

APRIL
2026

United in Faith News

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



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Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Good Shepherd Sunday

Did you know...

...that LSSI is offering Behavioral Health Services weekly here at United in Faith? During the 2025 Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly, our own Janeen Devine, as she put it, "Opened my big mouth." She is referring to her meeting at the assembly with LSSI representatives, which ultimately led to LSSI providing two LSSI care coordination staff to St. Cyprian's Food Pantry clients on a weekly basis. As Janeen said to them, "...we have guest who have issues we [St. Cyprian's staff and volunteers] can't address... we don't have the resources or training to help them." The LSSI staff connect with clients by providing information and assessing needs that their services can provide. The services relate to mental health, substance use treatment, affordable housing, and other community resources.

What a blessing! Thank you Janeen! And starting on **Good Sheperd Sunday, April 26**, you can thank **and** contribute to LSSI, too. Starting that Sunday, UIF is once again participating in LSSI's annual fund-raising campaign. Our UIF Council voted that for every dollar from UIF members, the donation will be doubled from the church treasury up to the sum of \$5,000.

Special envelopes will be available for your donations which you can place in an offering plate. You will be able to give cash with your name on it or by check **made out to UIF**. The counting team will make sure all donations will be listed on giving statements. As we did previously, Good Shepherd Sunday, April 26 will be the kick-off to our matching fund raising for LSSI, continuing through to Pentecost, Sunday, May24, 2026. A total for donations will be available after that.

For more information: <https://www.lssi.org/>

At
United in Faith,
The Guiding
Principles are:
+
Jesus is
Lord and
Savior
+
Reflect
God's **Love**
+
Pray and
listen for God's
guidance
+
Continue to
strengthen
faith
+
Include **All**
in God's
work
+
Meet people
where they
are

BOOK CLUB...

Join us for a discussion of **The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage** by Richard Rohr on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00

How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and the anger we feel over an unjust world? In his most personal book yet, Richard Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, showing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a path forward today.

The prophets' writings echo the spectrum of human development. Beneath their initial fervor and their forceful words, there lies a profound lamentation about our shared human condition and the pain of the world. Yet, in their astute critiques of culture and institutions, and their movement from anger and lament to wholeness and hope, the prophets embody what Rohr calls *holy disorder*—a distinct approach to confronting malevolence and recognizing the wholeness of every living being.

Drawing on a century of Biblical scholarship and written in the warm, pastoral voice that has endeared millions to Rohr, *The Tears of Things* breathes new life into ancient wisdom and paves a path of enlightenment for anyone seeking a wholehearted way of living in a hurting world.

--Goodreads



INSTALLATION OF PASTOR SHAREI

You are cordially invited to the Installation Service of Pastor Sharei Green on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 2:00 pm at United in Faith Lutheran Church.

Reception to follow.

Rostered ministers are invited to vest.
The color of the day is green.

What Can I Do?

It can be easy to feel swept into chaos and feel like you don't know what to do or who to support in the world today. The thing is there are many people and organizations that are making real difference in peoples lives. Below are some local places to learn more about, volunteer or send cash donations. There is something you can do! Check them out.

Hope for the Day (and Sip of Hope)

Hope for the Day is a non-profit organization empowering the conversation on pro-active suicide prevention and mental health education. Through outreach, mental health education and community action, Hope for the Day seeks to prevent suicide by eliminating the stigma and silence around suicide. One example of their local outreach is the Sip of Hope Café with locations in Logan Square and Hyde Park. The coffee served at Sip of Hope is the world's first coffee where 100% of the proceeds go towards proactive suicide prevention and mental health education. The cafes also provide a safe gathering place where it is "Ok not to be OK". More information can be found at <https://www.hftd.org/> & <https://www.sipofhope.com/>

