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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 - September 2022

### Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

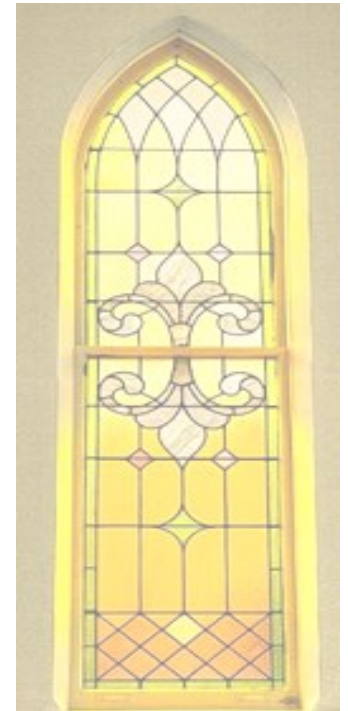
In John's gospel Jesus says, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Thus, in pursuit of this freedom we have joined with other communities of faith in Evanston to participate in the process of reparations. Reparations involves more than just a financial component, for we must truly acknowledge our history of injustice and seek ways to repair the damage of discriminatory practices. In their book, *Reparations: A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair*, Duke Kwon and Gregory Thompson state that reparations are needed to repair and restore a threefold theft. The theft of truth. The theft of power. And the theft of wealth. They say that we must resist "temptations to flee from reality. Temptation to blind ourselves to the truth about who we are as a people and a society, and what will finally be required of us if we are to heal. To succumb to this temptation is to undergo a kind of death – the death of ourselves and of our neighbors and of the communities we share. To resist these temptations is to embrace freedom: freedom from blind complicity with evil and freedom to rejoice in a world made new." (p.48)

I want to know the truth. I want to see more clearly the reality of white supremacy that has privileged me at the expense of others. I invite you to join with me on this journey of seeking truth that leads to freedom. Our Sunday morning *Feeding Our Faith*, sessions for September will focus on Reparations. Pastors Kwon and Thompson will be two of our guides. This discussion class will continue to build on the foundation of the many anti-racism justice initiatives Immanuel congregation has undertaken. As many of us have discovered together, this is a subject in which our ongoing learning will be lifelong.

On June 13th congregational president, Dana Baron, and I participated with 15 other faith communities in the kickoff of the Evanston Interfaith Community Support of Reparations. With Church Council support we committed our congregation to raise awareness and education about the need for reparations, along with encouraging contributions to the Reparations Fund. Next January, near MLK day, this coalition of faith communities will publicly share the joint amount of money raised and events held. We want to track any contributions that our members make to the Reparations Fund, so if you have already contributed directly to the Evanston Community Foundation Reparations fund, or if you do make a direct contribution, please let me know, so that I can track an Immanuel total. The Stark committee recommended a \$850 contribution to the fund, which the council approved at its August meeting. Our Sunday School children decided this past Spring to give \$150. I challenge the congregation to at least match the \$1,000 we've given already. I trust that this will easily happen if we resist the temptation to avoid knowing the truth that sets us free. Our learning together will help us discover how we're called to respond. I look forward to joining with you in this venture.

Deep Blessings,

*Pastor Mark*



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## Immanuel Calendar



Sept. 1, 15, 29	9:00 am	Daytime Quilters
Sept. 4		Bring Items for God's Work Our Hands
Sept. 5		Labor Day (office Closed)
Sept. 10	9:00 am	God's Work Our Hands—Bring Items to Grace Lutheran
	1:30 pm	Evanston Organ Crawl
Sept. 13, 20, 27	7:00 pm	Midweek Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
Sept. 18, 25	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
	3:00 pm	Greg Hummel & Friends 50 Years Celebration Recital
	5:30 pm	Vision Keepers Dinner
Sept. 25	9:00 am	Bike the Ridge (Evanston Street Closures)
	2:30 pm	Council Meeting

Be sure to check the Church Calendar online at [www.immanuelevanston.org/Calendar](http://www.immanuelevanston.org/Calendar) for the latest info on church events and building usage.

