

News from...



Immanuel Lutheran of Evanston

NOVEMBER 2018

A WORD FROM PASTOR KEITH...

"Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

A wise elder saint once told me that this was the prayer with which she started and ended each day. She breathed that prayer as she rose from her bed to thank God for giving her life one more day, and in anticipation of all that was going to come to her in the course of the day. And as she lay her head on the pillow at night, weary and pain-filled, she nonetheless whispered that prayer once again to thank God for all the grace that she had experienced that day.

We often don't know how to pray. If you struggle with that, I recommend that simple prayer: "Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

Many of my friends have undertaken the discipline in November of posting each day on social media one thing for which they are thankful. Honestly, I don't have the discipline to remember to do that. I do, however, have the discipline to remember to utter those two simple words: Thank you.

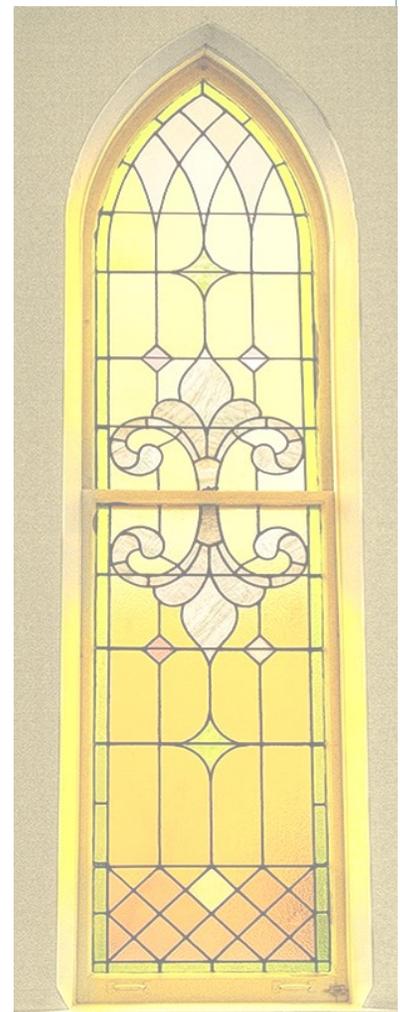
In teaching Confirmation this week, I was reminded of what Luther's *Small Catechism* says: "I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property—along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true."

At the heart of Christian discipleship should lie a profound sense of gratitude for God's grace and love and mercy. When we start and end our days with the simplest acknowledgment of God's gracious providing, we become more and more aware of *how* God provides, often in ways that we overlook. Developing a habit of gratitude can begin with breathing that simplest of prayers: "Thank you!"

I challenge you to take that on as a spiritual discipline right now. Breathe that prayer when you rise. Breathe it as you enjoy a meal, as you drink a glass of cool water, as you tie on a comfortable pair of shoes. As you utter or think that prayer, suddenly the simplest, most basic things of life are transformed into symbols of God's goodness.

And something else begins to happen: As we acknowledge God as the giver of every good gift, we suddenly begin to view the things we have as gift, and since they are gift, they are to be shared.

So will you join me in taking on that practice? Try it now: "Thank you, thank you, thank you!"



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—Your brother, Pastor Keith

Upcoming Events at Immanuel

Nov. 17: First Farmers' Market 8:30 AM

Other Events of Interest

A Gift of Music - Elliott Chapel Organ Recitals

Monday, November 26, 2018, 1:30 pm

Hyea Young Cho, Organist. Glencoe Union Church, Glencoe
Presbyterian Homes, 3200 Grant St., Evanston, IL

The Gift of Music recital series is made possible by a generous gift from The Woman's Board of Presbyterian Homes. The "Endowment for Chapel Music" was established in 1994 with the installation of the new Dobson Pipe Organ in Elliot Chapel. Through this recital series the Gift of Music keeps on giving for Presbyterian Homes residents and the community.



Special Worship Events

The Festival of the Reign of Christ

We celebrate the end of the Church year on Sunday, Nov. 25. As part of this festival service, we will also make our commitments of giving of our time, talents, and treasures.

