# **Special Congregational Meeting**

AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR CONGREGATIONS

APPROVED BY THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY (AUGUST 2022) [WITH-RATIONALES]¶ Following are amendments to the Model Constitution for Congregations that were approved by the 2022 Churchwide Assembly. Additions are underlined; deletions are struck through. "Chapter:4::STATEMENT:OF:PURPOSE¶ \*C4.02. > To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall: [...]¶ d. → Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity, and, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations, and standing in solidarity with the poor and powerless oppressed and committing itself to their needs. Rationale: [This amendment was proposed on the assembly floor during the 2019 Churchwide Assembly; consequently, no rationale was provided prior to the assembly. ] Chapter 6: CHURCH AFFILIATION \*C6.05. → This congregation may terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by the following procedure: ¶ a. → A resolution indicating the intent to terminate its relationship must be adopted at two legally called and conducted special meetings of this congregation by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at each meeting. The first such meeting may be held no sooner than 30 days after written notice of the meeting is received by the bishop of the synod, during which time this congregation shall consult with the bishop and the bishop's designees, if any. The times and manner of the consultation shall be determined by the bishop in consultation with the Congregation Council. Unless the or she is the bishop and/or the bishop's designees are a voting members of this congregation, the bishop and the bishop's designees, if any, they shall have voice but not vote at the first meeting.  $d. \rightarrow If \cdot this \cdot congregation, \cdot after \cdot such \cdot consultation, \cdot is \cdot still \cdot considering \cdot termination \cdot of \cdot its \cdot relationship \cdot with \cdot this \cdot congregation, \cdot after \cdot such \cdot consultation, \cdot is \cdot still \cdot considering \cdot termination \cdot of \cdot its \cdot relationship \cdot with \cdot this \cdot congregation, \cdot after \cdot such \cdot consultation, \cdot is \cdot still \cdot considering \cdot termination \cdot of \cdot its \cdot relationship \cdot with \cdot this \cdot congregation, \cdot after \cdot such \cdot consultation, \cdot is \cdot still \cdot considering \cdot termination \cdot of \cdot its \cdot relationship \cdot with \cdot this \cdot congregation, \cdot after \cdot such \cdot consultation, \cdot is \cdot still \cdot considering \cdot termination \cdot of \cdot its \cdot relationship \cdot with \cdot this \cdot congregation, \cdot is \cdot still \cdot considering \cdot termination \cdot of \cdot its \cdot relationship \cdot with \cdot this \cdot congregation, \cdot is \cdot still \cdot considering \cdot termination \cdot of \cdot its \cdot relationship \cdot with \cdot this \cdot congregation \cdot congrega$ 

# Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30AM

We will be voting on adopting required ELCA model constitution changes into Emanuel's constitution.

All the proposed ELCA model constitution changes that we will vote on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> can be found in this herald (toward the end of it). Rationales for the proposed changes are also included.

If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Todd, Linda Nunez or Bob Maine. Thank you.

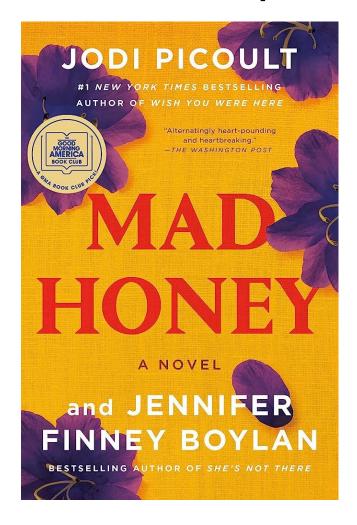
# Halloween Party for Children at Emanuel



Saturday October 28th 5PM to 7PM Games, treats, fun!

Margaret Teehan and Jen Hadden are looking for people who would like to help. Please contact them or Pastor Todd, if you'd like to help. Thank you.

# Readers of Emanuel RESCHEDULED to Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>



The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading "Mad Honey" by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan.

We will meet after worship ~11:45am in Jacobs Hall on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is invited for good fellowship and food.

"A provocative exploration of the strength that love and acceptance require."—The Washington Post

# Last Week's Confirmation Hike



Last Sunday the confirmation class along with mentors, some siblings and one dog had confirmation class at Ryan Park in North Kingstown.



