



The Immanuel Herald



Batter up!

Windy City ThunderBolts

Baseball Game

Tickets \$5.00 per Seat

Date: Saturday August 12, 2017

Time: 6:05 PM

ThunderBolts -vs- Traverse City Beach Bums: Come on out to one of our most popular nights!

Memphis meets Vegas in a pre-game concert at 4:30 pm by [John Elvis Lyons](#). Elvis music will be on-tap all game long .

This is also one of our two [Church Nights!](#) All places of faith can get \$5 advance group tickets to this game.

Contact Bob O'Neill to reserve your seats now!

Also after the game enjoy the best fireworks show in the world!!

DEADLINE for tickets - July 9th

Contact Bob O'Neill (312) 401-8614

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are Immanuel United Church of Christ, a body of faith-based believers serving the community, building on the traditions that have given us strength and trusting in the loving ways the spirit will guide us into our future.

Strengthen The Church Offering

On Pentecost Sunday, we **collected \$40.00** for this special UCC offering. This offering will be used to help plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Joyful Noise

[Illinois Maya Ministry](#) UCC

June \$ 37.76

IMM has joined with the Maya peoples of Guatemala and Chiapas, Mexico in a ministry of accompaniment, reconciliation, and transformation to strive toward a world vision of justice and dignity.



Upcoming Joyful Noise dates

July 9th -

Bibles for Angola. People are not able to listen to God's word, to read and learn, to study and be transformed, simply because the books are not available.

August 13th -

Immanuel Sunday School



Message from Interim Pastor

The Immanuel Council walked the labyrinth in Schmiechen Hall, and memories filled my mind –

Memories of children being introduced to a labyrinth for the first time.

Some being so careful to walk each step, to stay in the middle of path, some going slowly, some moving a bit more quickly, others watching first then beginning, and still others who had begun early simply crossed over into the center and walked right out.

At that exact moment the words: “Rev. Liam's Mom, he cheated!”

So began one of the best teaching moments for me.

The labyrinth has been around for over 4000 years. It is something quite different than a maze, and is intended to be such.

In a labyrinth there is a clear path in and out. Though it clearly predates Christianity, it is one of the symbols that has been freely and easily incorporated into our faith. They can be found in many Cathedrals and churches across the world. The labyrinth is here for individuals to use in Christian meditation and prayer. Unlike a maze, which has dead ends and the possibility of getting lost, a labyrinth has a clear path, but it sometimes takes unexpected twists and turns. In this way, it resembles the journey of life.

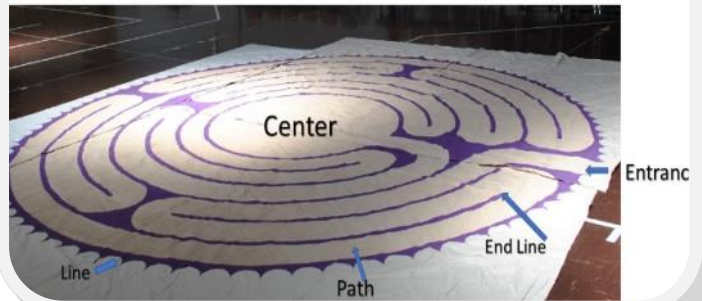
In the Middle Ages, labyrinths were used as a way for people to participate in a pilgrimage without the expense or time required in actually going to another place. Labyrinths were created on the floors of cathedrals to help draw people into meditation.

For people who walk or use a labyrinth regularly there is a set pattern -you begin a labyrinth walk at the entrance and proceed along the path. Lines define the path and often maintain a consistent width, even around the turns. Generally at the center you have travelled half the distance, where it is common to pause, turn around, and walk back out again.

However, when I introduce them to individuals for the first time, knowing the labyrinth resembles the journey of life, as teacher I have to step aside. It is not my place to insist that another Child of God journey life according to my understanding of a set of rules. Rather, my role is to assist this per-

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Labyrinth at church



July Calendar

Sunday July 2nd

9:30 am **Communion** Worship
& Church School

Saturday July 8th

5:30 pm Outdoor Worship and
2nd Saturday **Concert**
(on church lawn)

Sunday July 9th

9:30 am Worship & Church School
Joyful Noise Coin Collection
10:45 am Council meeting

Sunday July 16th

Blessing of the Pets

9:30 am Outdoor Worship &
Church School
(on church lawn)
Special music and drama

Sunday July 23rd

9:30 am Worship & Church School

Sunday July 30th

9:30 am Worship & Church School

KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS



Randy Ebling

Don Mattz

Joe Islinger

Marilyn Buikema

Laverne Bresnahan

Judy Borowiak

Ruth Berg

Marie Marsh

Immanuel's Newly Weds

Susan Engemann and Nathan Anderson were united in marriage on June 3, 2017 at Palos Country Club. Susan is the daughter of Bette and Ken Engemann, The couple will reside in Lafayette, Indiana.

Susan Engemann graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She is currently employed in the emergency room at IU Medical Arnett in Lafayette, In.

