



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 - October 2022

### Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

The fall season brings many changes as leaves change colors and then let loose from the trees. The temperature begins to drop and soon there will be snow and ice to deal with. On the last Sunday of this month, we'll host two other Evanston congregations of Lutherans (Grace & St. Paul's) to praise God together and remember that we are people of faith in an ongoing movement of change called the reformation. Yes, the Reformation often refers to historical events begun by the monk Martin Luther over 500 years ago as he wrote and debated about how the Roman Catholic Church of his day needed to change. But the Reformation is not a static event that happened long ago. It continues to be an ongoing movement of Spirit led change.



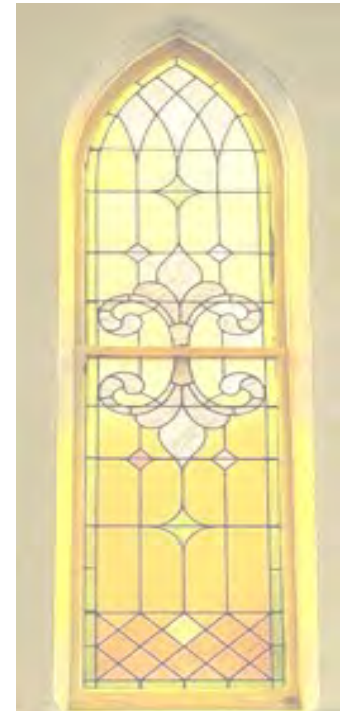
In a recent "Feeding Our Faith" Sunday morning class we heard Lisa Sharon Harper share that for the next 500 years we need to de-colonize Jesus. What I understand her to mean is that we need to unravel the ways that Christianity has been corrupted by empire and let it guide us in doing the justice work of sacrificial love for all our neighbors.

Each fall as the leaves let go of their hold and are carried away by the winds, I contemplate what I'm being called to let go of this season. Sometimes it's a person who I've had a hard time forgiving for what they have done. Sometimes it's been an activity or certain responsibility because I've said yes to too many things. Some seasons I've experienced the release of a heavy grieving heart in order that a bud of joy could appear. In some past seasons it has been the voice of my inner critic for being too hard on myself, but as I grow older, and hopefully wiser, I find that voice has softened, and those leaves seldom grow on my tree. When they do appear, I'm quicker to notice them and then release them to fly away, blown by the wind of the Spirit. I'm grateful each time I realize such ways that God's grace grants me inner reformation.

I invite you this month to wonder with me about what we need to let go of this fall? What extra baggage is weighing us down? What is keeping us from experiencing true freedom and living the kind of life that really is life? As a congregation we may need to let go of how we remembered what things were like before the global health pandemic. Letting go of expectations will ready us to discover what new thing God wants to do through our life of faith together. I could even say that it opens us up to the ongoing movement of reformation of which we as Lutherans have ever been a part of. I look forward each week to gather with you to share our gratitude for God's reforming grace.

Deep Blessings,

*Pastor Mark*



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## Immanuel Calendar

Oct. 2	10:30 am	Blessing of Animals
Oct. 4	5:00 pm	Blessing of Animals on The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
	7:00 pm	Hybrid Midweek Adult Bible Study (In-person & Zoom)
Oct. 9	3:00 pm	Sol Rizzato Organ Scholar Recital
Oct. 13, 27	9:00 am	Daytime Quilters
Oct. 11, 18,	7:00 pm	Midweek Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
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Oct. 2, 9, 16	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Oct. 23	2:30 pm	Council Meeting
Oct. 30	10:30 am	Reformation Sunday Joint Worship



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.

## October Scripture Readings

### October 2, Pentecost 17

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2:1-4  
 Psalm 27:1-9  
 2 Timothy 1:1-14  
 Luke 17:5-10

### October 23, Pentecost 20

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
 Psalm 84:1-7  
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
 Luke 18:9-14

### October 9, Pentecost 18

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
 Psalm 111  
 2 Timothy 2:8-15  
 Luke 17:11-19

### October 30, Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Psalm 46  
 Romans 3:19-28  
 John 8:31-36

### October 16, Pentecost 19

Genesis 32:22-31  
 Psalm 121  
 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5  
 Luke 18:1-8



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

## Feeding Our Faith

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).

### **October 2 & 9: Richard Rohr, Catholic priest and Franciscan Friar, on Science and Nonduality.**

Father Richard will offer a concise history of how Western Christianity once had, soon lost, tried to retrieve, and now is roundly rediscovering its own traditional understanding of unitive consciousness (which was our word for non-dual thinking).



