

News from...



Immanuel Lutheran of Evanston

NOVEMBER 2017

A WORD FROM PASTOR KEITH...

"Now thank we all our God..." That music has been ringing in my ears since last Sunday when the choir and instruments belted it out.

Now thank we all our God for the amazing experiences we had this past week as we assembled with our sisters and brothers from St. Paul's Lutheran Church to remember with gratitude the Reformers who called the Church to be open to God's grace and the Spirit's transforming power! It was amazing to worship with such a full church, with beautiful and stirring music, and gathering around tables to be filled with good things, both food and fellowship.

Now thank we all our God for the powerful gathering with our sisters and brothers from all the ELCA Lutheran parishes and many of the Roman Catholic parishes of Evanston as we entered into covenant with one another to work together for the Good News in our town.

Now thank we all our God for the historic gathering at Holy Name Cathedral to witness our Bishop and the Catholic Cardinal signing a renewal of commitment between the Synod and the Archdiocese.

Now thank we all our God for the leaders of this congregation, as we enter into a process of discernment to know who the Spirit is calling forth to serve in the coming year.

Now thank we all our God for the ongoing ministries of this congregation as we live out our "Faith that Feeds."

Now thank we all our God for the faithful saints of God in this place, both those living and those who have died in the Lord and yet live.

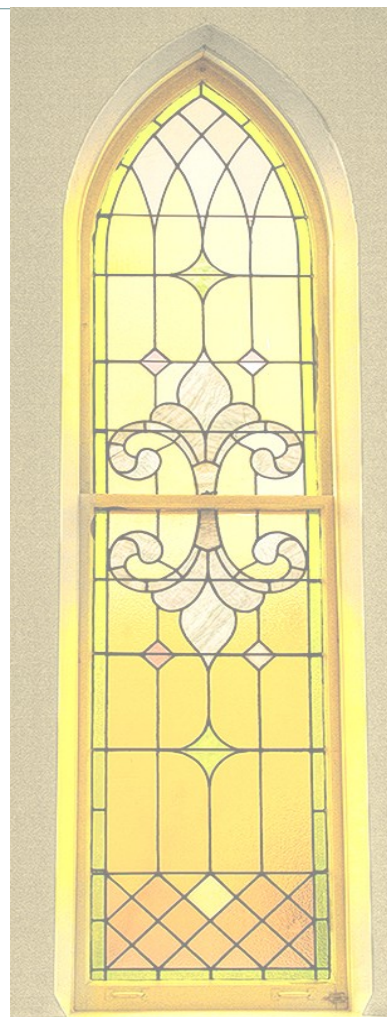
Now thank we all our God for the incredible resources that have been entrusted to us, and that the Spirit calls us to make available for the work of the Good News.

Now thank we all our God for this assembly of God's people, gifted for love and for service.

Now thank we all our God for willing hands and hearts that step forward to serve the neighbor. Now thank we all our God for those things that people in this assembly do, often without recognition of their labors.

As we come to the day of Thanksgiving, and to the end of the church year, my prayer is that "Now thank we all our God" will be the prayer of our lips and of our hearts.

—Your brother, Pastor Keith



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A Note from the Kitchen

Farmers Market Café, coffee hour, Café Immanuel, Lenten dinner church and other meals all use the church kitchen to create food. We enjoy cooking together and enjoy fellowship around the table. We don't enjoy washing, scrubbing, sweeping or mopping but cleaning is a necessary part of taking care of the kitchen and each other. A clean kitchen is easier for the next food crew to use. So when you use the kitchen for any kind of food service please remember to leave it cleaner than you found it. Thank you!

- Wash and put away all dishes
- Clean and put away coffee pots
- Wipe down the counters/stove/oven
- Take home and launder any towels, rags & aprons used
- Take out the trash
- Take out the recycling
- Sweep the floor
- Mop the floor

Upcoming Events At Immanuel

Nov. 2:	Daytime Quilting 10:00 AM
Nov. 5	Café Immanuel 9:00 AM
	All Saints Sunday 10:30 AM
Nov. 10:	Public Church Pop-Up Happy Hour 7:00 PM
Nov. 15:	Three Crowns Service 11:00 AM
Nov. 18:	Farmer's Market 8:00 AM– 1:00PM

ELCA World Hunger Challenge, so close!

Official gifts to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Million Dollar ELCA Hunger Challenge from June 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017, total **\$873,497**. As we near the end of the time-frame for the challenge, the synod office can confirm that we are very close to achieving and surpassing the million-dollar mark. Once again, thank you to everyone who has taken, is taking, and will take part in the challenge.

