



## Thanksgiving Lutheran Church

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Dear Members of Thanksgiving Lutheran Church,

In keeping with our efforts to establish a solid foundation going forward in this new phase of Thanksgiving Lutheran Church's history (our ministry with Pastor Jean!) the Council has begun a review of our congregation's Constitution. We are undertaking this review in two parts:

- **Part One**, undertaken this year, involves review of the Constitution for conformity to the required and recommended provisions of the 2007 *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*.
- **Part Two**, to be undertaken in 2009, will involve a closer review of TLC's current bylaws and continuing resolutions with respect to the duties and responsibilities of our officers, congregation Council, committees, and committee structures.

As noted above, **the Council has conducted the "Part One" review of TLC's Constitution and has prepared recommendations for additions and/or other changes that will bring our Constitution into better alignment with the most current edition of the ELCA's Model Constitution; at this year's Congregation Meeting, to be held on Sunday, November 9, 2008, the Congregation will be asked to vote to approve these changes.** The changes being recommended by the Council at this time are generally minor ones that will bring our Constitution into alignment with the ELCA Model Constitution.

A few things to note regarding the attached copy of TLC's Constitution:

- Sections of the Constitution marked by an asterisk [\*] are required provisions for congregations of the ELCA.
- Suggested modifications to the text are indicated as follows:
  - **Additions** to the text are underlined.
  - **Deletions** are ~~struck through~~ in the text.

If you have any questions regarding the Constitution or the recommended changes/updates, please contact Sandy Koppen at [koppens4@comcast.net](mailto:koppens4@comcast.net).

Thank you for your interest and involvement in the constitutional review process!

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