



Immanuel  
Lutheran  
of Evanston



"Faith That Feeds"

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We believe that faith should feed and nurture our spirits.  
We believe also that faith should lead us to feed people  
in the many different ways they hunger,  
both physically and spiritually.

## May 2021 Newsletter

### Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

The Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated the pace of change in the Church. We've discovered some new ways of maintaining connections and worshipping together online. Yet, how will Immanuel, or any congregation for that matter, be able to incorporate the lessons learned during the pandemic in reaching out with the good news of God's love both in-person and online? What new strategies for loving our neighbors are now possible? And how might we best accompany people, who have lived through a pandemic, now pondering questions about the meaning of life and faith?



This past month the Church Council had a lively discussion on Becoming a Hybrid Church. Some of us had read the book and/or watched presentations on the subject. A hybrid church is one that embraces both online and on-the-ground ministry as equally important for the future. Becoming a hybrid church means that we can't go back to the way we did things before. For the church to grow and thrive in this new day we have to adapt. And as we adapt to this new reality I challenge you to remember that this isn't just change for change sake. We change in order to share the good news of God's love with more and more people and to better participate in God's ongoing mission of reconciling the world.

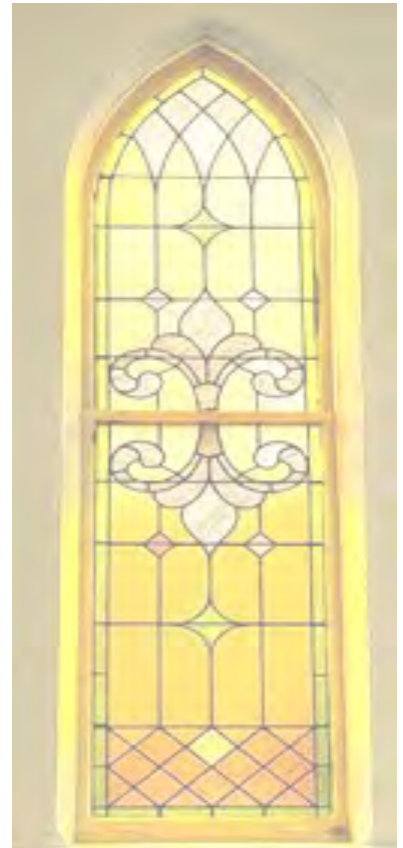
I will continue to challenge congregational leaders to ground all proposed changes in God's mission for Immanuel, and then to articulate the reasons for changing as clearly as possible. Change is much easier and more readily embraced when the goal is a hoped for better future.

I'm excited about the exploration of how God calls us to be the Church in this ever-changing world. I anticipate that some changes will be easier for us to handle than others. Thus, we will need a deep reserve of love that is patient and kind, and does not insist on its own way. It will require openness and respectful dialogue as we work through the vast array of feelings brought on by both the loss and adventure that accompany change. At my last call I had a sign on my door that read: Blessed are the flexible, for they won't be bent out of shape. It was a reminder to be ever open to change.

I also challenge you to prayerfully listen for how God is calling you to be involved in Immanuel's ministries as we explore ways to be God's people on-the-ground and online. Each and every one of you is beloved by God and I trust has insights and gifts to contribute to the shape of our ministry together. I for one look forward with great delight to this ongoing adventure.

Deep Blessings,

*Pastor Mark*



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## Immanuel Events

May 1		First day of Asian-American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month
May 5, 12, 19, 26	7:00 pm	Wednesday Adult Spiritual Gathering
May 6	9:00 am	Quilters at Church
May 9		Mother's Day
May 16	11:30 am	Council Meeting
May 31		Memorial Day



### Music at Immanuel in May

May greets the final choral moments of the church year and we promise to go out with a bang! We will continue our beautiful collaborations with St. John's Lutheran and Christ Lutheran Churches in Allentown, PA.

