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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—April 2023

Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

The Spirituality of Play

When was the last time you lost yourself in play? When was the last time you had a hearty laugh? Early childhood experts emphasize how play is learning. But this principle is often forgotten in adulthood. Yet, every day filled with playfulness makes



Pastor Mark & Susan during Purim at Beth Emet The Free Synogogue

that day more worth living. When we play together, we form bonds and build trust with one another. When we engage in playful activities, we experience God's divine presence as we delight together in God's wondrous creation. Since moving to Illinois, I've gotten a reeducation in the importance of play through spending time with my grandchildren.

Jaco Hamman in his book, A Play-Full Life: Slowing Down and Seeking Peace, says, "To grow into playfulness is almost always an act of reclamation and restoration, reclaiming a part of our lives that we lost somewhere along the road of life."

I believe that worship is a form of play as we participate in the divine drama. Prayer too can take

the form of play, playtime with God. As we enter Holy Week and Easter this month, I wonder how we can engage these holy days with more playful spirits. A Palm Sunday procession around Raymond Park behind a donkey will be a playful and fun event. On Maundy Thursday come and share a meal before worship. Eating together often promotes spontaneous playfulness. During the washing of hands or feet one might recall the playfulness of bath times. On Good Friday we'll enter a more solemn drama, yet even tragic dramas, we call plays. I look forward to the playfulness being added to some of our readings for the Easter Vigil, and we'll also get to play with fire and water that night. We'll conclude the vigil with a party. And parties come to life through a spirit of play. The resurrection of our Lord in and of itself, is a playful, unexpected, serendipitous event. So, Easter fits well with Jaco Hamman's assertion that playfulness can be an act of reclamation and restoration.

I'm wondering how we might incorporate more playfulness into everything we do together. Easter provides us 7 full weeks of joyful celebration of the new things that God is already doing. Healing, reconciliation, and restoration are already happening. Let's celebrate that our God is a playful God. Are you ready to come out and play?

Grace, peace and pogo sticks,

Paster Mark



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Play is the exaltation of the possible – Martin Buber

Immanuel Calendar

Apr. 1	8:00 am	Indoor Farmers' Market (Last one of the season - No foolin')
Apr. 2	8:45 am	Passion/Palm Sunday (meet at church to pick up your palm participate in the Palm Processional in Raymond Park!
	10:30 am	Passion/Palm Sunday Worship Service
Apr. 6, 20	9:00 am	Daytime Quilters
Apr. 6	6:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 7	7:30 pm	Good Friday Service
Apr. 8	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil
Apr. 9	10:30 am	Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day
Apr. 9—29		Evanston Emergency Overnight Shelter Hosted by Immanuel
Apr. 16	1:00 pm	Council Meeting

Midweek Adult Bible Study (on Zoom)



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

April Scripture Readings

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

April 9, Easter Day

John 20:1-18

Acts 10:34-43

Apr. 18, 25

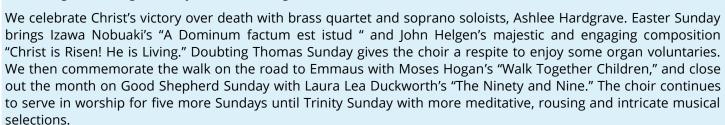
7:00 pm

April Music

April marks the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem for Palm Sunday. The choir will offer a short "Osanna filio David" by Franz Schubert and transition to Giovanni Anerio's "Christus factus est" for Passion Sunday.

Holy Week continues with Holy Thursday and Carlotta Ferrari's "Ubi Caritas." The choir offers some lovely canonic settings of "The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross" by Colin Brumby for Good Friday.

Easter Vigil chronicles the story of salvation and the choir will have seven readings with musical responses, including Palestrina's "Sicut Cervus," Anne Heider's setting of "Go Down Moses," and Livingston Geargart's "Dry Bones," among others.



