



"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—November 2024

### Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

We're in the midst of our Stewardship season in which we rightly focus on making our financial commitments to support the ministry of Immanuel congregation. Sometimes people also speak of our being stewards of creation and working for the flourishing of lands and animals, and that too is a worthwhile perception of stewardship. However, I would like us to consider a much deeper implication of what it means to be a steward, and what we are called to be stewards of.

I recently heard Bishop Leila Ortiz of the Washington DC Synod share an analogy that for me gets to the heart of this. She grew up in a Pentecostal tradition and had developed a lot of fear and anxiety concerning whether she had done enough or behaved well enough to earn God's favor. She said that the theology she grew up with was like a diet of liver, and she doesn't like liver. But when she learned about Lutheran theology that centered on God's free gift of grace, it was like a feast of filet mignon. She did note that if you were vegetarian, then you would have to substitute your most disliked and most scrumptious food choices.

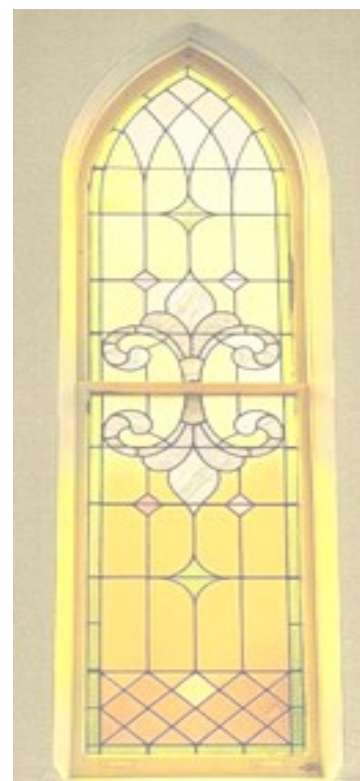
This is what we're called to steward, this finest feast of good news, this gospel of God's redeeming grace. We steward it by sharing our faith journey, sharing how God's love and forgiveness frees us from fear and despair to live more abundant and generous lives. It can be as easy as sharing how you made it through some ordeal because of God's abiding presence, or how your faith keeps your fear and anxiety in check. In doing so, we're theological stewards of the fine feast of God's grace. As stewards of God's good news, we engage our lives in all matters of justice, ever ready to prophetically challenge all the powers that run counter to God's ways of love that frees the captives and uplifts the lowly.

For the next two months, our Sunday morning 'Feeding Our Faith' adult discussion time will view and discuss "The System Belongs to God", a video series featuring the late Biblical scholar and theologian, Walter Wink (1935-2012). We will learn together about how we can be better stewards of God's freeing grace within our world, and how we can work for justice, challenging and countering domination systems. Together we'll discern how God might use us as stewards of this amazing grace. Please plan to join us either online or in person.

There are so many people in the world that don't know that their theological diet could consist of something much more appetizing than chopped liver. But that can change when they cross paths with a steward of God's healing, freeing, amazing grace.

Deep and Abiding Blessings,

*Pastor Mark*



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## Immanuel Calendar



Nov. 1		First Day American Indian Heritage Month
Nov. 2	8:00 am	Evanston Go Club Fall Tournament
<b>Nov. 3</b>	10:30 am	All Saints Sunday— <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>
Nov. 5		Election Day
Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26	2:00 pm	Midweek Adult Spiritual Growth In-person or Zoom
Nov. 6, 13, 20	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Nov. 7, 14, 21	9:00 am 7:30 pm	Daytime Quilters Wilmette Band Rehearsal
Nov. 9	10:00 am	Trombone Choir Rehearsal
Nov. 10		Intent Sunday—Stewardship
	Noon	Coffee Hour Guest Speaker: Todd Maxman
Nov. 16	3:00 pm	Organ Scholar Recital—Hansol Kim
Nov. 17	12:30 pm	Council Meeting
Nov. 21	7:00 pm	Group Spiritual Direction
Nov. 23	8:00 am	Indoor Farmers' Market
Nov. 28		Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov. 29		Native American Heritage Day

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.

## November Scripture Readings

### November 3, All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 24  
Revelations 21:1-6a  
John 11:32-44

### November 10, Pentecost 25

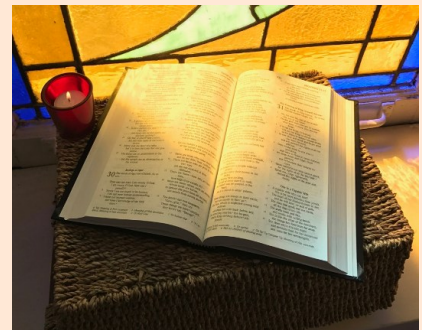
1 kings 17:8-16  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

### November 17, Pentecost 26

Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18], 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

### November 24, Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Psalm 93  
Revelations 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37



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)

For November and December we'll be viewing and discussing a video series: **The system belongs to God**. This series, based on conversations between Walter Wink and gifted pastor/preachers Janet Wolf and James Forbes, offers a way of thinking and acting and hope for transformation. We will again use videos to grease the wheels of our discussion.

