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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

October Spotlight –

Early Childhood Education & Seminaries

Stewardship, in its simplest form, is the practice of generosity. It is essential to the daily expression of our faith. Congregations have the opportunity to be a voice that teaches some very different ideas about time, talent and treasure. The practice of generosity takes the support of an entire faith community, conversation between individuals in all generations and a focus on households. Living generously begins with the involvement of children and continues through every age and stage of life.

The ELCA is committed to identifying, preparing and supporting faithful, wise and courageous leaders through this church's seven seminaries. The ELCA has a long history and tradition of training and preparing pastors and other rostered leaders to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to inspire and equip members to participate in God's work in the world.

September Spotlight –

Personal and Household Stewardship

ELCA congregations and synods operate more than 1,500 early childhood education programs, elementary schools and secondary schools. A large majority of these schools are early childhood centers, such as preschools and kindergartens. Most programs enroll children from the community as well as children of congregational members. All seek to provide excellent education as well as character and faith development for children.

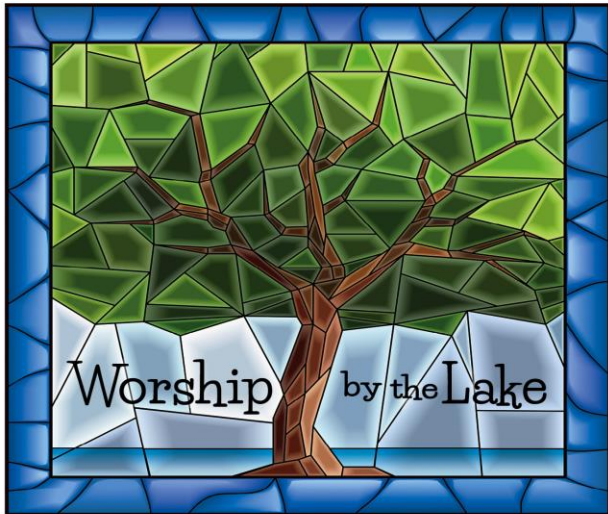


Metropolitan Chicago Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Growing Our Faith



Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 · Loyola Park

Join your neighbors for 5pm Worship and Picnic Dinner in the park. Come out to celebrate and give thanks for God's blessings, as we enjoy an evening of fellowship together.

Hosted by Ebenezer, Immanuel and Unity Lutheran Churches

For more information, call 773-992-6951



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Prayer Breakfast

Saturdays September 30 & October 28, 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.

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Houston residents are waking up to the reality of how long it will take to clean up after Hurricane Harvey. Some agencies are good at immediate response, but [Lutheran World Relief](#) is the best at staying the course. They have deep roots and one of the best records of using donations for relief work. [Give today, or give tomorrow](#), all your donations will help relief efforts in Houston and the affected Gulf Coast.

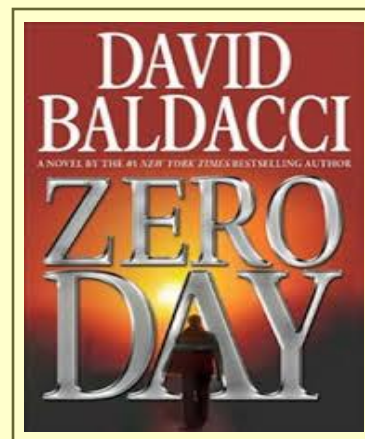
Make checks payable to: Hurricane Response - United States, and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Book Discussion

Sunday October 1, 11:45am

Reading, "Zero Day" by David Baldacci. War hero John Puller, known to be the top investigator in the US Army's CID, is called to investigate. As the web of deceit is revealed, it quickly becomes apparent that there's much more to this case than they had first thought, and nothing can be taken at face value. A page turner!



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.

