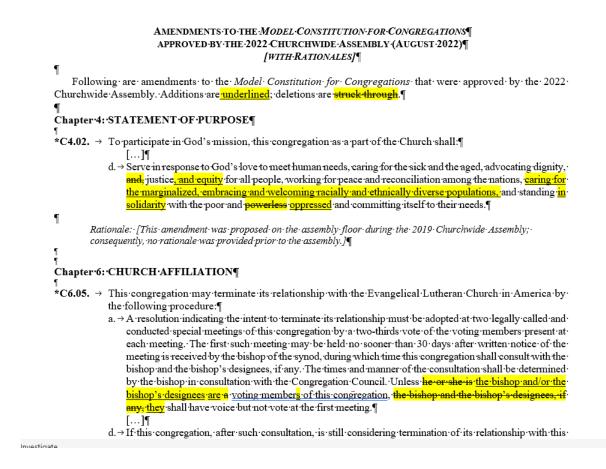
Daylight Saving's Time ENDS this coming Sunday



Sunday November 5th at 2AM Clocks fall back 1 Hour!

Special Congregational Meeting

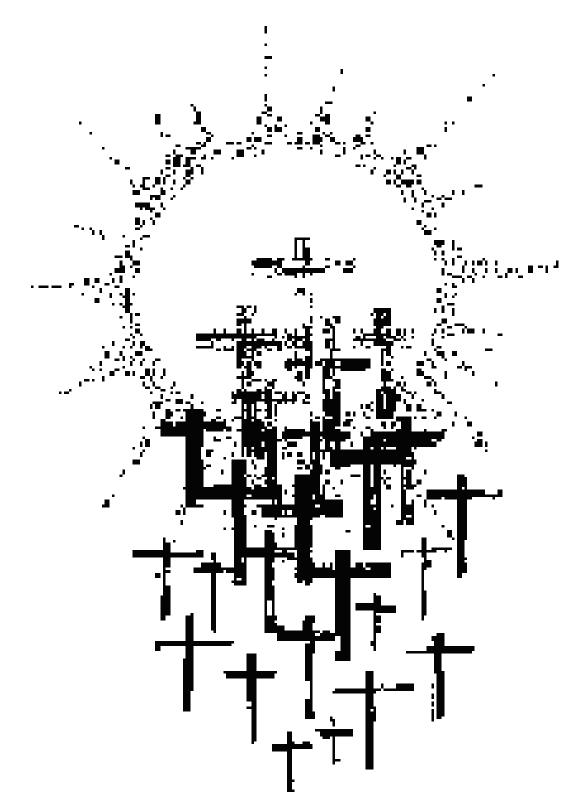


this Sunday November 5th @ 11:30AM

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 5th 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. All Saints Sunday – November 5, 2023



Come, Remember & Celebrate the Saints with Us!

Emanuel Church Bazaar November 11th & 12th



Saturday November 11th 9AM to 3PM

Sunday November 12th 12PM to 3PM

Halloween at Emanuel



Great Halloween fun was had last Saturday. Thank you to Margaret Teehan, Jen Hadden and everyone who helped to make a great evening.

Special thanks to Thrivent Financial for providing seed money for the event.

Thank You!



15 years ago on October 26, 2008 I was ordained as a minster and called to Emanuel Lutheran Church. Last Sunday you surprised me with a celebration marking the occasion. Thank you for your generosity of spirit and care for me and my family, not just last week, but for these last 15, actually 16 years (I was an intern at Emanuel in 2007 before I was ordained). All of you have been nothing but understanding and supportive, looking past my quirks and highlighting my strengths. I am grateful for you, and look forward to walking this journey with you and God in the years to come.

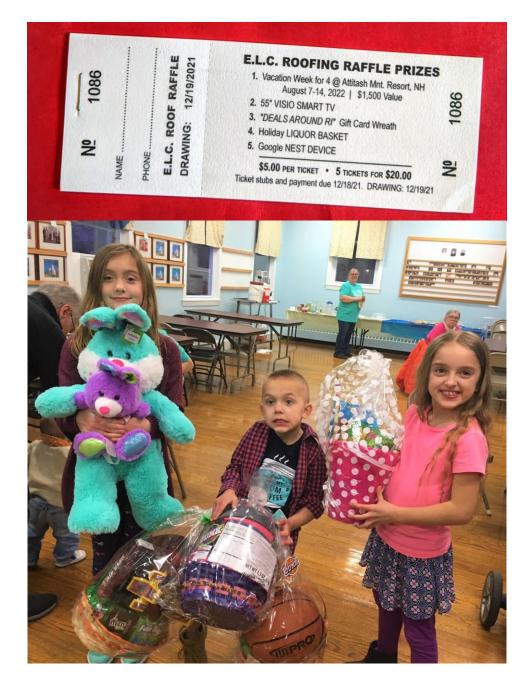
Pastor Todd

Surprise!



Celebrating Pastor Todd's 15 year ordination anniversary

Get Your Bazaar Raffle Tickets!



Raffle tickets on sale after worship Sunday November 5th

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

Bible Readings for Sunday November 5th

First Reading

1st Kings 18:17-19

Ahab was king over the northern tribes of Israel and was married to the Phoenician princess Jezebel. Together they introduced the worship of Baal and Asherah to the kingdom and employed many prophets of these gods in the king's court.

