



"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—June 2025

### Some Food for Thought from the Pastor

One of our foundational pillars at Immanuel is working for justice. We recognize how our baptismal call empowers us for God to use us in reconciling this broken world. Considering many injustices being carried out by the executive branch of our nation's government what can we do to be true to this call to work for justice?

The Evanston Interfaith Clergy group that I participate in invites our community to come out and be a 'Beacon of Light' every Thursday 7-7:30 PM, beginning in June. There are 3 sites in which to gather and join with neighbors in protest of the injustices we see happening (Dempster & Ridge, Chicago & Main, Central & Central Park). We're committed to doing this at least through August.

All are welcome. Bring a colorful sign with a positive message of solidarity and hope ([sign inspiration click here](#)). You're welcome to include The Beacon's QR code on your sign or social media site to spread the light even further.

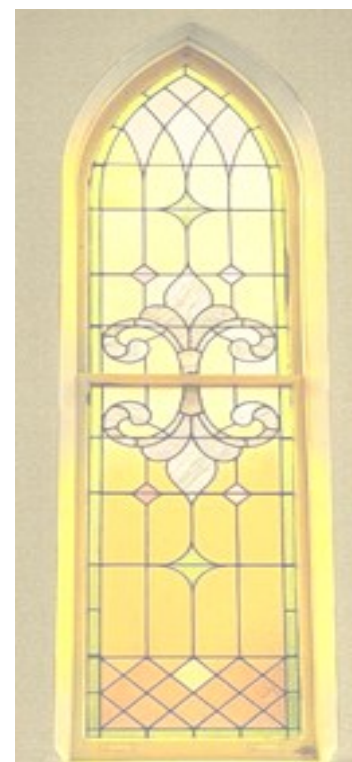


**The Beacon**

Bring your voice, your guitar, your ukulele—let's sing, witness, and imagine together a world shaped by love and justice. Whether we're 3 people or 100, we are part of something bigger. Come be a beacon of light!

Deep Easter Blessings,

*Pastor Mark*



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## Immanuel Calendar



June 1		Pride Month
June 3	7:00 pm	Group Spiritual Direction
June 3, 10, 17, 24	2:00 pm	Midweek Gatherings on Zoom
June 4, 11, 18, 25	6:30 pm	FA Meeting
June 5, 19	9:00 am	Daytime Quilters
June 5, 12, 19, 26	6:30 am	Tai-Chi Class
June 8	10:30 am	Joint Pentecost Worship & Pride Sunday
		Pride Festival at Raymond Park
	3:00 pm	Chicago-Midwest Chapter Organ Historical Society Recital Dr. Christine Kraemer
June 10, 17	7:30 pm	Ridgeville Band Rehearsal
June 14		Flag Day
	10:00 am	50501 Movement—No Kings Mass Protest (Fountain Square, Evanston)
June 15		Happy Father's Day!
	12:30 pm	Council Meeting
June 19		Juneteenth

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.

## June Scripture Readings

### June 1, Easter 7

Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

### June 15, The Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

### June 29, Pentecost 3

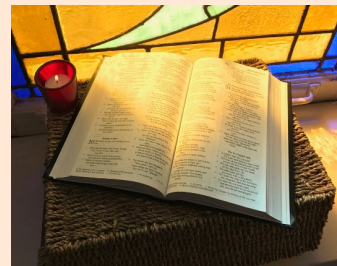
I Kings 19: 15-16  
Psalm 16  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62

### June 8, Day of Pentecost/Pride Sunday

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

### June 22, Pentecost 2

Isaiah 65:1-9  
Psalm 22:19-28  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39



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

## Music at Immanuel

### Music in June

We have arrived at the end of the choir season, and it's been a wonderful year. We begin the month with a festival anthem by Ralph Vaughan Williams called "O Clap Your Hands" based on text from Psalm 47. This is followed by our joint service with other Lutheran parishes on June 8th. This service combines five Lutheran parishes and two festivals: Pentecost and Pride. Our joint choir will offer Allen Pote's "Many Gifts, One Spirit," and we will be joined by the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus for a special offering during the Prelude and Postlude time. Please join us all at the Interfaith Pride celebration in Raymond Park at 2 pm to hear CGMC sing an entire set and then return to Immanuel for Christine Kraemer's Organ recital at 3 pm.

We then close out the choral season with an arrangement of the "Tallis Canon" by Brenda Portman called "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright." We wish the choir a wonderful summer respite and look forward to their return to worship on September 7th. Enjoy the summer!

