



"Faith That Feeds"

www.immanuelevanston.org

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 2024

Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

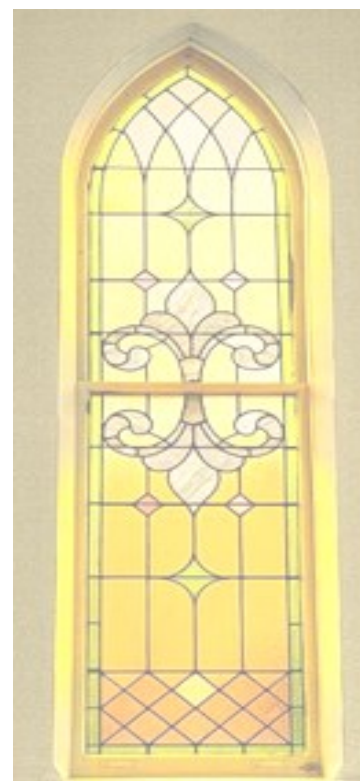
One of the pillars of Immanuel is 'We work for justice.' Michael Kloster, our president, puts this pillar second, following on the heels of 'We worship God'. If you've attended coffee hour and heard Michael quizzing folks about our 4 pillars, then you might have heard him follow up this one on working for justice with a question, "How do we do that?" Our doing justice is closely connected to our building community and welcoming all. It also can't become dislodged from our first pillar, for our worship and connecting with God will guide how we go about doing justice. Worship informs and shapes the ways we participate God's work of reconciling our world.

Since we're called daily to work for justice, our worshipping of God needs to be daily as well. Yes, we gather all together on Sundays for corporate worship, but our contemplation of Scripture and our reverent awareness of God's life-giving presence each day constitutes the liturgy of our daily worship. Our pillar of worshipping God becomes a daily commitment to a contemplative way of life, an ever-growing awareness of the Spirit's movement within and around us. Some people view contemplation as a navel gazing exercise, and to some extent that is true, for it is a looking within. It's a seeking of God's favorite hiding spot. It's the opening of a window in one's soul to let God's love pour in. God's love works its wonders healing our heartaches, casting out our fears, and affirming our created goodness. If, it's navel gazing, then it's navel gazing with a noble purpose. God's love isn't a static noun, it's an active verb. It flows through us to guide our loving actions within this world that God so loves. Working for justice, loving our neighbors, protesting all kinds of wrongs like inequality, white supremacy, racism, sexism, homophobia, hate speech, war, and violence, comes about as God's love flows through us. Our contemplation shapes our action and provides the resilience and wisdom needed in the arduous work of doing justice.

On May 19th we'll celebrate Pentecost together with 4 other Lutheran congregations at St. John's, Wilmette. At Pentecost we recall how the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Jesus' followers, empowering them to begin spreading the good news of God's love throughout the world. The Spirit is still at it. Each of us can be a conduit carrying God's love and grace through us into the world. Worship connects us to the power of the Spirit and to one another, for our connections with each other as we live out our 4 pillars provides a collective empowerment for bearing God's love into the world. God's love flowing through us has a tremendous power to not only transform our lives, but also to bring healing and new life to our broken world. So, pay attention to the movement of the Spirit through you and in the world around you. Conspire with others in Spirit led ways of working for justice, building community, and welcoming all. May contemplation and worship guide and nourish our being and our doing and in the process may we all be deeply blessed.

Shalom,

Pastor Monk



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Immanuel Calendar



May 1		First Day Asian American Heritage Month
Nightly thru May 5	9:00 pm	Evanston Overnight Shelter
May 1	10:00 am	Group Spiritual Direction
May 2, 16	9:00 am	Daytime Quilters
May 5	2:00 pm	Gaza: Religion Politics & Solidarity Event (at First Presbyterian)
May 7, 14, 21 28		Midweek Spiritual Gatherings on Zoom
May 9, 16, 23	7:30 pm	Wilmette Band Rehearsals
May 12		Mother's Day, New Members Sunday
May 14, 16	7:00 pm	Group Spiritual Direction
May 18	all day	Evanston Home Educators Graduation (and prep)
May 19	10:30 am	Joint Worship Service for Pentecost
	12:30 pm	Council Meeting
May 25	3:00 pm	Evanston Go Club Spring Tournament Meal (and prep)
May 27		Memorial Day

