

September
2023

United in Faith News

SEPTEMBER

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



From the desk of . . .

Pastor Jeanine



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

"It's time to reconnect to the natural world for the sake of the animals, and our collective conscience. Because without spiritual health there can be no physical health." --Gary Yourofsky

This September we continue our practice to celebrate The Seasons of Creation. We join other Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Baptist, Methodist and Unitarian congregations. We join Jewish synagogues and Islamic temples. This ecumenical, interfaith movement to celebrate God's creation and our place and responsibility within it. Connects us in a world wide web of gathering people striving to live into God's commandment to "till it and keep it."

We will celebrate the Forest, the Land, the Wilderness and the River each Sunday until we gather on Saturday, October 7th to celebrate St. Francis' legacy and to bless our animals. Throughout this month, I invite you to consider the world around us. See the greenery and the flowers. See the birds and the squirrels. See the bees and the ants. See the beauty. But also consider where there is injury, disease, blight and neglect. Judeo-Christian teaching has long believed that God gave us creation to live abundantly. Over time and for long periods we have not remembered that God commanded us to keep it.

Humanity is called to be stewards of creation. We are charged to protect and nurture all of God's wonder and abundance, not just take our fill and exploit the richness we find. It is all too easy to forget that we are connected to the earth and all of creation. To forget that our own health is dependent on the health of our world. As the climate teeters and responds to our demands, we are becoming more clearly affected by our actions.

United in Faith is in a unique position to see the intersections of industry, forest preserve, and commercial and residential spaces. We live at this intersection. This month we will have opportunities to walk in the grasses of Reed-Dunning Nature Preserve, the pavements along Irving Park Road and Narragansett Avenue, in the quiet lanes of Mount

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At
United in Faith,
The Guiding
Principles are:

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Jesus is
Lord and
Savior

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Reflect
God's **Love**

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Pray and
listen for God's
guidance

+

Continue to
strengthen
faith

+

Include **All**
in God's
work

+

Meet people
**where they
are**

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JEANINE, CONTINUED..

Olive Cemetery, and through Merrimac Park. We will speak to our commercial neighbors and the folks living along Dakin Street. We will ask how they are and introduce ourselves perhaps for the first time. We will listen and experience the human and natural worlds through the questioning lenses of our mutual health.

Please join us on Sunday morning and for weekday walks.

Additionally, a team has gathered to share hospitality with the patrons of the Food Pantry. On August 28th, we shared cookies, lemonade and smiles. We have agreed to continue this once a month through the rest of the year, assessing as we go. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me, Bonnie, Harold E. or Carolyn.

Our spiritual and physical health are vital to our shared life together. Sharing our gifts and reaching out to our neighbors is essential to our communal health. I hope that during this season as you consider your personal and our mutual health, you can reach out if you are in need and extend a hand if you are able. As Christ's body on Earth, we are indeed blessed to be God's hands, feet and voice in the world.

Pr. Jeanie



United in Faith Lutheran Welcome Statement

United in Faith **openly welcomes and values every person who walks through our doors**, regardless of race, nationality and ethnic origin, age, gender, sexual orientation & gender identity, marital status, social and economic situation, ability, cultural reality, & need.

Further, United in Faith supports efforts to share with all: God's gifts of love, acceptance, & grace; invites all people, **uniquely created by God**, to **experience the word of God, communion, & promise of the risen Christ**; and encourages all people to participate fully in the ministries of this congregation, which are based on its core values.



BOOK CLUB NEWS



In light of September's Season of Creation, our September meeting will explore nature based poetry. Select a poem to bring for reading and discussion. We will meet at 3:00 on Saturday, September 23rd.

In October, we will discuss the book *Crooked Hallelujah* by Kelli Jo Ford. Join us for the discussion on Saturday, October 21st at 3:00.

All are Welcome! Come and be a part of our discussions.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED...

