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Spotlight on Benevolence

Unity's Mission Support

We support the Mission & Programs of
Metropolitan Chicago Synod and
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
through our Tithe - 10% of Offerings

March Spotlight – Faith Practices – Living Our Baptism

Living Our Baptism is our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life in Christ. Living Our Baptism means living a life nurtured by the faith practices of discipleship.

Martin Luther taught that every morning we are to rise and say, "I am baptized into Christ" and then go about our daily life inspired, guided, and empowered by our baptism as we live a life made new by Christ. The Holy Spirit guides and inspires us to continue in the covenant of holy baptism.

April Spotlight – Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries

Our faith liberates us to embrace each person in their wholeness – questions, complexities, ethnicity, culture and all. The Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries team assists the ELCA in becoming more culturally diverse and anti-racist by working with ELCA congregations, synods, communities, agencies and institutions. Each ethnic specific community has developed a mission strategy unique to their needs and aspirations. The team provides consultation, programming and resources to help accomplish this work to which the ELCA is called.

Growing Our Faith



The Season of Lent March 1 – April 15, 2017

Lent is the 40 day journey towards the center of the church year, the Great Three Days.

Every Sunday in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Lent the Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to us through Christ.

Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten journey. This year we added the option of Glitter Ashes.

Passion/Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem to complete our work of salvation. We experience in dramatic reading the Passion according to Matthew.

Our Faith in Action

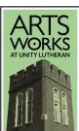
The Gallery at Unity

Lorie Robare Exhibit Closes Sunday March 5th

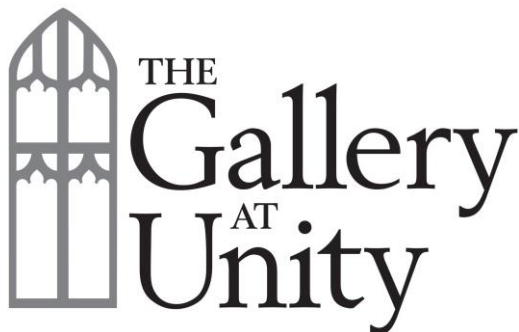
Unity Centennial Exhibit

Opens in March 12, 2017

Join us for the Opening Reception
Following worship!



The Gallery at Unity brought to you by



The Three Days – all services 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday – April 13

Beginning of the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death into life, with foot washing that enacts Jesus' new commandment of love, and stripping of altar as a sign of his abandonment.

Good Friday – April 14

Reading from the Passion of John, prayers for the whole world for which Christ died, procession and adoration of the cross.

Easter Vigil – April 15

On the night before Easter Day, Christians around the world gather to celebrate Christ's passage from death to life with new fire in darkness, the great saving stories of Hebrew scriptures and first Easter gospel, affirmation of baptism, and first Easter feast.

Easter Sunday Morning – April 16

10:15am Holy Communion surrounded by lily's with festive brass and wind accompaniment!

Unity Centennial 2017

*The "New" Unity Lutheran Building
was dedicated in June of 1917!*

Mark your Calendars for these 2017 Dates

Saturday June 3 Commemoration & Banquet

Sunday July 9 Worship Celebration with

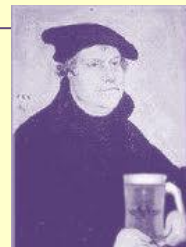
Bishop Miller of Metro Chicago Synod!

God Talk On Tap

Sunday March 12 & April 9, 6:30 – 8:00pm

Lady Gregory's on Clark at Berwyn

Join Lutherans, Presbyterians, and friends for casual faith conversations over drinks and appetizers. (Drinks and apps are on your own.)



Our Faith in Action



Membership Council & Fundraiser

Membership Council

Thursday March 9th,

6pm light supper, 6:30-8pm meeting

Please let Pastor Fred know if you can attend the Quarterly Membership meeting and represent Unity! This is a great time to hear more about the campaigns and take action on the 3 year strategic plan.

Growing Our Faith

Prayer Breakfast

Saturdays March 25 and April 29, 10:00am

A monthly ministry of Unity that begins with brunch and conversation, and offers prayers for the church, the world, and people in need. All welcome to join in this ministry and gathering of the church.

Lenten Wednesdays

March 8th through April 5th

6:30pm Evening Prayer Service

7:00pm Soup Supper and Table Talk

On this 500th Anniversary of the Reformation (1517-2017) our Table Talk themes come from the new devotional booklet, "40-Day Journey with Martin Luther." All are welcome to this faith enriching mid-week gathering as we journey towards the center of the church year, the Great Three Days.

The ONE Northside winter fundraiser is coming up – and it's a karaoke bar night! It will happen on Thursday, March 23 from 7 - 9 pm at Trader Todd's in Lake View.

You can purchase tickets when you [register through our link](#). It is just \$25 and you will be helping send Pastor Fred and others to the People's Action Conference in Washington DC in late April.

Concerts at Unity

7:30pm Saturday, March 25

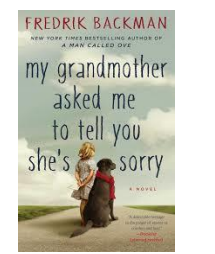
The second in the 2017 season of Concerts at Unity! Mark your calendar today!

Suggested Donation, \$10, will support the Unity Sanctuary Fund for upkeep and renewal.

Thank You!

Book Discussion

Reading: "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry," by Fredrik Backman. Told with the comic accuracy, this is a story about life and death and one of the most important human rights: the right to be different.



Unity is a [Reconciling In Christ](#) congregation. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome within the gathering and membership of this congregation and encouraged to share in its sacramental and community life.

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Unity's vision
is to be an urban green space
welcoming everyone into a holy encounter
where we are changed
that all may be fed as Jesus feeds us

- Core Values:**
- +Welcoming Everyone
 - +Caring Community
 - +Gospel of Jesus
 - +Engaging Our Neighbor
 - +Weekly Worship
 - +Children & Youth
 - +Experiencing God
 - +Putting our Faith into Action Courageously



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