Official numbers for the challenge take time to come into both the synod office and churchwide office, so we appreciate your patience and understanding in recognizing that it will take a few months to have the official number indicating if we have met the challenge, and the total dollar amount. The information will be shared as soon as it is available. For more ideas and to give, visit <http://www.elca.org/hunger>.

A Message from the Choir Director

November will be another exciting month for music at Immanuel, as we close out the church year and prepare for Advent and Christmas. The month begins and ends with some beloved accomplished composers, Handel and Mozart. We will celebrate All Saints with Handel's setting of "Their Bodies Are Buried in Peace" and finish the month with Mozart's setting of Psalm 100 in Latin for Christ the King Sunday. Our internal Sundays will feature Andre Thomas' arrangement of the spiritual "Keep Your Lamps," while the scriptures remind us to be prepared like the bridesmaids with oil for their lamps. The following Sunday, the gospel turns towards the parable of the servants' talents. The ILC choir will sing an anthem by Allen Pote about our individual gifts and talents, but coming together in unity with all of our different talents and treasures. I have provided a portion of the lyrics below. Happy New year as we begin to prepare for Advent!

Many gifts, one spirit,
Many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise,
Many questions, one choice.

O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.
O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. –Allen Pote

Want to Join the Choir for Advent?

Limited rehearsals and great opportunity to join the ILC choir. Come to as many rehearsals as you can! Four Sundays (12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24) at 9 30 am and four Wednesdays (11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20) at 7 30 pm. Even if you can only join for the first three Sundays of Advent, or can't rehearse Wednesdays, please consider joining the choir in this time as we prepare for Christmas!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Nakic 11/05

Leland Wilkinson 11/05

Steve Bodine 11/10

Cynthia Carson 11/10

Edward Carlson 11/11

Christina Imhoff 11/12

Jack Cudecki 11/13

Hannah Miskelly 11/13

Jean Kanter 11/15

Bob Larson 11/20

Mesrop Darian 11/30

Pet Blessing

Sunday, Oct. 8, we had our annual Blessing of the Animals in worship as we gave thanks for our brother, Francis of Assisi, who reminded us of the special gift of Creation and of all living things that sing praise to the Maker.

We were happy to have guests who brought their companion animals for this blessing!

Historic Prayer Service at Holy Name Cathedral

Tuesday, Oct. 31, the 500th anniversary of the posting of Luther's 95 Theses and the start of the Reformation, hundreds of Catholics and Lutherans gathered at Holy Name Cathedral for a beautiful prayer service where we witnessed Bishop Wayne Miller and Cardinal Blaise Supich sign a renewed covenant of cooperation between the Synod and the Archdiocese. About a dozen Immanuel folks were in attendance for this historic event.

Thanks be to God!



Farmer's Market 2017-2018: Eighteen on the 18th!

On Saturday November 18th Immanuel hosts its 18th annual Thanksgiving Farmers' Market. Farmers from Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin fill the parking lot, fellowship hall and the basement with produce, meat, cheese and holiday greenery from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. It is the perfect opportunity to buy your holiday dinner ingredients. Not cooking? Then buy a unique hostess gift for the person who is!

This Thanksgiving market launches the third winter market season at Immanuel. Twice a month, December through April, a dozen vendors will return with lovely winter greens, pantry items, eggs, meat and cheese. Money raised from vendor fees and church item sales at the winter markets are disbursed back into our local, national, and international communities to organizations that fight hunger. Last year we disbursed \$8,000!

This year, Curt's Café, a local organization that fights hunger through job training, will run the market café. You can learn more about Curt's Café at curtscafe.org.

Interested in supporting this ministry? Volunteers are needed to:

- Set up the space on Friday night
- Staff the space on Saturday
- Clean up the space on Saturday afternoon

There is also work to be done outside of "market hours". You are invited to help:

- Research advocacy topics
- Create and distribute marketing materials
- Pray!

Market dates for this season: November 18 2017, December 2 & 16 2017, January 13 & 27 2018, February 10 & 24 2018, March 10 & 24 2018, April 7 & 21 2018

Postcard Campaign

Our postcard campaign will return with a focus on advocacy and expressing gratitude at the national, state, and local levels. Last year over 1,200 cards were sent to leaders about key topics suggested by the ELCA Advocacy Office. While making their voices heard, shoppers found community around the table and a way to channel their energy. This year a new topic will be highlighted each week. Cards featuring images from our market (thank you Anne Heider!), postage, and mailing labels will be provided. Participants will be invited to write cards with a starter message or create their own from scratch. Put your political muscle to work and join us at the table!