## September Scripture Readings

### September 4, Pentecost 13

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

### September 11, Pentecost 14

Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 51:1-20  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

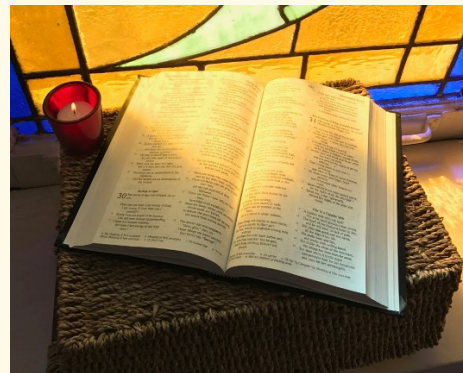
### September 18, Pentecost 15

Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

### September 25, Pentecost 16

Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Psalm 146  
1 Timothy: 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

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



# Feeding Our Faith Resumes

Sundays 9 AM—10 AM

**Gatherings include viewing short videos and lively discussions.**

You can participate either in-person or via Zoom. All participants will have an enhanced experience by being able to see and hear each other, via an Owl Labs 360-degree view video camera/speaker/microphone! Zoom link is on the church website, [www.immanuelevanston.org](http://www.immanuelevanston.org).

## 2022 SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

**September 11 & 18 – A Christian Case for Reparations & Dismantling White Supremacy** – Duke L. Kwon & Gregory Thompson, co-authors of *Reparations: A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair*

Duke L. Kwon (M.Div., Th.M., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) is the lead pastor at Grace Meridian Hill, a neighborhood congregation in the Grace DC Network committed to building cross-cultural community in Washington, DC. Kwon is active in public conversations around race, equity, and racial repair in the American church, and he lectures on these topics around the country. His work has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Christianity Today*, and *The Witness*.

Gregory Thompson (Ph.D., University of Virginia) is a pastor, scholar, artist, and producer whose work focuses on race and equity in the United States. He serves as executive director of Voices Underground (an initiative to build a national memorial to the Underground Railroad outside of Philadelphia), research fellow in African American heritage at Lincoln University (HBCU), and visiting theologian for mission at Grace Mosaic Church in Washington, DC. He is also the cocreator of *Union: The Musical*, a soul and hip-hop-based musical about the 1968 sanitation workers' strike. Thompson lives in Charlottesville, Virginia.

9/11 will cover: Terminology: Reparations & White Supremacy; Concerns When Writing "Reparations"; Being an Ally & Supporting Marginalized Communities; Reasons Why Christian Debate Reparations; Ways Pastors Can Address Systemic Sins at Church

9/18 will cover: Christian Leader Responses to "Reparations" Book; Empathic Ways to Discuss "Reparations" at Church; White Supremacy as a Cultural Disorder; The Theft of White Supremacy & Reparations; The Good Samaritan & Reparations; Critics to Reparations; Talking to Kids About Race & Racism

**September 25 – Lisa Sharon Harper on patriarchy, reparations, and orthodoxy**

Lisa is the Chief Church Engagement Officer at Sojourners and has written extensively on shalom and governance, immigration reform, health care reform, poverty, racial and gender justice, climate change, and transformational civic engagement.

# God's Work Our Hands 2022

## Items Needed for Evanston Service Organizations



Our congregation, along with Grace Lutheran Church, will engage in service to our community on **Saturday, September 10th**. We are asking for donations of items to four important local service efforts listed below.

You can drop items off at the Grace Lutheran Church parking lot at 1430 South Blvd between 9:00 am and 11:00 am on Saturday, September 10th where volunteers will receive them. **Or you can bring your items to Immanuel on Sunday, September 4th**, and we will make sure they get to Grace Lutheran.