Sunday Worship in Advent

Each Sunday from Dec. 2 to Dec. 23, we gather for worship that begins with the lighting of the Advent Wreath. Our worship centers on preparing our hearts to welcome the great mystery of the Incarnation, the Word made Flesh.

Midweek Advent Evening Prayer

On Wednesday evenings Dec. 5, 12, and 19, at 7:00 PM, we assemble for the service of Holden Evening Prayer. This beautiful candlelit service lasts a half hour, and is a wonderful respite from the busy-ness of the season. Please join us, and invite your friends!

Music at ILC in November

November is framed in festivities immediately following Reformation. We began the month celebrating the Feast of All Saints with a Renaissance motet by Gallus Dressler "I Am the Resurrection." We fill out the remaining Sundays of Pentecost with a setting of Psalm 146 by Claude LeJeune and Edward Tipton's arrangement of the beloved Irish tune "Be Thou My Vision." We finish the month and the church year with the Festival of the Reign of Christ and an adaptation of F. Melius Christiansen's "Beautiful Savior".

Reformation Sunday—October 28, 2018

Worship with St. Paul's



We joined together with our sisters and brothers at St. Paul's Lutheran Church to celebrate Reformation Sunday worship together. There was a wonderful crowd. Pr. Tim McKenzie of St. Paul's presided, and Pr. Keith preached. There were several musicians, strings and brass, who added to the worship, and a choir

joined the voices of St. Paul's and Immanuel's singers. St. Paul's hosted a luncheon following worship, which gave time for fellowship between the sister congregations.



- NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
- Rosemary Gurujal 11/2
 - Dana Barron 11/4
 - Thomas Nakic 11/5
 - Leland Wilkinson 11/5
 - Cynthia Carson 11/10
 - Edward Carlson 11/11
 - Christine Imhoff 11/12
 - John Cudecki 11/13
 - Hannah Miskelly 11/13
 - Jean Kanter 11/15
 - Mesrop Darian 11/30

Blessing of the Animals–Oct. 7, 2018

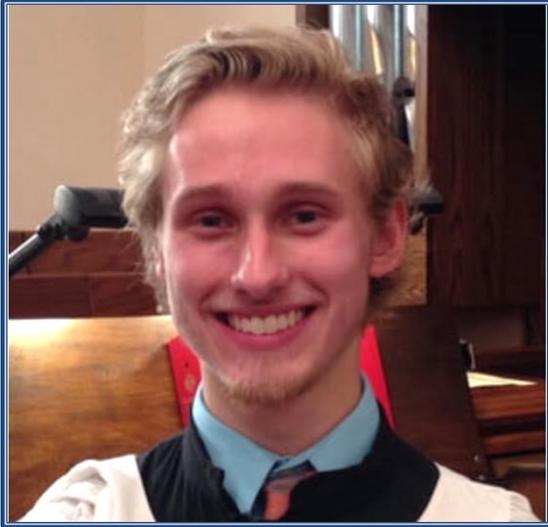
***“Ask the beasts, and they will teach
you the beauty of this earth.”***

St. Francis of Assisi



On Sunday, Oct. 7, we remembered St. Francis of Assisi, and invited people to bring their companion pets for blessing. We give thanks for creation, and for the ways in which God blesses our lives through the creatures God has created to brighten our lives.

2018 Organ Scholar Recital a Great Success!



Approximately 35 people gathered on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 27th to hear the 2018 Organ Scholar Award Recipient Andrew Barbour perform various organ works from Jan Bender, Johan Sebastian Bach, Johannes Brahms and Felix Mendelssohn.

After the recital, Greg Hummel, Chair of the Organ Scholar Committee, and James Morehead, Music Director, presented Andrew with a commemorative medallion and the \$2,000 scholarship award. Following the program, there was a Champagne Reception hosted by the Organ Scholar Committee to celebrate Andrew's achievement. Andrew is the 17th recipient of the yearly scholarship award.

