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OCTOBER 2019

A WORD FROM PASTOR KEITH...

I love this time of year! Partly because of the change in weather, the change of the leaves, all those feelings associated with the rolling of the seasons...but also because of the change in rhythm. Summer tends to be a "sleepy" time. Many of our church activities go on hiatus. The hallways are quiet because the Thin Ice theater kids aren't around for their classes, the Wilmette Community Band folks aren't coming for their rehearsals, Café Immanuel takes a breather, the Choir takes a much deserved break, and the Market has moved outdoors.

So when this season rolls around, it suddenly feels like this huge infusion of life-giving energy surges back in. Our worship gets that extra "oomph" from the gifts our Choir offers, along with the presence of so many people who are back from travels. Our ministries pick back up. All in all, things just seem to move. Change seems to be in the air.

"Change" is a word that many folks are uncomfortable with. In my previous congregation, I once had a couple of people come to me privately to ask me to stop using the word "change" so often, because it made them anxious. One dear brother suggested that I use the word "transformation" because it didn't make him feel so uncomfortable.

But whether we use the word "change" or "transformation," that idea that things simply don't stay the way they are lies at the very heart of the Christian understanding of the world. Yes, things roll back around, and there are many things that are predictable and steady. But in its essence, the way of Jesus is a way of transformation, a way of change. God from the beginning has been creating, and whether we like it or not, even the things we consider to be the most rock-solid are somehow being made new, being transformed, being changed.

It may seem ironic that I get excited about change in a period of the year when leaves begin to die and drop from the trees, and when there's a hint of winter in the air. But you see, that's also a notion that lies at the heart of Christian worldview: New life never comes without dying to something so that something new can come in its place. Jesus said that unless a seed falls into the ground and dies, it will never bear fruit that will lead to many seeds. The mystery Jesus teaches us that it is in dying and rising that we find new life. This is the mystery he demonstrated with his own dying and rising.

As a congregation, we must be ever ready to enter into this rhythm of change, this rhythm of dying and rising and dying and rising. As Jesus taught us, we are to look at the ends of the branches that lose their leaves, because it is there that we will see the buds that will bring new leaves and fruit in due season.

Change and new energy are God's own promise, and not something to ever be afraid of. God's faithfulness is sure and certain, and God invites us into renewal and change as we become co-creators with God.

—Your brother, Pastor Keith



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT IMMANUEL

Oct. 6	Café Immanuel 9:00 AM		
	Blessing of the Animals 10:30 AM		
Oct. 10	Daytime Quilters 10:00 AM		
Oct. 13	Worship & Music Meeting 12:30 PM		
Oct. 16	Three Crowns Worship 11:00 AM		
Oct. 20	Council Meeting 12:30 PM		
Oct. 25	Evening Quilters 7:00 PM		
Oct. 26	Council Retreat		
Oct. 27	REFORMATION SUNDAY		
Nov. 3	ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY		



MUSIC AT IMMANUEL

We have finished an exciting month back with a full choir. We kicked off the fall on God's Work Our Hands Sunday with "Have you Heard God's Voice?" by Frederick Chatfield, followed by Laura Lea Duckworth's composition "The Ninety and Nine" about the lost sheep. We finished September with a lovely standard motet "O Lord, Increase My Faith," attributed to Orlando Gibbons, and a Moses Hogan arrangement of "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian."

October will begin with Beverly Easterling's Communion anthem "And With This Bread." We continue with "How Can I Keep from Singing?" set by Mark Schweitzer, and Allen Pote's setting of Psalm 121 "I Lift Up Mine Eyes." We will conclude the month with our annual celebration of Reformation joined by St. Paul's choir and two violinists and a cellist. Our robust combined forces will offer Johan Roman's setting of Psalm 46 "God Is Our Refuge" during worship as well as Dietrich Buxtehude's work "Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word."

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH - A STUDY OF GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY

Many of us are aware that there is a cultural movement aimed at strengthening a sense of gratitude as a healthy way of life. So what does the Bible have to say about this? What is the Christian perspective on this topic?