This possibility was brought to the fore by Thomas Merton in the middle of the last century, and is now flowing in many positive directions. It is now our task to rediscover the pre-Enlightenment Christianity that revealed in “the cloud of unknowing”, what some called “learned ignorance”, and the very notion of Mystery itself.

Only when we got into competition with rationalism and secularism, did we adopt this rather recent mania for certitude and a very limited kind of scientific knowing? Almost the entire history of Protestantism emerged in this period, and thus the contemplative mind is an utterly new revelation for them, and frankly for all of us, as we again learn to be comfortable living on the edge of both the knowable and the unknown.

### **October 16: History of Reparations (PBS, 12/20) Plus, a June 2021 ABC News Report on Virginia Theological Seminary, which was built by slave labor, making reparations**

In 2014, writer Ta-Nehisi Coates’ article for The Atlantic “The Case for Reparations” went viral. Tracing everything from the racial terror of slavery to the rampant housing discrimination of the 20th century, Coates made the case for financial reparations for the descendants of those who were enslaved in the US. However, the argument for reparations extends back much further than 2014 and also has significance beyond the Black American community. Danielle Bainbridge talks about one of the most controversial topics moving through American politics for over 150 years.

### **October 23 & 30: – Healing Our Divides A Panel of Speakers at Wild Goose Festival, Summer 2022**

Our society has become quite polarized – what do we do about it? Recent times have put a spotlight on the deep divisions in our culture. Much has been written and said that describe racial, political, religious, and other divides, but there is not enough practical information on what we can do about them. How to Heal Our Divides is a project (including a book) highlighting organizations that are taking real action to address these issues and heal divides in effective and practical ways. In this panel Brian McLaren, Alexia Salvatierra, Doug Pagitt, Guthrie Graves-Fitsimmons, Jeff Burns, and Brian Allain will discuss the project and some of the featured organizations. Learn how you can help make the world a better place!

## October Music

Immanuel's choir kicks off the month of October with a beautiful setting of Psalm 145 by Jean Berger. We continue with a rousing Buxtehude motet in German, "Alle was ihr tut," accompanied by Christine Kraemer on the organ.

We then pull two movements from Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" for the third Sunday of the month with "Lift Thine Eyes" and "He, watching over Israel." A lovely Heinrich Schuetz motet fills out the month before celebrating Reformation. We will be joined by singers from grace and St. Paul's for Reformation as well as by Sara Mauk's trombone band. A rousing antiphonal Pachelbel "Nun danket alle Gott" as well as as Tom Trenney's "From Generation to Generation" will fill out the celebrations.



## October is Stewardship Month!

### *In Gratitude for God's Abundance*

Your participation in the life of Immanuel Lutheran Church is very important and special. Join us with this season's theme, "In gratitude for God's Abundance" with other members and friends as our congregation continues to share the Gospel here and across the country and world. Look for future *Immanuel Newsfeeds* weekly e-news editions and other notes for more about Stewardship 2022-23.

## God's Work Our Hands 2022

Many hands make work light...  
Quilt tying done by all generations.



Dear Partners at Immanuel Lutheran,  
Thank you for your generous gift of \$150!  
Your RIC Partner Contribution not only gives  
ReconcilingWorks the ability to continue its  
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Thank you for your ongoing partnership  
and support!  
Peace,  
Ashlei Buhrow



September 18, 2022 dawned as a busy Sunday for many Immanuel members. Many activities were held or resumed at church and a special event capped the day at the Vision Keepers Dinner 2022, this year held in September instead of February, and at a new location, the Double Tree Hotel in Skokie.

The September event marked two years since the dinner had been held, due to the Covid Pandemic. Immanuel members filled a table to honor Immanuel's Vision Keeper 2022 **Audrey Moy**, in recognition for her work on the Justice & Equity (Anti-Racism) Task Force. Congratulations again, Audrey! Her energy and commitment to bringing awareness to the issues and harms of racism blesses us all.



