



"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 2024

### Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

October 4 is our commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, who was known to preach to the birds of the air and animals of the forest. Francis loved creation and counted all of God's created beings as his siblings, like sister moon, brother sun, sister bird, and brother oak. Recalling Francis' connection to creation can assist us in recognizing our own connection, and our God given responsibility to care for creation.

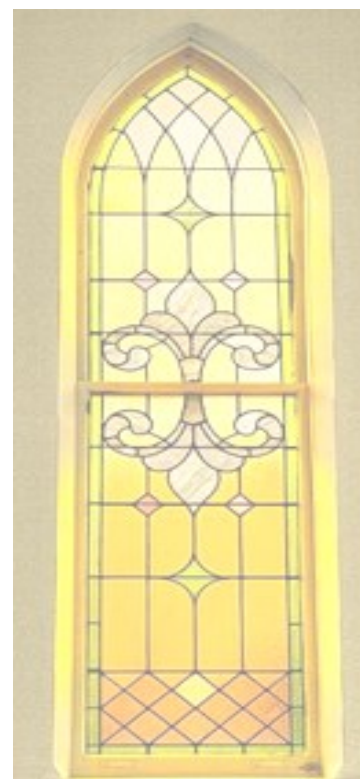
Climate Justice theme for Sunday morning "Feeding Our Faith" discussions will extend through October. One of the potential videos for discussion is a TED talk by Al Gore in which he shows a picture taken from space as the sun sets over the curvature of our earth revealing the thin light blue area of the breathable air mass in our atmosphere (roughly 3.75 miles high) that makes our existence possible. For the last two and half centuries we've been treating it like an open sewer. It's time that we get very serious about reducing what we put into that open sewer, while we still have time to mitigate the direst of symptoms from our planet's failing health.

The solar panels being installed on our fellowship hall roof are one small step towards reducing what goes into our air mass open sewer. Once they are installed, I propose that we should hold a dedication of them and in the process dedicate ourselves to further caring for the health of this planet that the health of us all depends. I anticipate creation care to be a major focus for our advocacy topics at this year's Indoor Winter Farmer's Market, and I look forward to our learning from one another further ways that we steward our responsibility to care for God's creation. We have a new Green Team, called to lead us all in being and becoming a Green Congregation. I for one am open to learning more about how to best engage in this venture and hope you are too.

We'll conclude on the last Sunday of this month with a joint Reformation Worship with other local Lutheran congregations at St. Paul. It's important for us to keep in mind that Reformation is an ongoing movement. So, let's all be re-formed as stewards of creation, doing our part to care for the health of our planet. By doing so we're fulfilling our baptismal call to work for peace, justice, and abundant life for all.

Deep and Abiding Peace and Blessings,

*Pastor Mark*



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## Immanuel Calendar



Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Oct. 3, 10, 24	9:00 am	Daytime Quilters
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	7:30 pm	Wilmette Band Rehearsal
Oct. 5	Noon	Church Picnic, Blessing of the Pets
Oct. 6	11:30 am	Coffee Hour Guest Speaker: Cindy Fey
Oct. 12	10:00 am	Trombone Choir Rehearsal
Oct. 14		Indigenous Peoples Day
Oct. 15,22, 29	12:00 PM	Midweek Gathering on Zoom
Oct. 19	2:00 pm	Organ Scholar Recital—Trevor Good
Oct. 20	11:30 am	Special Solar Celebration! (at Coffee Hour)
	12:30 pm	Council Meeting
Oct. 23-26	8:00 am	Zero Balancing Seminar
<b>Oct. 27</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday Service at St. Paul's Lutheran</b>
Oct. 31		Halloween

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 6, Pentecost 20

Genesis 2:18-24  
 Psalm 8  
 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
 Mark 10:2-16

### October 13, Pentecost 21

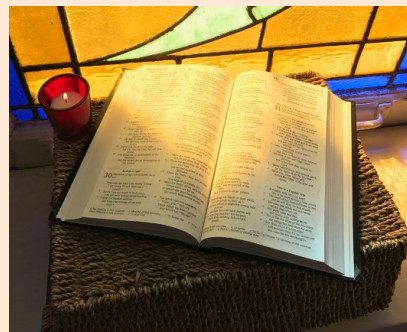
Amos 5:6-7;10-15  
 Psalm 90:12-17  
 Hebrews 4:12-16  
 Mark 10:17-31

