

## God's Hands - May 2022

### Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

This past Holy Week and Easter celebration renewed my soul, as we gathered to reflect on the mystery of life and death through the lens of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. It was the first Holy Week and Easter in three years that we've been able to



gather in person for worship. I'm very thankful that we have the technology that enables us to worship via Zoom, and I'm adamant that we continue that option for those who are unable to attend in person or have other reasons for attending online, for they too form a part of our worshipping assembly. Nevertheless, Holy Week and Easter highlighted for me how gathering in-person can be a deeper experience. There's an incarnational presence that cannot be duplicated online. You can't feel the sound waves of the organ

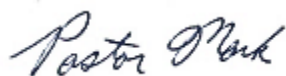
hit your body over your computer. In my experience it's easier to remain present and attentive when in the sanctuary, plus the spaciousness, and shades and colors of light can't be replicated electronically. So, as thankful as I am for those who worship with us online, I urge those of you who can, at least on occasion, to join the worshipping assembly in person. We would all benefit from the joy and light of your physical presence. I'm also very grateful for those who regularly gather in the flesh to join hearts and voices in praise as that part of our worshipping assembly.

On Pentecost, June 5th, we're invited to assemble for worship either in person or online with our brothers and sister in Christ at Grace Lutheran Church here in Evanston. Worship will be at 10:30 AM and will be followed by a workshop on end-of-life issues titled, "Getting Your Ducks in a Row." Lunch will be provided for those staying for the workshop. There will also be an option to attend the workshop online. Registration information can be found later in this newsletter. We will cover a wide range of issues from discerning personal priorities to funeral preparations, and the need for legal documents, etc. Being well prepared for one's death and dying can be a great gift to the loved ones that we will leave behind. Even if you can't attend the workshop, I encourage you to do some pre-funeral planning. A fillable pdf Funeral planning form is available [here](#). Please email your completed form to either myself, [pastor@immanuelevanston.org](mailto:pastor@immanuelevanston.org) or Jane, [parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org](mailto:parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org) so that we can save it on file.

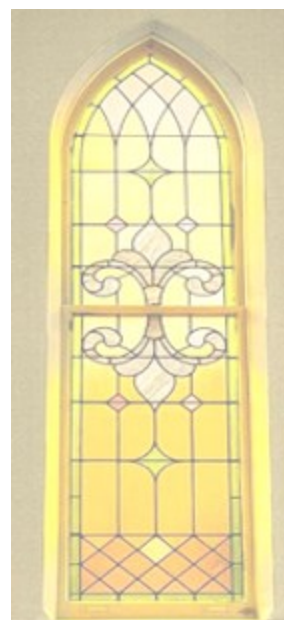
Near the end of his book, *Our Greatest Gift: A Meditation on dying and Caring*, Henri Nouwen shares some thoughts on the resurrection that I find very insightful. He helps me to embrace its mystery: The resurrection does not solve our problems about dying and death. It is not the happy ending to our life's struggle, nor is it the big surprise that God has kept in store for us. No, the resurrection is the expression of God's faithfulness...The resurrection is God's way of revealing to us that nothing that belongs to God will ever go to waste...The resurrection doesn't answer any of our curious questions about life after death, such as, How will it be? How will it look? But it does reveal to us that, indeed, we must remain silent, leave the whys, wheres, hows, and whens behind, and simply trust. (pp. 108-109)

I invite you to join me in preparing for your greatest gift and trust in the mystery.

Deep Blessings,



Pastor Mark



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## Immanuel Events

May 1		First day Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month
May 5		Cinco de Mayo
	9:00 am	Daytime Quilters
May 3, 10 17, 24, 31	7:00 pm	Tuesday Adult Bible Study on Zoom
May 8		Mother's Day
May 14	8:00 pm	Evanston Go Club Spring Tournament
May 30		Memorial Day



## May Scripture Readings

### May 1, Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

### May 8, Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

### May 15, Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

### May 22, Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5  
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9



### May 26, Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

### May 29, Easter 7

Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

Revised Common Lectionary daily readings can be found at <https://www.dailylectio.net/calendar>

# Music at Immanuel

## May Music

After a short break, choir is in full swing for May again. We kick off the month with a setting of a melody from Herrnhut chorale Book from 1735 newly arranged by Robert Powell. For Good Shepherd Sunday, the choir will contribute Leland B Sateren's anthem "They Follow Me."

This is followed by Anne Krentz Organ's anthem "Love One Another," which tells of Jesus' new commandment for his disciples and us. Mark Schweizer's lovely two part setting of "Day by Day" will fill the 22nd and we close the month with David Kelley's "God of All Creation."

—Jimmy Morehead

## Feeding Our Faith – Sundays 9 AM—10 AM

### May 2022 Schedule

Join us for studies about faith. Gatherings include viewing short videos and book discussions. Check the weekly *Immanuel Newsfeeds* or visit the website calendar for Zoom info.