**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

## A Celebration of Greg Hummel's 50 Years of Service As Immanuel Lutheran's Principal Organist

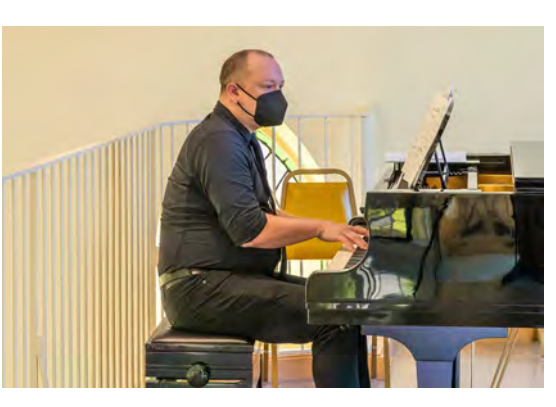
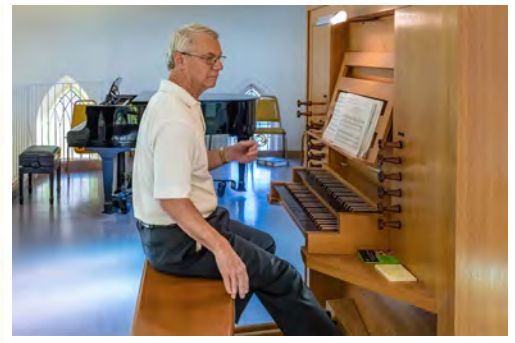
After 50 years at the organ bench, Greg Hummel retired this year as Immanuel's main organist. A celebratory afternoon organ concert featured Greg and the church's other organists, followed by a champagne reception in the fellowship hall. The concert was also available simultaneously on Zoom.

The program entailed two pieces performed by Greg: J.S. Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in E (the Great) BWV 566* and Cesar Franck's *Choral No. 1 in E Major*.

Associate Organist Laurie Stievers played *Rhosmyedre* from "Three Preludes" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and accompanied on the congregational hymn, *Now Thank We All Our God*.

Immanuel's Principal Organist Christine Kraemer played *Variations on "Balm in Gilead"* by Rebecca te Velde. Christine also played a duet with Music Director James Morehead, who was the pianist for *Sunday Suite for Organ and Piano*, by Emma Lou Diemer.

Concluding the program were remarks by Pr. Mark, who presented Greg with a Council resolution appointing Greg as Immanuel's Organist Emeritus. Congratulations, Greg!



Photos by Hummel Family, Joe Simchak

## Organ Scholar Program Announces 2022 Graduate Student Awardee Recital

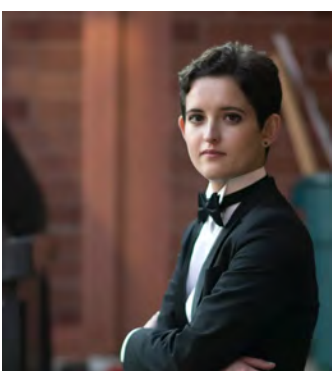
**Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, 3:00 pm**

The 2022 Organ Scholar Program Graduate Student Awardee is Sol Rizzato. Sol will give a recital on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Sol will be awarded the scholarship in a ceremony following the performance.

A champagne reception will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the recital. All are invited to attend. Please tell your friends and family.

*From Sol Rizzato's bio:*

Known for being an "unusually sensitive and musically communicative musician," Chicago native Sol Rizzato (he/they) is known for integrating the science of organ building with the art of performance. In July of 2021, Sol appeared as a presenter of organ maintenance at the American Guild of Organists National Pipe Organ Encounter. In the summer of 2019, he pursued an internship with Messrs. Czelusniak et Dugal Pipe Organ Builders of Northampton, Massachusetts, working on the restoration and maintenance of pipe organs in the New England area.



As an organist, Sol began their formal keyboard studies at the age of 18, coming to the instrument with over 13 years of experience as a violist. Because of this, Sol specializes in transcribing orchestral works for solo organ. This past March, Sol was named as a recipient of the Diapason's "20 under 30," a national award "recognizing young talents in the fields of organ and harpsichord performance, organ and harpsichord building, carillon, and church music." Sol is a graduate student at the Cleveland Institute of Music (MM '23, Todd Wilson), Service Technician at the Muller Pipe Organ Company, and Organ Scholar at Plymouth Church, UCC of Shaker Heights, Ohio. Through CIM, they were named the recipient of the 2022 Gladys and Josef Gingold Scholarship, recognizing "a student demonstrating the Mu Phi Epsilon mission of advancing music through service and scholarship," as well as the 2022 Heinrich Scholarship in Organ, recognizing "outstanding achievement by an organ major." This past July, Sol made his debut performance at the 2022 Organ Historical Society National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

Prior to their time in Cleveland, Sol graduated in May of 2020 from the University of Oklahoma where he earned dual bachelor's degrees in organ performance and viola performance, with minors in history and organ technology.

Sol continues to remain active as a professional violist and enjoys cooking, weightlifting, fencing, and researching queer theology. He also has a particular passion for education and outreach and hopes to be in a teaching role in some capacity.

