

OCTOBER  
2023

# United in Faith News

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



+ **October**



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

From the desk of . . .

*Pastor Jeanine*

## FRIENDS...

October is a month full of changes. The leaves will turn, the air will chill, the rain will fall and the Halloween costumes will pop up at Target. There is a lot going on.

Here at United in Faith, we will prepare for Reformation Sunday and give thanks for Martin Luther's 95 Theses. We will do so with a Festival! We will sing, our musicians are gearing up and we are calling all singers to join the pickup choir. We will rejoice in worship our **25<sup>th</sup> Reformation** as a congregation and then join for a celebratory lunch (see more on page #6). Please join us.

United in Faith is stretching out into the neighborhood. We are meeting the patron of the food pantry, the Friends of the Dunning Read Natural Area and reconnecting with the groups that use our building. The cooler weather opens some great opportunities as our neighbors are also stepping out more.

That is our planned work and play for this month. But certainly not all that is going on for us as individuals. So many of us meet well the challenges we are given at work, at school, at home. So many of us do it quietly and all too often alone.

I have been recently reminded that as part of the family of Christ we can rely on each other. The reminder was offered so lovingly and gently, it made me cry. I needed to hear those words and to share my need. I also need to share it briefly with you. In early September I was diagnosed with Endometrial Cancer. I will have laparoscopic surgery on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and need to be away through October 16<sup>th</sup>. During this time Rev. Julie Boleyn will be covering for me. If all goes as planned, I should expect to be well recovered by November 1<sup>st</sup>. The largest impact of cancer on me has been a distinct drag on my energy level. I have been growing increasingly tired. My surgeon is optimistic that there will be limited interventions after the surgery, due to early detection and slow growth. I am relying on my faith and true belief that God has plenty for me to do before advent this year.

I deeply covet your prayers and am grateful for all of your support. I look forward to our gathering October 29<sup>th</sup> in celebration of our life together as a church and as a community.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Jeanine*

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

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Continue to  
strengthen  
*faith*

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Include *All*  
in God's  
*work*

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Meet people  
*where they*  
*are*

# DUNNING READ NATURAL AREA



Learn more about this natural area

## Under the Canopy

Birds, mammals, native plants, geology, history and a hike on the network of trails!



Parking available on-site.  
Dress for the weather and bring water.

### FREE PROGRAM

Dunning Read Natural Area

Sunday, October 1st  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
4200 N Oak Park Ave.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday the Dunning Read Natural Area gathers neighbors to reclaim this natural wetland and shape it into a neighborhood retreat from the traffic and the bustle of Irving Park Road. If you love quiet green space, to get your hands dirty, or to get stuck in our community. This long-term project is worth your attention.

Last month we cleared part of the overgrown parking lot for this event.



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.



You get to sleep in an extra hour!  
See you at church at 10:00 am.



# OCTOBER BOOK CLUB

Join us on Saturday, October 21 at 3:00 for a discussion of *Crooked Hallelujah* by Kelli Jo Ford. "The masterful debut of Plimpton Prize winner Kelli Jo Ford chronicles four generations of tough, complicated Cherokee women on their quest for freedom and family." Read it now and come for the discussion.

***GOLDEN REBELS* Invite YOU to Join Them**  
**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**from 10:00 AM to ~1:00 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 and cards every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to approximately 1:00pm. We bring our own lunches and drinks. 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.**



## JOIN US FOR THE LADIES DISCUSSION GROUP

The Monday Ladies Discussion group is open to all women to join. The topics are decided on by the participants, written down, then pulled from a jar.

The group meets every Monday except the fourth Monday of the month. If there are five Mondays in the month, the group will meet on the fifth Monday.

You may contact Dian Hoyem for more information.

Come join the lively discussions and make some new friends!



## NEW OFFICE HOURS...

The church office will be open on **Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM** (and on Thursday 12:00 noon until 4:00 PM when necessary so please call before you come to the office on Thursdays).

If you need to speak to us, please reach out to Pastor Jeanine at [pastor@unitedinfaith.org](mailto:pastor@unitedinfaith.org) or call 773-283-2326 while the office is open. We will be checking voicemail and email. Thank You!



**October 3**

**Mary Haas**

**October 15**

**Tricia Dombroski**

**October 23**

**Jackie Good**

**October 23**

**Stanley & Dawk Kuswik  
Anniversary**

**October 24**

**Bonnie Maginnis**

**October 31**

**Gerald & Joy LaCour Anniversary**

**October 31**

**John Dombroski**

# ***Pet Blessing***

**Saturday, September 30, @ 3:00 PM**

*(in UIF Back Parking Lot)*

Please bring your pet on a leash or in a cage to "keep the peace." This worship service is casual and relaxed (and often interrupted by barking and sniffing and pacing and squirming). Feel free to invite friends and their pets. Please remember that both you and your pet must be social.



