

News from...



# Immanuel Lutheran of Evanston

DECEMBER 2018

## A WORD FROM PASTOR KEITH...

"Shaken, AND stirred!"

Each Sunday in the Advent season, year after year, the Prayer of the Day begins with a plea to God to stir things up. The first Sunday of Advent, the plea is "Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come!" The second week, it is "Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son." Week three, it is "Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God." In the final week, the prayer is once again, "Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come."

Do we really want God to stir things up, though? Maybe we do, maybe we don't. It's really kind of a scary thing to pray, when you think about it. To pray that Christ's power will be stirred up and unleashed on the world is to pray that things will cease to be as they are now, which is for many of us a profoundly uncomfortable prospect, as much as we might complain about the way things are. When we pray for Christ's power to be stirred up, we are praying for an end to the ways of the world as we know it. We are praying for a Reign of God to come breaking in that will shake and tumble the certainties and current realities that we've built our lives upon.

To pray that our own hearts will be stirred is to pray that somehow Christ will move and change us to become willing participants in the shaking up of things. It is to open ourselves to the possibility that God will use us for the shaking. Are you ready for that possibility?

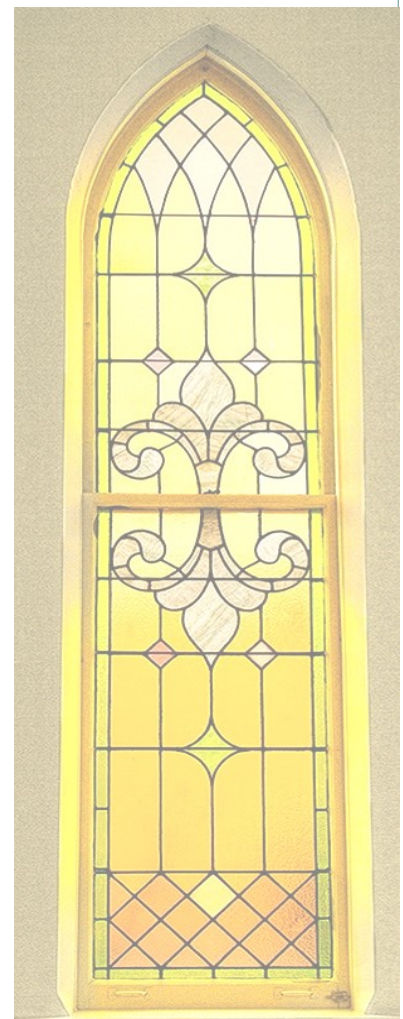
To pray that our wills will be stirred is to yield up to God that thing we hold most dear, our ability to call the shots. To pray that our wills will be stirred is to acknowledge that changed hearts are not enough...a will that has been changed implies that we will move from thought and feeling into action and begin to bear fruit. And that requires not only that we give up being in control, but that we also make ourselves available for God's use in stirring things up.

How is God wanting to stir you up in the coming year? How might God be wanting to stir things up at Immanuel? What are the things we could be doing to shake up the world around us?

When God became Immanuel—"God with us"—God started stirring up a kind of power the world had never seen before, a power based in love, a power based in service to others. Each week during Advent we pray for that stirring to move our world, to move our hearts, to move out bodies, to become part of God's great stirring up of power.

My prayer for you this Advent season is that Christ's power will stir you, heart, will, and body, and that you will open yourself to becoming part of God's great stirring and shaking here at Immanuel.

—Your brother, Pastor Keith



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## Upcoming Events at Immanuel

Dec. 5, 12, 19	Evening Prayer Wednesdays 7:00 PM
Dec. 15	Farmers' Market 8:30 AM
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service 9:00 PM
Dec. 28	Morehead Family Christmas Praise 7:30 PM
Dec. 30	Lessons & Carols 10:30 AM



## Special Worship Events

### 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 December

We begin December with our Advent celebrations. Our liturgy will scale back a little towards more chant-like melodies as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. Advent 1 warns us to be ready and the choir will offer reminders with Mendelssohn's "Sleepers, Wake!" from his oratorio, "St. Paul." On Advent 2, the choir will offer a rousing rendition of "Veni Emmanuel" set by Hungarian composer Zoltán Kodály.

We remember to rejoice on Advent 3 with "Rejoice in the Lord Always" and finish the season for Advent 4 with a final plea of "Now Come, Redeemer Of Us All" by Michael Praetorius.