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 5, Easter 6

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 5:1-6

May 12, Easter 7

Acts 1:15-17, 212-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

May 19, Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26, The Holy Trinity

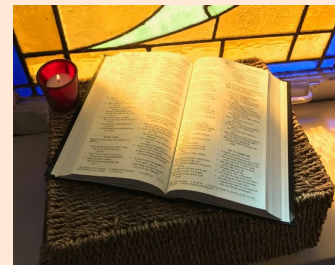
Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

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



Music at Immanuel

May Music

The Immanuel Lutheran Church choir kicks off our final month of the choral season with a rousing, upbeat, exhilarating setting of Psalms 95 and 96 by Emma Lou Diemer called "O Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord." As we continue to expand our literature while honoring all the beautiful music that has provided the space for such exploration, we continue the month with a selection from our new compilation "The Oxford Book of Choral Music by Black Composers." As Jesus gives the disciples some final words this Sunday, we offer Mark Butler's beautiful setting of the familiar "Dona Nobis Pacem" text.

After we join our siblings in Christ for Pentecost in Wilmette for Pentecost, we will finish the choral season with our trusted and true Johann Sebastian Bach's chorale setting of "All Glory Be to God on High" for Trinity Sunday. Many thanks to all the singers, instrumentalists, organists, eyes, ears and hands who have contributed to this wonderful season of choral worship at Immanuel.

—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.

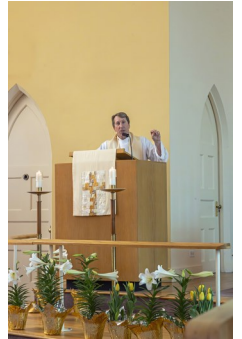
May 12: Continuing Contemplative Vision Conference: Awakening to Beauty, Truth, and Goodness

We'll watch and discuss videos from a conference put on by Contemplative Outreach in 2007 featuring Father Richard Rohr and Father Thomas Keating, two renowned teachers of contemplative spirituality. Richard Rohr is a prolific author and speaker who founded the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Thomas Keating, who died in 2018, was a Trappist monk known as one of the principal developers of Centering Prayer, a contemporary method of contemplative prayer. Contemplation is the well from which all our action in doing justice flows. It keeps the fire of God's love burning and inhibits our burning out.

Scenes from Holy Week & Easter 2024



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Photos by Joe Simchak

Green Team

Thanks to a successful vote on the Special Congregational meeting on March 10, 2024, we are committed to installing solar panels on the roof of Fellowship Hall. Although we are excited about the prospect of saving on electric bills and reducing our carbon footprint, it seems that the installation will not proceed as quickly as we hoped as roof repairs need to occur first. However, we have received some good news. Our application for a grant toward Immanuel solar has been approved. Faith In Place will grant us \$2,500 for the project. Thank you Faith in Place. That gives us real encouragement toward our progress.

The group that negotiated the solar contract has formed a Green Team to keep Immanuel on track to lower our carbon footprint. Members of the team are Bert Mount, Jim McCarthy, Nicolai Schousboe, and Craig Williams. We'll have a meeting in May. Watch the church calendar and join us if you are interested.

—Bert Mount

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



From *Evanston RoundTable*...

Singing at the threshold: A calming voice for the dying and suffering

Group of women in the Rainbow Threshold Choir provide the gift of song to those in need

The RoundTable's Wendi Kromash recently accompanied the Rainbow Threshold Choir on a visit to Three Crowns Park, a senior living community in Evanston. The choir sings to people in hospice care or other patients who might be comforted by music. Three Crowns staffer Guy Farinas called it "spiritual medication."

Click [here](#) to read the story.

Immanuel members Diane Keely and Anne Heider appear in the April 18, 2024 edition of *Evanston RoundTable*.