After a blessed Holy Week and Easter collaboration, we welcome the opportunity to continue to make music with our siblings virtually. We kick off the month with a "Christ the Vine" by Robert J. Powell with lyrics by Edith Downing. For Mother's Day we will participate in St. John's offering for Sunday worship.

We celebrate the Ascension with Roland E. Martin's setting of "O Saving Victim" with words by Thomas Aquinas. This luscious calm setting of this familiar text points towards heaven in Jesus' ascent. Pentecost celebrations will include some reminders of last year's beginning virtual attempts and a choral contribution of Anne Krentz Organ's setting of Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove (Veni Creator Spiritus).

Finally, we hope to close out the church year with Mendelssohn's 8-part "Heilig" for Trinity Sunday as we conclude a blessed, virtual choir year! Many thanks to the singers, organists and instrumentalists who continue to thrive and share their gifts with us all weekly during worship. Blessings to you all!

### Pastor Mark's Installation

Pastor Mark was formally installed on Sunday, April 18, 2021 via Zoom, with Chicago Metro Synod Bishop Yehiel Curry presiding. However, while we couldn't gather in person, the following procession to the places of the word and sacraments occurred. Pastor Mark was escorted to the place of baptism. Then he proceeded to the place of the word. Lastly, he proceeded to the place of the meal.



## May Scripture Readings

### May 2, Easter 5

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

### May 9, Easter 6

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

### May 13 Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

### May 16, Easter 7

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

### May 23, Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-32, 35b

Romans 8: 22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

### May 30, The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

Daily lectionary readings can be found at [www.dailylectio.net](http://www.dailylectio.net)



### Wednesday Midweek Adult Spiritual Gathering 7 pm on Zoom

Our simple mid-week gathering offers time for spiritual growth in Word, Song and Fellowship. Check our website Calendar at [www.immanuelevanston.org](http://www.immanuelevanston.org) or the weekly email for Zoom meeting info. More details about subsequent Midweek Adult Spiritual Gatherings themes will be available later.

**MAY  
BIRTHDAYS**

- Chris Djuric 5/8
- Terri Simchak 5/8
- Spencer Moy 5/12
- Kathryn Skelton 5/17
- John Lang 5/21
- Nancy Darian 5/24
- Mary Ann Kearns 5/31

## Busy Hands are the Angels' Workshop!

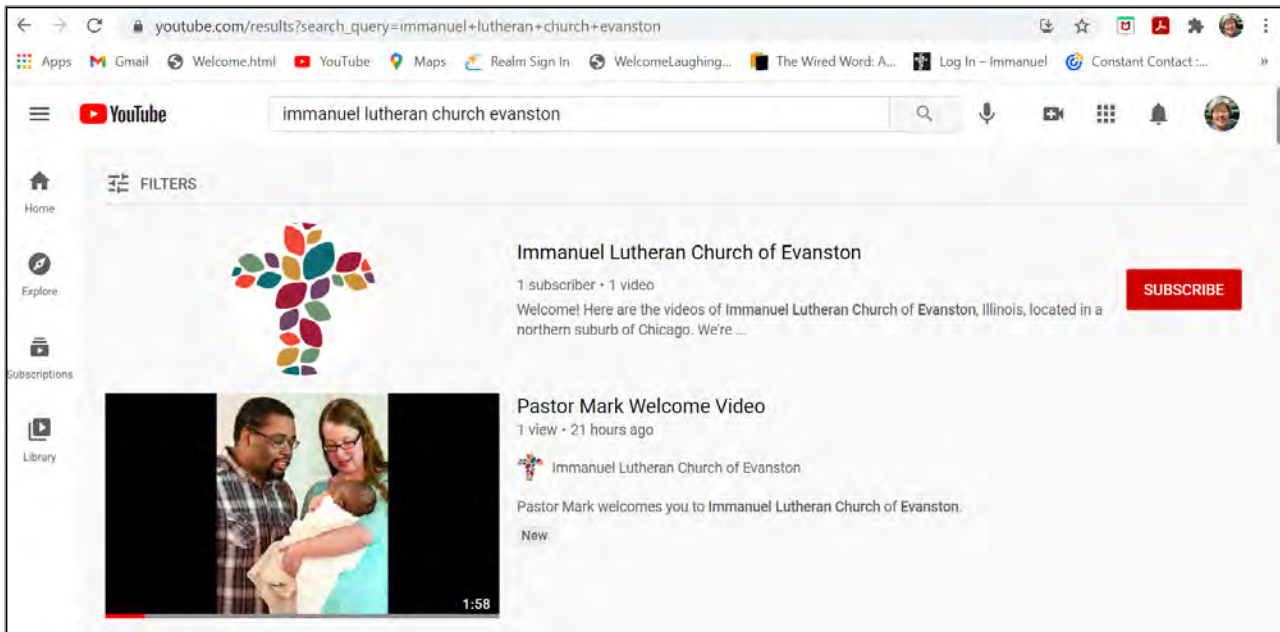
There was a quilt tying event held at Three Crowns in April, resulting in 10 tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief!



