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God's work. Our hands.

Spotlight on Benevolence

Unity's Mission Support

*Unity Assembly 10% Tithe to the
Metropolitan Chicago Synod and
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

November Spotlight– ELCA Votes!

We are called to conversation and prayer around our role as U.S. residents and as people of faith in ensuring our election systems promote dignity and respect for all. We are called to act by speaking out as advocates and engaging in local efforts to guarantee the right to vote to all citizens. To sign up for up-to-date information on ELCAvotes, visit ELCA Votes [here](#).

December Spotlight – Diakonia

The Metro Chicago Synod's [Diakonia program](#) emphasizes the baptismal vocation of all Christians to serve as did our Lord Jesus. Participants are usually already leaders in their parishes, and have a high degree of commitment to the ministry of the Church. They want to deepen their life of faith and ground their baptismal commitment to serve in the scriptural, theological, liturgical, and historical traditions of the Church. They are committed to serve through the Church in a variety of ways: teaching, administration, liturgical leadership, action for social justice, evangelism, visitation of the sick, community organization, youth work, ministry among the elderly, and the like. In every way they seek, and are helped by diakonia, to grow closer to the image and example of Christ the servant.

Growing Our Faith



Year of Luke – November

November 6 – All Saints Sunday

Remembering All the Saints we have loved that have gone before us in the faith

November 13 – Stewardship Sunday

Intro of Make it Simple 2017 Theme & Pledges

November 20 – Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Care for Real Special Collection for Holidays
ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – 3pm
at Immanuel Lutheran Church

November 27 – Advent 1 and Baptism of Amelia

Flachsbart, daughter of Josh & Sue Flachsbart
and sister to Maddie!

Our Faith in Action

The Gallery at Unity

Now thru November 20

“Tree of Life”

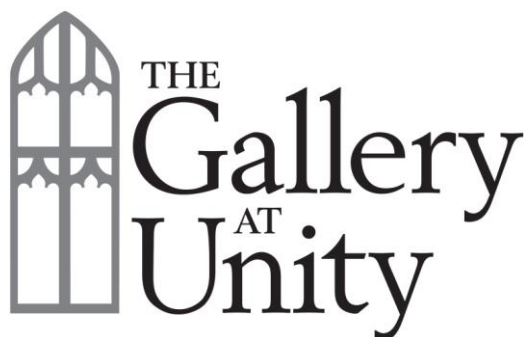
A Juried Chicago Show on ancient religio-secular symbol

November 27 thru Christmas

Opening of “Jean Yves”

The return of 20 year old Haitian talent

The Gallery at Unity brought to you by ArtsWorks



Year of Matthew – December

December 4 – Advent 2

John the Baptist directs us in our faith journeys toward a witness that is forever pointing to Jesus.

December 11 – Advent 3

Pastor Emily Heitzman Preaching.

December 18 – Advent 4

During these final days of Advent we pray, “O come, O come, Emmanuel,” a beloved hymn based on ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas.

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Candlelight, Communion and Carols service.

December 25 - Christmas Day

We gather on Christmas morning and sing all our familiar Carols as Christmas falls on a Sunday this year.

Unity Centennial 2017

“New” Building was dedicated 1917!

July 9, 2017 Worship Celebration with

Bishop Miller of Metro Chicago Synod!

God Talk On Tap

Sunday Nov 13 & Dec 11, 6:30 – 8:00pm

Lady Gregory's on Clark at Berwyn

Join Lutherans, Presbyterians, and friends for casual faith conversations over drinks and appetizers. (Drinks and apps are on your own.)

Nov 13 "God and Balance"

Life can be extremely busy. We give ourselves to so many things, jobs, families, school, causes we believe in, friends, justice work, political processes, neighborhoods and faith communities. There is no limit to how we pour ourselves out. Is there any way to achieve a balance? To pour out, and get filled up? How do you balance your life? What does God have to say about balance?

Our Faith in Action



Police Accountability Conversations

Thursday, November 17th, 6 - 8 PM, Sullivan High School, 6631 N. Bosworth

What role do you believe police should have in creating a safe community? Be part of the solution and join the conversation! The goal is to have an authentic community engagement process around police accountability.

Bus pick up locations TBD!

Refreshments and childcare available.

Growing Our Faith

Prayer Breakfast

Saturdays Nov 26 and Dec 31, 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.

Care for Real

Thank you for your gifts of food and clothing in the collection basket each Sunday!

