

News from...



Immanuel Lutheran of Evanston

SEPTEMBER 2018

A WORD FROM PASTOR KEITH...

As I sit in my office, I hear the rumbling of the mighty construction machines across the street. A couple of weeks ago, they tore down Tommy Nevins Pub and Prairie Moon restaurant, buildings that had stood on those spots kitty-corner from Immanuel for many, many decades. The wrecking machines came in and nibbled away at the buildings until they were reduced to a pile of rubble. The salvagers came and bundled up the bricks to haul them away to be used on new projects. And then came the enormous towers they use to drill caissons down into the earth to create a new foundation. As I write this, I hear the beeping of the concrete trucks as they stream onto the site, their sloppy cargo ready to be poured down into the holes so that 16 stories of steel encompassing 275-odd apartment residences can be constructed.

It represents an enormous change to this little corner of downtown Evanston. But I think it also represents an exciting challenge to us as the people of God who gather on the opposite corner week after week to worship God in word and song, and to learn and be equipped as disciples of Jesus.

We might be tempted to bemoan the destruction of something old and familiar to make way for something new that is going to significantly impact our life here. We might grumble about how that huge concrete tower is going to block sunlight, how the residents are going to snap up all the parking spaces in the neighborhood, how the architectural style is going to change the character that this block has had for more than a hundred years.

It's hard to die to things. We all know that. We hate to see the things we've always counted on be torn down, or otherwise disappear. We don't like the thought that things that have been familiar to us will be no more, and that something different will take their place. We don't like the thought that there will be unknown factors in our future that may sometimes have negative effects upon us.

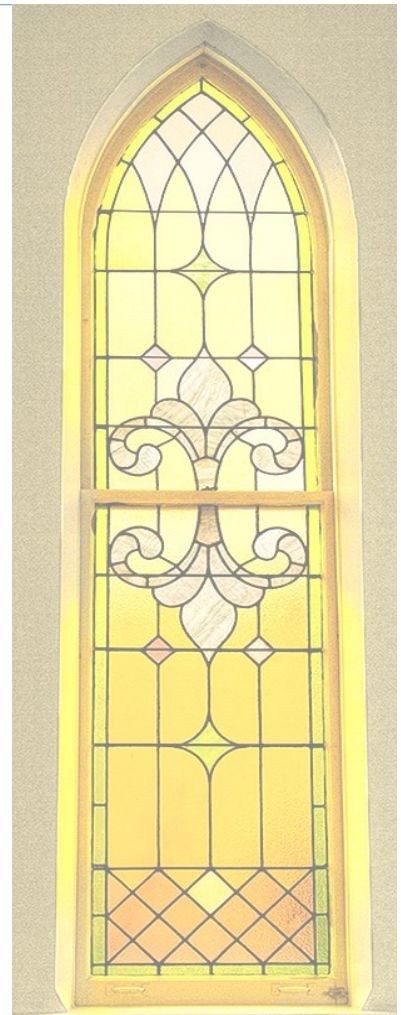
But I think there's an important parable in all this. See, the life of a follower of Jesus is all about dying to the old and rising up to new life. What if, instead of seeing the construction as a problem to be solved or a change to be resisted, we saw it as a sign of a deeper spiritual truth?

What if we looked at that raw construction site and saw it as an opportunity? What if we caught a vision of how we might be able to reach out to hundreds of new neighbors who are suddenly on our doorstep, quite literally? What if as we watch the beams go up we got excited about how God takes things that have died and brings new life out of them?

The way of Jesus is *always* about being ready to die to something so that something new can come. So, what are the ways in which changes like this taking place around us might become for us signs of hope and new life?

What are we ready to do to speak Good News to new neighbors and to others who live nearby in downtown Evanston? Are there things we need to die to? What are the gifts that we have to offer? How can we reach out? What does new life look like here in this place, in this time? What might be the new things that God is calling us to be or to do? Interesting questions to discuss!

—Your brother, Pastor Keith



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- Sept. 9: Café Immanuel 9:00 AM
God's Work Our Hands 12:00 PM
- Sept. 19: Three Crowns Service 11:00 AM
- Sept. 30: Quilt Blessing Sunday 10:30 AM
- Oct. 7: Café Immanuel 9:00 AM
Blessing of the Animals 10:30 AM
- Oct. 20: Bridges to Home Cabaret 7:00 PM

