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Spotlight on Unity's Mission Support

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

July Spotlight – Outdoor Ministries

We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. For many, outdoor ministry is a life-changing experience. In partnership with congregations, outdoor ministries strive to strengthen, support and lift up the body of Christ by encouraging spiritual growth in outdoor settings. There are 135 ELCA-affiliated camp, retreat and conference center sites in the United States and Puerto Rico. Outdoor ministries offer a wide variety of programs that provide growth experiences for people of all ages, many of whom become leaders in the church and their communities. Youth, in particular, can benefit through camp, which helps growth in areas such as spirituality, self-confidence, independence, making friends, exploring and learning new activities.

August Spotlight – ELCA Churchwide Assembly & Grace Gathering

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is an opportunity to rejoice in the life-giving, liberating power of the gospel. As part of the observance, we invite you to attend the Grace Gathering August 10-13, in partnership with the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. This will be an opportunity to experience the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) when gathered as the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, prepare for further observances of the 500th anniversary and reflect on how the Reformation can continue to guide us today.

Growing Our Faith

Season of Pentecost – Year of Luke

As the summer progresses, stories of healing, forgiveness, and new life take on progressive layers of depth and meaning. Worshipers will imagine themselves among the seventy whom Jesus sends out to announce peace, to share table fellowship, to cure the sick, and to proclaim the reign of God drawn near (Luke 10:8-9). The injunction to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27) is expanded upon with the parable of the good

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

Samaritan (July 10) and the scene of Jesus’ arrival in the home of Mary and Martha (July 17). Having been healed by Jesus, worshipers will hear the call to share the love we have received with neighbors both familiar and unfamiliar. These scenes, so intimate in their depiction of need and mercy, draw the assembly in and encourage us to bring our need for healing to Jesus. Time and again throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author expands upon material found in the other gospels or includes stories unique to this account that feature women as subjects of Jesus’ ministry and equals among Jesus’ followers. (*Sundays & Seasons*)

Our Faith in Action

The Gallery at Unity

Now thru July 31, Spinning on the Beach,” featuring photographs by Orson Panetti

Opening Sunday August 7, an exhibit featuring Michael Hamilton’s work

Opening Sunday September 11, “Postcards from Unity”

Brought to you by ArtsWorks

Baptism

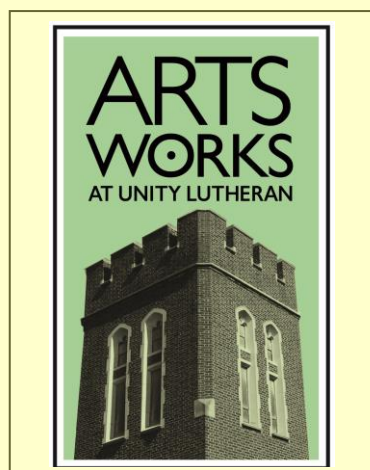
We welcome to baptism our sister in the faith Erin Robertson! Erin has been worshipping with us since last year and has recently become a reader in worship. Her baptism will be this August!



Bike for Real

Sunday August 14 – Sunday August 21

Bring your bike for a tune-up with **IGOR DOES MY BIKE** on Sunday August 14. Then ride, ride, ride, take rides all week long. Can’t bike? Please [support our bikers with a donation, click here](#). All gifts support our food and clothing pantry, **Care for Real!**



Our Faith in Action



Moral Mondays

Monday July 18, and

Monday August 22, time and date TBD

Moral Mondays made a bold statement on May 9th! Pastor Fred was one of 20 people that performed civil disobedience shutting down business as usual at Ken Griffin's Citadel. As the wealthiest person in IL he receives tax breaks from Springfield while financing

Governor Rauner's campaign. We demand a FAIR BUDGET FOR ALL! And we're building a movement from Edgewater to Englewood to Springfield that has helped change the Illinois budget discussion there. Join us as we build people and money power to insure a more moral state and country for all.

ECT Youth Group Mission, Service & Learning Trip

Saturday, August 6 - Thursday, August 11, Dubuque, IA

Our Youth, Ngbarezere and Maku are signed up for this trip. Pastor Fred will join them Monday-Thursday. Please contact Pastor Emily Heitzman at pastoremilyh@gmail.com for more info.

Growing Our Faith

Prayer Breakfast

Saturdays July 30 and August 27, 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.

RefugeeONE

JULY COLLECTION for Back-To-School Items:

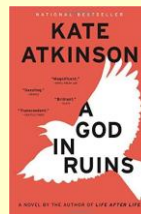
- _ Pens, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, highlighters
- _ Backpacks
- _ Scissors, glue sticks, rulers
- _ Spiral notebooks, folders, lined loose-leaf paper
- _ Welcome Kits (see page 3)
- _ Financial donations

DELIVER to RefugeeONE, 4753 N. Broadway, #401: JULY 25-28, 2016 Mon. & Tues. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Or drop off at church.

Book Discussion

Sunday August 28, 11:45am

Reading: "A God in Ruins" by Kate Atkinson. Teddy - would-be poet, RAF bomber pilot, husband and father - navigates the perils and progress of the 20th century. For all Teddy endures in battle, his greatest challenge will be to face living in a future he never expected to have. One of the Best Books of 2015--*TIME*, *NPR*, *Washington Post*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *AARP*. Join the discussion!



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.

Growing Our Faith

Metro Chicago Synod Antiracism Ministry Announces A Sacred Dialogue on Race: Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism Workshop

Thursday-Saturday, July 28-30, 2016,
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 E. 55th St., Chicago, IL 60615

“The Metropolitan Chicago Synod is committed to antiracism work.”

An in-depth look at race and racism in the United States, this workshop is designed to reveal how systemic racism creates barriers to true multicultural diversity and racial justice, and will:

- explore the historical development of systemic racism and its continuing effects in our society
- examine the ongoing realities of racism including the identity-shaping power racism has on People of Color and White people
- explore racism’s individual, institutional and cultural manifestations
- consider the link between racism and other forms of oppression

This is a 2 ½ day workshop—participants must commit to attending all three sessions:

Day 1: 6:00- 9:00 p.m., Day 2: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Day 3: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

- ELCA members: Early Registration (by July 1) \$75; After July 1 — \$105
- Non-ELCA: Early Registration (by July 1) — \$360; After July 1 — \$450

Registration includes workshop materials, Snacks on Day 1, continental breakfast and lunch on Day 2 and Day 3.

Register online at

mcselca.org/what/ministry/antiracism

Online registration ends July 23, 2016

Never has this discussion on race been more relevant to our faith and lives as it is today. The effects, both personal and structural continue to impact the kingdom of God on earth. This is one step towards understanding and healing, action and hope for change. Join Pastor Fred, John Taylor and Chuck Redeker attending this sacred dialog. Register today!



Postcards from Unity

Opening Sunday September 11, 2016

The Gallery at Unity

Remember when...? Remember when people sent postcards home to their family and friends from their summer vacations? This exhibit features Unity and Friends pictures and other art work from their summer vacations in 2016. You’re invited to bring back and frame your favorite photos and share the stories and inspirations, colors and mystery with the rest of us. Wherever your travels take you, whether to the Bean or the Bahama’s, Bromann Park or Rio, start today, and get ready for Postcards from Unity!



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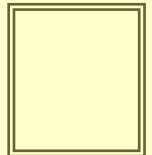
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**Unity's vision
is to be an urban green space
welcoming everyone into a holy encounter
where we are changed
that all may be fed as Jesus feeds us**

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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