

God's Hands - November 2022

Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

During the month of November, we often focus on the things that we are thankful for in preparation for our National Day of Thanksgiving which falls on November 24th this year. This year I have much to be thankful for. I'm thankful for love shared with



family, colleagues and friends, especially the ways my grandchildren fill me with joy and laughter. I'm thankful for all those who have inspired and taught me what an adventure it is to live by faith. I'm also thankful for you and for the privilege to serve as your pastor. I'm awed in listening to your stories and discovering how the spirit is at work in the ways that you love and care for one another.

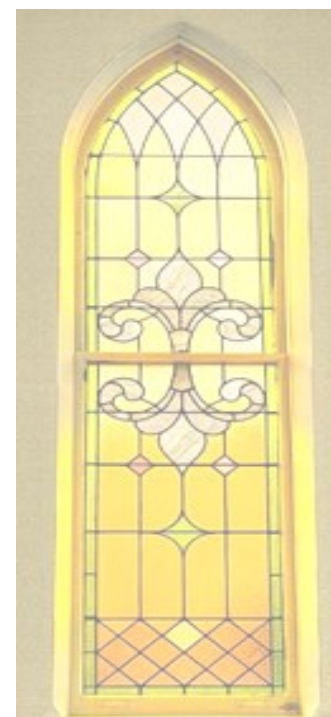
We begin the month with a celebration of All Saints on November 6th, remembering the multitude of faithful who have gone before us and those saints who continue to walk beside us. We will also make the commitments of our intent to support the ministries of our congregation financially in 2023. Our theme this year has been 'In Gratitude for God's Abundance.' One thing that I've been reflecting on is how gratitude is much more than a list of things to be thankful for, but a savoring of that list in joy and thanksgiving for our very existence.

As our liturgical year draws to an end on November 20th, we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday and our gospel text from Luke depicts not a king sitting on a throne arrayed in splendor and shining in glory, but rather a king hanging on a cross, forgiving those crucifying him, and granting paradise to one being crucified with him. We give thanks that we too share in God's forgiving mercy and promise of an eternal home. Through baptism we all participate in Christ's dying and rising. Hey, there's another thing to add to our list of what we are thankful for.

During this month I invite you to share with me the things on your list that you are thankful for. Our life in faith together includes celebrating one another's joys and accompanying one another through times of sorrow. For this too, we give thanks.

Deep Blessings,

Pastor Mark



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Immanuel Calendar



Nov. 1		First Day of American Indian Heritage Month
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	7:00 pm	Midweek Adult Bible Study (on Zoom)
Nov. 3	9:00 am	Daytime Quilters
Nov. 6		Daylight Saving Time Ends—Clocks Fall Back
Nov. 8		Election Day
Nov. 12	All Day	Evanston Go Tournament
Nov. 16	10:00 am	Group Spiritual Direction
Nov. 17	7:00 pm	Group Spiritual Direction
Nov. 19	8:00 am	First Indoor Farmers' Market
Nov. 20	2:30 pm	Council Meeting
Nov. 24		Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov. 25		Native American Heritage Day

Be sure to check the Church Calendar online at www.immanuelevanston.org/Calendar for the latest info on church events and building usage.

November Scripture Readings

November 6, All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 27, Advent 1

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

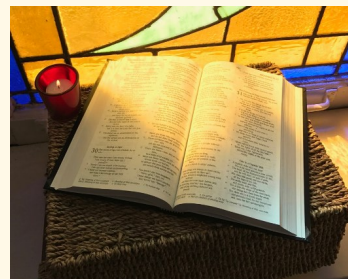
November 13, Pentecost 23

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

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

November 20, Christ the King

Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23: 33-43



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.

November 6 – Liz Dyer & Sara Cunningham/ Deconstructing and Reimagining Our Faith at Wild Goose Festival 2022

These two women both had to reexamine their belief systems when their gay children came out to them. Sara Cunningham is an author, activist, and founder of the non-profit organization Free Mom Hugs. Liz Dyer is a writer, speaker, activist and founder of the Mama Bears organization..

November 13 – Diana Butler Bass at Wild Goose 2022

Diana is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. She holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and is the author of nine books. Diana preaches about how the Mary and Martha story in Luke 10 might have originally been only a Mary story.

November 20 -Dr. Yolanda Pierce: “Salvation & Soul Food: Lessons from my Grandmother’s Kitchen

Drawing on her personal experiences growing up in the church and her grandmother’s kitchen, Dr. Yolanda Pierce challenges us to reconsider what it means to be a theologian and what sources of theology we should honor.

November 27 & December 4 – No Class



Tuesday Midweek Adult Bible Study on Zoom

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 or the weekly email for Zoom info and the week’s themes.