A blessed Reformation Sunday for Evanston Lutherans!

Sunday, Oct. 29, was an amazing day for Lutherans, particularly here in Evanston. We began our observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a fantastic celebration service hosted here at Immanuel, with the joint congregations of Immanuel and St. Paul's. Our worship included an incredible joint choir and brass musicians, with organists from both parishes supporting all our singing. Worship leadership was shared between Pr. Keith and Pr. Tim McKenzie, the new interim pastor at St. Paul's. Following worship, we filled the Fellowship Hall with fellowship as we gathered around the tables for a potluck.



That afternoon, Lutherans from all five ELCA parishes in Evanston and Catholics from four of the Roman Catholic parishes/worshiping communities gathered at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary's chapel for a service of common prayer and the signing of a first-ever covenant of cooperation among the congregations of our two faith traditions. It was an historic event, one that we hope will bear good fruit. Pr. Keith was one of the two preachers, sharing the pulpit with Prof. Cristie Traina of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church. Thanks to all the Immanuel folks who have supported this process and who helped with the worship that day! We give thanks to God for the possibilities that this partnership opens up to us.



Martha Yelonosky Opens Steinway Partnership Studio

As a way of saying thank you for having hosted Martha Yelenosky's piano studio in our building, Immanuel members and friends are specially invited to a GRAND OPENING! Steinway & Sons recently selected MY Piano Studio as an Educational Partner and endowed it with several (seven!) new Steinway-designed pianos. Martha is having a grand opening of her new location at 2809 Central Street with lots of free demo classes, food and coffee/refreshments on Sunday, November 5th from 1:30 PM–5:00 PM. You are invited to join anytime during this event or stay all afternoon!

Martha gratefully acknowledges the role Immanuel has played in helping her grow her base. Three years ago, Martha's husband had extensive heart surgery and she desperately needed to find a new space outside of her home to teach so that he could recuperate. Immanuel opened its doors to her at this very vulnerable time and she was able to continue with her students. In fact, business thrived and eventually she opened another location at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center. With two rehearsal spaces in hand, she added more instructors and many more students.... Suddenly she went from two recitals a season to five—and the Steinway folks noticed!

Martha has expressed on multiple occasions how appreciative she is to the Immanuel community for the warm welcome she received and the kindness extended. She misses being in the building, but is excited by new opportunities. She hopes you will attend!

At the grand opening, attendees may also enter the giveaway, which includes a free month of lessons, a free month of Kindermusik, free membership to Orange Theory Fitness, free month of lessons at Goldfish Swim School, a generous offer from Steinway, Mitchell Museum gift and several other awesome prizes!

OPEN HOUSE Schedule (FREE CLASSES – registration required)

1:30 – 2:00 PM Kindermusik Demo Class (ages 1-4 with caregiver, and babies are welcome)

2:00 – 3:00 PM Steinway Piano Tour

3:00 – 4:00 PM Faculty/Student Performances

3:30 – 4:00 PM Pre-Piano Demo Class

4:00 – 4:30 PM Adult Piano Group Demo Class...

Private lesson demos throughout the afternoon

Please email admin@mypianostudy.com to register to take a mini-private demo piano lesson (by appt.) or any other demo class.

Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism

[Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism](#) (ROAR) invites everyone to take part in the Chicago Antiracism Conference, *Building, Growing, and Sustaining Community*, on Saturday, **November 4, 2017**, from 9:00 AM– 6:00 PM at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 E. 55th St., Chicago, IL 60615. The conference fee is \$105. The keynote speaker is Rami Nashashibi, executive director of Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN). He is a recipient of the 2017 MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Grant. Rami Nashashibi was recognized for "Confronting the challenges of poverty and disinvestment in urban communities through a Muslim-led civic engagement effort that bridges race, class, and religion." [Register here](#).

Chicago ROAR recognizes that now more than ever, people are beginning to understand the meaning and impact of systemic and institutional racism. The Chicago Antiracism Conference is an opportunity for committed individuals to gather and explore some of the strategies, tools, and methods embraced by Chicago ROAR to address and dismantle systemic racism.

For more information, visit croar.org, e-mail infor@croar.org, or call [708-503-0804](tel:708-503-0804).



