

WEEKLY E-NEWS

March 27th, 2025



EMMANUEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Webster Groves, MO



HELPFUL LINKS

[Bulletin for the The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 30th](#)

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[March Birthdays and Anniversaries](#)

[April Birthdays and Anniversaries](#)

[Emmanuel on YouTube at 9:30am](#)

If you have a name tag, please wear it!

If you need a name tag, let an usher know!

CALENDAR

March 29th

2:00pm - Bread-making ministry meeting

March 30th

8:00am - Celtic Holy Eucharist

9:30am - Celtic Holy Eucharist

10:30am - Christian Education and Formation - Instructed Eucharist

Children and Youth are highly encouraged to attend!

April 2nd

4:00pm - International Student's Dinner

5:00pm - Episcopal 101 - Final Session

6:00pm - Fellowship Dinner - **Lisa Will-Smith**

Menu: Fried chicken and fixings (potato salad, baked beans, etc...)

6:30pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal

6:45pm - Taizé Service

7:05pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal

For more details, click the event on the calendar.

[Emmanuel Calendar Link](#)

WHAT'S NEW @EEC?

Webster University's International Students Find A Home Away from Home Local Webster Community

By Christi Maginn

When Susanna Raj, Emmanuel's Associate Priest, came to Emmanuel in November, 2021, she did not expect one of her key roles would be to support

Webster University's international students. Her unexpected journey began in 2023, when Mary Priiya, a WU graduate student from southern India, attended an Ash Wednesday service at Emmanuel. Mary was surprised and delighted to see an Indian priest at the pulpit. "You see, people in India trust their pastors, so after my service, Mary P. reached out to me and introduced herself," Susanna explained. "She timidly asked if we might get coffee sometime."

[Read the rest of the article here.](#)

Susanna+ on Her Naturalization

For many immigrants like me the path to naturalization is long and challenging, marked by moments of uncertainty and hope. Yet, when the day arrives—when the oath is taken, and citizenship is granted—it is a moment of profound joy. It signifies new opportunities, the privilege to vote, work, and fully embrace the country we now call home.

But naturalization is not merely the end of a journey; it is the beginning of a new chapter. It is a testament to resilience, a celebration of the human spirit that transcends borders and unites us in our shared longing to belong, grow, and contribute.

As my family prepares to take this important step on Good Friday, April 18, 8:30 am, 2025, we do so with gratitude and mixed emotions. Your prayers and support mean the world to us as we embrace this new season in our lives.

Shanthi,
Susanna+



Calling ALL Emmanuel Writers!

Inspired by a recent Adult Education session, some of us at Emmanuel would like to gather and discuss the possibility of forming a congregational Writers Group. There is no pre-determined format or focus, we are just curious about whether there is any interest in routinely getting together, sharing ideas, writing exercises and reading works in progress.



We KNOW there are many talented creatives among us and we'd love your input. We will hold an initial "meeting" on Monday, April 7th, at 6:30pm in the parish dining hall - although that sounds way too formal. Let's gather, exchange ideas and see if/when/how often and toward what end we would like to meet.

If you are interested, please contact [Donna Erickson by email](#) or phone (314-440-5345). If the chosen date/time does not work for you, let Donna know that as well. We will keep you in the loop.

The Food Center Needs Your Help!

Food scarcity faced by many Americans is growing and with it comes an increased reliance on food centers like the one at Emmanuel. The Food Center is going through food faster than ever before. In the past, food provided by the College School food drive in November would last the Food Center until May or later. This year, the food only lasted until March!

The Food Center needs your help keeping its shelves stocked and doors open. Below are ways you can help:

- **Amazon Wishlist** - You can order food and specialty item directly from Amazon to be sent to the church:
[Food Center Amazon Wishlist](#)
 1. Click the link above and you will be taken to an Amazon wishlist.
 2. Add the items you want to donate to your cart.
 3. Check out! Make sure to select the **Emmanuel Episcopal Church Food Center** delivery address when checking out.
- **Monetary Donation** - A donations of money to the Food Center will go towards purchasing food to give directly to those it serves in our community. You can send in a check directed to the Food Center or [give online here](#).
- **Food Donation** - The Food Center also accepts direct donations of food. Below is a list of the most needed food items. Please bring your donations in Mon-Fri 9am-2pm or on Sundays before church:
 - Bags of white or brown rice
 - Bags of dried beans
 - Cans of beef stew
 - Cans of chili
 - Cereal
 - Cans of spaghetti sauce
 - Peanut butter



FLOWERS AND PLANTS

April 5th - Grounds Cleanup Day

Emmanuel will be hosting a spring cleanup of its grounds. We need volunteers to help beatify our campus in time for Holy Week. We will mostly be doing weeding, garden cleanup, and leaf and stick pickup. EarthLove will help support the event with their extensive gardening knowledge.