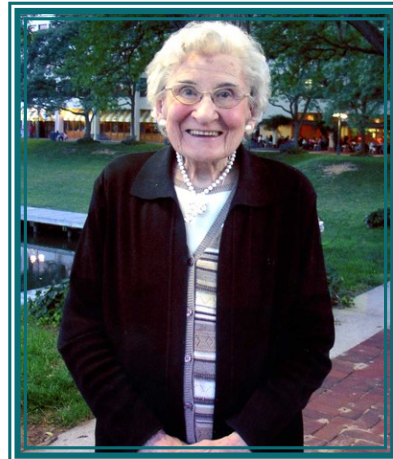
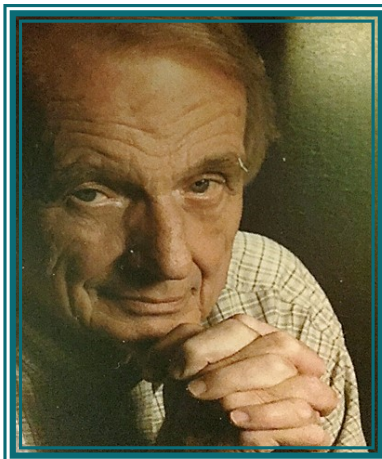


In memoriam: Dean Carson and Elizabeth Johnson Todd

At the end of August, Immanuel gave thanks for the lives of two people, Dean Carson and Elizabeth Johnson Todd.

Rodney Dean Carson, 89, husband of longtime Immanuel member Lynn Carson, died July 1. A service of thanksgiving for his life was held Saturday, Aug. 25. Lynn is now living in an assisted-living facility in Long Grove. She would very much appreciate your expressions of sympathy and concern. Please contact the church office if you need contact information.

Elizabeth Johnson Todd died October 15, 2014, at age 100. A service was held in the Baltimore area at that time, but her son, Bruce Johnson, wanted to have a service here to inter his mother's ashes at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie. Elizabeth was an important leader at Immanuel for a number of years, serving on such important ministries as Call Committees and as a Stephen Minister. We give thanks to God for her life and ministry among us.



Hello from Jane Kaihatsu, Parish Administrator

Hello! I started as Parish Administrator as August 7th and I'm so pleased to be here! My work experience is primarily in writing/marketing/publishing, and most recently I was the Office Manager and Marketing Manager for a small, woman-owned civil engineering design firm in Northbrook.

I'm a third-generation Japanese-American and I was born in Chicago and raised in Park Ridge, IL. My parents were born in California but were sent to internment camps following the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. After WWII ended, my mother left the camp in Gila River, AZ and my father was discharged from the U.S. Army, having fought in the all-Nisei, 442nd RCT in France and Italy. He was drafted out of the camp in Heart Mountain, WY. They relocated to Chicago, met and married, and raised a family. I have two brothers and two sisters, all of whom live in the Chicago area, and my 90-yr.-old mother still lives in Park Ridge.



SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Nina Cudecki 9/1

Rachel Miskelly 9/1

Allison Lamberg 9/7

Melisa Larson 9/7

Lawrence Lee 9/12

Elaine Nelson 9/14

Marlene Chatain 9/19

Carolyn Carmichael 9/22

Brian Lamberg 9/28

I graduated from the University of Illinois-Urbana with a B.A. in East Asian History, and from 1989-98, I lived in Japan. Initially I went as an Assistant English Teacher for the Ministry of Education. Later I worked in Tokyo editing Sony electronics instruction manuals and also worked as a news reporter/editor for Japan's largest English-language newspaper, *The Daily Yomiuri*.

I reside in Park Ridge and am a lifelong member of Christ Church of Chicago, a United Church of Christ congregation which was started by Japanese-Americans in 1948. I want to use of my experience and skills to help Immanuel Lutheran Church thrive and run smoothly. If there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to call or stop by the Church Office. I look forward to meeting all of you soon!

Music at ILC in September

It is with wonderful anticipation we get to welcome back the Choir as worship leaders for our services starting again on September 9th. The choir will kick off the Fall with a lovely arrangement of the Appalachian folk song "How Can I Keep From Singing?" arranged by Mark Schweizer. The Choir will continue with a canonic setting of the Psalm 116 text for September 16th by Charles Wood. The Choir will then offer an arrangement of the lovely spiritual "Little Innocent Lamb" by Marshall Bartholomew before closing out the month with another Mark Schweizer composition on the text attributed to Saint Patrick. This familiar text, printed below, is a lovely way to complete the first month back in the loft. Many Blessings as we welcome back all the faithful musicians for the beginning of the school year and the end of the church year.

"Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Chris in mouth of friend and stranger.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me."

God's Work Our Hands

On Sunday, Sept. 9th, Immanuel will engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of nearly 9,300 congregations across the country participating in "God's Work, Our Hands." In the spirit of "Evanston Reformation 500 and Beyond," Immanuel is joining with two other Lutheran congregations in Evanston—Grace and St. Paul—and with St. Nicholas and St. Mary's Catholic Churches to engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships, and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands!