Public Church Pop-up Happy Hour

Public Church Network

Networking for Public Church Leadership

Friday, November 10, 2017

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Evanston

616 Lake St.

Evanston, IL 60201

Happy hour drinks and appetizers will be served.



Faith that Feeds: Connecting Eucharist and Liturgy with "Ministries of Food"

Rev. Keith Fry – Immanuel Lutheran Church

Holy Procession: From the Sanctuary to the Streets

Rev. Erik Christensen – LSTC



REFRESH: Gather with peers around food and drink

*MEET: other church leaders practicing Public Church
approaches*

*HEAR: lessons and examples from congregations and the
seminary*

SHARE: your own examples and lessons

*GAIN: resources to support your Public Church practice and
an opportunity to join the online Public Church Network*

RSVP (requested not required) by Friday,
November 3 to Sharayah Robinson at
srobinson@lstc.edu or through the Facebook event



Lutheran School of
Theology at Chicago

CALLED INTO THE WORLD

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting on September 17, 2017

Present: Linda Edlund, Pr. Keith Fry (*ex officio*), Greg Hummel, Melisa Larson, Sara Krentz (recording), Eliza McDaniel, Kevin McDaniel (presiding), Susan Ross, Nicolai Schousboe, Erik Shearer, Jim Skelton,

Excused: Charly Yarnoff

Guests: Mary Ann Kearns (Financial Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

Agenda was adopted as amended.

Sharing and prayer: we prayed for family and friends of council members, Pastor's recovery from surgery, and for hurricane victims in Texas and Florida

Pastor's report: see appendix A below.

Minutes: Approval of minutes of August 20th was MSC.

Financial Reports and Budget:

Mary Ann gave explanation of the balance sheet how it compares to the fund balances

Nothing too unusual in the income and expenses to date.

Counters Schedule:

September 24: Greg and Jim

October 1: Susan and Linda

October 8: Eliza and Sara

October 15: Melisa and Erik

Old Business:

Property projects:

The windows project is coming out starting October 3 or 4 to start on window installations.

Jim McCarthy will coordinate with Kristen about the schedule so we can reserve parking spaces for their trucks.

Jim M is working on the painting bids to find a new contractor.

The fridge door hasn't been shutting all the way; property is looking into how to fix it.

The intercom is not working and needs to be set up again; part of the setup ideally would include a video so we can see who is at the door.

Several small issues brought up:

The hot water valves need to be adjusted so there is hot water in the bathroom sinks.

The upstairs women's bathroom middle stall door latch doesn't catch.

The elevator inspection and fire inspection tags need to be updated.

Mutual ministry: Audrey Moy has agreed to serve on the committee; Susan Ross will meet with her to discuss the committee operation.

Capital Campaign: Greg, Kathy, Mary Ann, and Pastor will meet to discuss stewardship and capital campaign items

New Business:

Constitution Task Force: it was MSC to create a Task Force be composed of Sara, Eliza, and Pastor; Greg will do language review. The proposed language changes will be presented to the council in November.

Nominating Committee: Greg, Susan, and Linda have volunteered to be on the committee; a fourth member not on the council needs to be identified. The discernment process with the congregation will be started in October.

Groups and Organizations

Youth group, liaison—Eliza. No report

Special Committees

Memorials, Chair—Marlene Chatain. liaison—Susan: no report

Mutual Ministry, Chair—: no report

Personnel, Chair; Laura McDaniel, liaison—Kevin: no report

Stark Fund, Chair: Linda; liaison—Linda: no report

Technology, Chair—Jim McCarthy, liaison—Kevin: no report

Farmer's Market Task Force, liaison—Linda: no report

Active Welcome Task Force, liaison—Charly: no report

Window Funding Task Force, liaison—Greg: no report

Property Use Task Force, liaison – Charly: no report

Standing Committees

Education, Chair—Charly, liaison—Charly: no report

Evangelism—Chair--, liaison--: no report

Fellowship, Chair—Andrea, liaison—Greg: no report

Finance, Chair—Joe Simchak; liaison—Sara: See Financial Reports and Budget above

Personnel, Chair – Laura McDaniel; liaison—Kevin: no report

Property, Chair—Jim McCarthy, liaison—Jim Skelton: see Old Business above

Social Ministry, Chair—Nicolai Schousboe, liaison—Nicolai: no report

Stewardship, Chair—vacant, liaison—Sara: no report

Worship and Music, Chair—Sara, liaison—Melisa: no report

Youth Advisory Board, There are currently no members of this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 PM with the Lord's Prayer. Next Council meeting is October 15th at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sara Krentz

Pastor's Report: September 17, 2017

Worship: Attendance was a bit sparse the past couple of Sundays, creeping up into the 40s each week as people made their way in. We need to make a concerted effort as individual leaders to think about who we have not seen lately and to reach out to them to let them know they have been missed. Hopefully with life getting back into the swing of things post-Labor Day attendance will head back up quickly.

