

News from...



Immanuel Lutheran of Evanston

OCTOBER 2018

A WORD FROM PASTOR KEITH...

This past Sunday, we celebrated and blessed in worship the incredible output of quilts produced this year by our Quilting Ministry. The next day, Sara Mauk posted on her Facebook page a photo of the quilts laid out in the sanctuary. Scores of people “liked” the photo, and that was gratifying. I then decided to share Sara’s photo on my own Facebook page. Within minutes, the “likes” were piling up. Within hours, more than 130 people had responded positively to the photo on my page. And then people began to share the photo on their own pages. Between Sara’s friends and mine, some 35 people posted that photo on their own pages, so we have no idea how many people saw it.

And here’s the thing: Over and over, people commented that it was touching to finally see some good news, and to see that people were doing something so beautiful to serve their neighbors. Something in that photo of 158 lovingly stitched and tied quilts, prepared purely for the good of others at the expense of countless hours of labor and many, many dollars’ worth of materials, along with the offering of creativity involved, touched something very deep in the people who saw it, most of whom have nothing to do with churches at all in the normal course of their lives.

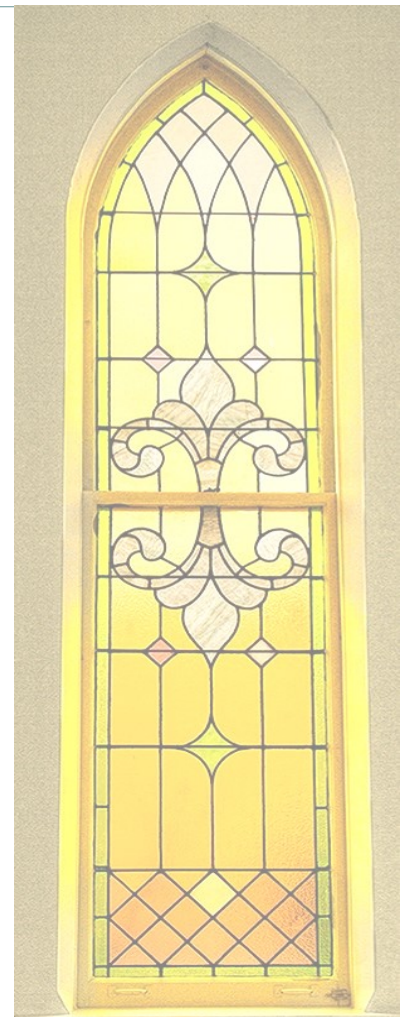
You see, the things we do to make the lives of others better, the things we do to ease suffering, the things we do to create and share beauty, those are very, very good news for a world that is desperate to hear good news. With all of the horrible and discouraging things that we see in the media every day, people are hungry to know that there is goodness and kindness and beauty in this world.

As followers of Jesus, those are the very things we are commanded to bring about. We are commanded to care for the refugee, the homeless, the marginalized, the poor, the sick, the grieving. And we do these things not only because we’re commanded to, but because the love of God in Christ Jesus is poured out into our hearts, and it impels us to love and serve our neighbor.

The word “gospel” means “Good News,” and that is what we have to share with others. And that Good News becomes most evident when we are giving of ourselves, our time, our talents, and our treasure to bring about healing, wholeness, mercy, and love in a world that longs for those things.

Sometimes, spreading the Good News of Jesus is as simple as showing people the things that Jesus’ love prompts us to do to serve others. One simple photo, showing a great labor of love, is now rippling through the Internet, announcing to people that the love of Jesus is real, and that there is Good News to be heard. People really are longing for it. Let’s show them!

—Your brother, Pastor Keith



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Upcoming Events at Immanuel

- Oct. 7: Café Immanuel 9:00 AM
Blessing of the Animals 10:30 AM
- Oct. 20: Bridges to Home Cabaret 7:00 PM
- Oct. 27: Organ Scholar Recital 7:30 PM
- Oct. 28: Reformation Sunday: Joint worship
at St. Paul's
- Nov. 4: All Saints Sunday (*observed*)



Music at ILC in October: Organ Scholar Recital

Immanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting a recital for the winner of our annual Organ Scholar Competition on Saturday, October 27th at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

The 2018 recipient is Andrew Barbour. Originally from North Carolina, Andrew is currently pursuing his Masters in Organ Performance at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. The committee chose Andrew from a group of very talented candidates from around the Midwest. His program will feature works by Mendelssohn and Bach among others. Please enjoy a wonderful evening of organ music followed by a joyous reception.

Special Worship Events

In addition to the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 7 (*see p. XX*), we have two very special worship events coming up:

Reformation Day, Sunday, Oct. 28

As has been our practice for several years, we will be assembling with our brothers and sisters of St. Paul Lutheran Church for joint Reformation Day worship. This year, St. Paul's will be hosting, so there will be no service at Immanuel that morning. The service is at our usual 10:30 AM time.