—Jimmy Morehead

Festive Organ Music for Palm Sunday, Easter, and Eastertide

Sundays in April begin with Palm Sunday! The postlude is a processional on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" by Jan Bender (1909-1994). Bender, born in Holland and raised in Germany, emigrated to the U.S. in 1960. He served as a visiting professor at Valparaiso University, University of Denver, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, SC.

Postludes for the Vigil of Easter and Easter Sunday are Finale from the Second Symphony by Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937), organist at Saint Sulpice in Paris for 63 years, and Fantasy on "Easter Hymn" by William Henry Harris (1883-1973), organist of St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

Organ selections for the following Sundays in April are settings of Easter Hymn tunes, including "O Filii et Filiae," "Christ Ist Erstanden," and "Victory," by American and European composers, Marilyn Biery, Wilbur Held, Theophane Hytrek, Jean-Francois Dandrieu, Flor Peeters, and Jeanne Demessieux.

—Christine Kraemer



Resurrection of Our Lord.

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.

4/2/23 - No session - Join us for the Ecumenical Palm Sunday Procession around Raymond Park

4/9/23 - No session on Easter Sunday

4/16/23 - No session, Pastor on vacation

4/23 & 30/23 - Christianity and Its Future: Diana Butler Bass and Elizabeth Schrader Polczer

We'll take 2 weeks to watch and discuss the video of this engaging conversation that took place in Goodson Chapel at Duke University on October 16, 2022. Dr. Diana Butler Bass, who received her doctorate in Religious Studies from Duke, is an award-winning speaker and widely-acclaimed commentator on religion and contemporary spirituality. She was in conversation with Elizabeth Schrader Polczer, doctoral candidate in Religious Studies at Duke and the 2022-23 Anne Firor Scott Public Scholarship Fellow. This was the first in Schrader's four-part series, "Contemporary Conversations in Christianity."

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.

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Jaya Nambiar 4/12
Joe Simchak 4/16
Jerry Larson 4/17
Luke Moy 4/17
Susan Ross 4/28

LAST INDOOR FARMERS' MARKET FOR 2022-23!

April 1

8:00 AM-12:30 PM

Curt's Café has breakfast!







Food Drive for Northwestern University Purple Pantry Bring donations to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Indoor Farmer's Market on <u>April</u> 1st

According to the Hope Centerfor College, Community and Justice, nearly 1/3 of U.S. college students experienced food insecurity after the pandemic hit. Inflation has worsened the problem. Northwestern University's Purple Pantry addresses this problem by providing food and other essential items to students.

Non-perishable foods

Rice, Beans, lentils, chickpeas, Canned corn, vegetables, tomatoes, Canned fruit, Soups (meat and vegetarian), Canned tuna or chicken

Oatmeal, Cereal, Granola, snack bars, Crackers, Chips, popcorn

Pantry basics

Spices, Taco seasoning, Flour, Sugar, Soysauce, Vegetable oil, Hot sauce

Kitchen items

Can openers, Dish soap, Sponges, Pots/pans

Personal care

Toilet paper, Tampons, Pads, Deodorant, Shampoo and conditioner, Bar soap

Immanuel to Host the Emergency Overnight Shelter in April



2nd Year in a Row

At 9:00 pm on April 9, Easter Sunday, Immanuel will open its doors to welcome guests to the Emergency Overnight Shelter. This will be our second year of participation in a ministry offered through Interfaith Action of Evanston for more than a decade. The other institutions involved are St Paul's Lutheran, Beth Emet–The Free Synagogue, Unitarian Church of Evanston, First United Methodist, First Congregational, First Presbyterian, Lake Street Church, and St. Luke's Episcopal. Immanuel is located squarely in the middle of this institutional cluster.

Constraints due to the pandemic have been relaxed a bit, so that the limit on the number of guests is now 25; typically 19 men and six women, all of home are registered with Interfaith Action.