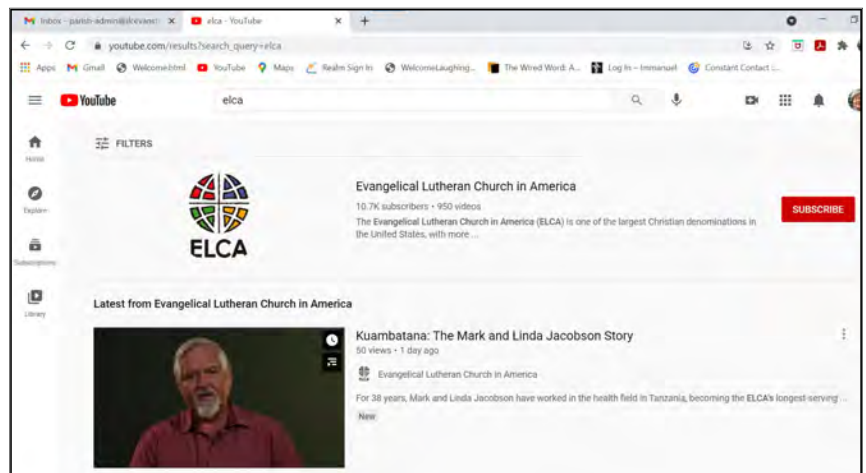
## Immanuel is on YouTube!

Check out our new foray into social media, a YouTube channel! Go to youtube.com and in the Search function, type in "Immanuel Lutheran Church Evanston" to see our inaugural video, Pastor Mark's Welcome Greeting.

Please subscribe and share with your family and friends! Stay tuned for more videos!



Check out other videos, such as from the ELCA's channel. You can subscribe to theirs, too!





## Organ Scholar Program Continues

Despite the Pandemic, the Organ Scholar Committee chaired by Greg Hummel, has been busy screening candidates for the annual Organ Scholar Program. This year they are pleased to award the \$3,000 scholarship to Dale Nickell, the 2020 Organ Scholar.

Dale Nickell is the Music Director and Organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, TN. He completed his graduate studies at the Eastman School of Music in the studio of Nathan Laube. At Eastman, he also studied improvisation and clavichord with William Porter and sang in the Schola Cantorum at Christ Church under the direction of Stephen Kennedy. From 2019-2020, he was the Organ Scholar at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Rochester on the 1927 E.M. Skinner organ (Op. 655, 68 ranks). Dale has experience as an organ-builder, tuner, and technician, having worked with Parsons Pipe Organ Builders of Canandaigua.



