



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.

## God's Hands - June 2022

### Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

Immanuel's Church Council has been engaged in visioning conversations about the connections that we have and the bridges we can build to the Evanston community. I want to invite everyone in the congregation to participate in this visioning process and then share your thoughts and ideas with council members. Hosting the Winter Farmers Market is one of the main ways that we connect to the wider community. Do you have any creative ideas for our advocacy table? Are there other ways that we might strengthen this link? We're moving forward on installing a Little Library box in our courtyard, and we've talked about adding a bench there as well. Perhaps we could use our parking lot for a music concert, or an Oktoberfest or some other community social event. What other ways might we utilize our outdoor space as a bridge to the community?



The council also passed a motion in February to join with other Evanston faith communities in support of Evanston Reparations. There will be a noon kickoff event on Monday, June 13th at Fountain Square. Reparations is much more than just a financial transaction. It's an educational process seeking awareness and clarity about historic injustice. As our joint Interfaith declaration declares: For more than fifty years, a faith-based movement has been growing in this country in support of reparations for Black Americans. The movement began in part with the 1969 Black Manifesto that asked which Christian churches and Jewish synagogues to contribute \$500 million as an act of good faith and true repentance. The concept of reparations has recently gained new momentum from the notoriety afforded the 2020 murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery. Partly as a result, an increasing number of white Americans have become aware of the enormous disadvantages for people of color, in their access to housing, health care, nutrition, education and job opportunities and, especially, in their treatment by law enforcement and their disproportionate incarceration...The intention of reparations is twofold: (1) to acknowledge and compensate for the harm that pervasive structural racism has caused to our society and to individuals; and (2) to move forward by reconciling ourselves with our past. This is important for all Americans, not just for Black Americans.

Immanuel congregation began this journey by forming an anti-racist task force before I was called as your pastor, and I commend all of you who participated in a variety of ways to learn more about systemic racism this past year. These programs of learning have been another way that people outside of our congregation have been involved and thus in some way connected to Immanuel. I look forward to our ongoing learning together as we join in God's mission of reconciliation and healing of our broken world. Remember, as followers of Christ we abide in hope, faith, and love.

Deep Blessings,

*Pastor Mark*



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## Immanuel Calendar



June 1		LGBTQ+ Pride and Awareness Month
June 2	9:00 am	Daytime Quilters
June 5	10:30 am	Joint Worship <b>at Grace Lutheran Church</b>
	12:00 pm	"Get Your Ducks in a Row" End-of-Life Preparation Workshop
June 13	Noon	Reparations & Reconciliation Rally
June 17		Emanuel A.M.E. Church "Emanuel Nine" Remembrance
June 19		Father's Day, Juneteeth
	12:30 pm	Council Meeting
June 20		Juneteenth (Observed)
June 26		Pride Sunday (Chicago Annual Pride Parade)

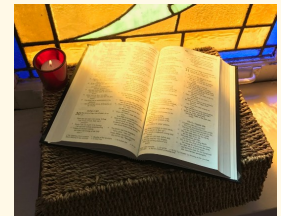
## June Scripture Readings

### June 5, Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
 Romans 8:14-17  
 John 14:8-17 [25-27]

### June 19, Pentecost 2

Isaiah 65:1-9  
 Psalm 22: 19-28  
 Galatians 3:23-29  
 Luke 8: 26-39



### June 12, The Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22—31  
 Psalm 8  
 Romans 5:1-5  
 John 16:12-15

### June 26, Pentecost 3

I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
 Psalm 16  
 Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
 Luke 9:51-62

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

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

*Is taking a break for the summer. See you in September!*

# Music at Immanuel

## June Music

June marks the last two Sundays with our choir before they take the summer off. On Pentecost, we will join Grace Lutheran for a raucous Moses Hogan arrangement of "God's Gonna Set This World on Fire."

Then we will close out the choral season with Richard Shephard's "When Silence Filled the Formless Night." It has been a wonderful season back in the loft in person. Blessings to you all.

