

# **CPR & AED Training Class at Emanuel**



**Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>  
cost \$75**

**Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at church.**

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

# Live Laugh & Learn Lunch



The next lunch will be held:

**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:MichaelKGroleau@gmail.com)

Friends welcome!

# Halloween Party for Children at Emanuel

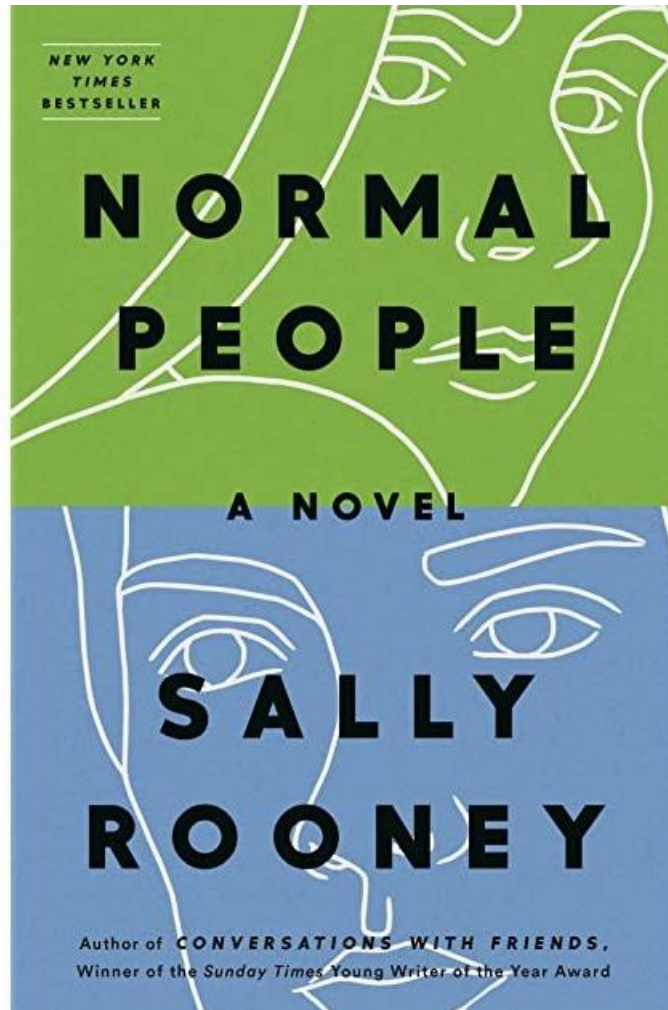


**Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> 5PM to 7PM**

**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 Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>



The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading “Normal People” by Sally Rooney. Winner of the Costa Book and British Book Awards, and longlisted for the Man Booker Prize.

We will meet after worship ~**11:45am** in **Jacobs Hall** on **Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone is invited for good fellowship and food.

“Normal People” book review by Maureen Corrigan:  
<https://www.npr.org/2019/04/09/711377704/personal-demons-and-class-differences-complicate-love-in-normal-people>

# Emanuel Church Bazaar November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>



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 a Used Car



David & Kelly, who used to live in the parsonage, are looking for a used car \$1,000 to \$3,000. If you know of any, please let them or Pastor Todd know.

**Thank you.**

## Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes September 14, 2023

Attendees: Jack Gibbs, Bruce Johnson, Marcia Melanson, Mark Melanson, Ray Nunez, Pastor Todd Stange, Ken Wieboldt, Sue Wieboldt,

Absent: Myron Gadoury, Donna Sennett

### Opening Devotions

- Opening prayer.

### August Council Minutes

- August council meeting minutes accepted unanimously.

