

News from...



Immanuel Lutheran of Evanston

JUNE 2018

A WORD FROM PASTOR KEITH...

"Summertime, and the living is easy..."

It is good to finally see summer bursting forth around us, isn't it? Blossoming flowers, trees leafed out fully, the rabbits munching on the front lawn of the church...

It's the season of growth leading to the season of harvest. It's the time to plant things so they have time to get established before the next season arrives. It's interesting, though, that it's also the season when most folks take vacation, a time for leisure, a time for stopping activity to breathe for a bit, to take time for renewal.

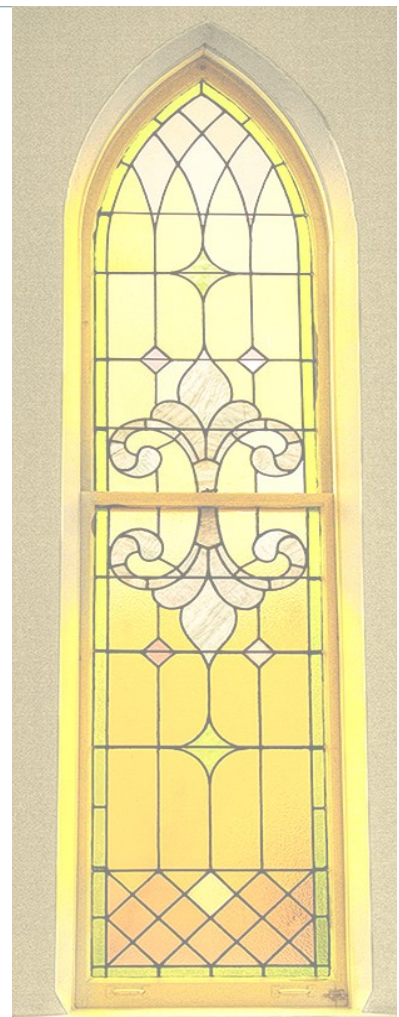
It's also the season when some of our key ministries go on hiatus for a little while. The Indoor Farmers' Market has drawn to a close as the Evanston Outdoor Market has geared up. Café Immanuel just served the last breakfast until after Labor Day. The choir has sung its last anthem until September.

That is by no means a criticism! In fact, it's a good thing. As we discussed this past Sunday in worship, it's important to have a "Sabbath rhythm" to our lives, the rhythm built into creation itself, where God creatively labored for a season and then took rest. There is something life-giving in stopping our activity for a time to breathe, to prepare, to plan, to be renewed.

When some of our highly visible ministries take their much-needed and eminently deserved rest, though, sometimes it can seem as though there's not much going on. But in fact, there are quite a few things happening. Council is beginning consideration of a visioning process for the congregation. A capital campaign to pay off the improvements to the Sanctuary is launching this month. A task force to consider additional enhancements we can make to the worship space to make it more inviting and usable will begin gathering. Another task force is considering ways to make the exterior of the building not only more welcoming but also to make our property more of a "community space." Another task force is working to steward the parking lot as a resource. Still another task force is working to develop an Emergency Preparedness plan. The quilters have already completed 100 quilts, and are working hard to break their record. Social Ministry is continuing their good work, and are planning for God's Work, Our Hands in September. Adult Spiritual Growth is offering some great learning opportunities, and planning for more in the Fall. The Organ Scholar committee is working toward an October recital and award ceremony. Worship and Music and our musicians are planning and providing for beautiful worship across the year. Table Preparation and the Breadbakers and the Worship Assistants and Greeters are meeting and planning so they can offer the ministries they provide so faithfully. Coffee hour hosts are stepping forward for that important ministry of hospitality that binds us as a community. Meanwhile, the ministries that are on hiatus are doing their planning and preparation for the Fall. The list goes on and on.

And of course, our worship gathering week after week continues, planting the seeds of faith and community, building us up, "watering and feeding," bringing new growth. I hope you will find time for rest this summer, but I also hope you'll be part of the good labor that is going on each week for the work that we are called to. See you at church!