We will start with a light lunch at Immanuel at noon. From there, we will go off to projects that include tying quilts for people in need, writing cards and letters to legislators, packaging clothing and toiletries for Evanston residents in need, helping clean up a park that serves the Howard Area Community Center in Rogers Park, and more.

If you have your "God's Work, Our Hands" yellow t-shirt from prior years, please wear it. If you don't have one and would like one, we have some available for \$8.00. Contact Charly Yarnoff at csy771@northwestern.edu or 847-491-4965.



Café Immanuel Launches New Season

On Sunday, Sept. 9, 9 AM, Café Immanuel will be back after summer hiatus. (This month only it will be on the second Sunday, rather than the first.) Each month, Café Immanuel offers a time of excellent food and fellowship, welcoming anyone who wishes to come. A number of our guests struggle economically, and we are blessed in welcoming them to the table with us. Come join us for a delicious, creative breakfast served to you at your table, and invite your friends to join you!



Café Immanuel also provides a terrific opportunity for service to our guests and to our community. There is always a need for cooks, for servers, for folks to set the

Quilt Blessing Sunday, September 30

On Sunday, Sept. 30 we will have the Blessing of the Quilts. This year the number of finished quilts will be about 150. There are 18 quilters who are very regular in coming and 4-6 friends/associates who come occasionally. Join us for this special Sunday to praise and thank God for their loving talents and gifts!



Bridges to Home Cabaret

benefiting Bridges to Home,
a partnership between
5 Lutheran churches and
Connections for the Homeless
to support housing for
Evanston young adults



Suggested
donation
\$20.00

enjoy savory and sweet snacks
and a cash bar



Pet Blessing

Sunday, 10/7 10:30 a.m.

**Come celebrate the goodness of Creation
as we remember St. Francis.
Bring your favorite animal to worship for a blessing!**

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Spiritual Growth: Gospel of Mark

Starting Sunday, Sept. 30, 9 AM, we'll begin a new study of the Gospel of Mark. We'll read our way across the shortest of the gospels over a period of several weeks. We'll be considering what the narrative tells us about what the writer of Mark considers important, the themes that are developed, and how the characters are portrayed, and what that tells us about how this gospel understands the life and work of Jesus...and what the implications are for us as we live our lives as followers of Jesus. This won't be all about "head" understanding, but "heart" understanding, as well.

An outline of the course with readings will be given out at the first session, along with a schedule of the classes. If you've wanted to learn more about the Bible, the Gospel of Mark is one of the most accessible of all the books in scripture. Our discussions will be

Construction & Parking Lot Updates

Construction on the new residential high-rise building across the street from Immanuel has begun. Council is in frequent communication with the developers and lead contractor for the project to make sure our historic building is not damaged in any way by the construction. Let's pray that having this many new residents on our doorstep will offer opportunity to reach out.

The construction project is putting pressure on the parking situation in downtown. For this reason, Council has developed a new set of policies concerning use of our parking lot. In coming weeks, we will be creating window-cling decals to indicate authorized use of the parking lot on weekdays. We'll keep you posted when they are available. In the meantime, we ask that Immanuel members and friends who wish to park on the lot outside of church-related event times please notify the office that you will be leaving your car there. Thanks for your cooperation.

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Keith will be taking a vacation starting Monday, Sept. 10. He will return to the office Tuesday, Sept. 25. If you have pastoral care emergencies during those two weeks, please contact Pr. John Lang at 847-920-5182.

TRANSGENDER: THE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE III BEING A TRANS ALLY

UNITED IN FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

6525 W. Irving Park Road
Chicago IL 60634

Sunday, September 23 • 12:30 pm to 3 pm

- A light lunch will be served 12:30 pm
- Presentation will be led by Bill Guilfoile, and his son John

Member, Parents of Transgender Individuals Chicago

Handicap-accessible • Parking behind church

Please RSVP to Carolyn at car072848@att.net by September 19.

For more information call 773.283.2326 or visit unitedinfaith@unitedinfaith.org. Facebook UIFLC, or Twitter @UIFLC

United in Faith is a welcoming and affirming congregation.

Metro-Chicago Synodical Women's Organization 2018 Convention

Take Part in Annual Synodical Women's Organization Convention

Take part in this year's Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) annual convention on Saturday, **October 27, 2018**, from 8:30 AM–3:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 27 South Edgelawn Drive, Aurora, IL 60506. Registration is \$30 (or \$35 on day of event). Mail registration with payment by **October 20** to Sandie Schlauch, 7803 Palma Lane, Morton Grove, IL 60053.