Standard, Most Distributed Items

100% shelf stable fruit juice
applesauce
canned fruits and vegetables
canned meat products; beef stew, pork and beans, tuna, chicken, ham, beef
canned food items
breakfast cereals (whole grain, if possible)
peanut butter
black and green olives, dill pickles, sauerkraut, anchovies,
pasta, beans and rice
soups and broths and other miscellaneous items
coffee and tea
baby food

Concerts at Unity | 7:30pm Friday, November 11
In Honor of Our Veterans: A Concert of Americana
Please join *Concerts at Unity* this Veterans Day as we present a program entirely of American music. Music will include vocal and instrumental selections by Stephen Foster, Aaron Copland, and others. Coming soon... *Concerts at Unity* schedule for 2017.

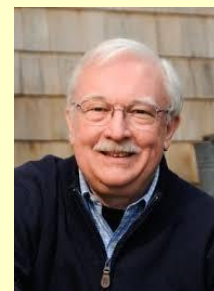
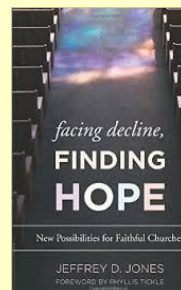
Seasoned Trio | 6:30pm Sunday, December 4
Fall Concert for clarinet, cello & piano
Seasoned Trio was formed in July 2016 with the love of music by three fine musicians, Li-Ying Chang, Yuen Yee Richardson and Desiree Miller. Yuen Yee has been a space sharer at Unity the since 2013. Desiree Miller also performs in *Concerts at Unity*.

Chicago Chamber Choir | 7:30pm Saturday, December 17 | **Carols by Candlelight: A Holiday Sing-Along**
Unity is thrilled to welcome back CCC. The rich voices of CCC will ring in the season with contemporary and traditional settings of exquisite carols. Celebrate the glow of the season with this enchanting and cherished holiday music.

Book Discussion

Sunday November 6, 11:45am

Reading: "Facing Decline, Finding Hope" by Jeffrey Jones. There's so much to love - the connection between honest personal spiritual vitality and congregational vitality... deep biblical insight... But my favorite thing, he proposes new questions entirely - and they're exactly the questions we need (Brian McLaren). 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

ECT Youth Group! (Edgewater Congregations Together)

ECT Youth Group consists of youth in grades 6th-12th from Unity, Immanuel, and Ebenezer Lutheran Churches and youth from the neighborhood. 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.

Regular ECT Youth Group:

Wednesday, Nov. 9, Wednesday, Nov. 30, and Wed., Dec. 14, 6:15pm – dinner, 7:00-8:30pm – program

*NO Youth Group on Wed., Nov. 23! Happy Thanksgiving!

Metro-Chicago Synod Ultimate Lock-in:

Friday, Nov. 4 - Saturday, Nov. 5

Meet at Immanuel Lutheran at 7:00pm on Friday and return to Immanuel Lutheran by 6:00 or 6:15am on Saturday.

The ECT Youth will join the Synod's annual Ultimate Lock-in, which will include a Learn and Serve event (with a speaker and service projects) from 9:00-11:45pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wheaton and time at the Enchanted Castle from 12:00am-5:00am (which includes pizza, games, karaoke, bumper cars, go-carts, laser tag, and more.)



ECRA Interfaith Service:

ECT Youth will head to the ECRA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service together. Service is at 3:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Details to come.

ECT Youth Group Christmas Party:

At Immanuel Lutheran Church
Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. (Dinner at 6:15pm).

Our Faith in Action

Welcome Our Newest Space Sharers



Chris Kammer, fulltime resident of the North Office

Chris is a Financial Associate with Thrivent Financial, a lifelong resident of Illinois. He holds degrees from University of Illinois and Northwestern University. Chris uses his passions for investing and financial education to help his clients meet their goals and live generously. Outside of the office you can find Chris giving back to the community, spending time with his family and dog, exploring the world, or rooting on the Chicago cubs and Detroit Red Wings.

Emma McCall, fulltime resident of the Tower Room



Our LB neighbor, and guitarist in Moonrise Nation. Check out article on Moonrise Nation in Guitar Girl Magazine [here](#). Moonrise Nation plays regularly at the Beat Kitchen, 1200 West Belmont

Chicago City Soccer Club, bringing youth soccer to Unity this winter, three nights a week and Saturdays



About CCSC “Our club fosters a culture that nurtures intellectual, cultural, social and physical development through soccer.” ... “Chicago City Soccer Club is committed to help and support the Chicago community. Part of CCSC’s mission is to help provide underserved communities throughout Chicago with exposure to soccer.”

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[Visit us on the web: unitylutheranchicago.org](http://unitylutheranchicago.org)

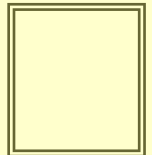
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Unity's vision

**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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