

# Flower Arranging Class being **RESCHEDULED**



Sue is sick and needs to reschedule the flower arranging class – that was originally scheduled for this coming Saturday.

The new date will be announced.  
Thank you.

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# New Adult Forum



The Living the Questions course grew out of two United Methodist congregations in Arizona. It was designed to help people wrestle with the relevance of Christianity in the 21st century and to help people discover what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world. Contributors include: John Bell, Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, Diana Butler Bass, Dominic Crossan, Matthew Fox, Lloyd Geering, Hans Küng, Brian McLaren, Robin Meyers, Bernard Brandon Scott & John Shelby Spong.

## **Wednesday Evenings at 7PM in Jacobs Hall**

**Oct. 5** — An Invitation to Journey / What does it mean to be a Christian?

**Oct. 12** — Taking the Bible Seriously

**Oct. 19** — Thinking Theologically

**Oct. 26** — Stories of Creation

**Nov. 2** — Lives of Jesus

**Nov. 9** — A Passion for Christ: Paul the Apostle

**Nov. 16** — Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians

Each session will include an ~20 min. video and then discussion of the issues/concepts, some of which may be challenging.

# Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

**Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** 12:30PM to 2PM

at **Carrabba's Italian Grill**

1350 Bald Hill Rd Bldg C, Warwick, RI 02886

Estimated cost \$10 to \$25

If you would like to go, please email, text or call  
Michael Groleau at

Cell: 401-465-5021

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

Friends are welcome!

# Church Picnic

## Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>



(Church picnic Emanuel courtyard 2016)

**Emanuel Church Picnic  
after worship at Emanuel  
food, fun, friends**

# Little Library Update

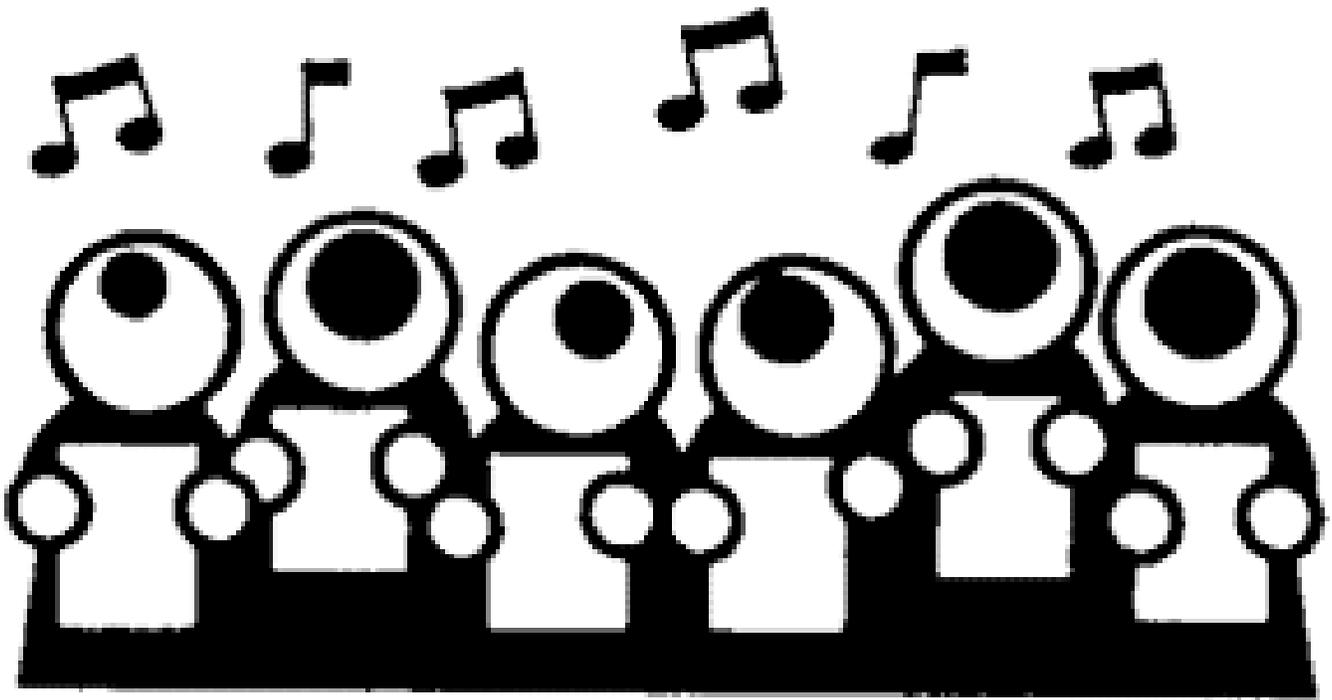


I would like to thank Michael Groleau, Kathy Garriott, Margaret Teehan for donations to the library. We also have received donations from our friends at the food pantry.

