



"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—May 2023

Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

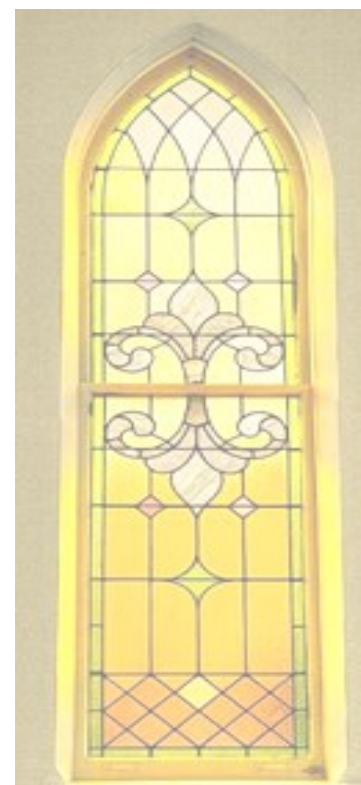
I was listening to the news on NPR recently when the person being interviewed, Rain Wilson, who played Dwight on *The Office*, and just came out with a new book titled, *Soul Boom*, shared how our culture needs more experiences of the sacred on a daily basis. I happen to agree with him. I believe that attentiveness to the sacred is essential for abundant living. One of the great gifts of spending years in the sacred practice of spiritual direction has been to savor times of joy, process time of struggle and sorrow, and sense God's loving presence through it all.

This got me to thinking how we as a congregation might offer sacred experiences to people in the Evanston community. Sure, we do this each Sunday morning with our vibrant worship, but I'm wondering more about other ways, especially with those who wouldn't dare to join us for worship but might enter our doors for other reasons like the indoor winter farmer's market. Currently our leaders are exploring additional ways that our hosting the market can be ministry. We've begun to brainstorm how we might leverage this opportunity to engage with folks in the community in new ways. I invite you to participate in this process and share your creative ideas with our leaders. More information and questions to ponder and respond to are in a letter from the task force included in this newsletter. Imagine if you were someone who had given up on organized religion or didn't have a religious upbringing at all. What kind of activity at the market might touch your soul and give you a taste of the sacred? What might help us to communicate how God's grace is undeserved and free? What might give people an experience of God's loving justice in the world?

Please keep in mind that our goal isn't to get people to join us for Sunday morning worship, though of course they would be welcome. The goal is simply to invite folks to experience a taste of the sacred already present in our world. Seeking in a variety of ways to provide opportunities to experience the mystery of the God, who is love. I also believe that we need to keep in mind the religious and unreligious diversity of all who come to the market. Many, I assume, will chose not to participate, and yet may be intrigued by whatever we decide to offer and do. The goal is simply to provide people with an experience of the sacred. May the Spirit be our guide in revealing the abundant life of living in and through divine love.

Deep Blessings,

Pastor Mark



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Immanuel Calendar



May 1		Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	7:00 pm	Midweek Adult Bible Study
May 4, 18	9:00 am	Daytime Quilters
May 14		Happy Mother's Day!
May 16-18		Garden Club of Evanston Flower Show
May 18	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Flower Show Free Public Access
May 17	1:00 pm	Council Meeting
May 27	8:00 am	Evanston Go Club (Serving box meals only)
May 29		Memorial Day (church office is closed)

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

May Scripture Readings

May 7, Easter 5

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 1:1-10
John 14:1-14

May 14, Easter 6

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

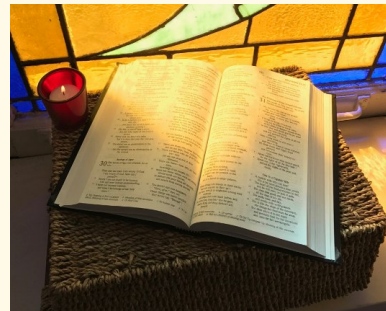
May 21, Easter 7

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 28, Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

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



Music at Immanuel

May Music

May and the first Sunday of June (Trinity Sunday) mark the end of a tremendous choir season. After a tremendously robust trombone Reformation, stupendous Christmas and moving Holy Week and Easter, we come to a well earned summer break for the choir members of Immanuel Lutheran. However, May still has some surprises for worship.