## Music at Immanuel

### Music in November

November marks the end of our church year and we are in for some choral treats for sure. We begin with the Feast of All Saints. The choir has prepared a lovely piece called "Ye Shall Find Rest" by Maggie Furtak, which sets the scripture verses from Matthew 112:28-30 and Psalm 37:7. We will also offer a Bach chorale "Nun ruhen alle Waelder" (Now All the Woods Are Sleeping.) This is followed by a lovely Renaissance motet by Christopher Tye, "Give almes of thy goods." The choir has also prepared a lovely anthem by the tremendous John W. Work III called "The sun himself shall fade."

We finish the month and the church year with the Feast of the Reign of Christ. We offer a bombastic ending to the season with Jane M. Marshall's "My Eternal King." We are excited to kick off the new church year with Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

### All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024, we will be observing All Saints Sunday, the day on which we give thanks for all of God's holy ones, including those who have been dear to us in our own lives.

During the service, we will light candles and name the names of those who have been baptized this year, those who have died in the Lord in the past year, and those who have died in earlier years.

### Stewardship

The Fall stewardship campaign is well underway. Our theme is "*Illuminating our gratitude with generosity*." If you missed the two mission moments from Michael Kloster who spoke on witnessing the birth of a new ministry and Susan Ross who spoke on "Mission Possible", you can view them online at our church website: <https://immanuelevanston.org/stewardship/>

Join us for the final mission moment this Sunday, Nov. 3rd from **Mark Kraemer**.

**Intent Sunday is November 10th**, and it is the day when we ceremonially illuminate our gratitude by placing our pledge cards in a common collection box during service. Those cards will be arriving next week with the final letter of the campaign.

Thanks so much for making Immanuel's vital missions thrive.

God Bless!

—The 2024-25 Stewardship Team

## Justice & Equity Ministry

### Cindy Fey—Coffee Hour Guest Speaker

Cindy Fey was our guest speaker on Sunday, October 6th coffee hour. Her presentation was titled *Whiteness is a Culture: Working at Allyship*. Cindy spoke about bridging and building community, and she serves as a SEED facilitator, a 10-week seminar where participants learn to connect their lives to others by acknowledging systems of oppression, power and privilege, and challenges the participants to push for change.



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Logan Hanson 11/1

Dana Barron 11/4

Edward Carlson 11/11

Christine Imhoff 11/12

Jared Peck 11/18

Peter Moy 11/21

Calvin Nellis 11/25

Scott Romans 11/29

### Donations for Immigrants—Pausing on Nov. 21st

**Please note that collections for goods will stop on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024 as the ministry is taking a pause. Nov. 21st is the last day in 2024 that goods will be collected and distributed.**

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, Curt, 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 for the next few weeks! *Thank you for your support of this ministry.*

#### KITCHEN STARTER PACK

4 Place Settings  
4 Mugs  
2 Dish Towels  
1 Pot with Lid  
1 Pan

1 Set Cooking Utensils  
1 Cutting Board and Knife  
1 Can Opener  
1 Mixing Size Bowl  
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.



## Church Picnic & Blessing of Pets

Saturday, October 5th was another summer-like day in the Fall of 2024! We enjoyed a picnic on the courtyard and celebrated the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi a day later with special blessing of pets!



## Organ Scholar Concert

Saturday, November 16, 2024, 3:00 pm

The Organ Scholar Program presents its Graduate Program Awardee, Hansol Kim in a performance on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Ms. Kim will play selected works by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, J.S. Bach, Robert Schumann, Rachel Laurin, Max Reger, and Sigfrid Karg-Elert. After her performance, Ms. Kim will be presented with the award. A champagne reception follows in Fellowship Hall. All are invited and admission is free. The concert will be available via zoom. Please see the website at [www.immanuelevanston.org/What's Going On/Organ Scholar Program](http://www.immanuelevanston.org/What's Going On/Organ Scholar Program) for the Zoom link.



Originally from Busan, South Korea, Hansol Kim is a passionate organist, choral accompanist, conductor, and church musician. She began studying piano at the age of five and discovered the majestic sound of the organ at thirteen, sparking a lifelong love for sacred music. Hansol is currently a graduate student at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, where she studies organ under Dr. Janette Fishell and sacred music and improvisation with Dr. Jeffrey Smith. Additionally, she has been a recipient of the Chairman's Scholar Award Fellowship, The Robert C. Rayfield Memorial Scholarship, and the Wilma Jensen Scholarship from the Jacobs School of Music.