—Jimmy Morehead

## Chicago-Midwest Chapter of the Organ Historical Society Organ Recital:

### Dr. Christine Kraemer

Immanuel's Principal Organist, Dr. Christine Kraemer, will play an organ recital on Sunday afternoon, June 8, 2025 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. It is Pentecost Sunday, so the program opens with an arrangement of "Veni Creator Spiritus" by Wilbur Held and closes with a setting of "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" by J.S. Bach.

Freely composed works from the 17th-20th centuries by Dietrich Buxtehude, Jehan Alain, and Josef Rheinberger alternate with hymn settings by 21st century American composers Rebecca te Velde and J. Roland Braithwaite to fill out the program.

You are invited to come early or stay after the recital to ask questions about the organ! The recital is free and open to the public. Please bring your family and friends.

## 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)

### 2025 Schedule of Topics

**June 1, 2025 – Lerita Coleman Brown on Howard Thurman's Legacy.** Have you considered how Howard Thurman's advocacy and theological work impacts today's modern Christian contemplative movement? In this conversation, Dr. Lerita Coleman Brown illuminates Howard Thurman's lasting spiritual and societal impact, pulling themes from her book, *What Makes You Come Alive*. "[As a child], Howard Thurman started meditating. He realized that it was so important to find some time in every day to quiet your mind and to connect with God. And, he felt that it was just so important for our spiritual development."

**Feeding Our Faith takes the summer off after June 1.**

**Have a great summer, & see you in September!**

## Joint Pentecost & Pride Sunday Worship

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 10:30 am

Immanuel hosts a Joint Pentecost Worship service on June 8th! This is a special worship with Immanuel, Grace Lutheran, St. Timothy's Lutheran, St. John's Lutheran, and St. Paul's Lutheran churches participating. Also we will celebrate Pride Sunday, and there will be music works performed by the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus, led by Immanuel's Music Director James Morehead. Afterwards Immanuel will host a potluck Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall. Contributions for snacks and treats are being asked to all of the churches; you can sign up [here](#).

After refreshments, Immanuel will have a table at the 2nd Annual Interfaith Family Pride Festival at Raymond Park. The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus will perform again.

Return to Immanuel for an organ recital at 3:00 pm by Christine Kraemer in the Sanctuary. All are invited to join this full day of celebration and music!





## Musique française: chansons et chorales

The Immanuel Music Outreach Ministry hosted an event as part of its Music Concert series, *Musique française: An Afternoon of French Vocal Selections* on Saturday, May 5, 2025 in the sanctuary. The concert featured vocal works by Fauré, Tailleferre, Hahn, Poulenc, Léonin, Holmès & others. As the works were all in French, English translations of the lyrics were available for all of the pieces, so that attendees could fully enjoy the experience.



Stirring performances were given by Evan Bravos, Damon Cole, Ashlee Hardgrave, (who is a frequent guest soloist at special worship services), James Morehead, and Elizabeth Shuman. Special gratitude to Jimmy Morehead, who coordinated all aspects of the concert, on top of the music aspects. Afterwards, concertgoers were treated to a champagne reception and mingled with the vocalists.

Watch for future concerts by the Music Outreach Ministry, part of Immanuel's proud tradition of music celebration. Information will be available via our weekly *Newsfeeds* e-news, monthly newsletter, and on our website.

### JUNE

#### BIRTHDAYS

Jane Kaihatsu 6/2

Erik Shearer 6/4

Keith Knohl 6/5

Anna Lamberg 6/7

Elora Kloster 6/14

Mark Huffman 6/17

Benjamin Mauk-O'Connor

6/17

Tyler Knohl 6/22

Theodore Otto 6/26

Merle Shearer 6/30



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# SHINE THE LIGHT

WITH A SIGN OF HOPE



**THURSDAYS**

**7PM**

Join us at:  
Ridge & Dempster  
Chicago & Main  
Central & Central Park



Dear friends, colleagues, and partners in making good trouble,

Join **The Beacon for Thursdays at 7, Shine the Light**, as we bring our voices to the street **every Thursday**.

Each week, we will make our voices heard wherever we are. As beacons, we can shine light by making a sign and bringing it outside—in front of our houses, apartment buildings, to our street corners, subway stops, etc. **In Evanston, the large-gathering locations are Ridge and Dempster, Chicago and Main, and Central and Central Park.**

Our signs will proudly share whatever we're feeling in our souls in the face of this regime's actions. Our signs might read, "I Stand With Our Immigrant Neighbors," or "Honk if You Love Ukraine," or "Trans Rights Are Human Rights," or "Read Banned Books." Together, we will build visible resistance and organized compassion, meet our neighbors, and join together in acts of solidarity.

