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God's work. Our hands.

Spotlight on Benevolence

Unity's Mission Support

We support the Mission & Programs of
Metropolitan Chicago Synod and
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
with a 10% tithe of our Offerings

January Spotlight – Peace Not Walls!

The ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod are working for justice and peace in Palestine and Israel through our campaign, **Peace Not Walls**. Through accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising, Peace Not Walls connects ELCA members to our companions and promotes dignity, full respect for human rights, healing and reconciliation. With our Palestinian Lutheran companions, we also accompany Palestinians and Israelis, Jews, Christians and Muslims working together for peace with justice.

February Spotlight – New Congregations

Through **ELCA New Congregations**, we are employing innovative models for starting new congregations: reaching out in areas experiencing rapid population growth, connecting to changing communities, and engaging diverse socio-economic groups, ethnic and multicultural communities, as well as emerging young populations. There are 340 ELCA new-start ministries under development in the United States and the Caribbean through the work of 65 synod mission tables made up of local leaders, directors for evangelical mission and bishops. As we seek to grow God's church and extend welcome to all God's people, we are worshiping in pews, city parks, brew pubs and libraries.

Growing Our Faith

Book Discussion



Sunday, February 17th,
11:45am

Reading "Small Great Things," by Jodi Picoult. With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion – and doesn't offer easy answers – a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game.

Join the discussion!

Prayer Breakfast



Saturdays January 5 & February 2, 10:00am

MEETING the first Saturday of the month! We begin with brunch and conversation, and offer prayers for the church, the world, and people in need. All welcome to join in this gathering and ministry of the church.

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.

Edgewater Congregations Together



E.C.T. Youth Retreat and Scholarships

This Feb. 1-3, 29 E.C.T. youth and 6 adult leaders will be attending the annual ELCA Metro-Chicago Synod Confirmation and Youth Retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn, WI.

Registration to attend the retreat is \$115 per person. **15 youth scholarships are needed.** If you would like to help send a youth to the retreat, you can write a check to Unity, or directly to, "Immanuel Lutheran Church" and write in the memo line, "E.C.T. Youth Retreat." Send check to, Attn: Pastor Emily Heitzman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Elmdale Ave., Chicago, IL 60660.

Young Adults Group:

Young adults (18 years old through mid-20s) from Unity, Ebenezer, and Immanuel Lutheran churches, as well as others from the community, will be gathering once a month for social events, service projects, and faith and life discussions.

If you are a young adult and would like to connect with other young adults in the area, please contact Pastor Emily Heitzman at pastoremilyh@gmail.com to learn how you can get involved.



Our Faith In Action



OPC Canvassing

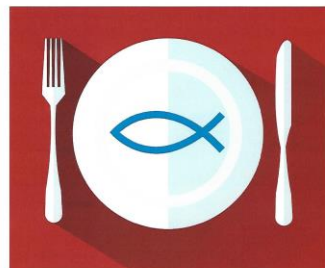
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OPC (ONE People’s Campaign) is a new 501(c)4 sister organization of ONE Northside, and can spend resources backing candidates for office. Since January 2018, OPC mobilized 264 volunteer shifts (typically four hours which includes 1 hour of training/debriefing and 3 hours of canvassing), knocked on 6,219 doors, had 1,137 conversations at the doors, and collected contact info for 778 new people.

If you’d like to get involved with door to door canvassing for the February 26th municipal elections for Mayor and Aldermen, contact Hannah Gelder at hgelder@onenorthside.org.

Food for the Soul The Second Season begins January 16th!

After a break for the holidays we’re renewed and excited. We’re trying a new food and fellowship setup. Plus each month will feature a ministry or organization who will send a representative to share their work and help send us into deep spiritual conversation. Bring a friend!



Food for the Soul
SOCIAL. SPIRITUAL. SATISFYING.

WELCOME!

\$5 Suggested Donation – Thank You!

Meetup

UNITY
1917-2017



Nourishment for Mind, Body, and Soul!

News & Events

Unity 2018 Fall Fundraiser

Unity’s first Fall Fundraiser was a great success! We topped our original goal of \$5,000 early on, but the goal was raised to \$10,000 after we had emergency furnace repairs of over \$11,000. Total received to date is \$6,672 - (\$3,027 offering Plate, and \$3,645 on <https://www.gofundme.com/unity-fall-fundraiser>).

Thanks to everyone who made a contribution of whatever size to our Fall Fundraiser!

Unity Annual Meeting & Potluck

January 27, 2019

We take time to review our accomplishments in 2018 and plan for the coming new year. All welcome! Sign up at coffee hour for a dish to bring to the potluck meal.

The Gallery at Unity

Food for the Soul

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For this Unity congregational exhibit, we’re asking for your pictures of food! Thanksgiving feasts, humble meals at home, dining out!

What is your Food for the Soul? All submissions should include food in some way. Please visit The Gallery at Unity, before, during or after worship!



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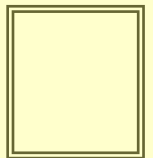
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Unity's vision

*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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