Flyers will be available in Narthex. Bring flyer to Texas Roadhouse on the two dates and times and Emanuels Food Pantry will get a 15% donation from your bill. This will be used for our Thanksgiving Baskets.

# CPR & AED Training Class at Emanuel



# Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> cost \$75

Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at church.

Contact Myron Gadoury or Bruce Johnson, if you have questions. Thank you.

# Small Refrigerator Looking for a Home



(This is not a picture of Phyillis' actual refrigerator)

Phyllis Gustafson has a small refrigerator to give away for free. It is a bit larger than a college dorm mini fridge. The person would need to pick it up at her house and will need 2 people to get it down her stairs.

Call Phyllis at her home # of 401.397.3904, if you are interested. Thank you.

## Emanuel Church Bazaar November 11th & 12th



If you would like to donate a baked good for Emanuel's baked goods table, please sign-up on the bulletin board at church.

## **Looking for Help**



This year's bazaar is Saturday, November 11 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sunday, November 12 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The bazaar committee is looking for help with the raffle. Any of the following would be gratefully accepted.

- Gift Cards for our major raffle
- Gift certificates to local establishments.
- Items for baskets. These can be single items or multiple themed items (wine, liquor, candy, kid's themed items, etc.) Your ideas are welcome as well.
- Cash donations to help us purchase raffle items.

If you can help, please contact: Sue Wieboldt at (401) 397-9845, <u>susieq3380@gmail.com</u> or Carol Johnson at (401) 323-9542, <u>cmjohnson1220@gmail.com</u>.

# Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

Thursday, October 26th 12:30PM to 2PM

### at Olive Garden

31 Universal Blvd, Warwick, RI Estimated cost \$10 to \$20

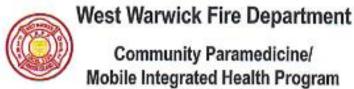
If you would like to go, please email, text or call Michael Groleau at

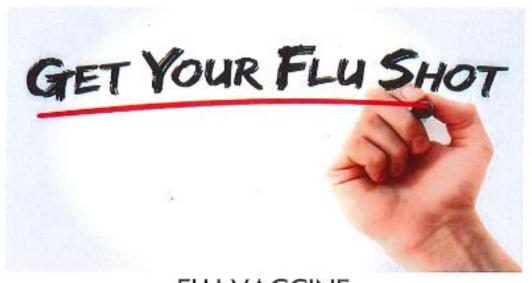
Cell: 401-465-5021

Email: MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com

Friends welcome!







### FLU VACCINE AND/OR COVID VACCINE CLINIC

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, 2023
WEST WARWICK SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER
11AM - 1PM

REGISTRATION IN ADVANCE IS REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 12TH\*

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP ONLINE



# **Craft Night at Emanuel**



Tuesdays at 6:30PM – in the Fellowship Hall

Come help make crafts to sell at Emanuel's Fall Bazaar table.

Fun fellowship too!

# Bible Readings for Sunday October 8th

#### First Reading

#### **Deuteronomy 5:1-21**

Before the Israelites enter the Promised Land Moses reminds the new generation of Israelites of the commandments God gave not just to their parents, but them too.

<sup>1</sup> Moses convened all Israel, and said to them:

Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances that I am addressing to you today; you shall learn them and observe them diligently. <sup>2</sup>The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. <sup>3</sup>Not with our ancestors did the Lord make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. <sup>4</sup>The Lord spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the fire. <sup>5</sup>(At that time I was standing between the Lord and you to declare to you the words of the Lord; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said:

- <sup>6</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>7</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.
- <sup>8</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>9</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>10</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.
- 11 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
- <sup>12</sup> Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>For six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.
- <sup>16</sup> Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
- <sup>17</sup> You shall not murder.
- <sup>18</sup> Neither shall you commit adultery.
- <sup>19</sup> Neither shall you steal.
- <sup>20</sup> Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.
- <sup>21</sup> Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife.