July

Birthdays

24th Logan Taylor

25th Jane Feurer



Anniversary Celebrations

July 8th

Gerald & Verna Snip

44 years



Summer Worship Leaders

Position Date	Ushers	Liturgist	Flowers	Bulletins	Fellowship Host
July 2nd	Team #3 Captain Art Busse	Needed	Gerald & Verna Snip	Gerald & Verna Snip	Wanted
July 9th	Team #4 Captain Connie Dobbin	Needed	Allen & Dolores Eriksen	Linda Barrios	Allen Eriksen
July 16th	Team #1 Captain Erin Taylor	Needed	Available	Available	Wanted
July 23rd	Team #2 Captain Nancy Rahm	Needed	Jane & Duane Feurer	Available	Wanted
July 30th	Team #3 Captain Art Busse	Needed	Gary O'Toole	Available	Wanted
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August 6th	Team #4 Captain Connie Dobbin	Needed	Gerald & Verna Snip	Available	Wanted
August 13th	Team #1 Captain Erin Taylor	Needed	Gloria & Susan Artwohl	Gloria & Susan Artwohl	Wanted
August 20th	Team #2 Captain Nancy Rahm	Needed	Art Busse	Gerald & Verna Snip	Wanted
August 27th	Team #3 Captain Art Busse	Needed	Karen Wyka	Karen Wyka	Allen Eriksen

If you need or want a ride to Immanuel on Sunday or for any of the various church events, the Membership Committee members Lois Murphy (773-476-3074) or Bob O'Neill (312-401-8614) invite you to give them a call, they are happy to provide transportation.

Sign up now to teach Summer Sunday School - Curriculum information, CD, handouts, artwork, etc. is available.

Be part of a Teaching Team to lead the next generation of Church leaders in the faith.

August Calendar

Sunday August 6th

9:30 am **Communion** Worship
& Church School

Saturday August 12th

5:30 pm Outdoor Worship and
2nd Saturday Concert
(on church lawn)

Sunday August 13th

9:30 am Worship & Church School
Joyful Noise Coin Collection

Monday August 14th

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Thursday August 17th

6:00 pm Worship Committee
Deadline for September Herald

Sunday August 20th

9:30 am Worship & Church School
(outdoor - Yard at the Residence)

Sunday August 27th

9:30 am Worship & Church School

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Mark this date down **now** as Immanuel UCC has a day of celebration! Here's three reasons why:

1) It's Rally Day! - Everyone is back from vacation! Sunday school begins a new year, the choir returns and worship service time returns to 10:00 am.

2) It's Second Sunday Concert day! - Sarah Jenks will coordinate musicians who provide outstanding performances for all to enjoy.

3) It's our Second LEEAP Luncheon! – This is the second quarterly luncheon, sponsored by the LEEAP grant. Everyone in the community is invited and the luncheon is free for all who attend. We will have another opportunity to nourish bodies as well as souls.

We will need some helping hands to prepare the luncheon and clean up afterwards. Choir members have volunteered to help – who else can join in? Closer to the date, a sign-up sheet will be posted for those willing to help.

Invite your family and friends to share in this wonderful day!

(While we're on the subject - future LEEAP Luncheons are November 12, 2017 and February 11, 2018)

August Birthdays

1st Keith Alex Ritter

4th Patrick Dewey

5th Susan Artwohl

5th Therese O'Toole

12th Sue Mueller

13th Gloria Artwohl

14th Debbie Venhuizen

16th Judy Borowiak

25th Karen Ritter

29th Kile O'Toole

Happy Birthday!



Anniversary Celebrations

Art & Sandy Busse 8/24

53 years

Susana & Immanuel Ivory 8/22

12 years

Congratulations

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son as s/he reflects on what that journey has meant, what the choices meant and how that meaning impacts the faith understanding of today.

That was the joy of "Rev. Liam's Mom, he cheated!" In the context of the discussion that followed the children began to see that how they walked the labyrinth was how they lived life. The young man who stepped into the middle of the labyrinth and then simply walked out did not "cheat" rather he approached life quickly. He was in some ways impulsive, but he had a great joy for life, was exuberant and enthusiastic. The young woman who believed he was "cheating" was very detail oriented, a rule follower. She was very careful in life and she thought through the things she did, said and believed in.

The world needed both of these young folks and every aspect in between. The world still does. And while I do believe there is a traditional way to use a labyrinth, and there is great insight to be gained from using it in such a way, I have come to understand that there is not an absolute correct way in which we must use it. Rather, it is a tool, a symbol that helps us understand where we are in our Christian journey and our walk in life and faith. The labyrinth is wonderful in helping us be able to pause and reflect.

It is for this reason the labyrinth you see pictured will be brought out throughout the summer here at Immanuel. You will be invited to use it if you wish, as often as you wish.

Altar Flowers - Worship Bulletins

May 28th - Altar flowers - in memory of a dear father and grandfather, Fred Sehring, by Dolores and Allen Eriksen. Linda Barrios and Diane Eriksen.

Worship bulletins given in remembrance of her husband Jay and their wedding anniversary by Madelaine Karge.

June 4th - Altar flowers in celebration of Nolan Rahm's graduation by Mom, Dad and Hannah.

Worship bulletins in honor of Nolan Rahm's birthday by Mom, Dad, and Hannah.

June 11th - Altar flowers in celebration and congratulations for 57 years of marriage by Rosalind and David Peterson.

Worship bulletins by Gloria and Susan Artwohl - giving thanks for safe travel and the return to the sunshine of Illinois.

June 18th - Altar flowers and worship bulletins given in honor of all of the men in our congregation this Father's day by Hannah Circle.

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