We now have books for all ages. If you have a special author you like please, let me know. Thanks so much for making this a success.

Joanne Powers.

# Choir at Emanuel



**Sunday mornings at 9:15AM in the sanctuary**

**Consider coming to choir.**

**All are welcome.**

## **Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting- August 11, 2022**

Attendees: Myron Gaboury, Bruce Johnston, Ray Nunez, Kathleen Plante, Pastor Todd Stange

Not in attendance: Glenn Johnson, Elaine Marsh, Ken Wieboldt, Sue Wieboldt

Opening Devotions - The unexpected surprises of life that God brings.

Review and approve July Council Minutes – approved with modifications.

Treasurer's Report – Representatives from Finance did not attend this meeting. Expenses in July were higher than normal. There were 3 paycheck cycles in July. Also the money for the Endowment Fund distributions was taken out in July. Financial report addressed questions presented in July minutes. Walter Phaneuf has stopped down from his role as Financial Secretary. Financial Secretary duties will be written up by Finance Committee. The Council will approve the job description. Ray asks, does Council appoint the Financial Secretary or does Finance or congregation? Danielle David was asked to consider taking on the role of Financial Secretary once the job description is written.

### Committees

Christian Ed. – met Tuesday night, Sunday school and Confirmation starts up September 11, 2022. Back to two services that date as well. Christian Ed. Committee will check if there are any changes to Confirmation teacher availability.

Finance – Income is down slightly from last year.

Property – see report. Myron reported about a leak in JN bathroom, once he arrived it was cleaned up. The urinals may not be replaced, they are in the staff bathroom, there are no male staff in the daycare. Sanctuary wall is all set, there was a small leak in the radiator when they were reinstalled, but that has been repaired. Wiring from the speakers have been separated from the projector wire and that seems to have enhanced the sound quality. Custodial staff, Lissette, is starting to feel better after having COVID. Myron indicated that she needs to stay home 5 days after her negative tests. Myron would like to give the Custodial position a raise of \$1 per hour. Council voted to increase the hourly rate. The custodian now earns \$16 per hour. Myron presented a curtain for review and seeking approval from the Fire Marshall for placement in the back of the Fellowship Hall to hide the food. Myron cancelled the Food Truck that the RI Food Bank was giving to Emanuel as of today, 8/11/22. Lack of space is propelling the question of if the Food Pantry is going to continue participating in T-FAP. Homeless meal is going well. However, the budget is not covering the expenses.

Building use Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> for Party for Mabel Lewis' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Worship and Music – Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 8am and 10:30am services return. Choir starts up that date as well. Sue Wieboldt is starting to deacon; Langdon Clough is planning on starting again. Donna Sennett is also starting again. The term "Deacon" at Emanuel may need to be renamed. The ELCA uses the term "Deacon" to mean a rostered minister of Word

and Service called to serve the church. There is a specific process and requirements for becoming a deacon in the ELCA. To avoid confusion we may want to come up with a different name. W&M is going to create a hand-out for Sunday worship.

Other topics:

Church Website – Pastor states that there was good feedback, the consensus was that there was some good content, Jake Johnson is agreeing to work on the website, he needs to get into the administrative section. Myron thinks we need to have an action plan or bring the website down. Myron thinks the office administrator should be working more and update the website. Contact list, web site maintenance and updating the Constitution could be done by the office administrator. Kym may be able to maintain the website if it was brought up to standards. Perhaps Jake could go through the punch list and prep it for maintenance.

Kathleen Plante agreed to be on a committee to improve Emanuel's website. Pastor will send the punch list of suggested website improvements to Kathy. Myron states we may not want to create a website that requires updates, just calendar and video. Kym already knows how to update the calendar and upload the weekly herald to the website.

Membership List – Myron received positive responses from the people he called. Some of the phone numbers were incorrect. Pastor will ask Kym to reach out to the remaining members on the list.

Youth group – need to form a committee to help build up a youth group. Find leaders. Myron to contact Courtney Dunn to see if she is interested in helping.

Results of Jennifer Marchetti's, the director of Joyful Noise, and Mike Ricci's meeting with Pastor – Myron asked how that meeting went. Pastor stated that Jen is very happy with Joyful Noise's relationship with Myron. She said she would never agree to any project if it was not in the best interest of Joyful Noise. Jen has agreed to email pastor, the council president and the Finance committee when new projects are agreed upon stating who is paying and what percent.