Neither shall you desire your neighbor's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

#### **Second Reading**

#### **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

Here Moses restates the 1st commandment in the positive. We are to incorporate the commandments God gives us into our daily lives. We are to live them.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

# What do you make of these readings?

# Discover the Bible in a New Way



## "The Chosen" Season #3

We will be watching and discussing the 3<sup>rd</sup> season of the critically acclaimed series "The Chosen". No need to have seen previous episodes. All episodes are based on the Bible.

## Wednesdays @7PM in person & on-line

October 4th, 11th, 25th

November 1st. 8th, (two week break) 29th, December 6th

We will be meeting in person in Jacobs Hall and over Zoom.

To meet over Zoom click on this link at 7PM on Wednesdays: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86369987751?pwd=eW5aRE5wRHI1UThGUEt6OGNZRmdRdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86369987751?pwd=eW5aRE5wRHI1UThGUEt6OGNZRmdRdz09</a>

Meeting ID: 863 6998 7751 and Passcode: 392503

All episodes are available for free on www.angel.com & Amazon Prime

# BINGO Fundraiser for The Autism Project Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>



BINGO					
12	25	41	51	63	
3	30	37	54	66	
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1	26	35	50	69	
10	17	45	47	64	
MILTON BRADLEY COMPANY Springfield, Massachusetts					

The Greenwich Bay Women's Club is hosting a Bingo fundraiser for the Autism Project at Swift Community Center – Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM.

Cards cost \$20, \$5 for markers. Bring your own snacks and beverages and dress in festive fall attire if you'd like! There will be raffles and door prizes.

Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

# Oktoberfest

Little Rhody Vasa Park

10 Boswell Rd, Foster, RI Saturday October 14, 2023 1:00 PM to 5 PM

Menu: Served from 1 PM to 3PM

Pretzels with mustard(separate order) \$5

Pork Schnitzel or Bratwurst & Knockwurst German Potato Salad

> Spaetzle Red Cabbage Sauerkraut Apple Cake



Paid advanced reservations required

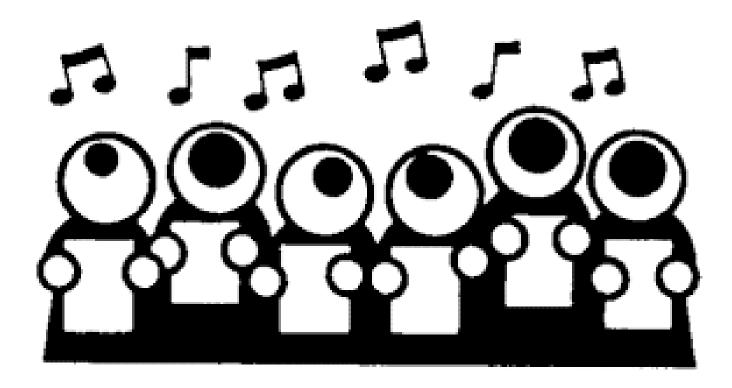
by October 7th

Please provide meal choice and contact info when sending in your payment to Linda.

Adults \$18 Children \$7 Pretzels \$5 Linda Nelson 950 Main Ave, Warwick, RI 02886 401-737-0813

Sponsored by Pioneer Lodge #506 VOA

# Choir at Emanuel



Starting back up Sundays at 9AM in the sanctuary.

Anyone who would like to make music is welcome.

### **Emanuel Lutheran Church**

#### **Special Congregational Meeting**

## Sunday November 5, 2023 at 11:30am

#### The meeting will be held in-person at Emanuel

Emanuel,

You are invited to a special congregational meeting at Emanuel Sunday November 5, 2023 in Emanuel's sanctuary.

At this meeting we will be voting on adopting ELCA model constitution changes into Emanuel's constitution. The pages that follow show the proposed changes that we will be voting on.

If this sounds familiar to you, that's because we did this last year as well. Last year's meeting went well. It was nice and short, and we voted to adopt the required changes from the ELCA model constitution. The changes we will be voting on this year came out of the churchwide assembly meeting that took place last August 2022. We did not receive these changes in time to include them in last year's meeting. Thus we are having another special congregational meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> of 2023 at 11:30am to vote on these new set of changes.

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

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.

On November 5<sup>th</sup> we will be voting on whether or not to adopt the required updates from the 2022 ELCA model constitution into Emanuel's constitution.

