



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



At Acacia Park Lutheran Church, we welcome you!

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August 2018

Friends,

This month you may begin to see some areas of the church being transformed as we prepare to begin a partnership with New Life Community Church in September. Pastor Tom and his wife Traci will be in the building with some of their members during the month of August as they prep three classrooms on the second floor of the education wing.

Some basic information about the agreement with New Life:

- New Life's worship service will begin at 11:45 am, and they will begin setting up the worship space at 11:00. They will have use of the sanctuary until 2:00 pm on Sundays.
- New Life will have use of Riedesel Hall from noon-3:00 pm on Sundays.
- New Life will use three classrooms on the second floor of the education wing. These classrooms are for their use any day of the week.
- The office will maintain a shared calendar with New Life in hopes to keep communication open and so we can still do our special events.
- New Life says that they currently have 35 people that will worship on Sundays, but they hope that the worship attendance will grow.
- New Life will pay \$1,500 a month to help offset any extra costs we may incur by sharing the space with them.
- There is a Space Sharing Committee: Marion Engler, Karen Lanners, Patti Mann, and Tony Valentino. This committee will address any concerns or growing pains we feel as we ease into sharing space with a new group. The committee will check the suggestion box regularly and address any needs that arise. All the members of the committee are available to talk to you at any time

Sharing space with a congregation is something that Acacia Park is familiar with, and I hear it was a positive experience in the past. This new partnership may have us making some adjustments at first, but I trust as we get to know each other, this partnership will be a blessing. During the Easter season we focused on the book of Acts and heard about how the early disciples created partnerships, even in areas that were unknown to them, in order to spread the gospel message far and wide. I pray that we have the same trust and courage the first century church had and that we enter into this partnership with Christ in our hearts and the Holy Spirit leading us.

In Christ,

Pr. Meagan Sherman-Sporrong

Treasurer's Report (as of June 30, 2018)

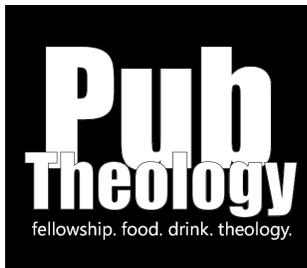
	YTD	YTD BUDGET TRENDED	DIFF ACT/BUDGET
Offering Income	\$24,134.55	\$24,662.50	(\$527.95)
Other Income	4,416.51	3,800.00	616.51
Expense	50,887.21	53,328.05	2,440.84
Net	(22,336.15)	(24,865.55)	2,529.40

Worship and Christian Education

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

On **Sunday, August 5th**, please join us when we receive into the fellowship of this congregation **Linda Jenkins; Patti, Bobby and Katie Dupree; Elsie Michelsen and Wanda Nagel**, all members of Christ's body, through public affirmation of faith.

PUB THEOLOGY



We will meet on **Tuesday, August 14th** at 7:00 pm at Kären Tompkins' home, 2801 Briarwood Dr West, Arlington Heights for fellowship and friendly discussion of topics including faith, spirituality, current events, and just about everything in between. If you would like to bring an appetizer or treat to share, that would be great! All are welcome. Call or email the church office at 708-453-3662 or acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com for more information.

YOU AND THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

On **Sunday, August 26th** immediately following worship, our Bible study group will meet. Please mark your calendars, and plan on joining us in fellowship, study and discussion.

Parish Events and Notes

PANCAKE BRUNCH



We will be hosting a Pancake Brunch on **Sunday, August 5th** starting at 10:45 am to raise money toward replacing the church's front doors. The cost is \$5.00; children three and under are free. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for a delicious brunch of pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee along with the chance to win some great raffle prizes. All are welcome! This event is

sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The church council meets on **Wednesday, August 8th** at 7:00 pm.

PASTOR MEAGAN'S VACATION

Pastor Meagan will be out of town on vacation from **August 9th to August 25th**. If there is any need for emergency pastoral care (hospitalization or other emergency), please contact Dawn at the church office (708-453-3662) during office hours or the council president Karen Lanners (773-439-9893). Pastor Brenda Smith will be filling in for Pastor Meagan while she is on vacation.

Serving the Congregation and Larger Community

THE NIGHT MINISTRY

We will once again be "taking it to the streets" to serve a meal to the homeless on **Sunday, August 19th** with [The Night Ministry](#). We need volunteers to help prepare the sandwiches and pack the dinner bags as well as volunteers to drive and help distribute food. If you or anyone you know is interested in going to the location to hand out food and visit with the recipients, please contact Karen Lanners at 773-439-9893.



ST. CYPRIAN'S FOOD PANTRY

Canned and non-perishable goods for [St. Cyprian's Food Pantry](#) continue to be collected. Food donations may be left in the bin in the Narthex. **No open packages or expired food, please.**

Additionally, St. Cyprian's is looking for volunteer help in the food pantry on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:00 to 11:00 am. No heavy lifting required, but they do insist that volunteers be able to smile! For more information, call 773-387-4918.