As a performer, her achievements include winning first prize in the Fox Valley Organ Competition and Strader Organ Competition and second prize in the Sursa American Competition. She was also a finalist in the Asia Organ Competition and a semi-finalist in the International Alexander Goedicke Organ Competition in Russia.

Hansol's deep passion for the organ and sacred music has led her to serve as the organist and Assistant Music Director at First United Church in Bloomington, Indiana. In this role, she brings both brilliance and dedication, leading the bell choir and assisting the Music Director by rehearsing and conducting the choir. Her connection to the church community runs deep, and she finds immense fulfillment in using her musical gifts to inspire and uplift others.



## Indoor Farmers Market Resumes

The Indoor Farmers Market season for 2024-2025 begins on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Helpers are always needed for set-up, greeters, and clean-up. All are welcome — you don't have to be a church member to participate in the many ways the market connects with our greater community. See Michael Kloster or Grace Yarnoff if you'd like to join the team.

A vertical poster for the Indoor Farmers Market. At the top is a photograph of a market stall with various produce in colorful bins. Below the photo, the text reads: "Immanuel's Indoor Farmers Market 2024-2025". Underneath, it says "Immanuel Lutheran Church presents Farmers Markets from November - April." followed by a list of dates: "November 23", "December 7 &amp; 21", "January 4 &amp; 18", "February 1 &amp; 15", "March 1 &amp; 15", and "April 5". The time is listed as "Time: 8:00 - 12:30 p.m.". At the bottom, there is a Facebook icon and the text "Evanston's Community Indoor Farmers Market", along with the website "www.immanuelevanston.org" and the address "616 Lake Street, Evanston".



The Justice & Equity Ministry presents



## **Todd Maxman**

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

During Coffee Hour (after Sunday Worship Service)

# **Civil Rights & Social Justice on the North Shore in Our Community and Our Schools**

Todd Maxman has been teaching and advising at New Trier High School for nearly 30 years. He has been active at New Trier in making it a more inclusive and intentionally anti-racist place to live and grow. Todd is a co-sponsor of the Student Voices in Equity group and co-created two new courses: Civics and Social Justice and Leadership in Social Justice.



# WINTER WARMTH 2024



On Saturday, November 9th, we will be hosting Winter Warmth at Lake Street Church. We'll be distributing adult and children's winter coats, as well as winter boots and other cold weather gear!

**Saturday, November 9**  
**10am - 1pm**  
**Lake Street Church (1450 Chicago Ave)**

## Call for Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids

Do you have any out of date glasses (spectacles) around that you don't use? How about hearing aids? Don't throw them away. The Lions Club collects them, refurbishes them, and puts them in the hands of people who can use them, but otherwise could not afford them. Don't have a handy Lions Club box to put them in? No problem. Three Crowns Park has one. Just bring them to church and give them to Steve Warner, Jim Miller, or Bert Mount and they will deposit them in the Three Crowns box.

**WESTMINSTER PLACE**  
PRESBYTERIAN HOMES

# HOLIDAY BAZAAR

ENTIRE FACILITY EVENT FEATURING HANDMADE ITEMS, INCLUDING CLOTHING, FUSED GLASS, HAND-DYED SILK SCARVES, CHRISTMAS DECOR, WREATHS, AND MUCH MORE! FREE SHUTTLE BETWEEN LOCATIONS!

**NOVEMBER 15-16**

**NOV 15** 10AM-4PM **NOV 16** 10AM-3PM

**OPEN NOV. 15**  
WOMAN'S BOARD SHOPS, ELLIOTT HALL, CALDWELL ASSEMBLY HALL  
| LIVE MUSIC | SILENT AUCTION | BAKE SALE | CRAFT SALE |  
| MODEL TRAIN | PHOTO AREA | RAFFLE |

**OPEN NOV. 16**  
CALDWELL ASSEMBLY HALL  
| BAKE SALE | CRAFT SALE | RAFFLE |

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FOR INFORMATION, CALL: 847-492-4872



# Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service

*Twenty-sixth annual*

**Wednesday, November 27, 2024 7:00pm**

**Bethany Baptist Church of Christ**

**1225 Elmwood Ave, Evanston**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Audrey Thompson**

Director of Parks, Recreation and  
Community Services - City of Evanston

**Interfaith Community Choir**

To join the choir, meet in the BBCOC sanctuary at 5:30pm that evening for rehearsal and snacks.

**Sponsored by**

**Interfaith Action of Evanston**



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Attendees are expected to be vaccinated; masking is optional.

Service will also be available via zoom

<https://bethanybaptistchurchofchrist.org>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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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.