Cox Communication – we updated our level of internet service with Cox Communications.

Church Picnic, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Bouncy House, Cornhole and Face Painting, Apple dunking. Assorted food.

Constitution –At the last Annual Meeting some constitution changes were approved. However, for those changes to be implemented into the constitution a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote is required at the next Annual Meeting in January or February 2023. The ELCA Model Constitution contains certain clauses that are required to be adopted by all congregations belonging to the ELCA. These required clauses are regarding rostered ministers, how we interact with ELCA, etc. Emanuel has not updated these required clauses in many years. Pastor made a motion for the Council to call for a congregational meeting on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> and vote on adopting the required ELCA model constitution clauses. Model

Constitutional changes are easier to adopt than other changes. They only need to be voted on once at a congregational meeting. Linda Nunez superimposed the 2019 Model Constitution with Emanuel's current constitution showing all the changes that would occur if we adopt the required ELCA model constitution clauses. The current ELCA model constitution is from 2019. There will be a new updated 2022 Model Constitution update coming out soon that will likely have a few more changes. The council needs to give the congregation at least 30 days notice of proposed changes to the constitution. 30 days before November 6<sup>th</sup> is October 7<sup>th</sup>. The council needs to receive proposed changes at least 60 days before a scheduled vote. 60 days before November 6<sup>th</sup> is September 7<sup>th</sup>. The comparison document that Linda Nunez created shows all changes between Emanuel's current constitution and what the constitution would look like if we adopt all the required ELCA model changes. Some of the changes are very minor. Even formatting changes are highlighted. One statement in chapter 4 was missing from ours. C2-07 is a sample of a minor change. C3.04 and C3.05 are added.

Pastor made a motion for the Council to call for a congregational meeting on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> and vote on adopting the required ELCA model constitution clauses. The motion was voted on and passed. Linda asked, if the 2022 ELCA model constitution comes out before September 7<sup>th</sup> are we allowed to incorporate any new changes for the vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>. If there are portions of the required clauses in the ELCA model constitution that we do not want to adopt, we would have to get a waiver from ELCA to have those clauses different in Emanuel's constitution. Myron states that we may not have been able to vote on Zoom at the last annual meeting. Linda's overall opinion is that ELCA model constitution required clause are required and we do not have a lot of say, but perhaps that is okay. Pastor states that we should adopt the required changes of the Model Constitution, so we are current with the updates. Sections 10-14 of the constitution do not contain any required clauses from the ELCA model constitution. These sections deal with things specifically at Emanuel. ELCA does have oversight on those chapters. In the November meeting are we expected to have a single up or down vote on all the required ELCA model changes. The Constitution committee will continue to have meetings to get input from people and help explain things. There is a meeting set for next week. All are invited.

Any additional proposed changes to the constitution are due to the council by September 7<sup>th</sup>. All proposed constitutional changes need to be received by the council at least 60 days before a congregational vote on them.

Next Meeting will be on Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Closing Prayer

# Mabel Lewis' 100th Birthday Celebration

## Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> 1pm to 4pm at Emanuel



Mabel's 100th Birthday Celebration will be held at Emanuel Lutheran on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be an open house format, scheduled from 1 to 4 pm. Light refreshments will be served. We plan to create a slide show of photos encompassing Mabel's lifetime.

It would be wonderful if you can attend, but if not, a birthday card sent to Mabel's new address would be greatly appreciated as well.

Scandinavian Home  
Mabel H. Lewis, Room 105-A  
1811 Broad Street  
Cranston, RI 02905-3533

# What is the ELCA Model Constitution?



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Emanuel is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America - the ELCA.

Emanuel is governed by a constitution. The ELCA provides a model constitution for all its members as a guide. Some provisions of the model constitution are required to be followed by all congregations who are members of the ELCA. Specifically:

\*PREAMBLE

Chapter 2. CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*C2.01., \*C2.02., \*C2.03., \*C2.04., \*C2.05., \*C2.06. and \*C2.07.

Chapter 3. NATURE OF THE CHURCH

\*C3.01., \*C3.02., \*C3.03., \*C3.04. and \*C3.05.

Chapter 4. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

\*C4.01., \*C4.02., \*C4.03., \*C4.04., \*C4.05. and \*C4.06.

Chapter 5. POWERS OF THE CONGREGATION

\*C5.01., \*C5.02., \*C5.03. and \*C5.04.