**No Sessions while Pastor Mark is away (5/15 & 5/22)**

**5/1/22 – Rev. Dr. Neichelle Guidry, TheoEd talk:** *What It Means to be Human* – Dean of the Chapel at Spelman College, Rev. Dr. Neichelle Guidry, asks questions core to our faith and humanity, including why it can be hard set limits, embrace rest, and extend grace to ourselves after failures and mistakes.

**5/8/22 – The Bible For Normal People** – Peter Enns speaks on some of the difficulties of believing in the God of the Bible at the February 2019 TheoEd Talks in Atlanta.

**5/29/22 – Dolly Chugh on Fighting Bias** – Pastor Mark has 4 copies of her book, *The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias*, available free on a first come basis. On our website [www.immanuelevanston.org](http://www.immanuelevanston.org) are also links to talks with her Google talk – September 2018 University School of Business – August 2020

## Holy Communion Changes

Beginning Sunday, May 1st, we will begin a new option for receiving Holy Communion in worship.

You may continue to pick up pre-packaged communion elements and commune in the pew, or prepare your own elements in advance if worshipping via Zoom. The pastor will say "The body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you" following the singing of the Lamb of God.

The other option is to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and wine or grape juice from the Assisting Minister. The glasses will be pre-poured, with the grape juice in the inner circle and wine in the outer circle. Each person will take their own glass from the tray. The Assisting Minister and Pastor will remain masked during the distribution. Please keep in mind proper physical distance from other worshippers in coming forward and in removing your mask to consume the elements. Empty glasses can be deposited in trays on the front pews. This will be a continuous communion, standing to receive the elements.

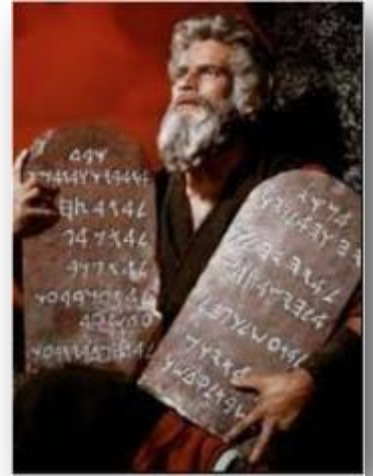
Linda Edlund will be coordinating a schedule for bread baking; if you'd like to help out with that, please reach out to her to volunteer. A recipe can be provided, and we can store bread in the freezer if you're baking ahead of time.

—Worship & Music Ministry

## Sunday School

During the fall of 2021, our Sunday school children spent time learning and discussing the Ten Commandments. We discussed the work of our Anti-Racism Task Force and tried to understand the Ten Commandments focusing on anti-racist themes and ideals. Here is what they said:

- You shall have no other god  
**God is Lord of ALL people and creation**
- You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain  
**Do not use hateful and insulting language**
- Honor your father and your mother  
**Honor all families in addition to our own**  
**Help respect our friends and neighbors of other religions who worship on days other than Sundays**
- You shall not kill  
**A person**  
**Happiness**  
**Don't be mean**  
**Be kind to all**  
**Let us be examples of kindness**
- You shall not steal  
**Things**  
**Money**  
**Joy**  
**Opportunities**
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor  
**Treat all people with fairness**



It is a joy to spend time with Immanuel's children!

—Laurie Stivers, Tyler Heyl, Pr. Mark



## Palm Sunday Processional

Palm Sunday was a clear, crisp and bright day on April 10th. Many Immanuel members came out to march in the Ecumenical Palm Sunday Processional, sponsored by Lake Street Church and St. Luke's Episcopal Church. A Serbian brass band played as everyone marched with a live donkey.





# Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

## Easter is Back in-Person in 2022

It was great to be able to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection in the beautiful sanctuary again, decorated with all of our traditional flowers. Also, we gave thanks to God for Greg Hummel's 50 years of service as Organist at Immanuel. Easter Sunday was Greg's last Sunday.



## From Worship & Music: So Many Ways to Serve .....

There are so many ways that we help Immanuel keep going. You probably noticed the many committees that filed reports for the Annual Meeting and any of these committees would welcome new members.

I am especially wondering if you are interested in becoming an integral part of Sunday worship? There are many ways you can do this.

- **Coffee Hour is resuming and we're looking for hosts!** After Sunday worship, hosts prepare and serve beverages and light snacks for this time of warm fellowship, whose return has been long-awaited!
- **The Altar Guild** makes sure that the appropriate colors for each season in the church calendar are displayed, and also that the table is set for communion each Sunday.
- **Assisting ministers** participate in the service with Pastor Mark.
- **Lectors (or readers)** read the Scripture passages from the pulpit.
- **Acolytes** (though not currently, but in future surely) process with the cross and with torches, light altar and pulpit candles and extinguish them when the service concludes.
- **Ushers** assist in many ways during the Sunday service.
- **Zoom hosts** coordinate the online attendees.