**Event:** Thursdays at 7, Shine the Light!

**When:** Every Thursday at 7 p.m. in your time zone, starting March 20

**What:** Make a sign that is bold, colorful, and shares what you stand for and what you hope to see our nation reflect.

Print [The Beacon's QR code](#) in whichever size you like and add it to your sign.

Take a selfie, group photo, or video, as you hold your sign(s). Share it on your social media so others hear your message and join in to Shine the light, too!

The Beacon would love to see your signs, photos, and videos. Share them with us at [beaconlightforce@gmail.com](mailto:beaconlightforce@gmail.com).

**Where:** Wherever YOU are. Let's get outside in front of our houses, apartment buildings, on street corners, at our subway stops, etc. Bring a chair if you like. Bring a friend, or many friends.

**Who:** Anyone who objects to the actions of this administration and is ready to share their vision for a better country for ALL of us.

**Don't Forget:** Take a selfie, group photo, or video as you hold your sign(s). Share it on your social media and with The Beacon at [beaconlightforce@gmail.com](mailto:beaconlightforce@gmail.com).

**Hashtag: #BeaconShineTheLight**

**Tips on signs:**

- Get some LARGE poster markers (like [these](#), for example)
- Use poster board—anything thicker than regular paper
- Be short, creative, and honest
- Try to find positive messages that express your vision, not only what you reject
- Print out and add [The Beacon's QR code](#) to your sign

With blessings,

[Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum](#)



## Some Slogans for Signs

(See the church office if you'd like a complete list.)

- 1 Ban Bigotry, Not Books**
- 2 Believe Your Eyes, Not The Lies**
- 3 Black Lives Matter**
- 4 Boycott Tesla, Stop The Coup**
- 5 Build Bridges, Not Walls**
- 6 Children Are Our Future, Save Our Schools & The D.O.E.**
- 7 Compassion Is Not Partisan**
- 8 Compassion Not Cruelty**
- 9 DEI Is All Of Us**
- 10 Democracy Is a Verb—Let's Act Like It**
- 11 Democracy Requires Participation**
- 12 Democracy, Not Kakistocracy**
- 13 Democracy, Not Kleptocracy**
- 14 Democracy, Not Oligarchy**
- 15 Dignity For All Asylum Seekers**
- 16 Diversity Is Not a Threat, It's a Superpower**
- 17 Diversity Is Our Strength**
- 18 Diversity Makes Us Stronger**
- 19 Don't Be Sad — Organize, Resist, Rebuild**
- 20 Don't Let Bullies & Billionaires Take Away Our Freedoms**
- 21 Elections Are Not For Sale**
- 22 Embrace Diversity**
- 23 Equal Justice For All**
- 24 Equal Rights, Equal Dignity**
- 25 Equality Is Not A Luxury**
- 26 Everyone Is Welcome Here**
- 27 Facts Still Matter**
- 28 Faith Demands Justice**
- 29 Families Belong Together**
- 30 Fascism Grows If Good People Do Nothing**
- 31 Federal Workers Are Essential, Billionaires Are Not**



## Notes from the Parish Administrator....

### MIA Blue Recycling Bin Is Back!

LRS Waste Management has replaced our blue recycling bin three times, free of charge! However, we were cautioned that they cannot keep doing this, so all Immanuel members are asked to help with the new procedures of the blue recycling bin. The bin should be kept by the courtyard doorway by the elevator. The bin will be taken to the alley on Thursdays, the usual collection day, and returned empty back inside. If you notice the bin is full, please take it outside only on Thursdays and return it promptly inside—even if the collection was missed and the bin is still full.

### Check the Church Calendar, Please!

New people are increasingly being introduced to our church building, and often the church facilities are being used. To prevent both our community users and church members from experiencing a “cross-over” of use, please be sure to check the church calendar AND contact the church office to make sure that the building isn’t otherwise occupied when you come to the building during non-regularly scheduled activities. Email at parish-admin@immanuelevanston.org or call at 847-864-4464. Please do not just “drop in” at the church building anymore; let’s be respectful of all.

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**.

#### 2025–26 ILC Leadership

Michael Kloster, Congregation President

Terri Simchak, Congregation Vice President

Dana Barron, Congregation Secretary

Susan Ross, Treasurer

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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.