Chapter 6. CHURCH AFFILIATION

\*C6.01., \*C6.02., \*C6.03., \*C6.04., \*C6.05., \*C6.06. and \*C6.07.

Chapter 7. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

\*C7.01., \*C7.02., \*C7.03. and \*C7.04.

Chapter 8. MEMBERSHIP

\*C8.01., \*C8.02., \*C8.03., \*C8.04. and \*C8.05.

Chapter 9. ROSTERED MINISTER

\*C9.01., \*C9.02., \*C9.03., \*C9.04., \*C9.05., \*C9.06., \*C9.07., \*C9.08.,  
\*C9.09., \*C9.11., \*C9.12., \*C9.13., \*C9.14., \*C9.21., \*C9.22., \*C9.23.,  
\*C9.24., \*C9.25., \*C9.26., \*C9.27., \*C9.28., \*C9.29. and \*C9.31.

Chapter 15. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS AND ADJUDICATION

\*C15.01., \*C15.02., \*C15.03., \*C15.04., \*C15.05., \*C15.06., \*C15.07.,  
\*C15.10. and \*C15.11.

Chapter 16. AMENDMENTS

\*C16.01., \*C16.02., \*C16.03. and \*C16.04.  
Chapter 17. BYLAWS  
\*C17.01., \*C17.02., \*C17.03. and \*C17.04.  
Chapter 18. CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS  
\*C18.01. and \*C18.02.  
Chapter 19. INDEMNIFICATION  
\*C19.01.  
Chapter 20. PARISH AUTHORIZATION  
(Required only for a congregation that is part of a parish)  
\*C20.01., \*C20.02., \*C20.03., \*C20.04., \*C20.05. and \*C20.06.

According to the ELCA constitution these provisions need to be adopted by all congregations who wish to be members of the ELCA.

Normally changes to a congregation's constitution require 2 approving votes by the congregation with the 2<sup>nd</sup> vote passing by a 2/3 majority before a change is officially adopted. However there are specific rules in Emanuel's constitution that make it easier to adopt changes that come from the ELCA's model constitution. Only 1 vote passing by a simple majority is required.

Every 3 years there is a churchwide assembly of the ELCA. All the synods from across the country send representatives to the churchwide assembly including the New England Synod, which Emanuel is a part of.

Sometimes at the churchwide assembly changes are proposed to the ELCA model constitution. Sometimes the changes are substantial. Sometimes they are small corrections. If the proposed changes are

approved, then the ELCA model constitution is updated and all member congregations of the ELCA need to vote on adopting the changes.

It has been many years since Emanuel has incorporated ELCA model constitution changes into our constitution. We hope to do that this year. The plan is to call for a special congregational meeting on **Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>** after worship to vote on adopting all the required updates from the ELCA model constitution into Emanuel's constitution.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas about Emanuel's current constitution, the ELCA model constitution and/or the new updates that we plan to vote on Sunday November 6, please let Pastor Todd, Linda Nunez, or Bob Maine know.

Thank you

# Emanuel Church Bazaar November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>



Emanuel's bazaar/craft fair is  
Saturday, November 12 and Sunday November 13.

We will have items for sale, raffle baskets and a whole room  
full of baked goods.

We are looking for vendors. If you or someone you know  
would like to participate, tables are only \$25. Or if you would  
like to donate your handiwork, we would love to have 5 or 6  
handmaid items for the Emanuel table.

For more information, contact:

Sue Wieboldt at 397-9845 &  
[susieq3380@gmail.com](mailto:susieq3380@gmail.com)

or

Carol Johnson at 323-9542 &  
[cmjohnson1220@gmail.com](mailto:cmjohnson1220@gmail.com).