—Jimmy Morehead

## Special June Worship Services

**June 19th**—We will commemorate Juneteenth, which has at long-last, become an American Federal holiday. Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

### *Remembrance of the Emanuel 9, Martyrs, 7th Anniversary*

Also this Sunday we remember before God the beautiful lives of nine members and pastors of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, murdered by a self-professed white supremacist on June 17, 2015, while they were gathered for prayer and Bible Study. At the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, this day was set aside as a day of reflection and repentance for the sins of racism that continue to plague our churches.

**June 26th**—Pride Sunday. Jesus says: Whoever welcomes you.... welcomes me! Jesus reminds us that each of us, made in the very image of God, bears the presence of God's love for one another.

As a loving out loud congregation, Immanuel celebrates the gifts and giftedness of members of the LGBTQIA+ community in the church and the world.

## Immanuel Hosts Overnight Shelter

From Easter Sunday night through the end of April, Immanuel participated for the first time in the Emergency Overnight Shelter (EOS) program coordinated through Interfaith Action of Evanston. Now in its second decade, EOS has grown steadily. At first offering shelter between the middle of November to the middle of March and only when the overnight temperature was predicted to fall below 15 degrees, this year (2021-2022) shelter was provided from the beginning of November through the end of April regardless of the temperature, a full six months. It's no longer just for emergencies.



Immanuel was one of seven congregations hosting the shelter. Extending the shelter through the end of April made Immanuel's participation possible, given our commitment to the Indoor Farmers Market through the first Saturday of April. (The shelter used the same downstairs room that the Indoor Farmers' Market use.)

Immanuel's participation in the EOS program was facilitated by our Social Ministry committee, led by **Nicolai Schousboe**. In Nicolai's absence for a long-planned April vacation, I served as the on-site coordinator. Other volunteers from Immanuel were **Anne Heider, Diane Keely, Michael Kloster, Bert Mount, and Laurie Stivers**. Immanuel's volunteers helped out in two shifts: set-up, from 8:30 pm and 10 pm, and clean-up, from 6:00 am to 7:00 am. Two paid staff directed these tasks as well as staying overnight with the guests.

Several of our volunteers found the IA staffers "friendly and clear on their directions on how we could help," as Laurie put it. Anne said that the volunteer shifts required less work than did the afternoon warming shelter we offered in 2019-2020. Reflecting on the IA staff people he worked with, Michael said, "I have heard it said, 'God's army doesn't arrive with tanks.' But, it is always eye opening to witness the meek at work." Everyone who responded to my request for their feedback said they hoped Immanuel could be part of the overnight shelter program next year.

—Steve Warner

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jane Kaihatsu 6/2

Erik Shearer 6/4

Keith Knohl 6/5

Anna Lamberg 6/7

Elora Kloster 6/14

Benjamin Mauk-O'Connor  
6/17

Tyler Knohl 6/22

Theodore Otto 6/26

Merle Shearer 6/30

## History of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilt Ministry

*Have you ever wondered how Lutherans started making quilts for distribution around the world? Great question! Here is some of the history that was posted on the LWR Quilters & Kit Makers Community Facebook page...*



The quilting ministry at LWR started in the early 1950's. In addition to the information you all found on our website, we have an account written by a former staff member Ove Nielsen sometime in the 1990's that includes the following:

"The Church of the Brethren, one of the historic "peace churches" in America, owns and operates a large processing center in Maryland. More than 4 decades ago the late Ray Kyle, then the church's Director of Material Aid, visited LWR for which it was processing some of the clothing and blankets, as it was for several other Christian entities. Chatting with a staff member, he suggested Lutheran women might be interested in making quilts, as Brethren women did. LWR staff saw the suggestion as viable, but sought counsel from overseas partners. Letters were sent to a few countries in each of Europe and Asia. The first response came from Madras (now Chennai) in India. Quilts would be welcome indeed. They would be especially useful following heavy rains. Other partners responded describing their needs.



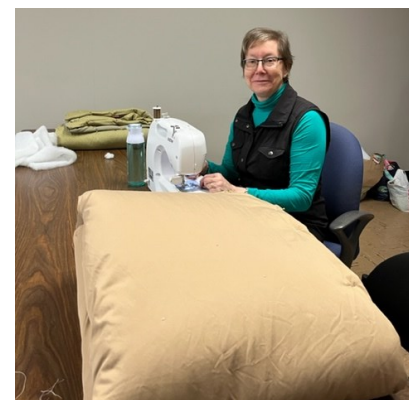
"Research suggested all quilts should be of the same size - 60 X 80 inches.