If you have any questions or comments about Emanuel's current constitution, the ELCA model constitution and/or the new updates we will be voting on adopting on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>, please let Pastor Todd, Linda Nunez, or Bob Maine know.

Thank you. Pastor Todd

(401) 821-8888 pastor@emanuelww.org

# AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR CONGREGATIONS APPROVED BY THE 2022 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY (AUGUST 2022) [WITH RATIONALES]

Following are amendments to the *Model Constitution for Congregations* that were approved by the 2022 Churchwide Assembly. Additions are underlined; deletions are struck through.

#### **Chapter 4: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

- \*C4.02. To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall:
  - d. Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity, and, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations, and standing in solidarity with the poor and powerless oppressed and committing itself to their needs.

Rationale: [This amendment was proposed on the assembly floor during the 2019 Churchwide Assembly; consequently, no rationale was provided prior to the assembly.]

#### **Chapter 6: CHURCH AFFILIATION**

- \*C6.05. This congregation may terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by the following procedure:
  - a. A resolution indicating the intent to terminate its relationship must be adopted at two legally called and conducted special meetings of this congregation by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at each meeting. The first such meeting may be held no sooner than 30 days after written notice of the meeting is received by the bishop of the synod, during which time this congregation shall consult with the bishop and the bishop's designees, if any. The times and manner of the consultation shall be determined by the bishop in consultation with the Congregation Council. Unless he or she is the bishop and/or the bishop's designees are a voting members of this congregation, the bishop and the bishop's designees, if any, they shall have voice but not vote at the first meeting.

[...]

d. If this congregation, after such consultation, is still considering termination of its relationship with this church, such action may be taken at a legally called and conducted special meeting by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present. Notice of the second meeting shall be sent to all voting members and to the bishop at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. Unless he or she is the bishop and/or the bishop's designees are a voting members of this congregation, the bishop and the bishop's designees, if any, they shall have voice but not vote at the second meeting.

Rationale: Inclusive language.

#### **Chapter 9: ROSTERED MINISTER**

- \*C9.03. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
  - a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:

[...]

8) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world-advocating dignity, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations.

- \*C9.05. The provisions for termination of the mutual relationship between a minister of Word and Sacrament and this congregation shall be as follows:
  - a. The call of this congregation, when accepted by a pastor, shall constitute a continuing mutual relationship and commitment, which shall be terminated only by the pastor's death or, following consultation with the synod bishop, for any of the following reasons:

[...]

4) <u>inability to conduct the pastoral office effectively in view of physical</u> disability or mental incapacity of the pastor;

[...]

- b. When allegations of physical disability or mental incapacity of the pastor under paragraph a.4) above, or ineffective conduct of the pastoral office under paragraph a.3) above, have come to the attention of the bishop of this synod,
  - 1) the bishop, in his or her who has sole discretion, may investigate such conditions personally together with a committee of two rostered ministers and one layperson, or

[...]

c. In case of alleged physical disability or mental incapacity under paragraph a.4) above, the bishop's committee shall obtain and document competent medical opinion concerning the pastor's condition. When a disability or incapacity is evident to the committee, the bishop of this synod may declare the pastorate vacant. When the pastorate is declared vacant, the Synod Council shall list the pastor on the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament with disability status. Upon removal resumption of the disability and the restoration of the pastor to health, ability to conduct the office effectively the bishop shall take steps to enable the pastor to resume the ministry, either in the congregation last served or in another appropriate call.

Rationale: These changes parallel changes being made elsewhere in the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA. Language related to disability has been changed to reflect current understandings and to clarify that inability and incapacity to conduct the pastoral office effectively are the standard to be considered. In addition, the words "any of" have been inserted for precision, and references to the synod bishop have been made inclusive.

- **\*C9.12.** The pastor of this congregation:
  - a. shall keep accurate parochial records of all baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials, communicants, members received, members dismissed, or members excluded from this congregation;

Rationale: The deletion of "parochial" is for consistency of usage.

