

News from...



# Immanuel Lutheran of Evanston

**JULY–AUGUST 2018**

## **A WORD FROM PASTOR KEITH...**

The cycle of scripture readings across July and August is filled with story after story centered on two strong themes: miraculous healing, and miraculous feeding with manna, with loaves and fishes, and with Jesus, the Bread of Life. The two themes are linked with the recounting of the miraculous feeding of the multitude as the hinge pin. In one of the stories, Jesus comments to some people that they have come looking for him not because of the miraculous signs he's been doing, but because they had eaten their fill of the loaves of bread.

I think that's often the way this whole thing of evangelism works. Sure, some people come to hear teaching. That's what they're looking for, and that's what feeds them. But there are lots and lots of other folks, whole multitudes of them, who simply want to be fed, either to satisfy their physical hunger, or to satisfy their hunger for belonging and community that cannot be filled when they sit and eat alone. For them, teaching can come later. It's hard to learn on an empty stomach, we often say.

Lots of times, people find healing for the many things that ail them—physically or spiritually or emotionally—when they first sit down and eat. Jesus knew this. That's why he was so concerned to feed hungry people who were famished at the end of a long, hot afternoon. That's why he left his disciples with a meal, and commanded that we eat the bread and drink the cup together, joined in the eating and drinking. Eating together matters.

For a few years now, we've been talking here at Immanuel about having a "Faith that Feeds." I think this is something that should be key to our identity as a community of faith. Faith that feeds cares about feeding people's hungers, whatever they may be. Many times, it is in the meal offered and shared that people first come to realize that there's more to all of this than just food.

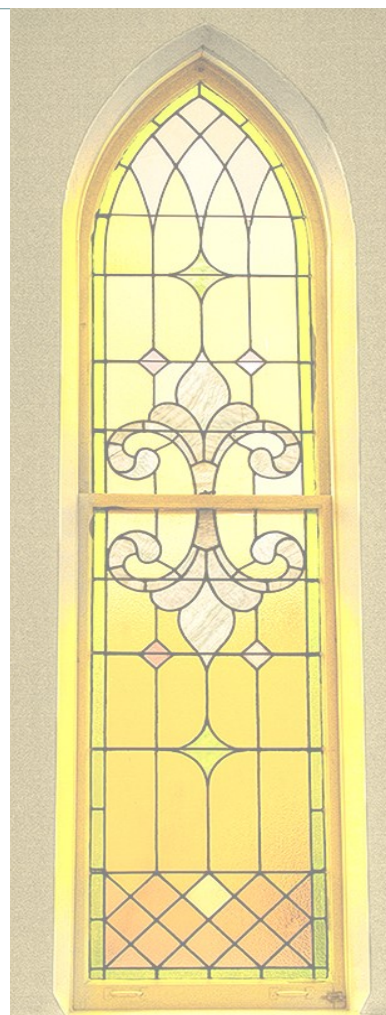
We are called to be healers of the world. And I believe that we're called to be healers by first becoming feeders. If we want to help heal people, I think we need to be ready to put our hands down into the dough and knead it, then lovingly shape and bake it, and generously break it and share it so others can be fed, whether that feeding is to meet physical hungers or spiritual hungers.

I pray every day that God will give us a vision of mission that meets hungry people where they are, and that draws them into abundant life and community by offering them a place to sit and eat and to have their hungers fed.

As you read this newsletter, I think you'll see some of the ways in which God is using us to feed others both physically and spiritually. Thanks be to God!

On another note, I want to express my gratitude to Kristen Wood, our Parish Administrator, who has served this congregation so faithfully and ably for two years. Kristen has accepted a position that offers her some wonderful opportunities. She has been a delight to work with, and has done much behind the scenes to enable my ministry and the congregation's ministry. We will miss her very much!