As a Cum Laude graduate of Colorado State University, Dale studied organ, harpsichord and liturgy with Joel Bacon and piano with Janet Landreth. In 2017, he received the Wendel Diebel Music Performance Award for outstanding musical contribution to the school's performing ensembles and concerts. While in Fort Collins, Dale served as the Organist at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on the Phelps Op. 1 organ.

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Dale has performed in masterclasses for Olga Kern, Michel Bouvard, Ken Cowan, Vincent Warnier, James David Christie, Edoardo Bellotti, Christophe Mantoux, René Anne Louprette, Gail Archer, and Voces8. In 2020, he won the Organ Scholar Competition at the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Evanston, IL.

In 2019, Dale served as a faculty member for Organ Week at Colorado State University, where he taught organ lessons for high school students, gave lectures on organ playing, and performed in concert alongside distinguished organists such as Ken Cowan and Michael Unger.

On April 23, 2021, Dale performed his repertoire which included the selections below. It was to the Committee's great regret that due to the Pandemic, there was no in-person audience. Program and a recording of his recital may become available.



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Fantaisie and Fugue in B-Flat; Op. 18, No. 6  
by Alexandre Pierre François Boëly

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541  
by Johann Sebastian Bach

Concerto in A Minor, BWV 593  
by Antonio Vivaldi

ii. adagio transcribed by J.S. Bach

Mass For The Parishes, Gloria  
by François Couperin

i. Plein jeu,

iv. Dialogue sur les Trompettes

vi. Tierce en taille

ix. Dialogue sur les Grands jeux

Sonata in B-Flat Major; Op. 65, No. 4,  
by Felix Mendelssohn

i. allegro con brio

ii. andante religioso

iii. Allegretto

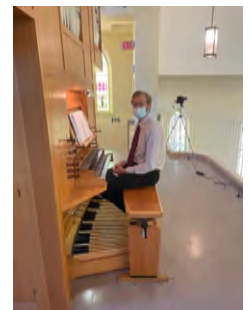
iv. allegro maestoso e vivace

O Gott, du frommer Gott; Op. 122, No. 7  
by Johannes Brahms

Symphonie II; Op. 13, No. 2  
by Charles-Marie Widor

i. Praeludium Circulaire

Introduction and Passacaglia in D Minor; WoO  
by Max Reger



# Showcase 2021

## Faith, Hope and Love

Hasn't this been the year to cling to our faith? To hope for our future? To reach out to our neighbors in love? Please join LCMNU for an evening to explore and celebrate Faith, Hope and Love.

Our evening will include student talks, musical entertainment, and door prizes!

**When: Saturday, May 15**

**Time: 7:00 - 8:15 PM (CDT)**

**How: Via Zoom access**

<http://bit.ly/LCMNUShowcase2021>

**General Admission Access: \$50.00**

**Student Access: \$15.00**



### Special Prize Packages

The first \$200 donation (above the \$50 admission) wins:

Wine, cheese and charcuterie basket for 4 people, to be delivered\* to your location prior to Showcase

The second \$200 donation (above the \$50 admission) wins:

Dessert (homemade pie anyone?) and coffee for 4 people, to be delivered\* to your location prior to Showcase

\*Delivery locations will be restricted to within 15 miles of Evanston.

LCMNU supports safe social distancing as you enjoy these items.



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**CAMPUS MINISTRY**  
AT NORTHWESTERN



Big thanks to all who participated in the recent SNAPGap effort! Shampoo, body wash, disinfectant wipes, and many other personal hygiene products were distributed to approximately 250 households at the Producemobile last Tuesday. It was a very nice package that was well received by folks who were happy to get them. We even had a few left over that we will keep for another time.....I was surprised by the number of drop-offs at the First United Methodist Church. It was the first time we tried that approach, and it worked well....The Interfaith Action Board of Directors approved a small budget to experiment with purchasing toilet paper and laundry detergent in bulk. We will intersperse these items in between campaigns for the smaller personal hygiene products, which will give folks a break but keep up our commitment. So next up: toilet paper!