Pastor Keith will be preaching, and a number of Immanuel folks will be helping to lead in worship, and there will be a joint choir. Following the service, St. Paul's will be supplying a festive luncheon, and they've told us we don't need to bring anything at all!

These joint services are always very stirring as we bring together the two congregations in praise and worship. Please plan to attend!

Offerings given in envelopes or by check will be given to the respective congregations. All loose offerings will go to support the Emergency Overnight Shelter run by Evanston Interfaith Action.

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 4

All Saints will be observed on Sunday, Nov. 4, at our 10:30 worship.

For many, this is one of the most meaningful services of the year as we give thanks to God for all those who have died in the Lord and whose lives have served as examples of holy living to us.

As part of the service, you will be given an opportunity to come forward and light candles in memory of those loved ones who now rest in the Lord. Names of those you would like remembered will be listed in the bulletin. Please submit names to the office by Oct. 30.

This is a beautiful time of remembrance and thanksgiving, and a great service to invite friends and family to attend.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Andrea Knohl 10/1

Joshua Oukrust 10/7

Audrey Hathaway 10/8

Mark Kearns 10/14

Andrew Lamberg 10/17

Timothy McCarthy 10/22

Letitia Carlson 10/24

John Fridner 10/28

John Strom 10/30





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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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

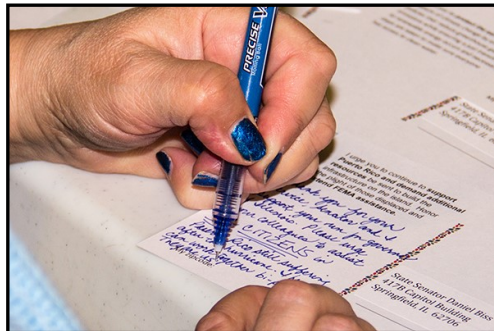
God's Work Our Hands 2018

Many thanks to all who came out on Sunday, Sept. 9, for another successful "God's Work Our Hands" day of service. Thanks also to those who organized it!

Nearly 100 people gathered to work on a number of projects, the largest group we've had so far! Represented were the following congregations: Immanuel, Grace Lutheran, St. Paul Lutheran, St. Nicholas Roman Catholic, and St. Mary Roman Catholic.

A terrific potluck lunch was shared, followed by a "blessing of the hands" conducted by clergy from all the parishes. Then people went out to do things like cleaning up around the "el" tracks, painting the nursery at St. Nick's, making greeting cards, or tying quilts, among others. People also wrote post cards and letters to advocate for justice issues, and brought in items for hygiene kits for homeless folks.

Our gathering is rather unique in that it brings together Lutherans and Catholics. Thanks be to God for all the willing hands, and for the witness this gives to our community!



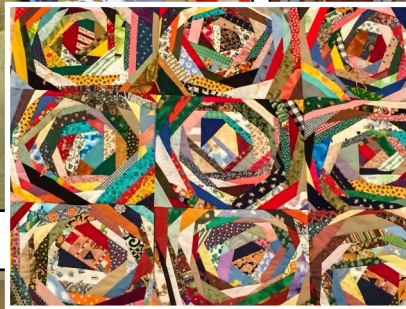


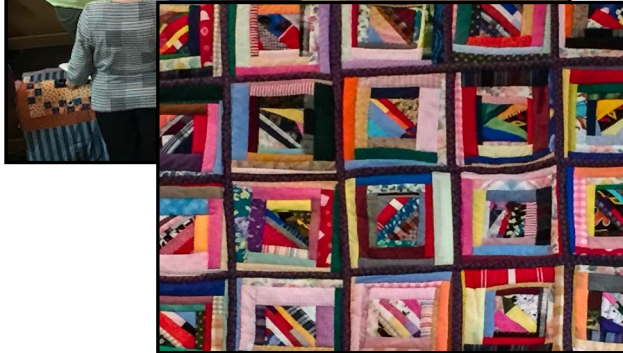
Quilt Blessing Sunday, September 30

On Sunday, Sept. 30 we had the Blessing of the Quilts. This year the number of finished quilts was 158! There were 18 quilters who were very regular in coming and 4-6 friends/associates who came occasionally. We thank God for their loving talents and gifts!

After the blessing we packed the quilts into 26 boxes. Now, these boxes need to be dropped off at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon (1 block southwest of Lutheran General Hospital), **Park Ridge** (847-823-6984), where they'll be loaded onto a semi trailer. Eventually they're transported to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse.

Drop-off times at Messiah Lutheran are Saturday, 10/6, 9 AM-12 noon, and Sunday, 10/7, 9 AM -3 PM. If you are able to transport any of these boxes to Park Ridge, please let Chris Djuric know.