The Adult Spiritual Growth group that meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM will be engaging in a three-week study of what the Bible has to say about gratitude and generosity. The discussions will take place Oct. 13, 20, and 27. There won't be anything you need to prepare... just come ready to discuss and ask questions.

We'll look at the link between gratitude and generosity. When has someone given you a gift of grace? Have you ever been surprised by someone's generosity? Have you ever experienced joy in giving to someone? Have you ever given a gift out of gratitude? Have you ever experienced the contagious joy of giving a gift?

Come share your experiences and learn from others' experiences!



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS - A GREAT SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all who came out on Sunday, Sept. 8, for a most successful "God's Work Our Hands" day of service. Thanks also to those who organized it!

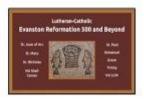
At least 130 people gathered to work on a number of projects, the largest group we've had so far! Represented were the following congregations: Immanuel, Grace Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, St. Paul's Lutheran, St. Nicholas Roman Catholic, Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University, and St. Mary Roman Catholic.

A terrific potluck lunch was shared, followed by a "blessing and anointing of the hands" conducted by clergy from all the parishes. Then people started on these projects: Quilt-tying for Lutheran World Relief, Advocacy card writing for justice issues, making "get well" and other greeting cards, making bag lunches for Connections for the Homeless, and assembling hygiene kits for guests at the St. Paul soup kitchen and "Back on Your Feet." Also, there were projects done at locations other than Immanuel, such as: Fall clean-up at Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern University, painting at new location of Moran Youth Services (1900 Dempster), and cleaning and organizing at the YMCA and YWCA.

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!

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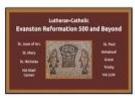




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OCTOBER SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Oct. 6, Pentecost 17

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

Oct. 13, Pentecost 18

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Oct. 20, Pentecost 19

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Oct. 27, Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, SUNDAY, OCT. 6

On Sunday, Oct. 6, we remember St. Francis of Assisi, and invite 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.



REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCT. 27

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, Immanuel will be hosting. The service is at our usual 10:30 AM time.

St. Paul's new pastor will be preaching. A number of Immanuel folks will be helping to lead in worship, and there will be a joint choir and special instrumental musicians. Following the service, there will be a festive potluck.



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

STEWARDSHIP – Stay Tuned for a Fall Focus

God gives abundantly in each of our lives; how do we receive God's gifts, and how do we respond to God's grace-fulness? Over the coming weeks, several of our members will share their own stories and the unique ways they answer these questions. We encourage you to hear these stories and to think about what you have received in your own life, in what manner you express your own gratitude, and how God might be calling you to give back, to take care, or to serve others.

TAKE PART IN ANNUAL SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION CONVENTION

Take part in this year's Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) annual convention on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 29700 N. St. Mary's Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048. Registration before August 31, 2019, is \$25 (\$30 after or \$35 on day of event). Mail registration with payment by Oct. 1, 2019, to Sandie Schlauch, 7803 Palma Ln., Morton Grove, IL 60053. (The registration form is included on the next page.) Some scholarships are available: see form for details.

The event theme is Women Supporting Women, and the keynote speaker will be Brenda Myers-Powell, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Dreamcatcher Foundation. A portion of the convention offering will be given to the Dreamcatcher Foundation. Questions, e-mail Linda Miranda at linda.miranda912@gmail.com or call 773-332-1457. The Metropolitan Chicago Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) is also seeking individuals to serve as SWO Board Members and as delegates to the Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, July 14–16, 2020. Deadline for nominations is September 30. Contact Deborah Williams (dlbwwilliams@sbcglobal.net or 773-908-

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

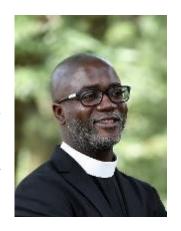
John Fridner 10/28

8039) or Desiree Cole (desiree.a.cole78@gmail.com or 847-846-0187) for more information or to indicate your desire to serve.

