what we want to do about the dumpster doors.
- Gwen and Disa raised the issue about the signs at the northern edge of our property that make some guests think that those parking spaces do not belong to Emanuel.
- We talked about our congregation’s progress toward community involvement.

12. Closing: We closed with the Lord’s Prayer at 9:14.

Next meeting is Thursday, August 13, at 7:00 PM at Emanuel.

- One agenda item will be to review progress toward the goals we set at the Council retreat in June.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1 10am</i> <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm BAZAAR Mtg	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7 Labor Day</i> 7pm ALNON	<i>8 10am</i> <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm BAZAAR Mtg	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> Regular Sunday Schedule Begins 	<i>14</i> 7pm ALNON	<i>15 10am El-</i> <i>lie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm BAZAAR Mtg 7pm 2nd Year <i>Confirmation</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 7pm ALNON	<i>22 10am</i> <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm BAZAAR Mtg	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 7pm ALNON	<i>29 10am</i> <i>Ellie's Circle</i> Food Pantry 10-12 6pm BAZAAR Mtg 7pm 2nd Year <i>Confirmation</i>	<i>30</i>	<u>Sunday A.M. Schedule:</u> 8:00 Service of Holy Communion 9:15 Choir, First Year Confirmation, Sunday School 10:30 Service of Holy Communion		