1. Interfaith Action of Evanston Snap Gap Collection. Interfaith Action Evanston (IAE) operates the monthly Producersmobile, which distributes fresh produce to Evanston families experiencing food insecurity. For more than a year, IAE has added SNAPGap, collecting and distributing items that most of us consider necessary—toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, laundry detergent, etc.—but are not eligible for purchase with federal benefits. Especially needed are:

*Toothpaste      Toothbrushes      Deodorant*

2. Hospitality Center at St. Mark's Church offers breakfast and a safe place to sleep. Job counselors provide advice, encouragement, and workshops for guests seeking employment. Computer trainers assist with online applications and resumes. The Center needs:

*Packaged snacks      Umbrellas      Earbuds*

3. Grace Lutheran Little Free Pantry is stocked with canned goods and other nonperishable food items donated by members of the congregation and neighbors. Needed are:

*Canned Goods      Other Non-perishable Food Items      Pet Food*

4. Connections for the Homeless is the leading agency in the northern suburbs delivering essential services to people facing homelessness and housing insecurity during the pandemic. They especially need:

*Winter jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves      Deodorant*

As seen in the photo above, Immanuel stepped up in a big way last year, filling 2 cars with donations in addition to the items dropped off separately at Grace Lutheran. **Let's aim for at least 3 cars full this year!**

—Charly Yarnoff





## Sunday School

Pictured are the Sunday School children from the 2021/2022 school year receiving their certificates. Our culminating activity for that day was a scavenger hunt looking for all sorts of things including the cornerstones for both the sanctuary and the fellowship hall buildings, the furnace, looking for saints in the mirror, and exploring the building. During the past year the teachers Tyler and Laurie used curriculum from Spark House designed for multiple ages in a single class. Because the age span will not be so large this fall, we are exploring some other curriculum ideas.

**Sunday school will resume this fall on September 11th.** We will begin at 9:00 am (instead of 9:30 am) and will continue to meet about every other week. We will end our lessons between 9:45 am and 10:00 am, followed by a few minutes of outdoor activities. Children between the ages of 5 and when they start confirmation are invited to join us!

—Laurie Stivers

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## Rite of Holy Baptism—Amari Rosalia Brown

On Sunday, August 28, 2022, we celebrated the Rite of Holy Baptism for Amari Rosalia Brown, the daughter of Allison and Bryant Brown. Her sponsors were Lisa Garcia and Gina Garcia. Welcome, Baby Amari!



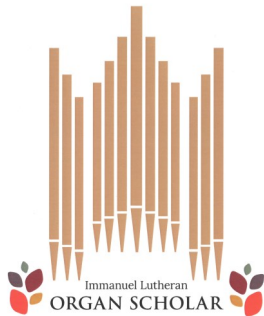
## Organ Scholar Program & Upcoming Recitals

### Greg & Friends Recital

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, 3:00 pm

After 50 years at the organ bench, Greg Hummel retired this year as Immanuel's main organist.

We will have a celebratory afternoon organ concert featuring Greg and other Immanuel organists, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.



### Organ Scholar Program Recitals

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, 3:00 pm, Sol Rizzato

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, 7:00 pm, Katherine Joliff

The Organ Scholar Award recipients have been selected for 2022. Recitals will be held on Oct. 9th and Dec. 17th. Watch for more details about the award recipients in future *Immanuel Newsfeeds* and Newsletters.

## EVANSTON ORGAN CRAWL & CHURCH TOUR

Sept. 10, 2022, 12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Join the International Chamber Artists (ICA) for an Evanston Organ Crawl and Church Tour to hear Artistic Director Patrick Godon play three remarkably different organs at three beautiful Evanston churches, all in one afternoon! Patrick Godon is an organist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Organist/Choirmaster at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest.

The tour begins at 12:30 PM on Saturday, September 10th at First Presbyterian Church, continues here at **1:30 PM at Immanuel Lutheran**, and ends at St. Luke's from 2:30-3:30 PM. ICA has put together a wonderful experience where guests will have a chance to learn about these three beautiful instruments from organ technician Benjamin Hiatt. As a special bonus, organist Gregory Hummel will share details of the organ here at Immanuel Lutheran. Reservations are \$40 per person and may be made by contacting Mr. Godon at [pgodon@icamusic.org](mailto:pgodon@icamusic.org) or by calling 773-354-4533. For more information, visit [ICAmusic.org](http://ICAmusic.org).