Resurrection Project Immigrant Justice Program

The Resurrection Project Immigrant Justice Program, a program within the Resurrection Project organization, seeks to build an equitable future for immigrant communities where immigrants can celebrate their full humanity. In collaboration with many community organizations, legal experts and advocates, the Immigrant Justice Program endeavors to provide every immigrant with access to trusted guidance and a voice in shaping a just future. Particularly in these last few months, the Immigrant Justice Program has been a vital resource in educating immigrant communities about their rights and connecting them with legal services. More information can be found at <https://www.trpimmigrantjustice.org/>

Maryville Crisis Nursery

Maryville Crisis Nursery, located at 6650 W. Irving Park Road, is within walking distance of United in Faith. The Crisis Nursery provides free, short-term care for parents in distress and experiencing a crisis. Children from the age of birth to six years old can receive round-the-clock childcare for up to 72 hours for each stay. Issues that may bring a family to the Crisis Nursery include, unemployment, parental illness or hospitalization, poverty, or homelessness. The Crisis Nursery also has a 24-hour Crisis Helpline, crisis counseling, referrals to supportive services and Parent Support Programs. More information can be found at <https://maryvilleacademy.org/>

Onward Neighborhood House

Onward Community House is located at 5413 West Diversey Avenue. They are oriented to primarily help new immigrants access resources and find a community of support. They provide early childcare and after school programs so parents can trust their children are safe as they work knowing their children are safe. Their Community Computer Resource Center provide basic access and technology class for homework and career support. Other services: ESL, citizenship, a food pantry, and assistance accessing other resources, such as mental health programs, when needed. More information can be found at <https://onwardhouse.org/>

LYDIA Home

LYDIA Home Association is located at 4300 West Irving Park Road, east of United in Faith. They are a Christian, nonprofit organization that has been serving children in Chicago since 1916. Their mission is to strengthen families to care for children and to care for children when families cannot. While their programs are meant to both serve youth in care and be a blessing to our local community. More information can be found at <https://www.lydiahome.org/>



April 6	Mickey Bligh
April 18	Julie & Matt Lozich Anniversary
April 20	Meghan Kosner
April 22	Denise Boyer
April 22	Christopher Hudie



GREETERS and USHERS NEEDED!

It's a simple task...just say "hi" and hand out a bulletin. That's it.

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall. Thanks. :)

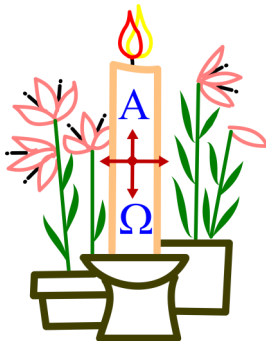
St. Cyprian's Non-food Monthly Donations - April 2026: Socks!

The Justice Ministry encourages UIF members to donate a highlighted item each month. The food pantry only has funding for food items and clients still need to stretch their dollars to cover both food and all those daily necessities. This month we are asking for **socks**. Any size will do!

A donation box is available as you come in the back door, just at the end of the ramp.



Thank you to all who contributed Pet Food during March!



Easter Blessings to all!



April 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9:00am Food Pantry 12:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	3 12:00pm Good Friday Worship 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Good Friday Worship at Bethel - Seven Last Words	4 9:30am AI-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- https://siawso.org
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26 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed 11:00 am Coffee Hour 2:00pm INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR SHAREL GREEN. Reception to follow	27 9:00am Food Pantry	28 12:00pm Ladies Discussion Group 6:00pm Girl Scouts	29	30 9:00am Food Pantry	1 6:30pm AA	2 9:30am AI-Anon 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- https://siawso.org

APRIL WORSHIP AT UNITED IN FAITH

APRIL 5	10:00 am	Worship Service in person and on line
Easter	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
APRIL 12	10:00 am	Worship Service in person and on line
Easter 2	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
APRIL 19	10:00 am	Worship Service in person and on line
Easter 3	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
APRIL 26	10:00 am	Worship Service in person and on line
Easter 4	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

APRIL 26 SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR PASTOR SHAREI GREEN.
at 2:00 PM Please join us for this service and the following reception.



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