Thanks, Carol

# On-line Worship at Emanuel Sundays at 10:30AM



## What to Do - if You would Like to Come to On-line Worship

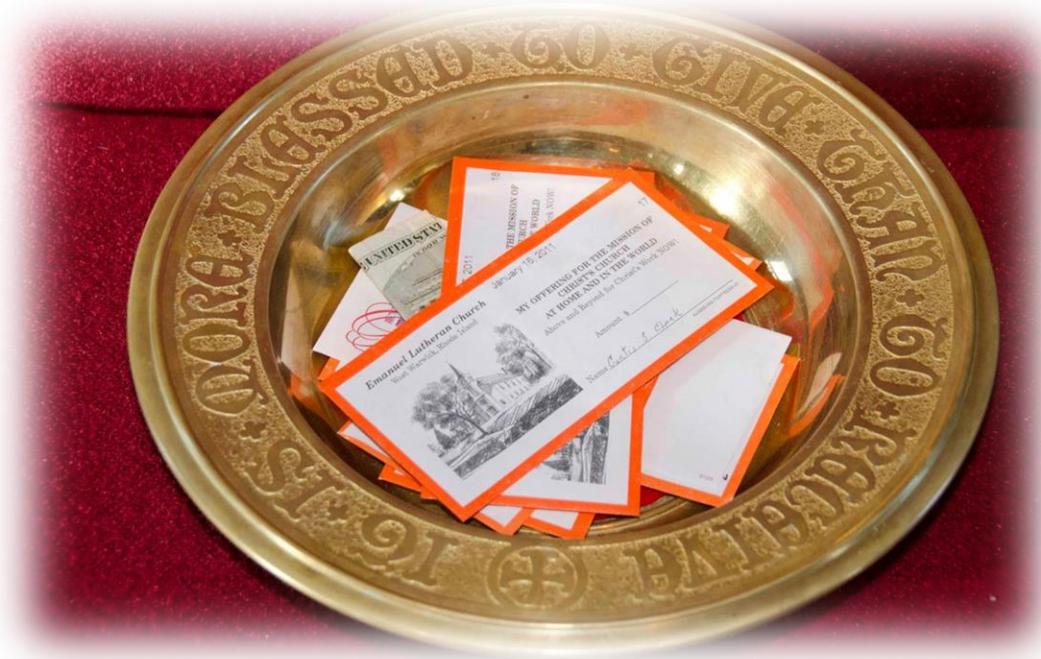
Just click on the Zoom link below on Sunday at 10:30AM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93690864460?pwd=cHZ5RVNsdnFYcDhhNVdMKzA2VENlQT09>

You can also join us by phone by calling (929) 205-6099 and entering Meeting ID: 936 9086 4460 and Password: 933328

A video of the service will be posted on Emanuel's website and Facebook group page later in the day.

# Offerings to Emanuel



## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has been mailing in their offering or giving through Simply Giving and Givelify.

Offerings can be mailed to:

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
9 New London Avenue  
West Warwick, RI 02893

OR you can use either the Simply Giving program, which allows you to automate the giving of an offering from a checking account, or Givelify, which is online app that allows giving through a debit or credit card.

If you would like to find out more about either of these, please let Emanuel's Treasurer, Carol Johnson, or Pastor Todd know. Thank you.

**You can give to Emanuel through Givelify by clicking on the DONATE button on Emanuel's website OR by clicking here: [Donate](#)**

[www.emanuelww.org](http://www.emanuelww.org)

**Please keep these children of God  
in your prayers this week:**

**For Healing & Comfort:** Beverly Locke

**For Grieving:** the family & friends of Janet Buehler (Janet is the wife of Pastor Dave Buehler)

**Worship Assistants**

	<i>Serving September 18:</i>	<i>Serving September 25:</i>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Kathy Marco</b>	<b>Disa Johnson</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Bruce Johnson</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Anthem:</b>	-	-
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Joanne Powers &amp; Pauline LaVallee</b>	<b>Bruce Johnson &amp; Mary Schabek</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Elaine Johnson</b>	<b>Donna Sennett</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Donna Sennett</b>	-

## This Week at Emanuel

<b>Sunday, September 11</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person only</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Sunday school &amp; Confirmation &amp; Choir</b>
<b>Rally Day!</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person &amp; Online</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

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<b>Monday, September 12</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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<b>Tuesday, September 13</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM</b>
		<b>Pastor's Office Hours</b>

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<b>Wednesday, September 14</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Council Meeting (Zoom)</b>

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<b>Thursday, September 15</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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**Friday, September 16**

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**Saturday, September 17**

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<b>Sunday, September 18</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person only</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Sunday school &amp; Choir</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person &amp; Online</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

## Next Week at Emanuel

<b>Monday, September 19</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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<b>Tuesday, September 20</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM</b>
		<b>Pastor's Office Hours</b>

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<b>Wednesday, September 21</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)</b>
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<b>Thursday, September 22</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)</b>
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**Friday, September 23**

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**Saturday, September 24**

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<b>Sunday, September 25</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person only</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Sunday school, Confirmation &amp; Choir</b>
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship IN Person &amp; Online</b>
	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Help the Homeless RI meal (Arctic Center)</b>

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

### **Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258**

**Friday, September 16, 2022**

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

### **Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179**

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

### **Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961**

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

### **Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)**

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

### **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

Double click on link below to see Emanuel's online calendar:

**[Emanuel's Online Calendar](#)**

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.