INSTALLATION FOR BISHOP-ELECT YEHIEL CURRY TO TAKE PLACE OCT. 19 AT TINLEY PARK CONVENTION CENTER

Bishop-elect Yehiel Curry, who was elected bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA, on June 8, 2019, will be installed as bishop on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 2 p.m. at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Dr., Tinley Park, IL 60477. A reception will follow. His six-year term began on September 1, 2019.

The bishop served as pastor of Shekinah Cha pel Lutheran Church in Riverdale since 2013, and as mission developer of Shekinah from 2007 to 2012. Curry received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 1995, and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 2013. All are invited to the installation and reception.





"Living Lutheran" Reader Call

From Ruth and Naomi to Moses and Aaron, the Bible is rich with tales of friendship. How do friendships enrich your faith? By Oct. 30, send your 300-word story—subject line "Friendship"—to livinglutheran@elca.org for an opportunity to be published in "Living Lutheran."

Support the Response to Hurricane Dorian

Hurricane Dorian caused devastation in the Bahamas and damage in the southeastern United States. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with its partners to provide immediate relief and long-term recovery. To learn more or to make a donation, go to ELCA.org/disaster.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOV. 3

All Saints will be observed on Sunday, Nov. 3, 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. 29. In this Newsletter, you will find a form to complete for the Remembrance Listing.

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



INTERFAITH ACTION NEWS



A Look at Our Morning Shelter

Open mornings Monday through Friday, 52 weeks a year, 7 am—11 am. Located at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Avenue. Guests receive breakfast and a safe place to sleep. We are always acceptiong donations for personal care items as well as foods like pastries, juice or frozen waffles.

Other Services

Our Morning Shelters also has Job Counselors who provide advice, encouragement and workshops for guests seeking employment. Computer trainers assist with online applications and resumes. Donations for USB drives and reams of paper are always appreciated!

Evanston Producemobile 2019 -2020

Greater Chicago Food Depository's Producemobile, in partnership with Interfaith Action and The City of Evanston, takes place every second Tuesday of the month at the Robert Crown Center (1701 Main Street). Approximately 30-35 volunteers are needed each month to unload produce from trucks, sort and bag food items, and then serve it to our guests. Thanks for helping us get food to our hungry neighbors-- and please feel free to share this invitation with your friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information on the Producemobile, or other services targeting hungry and homeless people in Evanston, please contact Interfaith Action of Evanston at (847) 475-1150, or check out our website at www.interfaithactionofevanston.org

For more information on other food service initiatives outside of Evanston, please contact the Greater Chicago Food Depository at (773) 247-FOOD.

ELCA Good Gifts: Brand-new gifts, Cards and Online Store

The new ELCA Good Gifts catalog is here, and so is a new and improved online store. Shop now to find a dozen brand-new gifts (manure, anyone?) as well as returning favorites: goats, water wells and school fees for a girl. Each gift goes on to make a difference in the world. When you give in honor of a friend or loved one, you can mail, email or download a card to let them know. Resources such as coin boxes, Christmas cards and Advent tree ornaments are available to help make your fundraiser a success. Browse gifts and resources at ELCA.org/GoodGifts. Start planning your Christmas gifts now!

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS, SEPT. 22

During the worship service on September 22, we blessed 180 quilts! The most quilts Immanuel quilters have ever made in one year. Hooray! Hooray! A huge thanks goes out to the 18+ quilters who sew quilt tops, iron quilt tops/backs, assemble quilts, sew quilts and tie quilts all year long.

Their combined talents made 180 quilts possible. Thanks also to anyone and everyone who donated fabric, sheets, and money to the Quilt group. Fabric and sheets are used to make the quilts and money is used to purchase quilt



















BREAKING BREAD, ERADICATING HATE

— from Stories of Faith in Action

Much can happen when we gather for a meal—new understandings, new commitments, new friendships.