¹⁷ When [King] Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, 'Is it you, you troubler of Israel?' ¹⁸He answered, 'I have not troubled Israel; but you have, and your father's house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and followed the Baals. ¹⁹Now therefore have all Israel assemble for me at Mount Carmel, with the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.'

Second Reading

1st Kings 18:20-39

Elijah was the only prophet of the Lord left in the northern kingdom of Israel. He challenged the multitude of Baal prophets to determine whose god was truly God.

²⁰ Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. ²¹Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, 'How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.' The people did not answer him a word. ²²Then Elijah said to the people, 'I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets number four hundred and fifty. ²³Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. ²⁴Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the Lord; the god who answers by fire is indeed God.' All the people answered, 'Well spoken!' ²⁵Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, 'Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it.' ²⁶So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, 'O Baal, answer us!' But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. ²⁷At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, 'Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.²⁸Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. ²⁹As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response.

³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come closer to me'; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down; ³¹Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, 'Israel shall be your name'; ³²with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. ³³Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, 'Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt-offering and on the wood.' ³⁴Then he said, 'Do it a second time'; and they did it a second time. Again he said, 'Do it a third time'; and they did it a third time, ³⁵so that the water ran all round the altar, and filled the trench also with water.

³⁶ At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, 'O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. ³⁷Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.' ³⁸Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt-offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, 'The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God.'

What do you make of these readings?

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 8th, (two week break) 29th, December 6th

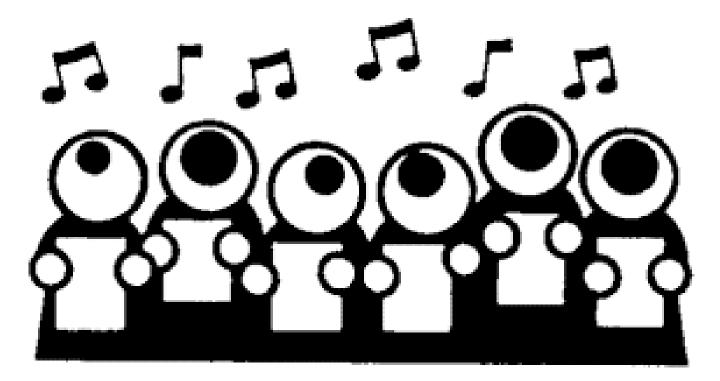
We will be meeting in person in Jacobs Hall and over Zoom.

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**

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:
 - 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>

www.emanuelww.org

Thanksgiving Worship at Pilgrim Lutheran



<u>Tuesday</u> November 21st at 7PM Pilgrim Lutheran Church 1817 Warwick Ave, Warwick, RI 02889

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

For Healing & Comfort: Eugene Plouffe (Christine Stinson's brother), Donna Brown & Kathy Swink (friends of Christine Stinson)

For Grieving: the family & friends of Janice Powers (Joanne's mother-in-law), the family & friends of Janice Morrell (Nancy Kennedy's sister-in-law's mom)

	Serving November 5	Serving November 12
Counter:	Mike Ricci	Mike Ricci
	8:00AM	8:00AM
Lector	need a volunteer	need a volunteer
	10:30AM	10:30AM
Deacon:	Diane Gadoury	Langdon Clough
Acolyte	Caroline Schabek	Antonio Montecalvo
Ushers	Joanne Powers & Brandee Muncey	Pauline LaVallee & Bruce Johnson
Lector:	Sue Wieboldt	Elaine Johnson
Coffee Hour	Pot Luck	Bazaar Food

Worship Assistants

November's Memorial Candle



The Memorial Candle for November is given by Carol Swanson in loving memory of **Karl Swanson**

This Week at Emanuel

Sunday, October 29 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday	10:30am 11:30am	Worship In Person Choir Sunday School & Confirmation Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour Readers of Emanuel (JH)
Monday, October 30		Deliveries to food pantry (10AM – 1PM) Al-Anon (Jacobs Hall)
Tuesday, October 31 All Hallows Eve	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM Pastor's Office Hours 10AM – 2PM
Wednesday, November 1 All Saints' Day	6:30pm	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH) Bazaar Crafts Workshop (FH) Bible Study (JH & ONLINE)
Thursday, November 2	-	Christian Education Committee (ONLINE) Finance Committee (ONLINE)
Friday, November 3		
Saturday, November 4		
Sunday, November 5 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints' Sunday		Worship In Person Choir Sunday School Worship in Person & Online Special Congregational Meeting Coffee Hour

Next Week at Emanuel

Monday, November 6	10:00am 7:00pm	
Tuesday, November 7	10:00am	Food Pantry 10AM - 12PM NO Pastor's Office Hours
Wednesday, November 8	10:00am 7:00pm	Ellie's Circle 10AM - 12PM (JH) Bible Study (JH & ONLINE)
Thursday, November 9	7:00pm	Council Meeting (JH)
Friday, November 10		Get ready for Bazaar
Saturday, November 11 Veterans Day	9:00am	Holiday Bazaar 9AM to 3PM
Sunday, November 12 24 th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00am 9:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am 12:00pm	Worship in Person & Online Coffee Hour

Upcoming Commemorations

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.

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397

Saturday, November 11, 2023 Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Ro

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855 Saturday, November 11, 2023

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

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

Emanuel's Online Calendar

The calendar is on Emanuel's web site.