Variance could cause envy if some got smaller ones. Letters were sent to leaders of Lutheran women's organizations throughout America. They promoted the idea and making quilts for LWR caught on. Some groups made patchwork quilts in order to make as many as possible and at low cost. Others would make only the kind they would want in their own homes. All were welcome. Occasionally women elected to make quilts at home and to work alone. A few such individuals have each made more than 100. Making each quilt includes batting, layering, pinning, tying and hemming. Batting alone costs \$66 (in 2022: \$110) per roll, for which provision must be made. Sixty inches wide, the roll, carefully cut-across at each 80 inches, is enough for 30 quilts.



"Through the more than 4 decades, over 14 million quilts have been made and sent to 4 continents. Presently thousands are positioned in Jordan for rapid transfer to Iraqi refugees. Quilts have brought comfort where comfort was sorely needed. In 1976 Dr. Robert J. Marshall, then President of the Lutheran Church in America and of LWR, accepted an invitation to attend the Eucharistic Congress of the Roman Catholic Church. It would be convened in Philadelphia. While there, he was invited to meet the late Mother Theresa, who saw in the faces of the suffering, the face of Christ. As he was introduced, Mother Teresa leaned forward, looked up at his face, and said: "Thank you for the quilts."

"The late pastor Bill Genszler, who through years of his ministry had promoted the making of hundreds of thousands quilts in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, was dying of cancer. When his wife returned from helping to make quilts in their church, she told him the women were going to make a special one to drape over his coffin. The pastor, always cheerful, exclaimed: "Ah, a Holy Comforter!" It was a stunningly beautiful quilt and so large that it touched the floor on both sides of the coffin."



—Submitted by Kathryn Skelton & Chris Djuric

## Immanuel Graduates...

Congratulations to the following people who have graduated and accomplished so much during the trying times of this pandemic! We wish them well on every endeavor going forward!

**Addison McDaniel** graduated from Purchase College in Purchase, NY with a Bachelor of Arts in Literature.

**Eliza McDaniel** graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY with a Bachelor of Arts in American Sign Language/English Interpreting. She minored in Environmental Studies.

Both were recognized as Magna Cum Laude scholars.

Addison will apply to graduate school in the next cycle. Eliza will stay in Rochester for a year to complete her certifications. She has an internship interpreting and conducting research at RIT over the summer.

Proud parents are Laura and Kevin McDaniel.

*Please send news of graduates in your family or circle of friends which you wish to share. Send details and photos to parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org.*



## 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 mkekloster@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  
Is taking a break for the Summer.  
See you in the Fall!**

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

Sunday, June 12

# Bike to Church

**(or Walk, take the Bus, Carpool, or take the El!)**

Care for God's creation  
by choosing a lower-fuel way to get to church!

Pastor Ray says, wear your helmet  
and always obey traffic laws :-)

After worship,  
join our church neighbors "on the square,"  
who are also biking to church,  
for an informal bike meet & greet  
and BYO picnic in Raymond Park!



# Pentecost Party



Sunday, June 12 @11:30AM  
Lake Street Church Courtyard  
**Featuring Clarissa Villagomez, Fire Spinner**



# REPARATIONS

## RECONCILIATION & REPAIR

*Evanston's Interfaith Community Joins in Support of Reparations, Truth & Healing*

### **Community Launch Event for Evanston's Interfaith Reparations Effort**

**Monday, June 13 | Noon**

**Fountain Square | Evanston**

livestreamed at  
[facebook.com/bethemetsynagogue/](https://facebook.com/bethemetsynagogue/)

Speakers include clergy, elected officials,  
and representatives from the Reparations  
Stakeholders Authority of Evanston

#### **SPONSORED BY:**

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of Evanston

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Jewish Reconstructionist  
Congregation

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran  
Church, Wilmette

Lake Street Church of Evanston

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Northminster Presbyterian Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

United Catholic Youth Ministries  
(Catholic Parishes)

Unitarian Church of Evanston

## 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.



Recently, 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

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

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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.