Andrew earned a BA in Sacred Music from Lenoir-Rhyne University, having studied organ with Florence Jowers and Larry Stratemeyer. An active musician in his native North Carolina, Andrew served churches in both accompanist and director roles, led music for ecumenical community events, and participated as organist on several occasions with the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA. A member of the American Guild of Organists, he was also a featured recitalist on chapter programs after having twice been a recipient of the Charlotte Chapter's annual Stigall Scholarship.

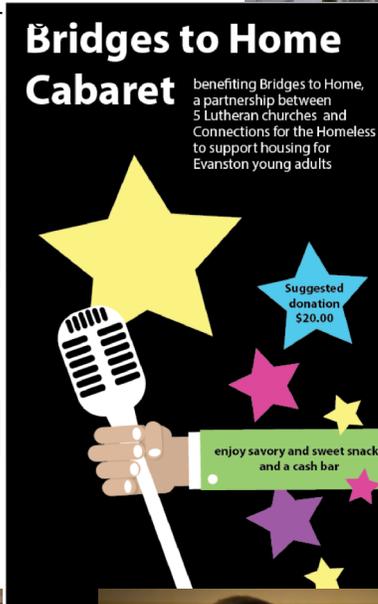
In addition to his musical activities, Andrew was passionate about raising urban chickens for 16 years. More recently, trekking has captivated his interest after hiking 124 km through the Himalayas to the Mt. Everest Base Camp in June 2017.

Earlier this year, Andrew placed second in the Strader Organ Competition, which led him to the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where he is pursuing a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance with Michael Unger. He currently serves as Principal Organist at St. Gertrude Catholic Church, Madeira, OH.

Organ Scholar Committee,
I wanted to let you all know how
thankful I am for your decision to
choose me as the 2018 Organ Scholar.
As I said in the interview, music was
not the initial route I planned to follow,
and so, I may still have occasional doubts
if music is the right thing for me.
However, deep down, I know that it
really is the best option, and the committee's
decision was the encouragement I really
needed at that time. So again, thank
you so very much for your generous
gift.
Sincerely,
Andrew

Bridges to Home Cabaret Night—Oct. 28,

We hosted the Bridges to Home Cabaret Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 13. This project is a joint effort among five Lutheran congregations and Connections for the Homeless to support housing for young men in Evanston. Thank you to all of our talented performers. Master of Ceremonies: Pr. Daniel Ruen, Stage Manager: Jarrod Gaither. Accompanists: Kurt Westerberg (St. Paul's), Phyllis Scott, Kathy Roderer (ILC), Mark Bowman, (Grace). Thanks to Schafer's Wines, Foods, & Spirits for their nation of an appetizer tray.





Indoor Farmers' Market Returns

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

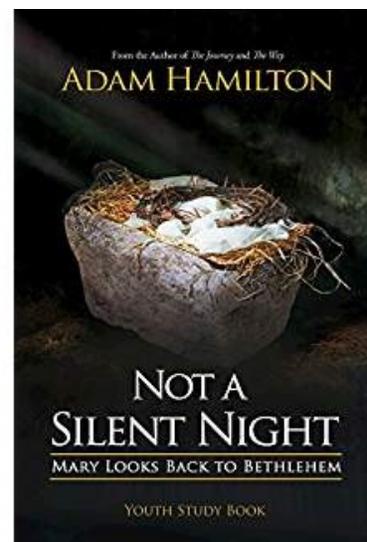
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Spiritual Growth: Not a Silent Night

On Sundays Dec. 9, 16, and 23, 9:00 AM, the Adult Spiritual Growth group will meet to discuss Adam Hamilton's book, *Not a Silent Night*, which focuses on Mary and how she views the life of Jesus. Lutherans don't often talk about Mary, though Luther had a particular devotion to her as a model of Christian living and faithful response to God.

We'll be using the book, which may be obtained from Pr. Keith or the church office.



20th Annual

Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church of Evanston, UCC

1445 Hinman Avenue (at Grove)

Keynote Speaker

Dino Robinson

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*An opportunity for a free-will offering to support
Interfaith Action of Evanston's mission will be provided.*

Interfaith Action of Evanston Job Posting

Interfaith Action of Evanston is hiring **Overnight Supervisor** positions for its Emergency Overnight Shelter.