We begin the month with a British anthem in the style of the master by Vernon Hoyle called "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation." This is followed by an ILC favorite, Thomas Tallis' "If Ye Love Me." After William Mundy's "A New Commandment," we celebrate Pentecost with Moses Hogan's "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" and Evelyn Larter's arrangement of "Spirit Come" to the famous tune Personent Hodie. We close the season on Trinity Sunday with Paul Manz's beloved "E'en So Lord, Jesus, Quickly Come." After a restful break, we are excited to kick our next season off in the fall on God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Thank you everyone for the support.

—Jimmy Morehead

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.

5/7/23 – Compass Podcast conversation in which Rev. Dr. Mark Teasdale helps us adopt a healthy understanding of the Christian ideas of evangelism and salvation. Mark Teasdale is E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He is ordained in the United Methodist Church, and is the author of *Evangelism for Non-Evangelists*, *Methodist Evangelism*, *American Salvation AND*, most recently, *Participating in Abundant Life*.

New Member Orientation on Sundays, May 14th and 21st

We will meet from 9-10 AM before worship to share more about who we are as a congregation, basic expectations of members, and the variety of ways that people can be involved in the life and ministry of this community of faith.

These sessions are for any folks who would like to join the congregation, and for current members as well, especially those in leadership positions. This fits well with our Sunday morning class theme of "Feeding our Faith," and will be the final 2 sessions before our summer break.



Baptism in April

On April 23, 2023, The Rite of Holy Baptism was celebrated for Baby Gabriel Brown-Peck, son of proud parents Kirsten Brown and Jared Peck. In support and celebration of their newest cousin, Baby's Gabriel's cousins performed as guest singers along with their aunts, uncles, and grandfather. They provided special music during Communion. They were accompanied on the piano by Dr. Joel Brown, Gabriel's grandfather.



MAY

BIRTHDAYS

Chris Djuric 5/8

Terri Simchak 5/8

Spencer Moy 5/12

Kathryn Skelton 5/17

John Lang 5/21

Mary Ann Kearns 5/31

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.

2023-24 ILC Leadership

Dana Barron, Congregation President

Michael Kloster, Congregation Vice President

Steve Warner, Congregation Secretary

Susan Ross, Treasurer

Diane Keely, Jerry Larson, Kit McCarthy, Terri Simchak,
Grace Yarnoff Congregation Council Members

Mary Ann Kearns, Financial Secretary

Elizabeth Stegner, Assistant Financial Secretary

Indoor Farmers' Market Scenes

On April 1st we said farewell to another successful Indoor Farmers' Market season. We were happy to welcome back Curt's Café, who served up delicious hot breakfasts and take-out sandwiches and salads. Also back to the final market of the season was Northwestern University's Purple Pantry, who collected a vast array of pantry food items for students grappling with food insecurity, especially in light of the recent economic inflation.

This market season also was the final season to be helmed by innovators Laura McDaniel and Chris Djuric, and we thank them for their decades of effort and love to this ministry. Now, IFM enters a season of reflection. A Task Force has been formed and is interested in learning what Immanuel members feel is the next era for IFM. Please see the letter the following photos.





Dear Immanuel Friends,

As many of you know, Chris Djuric and Laura McDaniel have recently stepped down as leaders for the Indoor Farmer's Market, which Immanuel has hosted for many years. In fact, Immanuel has hosted an Indoor Farmer's Market for about a quarter of a century. When it first started, it was a onetime event on the Saturday before Thanksgiving where farmers were invited to sell their goods. The proceeds went toward supporting Immanuel youth attending the Youth Gathering that occurs every three years.



Over time, we developed a strong relationship with the farmers, who appreciated Immanuel's welcoming atmosphere. The farmers eventually approached Chris Djuric, asking if Immanuel would be willing to sponsor indoor farmers' markets throughout the winter, as their current venue was not large enough to accommodate all the farmers and their products. This led to an expansion of our Faith That Feeds ministry ultimately resulting in thousands of dollars being contributed to groups that feed those in need.

