

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

LINDA EVANS & THE SAPPHIRE BLUE NOTES  
PERFORM JULY 3 at 10:30AM

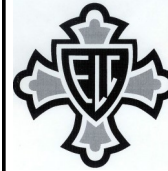
“LOOSE LEAF ART” SHOW OPENING  
JULY 3RD, 11:30AM AT EMMANUEL  
SHOW RUNS THRU JULY 31

BEATLES MUSIC PERFORMED BY  
ACOUSTIC JUICE ON JULY 10 at 10:30AM  
FREE BRUNCH AT IRISH ROSE AFTER  
WORSHIP (TICKET REQUIRED)  
PICK UP TICKET AFTER SERVICE

LOU NESS, REVOLUTIONARY FOMENTER,  
PREACHING JULY 17TH at 10:30AM

RICHARD MEEKS, STORYTELLER  
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE JULY 17, 7:00PM

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## THE MESSENGER

July 1, 2016

*Deadline to get information into the next newsletter is July 15*



### **Brunch at the Irish Rose**

Whoever said there's no such thing as a free lunch--er BRUNCH??

Mike Leifheit, owner of the Irish Rose, has invited Emmanuel members and their friends to be his guests for brunch at the

**Irish Rose 519 East State, Rockford 61104**

**July 10, 11:45**

There is no charge for the first 75 reservations but you are required to have a ticket. So make your reservation now by calling 815-963-4815. Tickets are available Sunday, July 10th, after our special 10:30am service featuring music by the Beatles played by Acoustic Juice.

There is limited parking so you may want to leave your car at Emmanuel and walk to the Irish Rose or make arrangements with friends and carpool.

Many thanks to Mike for the opportunity to enjoy some terrific food and to socialize with family and friends!

*[Beverages are not included.]*

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Delbert Kennedy who entered into the fullness of eternal life June 15.

Congratulations to Grampa Walt and Grandma Sue Scott, Granddaughter, Emily Morgan, was born at 5:44am Thursday, June 16th, 6# 2oz. Everyone healthy and doing well.

### **July Birthdays**

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|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Phyllis Jardine  | 13. Elliot Atkinson | 22. Virginia Erickson |
| 3. Ella Lakey       | Kristen Harding     | 24. John Andree       |
| Richard Lundin      | Lorene Johnson      | 27. Elena Johannsen   |
| 7. Susan Finkbeiner | Ed Vogl             | 29. Barb Horn         |
| 8. Andrew Lippert   | 15. Susan Lundstrom | 30. June Pumilia      |
| 9. Jill Fertig      | Shellie Swanson     |                       |
| 10. Barb Gustafson  | 20. Abby Johnson    |                       |
| 12. Richard Burns   |                     |                       |

### **29th Assembly of the Northern Illinois Synod Elects New Bishop**

The assembly was held June 16th—18th this year. Pastor TroyAnn, Karen Van Howe and Kathly Wright attended from Emmanuel.

As Bishop Wollersheim is retiring this year, the main item on the agenda was electing a new Bishop. There were 68 candidates nominated on the first ballot. After the first ballot, the top 15 candidates had to fill out a biographical profile or were asked to fill out a withdrawal if they did not wish to continue. The biographies were passed out and a second vote was held. After the second ballot, a more detailed questionnaire had to be filled out by the top eight candidates (there should have been seven but two candidates had tied) and passed out. Each of these 8 candidates then had to give a 5 minute speech on any topic they chose. Then a third ballot was cast by the assembly. After the third ballot, there were three candidates left. Each of these three candidates were asked the same six prepared questions. After the fourth ballot and there was no one with a 60% majority, the number of candidates was down to two: Rev. Jeffrey Clements (who is part of Bishop Wollersheim's clerical staff in the Synod Office) and Rev. Stacie Fidler (who is Pastor of St John's Lutheran in Rock Island, IL) On the fifth vote, a majority of votes were required.

**Rev. Jeffrey Clements received the majority of those votes and will become our new Bishop in September.**

**The new Northern IL Synod Bishop's installation service will be held Saturday, September 24th at 10:00 am at First Lutheran Church in Rockford, IL.**

## **WE PROMISE AN EXCITING SUMMER AT EMMANUEL**

### **GUEST SPEAKERS      GUEST MUSICIANS AND A STORYTELLER**

### **YOU ARE INVITED - INVITE YOUR FRIEND COME AND SEE**

### **SUNDAYS @ 10:30**

**JULY 3** Special music by Linda Evans and the Sapphire Blue Notes  
“Loose Leaf Art” Show Opening at 11:30am  
Art Show runs thru July 31st.