In May 2018, several ELCA congregations and worshipping communities discovered this when they joined their Muslim neighbors for Interfaith *iftars*. An *iftar* is the evening meal at which Muslims break their daily fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

Augustana Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD, and the mission congregation it shares building space with, *Pueblo de Dios*, hosted their first iftar. Almost 60 people attended, including members of Augustana Lutheran and *Pueblo de Dios* and Muslims from three mosques in town.

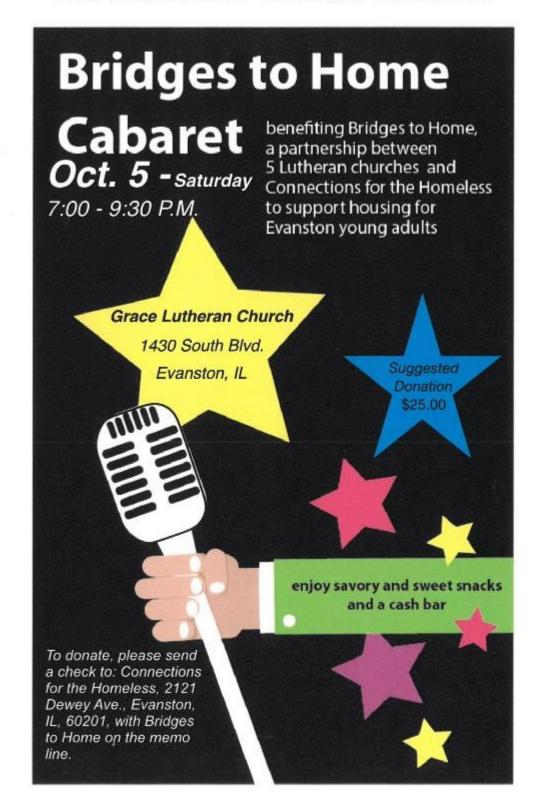
"There was a bit of discomfort on both sides—Christian and Muslim," said the Rev. Amy Martinell, Augustana's pastor. But "When the food came out and we sat and ate together, the discomfort melted away and we became one community."

For two years the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LTSC) hosted regular *iftars* with a nearby Turkish community. Sara Trumm, interim director of A Center of Christian–Muslim Engagement for Peace and Justice at LSTC, reported that 60–100 people attended. Trumm said they've found that sharing a meal helps people feel comfortable meeting others from different backgrounds.

"Right now, with Islamophobia as strong as it is, it's important for people to be informed about what Islam is so they don't fall prey to some of the negative stereotyping and falsities being shared, especially with one of the Ten Commandments telling us not to bear false witness against our neighbors," she said.

To promote the interfaith *iftars*, Neighbors in Faith, a joint ministry of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA, the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, and Washington's Muslim community, worked with Shoulder-to-Shoulder, an interreligious campaign dedicated to ending anti-Muslim sentiment. The ELCA is a founding member of Shoulder-to-Shoulder, which receives mission support funding from the ELCA.

"What actually changes for people who are rooted in fear is to meet a Muslim and realize they're just human, too," said Terry Kyllo, an ELCA pastor and the Director of Neighbors in Faith. "The *iftars* are a beautiful way to begin to understand the basics of Islam and how many similarities we have. And they help our Muslim neighbors to see that they aren't alone, that we want to learn from them and are willing to stand in solidarity with them."





Pet Blessing Sunday, 10/6/19 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday, October 6, 2019 - 2:00 pm

LOCATION: American Islamic College, 640 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago 60613

Join us for a screening of this documentary, which explores the controversy that erupted when a Christian professor wore a hijab to express solidarity with Muslims. Panel discussion with Dr. Larycia Hawkins, the subject of the film, and Linda Midgett, the film's producer and director, will follow.