Now, we are at a time of reflection on this ministry. The Council has formed a task force consisting of Grace Yarnoff (gyarnoff@gmail.com), Michael Kloster (mikekloster@gmail.com), Pastor Mark (pastor@immanuelevanston.org), and Kit McCarthy (kit.mccarthy@comcast.net). Our task is to assess the feasibility and desire of Immanuel to continue hosting the indoor farmer's market and, if so, determine what is needed to move forward. We have good information from Chris and Laura to ground our initial conversations. The task force has already decided that more than two people should be responsible for this endeavor. We are currently identifying the areas that require attention and seeking volunteers from Immanuel who would be willing to help.

We would also greatly appreciate input from all of you. Please respond to the questions below, or if you prefer to speak in person, reach out to any of us on the task force.

- ◇ What have you enjoyed about the farmers market?
- ◇ What impacts does the farmers market ministry have on our neighbors/community?
- ◇ What concerns do you have about the farmers market?
- ◇ What suggestions do you have for showcasing Immanuel's ministries at the farmers market?
- ◇ Do you have suggestions for the Task Force to consider?

Thank you for your support over the years, and we look forward to hearing from you.

The Farmers Market Task Force

Grace Yarnoff (gyarnoff@gmail.com), Michael Kloster (mikekloster@gmail.com), Pastor Mark (pastor@immanuelevanston.org), and Kit McCarthy (kit.mccarthy@comcast.net)

Thank You—Emergency Overnight Shelter in April

2nd Year in a Row



Thank you to all who helped Interfaith Action's staff with running the April Emergency Overnight Shelter!



We helped to host about 25 individuals each night starting with April 9th, Easter Sunday night, until April 29th. Our volunteers assisted 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, and welcomed them as they arrived.

In the morning, Immanuel members helped with the morning tasks of seeing to it that guests were ready to leave by 6:45 am; stuffed the used blankets and sheets into laundry bags, put the full laundry bags outside to be picked up, disinfected the cots, took down the temporary signs, and picked up debris.

We are happy to share our treasured building with those most in need within our Evanston community. See you next year!

Unitarian Church of Evanston

R U M M A G E

All proceeds benefit the Unitarian Church of Evanston, a 120 year-old congregation of 400+ members committed to hope, joy and social justice.



Fri, May 12 ~ 9:00 am—6:00 pm

Sat, May 13 ~ 9:00 am—1:00 pm

1330 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201 (ample parking)

Honoring a 50-year tradition, this popular sale offers something for everyone:

- ◆ Artwork
- ◆ Boutique Collection
- ◆ Clothing
- ◆ Children's Department
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Food Café
- ◆ Housewares
- ◆ Sm/Med Furniture
- ◆ Treasures & Collectibles

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA

Based on the autobiography by **DR. ENDESHA IDA MAE HOLLAND**
 Written by **DR. ENDESHA IDA MAE HOLLAND**
 Produced by special arrangement with DRAMATIC PUBLISHING, Woodstock, Illinois
 Directed by **ILESA DUNCAN**

April 27 - June 18

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 THEATRE
 40 Years
 Big Stories, Up Close
 IN ASSOCIATION WITH
 PEGASUS
 THEATRE CHICAGO

**From the
 Mississippi Delta**
 April 27 – June 18, 2023

Fri at 7:30 pm, Sat at 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm
 Presented by the Lifeline Theater Co.
 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago

A compelling tale of tenacity and resilience, this Pulitzer Prize-nominated drama explores the incredible journey of a young woman from her hardscrabble Mississippi origins through the civil rights era and beyond.

Based on the autobiography by Dr. Endesha Ida Mae Holland
 Written by Dr. Endesha Ida Mae Holland
 Directed by Ilesa Duncan

A co-production with Pegasus Theatre Chicago. Tickets: \$45.00

Immanuel's Justice Ministry would like to host a group outing to see the play. The group sales discount is 20% off the \$45 ticket — a \$36 ticket price. Minimum needed is 8. If you're interested in seeing the show, please contact Pr. Mark or Audrey Moy ASAP. They will gather people's preferred dates and times and select a performance.

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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Immanuel Lutheran Church is a
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.

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PLACE
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