—Sent by Laurie Stivers

Donations for Immigrants

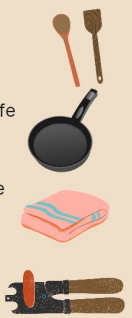
Chi Welcome, our partner in the distribution network, is requesting that donors compile Kitchen Starter Packs. Please see the list below and assemble a pack with only the items specified below. Donation Packs will be collected on Thursdays only, 9 am—Noon.

Every week, Volunteers Chris, Kit, Keziah, Roxanne and others work hard in Fellowship Hall assembling the kits and getting them ready for pick up by Chi Welcome. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Thursday mornings, come join the group! *Thank you for your support of this ministry*

KITCHEN STARTER PACK

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| 4 Place Settings | 1 Set Cooking Utensils |
| 4 Mugs | 1 Cutting Board and Knife |
| 2 Dish Towels | 1 Can Opener |
| 1 Pot with Lid | 1 Mixing Size Bowl |
| 1 Pan | 1 Dish Soap and Sponge |

Pack everything into a bag, box, or sturdy container like a laundry basket. Drop off at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Thursdays from 9-12.





SUNDAY, MAY 5TH 2-4 P.M. CDT | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON: 1427 CHICAGO AVE. EVANSTON, IL 60201



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What part might religion, politics and solidarity play in a solution moving forward? Join us for Bright Stars of Bethlehem's compelling interfaith panel discussion featuring our visionary world changers, Rev. Dr. **Mitri Raheb**, Rabbi Brant Rosen, Dr. Iva Carruthers, and Dr. Rami Nashashibi, each bringing their own unique religious and political perspectives to the table. Bright Stars of Bethlehem will feature hopeful stories of how Dar al-Kalima University is empowering the next generation of creative leaders in Palestine, in the midst of genocide. This is an in-person event for those in the area.

Register at: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/xaaztam>

Unitarian Church of Evanston

R U M M A G E

UCE's annual Rummage Sale is an opportunity to build community relationships while also being a vital funding source for our congregation. All proceeds support our mission to nurture the human spirit for a world made whole.



Fri, May 3 ~ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sat, May 4 ~ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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

This popular sale offers something for everyone:

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

LCMNU Showcase 2024

**Student Talks, Musical Entertainment,
Appetizers and Desserts**

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

2:00pm–6:30pm

**Register
by
April 29!**



Scan for registration link

Parkes Hall, Northwestern University

1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL

GENERAL \$50; STUDENTS (WITH ID): \$20

LIVESTREAM AND RECORDING ON DEMAND: \$50 per household

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Contact the LCMNU office with questions at

lutherancm@u.northwestern.edu or 847-864-7849



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Deepening Faith - Expanding Community



Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and inspiration!

Schedule for Saturday, May 4, 2024:

Parkes Hall, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston

2:00pm–3:00pm: Registration and Gathering Reception

3:00pm–3:15pm: Welcome

3:30pm–3:50pm: Student Panel 1 Session

4:00pm–4:20pm: Student Panel 2 Session

4:30pm–4:50pm: Student Panel 3 Session

5:00pm–5:30pm: Social Time

5:30pm–6:30pm: Program



General or accessibility questions?

•Call LCMNU 847-864-7849 or email lutherancm@u.northwestern.edu by Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

•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



Friday, May 17, 2024 at 8:00 PM
Studebaker Theater, Fine Arts Building
410 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605

Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 8:00 PM
North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie
9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, IL 60077

Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 3:00 PM
Stage Center Theater, Northeastern Illinois University
5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, IL 60625

<https://www.cgmc.org/get-tickets/>



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2 JUNE 2024
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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**.

2024-25 ILC Leadership

Michael Kloster, Congregation President

Terri Simchak, Congregation Vice President

Dana Barron, Congregation Secretary

Susan Ross, Treasurer

Greg Hummel, Diane Keely, Jerry Larson, Kit McCarthy,
Steve Warner, Congregation Council Members

Laurie Stivers, Financial Secretary

Hybrid Tuesday Midweek Adult Bible Study

Noon—1:00 pm

Our simple mid-week gathering on Tuesdays now at the Lunch Hour in Fellowship Hall. Brown bag lunchers are welcome. 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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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.