

September
2024

United in Faith News

SEPTEMBER

*Why are we
Here?
We are to be
God's
hands,
feet and
voice
in the
world.*



From the desk of . . .
Pastor Jeanine



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

In Worship this month we will again celebrate the Seasons of Creation. This shared liturgical celebration unites us with churches around the world seeking reconnection to God's creation. Using the themes of Earth, Humanity, Sky, and Mountains we will liturgically remember our vocation to care for the creation that supports and sustains us.

Living in the city, it is easy to feel far away from creation. We are often a long way from breathing deeply in the woods or on the prairie. Surrounded by concrete and construction, with small yards and limited garden space most of us rely on the big grocery stores for our daily bread. And, if you have been paying attention you know that those grocery stores are not on everybody's corner. Food deserts are real, and feeling confident that everyone can buy fresh good food is dwindling.

In a past life, while in seminary I worked as a distributor for a small farming business near Beloit, WI. Julie and I would pick up frozen beef, pork, chicken, and lamb and assorted fresh vegetables for Chicago folks seeking a more direct connection to their food. This CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) used a subscription service to fill folks' refrigerators. People get to feel good about reducing the transportation costs of their groceries and keep small farmers in business.

I loved being able connect Jackie (the farmer) with Joe and Anne (the CSA member) in Lincoln Park. Generally, we don't know where our food comes from, we don't know how it is grown, or if our money that buys it supports a family or a large multinational corporation. Over the years, I have learned that there are many more such organizations and opportunities here in Chicago. Surprisingly there are a lot of such places.

Places that are working to challenge the idea that city folk can't grow good and healthy food here. Places like Metropolitan Farms at 4250 W Chicago Avenue, Chicago Lights Urban Farm at 444 W Chicago Avenue, The Farm on Ogden at 3555 W Ogden, City Farm at 550 W Division. Community gardens, some in CPS elementary and middle schools allow us to have our own plots. There are places that provide advice and training to get good at using small spaces for big harvests. Windy City Harvest is a program of the Chicago Botanical Garden. And the Chicago Park District also has numerous classes.

This month we are planning to visit a few of these places and learn more about urban farming that may be just celebrating God's abundance around the corner or behind a tall fence. I hope that you can join us. Stay tuned in worship for these urban field trips.

Pr. Jeanine

At
United in Faith,
The Guiding
Principles are:

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Jesus is
Lord and
Savior

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Reflect
God's **Love**

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Pray and
listen for God's
guidance

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Continue to
strengthen
faith

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Include **All**
in God's
work

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Meet people
**where they
are**

Registration is required. Please complete the [registration form](#) to record your interest. <https://dunningnatural.org/>

FREE NATURE ART WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY MORNINGS 10AM - NOON

SEPTEMBER 7TH - OCTOBER 26TH

AT THE DUNNING READ NATURAL AREA

4050 N OAK PARK AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60634



Registration
link above



This project is partially supported by a Neighborhood Access Program grant from the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events



United in Faith Lutheran Welcome Statement

United in Faith **openly welcomes and values every person who walks through our doors**, regardless of race, nationality and ethnic origin, age, gender, sexual orientation & gender identity, marital status, social and economic situation, ability, cultural reality, & need.

Further, United in Faith supports efforts to share with all: God's gifts of love, acceptance, & grace; invites all people, **uniquely created by God**, to **experience the word of God, communion, & promise of the risen Christ**; and encourages all people to participate fully in the ministries of this congregation, which are based on its core values.



BOOK CLUB



The book selected for October is **The Book of Hope - A Survival Guide for Trying Times** by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams with Gail Hudson.

Jane Goodall, the world's most famous living naturalist, focuses on her "Four Reasons for Hope": The Amazing Human Intellect, The Resilience of Nature, The Power of Young People, and The Indomitable Human Spirit - explored through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue. Vital questions are touched upon including: How do we stay hopeful when everything seems hopeless? How do we cultivate hope in our children? What is the relationship between hope and action? The book is filled with moving and inspirational stories and photographs from Jane's remarkable career.

Read the book and join us on **Saturday, October 19 at 10:00** for a discussion sure to be filled with hope!

Your book suggestions for future Book Club discussions are welcome. Talk to a member of the Justice Team!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED...