—Your brother, Pastor Keith



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Upcoming Events At Immanuel

- June 10: Capital Campaign Kick-Off during Coffee Hour
Group study of "Social Statement on Women and Justice" begins, 9:00 AM
- June 14: Daytime Quilting 10:00 AM
- June 17: Father's Day
- June 20: Three Crowns Service 11:00 AM
- June 22: Evening Quilting 7:00 PM



Upcoming Events in the Community

- June 12: Starlight Concerts – Joel Paterson Band with Oscar Wilson at Kamen Park East
- June 16-17: Custer Street Fair
- June 17: YWCA Race Against Hate
- June 19: Starlight Concerts – Tasha at Twiggs Park
- June 24: Evanston Garden Walk
- June 26: Starlight Concerts – Tangleweed at Bent Park
- June 29: Main Street Summer Concert Series

A Message from the Choir Director

Music will continue to enrich our worship throughout the summer. Please continue to come every Sunday and enjoy the fine instrumental music over the summer.

The liturgy will feature metrical psalm settings to familiar hymn tunes as well as a variety of liturgical music. The choir will resume the Sunday after Labor Day in September.

A very special thanks to our faithful organists, instrumentalists and singers who served this past year. It has been an exciting first year at Immanuel for me, from Reformation 500 to Trinity Sunday!!! Here's to many more!

Jimmy Morehead
Music Director



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Erik Shearer 6/4

Keith Knohl 6/5

Sophia Haag 6/7

Anna Lamberg 6/7

Bernice Cummings 6/13

Benjamin Mauk-O'Connor
6/17

John Hawkinson 6/21

Tyler Knohl 5/24

Miller Stang 6/28

Merle Shearer 6/30

Reiko Yoshihara 6/30

Thank You from Interfaith Action of Evanston



May 30, 2018
Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
616 Lake St.
Evanston, IL 60201

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to Interfaith Action of Evanston. Your contribution helps us continue serving hungry and homeless people in our community and to engage in advocacy that promotes social justice.

Interfaith Action brings together communities of faith and spirit to express our shared values with action. Through interfaith dialogue we build relationships and encourage understanding across faith boundaries. We partner with local legislators, community leaders and our neighbors to promote a healthy and equitable society.

Please check our website (www.interfaithactionofevanston.org) for opportunities to join us.

I wish you days filled with joyful blessings!

With appreciation,

Susan Murphy
Executive Director

Interfaith Action of Evanston is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. No goods or services were received. Your gift of \$1,000.00 on May 30, 2018 is tax deductible to the extent the law will allow.

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Thank You from the Friends of the Evanston Farmer's Markets

Dear Pr Keith Fry & Congregants,
Friends of Evanston Farmers
markets is delighted to
receive your contribution
of \$1,000. All of this money
will be used for our Link
Matching Funds program.

It is through the compassionate
action of organizations such
as yours and ours that

communities can better serve
the needs of our people.

Thank you for your support!
Best,

Vikki Proctor, FEFM President

Parishioner Anne Heider featured in the *Chicago Tribune*
for her work directing Bella Voce

Review: Bella Voce looks back on its storied past, Bach Week projects spirit of its namesake forward



Anne Heider's programs always were astutely assembled, and her guided tour of some of Bella Voce's great successes brought telling contrasts of style and period that felt all of a piece because the performances were of such high quality and expressivity. (Renee Gooch photo)



By **John von Rhein** · Contact Reporter
Chicago Tribune

APRIL 29, 2018, 12:45 PM

As guest director Anne Heider pointed out in her remarks to the audience at the vocal ensemble Bella Voce's season finale, heard Saturday night in Buchanan Chapel at Chicago's Fourth Presbyterian Church, to have survived, much less thrived, for 35 years is no mean achievement for a small classical music group prowling the competitive savanna that is the city's performing arts scene.

Read the full article here: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/music/vonrhein/ct-ent-bella-voce-bach-week-review-0430-story.html>

Celebration of Mildred Carlson's Ministry

On Sunday, May 13, we celebrated with a very special coffee hour the very special ministry of Mildred "Mid" Carlson. Mid began singing in the choir shortly after she graduated from Augustana College, Rock Island, back in 1944, and faithfully offered her musical gifts for almost three quarters of a century. Mid finally decided to bring that ministry to a close this year, and Worship and Music decided that we needed to celebrate and honor Mid for this amazing service.

Champagne and cake were provided by Worship and Music. Pr. Keith prepared a PowerPoint presentation with the assistance of Joe Simchak that highlighted not only Mid's ministry, but also the ministry of Immanuel's choir across the last century, leading up to today. (It was also Music Appreciation Sunday.) Mid served not only in the choir, but also taught the Primary Class for many years, teaching and playing the piano. She also has served on many committees and on Council at various times across the years. And she has for many years participated in the Sewing ministry of the congregation, and has been a leader in the quilting ministry since its inception.