Finally, please be advised that we no longer will be receiving donations from Costco as they have decided to distribute their donations through a national food depository. We will, however, continue to receive donations from Panera Bread from time to time. We are very thankful for the many years that Costco partnered with us in helping to feed and support local families and individuals through St. Cyprian's Food Pantry and other service organizations.

From the ELCA

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY



Save the date!
"God's work. Our hands." Sunday
will be **Sunday, September 9, 2018.**

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and to love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ--

every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life--flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. We all work every day to make our communities better places. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018!

More specific information about Acacia Park's 2018 service project for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday will be available in the next few weeks.

Life Passages

A memorial service for long-time church member **William Parry** will take place on **Saturday, August 4th** at 11:00 am at Acacia Park Lutheran Church. Pastor Meagan will lead service. A visitation with the family will be held before the service beginning at 10:00 am at the church. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Acacia Park Lutheran Church's Building Fund or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at www.lls.org.

On Sunday, July 29th, we celebrated Holy Baptism and welcomed a new member into the body of Christ, **Timothy David Israel Jones**. Timothy is the son of Tim and Stacey Jones.

Programs of Interest in an Around the Community

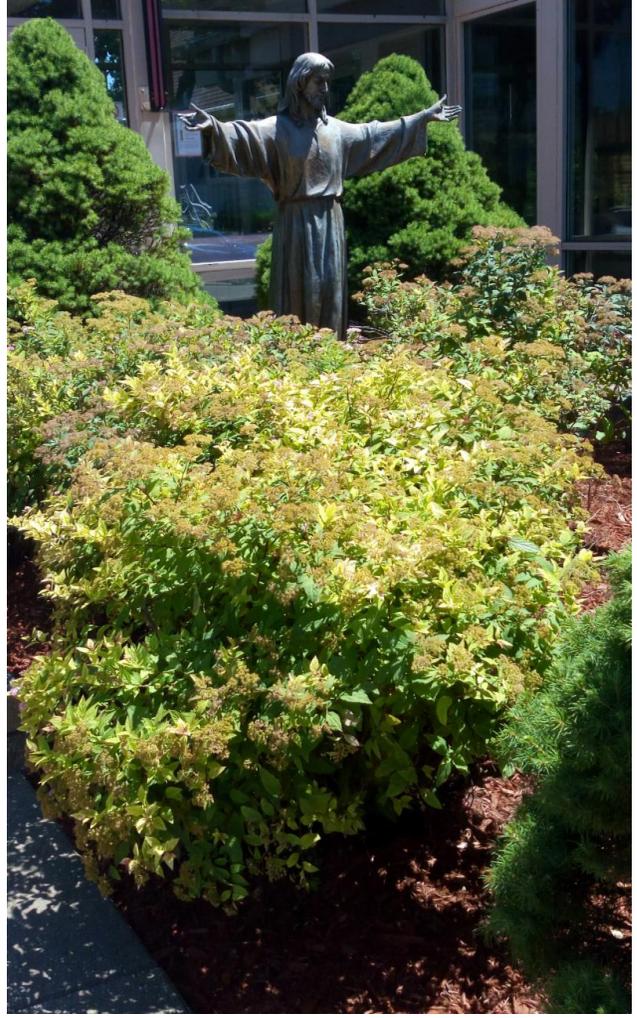
@ Norridge Park District

Interested in seeing the Chicago Cubs play the Milwaukee Brewers at Miller Stadium in Milwaukee, WI? The Norridge Park District has put together a senior outing on **Monday, September 3rd** to do just that! The cost is \$110 for residents and \$120 for nonresidents. The bus leaves Divine Savior back parking lot at 10:30 a.m. and returns approximately 5:00 pm or later. Game time is 1:20 p.m. For more information or to register for this outing, call 708-457-0961 and ask for Danielle.



Sending Out Our Thanks

A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to Kären and Thomas Tompkins and June Farrow for their wonderful work on the raised garden in front of the church. Kären, Thomas and June spent a recent afternoon weeding, pruning and mulching, and the result is amazing. Please take a minute to appreciate the beauty of their work next time you're here for Sunday service.



Fundraising

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Acacia Park Lutheran Church every time you shop and at no cost to you. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience--including Amazon Prime member benefits--at Amazon.com. You'll also have the added bonus that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Acacia Park. Log on at <https://amazonmile.com> to get started shopping.



August 9th is National Book Lovers Day!



Proverbs 20:15 *There is gold, and abundance of costly stones; but the lips informed by knowledge are a precious jewel.*

Last month, we officially dedicated our Little Free Library. Guests included church members, Eisenhower Library representatives, Friends of the Library members, and Acacia Park friends and neighbors. We have filled our library with some great reads, so stop by on National Book Lovers Day or any day to take a book or to leave a book to share with other book lovers!

*Special **THANKS** goes to the Eisenhower Public Library for supplying us with the Little Free Library starter shed and to Marion Engler for donating the library post.

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Connect with us on the web or by email by clicking:

acaciaparkchurch.com

acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com

Share your thoughts with us by phone:

708-453-3662

Celebrate with us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

Church office hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

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