Worship planning is going very smoothly with Jimmy Morehead. We've planned through October already, and will meet in a couple of weeks to plan November and December. Sunday, Sept. 24, will be Quilt Dedication Sunday, and Sunday, Oct. 8, will be Blessing of the Animals. Please consider inviting friends and neighbors for these services. The first highlights the congregation's passion for serving the neighbor, and the second is a great entry point for people who are not too sure about church, but who love their companion animals.

Congregational ministries: It was great to gather for Café Immanuel after the summer hiatus. I was excited to see how many guests we had that day, and am gratified at the number of people who are stepping forward to volunteer in this ministry. I'm also excited that Chris Djuric has announced the calendar for the Indoor Farmers' Market. As leadership, we need to help Chris identify "boots on the ground" to help this ministry succeed. It is one of the highest visibility efforts that we make to serve our neighbor, and one that our neighbors have come to appreciate very much. We need to expand the number of people who are willing to commit to taking on individual aspects of the running of the Market—things like running set-up or tear-down crews, making sure snow and ice removal happens (usually involves a call to the service to get them out there if needed, sometimes includes grabbing a shovel), helping get posters and notices printed up and posted around the building, organizing hospitality for welcoming people at the doors, worship space welcome, music, etc.

Spiritual Formation: Scott Romans, Charly Yarnoff, and Kit McCarthy will be leading a series on the Apostles' Creed based around a book called *Deeper than Words*. The start is being delayed by a couple of weeks.

Please be in prayer for Confirmation. We are trying to figure out something that will work with the schedules our kids and their families have, and that will work with only two students. We had earlier made the decision that we would not participate in a joint class with St. Paul's and St. Timothy's. Meanwhile, however, with Pr. Betty's departure from St. Paul's, I've been approached by them to see if we could do something joint. It is a challenge for small congregations to provide interesting Confirmation experiences for young people when there are very small numbers. The existing Confirmation curricula are all designed for large suburban congregations in Minnesota and Iowa where there are 20 or 30 kids. The dynamic changes when there are two, needless to say.

Ecumenical: At the urging of Worship and Music, we extended an invitation to St. Paul's to join us for a joint service here at Immanuel for Reformation Sunday, Oct. 28, and it was accepted. They were quite grateful to be asked. The service will be followed by a potluck lunch here at ILC. That afternoon at 3:00 PM at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary's chapel, there will be a service to witness the signing of a covenant of cooperation among the Lutheran and Catholic parishes in Evanston. I'm hoping that we can get many of our people to attend. I have been invited to be the Lutheran preacher for the event. The covenant is now in final form. Then on that Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7:00 PM, there will be a service at Holy Name Cathedral to celebrate the recommitment to the covenant between the Metropolitan Chicago Synod and the Archdiocese of Chicago, with Bp. Miller and Cardinal Cupich presiding.

Starting next week, I will be attending a monthly pastoral leadership training sponsored by the Synod, and am also participating in a group of pastors who have been trained in Intentional Impact, which training several of our folks attended last winter. I would like to gather that group to continue the discussions we were having. In addition, I've been asked by the seminary to go for training in teaching the Boundaries Workshop for seminary students and local clergy. There will be a two-day intensive training, paid for by the seminary, and I will then lead the workshops, one in the Spring and one in the Fall, which are required by both the seminary and the Synod for all rostered ministers.

In Christ's peace,

Pr. Keith Fry

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 5:

Micah 3:5–12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9–13

Matthew 23:1–12

November 12:

Amos 5:18–24

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Matthew 25:1–13

November 26 (Christ the King Sunday):

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Psalm 95:1–7a

Ephesians 1:15–23

Matthew 25:31–46

November 19:

Zephaniah 1:7,12–18

Psalm 90:1–12

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Matthew 25:14–30

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Reconciling in Christ congregation.
We welcome people of every age and
size, color and culture, every sexual
orientation and gender identity, socio-
economic status and marital status,
every ability and challenge.
We welcome believers and questioners,
and questioning believers.*

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