



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



At Acacia Park Lutheran Church, we welcome you!

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November 2018

Dear Church Family,

Over the course of this next year, Acacia Park Lutheran Church will be celebrating 90 years of being a community of Christ. For the past 90 years, we have served Norridge, the surrounding neighborhoods and the residents in so many ways that we have become a fixture in the community.

One way the church council would like to celebrate 90 years of ministry (the last 58 of those years having been in our beautiful building) is by raising \$8,500 to fix the roof over the education wing and the flat roof, replace the front doors, and address some water leakage issues in the basement.

The church council spent months obtaining quotes and looking at church funds to determine ways to do the necessary repairs while remaining good stewards of both our income and our building.

Roof:	\$15,000
Doors quote:	\$8,000
Waterproofing quote:	\$1,000
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Total cost:	\$24,000

Our fundraising goal is less than what is needed because of the funds that we already have on hand:

Building Fund memorials:.....	\$5,000	<i>(\$4,000 remains for emergencies)</i>
Insurance reimbursement for the roof:.....	\$7,500	
Pancake Brunch fundraiser August 2018:	\$1,182	
Soup Lunch and Bingo fundraiser.....	\$2,000	
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Total on-hand funds:.....	\$15,682	

There will be a number of ways to help reach our fundraising goal this year. The following events are currently in the works. Please mark them on your calendars:

November 17, 2018:	Chili Cook Off
November 17-December 24, 2018:	Building Fund Holiday Ornament Sale
March 3, 2019:	Fat Sunday Pancake Brunch

There will also be a "Donate" button added to the church website which will allow anyone to make a donation to the church. Once we have this page up and running, please share our website with friends and family members who may want to donate to our Capital Campaign.

Other fundraisers will be added throughout the year. If you have an idea for a fundraiser or would like to help plan an event, please let me or a council member know. We love all ideas.

Blessings,

Stewardship

This year, you will receive two different types of pledge cards. The yellow card is for your 2019 Stewardship pledge. This pledge helps the church council create a budget for the next church year and helps us to pay for the daily maintenance of the building, to pay staff, and to keep our ministries like confirmation class and weekly worship a priority. Please take some time to prayerfully consider what your 2019 Stewardship pledge can be; then complete the yellow card, and return it to the church by December 16th.

The polka dot pledge card is for our **2018-2019 Raising the Roof and Opening the Doors Capital Campaign** to raise funds specifically for roof repairs, new doors, and waterproofing. You can make a one-time pledge, or spread out your pledge over the course of the year. Our goal would be for every Acacia Park family to make a financial commitment to support this important project. We hope that you will prayerfully consider this opportunity, reflect on God's blessings, and commit with vigor to this essential fundraising effort. Please complete the 2018-2019 Capital Campaign pledge card, and return it to the church by the end of November.

Giving is a spiritual adventure. It is an act performed for God and with God. As we put this into perspective, we will know the joy that comes from making the decision to give. The building improvements that we are making to our church honor those who went before us and represent a special gift to ourselves and to future generations of Acacia Park families. Please take up this challenge of deepening your own experience of faith and furthering the mission of Christ carried out at Acacia Park.

Worship and Christian Education

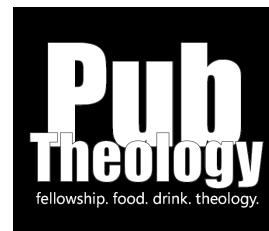
CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



A special time for children will be offered during worship on **Sunday, November 11th** 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, November 27th** at 7:00 pm at Marcia Walther's home, 4116 N Octavia 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, November 25th** 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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

On **Sunday, November 4th**, remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

ELECTION DAY 2018

Tuesday, November 6th is Election Day. Polls open at 6:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. For information about the races, candidates, local referenda and where to vote, visit <https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/2018-elections>.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The church council meets on **Thursday, November 8th** at 7:00 pm.

THANKS-4-GIVING LUNCHEON

On **Sunday, November 11th** immediately following worship, we will celebrate with our annual Thanks-4-Giving potluck to offer thanks for gifts, time, and talents received. Turkey sandwiches will be supplied; please consider bringing a dish to share. Sign-up sheets are being circulated before and after service. Everyone is welcome!