### October 20, Pentecost 22

Isaiah 53:4-12  
 Psalm 91:9-16  
 Hebrews 5:1-10  
 Mark 10:35-45

### October 27, Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Psalm 46  
 Romans 3:19-28  
 John 8:31-26



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 (meet in Fellowship Hall) or via Zoom. All participants will have an enhanced experience by being able to see and hear each other, via an Owl Lab 36-degree view video camera/speaker/microphone! Zoom link is on the church website, [www.immanuelevanston.org](http://www.immanuelevanston.org)

**Climate Justice** is our theme for Sunday Morning 'Feeding Our Faith' Adult Discussion.

We will again use videos to grease the wheels of our discussion.

## Music at Immanuel

### Music in October

The choir kicks off the month with a lovely setting of a familiar American folk tune by Hal Hopson called "Gift of Love." This is followed by a beloved piece by Frederick Chatfield called "Consecration." It takes the familiar text of "Take My Life and Let It Be" in a wonderfully new direction that is quite moving. Before joining our brothers and sisters at other Lutheran churches for Reformation, ILC Choir finishes October with a beloved Attwood motet "Teach me O Lord."

### New Members

Immanuel is happy to welcome two new voting members: **John Ross and Jim McCarthy.**

Although many of you are quite familiar with these two, who have participated in and been a part of our Immanuel community for many years.

However, Pastor Mark recently asked if they would like to be voting members, and they said yes!

Welcome Jim and John! We are blessed to have you!

### Migrant Kits

After taking a break for August, we are again taking donations for Migrant Kitchen Kits and also welcoming volunteers to pack the kits on Thursdays 9:00 am to noon.

While the numbers have lessened, migrants continue to be bused from Texas to Chicago. They are in temporary shelters until housing can be arranged. When they arrive at their new homes, they have very little and are not able to prepare meals because they do not have kitchen supplies. The kits get them started in their new setting.

If you would like to volunteer to pack kits, arrive at Immanuel Thursdays, 9am. If you wish to donate items you can bring them on Thursday, or other times as arranged with Chris Djuric or Jane Kaihatsu in the office.

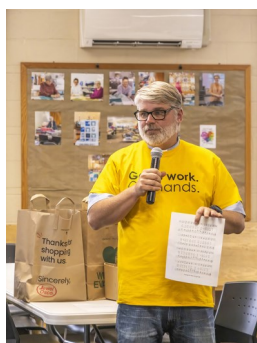
## Reformation Sunday—October 27, 2024

Joint Worship will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Join us on Oct. 27th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood Street in Evanston for a Joint Worship service at 10:30 am to celebrate Reformation Sunday. A potluck luncheon immediately follows service. Immanuel members are asked to contribute a dish to share and details are forthcoming. If you have any questions, see Pr. Mark.



## Scenes from God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024



Members of Immanuel joined hands with our sisters and brothers at Grace, St. Paul's, and St. Timothy's Lutheran Churches on September 8th to serve our community. Donations of food, clothing, toiletries, and kitchenware were received and sorted for people served by Interfaith Action of Evanston, Grace Lutheran Little Free Pantry, Connections for the Homeless, and Refugee Community Connection.

People also went out to help clean and stock Evanston's four community fridges and to clean and do maintenance at Lutheran Campus Ministry of Northwestern University prior to students' arrival for the upcoming academic year. Prior to our service projects, we all joined in prayer and song, and our hands were blessed by Pastor Mark and worship leaders from the other congregations. Seeing the work of so many hands in service of our community was inspiring!

—Charly Yarnoff



Photos by Joe Simchak and Charly Yarnoff



## Justice & Equity Ministry Cindy Fey—Sunday, October 6, 2024 Coffee Hour Guest Speaker

Cindy Fey will be our guest for Sunday, October 6th coffee hour. Her presentation is titled *Whiteness is a Culture: Working at Allyship*.