—Your brother, Pastor Keith



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## Upcoming Events At Immanuel

July 12:	Daytime Quilting 10:00 AM
July 18:	Three Crowns Service 11:00 AM
July 27:	Evening Quilting 7:00 PM
August 2:	Daytime Quilting 10:00 AM
August 15:	Three Crowns Service 11:00 AM
August 24:	Evening Quilting 7:00 PM
September 2:	Café Immanuel 9:00 AM



## Diakonia: Training for Lay Service, Class Forming

Diakonia is defined as service, and the program that bears that name will prepare you to serve God in ways that you might not have imagined before. It's an extraordinary faith journey.

If you want to know the history of the church, the history of Lutheranism and its flowering in America, elements of worship, visitation and so much more, sign up and find your way over to Grace Lutheran in the fall.

You can think of Diakonia as a condensed version of being in seminary. In addition to the two-year course of study with instructors of varied backgrounds, there's the added bonus of joining in fellowship as the bond between you and the rest of your classmates deepens. The two years flew by in my case, and I'm a better Christian for it. I also made friends with a group of people I never would have met otherwise.

If you would like to know more, follow this link to the Synod page:

<http://www.mtselca.org/congregation/leadership/diakonia/>

Claudia Perry



## Goodbye from Kristen Wood, Parish Administrator

I wanted to make sure I got a chance to say thank you and good-bye to everyone associated with the Immanuel community and congregation. It has been such a pleasure working here. I've sincerely enjoyed getting to know each of you and working alongside many of you. You've invited me into your homes, you've brought me cards and baked goods, provided words of encouragement, and wholeheartedly accepted me into your community. I've loved serving with you at Cafe Immanuel and throughout the daily tasks in the office. Words can't express the appreciation I feel towards so many of you for being so kind and loving to my daughter. She's always felt comfortable among you and that has been a gift to me. Many of you have brought her treats and gifts. I will miss monthly lunches with the quilters. You ladies are incredible. I will still come to Farmers' Market and Cafe when I can. I appreciate feeling unconditionally welcome here. Your congregation is a group of accepting people all trying to serve others and exemplify love and kindness. You're all truly remarkable people and I feel lucky to have rubbed shoulders with you.

A special thank you to Pastor Keith who has been an incredible boss, mentor, and friend. Kindness, patience, and understanding go a long way and it's made a world of difference to feel safe and valued in my workplace. Thank you for a wonderful two years.

I will be helping out around the office here and there as I can, until a replacement is found for me to train.

This departure is mostly bitter, no sweet. Thank you for everything. I will miss you all!

With love, Kristen Wood

## Synod Assembly 2018

The 2018 Synod Assembly was held June 8–9 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Attending from Immanuel were Joanne Shearer, Erik Shearer, Pr. Keith Fry, and Pr. John Lang. Important resolutions were considered, including ones on Gun Violence, Palestinian Children, and the national and Illinois Poor People's Campaigns. The Bishop gave a very informative report.

A full description of the Assembly, along with photos, reports, and text of the resolutions, can be found at [www.mcselca.org/assembly/](http://www.mcselca.org/assembly/).

## JULY & AUGUST

### BIRTHDAYS

Faith Yarnoff 7/1

Joan Guess 7/8

Patrick McCarthy 7/10

Lynn Carson 7/15

Meaghan Ross 7/15

Jim Rakowsky 7/20

Judy Hokenson 7/28

Ellen Abrahamson 7/27

Kirsten Hedegaard 7/28

Kit McCarthy 7/29

Elizabeth Stegner 8/1

Sue Peterson 8/3

Deborah Logan 8/7

Grace Yarnoff 8/10

Olivia Knohl 8/20

Linda Faulkner 8/21

Judy Kratochvil 8/21

Scott Shiff 8/21

Alice Hancko 8/22

Maren Baylaender 8/28

# Thank You from the World Food Program



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May 30, 2018

The Immanuel EV. Lutheran Church  
616 Lake St  
Evanston, IL  
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Dear Pr. Keith Fry,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000.00 received on 5/30/2018 by World Food Program USA.

At a point when suffering is at an all-time high, your gift ensures that World Food Programme is able to feed more families in need than any other humanitarian agency on the planet. In 2016, contributions and support from donors like you helped WFP provide more than 80 million people in 80 countries with food aid; more than 30 million people in emergencies with assistance; and 9 million children with specialized nutritional support.