Overnight supervisor duties at the Emergency Overnight Shelter

The Emergency Overnight Shelter will be open in December, January and February whenever the temperature falls to 20 degrees or below or there is significant moisture. The supervisor will be notified each morning by 8 am on the status of opening and the location of the shelter. Six different faith communities in the downtown Evanston area have donated their space.

The supervisor commits to 3 to 5 consistent nights each week. He/she will be paid \$180 for each night he works.

The number one responsibility of the supervisor is to maintain order and ensure the safety of our volunteers and our guests. The supervisor will have a cell phone to use to contact the Executive Director or to call 911.

The supervisor unlocks the door at 8:00 pm. Volunteers will arrive at 8 and they will set up the cots and make the coffee.

The supervisor opens the door at 9:00 pm for guests. Volunteers will stay to help pass out sheets and blankets. Guests will find their cot and may go to bed or have a hot drink. An overnight volunteer will arrive between 9:00 pm and 10:00 pm. The doors are locked at 10:00 pm and guests are no longer able to enter (unless they are brought by police). There will be cots so staff and volunteer can sleep!

The supervisor wakes up guests at 6:15 am. Volunteers will arrive to help clean up. Guests leave by 6:45 to go to Hospitality Center for breakfast. He/she supervises volunteers as they clean up. This may include emptying the trash, bagging the laundry, cleaning the kitchen area, turn out lights, and possibly putting the cots away. The major cleaning is done by the maintenance person.

You should be able to lock up and leave by 7 am.

Contact: ia@interfaithactionofevanston.org
Interfaith Action of Evanston
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EVANSTON, IL 60204

Notes from the Parish Administrator

You've Got Mail! Church Leaders/Committee Members: *Please* pick up your mail in the slots by the Church Office..

Lost and Found: A lady's stick pin (*right*) was found in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Nov. 1st at 9 PM. Please come to the Church Office to claim.



Making Commitments to Giving

Across the month of November, we will be focusing on the importance of giving: giving of our time, our talents, and yes, our treasure. In this year's readings, we hear the story of the widow who gave her two small coins, all that she had. She is a model for us of the idea of proportional giving. "From those to whom much has been given, much shall be required." Many of us live with abundance in so many ways, while others among us struggle. But each of us has something to give in thankful response to God's goodness and love to us, and out of love for the neighbor.

In worship and coffee hour each week, we'll be considering the ways in which giving blesses us even as it blesses those to whom we give. We'll be hearing witnesses from people in our community who have experienced the joy of giving. You will receive a mailing with a commitment of giving card, or you may receive one at church. Then on Sunday, Nov. 25, as part of the offering we will turn in commitment of giving cards. Please give prayerful consideration to what God is calling you to give in the coming year!

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nov. 4 (All Saints' Sunday—Observed)

Isaiah 25: 6–9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21: 1–6a
John 11: 32–44

Nov. 11

1 Kings 17: 8–26
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9: 24–28
Mark 12: 38–44

Nov. 18

Daniel 12: 1–3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10: 11–18
Mark 13: 1–8

Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving Day)

Joel 2:21–27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2: 1–7
Matthew 6: 25–33

Nov. 25 (Christ the King)

Joel 2:21–27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2: 1–7
Matthew 6: 25–33



Westminster Place Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale

Featuring a variety of handmade items including fused glass items, hand painted silk scarves, distinctive jewelry, sewn and knitted items, Christmas décor and much more!

Friday, November 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

3200 Grant Street, Evanston, IL 60201

Elliott Hall and Milligan Room

Lunch will be available on Friday in the Geneva Place dining Room

From 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. for \$12.50

Tickets will be available at the cashier stations.

Depot, Furniture Warehouse, Thrift Shop and Book Nook operated by the Presbyterian Home's Woman's Board will open at 10:00 a.m.

Proceeds benefit resident programming
and
worthwhile community causes chosen by the residents.

For more information contact Nancy Ichinosz,
Director of Community Programs at 847. 492.4872



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We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

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