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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

July Spotlight –

Directors for Evangelical Mission

Directors for evangelical mission convene leadership tables in their synods, which oversee four main areas: mission development or “new starts”; congregational renewal or “redevelopment”; Mission Support and stewardship; missional vision and planning for the synod. They are a key resource for congregations and leaders seeking tools and counsel for starting a new ministry or revitalizing existing ministries, as well as how to identify, develop and equip leaders for mission and ministry.

August Spotlight –

Accompanying Migrant Minors

The word “amparo” in Spanish means the protection of a living creature from suffering or damage. The ELCA’s strategy to Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) was envisioned after witnessing the plight of children who are forced to flee their communities because of complex and interrelated reasons, including chronic violence, poverty, environmental displacement and lack of opportunities in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Due to our connection to companion churches in the region, including companion synod relationships, and existing ministries in the U.S., the ELCA is well-positioned to help ensure that these vulnerable children are protected.



Metropolitan Chicago Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Growing Our Faith

The Season of Pentecost June – November

Summer may be when students and teachers are not interacting on a daily basis in classrooms throughout schools, colleges, and universities, but that doesn't stop the lectionary from spending time teaching us

Our Faith in Action

Centennial Banquet

Thanks to the Committee

*The food was delicious, the conversation meaningful
And the games so much fun!*

Go to our website [here](#) for more pictures.



Mary Mother of Our Lord, August 15

and sharing stories of Jesus teaching others.

Summer during Matthew's gospel year may well be summer school for all of us, teaching us how to be disciples and about the nature of the kingdom of heaven.

June 3, 2017



UNITY
1917-2017

**UNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
100TH ANNIVERSARY
WORSHIP CELEBRATION
SUNDAY - JULY 9, 2017**

*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*

The Reverend Wayne Miller,
Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA
will preach and preside

A special liturgy of blessing and procession will begin the service

And a celebratory potluck meal follows
sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial
You may bring a side dish to compliment the chicken dinner

Registration Deadline: **July 7**

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

Our Faith in Action



People Power

Thanks to Trudy and Michael who represented Unity at the Membership Council Meeting June 8th.

Annual Board Elections were held and Sam Wickam from the Mental Health Justice Team, and Elia Baez from the Housing Team were newly elected.

Staff Changes: Senior Organizer Mary Tarullo moved on to Coalition for the Homeless in April and Noah Moskowitz, was hired in her place in May.

Growing Our Faith

Prayer Breakfast

Saturdays July 29 & Aug 26, 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.

The Gallery at Unity

Opening July 30

*The portraits of Masoud Gh
Iranian immigrant and talented young artist,
Masoud has been attending worship at Unity.*



The Gallery at Unity brought to you by ArtsWorks

A new position for Communications was created through the Strategic Plan and was filled by, H. Happ-Klote, who will start end of July.

The March to Springfield was a great success, using a new tactic of engaging with people across the state! We ended the month with 96 ONE Northside leaders joining with another 400 or so leaders to bring some pressure to the state house. Many of our legislators stopped by to support us, including Kelly Cassidy, Dan Bill and others.

Concerts at Unity 2017

7:30pm Saturdays

Concerts at Unity is now on summer break! Michael Miller and friends will resume September 16th.

Prayers

We give thanks for the birth of Elias Ward Roller on April 19, grandson of Chuck Redeker, and pray for strength and good health as he grows.

Book Discussion

Reading: "The Ocean at the End of the Lane," by Neil Gaiman. It's a deceptively simple tale that feels like escapism — until you realize that it isn't. *Ocean* is told from the point of view of a melancholy but successful artist returning to his childhood home in Sussex, England, and is suddenly overwhelmed by memories of being entangled in a magical conflict with roots stretching back before the Big Bang. Next book will be, "Zero Day," by David Baldacci.



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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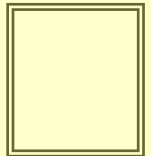
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Unity's vision

**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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