We give thanks to God for Mildred and her ministry to us for so many years, and offer our gratitude to her as we honor her for her faithfulness and generosity.



The graphic features a large, abstract shape in shades of orange and yellow, resembling a stylized sun or a flame. Overlaid on this shape are several thin, red, hand-drawn lines that create a sense of movement and depth. The text is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the graphic.

Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice

For Study and Response
Prior to September 30, 2018

Group study of the proposed Social Statement on Women and Justice

One of the exciting aspects of being members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is that we have an opportunity as the people of God 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.

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, sending them out to theologians and the congregations for prayerful study and feedback, and then presenting them 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.

Our Adult Spiritual Growth group will begin a study of the Social Statement on Sunday, June 9, 9:00 AM. 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. Please come join in the discussion, and take advantage of a unique opportunity to help shape the public voice of this church!

Missing Immanuel's Farmers' Market? Support the City of Evanston's Farmers' Market



Make your Saturday morning destination the Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market, celebrating its 43rd year serving the Evanston community. As many as 58 Midwest vendors sell fruits, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, eggs, baked goods and more. LINK cards accepted and matching funds are available.

Dates/Time: Saturdays, May 5 - November 3, 2018 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: University Place & Oak Ave. (behind the Hilton Garden Inn)

Parking: Free parking is available at the Maple Ave. Garage with validation at the City of Evanston tent.

Live animals and pets, other than service animals, are not allowed at the farmers' market.

Like and follow us on Facebook at Evanston Markets for year-round updates on Evanston farmers' markets or visit Friends of Evanston Markets.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting on Sunday, April 15, 2018

Present: Linda Edlund, Pastor Keith Fry, Sara Krentz (presiding), Melisa Larson, Kevin McDaniel, Susan Ross, Erik Shearer, Jim Skelton, Nicolai Schousboe, Charly Yarnoff, Grace Yarnoff

Excused: Tom Couch, Greg Hummel

Guests: Joe Simchak

The meeting was called to order at 12:20.

Agenda: Adoption of the agenda as amended was MSC

Sharing and prayer: We prayed for the recovery of Ron Laudert. We also prayed for peace and good government.

Pastor's report: See appendix A below.

Minutes: Minutes from March 18, 2018 were MSC.

Financial Reports (Mary Ann Kearns / Joe Simchak)

Joe Simchak: We are \$4400 under budget in income. We are \$1600 over budget for expenses, largely because of the cost of snow removal.

It was MSC that the Council Secretary be the third person authorized to sign checks.

Counter Schedule:

April 22 Erik and Kevin

April 29 Tom and Charly

May 6 Susan and Jim

May 13 Lisa and Nicolai

May 20 Linda and Susan

Old Business

Update on property projects:

The painting is complete and paid for.

Door to the Pastor's office has been replaced and paid for.

Keys for the marquee are being replaced because the one remaining key has gone missing.

Jim will make sure that Property arranges to have a master set of keys that are kept in the office safe.

Capital Campaign Report (Early 2018 campaign): Greg and Fran are formulating plans to bring to the capital campaign task force.

Emergency Preparedness: Erik Shearer is in communication with the fire and police departments. Pastor Keith recommended that we investigate partnering with St. Mary's Church in planning aspects of emergency response.

Building Use

Moms Demand Action for Gun Control: They have decided to use the Music Institute for their meetings instead of our space.

North Shore Squares: It was MSC that they be granted permission to use Fellowship Hall from September through December this year on Tuesday nights for 2 hours for a fee of \$40 per session. We will get a signed letter of understanding and certificate of insurance from a representative of the organization.

Parking spots to serve nearby merchants' employees during construction: Recently, Pastor Keith was asked by a representative of Downtown Evanston, a merchants group, for permission to allow employees of neighboring businesses to use our parking lot during construction at the site where Tommy Nevins and Prairie Moon were located. Council authorized the parking lot task force to make the decision about the merchants' association's request.

Vision. The Samaritan has not responded to repeated requests from Pastor Keith. He will contact the James Company in Milwaukee.

New Business

Bridges to Home. It was MSC to allow Fellowship Hall to be used on October 6 for the annual cabaret fundraiser.

Sanctuary use/design task force. The task force will investigate needs in the sanctuary and formulate a coherent plan.