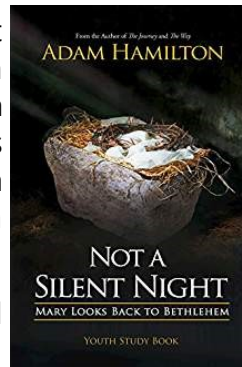
On Christmas Eve we will be joined by the riveting soprano, Ashlee Hardgrave, who will also join the choir for the anthems by Orlando Gibbons ("Christmas Day") and a Mark Schweizer arrangement of "O Little Town of Bethlehem." We will round out the year with a rousing Lessons and Carols on December 30th.



## 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 of a faithful response to God.

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



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David Johnson 12/1  
Ronald Laudert 12/2  
Laurie Stivers 12/4  
Mildred Carlson 12/6  
Steve Warner 12/7  
Ahlhild Wikstrom 12/7  
Laura McDaniel 12/9  
Nicholas Senn 12/11  
Alexander Ross 12/17  
Ernest LeVon 12/17  
Andrew Yamashiro 12/18  
William Miskelly 12/20  
Julie Shiff 12/21  
Zachariah Yarnoff 12/24  
Kerstin Litwin 12/29

## Morehead Family Christmas Praise Comes to Evanston

Celebrating its 30th Anniversary year, the Morehead family will gather once again to celebrate the holidays in music and song. This tradition started in 1988 in the living room of our house in Ruedesheim am Rhein when we lived in Germany

We have been sharing it with audiences across the country in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. The program features a wide variety of ensembles and eras. You can expect some recorder ensembles, piano 4 hand duets, some instrumental solos and a lot of singing. And of course, we encourage the assembly to join in song in a rousing Christmas Carol Medley. Come celebrate the holidays with us! A free will offering will benefit Interfaith Action of Evanston.



Please join us on Friday December 28, 2018. at 7 30 pm, in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Sanctuary. A light reception will follow.



## Other Events of Interest

Advent Concert—Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, 4:30 pm  
Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Rd., Northfield

## Making Commitments to Giving

On the last Sunday of November, we offered up in worship our commitments of time, talent, and treasure for the coming year. If you have not yet made a commitment, and wish to, it's not too late! Simply contact the Church Office to notify us of your expected giving. Your gifts and resources allow us to do important ministry here. Blessings!

### DECEMBER SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### **Dec. 2 Advent 1**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
I Thessalonians 3:9-3  
Luke 21:25-36

#### **Dec. 9 Advent 2**

Baruch 5:1-9  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

#### **Dec. 16 Advent 3**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

#### **Dec. 23 Advent 4**

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-55

#### **Dec. 24 Christmas Eve**

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14

#### **Dec. 25 Christmas Day**

Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalm 97  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:1-20

#### **Dec. 30 Christmas 1**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52





## Indoor Farmers' Market Record Crowd in November

The Indoor Farmers' Market returned on November 17th with a record 1,200 visitors. Your favorite farmers will continue to 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.

Chris Djuric and Laura McDaniel are bringing new ideas to keep the Market vital. Still, the basic elements remain of using the funds gathered to provide grants to organizations fighting hunger, writing advocacy post-cards, 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!!



Here are some quotes from vendors expressing the spirit of the Market:

*"Please extend my gratitude to everyone responsible for opening up the church to do the Thanksgiving market. It is so much extra work for the congregation to say the least. A BIG BIG BIG thank you from a farm girl in Caledonia, IL "*

*—Barb Engelsen (Kinnickinnick Farm)*

*Hi Team,*

*Thank you all for making this weekends' farmers market a huge success! They had a record day at Immanuel Lutheran with 1,200 customers (that's just the number that actually came inside!) showing up.*

*JT (a Curt's graduate) rocked the kitchen and Darrion (a new young student who has been with us just a month) was a quick learner and did a great job taking care of the guests, answering their questions, serving them food and keeping everything stocked up. In the end, he even helped develop a discount plan to sell the last few pies and cans of coffee. He was a natural!!*

*We wound up doing just over \$900 in sales!! This market is a huge opportunity not only because of sales but also to showcase what we do and how we do it. The farmers are all local farmers who rely on these sales to help through the slow season. Additionally all the money raised by the church is donated to hunger-based organizations. Please spread the word!! We hope you will all stop by this season!*

*—Karen H. Smith*

*Director of Operations, Curt's Cafe*

### 2018-19 Indoor Farmers' Market Dates:

**December 15**

**February 2 & 16**

**April 13**

**January 5 & 19**

**March 2, 16, & 30**

# Connections for the Homeless–The Gift of Engagement

During this busy time of year many of us are looking for places to connect and engage and ensure everyone can find some joy during the holiday season. You can help us and the many participants we serve experience joy by spreading the word about the work of Connections.