Ms. Fey, M.A., M.S., is an educator, writer, lifelong learner, an co-founder of the anti-racist Action-based Book Club. She has been speaking and writing about social advocacy and activism for two decades.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Andrea Knohl 10/1
- Mark Kearns 10/14
- Fran Bushhammer 10/16
- Andrew Lamberg 10/17
- Corbi Treadwell 10/18
- Letitia Carlson 10/24
- Diane Keely 10/26

## Vision Keepers 2024 Dinner

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Congratulations to Immanuel's 2024 Vision Keeper, Dana Barron. She was presented the award by Council President Michael Kloster, at the annual fundraising dinner held at the Skokie Hilton Gardens.

Photos by Joe Simchak



## Donations for Immigrants

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

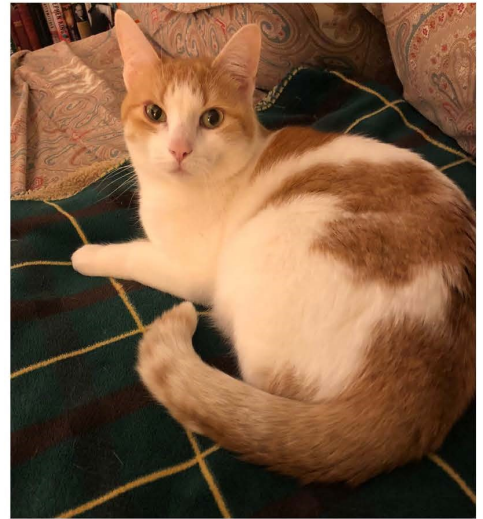
Every week, Volunteers Chris, Kit, Keziah, Roxanne and others work hard in Fellowship Hall assembling the kits and getting them ready for pick up by Chi Welcome. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Thursday mornings, come join the group! *Thank you for your support of this ministry*

### 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.





# Pets Blessing

Saturday, October 5, 2024 Noon

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

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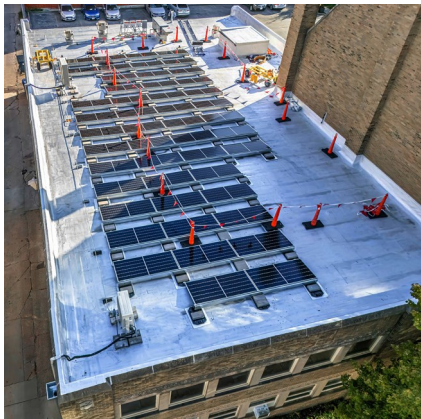
## Let The Sunshine In! - A Celebration of Solar Power!

Sunday, October 20, 2024—After Worship at Coffee Hour (11:30 am)

Join us for a special celebration on the completion of our solar panels installation! The installation crew from Ailey Solar worked in both sunshine and rain from September 16-27, 2024, to get our solar panels installed on the roof and electrical systems connections inside. Many thanks to all Immanuel members, guests and other users for their patience with the parking lot during the construction. The celebration is hosted by Immanuel's Green Team and will commemorate a milestone in our stewardship to our planet Earth, as well as in Immanuel church history.

—Bert Mount

Photos by Ted Davis of Evanston, who took these fabulous aerial photos with his state-of-the-art drone. Ted is a friend of Joe Simchak. Ted kindly lent his services and device to document the solar panel project. (So that's what we look like from the air!)



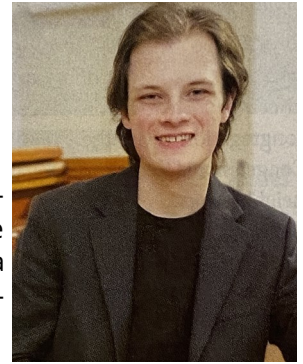


## SAVE THE DATE!

### Organ Scholar Recital—Trevor Good

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 2:00 pm

The first Fall Organ Scholar Recital of the year will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Trevor is a junior at the University of Kansas. He was one of six “Rising Stars” featured in a concert at the 2024 national convention of the American Guild of Organists in San Francisco.



### 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](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**.

#### 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



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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.