*Pet Blessing*

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# Caring For God's World

When you need - or just want - a product or service how do you evaluate what is available? The usual criteria are:

**Quality:** Is it good, better or best and which do I really need? What do the reviews and recommendations say? How durable is it? Can it be repaired if needed? What is it made of? Is it made in the USA? What is the reputation of the manufacturer/provider for standing by their products? Is the product/service harmful or dangerous? Is the product age appropriate? Are services started on time and completed on schedule and on budget?

**Price:** What is a fair price? Is the price appropriate for the quality? Are there quantity discounts? Who has the best price? Is cheapest always best? Are there delivery and return charges? Is a coupon available? Will it be going on sale soon?

**Availability:** Is it in stock? Is it available locally? If ordered online how long will delivery take? How soon do I need it? How long can I wait for it? When is a service person available?

Another criterion becoming more popular due to our heightened sensitivity is to look at the **social/environmental consciousness** of the manufacturer/service provider. Is the company ethical? Are they good neighbors? Is there a diverse work force – hiring, promotion, leadership, on the Board of Directors? How are employees treated? Are employees well trained? Are they paid fairly and provided with a safe work environment? Is the environment harmed during the manufacturing or service? Does the company recycle? Is packaging eco-friendly? Are a portion of the profits used to help make the world a better place?

Here are some examples of companies 'doing good'. Google 'environmentally conscious companies' and 'socially responsible companies' for more suggestions. You can also check out The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) website for companies that are LGBTQ friendly, including in their corporate offices. The HRC has a set of criteria, Corporate Equality Index, that must be met to get a perfect score.

Who Gives A Crap (toilet paper): directs a portion of profits to building toilets around the world

Dave's Killer Bread: hires ex-felons

Bombas: donates a pair of socks for each pair bought

Toms: donates a pair of shoes for each pair bought

FLOR (floor tiles) and some sneaker shoe companies: take back products after use for recycling

LuminAID (portable solar lights): Give Light/Get Light program to donate solar lights to places without electricity due to natural disasters or underdevelopment

A socially/environmentally responsible company may just change the way you look at price and the price you are willing to pay!



Phew! This summer flew by SO fast!



Girl Scouts started up again on Tuesday, September 5. We have all levels of Girl Scouts meeting on Tuesday nights. The Daisies and Brownies (K--3rd grade) meet in the West Building from 6-7:30. The Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors (grades 4-12th grade) meet in the Fellowship Hall from 7-8:30. We have a lot planned for the coming year, including camping. Our fall candy and magazine sale begins later this month and cookies are in January. We are still collecting travel size toiletries, wash cloths, and socks for our hygiene kits. If you know of anyone looking for a Girl Scout troop in the area, we'd be happy to have more girls!

*Janeen*



## **COME HOME TO CELEBRATE REFORMATION 25 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 10 AM**

This is the 506<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses to the cathedral door in Wittenberg, Germany, beginning the Protestant Reformation. This year is also the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for United in Faith and our 25<sup>th</sup> Reformation Sunday, giving us **REFORMATION 25!**

UiF's Praise Band and Choir are preparing a **FESTIVAL SERVICE OF CELEBRATION** to lead on this special occasion. The more voices present the mightier our praise will be. Of course we will gather together for the Lord's supper.

In honor of Martin Luther's German background, we will share a second meal. A hearty Oktoberfest-type meal will be served immediately following the service, WUNDERBAR! (WONDERFUL! in German.) While we eat we will have the opportunity to share memories of the 25 years at UiF with many that we have not seen before COVID-19.

**UiF will provide the meal. A free-will offering will be accepted but not required.**



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**PLEASE JOIN US EVERY  
SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP AT  
10:00 AM in person  
or livestreamed  
on Facebook: UIFLC  
or YouTube**

CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN ON  
TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY  
9:00 am until 4:00 PM

### **October 1 ~ Pentecost 18**

9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:00 AM *Worship service in person or on Facebook*

### **October 8~ Pentecost 19**

9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:00 AM *Worship service in person or on Facebook*

### **October 15 ~ Pentecost 20**

9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:00 AM *Worship service in person or on Facebook*

### **October ~ 22 Pentecost 21**

9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:00 AM *Worship service in person or on Facebook*

### **October 29 - REFORMATION**

9:00 AM Coffee Hour  
10:00 AM *Worship service in person or on Facebook*

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