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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

May Spotlight –

Fanning the Flames of Discipleship

This theme boldly asserts that the journey of discipleship is lifelong and for all who follow Jesus. In baptism we receive God's grace and our commission. A candle is presented with the command to "let your light so shine..." The flame is a powerful symbol for faith. It can burn brightly and be seen boldly. The goal of effective Christian education is to help light bold, bright fires of faith in all those who follow Jesus.

June Spotlight –

Global Service: Accompaniment

The Emmaus road story helps to illuminate Accompaniment, a theology of mission. We see that mission is a journey, and that this journey, taken with many companions, shows us the unexpected and sometimes unrecognized Christ who walks with us. In this journey, as we break bread together, we move toward Christ's mission of reconciliation between us and God, between us and one another. Just as the earliest disciples needed to know about what was happening in their world, so that they could discuss it together and understand God's call, so we need to know what is happening in ours, so that we can talk about it with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



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God's work. Our hands.

Growing Our Faith



The Season of Easter March 1 – April 15, 2017

Easter is the Queen of seasons which is celebrated for seven Sundays.

Easter 4 – Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in the gospel reading. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant

life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism.

Judy Nishimura will accompany the organ!

Ascension Day – 40th Day of Easter

ECT Worship is Youth led – May 25, 7:30pm

Our Faith in Action

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1917-2017

**UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
100TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
SATURDAY - JUNE 3, 2017
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

*This is a special year in the life of Unity
as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our church building
dedicated only 12 years after our founding in 1905
We would be blessed if you would join us*

6:00 GATHERING ~ DRINKS AND HORS D'OEUVRES

6:30 BUFFET DINNER CATERED BY CALO'S RISTORANTE

COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON

Registration Deadline: **May 15**

[Click here](#) to Register now on Unity's safe and secure website

Or, make checks payable and mail to
Unity Lutheran Church, 1212 W Balmoral Ave, Chicago, IL 60640.
More information is on the [website](#), or telephone 773-878-4747.

Our Faith in Action



March to Springfield May 15 - 30

Along with statewide members of Fair Economy Illinois, ONE Northside is stepping it up!

Communities across Illinois have been deeply and negatively affected by the ongoing budget crisis. People all over the state are struggling to make ends meet, to put food on the table, and to access essential services like mental healthcare and other programs. Homeless shelters have shut down. Domestic violence shelters have had to turn people away. Our schools are

Growing Our Faith

Prayer Breakfast

Saturdays May 27 & June 2, 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.

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not properly funded.

This is why we are marching. Faced with suffering and divisions, we are marching from Chicago to Springfield to tell our elected officials to do their job and pass a budget that fully invests in our communities. We have a bold vision of [a budget that puts people and planet first](#). If millionaires, billionaires, and corporations pay their fair share, we can have more than enough money to fully fund the services and programs we need and deserve.

[Join the Kickoff Event Monday May 15, 12noon at the Thompson Center!](#)

Concerts at Unity 2017

7:30pm Saturday, May 20

Ruby and Angie, Texas piano-vocal duo, humorous take on the American Song Book

7:30pm Saturday, June 17

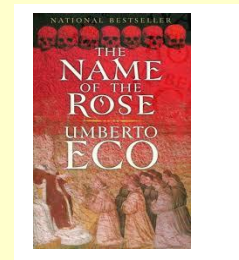
Michael Miller and Friends return before the summer break!

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

Book Discussion

Reading: "The Name of the Rose" by Umberto Eco.

"Like the labyrinthine library at its heart, this brilliant novel has many cunning passages and secret chambers . . . Fascinating . . . ingenious . . . dazzling." – Newsweek.

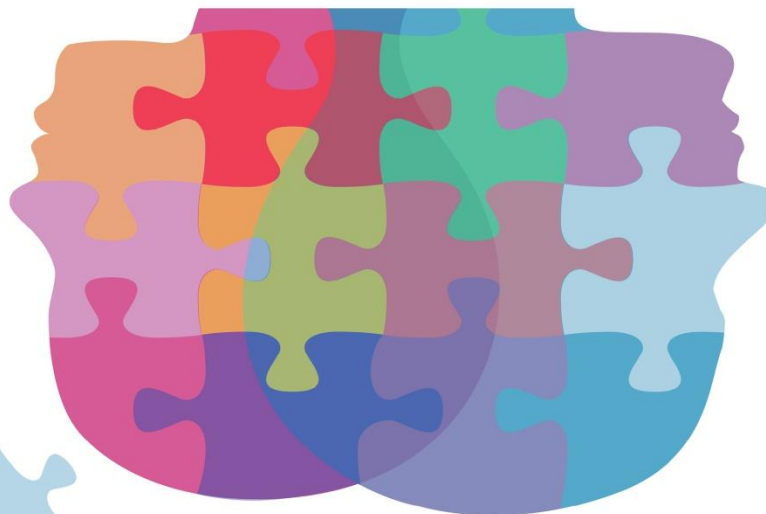


Unity is a [Reconciling In Christ](#) congregation. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome within the gathering and membership of this congregation and encouraged to share in its sacramental and community life.



unity players present

the Bald Soprano eugene ionesco



all shows \$10

Thursday May 18 · 7:30pm
Friday May 19 · 7:30pm
Sunday May 21 · 6:30pm

Friday May 26 · 7:30pm
Saturday May 27 · 7:30pm
Sunday May 28 · 6:30pm

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Saturday May 20 • 7:30pm

Ruby & Angie

This Texas-based piano/vocal duo present music drawn from the Great American Songbook.



*Refreshments provided
Suggested donation \$10*

**Concerts
at Unity**
A Performance Series

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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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