Please sign up on the ["Time, Talent, and Treasure"](#) form. Go to April 5th on the sign up page.



PLANT SALE

for Rise Against Hunger

Order by April 15, 2025
Pickup on April 27, 2025



The Spring Plant Sale Begins!

The Plant Sale benefitting our Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing event at Emmanuel is back by popular demand!

- [Click here for plant information with order form.](#)

Please place your order by **Monday, April 15th**. Plants will be available for pick up on **Sunday, April 27th**. Please [contact Kathleen Martin](#) if you have questions.

Festival Flowers and Music for Easter

Each Christmas and Easter, Emmanuel enjoys exquisite musical offerings and beautiful flowers: poinsettias for Christmas and lilies for Easter. The music and flowers help to elevate our special services. Unfortunately, this beauty is not free. To help offset the cost to the church, we are asking parishioners to contribute to the Festival Flower & Music fund. To contribution:



- [Online found Online found here.](#)
- A Festival Flower and Music Fund envelope found in the pews.

Many people like to make this contribution in memory or thanksgiving of someone or something. If you wish to contribute with a thanksgiving or remembrance, we ask you [fill out this form](#) by **Wednesday, April 16th**. Contact [Elliot](#) with any questions (**not names**).

LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER



Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025

- **5:30 pm Potluck Agape dinner-** lamb is provided.
Potluck veggies, salad, bread, & dessert
- **6:30 pm Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar.**
Organ and choir. A prayer vigil will be held after the service until 8 pm.

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

- **12:00 noon Stations of the Cross** in person and available on [YouTube](#), (no livestream)
- **6:30 pm Good Friday service with Passion reading and Communion from Reserved Sacrament.**
Organ and special music.

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

- **9:30 am Waiting in hope.** A short, said BCP service remembering Jesus' time in the tomb.

EASTER 2025

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER & BAPTISM

7:30 p.m.

This service of Holy Eucharist & Baptism begins with the lighting of the new fire and the Paschal candle.

Organ and choir.



After the service, join us for a traditional **Chocolate, Champagne & Sparking Juice Reception**



SUNDAY, APRIL 20 - EASTER DAY

The Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. No music.

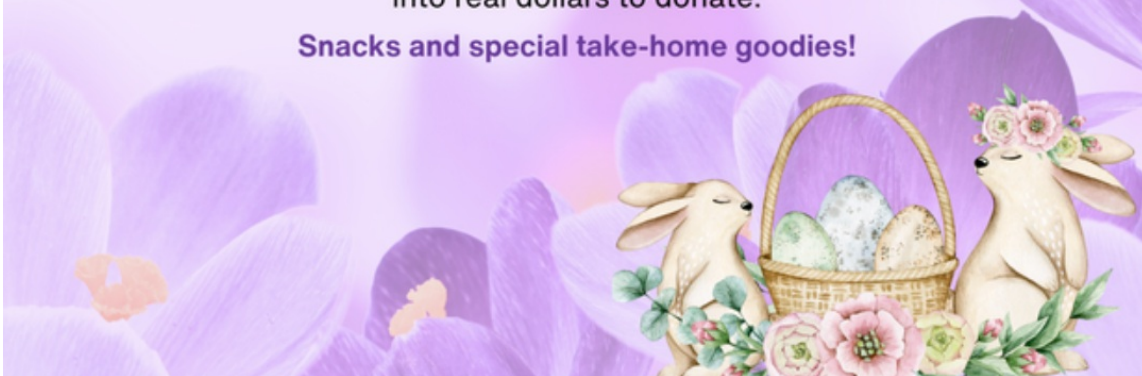
9:30 a.m. A Festival Holy Eucharist with organ, children's choir, adult choir, and brass ensemble!

After the service, join us at the Jones Lawn for our

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Children of all ages welcome! The eggs have play money in them. The kids will donate their "money" to Faith In Action which will translate their money into real dollars to donate.

Snacks and special take-home goodies!



Agape Potluck Meal

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the community enjoyed by the family of Christ.

We will have our Agape meal before the Maundy Thursday service on April 17th. Lamb will be provided, **but we are asking for parishioners to help provide the sides.** Typical Agape sides are grapes, cheeses, nuts, dried figs and other fruits, olives, hummus, bread, and veggies. However, all food will be welcome.

[Agape Recipes](#)

Please signup on the **["Time, Talent, and Treasure"](#)** form. Go to April 17th to signup.



Week 5: This week, we invite you to consider and give thanks for the ways we are welcome by other cultures.

- How is welcome expressed in your culture? Give thanks for the way this has informed your life.
- One way we can experience welcome is through food. Give thanks for your favorite foods from other cultures.
- Look around your home and give thanks for any artwork or trinkets that come from another community than your own.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER 2025



Volunteer to help feed the hungry!