**JULY 10** Special service featuring Beatles Music performed by Acoustic Juice, Doug Janicke, Tom Wilson & Tim Austin on guitar, harmonica & percussion.  
Free brunch after worship at the Irish Rose.  
**(Tickets required and available after service.)  
Make reservation by calling 815-963-4815.**

**JULY 17** Lou Ness, Revolutionary Fomenter, preaching on Jesus as a Revolutionary.

### **EVENINGS**

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 7:00pm**

Richard Meeks, local storyteller, in Celebration Room

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### **Dear Pastor TroyAnn and Congregation,**

I was totally touched by your cards and the encouragement given to me by so many great folks.

In the past few weeks, I have experienced a setback on top of my setback. My surgeon has told me that my lower back is a train wreck and going in again would make me worse. I am giving this over to God. About a month ago I wrenched my left arm. I pinched a nerve in my neck. This is what keeps me from playing the guitar. Most chords are impossible to play. They are planning to do an injection in my neck. If that works they will do surgery and remove the disc, replacing it with a spacer. You need to know that I am comforted just knowing that you are there and praying for me.

Kirby Ingraham

## Council Communiqué—June 2016

Pastor Chuck Olson and Calvary are happy with their new home, and we are happy with our guests. We talked of joint efforts for the future.

Our early traditional service has moved its time to 8:15 a.m.

Thank you for your prayers for the new Northern Illinois Synod Bishop. Pastor Jeffrey Clements, known to many Emmanuel members, was elected bishop at the Annual NIS Assembly at Augustana College, June 16-18. Kathlyn Wright, Karen Van Howe, and Pastor TroyAnn attended the Assembly which also involved approving resolutions relating to racial justice; tending to the poor, hungry, and disenfranchised; education about and acceptance of our Muslim neighbors; care of creation.

July 10, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service featuring Beatles music, we will meet at the Irish Rose, 519 E. State Street, for brunch. Mike, the owner, is offering free brunch to 75 Emmanuel members and friends. To reserve a spot, call the church office 963-4815, or sign up after the July 3 service. Tickets were required and will be handed out after the July 10 service.

Volunteers are needed to help with the coffee/hospitality table in the Celebration Room. See Tabitha Benson, Jan Lundin, or Karen Van Howe if you are interested.

The Future of Emmanuel task force continues to meet to explore ways to grow Emmanuel's ministry, be good stewards of our resources, and look for more opportunities to use our gifts for the good of our community and world. Please continue to pray daily.

The Center for the Arts and Spirituality is offering an hour of art activity before the Saturday meal in the White House for our Midtown neighbors.

Council encourages everyone to bring a friend to services this summer—there will be special music, food for thought, and opportunities to deepen our relationship with the Divine and each other.

God's blessings on our Emmanuel family,  
*Karen Van Howe*  
Congregation President

## MIDTOWN LUTHERAN PARISH "ONE IN THE SPIRIT"

200 people from the Midtown Lutheran Congregations of Calvary, Emmanuel, First, Salem, Tabor, Trinity, and Zion joined together for a worship service "One in the Spirit" at Emmanuel on Sunday, June 26, 2016. Bishop-elect Jeffrey Clements and pastors Jane McChesney, Bill Dahlberg, Chuck Olson, Michael Thomas, and Jay Quinn all took part. The music by everyone was great. The Jodi Beach Trio, Calvary's 9th Street Band, and Emmanuel's quartet provided music. The wonderful acoustics make such a difference. There was a youth group of 11 who came for the first part and then left to go on a youth event. Many people remarked on how beautiful the church was. It was a lovely service. Many stayed after the service for a potluck. A big THANK YOU to Kathlyn Wright, Ann Downie, LouAnn & Harlan Johnson, and Gary Peterson for all of their help. Nolan Olson and Dan Vorsanger operated the sound. The folks from Zion were amazing. We had quite a wonderful team.





## JULY 2016 CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:30 AM Food Pantry 10:00 AM Blue Notes Reh.	2
3 8 <sup>15</sup> AM Traditional Lutheran Service 9:30 AM Calvary Worship Service 9:30 AM Outreach 10:30 AM Emerging Worship Service 4:00 PM Gay Men Gathering (GMG)	4 Independence Day - Office Closed	5 9:30 AM Spiritual Journeys	6 12:00 PM "Stories of the Bible" 5:00 PM Executive Com. 6:30 PM Caring Connections	7 8:30 AM Liturgy Planning 12:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Men's Group	8 9:30 AM Food Pantry	9 8:00 AM CAS Retreat
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