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God's work. Our hands.

## Unity Spotlight on Mission Support

Our Assembly Tithe to the  
Metropolitan Chicago Synod and  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### Vocation – January Spotlight

There are a variety of vocational choices in the ELCA. We have pastors, but we also have accountants, chaplains, youth workers, musicians, evangelists, nurses, diaconal ministers and deaconesses, office managers, counselors, caregivers and associates in ministry. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. The ELCA has many needs to fill as we carry out our mission to share God's boundless love with the world.

### Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service February Spotlight

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has welcomed more than 379,000 refugees to the United States since 1939. This ongoing partnership and work is driven by God's love for all people and a vision for congregations to be welcoming and generous centers for mission and ministry. The work of the ELCA through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service includes responding to people caught in conflict and facing persecution, advocating for their needs and interests, helping people access resources for basic human needs, working with foster care programs for minors, legal assistance, developing new and innovative service programs and partnerships, and much more.

## Growing Our Faith

### ECT Epiphany Service

Wednesday January 6, 7:00pm, Ebenezer

Lutheran Church, 1650 West Foster Avenue

Our three Lutheran ECT (Edgewater Congregations Together) churches gather to celebrate The Epiphany of Our Lord. Epiphany means “manifestation,” and on this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

## Lent

### Ash Wednesday

February 10, 2016, 7:30pm

The beginning of our 40 day annual Lenten pilgrimage. We are invited to carry out the Lenten discipline, practices of fasting, prayer, and works of love, even as we accompany people around the world who are preparing for baptism at Easter.

On this day we receive the sign of ashes, and ancient symbol of repentance that reminds us of our mortality. Returning to God’s mercy and grace, we are marked with the cross of Christ.

### Annual Meeting February 7, 2016

- Reception of New Members in worship
- Soup-er Bowl of Caring canned goods collection for Care for Real
- Congregational Potluck after worship
- Annual Meeting with election of Council Members and Reports of 2015



*ECT Youth at Detroit Gathering*

### ECT Youth Group Leaders and Volunteers Needed

Interested in getting to know our awesome ECT youth better? Become an ECT Youth Group Leader. Hang out with our youth during youth group gatherings and/or during special events throughout the year. You do not have to commit to being at every event. To join the Youth Leader Team or to find out more, contact Pastor Emily Heitzman at [pastoremilyh@gmail.com](mailto:pastoremilyh@gmail.com) or 319-529-0067.

### Lenten Wednesdays

February 17 – March 16

7:00pm Vespers, a contemplative evening prayer liturgy

7:30pm Soup Supper and Table Talk



*We welcome you wherever you are on your spiritual journey: returning, long time member or questioning.*

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



ONE Northside is proud to announce our newest Issue Team, the **Workers' Rights Team**, which was voted on at the Membership Council meeting in December 2015. The Workers' Rights Team is focused on the equitable treatment of all working people. The Workers' Rights Team aims to establish livable and fair compensation and benefits to all that spend their precious time and energy working to support themselves and those they care for.

### Moral Mondays

Pastor Fred and 40 other clergy and supporters that were arrested for civil disobedience had their day in court December 21. Their protest in November demanded a Financial Transaction Tax for the Chicago Board of Trade to help solve the IL Budget impasse. Their accusers did not show up in court, and the 41 were released on three months supervision. Please keep the poor and the least of these most affected in Illinois in your prayers.

## Growing Our Faith

### Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday January 9 & 30 & February 6, 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.

### Prayer Concerns

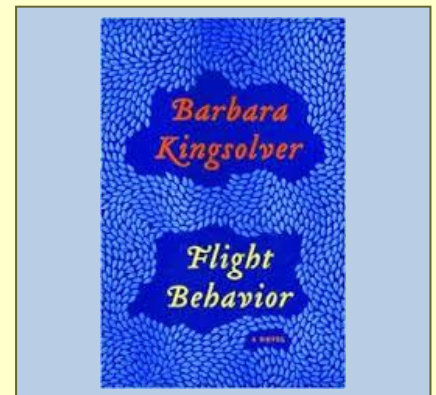
JaLinda Wilson and Pastor Fred on the death of their mother's in November. Oliver Tugend's father was diagnosed and being treated for prostate cancer. We give thanks for Oliver and Clint's recent trip to celebrate his dad's 75 birthday in Germany.

### **Soup-er Bowl of Caring**

Sundays: January 31 and  
February 7

Bring soup cans or other  
canned goods and  
Tackle Hunger!

*Donations benefit Care for Real*



### Book Discussion

**Sunday February 21, 11:45am**

**Reading: "Flight Behavior," Barbara Kingsolver.**

Written with rich, realistic characters and a fascinating premise, can nature change your life? It certainly seems so for the main character Dellarobia Turnbow, who has almost what could be described as a vision, though it is a real event. Recommended for anyone who enjoys a good

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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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