On May 4th, Emmanuel will host our annual Rise Against Hunger (RAH) meal packaging event after the 9:30am service. RAH will deliver the food supplies in bulk that we will repackage into smaller bags for meals. Our goal is to package 25,000 meals, but we need your help!

This event is open to all ages and abilities; we need everyone! To signup, please click the link below. We need volunteers for:

- May 3rd - Receive the food and help setup for the event
- May 4th - 1st Shift
- May 4th - 2nd Shift
- May 4th - Cleanup

[Signup Here!](#) Signup for whatever shift(s) fits your schedule.

The link also contains a way to donate to help us fund this event. Please consider making a monetary contribution to help offset the cost to Emmanuel.

Things to know:

- School age kids are welcome
- You or your youth can sign up a friend to come join us!
- There are stand up jobs and sit down jobs
- Wear comfy clothes, even to church. T-shirts, jeans and sneakers are fine.
- We'll have music playing while we work, it will be a party atmosphere!
- If you aren't sure you can make it but discover on Sunday you can, come on in. No one will be turned away!

YOUTH CORNER

End of Semester Schedule

We realized our youth group only has **THREE** more sessions together before the semester ends. So, we'd like to tell you about the next three dates so you can plan to be with us!:

Sunday, March 30 - After the 9:30 service, The Rev. Canon Whitney Rice will be at Emmanuel to lead an instructed Eucharist. Canon Whitney will share our traditions, explain why we do certain things, like wear vestments, and provide some historical background of the Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. Parents are encouraged to participate as well. Canon Whitney makes this presentation fun, informative and accessible for all ages to participate. Please try to be with us that day. P.S. This is not on our regular schedule but we think you'll like it!

Sunday, April 6 - After the 9:30 service will be our last time together in the youth room for this year. We'll update everyone on your Lent Madness standings, have snacks and share some stories of interest to you all. It will be a good time to talk as a group prior to the Outreach Trip in June. Katie, Tessa and Mimi will all be there.

Sunday, May 4 - Rise Against Hunger and Youth Sunday. Hunger impacts us all and we hope all youth and parents will consider being part of this meal packaging event. If you can, we ask youth to sign up for the 2nd shift, which is 1:30-3:30 pm. [Click here to register](#). You are welcome to bring a friend. It's a fun event and we'll have music blaring to keep the pace so we can meet our goal of packaging 25,000 meals! Remember, you must register!

JUSTICE & EQUITY



A new art exhibition explores what it means to be "here" for immigrants in America. The new ATRA (sanskrit word meaning "here") art exhibition highlights the challenges immigrants face living in America. The art exhibition is open to the public from March 21 to April 19 at Webster University's Cecille R. Hunt Gallery.

[More Information](#)

DONATION STATIONS

Bikes Wanted!

The international students we serve have been asking for bikes to help them get around. Most of them do not have reliable forms of transportation other than Uber. A bike would alleviate this insecurity and give them one less thing to worry about.



If you have a bike that is no longer used and still functional, please consider donating it. Contact [Susanna+](#) if you would like to donate.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Christian Formation

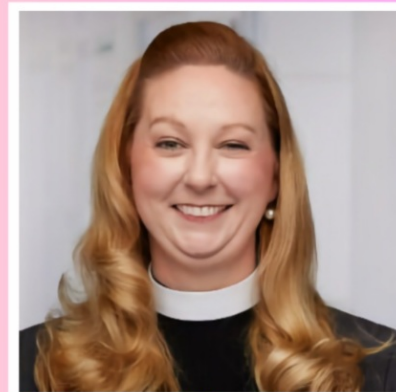
Sunday, March 30, 2025
in the Parish Hall Dining Room

An Instructed Holy Eucharist

**Led by The Rev. Canon
Whitney Rice**

The Eucharist is our worship service in which we give thanks, read Scripture, sing praise, and receive Holy Communion.

Rev Canon Whitney will talk with us about the prayers and language we use during the Eucharist.



The Rev. Canon Whitney Rice
Canon for Evangelism and Discipleship
Development

She will also identify and explain the significance of the physical elements of Communion: the vestments, actions, etc.



What we do in our Holy Eucharist is intentional and has meaning, connecting us to God and one another.

Questions are always welcome!

Coffee and biscuits with butter, Dale's honey, and jam provided!



Women of the Passion

This event explores Christ's Passion through the experiences of women from Scripture who met Jesus. It features three meditations and the Stations of the Cross, narrated by women such as the widow with the mite and Mary Magdalene. Award-winning author Katie Sherrod shares her powerful writing experience, emphasizing the urgency of these women's stories.

Women of the Passion will take place on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Those interested in being readers should contact [Angela Breeher](#) by April 7.

[More Information](#)

Our building and food center is open Monday-Friday
from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.
Please call or email for more information about any of our offerings.
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