### Vision Keepers Dinner 2022

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022; 5:30 pm

DoubleTree Hotel, Skokie

After a 2-year hiatus, Interfaith Action of Evanston resumes its Vision Keepers Dinner, to be held at the Double-Tree Hotel in Skokie. Immanuel's Vision Keeper 2022 is **Audrey Moy**, in recognition for her work on the Justice & Equity (Anti-Racism) Task Force. The Sign-up Sheet for dinner reservations is posted in Fellowship Hall.

Or, you can contact the church office at 847-864-4464, [parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org](mailto:parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org) to sign up and send your payment to the church. Reservations are due Sept. 8th.

**Tuesday Midweek Adult Bible Study  
Resumes on September 13, 2022, 7:00 pm**

Our simple mid-week gathering on Tuesdays. This gathering offers time for spiritual growth in Word and Fellowship. For our first gathering, we'll meet on Zoom as we did in the Spring. Check our website Calendar at [www.immanuelevanston.org](http://www.immanuelevanston.org) or the weekly email for Zoom info and the week's themes.

## Walking the Labyrinth

A labyrinth is a maze-like structure sometimes found constructed on the ground outdoors, or, in floors in churches or public areas. Unlike garden or corn mazes that are constructed to confuse the visitor, a labyrinth has no false pathways or dead ends. Rather, it is a single meandering pathway which leads the walker to the center. Labyrinths have been found in cave art, carved in wood, and in blanket and basket designs. The earliest have been traced back over 3500 years and have been found in many different areas around the globe.

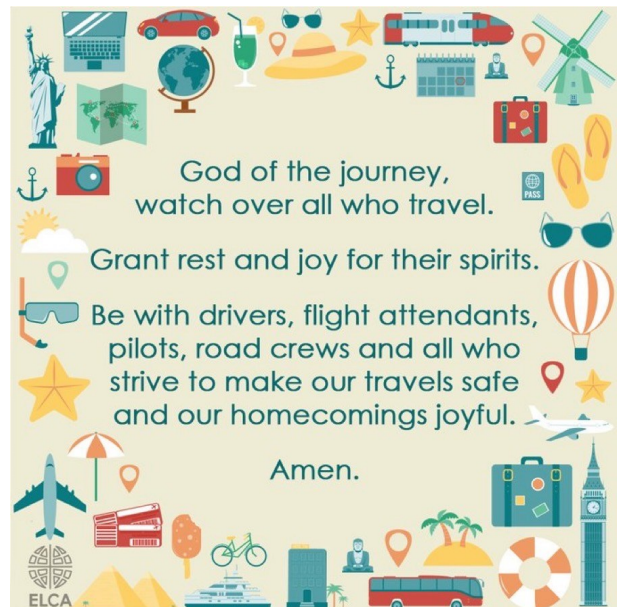
Labyrinths have been used for rituals, ceremonies, and play. They are most well-known as a means of doing walking meditation. We have heard so much recently about the benefits of meditation. However, not everyone is comfortable sitting quietly for extended periods. Walking meditation may be more suitable if this is the case.

We are lucky to have a local labyrinth located behind The Benedictine residence on Ridge south of Howard. Kit McCarthy will do a presentation on labyrinths and take a group to walk the labyrinth in October. Time will be announced soon. To read about labyrinths: [www.labyrinthociety.org](http://www.labyrinthociety.org).

—Kit McCarthy



Be kind TO ONE ANOTHER,  
TENDERHEARTED,  
FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER,  
AS God in Christ HAS  
FORGIVEN YOU.  
◀—▶ EPHESIANS 4:32 ▶—◀



## Supper Worship at LCMNU to Resume This Fall

### Looking for Supporters

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern U. (LCMNU) is planning to resume "Supper Worship" this fall on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm! Supper Worship is a worship service that begins with gathering around the table at 6:00 pm for our table prayer; sharing in the meal (served buffet style) and fellowship 6:00 pm-6:30 pm. At 6:30 pm-6:45 pm, we have a brief evening prayer service right at the table.

