



*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



*At Acacia Park Lutheran Church, we welcome you!*

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**Wonder**

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September 2019

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am so excited for September! Last month you voted to extend another two-year contract to me, and I accepted the contract, so we get to continue the great ministry we started two years ago when I was first called to Acacia Park Lutheran Church. Over the past two years, we completed some amazing things. We now have more people worshiping with us on Sundays. It is so great to see the space fill up and worship feel more full. We have more children in worship, and we are beginning to offer children's sermons and Kids Time with children again.

Last year we started our journey with New Life Church, the congregation we are sharing space and ministry with. It was a little nerve-racking at first, but now a year later we went through the adjustment period, and we are beginning to host joint events so that we can get to know each other better.

Over the past two years we raised \$25,000 and fixed the roof, and we have a contract to get the front doors fixed. We also fixed a few other little things around the congregation that make the space feel more inviting. Over the past two years there have been two baptisms; we have confirmed three youth, and we celebrated the life of 11 saints of the congregation.

This month kicks off another two years of relationships, another two years of ministry together, and another two years of following where God is calling us as a congregation into the future. This month so much is happening! We are going to Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, September 7th at 9:00 am as a "Gods Work. Our Hands." event. Please use this [link](#) to register for the event. Also, save the date for the church block party on Sunday, September 29th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This month, bible study and Kids Time will begin again as well.

Join us on this exciting journey and all the amazing events we have this month to kick off our program year and my renewed contract with you all!

Blessings,

Treasurer's Report (as of July 31, 2019)

	Year To Date (YTD)	YTD Budget Trended	Diff Act/ Budget
Offering Income	\$27,187.37	\$26,220.83	\$966.54
Other Income	\$14,028.43	\$15,006.25	(\$977.82)
Expense	\$64,022.14	\$62,746.96	(\$1,275.18)
Net	(\$22,806.34)	(\$21,519.88)	(\$1,286.46)

Worship and Christian Education



**PUB THEOLOGY**

We will meet on *Tuesday, September 17th* at Marion Engler's home, 4842 N Crescent Ave, Norridge for fellowship and friendly discussion of topics including faith, spirituality, current events, and just about everything in between. If you'd like, bring an appetizer or treat to share. Everyone is welcome!



**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Please join us on *Sunday, September 29th* for our next meeting of "You and the Word" Bible Study. We will gather in the downstairs lounge after worship for fellowship, study and discussion. Bible study will meet this day in conjunction with Coffee and . . .

For more information on either of the above events, please call or email the church office at:

708-453-3662 or [acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com](mailto:acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com).

**KIDS TIME RETURNS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH!**

A special time for children will be offered on *Sunday, September 8th* and *Sunday, September 22nd* during worship and will be led by some 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.



Parish Events and Notes

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed on *Monday, September 2nd* for the Labor Day holiday.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

The church council meets on *Thursday, September 12th* at 7:00 pm.

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

On *Sunday, September 22nd* immediately following worship, Pastor Meagan will lead a class for anyone wishing formally to become a member of Acacia Park Lutheran Church. Call or email the church office at 708-453-3662 or [acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com](mailto:acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com) with any questions.

## COFFEE AND . . .

In September, *Coffee and . . .* will take place on *Sunday, September 29th* in conjunction with our Bible study meeting. If you would like to volunteer to bring a treat to share, please call or email the church office: 708-453-3662 or [acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com](mailto:acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com).

## VOTE RESULTS: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 18TH

1. Pastor Meagan's contract will be extended for another two years.
2. Sunday service start time for Acacia Park will remain 9:30 am.

## COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The 2019-2020 Community Directory is now available. Please see an usher before or after Sunday service to pick up a copy.

## Serving the Congregation and the Larger Community

### "God's Work. Our Hands." SERVICE DAY

On *Saturday, September 7th* from 9:00 to 11:00 am, we will be participating in a food packing event at Feed My Starving Children, 740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg, IL. Your hands will be so essential in the fight against world hunger; please join us. Please use this [link](#) to register for the event. Carpools will be available from the church.

### BLOCK PARTY!

Come join us for an afternoon of family fun, games and food on *Sunday September 29th* from 2:00 to 4:00 pm when Acacia Park Lutheran Church and New Life Community Church host a block party along the Cullom Avenue side of the church. Everyone is welcome! For more information email [acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com](mailto:acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com) or call us at 708-453-3662.

### ST. CYPRIAN'S FOOD PANTRY

We continue to collect canned and non-perishable goods for [St. Cyprian's Food Pantry](#) the first Sunday of each month. Food donations may be left in the bin in the Narthex. **No open packages or expired food, please.**

## From the ELCA

### CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS



- Re-elected presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton to a six-year term as presiding bishop on the first ballot.
- Passed an amended resolution which, among other things, declared the ELCA to be a "Sanctuary Church Body." Read Bishop Miller's clarification about what it means to be a "Sanctuary Church Body" [here](#).
- Passed a resolution stating that the ELCA calls upon all people across all expressions of the church to participate in the #ThursdaysInBlack campaign by wearing black on Thursdays and actively participating in the various reflection and action items detailed in the ELCA "Gender-based Violence" [social message](#) and documentation.

## 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.



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Labor Day is Monday, September 2nd.

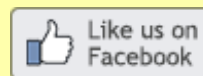
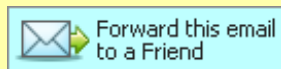


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[acaciaparkchurch.com](http://acaciaparkchurch.com)  
[acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com](mailto:acaciaparkchurch@gmail.com)

*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.*