## 12/4 - Gift of Giving (this is Connections' "angel tree" program):

Sign up to sponsor a participant in Connections for the Homeless' programs and brighten their holidays by fulfilling their wish lists. Your holiday gift helps break through the isolation that is so common for many participants during the holidays. Wish lists include a mix of simple needs and a "splurge or treat." Gifts are due December 15. Sign up today to be paired with a participant! { <https://www.connect2home.org/giftofgiving.html> }



## 12/11 - Amazon Wish List:

Shop the Amazon Wish List for Connections for the Homeless to help us provide all the things participants in our programs need to remain stable. In-kind donations provide essential resources that help participants save their money for housing. Helping us end homelessness starts with just a click! { <https://www.connect2home.org/inkind.html> }

## 12/18 - In-kind donations:

There's still time to give back this holiday season! Whether by yourself, with your family, or among your office or church, you can gather and donate critical supplies that support Connections for the Homeless and our work to end homelessness, one person at a time. Click to see our list of most needed items! { <https://www.connect2home.org/inkind.html> }

## 12/27 - Volunteering in the New Year:

With the New Year almost here, how about getting involved as a volunteer? Every Who, from the big to the small, can help Connections for the Homeless without any trouble at all! Cooking meals or making sack lunches, creating survival kits and more... oh do we need bunches! Partnering with over 1,300 volunteers a year, we're bringing the end of homelessness near. So please don't doddle or delay, click right here to get involved with us today! { <https://www.connect2home.org/volunteering.html> }





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25 November 2018

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1004 Greenwood Street  
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**2018 Donation**

Dear Interfaith Action of Evanston:

Enclosed please find St. Paul's and Immanuel Lutheran Churches' monetary gift of One Hundred Twenty-Four dollars (\$124.00) that is designated for the "Emergency Shelter." The donation was gathered on October 28, 2018 at a Reformation Sunday Service held jointly by these two churches.

We pray this donation continues the good you are doing to address the needs of the hungry and homeless in the Evanston community.

God's blessings to you and all whom you serve!

In God's love, joy and peace,

Rev. Dr. Timothy McKenzie  
Interim Pastor

Cc: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Attn. Rev. Keith Fry

Enclosure: Check # 14945

# 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](mailto:ia@interfaithactionofevanston.org)  
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EVANSTON, IL 60204

## Notes from the Parish Administrator

**You've Got Mail!** Church Leaders/Committee Members: Your mail awaits in the slots by the Church Office.

**Lost and Found:** A black Champion Men's LG down vest was found in the Fellowship Hall on Nov. 11th. A black collapsible umbrella was found in the "Piano Studio" on Dec. 3rd. Please come to the Church Office to claim.





Parish Admin <parish-admin@lcevanston.org>

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## Thank you from Interfaith Action

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**Rick Kinnebrew** <rickkinnebrew@hotmail.com>

Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 8:15 AM

To: "pastor@immanuelevanston.org" <pastor@immanuelevanston.org>, "parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org" <parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org>

Cc: "birch.burghardt@gmail.com" <birch.burghardt@gmail.com>

Hi Pastor Keith,

Last Friday, Immanuel Lutheran of Evanston saved the day!

As the Interfaith team arrived at our to run the soup kitchen, we noticed a change: the stove was gone! We couldn't cook our pasta or chili.

We tried a few local options, but nothing was panning out. I was getting panicky, thinking we would have to send people away hungry. But when I showed up in Jane Kaihatsu's office, she was sympathetic to our situation. Quickly she connected me with Tom Couch to talk about using your kitchen.

So we did. We cooked in your kitchen, and hustled the hot food back to our site. We fed 60+ people.

Isn't that great? We are so grateful for Jane's quick action and willing spirit of cooperation.

Peace,

Rick Kinnebrew

Interfaith Action of Evanston



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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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