\*C9.13. The pastor(s) shall submit a report of his or her ministry to the bishop of the synod at least 90 days prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

Rationale: Inclusive language

\*C9.14. The parochial records of this congregation shall be maintained by the pastor and shall remain the property of this congregation. The secretary of this congregation shall attest in writing to the bishop of this synod that such records have been placed in his or her the secretary's hands in good order by a departing pastor before the installation of that pastor in another call or approval of a request for change in roster status.

Rationale: These changes parallel changes being made elsewhere in the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA. The deletion of "parochial" is for consistency of usage. The second change is for inclusive language.

\*C9.23. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, every minister of Word and Service shall:

[...]

c. Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, ealling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world, witnessing to the realm of God in the community, the nation, and abroad advocating dignity, justice, and equity for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations:

Rationale: [This amendment was proposed on the assembly floor during the 2019 Churchwide Assembly; consequently, no rationale was provided prior to the assembly.]

- \*C9.25. The provisions for termination of the mutual relationship between a minister of Word and Service and this congregation shall be as follows:
  - a. The call of this congregation, when accepted by a deacon, shall constitute a continuing mutual relationship and commitment, which shall be terminated only by the deacon's death or, following consultation with the synod bishop, for any of the following reasons:
    - 4) <u>inability to conduct the office effectively in view of physical</u> disability or <u>mental</u> incapacity of the deacon;

[...]

- b. When allegations of physical disability or mental incapacity of the deacon under paragraph a.4) above, or ineffective conduct of the office of minister of Word and Service under paragraph a.3) above, have come to the attention of the bishop of this synod,
  - 1) the bishop, in his or her who has sole discretion, may investigate such conditions personally together with a committee of two rostered ministers and one layperson, or

c. In case of alleged physical disability or mental incapacity under paragraph a.4) above, the bishop's committee shall obtain and document competent medical opinion concerning the deacon's condition. When a disability or incapacity is evident to the committee, the bishop of this synod may declare the position vacant. When the position is declared vacant, the Synod Council shall list the deacon on the roster of Ministers of Word and Service with disability status. Upon removal resumption of the disability and the restoration of the deacon to health ability to conduct the office effectively, the bishop shall take steps to enable the deacon to resume the ministry, either in the congregation last served or in another appropriate call.

Rationale: These changes parallel changes being made elsewhere in the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA. Language related to disability has been changed to reflect current understandings and to clarify that inability and incapacity to conduct the pastoral office effectively are the standard to be considered. In addition, the words "any of" have been inserted for precision, and references to the synod bishop have been made inclusive.

\*C9.31. The deacon(s) shall submit a report of his or her ministry to the bishop of the synod at least 90 days prior to each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

Rationale: Inclusive language

#### **Chapter 15: DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS AND ADJUDICATION**

\*C15.02. The process for discipline of a member of this congregation shall be governed as prescribed by the chapter on discipline in the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*. If the counseling, censure, and admonitions pursuant to \*C15.01. do not result in repentance and amendment of life, charges against the accused member(s) that are specific and in writing may be prepared by the Congregation Council, signed, and submitted to the vice president of

the synod. The vice president shall select from the synod's Consultation Committee a panel of five members (three laypersons and two rostered ministers of Word and Sacrament). A copy of the written charges shall be provided to the consultation panel and the accused member(s). The consultation panel, after requesting a written reply to the charges from the accused member(s), shall consider the matter and seek a resolution by means of investigation, consultation, mediation, or whatever other means may seem appropriate. The panel's efforts to reach a mutually agreeable resolution shall continue for no more than 45 days after the matter is submitted to it.

Rationale: Change for inclusion of both rosters.

\*C15.11. When there is disagreement between or among factions within this congregation on a substantive issue which cannot be resolved by the parties, members of this congregation may petition the synod bishop for consultation after informing the president [vice president] of this congregation of their intent to do so. The synod bishop shall seek a timely resolution of the dispute. If the issue relates directly to the pastor, the bishop may begin the process in †S14.18.d. In all other matters, if the bishop's consultation fails to resolve the issue, the bishop shall refer the matter to the Consultation Committee of the synod, which shall undertake efforts to find an appropriate solution. If the Consultation Committee's efforts fail to resolve the dispute, the entire matter shall be referred to the Synod Council for adjudication by whatever process the Council deems necessary. The Synod Council's decision shall be final.