### Treasurer's report /Finance

- Finances so far are going well – offerings are meeting expenses. We haven't had to borrow money from our savings account. This is good.
- Insurance will be going up next year \$9K to \$11K. This will need to be budgeted for.
- Questions: Does Joyful Noise help pay for insurance? Is the insurance more because we host a daycare?
- Motion approved to move \$2,500 raised from the 2022 Bazaar from Emanuel's main checking account to the building fund to be used for future projects.
- Question: Do we need to add additional money to the property landscape budget to cover mowing the lawn next year? Kris Andersen has been mowing Emanuel's lawns for the last few years – thank you Kris! He has let us know he will not be able to do this next year. Jack Gibbs said he might be willing to mow the lawn at church, if he knew how to mow the steep hill off New London Avenue. How does Kris mow that steep hill?
- Question: Does it make sense for Emanuel to continue to donate money to Joyful Noise? Joyful Noise currently seems to have ample funds. They are undertaking a lot of improvement projects. It was noted that Joyful has received several COVID related grants. These funds may have a time limit on when they need to be spent. This may be a reason for the recent projects. The grant money may not continue to be there in the future. Perhaps Emanuel's donations to Joyful should be decided each year – some years they are needed, some they are not.
- Motion made and approved to increase custodian salary rate to \$18 per hour. It has been difficult to find and keep custodians.
- Pastor raised the question should the office administrator also be paid the same rate? Motion made and approved to also raise the office administrator's pay to \$18 per hour, pending approval from the Finance Committee that we have funds to increase both the custodian and office admin's rates. *(Since the council meeting the Finance Committee confirmed we do have the funds and the pay rates for both positions have been increased.)*

### Christian Education

- Kathy Marco is not able to teach this year. We are looking for Sunday school teacher for the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade class to teach with Danielle David.
- Christmas Eve this year is on a Sunday. Because of this the Christmas pageant will be at the 10:30am service.
- We have 2 new confirmands this year: Ethan Meriano and Antonio Montecalvo. We now have a total of 8 confirmands.

## Property

- The Property Committee put together a punch list of projects around the church that should get done. Some of these could be done by volunteers. Others will need contractors. See Property Report.

## Worship and Music

- Choir began on September 10<sup>th</sup> Rally Sunday. More people have joined the choir. Choir is off to a good start.
- Pilgrim Lutheran has invited Emanuel to join them again this year for a Thanksgiving Eve, Eve (Tuesday before Thanksgiving) service 11/21. Last year a few people from Emanuel went to the service at Pilgrim including a couple of new members. Consensus was that we should accept and ask Pilgrim what can we do to help
- The deacons will be having a meeting. A new name for “deacon” is needed. The term “Deacon” is an official term used by the ELCA to refer to rostered people who have met specific requirements and have been called to a ministry of Word & Service. The term “deacon” also appears in the ELCA model constitution, parts of which are also in Emanuel’s constitution. To avoid confusion the congregational deacons at Emanuel will be picking a new name.
- The deacons will also be considering adding a new deacon. Carolyn Duprey announced that she is retiring from deacon duties. Thank you Carolyn for the many years of service to Emanuel!

## Other items

- Margaret Teehan submitted a building user form for a private party on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Form approved.
- At the August council meeting there some discussion about if Emanuel should consider hiring a youth minister. Pastor Todd spoke to First Lutheran in East Greenwich about their experience with youth pastors. He spoke with Pr. Mike Lembke – the current interim pastor at First and with Pastor Linda the former pastor. Pr. Lembke said that First Lutheran does have a youth minister currently. She leads the confirmation class and heads up the week of Vacation Bible School in the summer. Pr. Lembke hasn’t been at First long, but doesn’t believe there is much of a youth group currently at First. He doesn’t see many children at worship on Sundays. Their youth leader also works with the youth at Gloria Dei. He believes there are more youth involved there. In general, Pastor Lembke doesn’t believe that getting a youth minister magically results in youth attendance and involvement in church. He suggested that it could be a waste of money. He thinks youth need to be given real tasks to do. They need to be part of the church, e.g. teaching Sunday school or helping to teach Sunday school, helping to lead worship. He thinks the church needs to ask something of youth, make them real members. Spending time with kids is the only way to develop a meaningful relationship with them. He said he would be willing to come and speak with Emanuel’s council about youth ministry and his thoughts on it.