We expect 12-20 students attending, but you can always check ahead of time on the number. At this time, we anticipate that those of you cooking could join the student community for the meal. We will implement safety protocols as needed.



**LUTHERAN  
CAMPUS MINISTRY**  
AT NORTHWESTERN

Please ALSO READ the "special instructions" for more info. Thank you in advance for providing a community meal!

#### Special Instructions:

We ask that the meal be ready to serve promptly at 6:00 pm so that we can conclude at 6:45 pm respecting students' schedules. The table is set prior to your arrival, and drinks are provided. Meals usually include a main course, vegetable, salad or fruit, bread is optional, and a dessert.

Since we're just restarting Supper Worship, we anticipate 12-20 students attending (plus your group members), so please check ahead of time. Many bring food already prepared. We have two ovens and one fridge available. We usually have many condiments in the fridge, so, please ask if you need anything in particular. We do ask your help in wiping down the kitchen, stoves, etc. after supper prep. If you choose to leave leftovers, they will be eaten.

#### Allergies or dietary restrictions:

Currently, we are aware of two students who have nut allergies, and two students who eat a vegan diet. Please don't hesitate to check with us if you have any concerns, and we will try to make you aware as we become aware of specific needs.

Click on the Meal Train link below to sign up:

Meal Train site just for your convenience:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/82ln41>



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gloria Meldman 9/4

Allison Brown 9/7

Melisa Larson 9/7

Elaine Nelson 9/14

Pr Mark Sloss 9/14

Glynis Kloster 9/16

Marlene Chatain 9/19

Brian Lamberg 9/28







## *Up From Down Home: The Journey North* *Artist Jevoid Simmons*

### **Congregation Open House**

Sunday, September 11, 2022

10:45 AM – 12:30 PM

### **Community Open House**

Saturday, October 1, 2022

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

### **Show Open to the Public**

Sundays, October 2 – October 30, 2022

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



**Northminster**  
Presbyterian Church

Tower Gallery, South Door

2515 Central Park Avenue

Evanston, Illinois 60201

*Call 847-869-9210 for more information.*

*Masks strongly recommended*

*Access limited based on COVID restrictions*

*Portions of the Tower Gallery are inaccessible  
to those with mobility challenges*

Northminster Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the Sunday, September 11th opening of *Up From Down Home: The Journey North* works by Evanston Artist Jevoid Simmons in its Tower Gallery exhibition space. Following the 9:30 am Worship Service, Jevoid Simmons will present brief remarks, and share the story of his family through 17 paintings which tell the story of his family's journey from rural Alabama in the early 1950's as part of the mass exodus of Black folks out of the South seeking survival and better opportunities. The exhibition will then be open until 12:30 pm for viewing.



*Interfaith Action of Evanston  
cordially invites you to its  
Annual Fundraising Dinner*

*honoring*

*Vision Keepers*

*from our community*

*Sunday, September 18, 2022*

*5:30 p.m.*

*DoubleTree Hotel, Versailles Room*

*Skokie, IL*

Proceeds from the Vision Keepers Dinner support Interfaith Action's programs at the Hospitality Center for the Homeless, local soup kitchens, Producemobile, winter overnight shelter, and winter warming centers.