We are always looking for more smiling faces to welcome our neighbors. There are **SIGN-UP SHEETS** on the table under bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall . *You can sign up for a number of volunteer opportunities.... like be a greeter, or an usher or help with coffee hour. Thank you for giving extra time to greet our families and friends.*



PET BLESSING

Saturday, October 7th at 3:00pm

United in Faith Lutheran Church, 6525 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL
(back parking lot)

Bring your pet (of any variety) for a blessing and prayer.

This pet blessing is scheduled near St. Francis of Assisi's commemoration day: Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. St. Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation, especially animals.

Pets need to be on a leash or in a cage.



Blessing
of the
Pets



THEY'RE BACK!!!!

The Daisy, Brownies and Girl Scouts return on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, for another year here at UIF.

The Daisy and Brownies will meet from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and the Girl Scouts will meet from 7:00 pm to 8:30pm.

If you know of any girls looking to join a troop, please call Janeen Devine or talk to her on Sunday after worship.

We are looking forward to another successful year.

Janeen



***GOLDEN REBELS* Invite YOU to Join Them Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 AM to ~12:00 PM**

The Golden Rebels first formed in July 2017 when the Golden Diners program at United in Faith was canceled by the City of Chicago. Some of the seniors went to a location of Golden Diners that has remained open (Montrose Baptist), while 8 of us have continued to play Bingo every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to approximately 12:00pm. Bingo is one dollar for 3 cards.

We are always looking for new faces to join us!

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Resource Room for the fun.



IN PERSON COFFEE HOUR

Join us at 9:00 am for coffee fellowship with all your United in Faith friends! Come for coffee & juice.

As always we will need volunteers for future coffee hours so make sure to sign your name on the sign up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall. We are so looking forward to seeing your smiling faces!! Come join us!!

DON'T FORGET!

NEW LIFE FOR OLD BAGS
will have a work day on Saturday, October 7
from 10:00 am until noon

*Help Make Sleeping Mats for Our Neighbors
Who Face Homelessness!*



- September 4 Pete Herberg, Dave Quillin
- September 6 Marty Devine, Gretchen Quillin
Ray & Jackie Good Anniversary
- September 7 Ellen Devine
- September 16 Nathan Dombroski
- September 17 Fran Johnston, Jacob Kuswik
- September 19 Pam Marino, Kim Childress
- September 28 Loreen O'Donnell-Stellplug



THE SEASON OF CREATION September 2023

As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as caretakers of God's creation. This global celebration began in 1989 with the Ecumenical Patriarchate's recognition of the Day of Prayer for Creation and is now embraced by the wide ecumenical community.

We see that our wellbeing is interwoven with its wellbeing. We rejoice in this opportunity to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it. This year, we share special Sundays that focus on the forest (3rd), land (10th), wilderness (17th), and river (24th).

We will also share an outdoor Pet Blessing service at 3pm on Saturday, October 7th, as part of UIF commemorating the Season of Creation.





“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10
2023

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SERVICE!

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,700 congregation participating in “God’s work. Our hands” day of service. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God’s love. Join us as we do God’s work with our hands!

Sunday, September 10, 2023

**During worship we will travel across Irving Park Road to the
Dunnng-Read Natural Area**

Join us as we worship God with our hands and our voices.



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SEPTEMBER 2023



Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00am Anti Racist Meeting 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	28 9:00am Food Pantry	29 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo	30	31 9:00am Food Pantry 10:00am Golden Rebels Bingo	1 6:30pm AA	2 9:30am Al-Anon 1:00pm Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest	
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Worship Schedule



September and October 2023

10:00 am
WORSHIP
SERVICE
WILL ALSO BE
LIVESTREAMED



SEPT 3 - Forest Sunday 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship	Oct 1 - Pentecost 18 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship
SEPT 10 - Land Sunday 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship	Oct 8 - Pentecost 19 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship
SEPT 17 - Wilderness Sunday 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship	Oct 15 - Pentecost 20 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship
SEPT 24 - River Sunday 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship	Oct 22 - Pentecost 21 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Tuesday & Friday - CLOSED	Oct 29 - REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00 Coffee and Juice 10:00 in person & on-line worship

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