Café Immanuel

On Sunday, October 7, 9 AM, Café Immanuel will be serving our monthly gourmet breakfast. 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 tables and bus and wash the dishes, for greeters, and for people willing to offer friendly conversation to guests. If you're interested in helping, please contact the office, or come early and find a way to serve. We have a "faith that feeds," and Café Immanuel is one of the ways we live that out. Come eat, come serve!

Spiritual Growth: Gospel of Mark

On Sunday, Sept. 30, we began 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 is available, 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 freewheeling and helpful. Come join us each Sunday at 9 AM!

Building Masonry Work



The masons repaired several bays on the church and both the replacement brick and the mortar match well.

They worked on the parish house entrance and removed the bricks above the decorative limestone lintel and exposed the steel lintel that supports it. They ground the rust from the steel lintel and given it rust seal paint and a rubber coating; also, they had additional support bolts to the cracked limestone lintel on the right to give it proper support. The steel was covered with a waterproof membrane flashing to discourage any additional damage from above.

They removed the limestone coping at the top of the entrance way and adding waterproof flashing beneath it and filling the joints between the coping with caulk rather than mortar for better water sealing and longer life. The hidden pitched copper roof above the entrance is in good shape.



Farmers' Market

The Indoor Farmers' Market returns on November 17th for the winter season. Your favorite farmers will bring their best produce to Immanuel's Fellowship Hall every two weeks until the middle of April.

The market at Immanuel is about so much more than fresh ingredients for your next meal - it's really about community. One example of how we reach-out and invite-in is our partnership with Curt's Cafe. By providing Curt's with a pop-up kitchen opportunity, we give their graduates a chance to gain on-the-job work experience. Plus, we are able to offer our shoppers a tasty meal and a table to gather.



Word has it that Chris Djuric and Laura McDaniel have a few new ideas their spinning. Still, the basic elements remain of using the funds gathered to provide grants to organizations fighting hunger, writing advocacy postcards, and finding ways to reveal Immanuel to the wider community.

Be part of the energy behind the market! Volunteers are needed to set-up, clean-up, greet, advertise, and cheer. Your support is integral to the success of this, Immanuel's largest evangelism effort of the year!!

2018-19 Indoor Farmers' Market Dates:

November 17

December 1 & 15

January 5 & 19

February 2 & 16

March 2, 16, & 30

April 13



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.



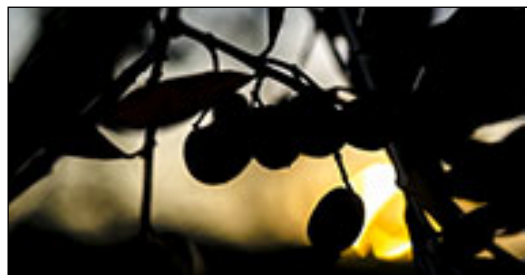
Breakout sessions will be presented by representatives from the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO); from RefugeeOne, the largest resettlement agency in Illinois; and from in-Faith Community Foundation, an organization which 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

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 brossing@lstc.edu.

OCTOBER SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Oct. 7

Genesis 2: 18–24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1: 1–4; 2: 5–12
Mark 10: 2–16

Oct. 14

Amos 4: 6–7, 10–15
Psalm 90: 12–17
Hebrews 4: 12–16
Mark 10: 17–31

Oct. 21

Isaiah 53: 4–12
Psalm 91: 9–26
Hebrews 5: 1–10
Mark 10: 35–45

Oct. 28 (Reformation Sunday)

Jeremiah 31: 31–34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19–28
John 8:31–36

Other Events of Interest

Aki Matsuri (Autumn Festival)

Saturday, Oct. 13, Noon to 4 PM. Come for Food, Fun and Fellowship. Chicken Teriyaki Obento Box special, Udon (Halal Udon available), Vegetarian Options, Inari Sushi, Spam Musubi, Baked Goods, Cookie Walk. Live auction of Japanese Sake at 1:30 pm. Christ Church of Chicago, 6047 N. Rockwell St., Chicago. Pre-orders at www.squareup.com/store/christchurchchi

Bowmanville Swing with Brooklyn Britches

Saturday, Oct. 13 at 4:30 pm; Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 450 Sunset Ridge Rd., Northfield, 847-446-8335. Free.

St. Olaf Band, Timothy Mahr, Conductor

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 7 pm. Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Avenue, Evanston. With the Evanston Township High School Wind Symphony; \$10 Adults; Students Free.

Notes from the Parish Administrator

Church Leaders/Committee Members: Please pick up your mail in the slots by the Church Office.

Lost & Found: A pair of black men's leather gloves and one beige suede baseball cap left in Church Office.

Nothing warms a heart more than fellowship around a good cup of coffee and some treats! Sign up to be a Host for Coffee Hour after Sunday worship services. Treats can be your choice of small bites (cookies are popular) and even fruit.

If you've never hosted before or it's been a while, see Joe or Terri Simchak, who are happy to show you the process. Sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall.



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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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