Our Faith In Action



Expanded 501(c)4 Plan

The **Membership Council** quarterly meeting is September 14 at 6:30pm. After a year of planning the organization is ready to vote on establishing a 501c4 sister organization that would allow us to increase the amount of time we are able to dedicate to lobbying on specific policies. This would allow us to raise up candidates who represent our values.

Thorough research, discussion and vetting by key stakeholders in our movement suggest that being able to do more lobbying will increase our power to win on the critical campaigns to which we dedicate time and resources.

Light dinner served at 6pm, followed by meeting from 6:30-8:00pm. Contact President [Trudy McCarthy](#) or [Pastor Fred](#) for more info, or if you'd like to be a voter at the meeting.

Fair Economy Illinois' Campaign Leadership School - September 16-17

With the exception of a handful of champions, the people running our country, states, and cities are making all the wrong choices. It's time to strengthen our movement to make government accountable to our communities, not the top campaign donors.

This two day training will cover how to organize a canvass and phone bank in your neighborhood to build relationships with neighbors, understand what they care about and invite them to take action to support legislation and campaigns that put people and the planet first.

There will be a sliding scale registration fee ranging from \$25 - \$100. [REGISTER HERE](#). Questions? Contact [Hannah Gelder, 773-769-3232](#), for more info.

Unity Space Sharing Partners

We give thanks for our year round partnerships!
 These Partners are the backbone of space sharing.
 We support their ministries of healing, teaching,
 and making our community strong!

RefugeeONE 14 years, or more!

Unity is their “center” and a safe tutoring and recreational place for 100’s of refugee children

Wells of Salvation Ministries 1 year on July 1, 2017

An evangelical Christian congregation

Michael Miller and Concerts at Unity since June 2016

Pianist who loves to perform and support Lutherans!

Monday WBDA | Recovery since October 2011

Faithful support group

Thursday NA | Recovery since July 2012

Friday NA | Recovery since April 2013

Narcotics Anonymous support groups

Penedo Charitable Organization since Dec 2012

Tutoring, mentoring, counseling at-risk girls from CPS

Lakeshore Kendo Club since January 2014

Enriching daily life thru the practice of martial arts

Philip Torre since February 2014

Opera singer teaching new students

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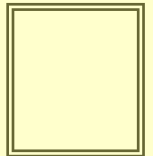
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Unity's vision

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



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Autumn Concert Lineup

Two Pianists Saturday September 16 | 7:30pm

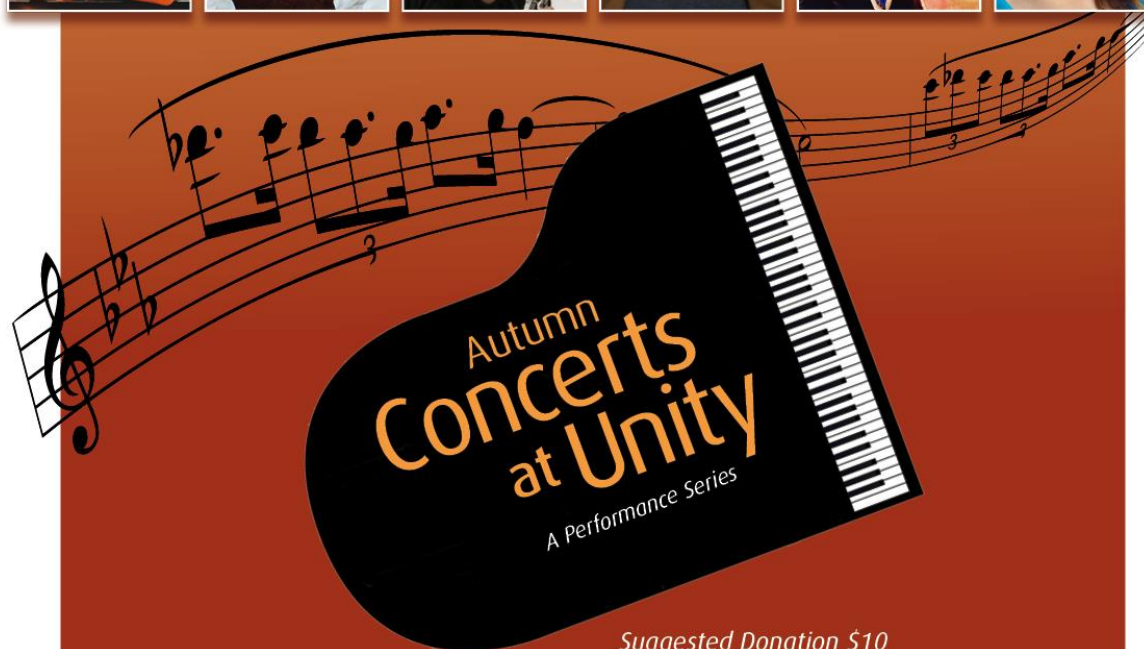
Li-Ying Chang joins *Concerts at Unity* organizer Michael G Miller performing duets by Mozart, Schubert, and Ravel, with additional solos by Ms. Chang.