Pastor Linda left First Lutheran in February. She said we could speak with Karen Manning, the council president, to get more up-to-date info. She believes the current youth minister works 12 to 15 hours per week at First. Pr. Linda thinks engaging the youth is important. Over the years First has had different youth ministers. About 10 years ago they had a young woman who worked ~20 hours per week. She was paid ~\$30K per year. They also once had a college student who worked about 5 hours per



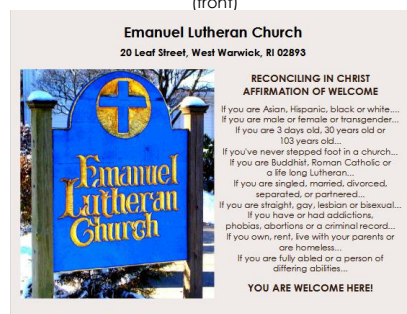
week. They were paid ~\$2k per semester. Pastor Linda said that First might be interested in sharing a youth minister. If we are interested in doing this, we should call Karen Manning the council president.

The council discussed this feedback and the possibility of hiring a youth minister at Emanuel. There was some concern that it would take time for a youth minister to establish a relationship with the youth at Emanuel. Few youth come to worship. The points of contact at church are in Sunday school and confirmation. And some youth miss Sunday school and confirmation due to sports conflicts. If people don't know the new youth minister, it would be challenging for them to invite youth to an event. Previous youth leaders (Chris/Sarah/Rebecca) had trouble getting the youth or parents to return their calls. Pastor has better luck likely because he has an established relationship. Currently there are no youth requesting a youth group or more youth events. Currently the youth events primarily revolve around confirmation activities and Drama Camp.

There was some discussion about sharing a youth minister with First Lutheran and perhaps even St. Paul Bethany. It was noted that given the challenges within just one congregation - spreading a person over two or three congregations may make it even harder for them to connect with the youth. At this point the council is not ready to move forward on getting a paid youth leader. As a next step we should see if there are any young adults/college students already at Emanuel who might be good at being a youth leader. We should also continue efforts to engage the youth with the congregation.

- The church picnic on 9/10 went well. We had good attendance, especially considering the iffy weather. It was good to have the youth helping out.
- Idea for next year – Don't have the 8AM service when we have the church picnic. Perhaps more people might come to the picnic.
- Pastor Todd put together an invitation card that could be used to hand out to people who might be interested finding a church. Pastor Todd will send out to council for review and feedback.

(front)



(back)



- We have a new office administrator at Emanuel. Sue Wieboldt, who has often filled-in as the office admin, is taking over the role with the title "Interim Office Administrator". Thank you to Kym Forcelli for her many years of service in this role. You will be missed!

**Next Meeting Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Closing Prayer**

## 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, [susieq3380@gmail.com](mailto:susieq3380@gmail.com) or  
Carol Johnson at (401) 323-9542, [cmjohnson1220@gmail.com](mailto:cmjohnson1220@gmail.com).

# Craft Night at Emanuel



(fly art)

**Tuesdays at 6:30PM –**  
in the **Fellowship Hall**

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

Fun fellowship too!



**Synod Assembly 2024 is coming!  
June 6-8 at the DCU Center in Worcester - you don't want to miss it!**

We're encouraging every congregation to send folks to assembly next year. In the video above, Bishop Hazelwood explains how we're extending a broader invitation to include more lay voting members at next year's assembly, that will include the election of a new bishop.

We know that some of our congregations are starting to work on their budgets for 2024, so we wanted to provide this information again.

The following is our registration fee schedule for the 2024 assembly (this does not include hotel accommodations).