Starting at 8:15 pm, our volunteers will assist IA's paid staff members to set up cots, put up signs, and ready the supply of blankets and sheets to be distributed to guests.

As guests arrive beginning at 9:00 pm, we will welcome them and give them masks, show them where the restrooms are, and direct them to the sleeping rooms, men to the Sunday school room (used for the Farmers Market), and women to the Nursery room (across from the choir room).

Lights out is at 10:00 pm. One volunteer will be

needed to accompany an IA staff member to stay overnight.

Guests are awakened at 6:00 am.

The tasks in the morning are to see to it that guests are ready to leave by 6:45 am; stuff the used blankets and sheets into laundry bags, put the full laundry bags outside to be picked up, disinfect the cots, take down the temporary signs, and pick up debris.

Three Shifts Available

There are three shifts every night for two weeks: Set-up, from 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm; Overnight, from 9:30 pm to 7:00 am; and Clean-up, from 6:00 am to 7:00 am. On the first night, April 9-10, two volunteers will be needed for Set-up—to assemble the costs for the first time, and they should probably arrive by 8:15 pm. After that first night, the shifts will be routine and only one volunteer is needed for each shift. The last night will be April 28—April 29.

It's important for volunteers to be courteous to guests, compassionate but firm in following the rules, and not to offer rides, money, or other favors to any guest.

Please consider joining Immanuel's volunteer corps. It is a satisfying gig. The guests are appreciative. You'll be working alongside the seasoned people who are hired by Interfaith Action. Ask me (847-866-7396) if you have questions.

—Steve Warner





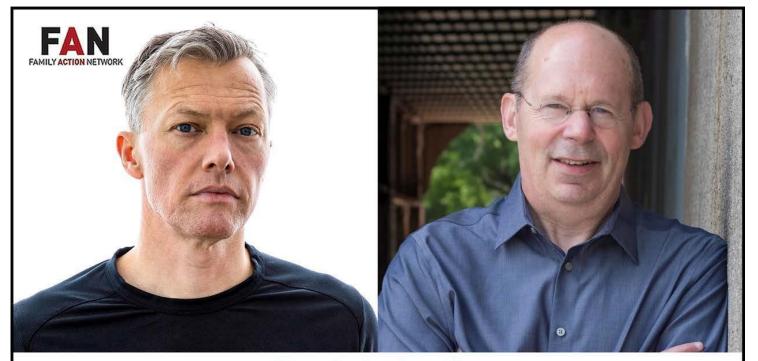


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Alex Kotlowitz

Author of four books, including An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago and There Are No Children Here. Professor at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 7:00 PM

Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201 First 400 attendees will receive a free copy of Poverty, by America.

Presented by Family Action Network (FAN), in partnership with

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This event is #freeandopentothepublic and will be recorded but not live streamed. Suitable for youth 12+

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Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 7:00 PM, <u>Poverty. by America</u>, Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201. Interviewer: Alex Kotlowitz. NOTE: First 400 attendees will receive a free copy of *Poverty, by America*, one per household. Books will also be on sale. No registration required.

The United States, the richest country on earth, has more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Why? Why does this land of plenty allow one in every eight of its children to go without basic necessities, permit scores of its citizens to live and die on the streets, and authorize its corporations to pay poverty wages? In his new landmark book *Poverty, by America*, acclaimed social scientist and urban ethnographer **Matthew Desmond, Ph.D.** draws on history, research, and original reporting to show how affluent Americans knowingly and unknowingly keep poor people poor. Those of us who are financially secure exploit the poor, driving down their wages while forcing them to overpay for housing and access to cash and credit. We prioritize the subsidization of our wealth over the alleviation of poverty, designing a welfare state that gives the most to those who need the least. And we stockpile opportunity in exclusive communities, creating zones of concentrated riches alongside those of concentrated despair. Some lives are made small so that others may grow.

Desmond is the **Maurice P. During Professor of Sociology at Princeton University** and the founding director of the Eviction Lab. His last book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award, among others. The recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, Prof. Desmond is also a contributing writer for *The New York Times Magazine*.