November Music

November is a very eventful time for church life at Immanuel. Celebration and festival Sundays and Happy New Year! We kick off the month with All Saints Sunday with a Moses Hogan Spiritual called "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" coupled with J. S. Bach's "O Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light."

Those are followed by a Mozart setting of the Latin text "Jubilate Deo," meaning "Praise be to God." For Reign of Christ Sunday, the choir will offer up a Richard Waters setting of "At the Name of Jesus."

We then celebrate the new church year with the first Sunday of Advent before Thanksgiving with the haunting Advent hymn based on a Finnish folk tune, "Lost in the Night" arranged by Kyle Haugen.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Logan Hanson 11/1

Dana Barron 11/4

Edward Carlson 11/11

Christine Imhoff 11/12

Peter Moy 11/21

Scott Romans 11/29

Stewardship Commitment Sunday – November 6th

In Gratitude for God's Abundance

In response to all the ways that God has abundantly blessed us, we will submit our financial intentions to support God's work through Immanuel congregation in 2023.

We know that Immanuel is a generous congregation reflecting God's generosity in so many ways. If you cannot be in worship on November 6th, then please either mail in your intent card, or email the fillable pdf that can be found on our website [here](#).

Evidence of God's abundance is all around us, but can there be too much abundance? Chris Djuric was recently left wondering about this. It began in a private moment, she petitioned God saying, "Lord, if you really want me to continue quilting, please send me some fabric". She asked the quilters to put out the word that we need fabric. Donations started coming in. Now, with bags upon bags of fabric in the quilting room, she wonders if there is room to store it! Where others see coincidence, we see the work of the Holy Spirit, stirring up generosity and providing overflowing abundance. Chris decided we certainly don't want God to let up. So, the new prayer now is, "Lord, send more quilters, please!"



Walking the Labyrinth

Join Kit McCarthy for a short discussion of the history and spiritual practice of walking a labyrinth on Sunday Nov 13th at 3PM. We will meet at the labyrinth on the St. Scholastica property. Enter at the first right turn on Ridge Road south of Howard Street. This small entry road borders the north end of the former St. Scholastica school (now a magnet school) and the residence of the St. Scholastica Benedictine Sisters. There is parking shortly after entering on the right hand side.

Please be advised, there is a short walk to get to the labyrinth, some of it on uneven ground. The labyrinth is on the other side of the community gardens that border the parking lot. While the discussion will be short, feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chair to rest before and after the walk. While walking the labyrinth is a very individual experience, it should not take more than half an hour or so. The pre-walk discussion will be no more than half an hour.

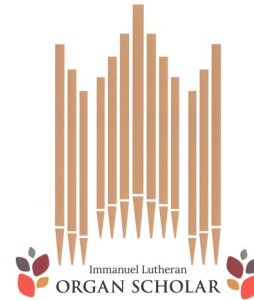
Kit will be at the labyrinth, rain or shine. If there is lightning, or snow, we will reschedule. Please dress appropriately for the weather as this is an outdoor event.

Please let Kit know if you will attend, and feel free to contact Kit with any questions or concerns at kit.mccarthy@comcast.net or (847) 863-8868.



Organ Scholar Concert

On October 9th, Sol Rizzato was awarded a Graduate Student Organ Scholar award and performed a concert to a full house in the sanctuary. A champagne reception followed, where Sol met many from the Immanuel community, including Kurt Roderer, who built our organ! Congratulations, Sol!



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



New Heating/Air-conditioning Systems

A new Split-Type Air Conditioner system has been installed in the Church Office and in Fellowship Hall recently. This split-type unit allows for both air-conditioning and heating service. You heard it right! Air-conditioning in Fellowship Hall! A treat to look forward to next summer.

In the meantime, the Church Office/Pastor's Office will have heating units in both areas. Big thank-you to the Property Committee and Jim McCarthy, who coordinated the schedule of the installations by Flader Plumbing and North Shore Electric.





NEW TRIER
Music & Theatre

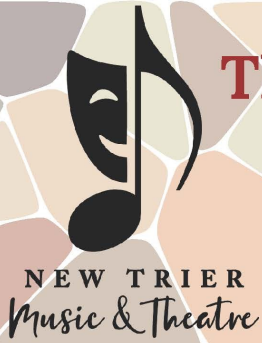
SENSORY-FRIENDLY EVENT

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DRESS REHEARSAL

November 2 , 2022 | 6-6:45 PM
Gaffney Auditorium
Winnetka Campus

Free & Open to All!

An experience where ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend. House lights will be on, stage lighting changes will be limited, audience members who may vocalize or move around are welcome to do so.



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**November 3 , 2022 | 7 PM
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Concert Choir
Jazz Ensemble 1
Chamber Orchestra
Symphony Orchestra
Symphonic Wind Ensemble**

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.

If you'd like to use a space, first please check the church calendar at 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.

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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.