- \$250/pp - Early bird registration (for pastor and two voting members)
- \$200/pp - Early bird registration (for a lay person of color and a lay youth/young adult, over and above the initial two voting members)
- \$150/pp - Retired Pastors/Deacons (for early bird registration only)
- \$325/pp - Regular registration (applies to **all** categories of voting members after the early bird registration period expires)
- \$450/pp - At the door registration (applies to **all** categories of voting members after the regular online registration period expires)
- \$150/pp - Non-voting visitors (meals incur an additional fee)

Yes, fees have increased. Keep in mind that the 2024 assembly will be three days long, rather than a two-day event. In addition, we are including two meals on site for our voting members, to facilitate the bishop election process. Our costs have increased due to charges by both the DCU Center and other vendors. The synod does not profit from the assembly.

We hope that having this information well in advance will allow congregations to plan for the 2024 Synod Assembly. More detailed information will be sent to you as registration draws closer. If you'd like to subscribe to our E-news to be sure you receive those communications, please use this [link](#).

Look for more information soon on the bishop election; you may also find news as it's released on the synod webpage dedicated to the election [here](#).

All updates related to Synod Assembly will be posted [here](#) as they become available.

# Bible Readings for Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>

## First Reading

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 5:1-5

*For 7 years the tribes of Israel were split. David was the king of Judah, but the rest remained loyal to Saul and the commander of his army. But at Hebron all 12 tribes of Israel were united again under David's rule.*

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup>For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' <sup>3</sup>So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup>David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. <sup>5</sup>At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

## Second Reading

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 5:1-5 & Psalm 150

*David brings the ark of God to Jerusalem and places it at the center of the reunited kingdom's life.*

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup>David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. <sup>3</sup>They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart <sup>4</sup>with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. <sup>5</sup>David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

## Psalm 150

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!

<sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!

<sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> , November 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>, (two week break) 29<sup>th</sup>  
,December 6<sup>th</sup>

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

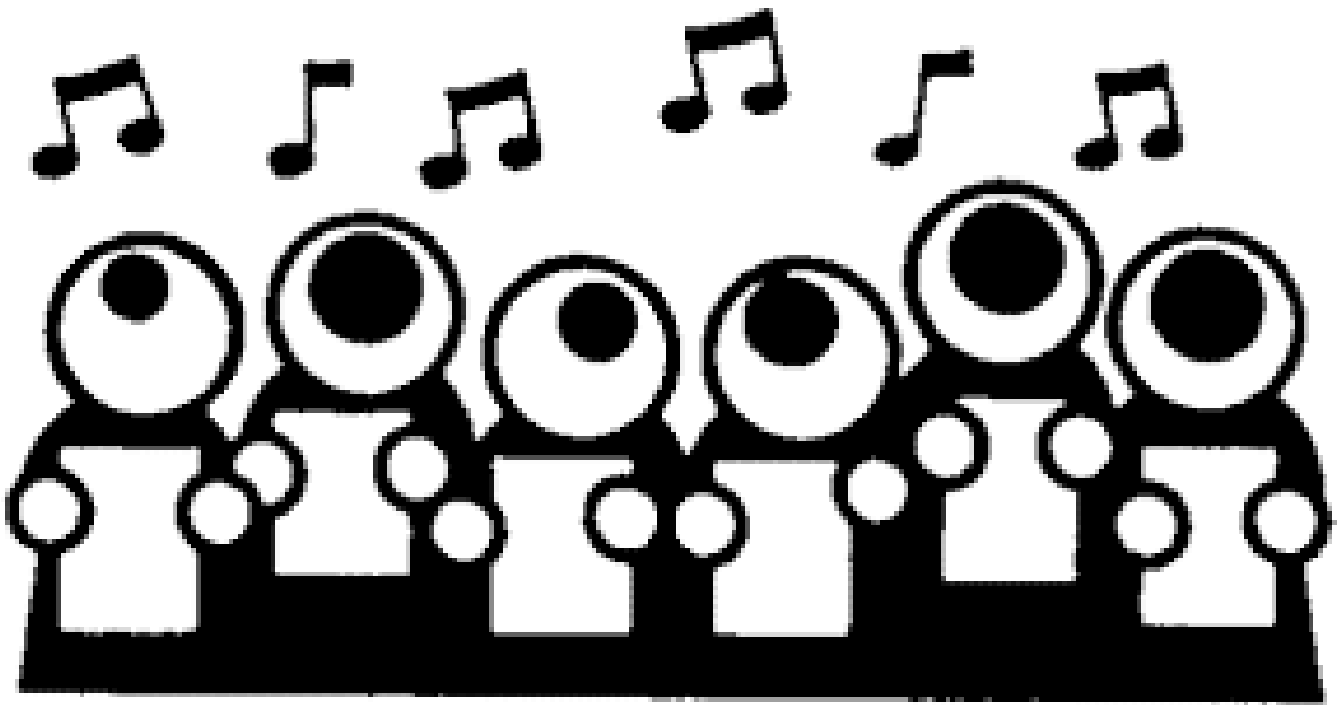
To meet over Zoom click on this link at 7PM on Wednesdays:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86369987751?pwd=eW5aRE5wRHl1UThGUe6OGNzRmdRdz09>