Rationale: This change allows congregation members in situations in which the pastor is also president of the congregation to inform the vice president of their intent to petition the synod bishop for consultation.

#### **Chapter 16: AMENDMENTS**

- \*C16.02. An amendment to this constitution, proposed under \*C16.01., shall:
  - a. be approved at any legally called meeting of this congregation by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting; and
  - b. be ratified without change at the next regular meeting of this congregation held pursuant to C10.01. by a two-thirds vote of those voting members present and voting and.
  - c. have the effective date included in the resolution<sup>2</sup> and noted in the constitution.

[Footnote also deleted]

Such an effective date must be stated in relation to the requirements of \*C16.03. to allow time for the synod's review of the amendment.

Rationale: "Regular meeting" has already been defined elsewhere in the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA. In addition, C10.01 is not a required provision, so it is not advisable to make reference in a required provision to a non-required provision.

\*C16.04. This constitution may be amended to bring any section into conformity with a section or sections, either required or not required, of the *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* as most recently amended by the Churchwide Assembly. Such amendments may be approved by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting at any legally called meeting of this congregation without presentation at a prior meeting of this congregation, provided that the Congregation Council has submitted by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law, notice to this congregation of such an amendment or amendments, together with the council's recommendations, at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Upon the request of at least two (2) voting members of this congregation, the Congregation Council shall submit such notice. Following the adoption of an amendment, the secretary of this congregation shall submit a copy thereof to the synod. Such provisions shall become effective immediately following the congregation's a vote of approval.

Rationale: Change for precision. This has often been incorrectly interpreted to mean that the synod must vote to approve amendments that are designed to bring the congregation's constitution into alignment with the Model Constitution. In fact, amendments to bring any section or sections, either required or not required, into conformity with the Model Constitution go into effect immediately upon the congregation's vote to amend.

# 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=cHZ5RVNsdnFYcDhhNVdMKzA2VEN1QT09

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: <u>Donate</u>

www.emanuelww.org

# No Sunday School Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>



No Sunday school this coming **Sunday October 8**th

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

For Healing & Comfort: Dan (client of Laurie Phillips)

The flowers this coming Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> are given in loving memory of **Don Schabek** from the Schabek family

#### **Worship Assistants**

	Serving October 8	Serving October 15
Counter:	Linda Nunez	Glenn Johnson
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Marco	Kathy Garriott
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Deacon:	Diane Gadoury	Bruce Johnson
Acolyte	-	-
Ushers	Marcia & Mark Melanson	Linda & Ray Nunez
Lector:	Caroline Schabek	Glenn Johnson
Coffee Hour	Donna Sennett	volunteer needed

#### October's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for October is given in memory of **Donald Schabek** from his loving family.

#### This Week at Emanuel

Sunday, October 1 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am 9:15am 10:30am	
Monday, October 2		Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
Tuesday, October 3	6:30pm	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM Bazaar Crafts Workshop (FH) Worship & Music Committee (ONLINE)
Wednesday, October 4	10:00am 7:00pm	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH) Bible Study (JH & ONLINE)
Thursday, October 5		Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall) Finance Committee (ONLINE)
Friday, October 6		
Saturday, October 7		
Sunday, October 8 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	NO <del>Sunday school</del> Worship in Person & Online

#### **Next Week at Emanuel**

Monday, October 9 Columbus/ Indigenous People's Day	10:00am 7:00pm	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
Tuesday, October 10	10:00am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM Christian Education Committee (ONLINE) Bazaar Crafts Workshop (FH)
Wednesday, October 11	10:00am 7:00pm	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH) Bible Study (JH & ONLINE)
Thursday, October 12	10:00am 7:00PM	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall) Council Meeting (Jacobs Hall)
Friday, October 13		
Saturday, October 14		CPR & AED Training
Sunday, October 15 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship In Person Choir Sunday School & Confirmation Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour

#### **Upcoming Commemorations**

#### William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536 Friday, October 6, 2023

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

#### Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787 Saturday, October 7, 2023

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

# Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF) Tuesday, October 10, 2023

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

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### **Emanuel's Online Calendar**

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.