The event theme is *Radical Hospitality*. SWO President Linda Miranda recently noted that if today's news has made you want to step up and get involved in helping the refugee population, especially children, this is a convention for you. The keynote speaker is Jose Garza, Executive Director of the Workers Defense Project in Austin, Texas. He has extensive experience



working with local, state and national labor organizations and has devoted his career to the fight for opportunities for working and immigrant families.

Breakout sessions will be presented by representatives from the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO); from RefugeeOne, the largest resettlement agency in Illinois; and from in-Faith Community Foundation, an organization which works with donors to make the most of each gift and deliver charitable support to their shared community.

There will be an opportunity to learn about other ministries and shop at vendors in the display area. A portion of the convention offering will be given to both AMMPARO and RefugeeOne. Participants are encouraged to bring in-kind donations of diapers, baby wipes, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, baby bottles, facial tissues, ibuprofen or tampons which will be given to Hesed House in Aurora, the second largest homeless center outside of the city of Chicago. There are a limited number of scholarships available; see the registration form for more information.

Questions? Please e-mail Linda Miranda at linda.miranda912@gmail.com or phone **773-332-1457**.

21st Century Psalms with Dr. Esther Menn

Dr. Esther Menn, Professor, Author, and Lecturer at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago will tell us about some of the authors of the Psalms in Biblical history, what motivated them to create the Psalms they used to approach God, and then use psalms that we might write in our attempt to approach God today.



THREE CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS: September 22, September 29, October 6. 10:30 AM–11:30 AM.

This series will be presented at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1235 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette, in their new parish hall. Following the presentations and discussion, those choosing to share a meal together may either bring a bag lunch or purchase one from a local restaurant. For more information, contact Peter Knobel, through the church office, at 847-251-1730.

It has been noted that Dr. Menn has a long-time interest in the figure of King David in early Christian and Jewish Psalms interpretation. At LSTC, she teaches courses in Old Testament, chairs the Bible division, and organizes events and conferences in Jewish-Christian relations.

Inner Doorways—Dreams and Dream Journals

Ever wonder about your dreams? What they might mean? How to access their hidden meanings? Some have called dreams our “personal scriptures,” always leading us to healing, wholeness, and transformation. Tapping into this wise world of personal and collective symbolism, myth, metaphor, and the Divine, aids us in our inner and outer growth. Working with our dreams as a spiritual practice, broadens our relationship with our own goodness, woundedness, and gifts.

This workshop will include an introduction to dream work and the opportunity to create your own dream journal. Learning outcomes include: Techniques for recording and working with one's dreams, new information on finding personal meaning in one's dreams, and creating a dream journal for personal use.

Please bring a dream in written form to work with during the day. No previous art experience is necessary, and all materials are provided.

11:00 AM–3:00 PM | Saturday, September 8, 2018

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 1218 W. ADDISON ST. , CHICAGO \$60.00 Register at www.dreamingandthemuses.com

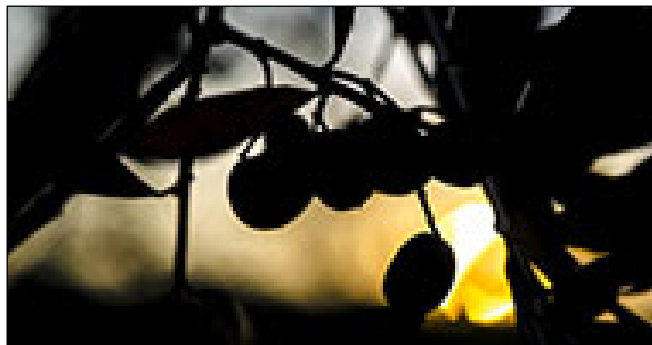
“A dream is an unopened letter to ones-self.” - The Talmud

Karol Weigelt, MS, LCPC – Karol is a therapist and spiritual director. She facilitates monthly dream groups throughout the Chicago area and served as faculty at Loyola University Institute of Pastoral Studies.

Linda Plamondon, MA, ATR – Linda is an art therapist, artist, and spiritual director in the Chicago area. She also works with dream groups.

Mideast Travel Seminar

Travel to the Holy Land with LSTC Professors Barbara Rossing and Klaus-Peter Adam, and seminary students from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, **January 4–17, 2019**, “World of the Bible: Ancient Sites and Current Struggles” arranged with Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies. Includes Petra, Jordan, as well as Israel and Palestine. \$3958 with airfare from Chicago. (Land-only price \$2660).