Meeting ID: 863 6998 7751 and Passcode: 392503

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

# 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

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**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.~~

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

- \*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) **inability to conduct the pastoral office effectively in view of physical** 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, calling 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) inability to conduct the office effectively in view of physical disability or mental 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:
- be approved at any legally called meeting of this congregation by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting; **and**
  - 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**
  - ~~have the effective date included in the resolution<sup>2</sup> and noted in the constitution.~~

**[Footnote also deleted]**

<sup>2</sup> ~~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=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:** Carole Hagner (Donna Sennett's sister)

**For Grieving:** the family & friends of John Silvia (friend of the food pantry), the family & friends of Porter G. (10 year old boy who died from cancer, submitted by a friend of Donna Sennett's)

The flowers this coming Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> are given in loving memory of **Anita & Gunter Neumann** from Birgit Neumann.

**Worship Assistants**

	<i>Serving October 22</i>	<i>Serving October 29</i>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>	<b>Mike Ricci</b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Kathy Marco</b>	<b>Kathy Garriott</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>Deacon:</b>	<b>Sue Wieboldt</b>	<b>Donna Sennett</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	-	-
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Bruce Johnson &amp; Joanne Powers</b>	<b>Marcia &amp; Mark Melanson</b>
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Danielle David</b>	<b>Glenn Johnson</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	volunteer needed	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 15 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8:00am	Worship In Person
	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School & Confirmation
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
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Monday, October 16	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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Tuesday, October 17	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
	6:30pm	Bazaar Crafts Workshop (FH)
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Wednesday, October 18	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)
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Thursday, October 19	10:00am	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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Friday, October 20		
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Saturday, October 21	9:00am	CPR & AED Training
	4:00pm	Private Party
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Sunday, October 22 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8:00am	Worship In Person
	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour

### Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, October 23	10:00am	Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
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Tuesday, October 24	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM
		Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
	6:30pm	Bazaar Crafts Workshop (FH)
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Wednesday, October 25	10:00am	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH)
	7:00pm	Bible Study (JH & ONLINE)
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Thursday, October 26	12:30pm	Live, Laugh & Learn Lunch at Olive Garden
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Friday, October 27		
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Saturday, October 28	5:00pm	Halloween Party for children (FH)
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Sunday, October 29 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8:00am	Worship In Person
	9:00am	Choir
	9:15am	Sunday School & Confirmation
	10:30am	Worship in Person & Online
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
	11:45am	Readers of Emanuel (JH)



## Upcoming Commemorations

### **James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62 Monday, October 23, 2023**

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

### **Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters Thursday, October 26, 2023**

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

### **Simon and Jude, Apostles Saturday, October 28, 2023**

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

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

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

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.