Prof. Desmond will be in conversation with **Alex Kotlowitz**, the author of four books, including his most recent, *An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago*, which received the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize. Kotlowitz's first book, the national bestseller *There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in The Other America*, was selected by the New York Public Library as one of the 150 most important books of the twentieth century. He a professor at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

This event suitable for youth 12+. The event will be recorded but not live streamed. The video will be available on FAN's website and YouTube channel.

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Dear LCMNU alumni, family, and friends,

You are invited to join LCMNU for our annual Showcase on Saturday, April 29.

The LCMNU Showcase fundraiser will feature student panels discussing various topics related to faith, an alumni panel, a program featuring student talent, music and special guests, and, of course, food and fun, as we celebrate what makes Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern University special.

All are welcome to join the LCMNU student community for worship on Sunday, April 30, at 11:00am at the LCMNU Center.

See the links below for more information, the schedule, and registration.

This year will also feature an online streaming option that will cover some—not all—of the event.

If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation to keep supporting this ministry and its students as they grow in faith and serve not only their campus but those in need in the broader Evanston and Chicago area.

Thank you for your support of LCMNU, and we look forward to welcoming you to Northwestern's campus, LCMNU Showcase Committee

To register, please go to

https://mcselca.org/ministries/campus/



Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and inspiration!

Schedule for Saturday, April 29:

LCMNU Center, 2204 Orrington Avenue, Evanston

1:00-2:00pm Open House

Parkes Hall, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston

1:30-3:00pm: Check-in and Gathering Reception 3:00pm: Programming and Livestream begins

3:00-3:15pm: Welcome

3:30-3:50pm: Student Panel Sessions

4:00-4:20pm: Student Panel Sessions 4:30-5:00pm: Social Time

5:00-5:20pm: Alumni Panel 5:30-6:30pm: Performances

General or accessibility questions?

- Call LCMNU (847) 864-7849 or email lutherancm@u.northwestern.edu by Wednesday, April 26, 2023.
- Parking is free at Parkes Hall all day Saturday and Sunday.
 For more information on parking and directions, go to:

 www.northwestern.edu/religious-life/visit-us/
- For more info on LCMNU: www.lcmnorthwestern.org and facebook.com/NUlutheran

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**.

Special Note

Well, while things didn't go quite as expected, I'm finally back from my medical leave! I've been in the office since March 15th and have been catching up. Much gratitude and a great shout-out to Kathy Skelton, who jumped in and performed the office functions while I was out! For over two months, she created worship bulletins, put together the Annual Report 2022 for the Annual Meeting and wrestled with the printer, among many other tasks. The office also ran on Pastor Mark's broad shoulders as he assumed several office functions, too.

Thank you to the Immanuel congregation and community for your cards, well-wishes, and prayers for my recovery. I continue to make slow and steady progress and it feels great to be back. I'm glad to be back for the Easter Season as we celebrate the Resurrection and renewal; for me, with new meaning.

My renewal reminded me of an "Easter" story about my family: My mother Rose, although raised a Buddhist and daughter of the Alameda Buddhist Temple "deacon", decided to join my church, Christ Church of Chicago, because friends had invited my parents to a worship service. On that Easter Sunday in 1956, each child received an Easter basket, including my brother Don. The congregation of former internees of the WWII internment camps for Japanese-Americans was welcoming and made up of other former Californians. As a new mother, she wanted to belong to such a warm community and learn more about Christianity. She adopted new ways as she and my dad began to build a new life in Chicago.

Given their wartime experiences where they'd lost their homes, businesses, schooling, and my dad lost his best friend from L.A. who was killed in combat during WWII, perhaps it was the story of the Resurrection—of life after death, of renewal and wholeness, that appealed to her. Even at 94 years old, Easter remains her favorite holiday.

—Jane Kaihatsu



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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.