Interfaith Action is asking if our faith community might be interested in hosting the drop-off, bagging, and boxing of a July round of personal hygiene items.

35 years ago, Oct 1986, the Hospitality Center opened its doors for the first time. The earliest version of what is now the Hospitality Center was actually a drop-in center at Immanuel Lutheran Church from the winter of 1984.

Today's Hospitality Center is open year around, where connections can be made to case management, computer skills, online access, and job counseling services. Here are more details on an upcoming celebration:

**IAE Virtual Fundraiser Celebrates Hospitality Center's 35th Birthday**

Join Interfaith Action of Evanston in a joyous celebration of the 35th anniversary of its Hospitality Center at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Evanston. In a Facebook Live event, Interfaith Action will share the history of this critical service for those experiencing homelessness and celebrate those who have helped the Hospitality Center make an impact on that community.

In addition, a host of participants, led by renowned violinist Rachel Barton Pine and Evanston rapper Big Chuck, will celebrate the event musically. The event will go live on Interfaith Action of Evanston's Facebook page, facebook.com/interfaithactionofevanston on May 23, at 7 pm. It will be archived for later viewing in the Facebook page as well.

Donations can be made here or click on the flyer to the right: <https://interfaithactionofevanston.networkforgood.com/projects/127213-hospitality-center-35th-birthday>.

Participation does not require a Facebook membership.

—Nicolai Schousboe



CELEBRATING HOSPITALITY

YOU ARE INVITED

INTERFAITH ACTION OF EVANSTON  
 HOSPITALITY CENTER

**35TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!**  
 MAY 23, 2021 — 7PM  
 ON FACEBOOK LIVE  
FACEBOOK.COM/INTERFAITHACTIONOFEVANSTON

BIRTHDAY DONATIONS APPRECIATED

**DONATE ONLINE**

OR SEND A CHECK TO:  
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 P.O. Box 1414, EVANSTON, IL 60204



March 6, 2021  
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Dear Friends,

Your gift to Interfaith Action of Evanston is deeply appreciated. Thanks to your thoughtfulness we have been able to continue and increase our services to people who are experiencing hunger and homelessness in our community.

Our morning Hospitality Center has continued to provide breakfast, computer training and employment counseling. The soup kitchens continue to serve even though the meals are served at the door. Meals are purchased from local restaurants which helps those businesses, too. The emergency overnight shelter has been open nightly at 9pm with beds for 20 people. And the Produce mobile still provides fresh produce on the second Tuesday of each month.

There are new needs because of COVID19. We have opened an afternoon warming center 7 days a week from 3 until 8:30. We have placed porta potties on four faith community properties so that people without homes can have a place for that very basic need.

We are actively advocating for affordable housing.

Interfaith Action of Evanston brings together communities of faith and spirit to express our shared values with action. We strive to live up to our motto 'Action is our middle name'

Please check out our website ([www.interfaithactionofevanston.org](http://www.interfaithactionofevanston.org)  
(<http://www.interfaithactionofevanston.org>)) for opportunities to join us.

I wish you peace and hope for a healthy future.

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 \$1,200.00 on March 6, 2021 is tax deductible to the extent the law will allow.

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Please join us in congratulating Pr. Pam Voves, who was ordained on April 18, 2021. Some may recall that Pr. Pam preached when Immanuel hosted Reformation Sunday and St. Paul's Lutheran in 2019.



**PAMELA  
JEANNETTE  
VOVES**

By the grace of God and the call of the church, Pamela Jeannette Voves will be ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church on Sunday, the eighteenth of April at three o'clock in the afternoon at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Evanston, Illinois.

The Rev. Tehiel Curry, Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will preside.

Due to restricted numbers for in-person worship, we invite you to join us for worship live-streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran Church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpaul Evanston>.

Your prayers are requested.

Pam has been called to serve as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Evanston, IL.



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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.