CHILI COOK OFF

Acacia Park's annual Chili Cook Off will take place on **Saturday, November 17th**, beginning at 6:00 pm at the church. Come and enjoy an evening of sampling some of the best chili recipes from our community and entertainment by Nick



Psychogios, Chicago's Own Piano Man, who will perform tunes from Billy Joel, Elton John, Stevie Wonder, Otis Redding, Jerry Lee Lewis and many more. There will be raffles and prizes for the lucky winners of the Chili Cook Off. A \$10.00 donation will be collected at the door; children three and under are free. BYOB (beer and wine). To enter your chili in the cook off, please call the church office at 708-453-3662 or email us at acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com.

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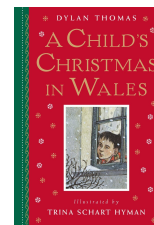
The church office will be closed on **Thursday, November 22nd** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS WORKSHOP

Church members and friends are invited to this presentation by Pastor Meagan on **Saturday, December 1st**, which will explore strategies for coping with memories, feelings, and activities associated with the holiday season in the wake of the death of a loved one. The workshop will take place at the church in the downstairs lounge beginning at 11:00 am.

BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club selection is *A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas. We will meet to discuss the book on **Tuesday, December 4th** at 7:00 pm at the church in the downstairs lounge. Books are available for church members to borrow from the office courtesy of Eisenhower Public Library. Any questions, please call or email the church office: 708-453-3662 or acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com.



Serving the Congregation and Larger Community

ST. CYPRIAN'S FOOD PANTRY--THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

During the first half of November, we will be collecting food for the Thanksgiving holiday for St. Cyprian's Food Pantry. Items needed for holiday dinners include canned corn and beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin; cake mix and frosting; boxed pie crust mix; canned pie filling; evaporated milk; bottled or canned gravy; boxed stuffing mix and instant potatoes. Please bring your food donations as offering to worship on **Sunday, November 4th and 11th**.

DONATE YOUR COATS!

As the weather begins to turn colder, it's a great time to take stock of your coats and cold weather gear. During the **month of November**, we will be collecting new and gently-worn coats and cold weather items including hats, scarves and gloves for donation to those in need. Please place your donations in the Night Ministry bin in the Narthex.



From the ELCA

VETERANS DAY 2018



Each year, the nation pauses to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of military veterans. This year, Veterans Day is **Sunday, November 11th** and presents an opportunity for congregations to pray for those who have lived part of their vocation in military service. One widely used, treasured resource prepared for spiritual care and support of military members, veterans and their families is the *Prayer Book for the Armed Services*. The prayer book is available at augzburgfortress.org for \$8.00 per copy and can be shipped to service members stationed internationally.

Fundraising

AMAZONSMILE

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.



Right now until November 2nd, AmazonSmile will donate 5%--10 times their usual rate--on all eligible smile.amazon.com purchases. Click [here for details](#).

SAVE THE DATE--COOKIE AND CRAFT SALE!

From 9:00 am to noon on **Saturday, December 15th**, we will once again hold our annual Cookie and Craft Sale just in time for the holidays. We are looking for volunteers to bake and/or help with the setup and the cleanup for this fun and



delicious fundraiser. Please consider volunteering. This year, we will again be providing tables to craft vendors for a small donation. Vendor application forms are available in the vestibule or from the church office. All proceeds go toward the Capital Campaign.

In Our Prayers

ALL SAINTS' DAY--SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

We remember the faithful at rest in the Lord. Our congregation lifts up the lives lived among us of:



Doris Balder
Diane Brown Nutile
Barbara Modic

Arlene Bauer
Elizabeth Kasdorf
William Parry

Dawn Benson
Frank Marlette
Laura Roman

They now enjoy the sight of God's face forever with all who have gone before. We pray that their families and friends, and all of us who lift up our beloveds in love and memory will be comforted in the sure and certain promises of life eternal and our communion with the saints of every time and place.

Sending Out Our Thanks

SOUP LUNCH AND BINGO FUNDRAISER

Our Soup Lunch and Bingo Fundraiser on October 21st helped kick off our Raising the Roof and Opening the Doors Capital Campaign as well as our 90th Anniversary celebration. Approximately 70 people joined us and were treated to a delicious lunch of seven different kinds of soup, salad, bread, desserts and drinks. We raised close to \$2,000 towards replacing the church roof and front doors, and fixing some water issues in the basement. **THANK YOU** so much to everyone who worked on, attended and donated to this very special event. More pictures from the day can be seen on our website at acaciaparkchurch.com.

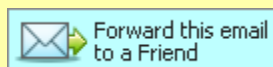


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Connect with us on the web or by email by clicking:

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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