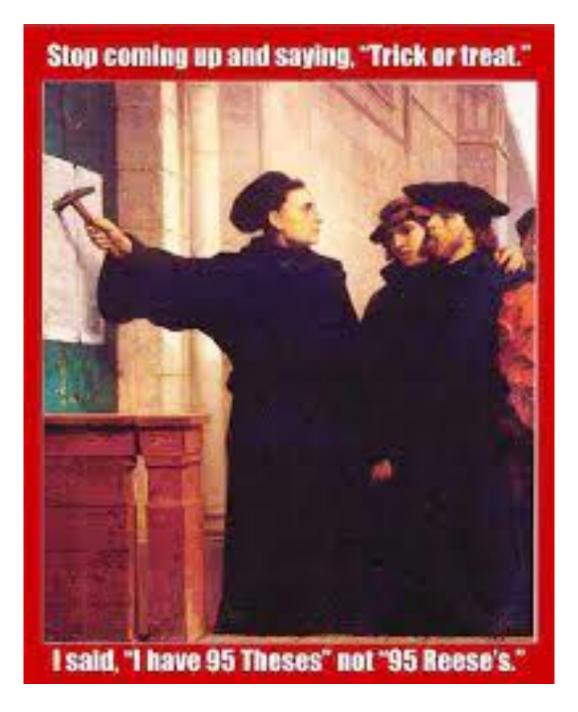
Halloween Party for Children at Emanuel



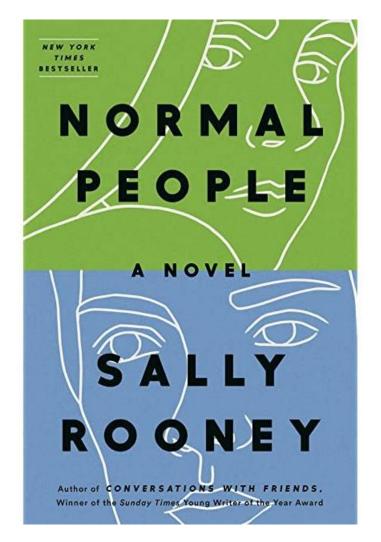
Saturday October 28th 5PM to 7PM Games, treats, fun!

Reformation Sunday



this Sunday October 29th

Readers of Emanuel Sunday October 29th



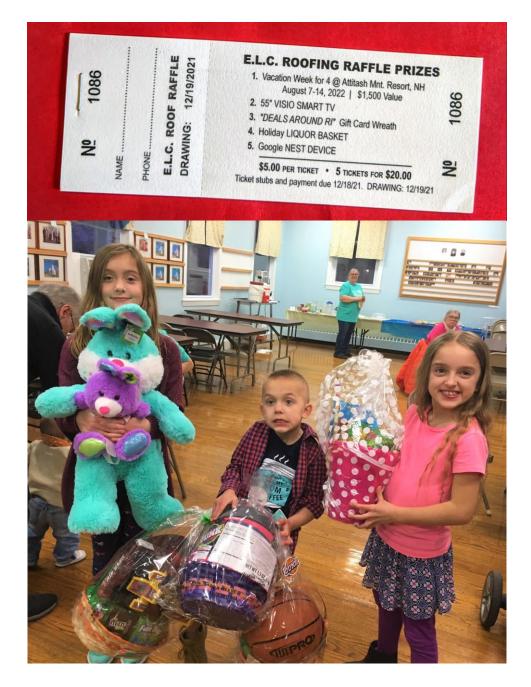
The Readers of Emanuel book club is reading "Normal People" by Sally Rooney. Winner of the Costa Book and British Book Awards, and longlisted for the Man Booker Prize.

We will meet after worship ~11:45am in Jacobs Hall on Sunday October 29th

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-differencescomplicate-love-in-normal-people

Get Your Bazaar Raffle Tickets!



Starting this Sunday October 29th

Carol Johnson and Sue Wieboldt will be selling raffle tickets for the gift basket and the major raffle during coffee hour.

Free Dining Room Table



Seats 8 with extension

Mary Schabek's neighbor is looking to give her table away. You would just need to pick it up.

If you are interested, contact Mary. mdbek@cox.net

Last Craft Night at Emanuel



(apple head doll)

Wednesday November 1st at 6:30PM – in the Fellowship Hall

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

Fun fellowship too!

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.

Bible Readings for Sunday October 29th

First Reading

The Israelites are unhappy with forced labor and heavy taxes. The new King Rehoboam must decide what to do. He inflicts even heavier taxes and the kingdom splits in two.

¹ Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. ²When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. ³And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, ⁴Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you.' ⁵He said to them, 'Go away for three days, then come again to me.' So the people went away.

⁶ Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, 'How do you advise me to answer this people?' ⁷They answered him, 'If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants for ever.' ⁸But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. ⁹He said to them, 'What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, "Lighten the yoke that your father put on us"?' ¹⁰The young men who had grown up with him said to him, 'Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, "Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us"; thus you should say to them, "My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. ¹¹Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." '

¹² So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had said, 'Come to me again on the third day.' ¹³The king answered the people harshly. He disregarded the advice that the older men had given him ¹⁴and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, 'My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.' ¹⁵So the king did not listen to the people, because it was a turn of affairs brought about by the Lord that he might fulfil his word, which the Lord had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.

¹⁶ When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, 'What share do we have in David?

We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.

To your tents, O Israel!

Look now to your own house, O David.'

