



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



At Acacia Park Lutheran Church, we welcome you!

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October 2018

Dear Church Family,

Part of our Lutheran worship tradition has ways that we celebrate significant anniversaries of the church. Acacia Park will celebrate its 90th anniversary this month, and I want to share a prayer that will be included on Reformation Sunday, October 28, which is also the Sunday we will celebrate the anniversary of our church:

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We have a lot to celebrate, and we will celebrate throughout the year! Our first celebration will take place on October 21 after worship when we will have a Soup Lunch and Bingo Fundraiser (details can be found below in "Parish Events and Notes"). This year we will focus on our history and remember where we came from, celebrate where we are, and look into the future. We will have a series of fundraisers to raise money to fix some areas of our building to help keep it beautiful. Please read the article from Council President Karen Lanners to learn more about these building plans.

We have so much to be thankful for, and we can praise God for all that we have been entrusted with in this ministry. We also have so much to look forward to. Let us pray for God's guidance in the ministry of Acacia Park in the years to come!

Blessings,

Pr. Meagan Sherman-Sporrong

From the Council President

We've made some great progress on repairing/rejuvenating our church-physically and internally! We had our flat roof repaired last week and our roof on the north side reshingled. It looks wonderful!!! We are in the process of getting some estimates for water proofing the church and getting a working gutter system for the front. Next on our agenda is re-grading the courtyard bricks in front of the doors to pitch water away from the front doors and Narthex. Karen Tomkins and her crew, Thomas and Billy have been making HUGE strides in getting rid of our weeds in front and on the sides, as well as laying down mulch. Thank you SO much; it looks so much nicer! Our inner

courtyard is being lovingly maintained by Irene Ballek and Linda Engler, and it is just beautiful. What a great group we have!!! Thank you all. We are continuing with our fundraisers to help with the costs of the roof and the new doors as well as miscellaneous repairs, so please help out with your attendance at our fundraisers, volunteering, and any donations you can spare.

Thank you again for all you do!

Karen Lanners

Treasurer's Report (as of August 31, 2018)

	YTD	YTD BUDGET TRENDED	DIFF ACT/BUDGET
Offering Income	\$32,834.57	\$32,883.33	(\$48.76)
Other Income	4,525.73	5,066.67	(540.94)
Expense	69,025.21	71,104.07	2,078.86
Net	(31,664.91)	(33,154.07)	1,489.16

Worship and Christian Education

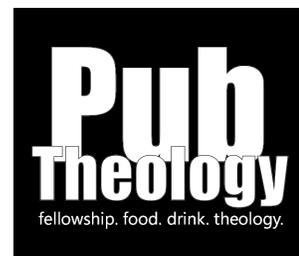
CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



A special time for children will be offered during worship on **Sunday, October 14th** and will be led by one of our lay leaders. Children will be dismissed right before the sermon to participate in faith formation activities designed just for them. In addition to a story and theme for the day, there will be a related project for all participants. All children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome.

PUB THEOLOGY

We will meet on **Tuesday, October 23rd** at 7:00 pm at Patti Mann's home, 4304 N Oketo Ave, Norridge 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, October 28th** immediately following worship, our Bible study group will meet in the downstairs lounge. Please mark your calendars, and plan on joining us in fellowship, study and discussion.

Parish Events and Notes

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: RAISING THE ROOF AND OPENING THE DOORS



A one-year campaign in celebration of our 90th anniversary to raise funds to repair the roof, replace the front doors, and fix some of the water issues in our basement.

Our goal is to raise \$12,000 during the 90th-year anniversary celebration of Acacia Park Lutheran Church. An official campaign letter will be mailed out later in the month; please keep an eye out to learn how you can help support the effort!

The first event of our year-long Capital Campaign will be a Soup Lunch and Bingo Fundraiser on **Sunday, October 21st** beginning at 10:45 am, right after worship. A \$10 entry fee includes one bingo card per round of bingo, a raffle ticket for the raffles that will take place between each of the five rounds of bingo, and a lunch of soup, bread, salad, desserts, and drinks. Additional raffle tickets and bingo cards will be available for a minimal extra cost. Please mark your calendars, and plan on attending this very special 90th anniversary event. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome!

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Monday, October 8th** for the Columbus Day holiday.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

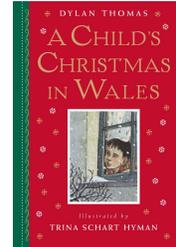
The church council meets on **Thursday, October 11th** at 7:00 pm.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Updated community directories will be included with third-quarter contribution statements, which will be available later in **October**. Additional copies of the directory may be picked up from the church office during regular office hours or before or after Sunday worship.

BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club selection is *A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas. We will meet to discuss the book in early December at the church. Books will be available for church members to borrow from the office courtesy of Eisenhower Public Library around the beginning of November. Any questions, please call or email the church office: 708-453-3662 or acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com.



Serving the Congregation and Larger Community

DONATE YOUR SHOES!

Fall is a good time to take stock of your shoes and boots! During the month of **October**, we will be collecting new and gently-worn shoes and boots of any kind for St. Cyprian's shoe drive to raise funds for the food pantry. A shoe bin has been placed next to the food donation bin in the Narthex.



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.**

From the ELCA

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



With gender-based violence showing up in the news more frequently, how can we as a church make sure we show up for those affected by it? October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month - a great opportunity to think about how we're called to respond. Check out [ELCA.org/Resources/Justice-for-Women#GenderbasedViolence](https://www.elca.org/Resources/Justice-for-Women#GenderbasedViolence) for resources in English and Spanish. Consider studying the ELCA's "GenderBased Violence" social message ([ELCA.org/socialmessages](https://www.elca.org/socialmessages)) individually or in groups to learn how we can think theologically about domestic violence and discern how we serve our members and community.

Memorial Gifts

The following people have given a memorial gift in loving memory of **William Parry** to be directed toward the church's Building Fund. Thank you for your kind and generous donation.

Frank and Jean Reichenbach

Fundraising

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SAVE THE DATE!



Please plan on joining us on **Saturday, November 17th** for our annual Chili Cook Off. You'll enjoy an evening of sampling some of the best chili recipes from our community and great local entertainment. Please share this information with your friends, family and neighbors. Everyone is welcome! This event will take place in Riedesel Hall.

October 28th marks the 90th anniversary of Acacia Park Lutheran Church!
Happy Anniversary Acacia Park!

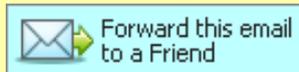


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acaciaparkchurch.com

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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