Your gift means one more mother can cook a nutritious meal for her family; one more baby can make it to his first birthday; one more farmer can harvest her own crops to sell in local markets. You are going above and beyond to ensure that hungry people get nutritious meals when they need it most.

Thank you for delivering food – and more importantly, hope – to families around the world. Together, we can make hunger history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Leach".

Richard Leach  
President and CEO

*The IRS requires us to inform you that no goods or services were received in consideration of this gift. Please keep this letter for your records.*

# Thank You from Books and Breakfast



Books & Breakfast  
419 Greenwood  
Evanston, IL 60201  
EIN: 46-3717739

June 4, 2018

The Immanuel Lutheran Church of Evanston  
616 Lake St  
Evanston, IL 60201

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$500.

Books & Breakfast is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Therefore, your donation is 100% tax deductible. 100% of the donation will go to funding Books & Breakfast's mission of preparing children for the school day physically, emotionally and academically. Please use the EIN number above to claim your tax deduction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Hammock".

Kim Hammock  
Executive Director  
kimh@booksbreakfast.org  
(847) 477-0716

Thanks so much to  
your entire congregation  
for your support. We  
are grateful to have  
such a generous  
community to partner with!  
- Kim

Thank You from the YWCA

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**Evanston/North Shore**

June 22, 2018

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Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Attn: Pastor Keith Fry  
616 Lake St  
Evanston, IL 60201-4413

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$500.00 from the proceeds of the Evanston Community Indoor Farmer's Market, for the Domestic Violence Shelter at YWCA Evanston/North Shore. We are extremely grateful for your support!

Because of you, we will continue to help survivors of domestic violence heal from the trauma of abuse and violence in their lives. Your gift enables YWCA to provide 24-hour crisis intervention, emergency shelter, counseling, safety planning, financial education and supportive longer-term housing.

On behalf of the women, children and families that we serve in our communities, thank you for your generosity and commitment.

Sincerely,

  
Karen Singer  
President & CEO

*Thank you!*

*Please consider this letter official receipt of your contribution received on 06/07/2018 in the amount of \$500.00. YWCA Evanston/North Shore is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. No goods or services were provided to you in consideration of this gift.*

# Thank you from ELCA World Hunger



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

June 7, 2018

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

*Thank You*

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,000.00 to ELCA World Hunger. Acts 6 tells the story of the birth and expansion of the church at Pentecost: When the disciples were increasing in number, they selected from among themselves people full of the Spirit and of wisdom and appointed them to feed people who were hungry. They had them stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

With your generosity to ELCA World Hunger, you stand full of the Spirit and of wisdom in the church's 2,000-year tradition of caring for neighbors in need. Thank you for your strong commitment to this signature ministry of the church. Receive in return our prayers for your ministry and our hands stretched out to you in blessing. Together we can go farther; together we will be transformed in the Spirit and in relationship with each other, our partners, and communities around the world.

Until all are fed,

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

*Thank you for  
your gracious  
gift!*

*- Dan*

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

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

# Celebrating the ELCA's Million-Dollar World Hunger Challenge!



# Mid Carlson recognized by Lutheran World Relief as the longest serving member!







## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

June 20, 2018

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

At the recent Metropolitan Chicago synod assembly, we celebrated your generosity in not only meeting, but *exceeding* the challenge to raise one million dollars for ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for praying, discerning, and telling others about what ELCA World Hunger is doing in your communities and around the world. Thank you for being God's hands and feet in the world by giving so compassionately to the signature ministry of the ELCA.

However, ELCA World Hunger will not stop until all are fed, and we invite you to do the same. You can keep the momentum going by participating in ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge. This challenge is a year-long, youth-led initiative to raise over \$1 million to support small-scale farmers—many of whom go hungry at the expense of others being fed. Find out more at [www.elca.org/globalfarmchallenge](http://www.elca.org/globalfarmchallenge). Additionally, stay in the know with all ELCA World Hunger is doing by liking us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/ELCAworldhunger](http://www.facebook.com/ELCAworldhunger)), following us on Twitter and Instagram (@ELCAWorldHunger), or utilizing one of the many ELCA World Hunger resources in the classroom, home, or congregation ([www.elca.org/resources/ELCA-World-Hunger](http://www.elca.org/resources/ELCA-World-Hunger)).