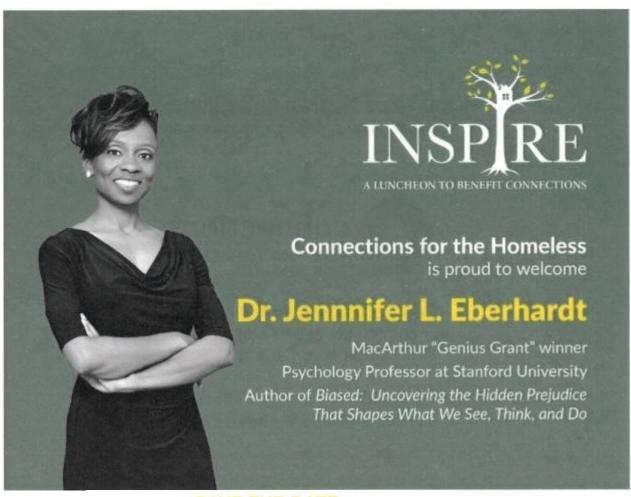
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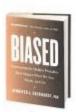






SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 11 | 12:00 PM The Woman's Club of Evanston



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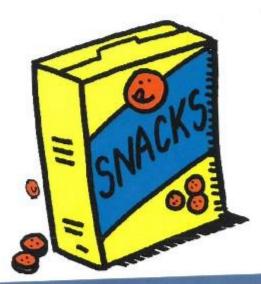


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Join friends and neighbors for an afternoon of singing and fun.

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Notes from the Parish Administrator

You've Got Mail! Church Leaders/Committee Members: Mail Call! *Please* check the slots by the Church Office.

Lost and Found: A black, collapsible umbrella, various serving dishes and flat pans, and several cloth shopping bags were left in Fellowship Hall after God's Work. Our Hands (Sept. 8th).







OTHER EVENTS

Kenarai Quarter

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 at 4:30 pm

Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Rd., Northfield, IL, 847-446-8335

Applauded for their "flat-out amazing" performances and "stunning virtuosity" (*Cleveland Classical*), the highly acclaimed Kenari Quartet delivers inspiring performances that transform the perception of the saxophone. The quartet aims to highly the instruments remarkable versatility by presenting the meticulously crafted repertoire from all periods of classical and contemporary music. All performances are free. Donations are accepted.

PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Keith will be on vacation from Monday, Sept. 23 through Monday, Oct. 7.

For pastoral concerns during that time, please contact Pr. John Lang, cell: 847-804-6493.

Your 2019-20 ILC Leadership

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September 11, 2019

Jane Kaihatsu

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Evanston

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Dear Jane,

On behalf of the Board and staff of Meals on Wheels Northeastern Illinois, I would like to thank Immanuel Lutheran Church of Evanston for your in-kind donation to Meals on Wheels Northeastern Illinois of the use of kitchen and facilities for 2 nights for chef interviews.

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Please be assured your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Debi Genthe

Executive Director

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All Saints' Sunday Remembrance

On Sunday, Nov. 3, we will be observing All Saints Sunday, the day on which we give thanks for all of God's holy ones, including those who have been dear to us in our own lives.

During the service, we will light candles and name the names of those who have been baptized this year, those who have died in the Lord in the past year, and those who have died in earlier years whom people in the congregation have asked that we commemorate.

We invite you to offer the names of those you would like us to remember publicly. We will print a list of the names in the bulletin that week.

Please provide the information requested below, and place this form in the offering plate during worship service or return it directly to the church office **by Oct 29**.

Please print CLEARLY.

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Registration for 2019 SWO Convention "Women Supporting Women" October 12, 2019, Holy Cross Lutheran Church 29700 N St Mary's Road, Libertyville, IL 60048

This form is to be used by both delegates and participants. Please duplicate as needed. All are welcome to attend even if you do not have a women's organization in your congregation. Check-in will begin at 8:30 am with coffee and treats available.

DELEGATE INFORMATION: Each congregation is to choose one woman who is willing to prayerfully participate in the business meeting and be willing to share information and inspiration from the day with her congregation. She will sit in the Delegate Section during the business meeting.

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INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Complete the Convention Registration Form above. 2. Enclose check payable to Metro Chicago SWO. 3. Mail Registration Form & Check to: Sandie Schlauch, 7803 Palma Lane, Morton Grove, IL 60053.



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