RSVP by Monday, September 9, 2022

\$75.00 per person

~All reservations must be accompanied by payment~

Mail your reservation form with your check to Interfaith Action,

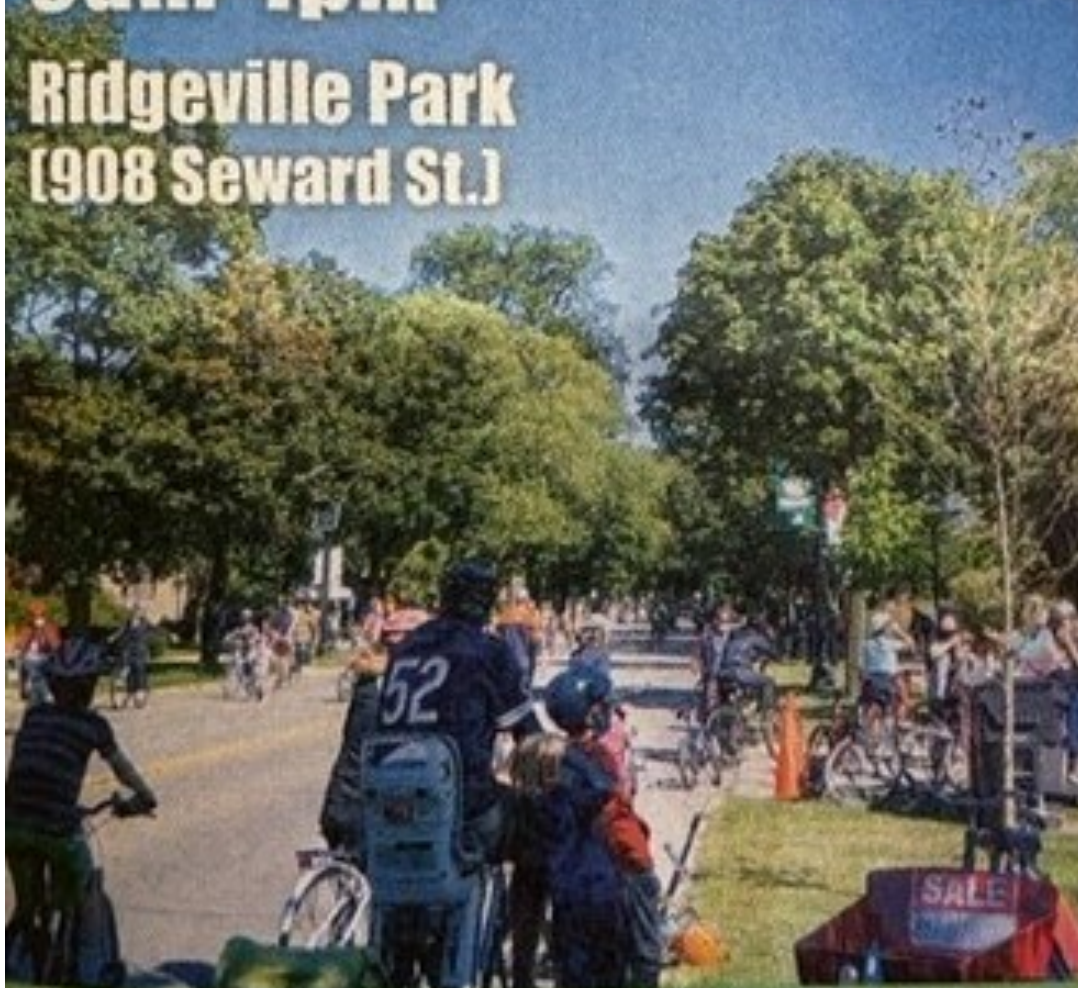
PO Box 1414, Evanston, IL 60201

For questions about making reservations, contact Rita Bailey at [Ritabee@gmail.com](mailto:Ritabee@gmail.com)

# BIKE THE RIDGE

September 25  
9am-1pm

Ridgeville Park  
(908 Seward St.)



Bring your bike and join us for live music, food, and entertainment as we celebrate Evanston's annual cycling event! Bike the Ridge is a partnership between the City of Evanston and Ridgeville Park District.

## Notes from the Parish Administrator....



My niece Anjolie Kaihatsu recently appeared in a video promoting the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. My brother Ed Kaihatsu appears briefly as her dad (which he is in real life). You can watch it here on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbTj3z4B4lw>

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).

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.

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

### 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

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Elizabeth Stegner, Assistant Financial Secretary



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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.