We are always looking for more smiling faces to welcome our neighbors. There are **SIGN-UP SHEETS** on the table under bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. *You can sign up for a number of volunteer opportunities.... like be a greeter, or an usher or help with coffee hour.* **Thank you for giving extra time to greet our families and friends.**



St. Cyprian's Food Pantry

Please consider a special donation to the Pantry this month. Like all non-profits, the Pantry experiences a summer lull in giving that consistently straps their cash flow.

If you plan a gift later in the year, please consider giving that in September.

PET BLESSING

Our Annual Pet Blessing will be held on Saturday, October 5 at 12:30 pm in our back parking lot. Please bring your pet (furry or not) and join us for this very enjoyable short service/blessing of all God's creatures.

Also, we ask that you keep your pet on leash or in it's cage/home. Thanks!



Blessing
of the
Pets



THEY'RE BACK!!!!

The Daisy, Brownies and Girl Scouts return on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, for another year here at UIF.

The Daisy and Brownies will meet from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and the Girl Scouts will meet from 7:00 pm to 8:00pm.

If you know of any girls looking to join a troop, please call Janeen Devine or talk to her on Sunday after worship.

We are looking forward to another successful year.

Janeen



***GOLDEN REBELS* Invite YOU to Join Them Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 AM to ~12:00 PM**

The Golden Rebels first formed in July 2017 when the Golden Diners program at United in Faith was canceled by the City of Chicago. Some of the seniors went to a location of Golden Diners that has remained open (Montrose Baptist), while 8 of us have continued to play Bingo every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to approximately 12:00pm. Bingo is one dollar for 3 cards.

We are always looking for new faces to join us!

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Resource Room for the fun.



IN PERSON COFFEE HOUR

Join us at 9:00 am for coffee fellowship with all your United in Faith friends! Come for coffee & juice.

As always we will need volunteers for future coffee hours so make sure to sign your name on the sign up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall. We are so looking forward to seeing your smiling faces!! Come join us!!

DON'T FORGET!

NEW LIFE FOR OLD BAGS
will have a work day on Saturday, October 5
from 10:00 am until noon

*Help Make Sleeping Mats for Our Neighbors
Who Face Homelessness!*



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| September 4 | Pete Herberg, Dave Quillin |
| September 6 | Marty Devine, Gretchen Quillin Ray & Jackie Good Anniversary |
| September 7 | Ellen Devine |
| September 16 | Nathan Dombroski |
| September 17 | Fran Johnston, Jacob Kuswik |
| September 19 | Pam Marino, Kim Childress |
| September 28 | Loreen O'Donnell-Stellplug |



THE SEASON OF CREATION September 2024

As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as caretakers of God's creation. This global celebration began in 1989 with the Ecumenical Patriarchate's recognition of the Day of Prayer for Creation and is now embraced by the wide ecumenical community.

We see that our wellbeing is interwoven with its wellbeing. We rejoice in this opportunity to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it. This year,

We will also share an outdoor **Pet Blessing** service at 12:30 pm on Saturday, October 5 as part of UIF commemorating the Season of Creation.



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

STAY TUNED....

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,700 congregation participating in "God's work. Our hands" day of service. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands!

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, we will incorporate service projects into our Open House (date TBD) once our roof and internal furnishings are redone.

As always, join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 am as we worship God with our hands and our voices.



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SEPTEMBER 2024



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed | 2 LABOR DAY | 3 10:00am Rebels Bingo 6:00pm Girl Scouts | 4 | 5 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Rebels Bingo | 6 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Girl Scout Service Unit 286 | 7 9:30am Al-Anon 1:00pm Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- https://siawso.org |
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Worship Schedule



September and October

10:00 am
WORSHIP SERVICE
 WILL ALSO BE
 LIVESTREAMED



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| SEPT 1 - PENTECOST 15 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship | Oct 6 - PENTECOST 20 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship |
| SEPT 8 - "God's Work. Our Hands" 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship | Oct 13—PENTECOST 21 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship |
| SEPT 15 - PENTECOST 17 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship | Oct 20—PENTECOST 22 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship |
| SEPT 22 - PENTECOST 18 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship | Oct 27—REFORMATION 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship |
| SEPT 29 - PENTECOST 19 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship | CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm |

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