French Clarinet Saturday October 14 | 7:30pm

Yuen Yee Richardson presents French repertoire, joined by Li-Ying Chang, Michael G Miller and others. Music by Poulenc, Saint Saens, Destenay, and more.

American Music Wednesday November 8 | 7:30pm

Flutist Trevor Patrick Watkin, cellist Desiree Miller, and soprano Karen Nussbaum present music by American composers. Veterans are admitted free.



Suggested Donation \$10

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Edgewater Congregations Together Youth

Mission/Service/Learning Trip

On August 5-10, Pastor Emily took 24 youth, three college students, and six adults on their third mission, service, and learning trip to Dubuque, IA. During the trip, youth participated in a high/low ropes course, led Sunday worship at their host church, did conservation projects and tested the pollution levels of Catfish Creek, served a meal to homeless community members, worked in community gardens and on the St. Isidore Catholic Worker Farm, and heard from guest speakers about the intersections of faith and compassion and justice work. Additionally, they had fun exploring Dubuque, swimming, and going on a hayride at a family farm. Every night, the youth gathered together for worship and to discuss in small groups the week's theme: "proclaiming good news" based on Luke 4:14-21.



This was an incredibly powerful event for youth in our congregations and community! The youth and leaders would like to thank Unity, Immanuel and Ebenezer Lutheran Church for all of its prayers and financial support!

ECT Youth Group Upcoming Events:

ECT (Edgewater Congregations Together) Youth Group!

ECT Youth Group consists of youth in grades 6th-12th from Unity, Immanuel, and Ebenezer Lutheran Churches in the neighborhood of Edgewater. During the school year, they gather on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Immanuel Lutheran Church for a meal, games, faith discussions, and worship. For more information, contact Pastor Emily at pastoremilyh@gmail.com.

ECT Fall Kick-Off Back-To-School Party

@Immanuel Lutheran Church (1500 W. Elmdale Ave.)

Wed., Sept. 13, 6:15-9:00pm

*** There will be a parent meeting from 7:00-7:45pm for parents of high schoolers who are interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston in June 2018. Please let Pastor Emily know if you are able to attend.

Edgewater Youth Coalition Pumpkin Craze Event

@Abbey Farms in Aurora, IL

Sat., Oct. 21

- We will meet at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 5pm to leave by 5:15pm. We will return by 11:15pm. (Eat before you come or bring extra money to pay for food at the farm.)
- Cost: \$7 per person for entrance into the park and to enjoy all activities. (Let Pastor Emily know if you need scholarship for this event.)

Regular ECT Youth Group

@Immanuel Lutheran Church (1500 W. Elmdale)

Wed., Sept. 27, Oct. 11, and Wed., Oct. 25

- Gather and Dinner - 6:15pm-7:00pm
- Program - 7-8:30pm
- Open Gym/Youth Room - 8:30-9:00pm