If any of these sound interesting to you, please contact me, Kit McCarthy, at [kit.mccarthy@comcast.net](mailto:kit.mccarthy@comcast.net), or, call the church at (847) 864-4464 and let Jane or Pastor Mark know.

## New Opportunity to Serve!

After more than 5 years in the post of Immanuel's Kitchen Manager, Tom Couch is ready to pass the torch. Thank you so much, Tom, for the leadership you have provided in filling this role.

The role of Kitchen Manager is central to Immanuel's mission, "Faith that Feeds". By law, to be able to offer missions such as Cafe Immanuel, Curt's Cafe and other ministries where our kitchen is used to serve the public, we need a certified Food Safety Manager.

If you feel called to help Immanuel feed the hungry, we will support you in obtaining the necessary certification! Please contact Michael Kloster at 630.217.1570 or [mikekloster@gmail.com](mailto:mikekloster@gmail.com) to learn more.

In addition to serving this vital role, you will help me by being able to give an answer to Parker as to when he can start helping make waffles at Cafe Immanuel, which he asks me at least three times per week!

*Thank you, Tom!*

*God Bless,  
Michael Kloster*



### Tuesday Midweek Adult Bible Study on Zoom 7 pm on Zoom

Our simple mid-week gathering on Tuesdays. This gathering offers time for spiritual growth in Word and Fellowship. Check our website Calendar at [www.immanuelevanston.org](http://www.immanuelevanston.org) or the weekly email for Zoom meeting info and themes.



GRACE & IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PRESENT

# GET YOUR DUCKS IN A ROW

**An end-of-life seminar for all ages!**  
Lunch provided

**Presentations by:**  
Long-term Care Advocate  
Social Worker  
Pastors  
Hospice Representative  
& More!

Point your camera  
at me to RSVP!



## June 5th, 2022

Worship-10:30am | Presentations Noon-2

1430 SOUTH BLVD EVANSTON, IL 60202  
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



# LCMNU Showcase 2022 & 75th Anniversary Celebration

Deepening Faith, Expanding Community

Student Talks, Musical Entertainment,  
Appetizers, and Desserts

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022, 2:30pm-6:30pm

NOTE LOCATION:

Parkes Hall, Northwestern University  
1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL

Tickets: GENERAL \$50; YOUTH/STUDENT WITH ID: \$20

To purchase tickets, go to

<https://blt.ly/showcase22and75th>

Questions: Contact the LCMNU office at  
[lutherancm@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:lutherancm@u.northwestern.edu) or 847-864-7849

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT LCMNU

Attend  
the LCMNU 75th  
Anniversary Worship  
Sunday, May 15,  
11:00am  
Alice Millar Chapel  
Fellowship 10:00am  
Parkes Hall



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CAMPUS MINISTRY**  
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Deepening Faith - Expanding Community  
Celebrating 75 Years!

# Unitarian Church of Evanston

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All proceeds benefit the Unitarian Church of Evanston, a 120 year-old congregation of 400+ members committed to hope, joy and social justice.



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**Fri, May 20 ~ 9:00 am—6:00 pm**

**Sat, May 21 ~ 9:00 am—1:00 pm**

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**1330 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201 (ample parking)**

*Volunteers & shoppers are required to wear masks when inside the church.*

*Honoring a 50-year tradition, this popular sale offers something for everyone:*

- Artwork
- Boutique Collection
- Clothing
- Children's Department
- Jewelry
- Food Café
- Housewares
- Small Furniture
- Treasures & Collectibles

## Notes from the Parish Administrator....



Church officers, Committee and Ministry Chairs: Please check your mail slots. If you need access to the office, please contact me at [parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org](mailto:parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org).

When leaving the building, please practice good stewardship by turning off all lights, dumping trash properly, and making sure doors are locked and secure.

*As we're entering the "endemic" stage of Covid, requests to use the building from both members and non-members is increasing. If you'd like to use a space, first please check the church calendar at [www.immanuelevanston.org](http://www.immanuelevanston.org) or contact the church office at 847-864-4464 or [parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org](mailto:parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org) for availability.*

### 2022-23 ILC Leadership

Dana Barron, Congregation President

Bert Mount, Congregation Vice President

Steve Warner, Congregation Secretary

Susan Ross, Treasurer

Melisa Larson, Diane Keely, Michael Kloster, Jim Skelton, Grace Yarnoff Congregation Council Members

Mary Ann Kearns, Financial Secretary

Elizabeth Stegner, Assistant Financial Secretary



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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.