So Israel went away to their tents. ¹⁷But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah.

Second Reading

1st Kings 12:25-29

Jeroboam is the new king of the 10 northern tribes of Israel. He is afraid that if the people continue to worship God in Jerusalem in the southern kingdom, they will turn against him. So he creates golden calves for them to worship in the north.

²⁵ Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and resided there; he went out from there and built Penuel. ²⁶Then Jeroboam said to himself, 'Now the kingdom may well revert to the house of David. ²⁷If this people continues to go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, the heart of this people will turn again to their master, King Rehoboam of Judah; they will kill me and return to King Rehoboam of Judah.' ²⁸So the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold. He said to the people, 'You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.' ²⁹He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

What do you make of these readings?

1st Kings 12:1-17

Church Cemetery Cleanup



Saturday November 18th @ 9am

Discover the Bible in a New Way



"The Chosen" Season #3

We will be watching and discussing the 3rd 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

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: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86369987751?pwd=eW5aRE5wRHI1UThGUEt6OGNZRmdRdz09

Meeting ID: 863 6998 7751 and Passcode: 392503

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



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

New England Synod eNews Synod Assembly 2024 Update October 18, 2023

God's work. Our hands.



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 <u>link</u>.

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 <u>here</u>.

All updates related to Synod Assembly will be posted <u>here</u> as they become available.

Choir at Emanuel

Sundays at 9AM in the sanctuary.

All who like to make music are welcome.

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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 5th 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 5th 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 5th, 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 <u>underlined</u>; deletions are <u>struck through</u>.

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 <u>any of</u> the following reasons:
 - (...]
 (a) <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,
 - 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 <u>any of</u> the following reasons: [...]
 - <u>inability to conduct the office effectively in view of physical</u> 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,
 - 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
 - $[\ldots]$
- 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 <u>rostered</u> ministers <u>of Word and Sacrament</u>). 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
 - 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 resolution² and noted in the constitution. [Footnote also deleted]

 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 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

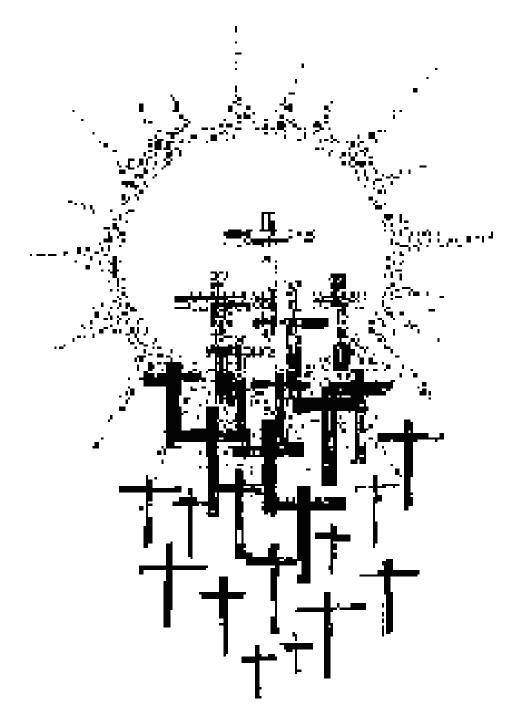
OR you can use either the Simply Giving program, which allows you to automate the giving of an offering from a checking account, or Givelify, which is online app that allows giving through a debit or credit card.

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>

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All Saints Sunday – November 5, 2023



Come, Remember & Celebrate the Saints with Us!

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

For Healing & Comfort: Janice Powers (Joanne's mother-in-law), Rene Anctil (former member of Emanuel), David Cabral, Kelly Cabral, Michael Cargil (Phyllis Gustafson's son-in-law)

The flowers this coming Sunday October 29th are given by friends of Emanuel for **Special Intentions**.

	Serving October 29	Serving November 5
Counter:	Mike Ricci	Mike Ricci
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	Kathy Garriott	need a volunteer
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Deacon:	Donna Sennett	Diane Gadoury
Acolyte	Alyssa Andersen	Caroline Schabek
Ushers	Marcia & Mark Melanson	Joanne Powers & Brandee Muncey
Lector:	Glenn Johnson	Sue Wieboldt
Coffee Hour	Marcia Melanson & Mary Schabek	Pot Luck

Worship Assistants

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 22 21st Sunday after Pentecost	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	Sunday School Worship in Person & Online
Monday, October 23	10:00am 7:00pm	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Tuesday, October 24	10:00am 6:30pm	Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
Wednesday, October 25	10:00am 7:00pm	
Thursday, October 26	12:30pm	Live, Laugh & Learn Lunch at Olive Garden
Friday, October 27		
Saturday, October 28	5:00pm	Halloween Party for children (FH)
Sunday, October 29 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am 11:45am	Choir Sunday School & Confirmation Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, October 30	10:00am 7:00pm	. , , , , ,		
Tuesday, October 31 All Hallows Eve	10:00am 6:30pm	Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM		
Wednesday, November 1 All Saints' Day	10:00am 7:00pm	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH) Bible Study (JH & ONLINE)		
Thursday, November 2	12:30pm 4:00pm 6:30pm	Christian Education Committee (ONLINE)		
Friday, November 3				
Saturday, November 4				
Sunday, November 5 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints' Sunday	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am 11:45am	Worship in Person & Online		

Upcoming Commemorations

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.

Reformation Day

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639 Friday, November 3, 2023

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

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

Emanuel's Online Calendar

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.