Wheelchairs. Wheelchairs are in the building but it's unclear that they are functional. It's been recommended that they be donated to an organization that refurbishes and re-uses them. Chris Djuric will look into these organizations. Council recommended that they not be immediately replaced until medical and liability questions are investigated.

Cleaning service. Jim McCarthy will be asked by Sara to have the property committee, by the May council meeting (a) make a recommendation to council for a new service to replace Patmar, and (b) review and revise the scope of services that we currently have with Patmar.

Groups and Organizations

Youth group, liaison—Eliza. no report

Special Committees

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

Mutual Ministry, Chair—:

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: See Appendix A

Active Welcome Task Force, liaison—Charly: no report

Standing Committees

Education, Chair—Charly, liaison—Charly: See Appendix A

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

Finance, Chair—Joe Simchak; liaison—Sara: See Financial Reports 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: The following Evanston fundraising events are coming up: (a) Interfaith Action of Evanston Comedy Night (April 27); Lutheran Campus Ministry of Northwestern University Showcase (May 5); Bridges to Home Cabaret (October 6).

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

Worship and Music, Chair—Sara, liaison—Melisa:

Last meeting was held on 3/24/18. Final plans for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services were discussed.

On Saturday, 3/31 Altar Servers did a spring cleaning of the sacristy.

With the completion of the sanctuary painting, the committee has begun forming a task force to address replacing carpeting/flooring, pew placement (row spacing) & seating, and the possibility of a new baptismal font. The task force will consist of both members and non-members of the committee.

During the sanctuary painting, the organ was not available. Because of this, the decision was made to delay the annual Organ Scholar audition and performance until fall. Greg Hummel is leading the process.

At the next meeting the committee will discuss summer worship plans among other items.

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

Next Congregation Council Meeting: Sunday May 20, 2018 at 12:30 pm.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer at 2:00

Appendix A: Pastor's Report:

Pastor's Report: April 15, 2018

Worship: I am profoundly grateful for the efforts that went into creating a powerful worship experience for the Great Three Days and for Easter. The Worship and Music Committee provided creativity and took care of an amazing number of details. This year was particularly intense because we were worshipping in Fellowship Hall during the Three Days, which required rethinking and reimagining to fit a different worship space. There were also countless details to prepare the Sanctuary for re-entry, and I thank the team of people who stepped up to make that happen. And throughout the Three Days and Easter, our musicians stunned me with the range of music they offered, and with their ability to adapt to less-than-ideal acoustics, while producing music that stirred us and tied the experience together beautifully. Jimmy Morehead went above and beyond the call of duty in preparing and performing a complicated musical support for our worship. And it was glorious to process from Fellowship Hall into the Sanctuary during the Vigil, voices and bells ringing out in a freshened space. There are still some improvements we can make in that space, and I'm happy that Worship and Music would like to convene a task force to look at enhancements that will serve our worship of God as we gather.

Congregational ministries: I was so happy that the Café Immanuel folks were able to offer a breakfast on Easter Sunday! Some of our guests stayed for worship, which pleased me. I think that it is in feeding people and sharing a table with them that we show the face of the Resurrected One.

I'm having feelings of sadness as the Farmers Market season comes to an end next Saturday. This ministry requires an enormous effort over and over again, and I'm grateful to those who have had the vision and the commitment to make it happen. It speaks volumes to the community around us about who we are as a congregation. And it has brought guests among us in worship, as well. We never know how the Spirit will move through ministries like this.

I'm blown away by the progress the quilters have made this year, by the way. From the reports I'm getting, there will be a bumper crop of these beautiful pieces of art, made with love and concern for those in need.

Spiritual Growth: The series on Luke and Acts is going well, and is producing some thoughtful discussion about faith and community.

Ecumenical: This past week I team-taught a workshop on pastoral boundaries for seminarians from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and McCormick Presbyterian Seminary. It is good to have connections to the seminary, which is a potential resource for us in our congregational life.

Linda Edlund, Chris Djuric, and I attended another seminary event, which focused on worship and gun violence, asking us to look at ways in which justice issues might be incorporated in our worship context.

Pastoral: We give thanks for the life of George Shiff, who died on Sunday, April 8. George was a long-time member of Immanuel who had been living in nursing care in Aurora. I conducted a funeral service at Donnellan Family Funeral Home on Saturday, April 14. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

In Christ's peace,

Pr. Keith Fry

JUNE SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 3

Deut. 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 17

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 10

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 24

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

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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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