The trip brochure is available at http://www.jcbs.org!/userfiles/brochures/JC19_55833_Adam.pdf. For more information, e-mail Klaus-Peter Adam at kpadam@lstc.edu or Barbara Rossing at brassing@lstc.edu.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sept. 2

Deuteronomy 4: 1–2, 6–9
Psalm 15
James 1:17–27
Mark 7: 1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Sept. 9

Isaiah 35: 4–7
Psalm 146
James 2: 1–17
Mark 7: 24–37

Sept. 16

Isaiah 50: 4–9a
Psalm 116: 1–9
James 3: 1–12
Mark 8: 27–38

Sept. 23

Jeremiah 11:18–21
Psalm 54
James 3: 13–4:3, 7–8a
Mark 9:30–37

Sept. 30

Numbers 11: 4–6, 10–16
Psalm 19: 7–14
James 5: 13–20
Mark 9: 38–50

Thank You from Upbring: Grant from the Stark Fund



August 1, 2018

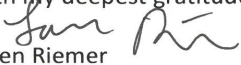
The Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
Rev. Keith Fry
616 Lake St
Evanston, IL 60201-4413

Dear Rev. Fry,

It is an honor to stand alongside loyal friends like you as we work to provide the children in our shelters with around-the-clock attention and care for their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. I simply cannot thank you enough for your generous gift of \$500.00 on 7/27/2018 in support of New Hope Emergency Shelter.

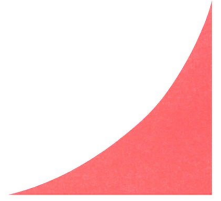
Because of thoughtful friends like you, Upbring has developed comprehensive programs and services that ensure these children are in safe, temporary environments, surrounded by professional staff and/or trained and nurturing foster parents. Together, we are doing essential work, and we are utterly grateful you have chosen to walk alongside us.

Thank you, again, for your generous gift. Everything we accomplish, each life we change, is because of gracious friends like you.

With my deepest gratitude,

Loren Riemer
Vice President, Development Operations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thank you!", written in a cursive style.

Please keep this letter as the receipt for this gift and consult your tax advisor regarding the amount that you may report as a charitable deduction. For tax purposes, our tax ID is 74-1109745 and we acknowledge that no goods or services were exchanged.



Thank You from Curt's Cafe



Curt's Cafe

Cultivating Unique Restaurant Training

*Thank you all
for your love +
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Susan*

July 19, 2018

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Dear Friend of Curt's,

Happy summer! We hope you had a wonderful 4th of July and are enjoying the lovely weather. 2017 was a great year for Curt's Cafe and we want to share some of the highlights with you in our second Annual report, which is enclosed for your review. Our success would not have been possible without your trust in our students and staff and well as your generous support.

Thus far, 2018 has been a productive year for Curt's as well. We celebrated our 6th Anniversary, and hosted the 2nd annual Golf and Tennis fundraiser at the Winnetka Golf Club on June 25th. We also spent much of 2017 cultivating opportunities to serve young adults in the Lake County area. Once we reach our goal to raise \$250,000 Curt's will open its third location! Further, we set out to develop a program tailored specifically for our Graduate Students, who often required additional social services. We are thrilled to share that the program will launch this year.

As you may know, we have trained and mentored over 220 young men and women since we opened our doors in 2012. We are so grateful to be able to provide our students life-skills and restaurant training including GED and Food Service certification training along with comprehensive social service support that helps our student's access secure housing, childcare, and employment.

We could not have made it this far without the support of the community and our many generous donors. In a continued effort to create more accessible ways for friends to donate, we now have a Community Giving Circle. For additional information about the Community Giving Circle, or other ways to donate, please contact Sarah at sarah@curtscafe.org.

Thank you again for your support of Curt's Cafe and our mission to improve the lives of at-risk youth in Evanston and Chicago. We hope to see you soon at the cafe!

With peace, love and gratitude,

Susan G. Trieschmann
Executive Director

Sarah Ghantous
Development Coordinator

Thank You from the ELCA



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

July 24, 2018

Thank You

Immanuel Lutheran Church
616 Lake St
Evanston, IL 60201-4413

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$150.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

As the long green season of Pentecost brings images of seeds and bread, deep and abiding growth and abundance in Christ, so your generosity brings deep and abiding hope to communities dealing with a disaster, providing water, supplies, shelter and support. Your generosity makes possible both short- and long-term care, sustaining communities throughout the recovery process and into new life.

"O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord."- "Bread for the Day, 2018," p.190

Thank you for joining with the whole church, Lutheran Disaster Response and our local partners. Your gifts are bearing the love of Christ to many in need.

With gratefulness,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church is a 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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