Again, we thank you for your support and what you have made possible for so many people here and around the world. Please follow this link to find a video that further expresses our gratitude to you: <http://bit.ly/thankyoumetrochicago>. Your challenge dollars support nearly 600 projects that are getting to the root causes of hunger in communities in your backyard and in almost 60 countries across the world. Thank you for responding to the word of God in Isaiah 58: "if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday" (Isaiah 58:10 NRSV). God's blessings to you as you work in your own communities to create sustainable change, and may we all continue to work as church together until all are fed.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Robin K. Brown

Associate Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

# 2017

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## ELCA WORLD HUNGER

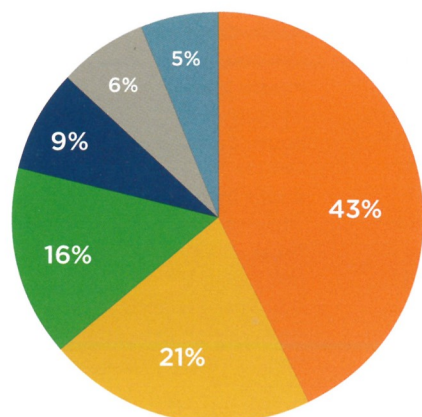
REVENUE		\$21,355,536
	<b>47%</b>	<b>Synods and Congregations</b> \$9,987,447
	<b>44%</b>	<b>Individuals and Others</b> \$9,342,383
	<b>6%</b>	<b>Bequests and Miscellaneous</b> \$1,402,585
	<b>3%</b>	<b>Endowment and ELCA Donor Advised Funds</b> \$623,121

EXPENDITURES		\$23,432,346
	<b>72%</b>	<b>International Program</b> SEE BELOW \$16,851,656
	<b>21%</b>	<b>Domestic Program</b> \$4,837,509
	<b>13%</b>	<i>U.S. Relief and Development</i> \$2,937,837
	<b>5%</b>	<i>Advocacy</i> \$1,183,915
	<b>3%</b>	<i>Networking and Education</i> \$715,757
	<b>7%</b>	<b>General Administration and Fundraising</b> \$1,743,181

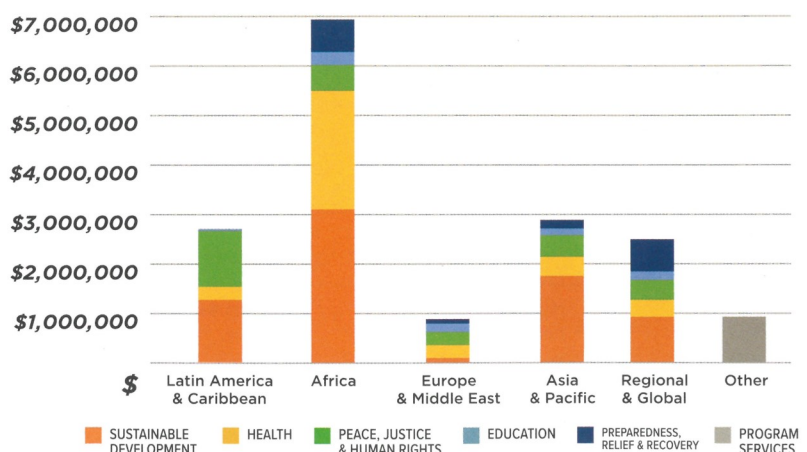
A fund balance from income excess of expenditures in 2015-2016 allowed for expenditures to exceed income in 2017.

### INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ELCA WORLD HUNGER  
International Grants by Sector (FY2017)









ELCA WORLD HUNGER  
International Grants by Geographic Region (FY2017)














## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

REVENUE		\$22,896,436
	<b>49%</b>	<b>Individuals and Others</b> \$11,221,197
	<b>43%</b>	<b>Synods and Congregations</b> \$9,795,179
	<b>8%</b>	<b>Grants</b> \$1,880,060
EXPENDITURES		\$4,630,626
	<b>52%</b>	<b>United States</b> \$2,388,374
	<b>39%</b>	<b>International</b> \$1,805,042
	<b>9%</b>	<b>Communications and Administration</b> \$437,210

Note: Lutheran Disaster Response revenues are allocated and expensed for specific disaster-related response, in which relief, recovery and rehabilitation efforts can occur in multiple years. LDR continues to honor donor's intent for the specific disaster to which support is directed.

2017 HIGHLIGHTED EXPENDITURES	
INTERNATIONAL	
	<b>49%</b> <b>Asia</b> (Earthquake, flooding, refugees and internally displaced people, typhoon) \$885,541
	<b>22%</b> <b>Africa</b> (Conflict, cyclone, drought, Ebola, flooding, health, mudslide) \$385,370
	<b>21%</b> <b>Latin America and Caribbean</b> (Conflict, earthquake, flooding, migration) \$372,572
	<b>8%</b> <b>Coordination, Planning and General Program Activities</b> \$144,675
UNITED STATES	
	<b>36%</b> <b>Hurricanes</b> \$870,561
	<b>26%</b> <b>Program Management and Preparedness</b> \$617,315
	<b>18%</b> <b>Capacity Development and Consultation</b> \$432,241
	<b>15%</b> <b>Severe Storms</b> \$354,946
	<b>2%</b> <b>Wildfires</b> \$50,000
	<b>2%</b> <b>Flooding</b> \$49,709
	<b>1%</b> <b>Migrant Minors</b> \$13,601

Note: These numbers are unaudited financial highlights from the fiscal year that ended Jan. 31, 2017.

## Group study of the proposed Social Statement on Women and Justice



Our Adult Spiritual Growth group is engaged in a study of the ELCA's proposed *Social Statement on Women and Justice*. We meet at 9:00 AM Sundays in the downstairs multipurpose room. We've been having some terrific discussion, looking at the implications of our theology and our understanding of gender equity for how we live our lives as people of faith in the world. At the end of the study, we'll be asked to provide detailed individual feedback to the ELCA based on our study of the document.

For important social concerns, the ELCA develops documents called "Social Statements" that lay out this church's positions on those issues. Each Social Statement is the product of a years'-long process of drafting proposed statements, in the course of which they are sent out to theologians and the congregations for prayerful study and feedback, before being presented to the Churchwide Assembly, made up of lay folks and clergy from across the ELCA, for approval. These statements then become the official statement to the world of how we as ELCA Christians have come to understand the particular concern, as a body.

At next year's Churchwide Assembly, the Assembly will be considering a proposed *Social Statement on Women and Justice*. This statement looks at the status and roles of women in our society and in our world, and offers an assessment and critique of how women are regarded and treated. The statement then considers what scripture and our theology have to say on these matters, and asks difficult questions and offers constructive suggestions for how we as a society and as the church can address concerns of bias, discrimination, and inequality, and how we as a church can speak and act in ways that uphold the biblical demands of justice and equality and of our oneness in Christ.

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we have an opportunity to weigh in on the deliberations of this church. Unlike some other Christian denominations, where all decision making is placed in the hands of a hierarchy, the ELCA welcomes the voice of "people in the pews" in considering important decisions and statements.

Please come join in the discussion, and take advantage of a unique opportunity to help shape the public voice of this church! If you are unable to participate in the study, you are still invited to study the document and offer your feedback online: <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice> .

## JULY SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

### July 1

Lamentations 3:22-23  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

### July 8

Ezekiel 2:1-5  
Psalm 123  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

### July 15

Amos 7:7-15  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

### July 22

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### July 29

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-18  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6: 1-21

## AUGUST SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

### August 5

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78: 23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### August 12

1 Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 34: 1-8  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### August 19

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### August 26

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34: 15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

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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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STAMP  
HERE