### **Education:**

Bachelor of Music– Organ Performance (The University of Oklahoma, 2020)

Major Teacher: Dr. Adam Pajan

Bachelor of Musical Arts– Viola Performance with a Secondary Emphasis in Organ Technology (The University of Oklahoma, 2020)

Major Teachers: Dr. Mark Neumann (Viola), Frederick Bahr, Nathan Rau, and John Riester (Organ Technology)

Non-Degree Graduate Studies– Organ Performance (Oklahoma City University, 2021)

Major Teacher: Dr. Melissa Plamann

Master of Music– Organ Performance (The Cleveland Institute of Music, Anticipated Graduation May 2023).

Major Teacher: Todd Wilson

### **Guild Certifications:**

The American Guild of Organists– Colleague Certification

The American Institute of Organbuilders

## More photos from A Celebration of Greg Hummel's 50 Years of Service As Immanuel Lutheran's Principal Organist



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Andrea Knohl 10/1

Mark Kearns 10/14

Fran Bushhammer 10/16

Andrew Lamberg 10/17

Letitia Carlson 10/24

Diane Keely 10/26

John Fridner 10/28

To watch a recording of the Greg Hummel & Friends Concert, click the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PLz8Q7zplI>

### **Special Hybrid Midweek Adult Bible Study Tuesday, October 4th (St. Francis of Assisi Day), 7:00 pm in-Person and Zoom**

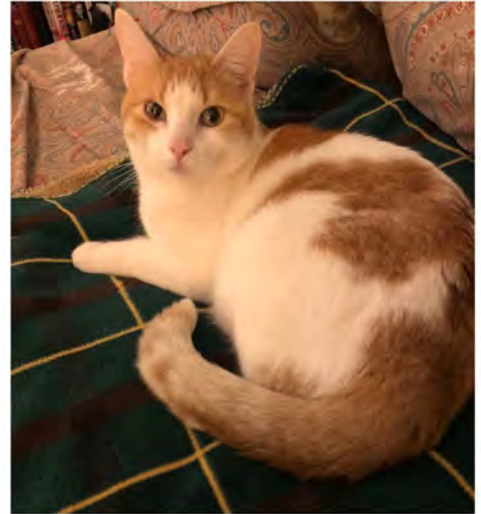
Join us for Blessing of the Animals earlier from 5:00 pm—6:30 pm on this St. Francis of Assisi Day outside on the lawn. Stay for Midweek Adult Bible Study as we move indoors into the church for our gathering for spiritual growth in Word and Fellowship. This session will be hybrid, so it will be on Zoom, too. Check *Newsfeeds* or the web Calendar for the Zoom link.

### **Tuesday Midweek Adult Bible Study on Zoom (After Oct. 4th)**

**7:00 pm**

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 info and the week's themes.





# Pet Blessing

Sunday, 10/2/22 10:30 a.m.

Come celebrate the goodness of Creation as we remember St. Francis.  
Bring your favorite animal to worship for a blessing!

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*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

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*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.

## Notes from the Parish Administrator....



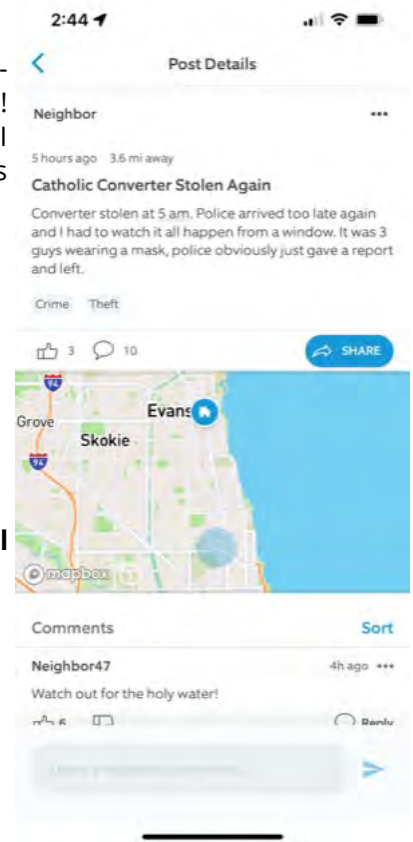
Thanks to the hard work and several hours of Jim and Kathy Skelton, the Courtyard Door has a Ring doorbell and camera installed! It's been a useful resource to monitor church building security. I subscribed to the Neighbor Posts and Alerts, as one never knows what threats lie among us...

Beware! Are Lutherans next?

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.

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 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.**



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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.