

TIDINGS

from Irving Park Lutheran Church

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Inviting in Christ's Name
Proclaiming the Gospel
Living in Fellowship
Caring for Others

LENT 2020

A Table for All at IPLC & in our Community

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:15 Sunday School & Adult Studies,
Chancel Choir (except 3.8)
10:00 Treats in Victory Hall
10:30 Worship
11:45 Ensemble (except 3.15)

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Larry Kimpel

Holly Lundquist

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Holly Van Essen

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Lloyd DaMask

Sharon Iverson

Richard Wielock

Table fellowship and its holy implications are a key part of Christian faith. Jesus ate with people from all walks of life and gave us a sacred meal to remember him, which we celebrate in worship every Sunday. This Lent we invite you to a series of meals in and outside of our church.

Here at IPLC for five Wednesday evenings (now through April 1) there's a **free meal from 6:30-7:30 pm**. You can come at any time within that hour and leave at any time your schedule requires. It's an easy, tasty weeknight meal at which you can also connect with friends old and new. The Girl Scout Troop that meets in the IPLC Gym on Wednesday evenings will be joining us for the meals (the troop members are also regular worshipers and leaders in the Wednesday evening service of prayer and song that follows the meal, from 7:30-8 pm in the sanctuary) and we've invited clients of the Irving Park Food Pantry and Hands to Help to join us Wednesday evenings as well.

We also have food service events outside of the church this Lent—**four opportunities to purchase, prepare, and serve meals to people struggling with poverty or homelessness**. Three of these opportunities are with The Night Ministry, a Chicago-based organization that helps provide housing, health care, and human connection to people who are housing insecure. The Night Ministry has a special Outreach Bus that travels six days a week to diverse and underserved locations in the city. At each stop people may receive a meal (provided by different volunteer groups, such as ours), hygiene kits, warm winter wear, and coffee. Additional services offered include HIV/AIDS prevention and testing, housing and social service referrals, case management, and hospitality. IPLC will be providing 50 brown bag meals to the Humboldt Park stop (Division and California) on Sunday March 8 and on Sunday March 29, and 110 brown bag meals to the Kedzie and Madison stop on Saturday April 4.

The other volunteer opportunity is with the Community Meals program at First St Paul's Lutheran Church, which was started in the early '80s to serve the church's surrounding community, which has numerous SRO's as well as public housing at its borders. The weekly free meal, prepared and served by members of the congregation and other volunteers, currently feeds an average of 75 guests each Saturday. IPLC will be supporting the meal on Saturday March 14. IPLC member Cindy Kuhn has volunteered for the program for years and is coordinating a group from IPLC to help thaw and cook whole turkeys, shop for ingredients not found included in the Community Meals on-site inventory, prepare and serve the meal.

Please join us for the Wednesday evening meals and sign up for one of the volunteer events! You can sign up online through the church e-newsletter or by calling the church office.

-- Pastor Erin Bouman

Donate \$6 for Easter Baskets for Food Pantry Families and/or Make a Basket Want to give an Easter basket to a child who might not get one? Give a donation (\$6 suggested per basket) to Holly Lundquist by March 15, or put your donation in the church offering plate, noting "Easter Baskets." Holly will shop for basket contents and facilitate compilation by our Girl Scout troop. We'll bless the assembled Easter baskets in church on Sunday March 22, and then deliver them to the Irving Park Food Pantry, so the Pantry may distribute them before Easter. You may also make an Easter basket yourself, just be sure to bring it to church by March 22, and we'll bless them along with the other baskets. Thank you for sharing the joy of Easter with neighbors at the Food Pantry!

Sunday Lenten Adult Bible Study: The Sins of Racism and the Blindness of White Privilege, 9:15 - 10:15 am
Through March 8 we'll continue book club style discussion of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone. Reading the book is not mandatory. Then on March 15 the Rev. Yehiel Curry, who is African American, will be our guest speaker and preacher. As the newly elected bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Bishop Curry has challenged ELCA churches to have discussion about race.

The next three Sundays will be round table discussions in the fellowship hall:

- March 22: Unpacking White Privilege** - video and small group discussion
- March 29: Raising Racially Conscious Children** - video and small group discussion
- April 5: Using White Privilege to Do Good** - video and small group discussion

Visit from Bishop Yehiel Curry March 15 The new bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, the Rev. Yehiel Curry, will be here on Sunday March 15. We look forward to welcoming and celebrating him and having him preach and also lead an adult forum.

Girl Scout Sunday March 8 On Sunday March 8th we'll celebrate IPLC's partnership with Girl Scouts. The troop will participate in the service in various ways, including hosting the coffee hour. (There might be Girl Scout cookies for sale...)

The IPLC Gym will serve as polling station on Tuesday, March 17. We are happy to open our doors to the community for this, and special thanks to the After School Program for moving to Victory Hall for the day to make this possible!

Volunteers from the University of Tennessee will be staying at the church from March 15-21, volunteering at the After School program and around the city. It is good to be a place where groups can stay while serving others and seeing the city.

A Table For All

Lent 2020 Sunday School & Congregation Project



Here at Our Church

Come for any part of the evening: food, fellowship, worship.

5 Wednesdays:

6:30-7:30 pm Meal, followed by 7:30-8:00 pm Song & Prayer

Thank you to our Meal Hosts!

- March 4 - IPLC Women's Volleyball Team
- March 11 - IPLC Girl Scout Troop
- March 18 - The Kimpels
- March 25 - The Morins
- April 1 - The Anderson/Haneberg Families

Here in Our Community

Purchase, prepare, and/or serve meals to people in need.

4 Opportunities to Volunteer:

March 8, 14, 29, April 4

To select a volunteer slot, click on the Sign-Up Genius link in the weekly e-newsletter or call the office at 773-267-1666.



Pancake Supper Thanks and Results

A big THANK YOU to all who put on and came to this year's Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper! Special thanks to Lee Stein for event coordination and to the many people who shopped for and prepped the food, put out chairs and tables, decorated the gym, sold tickets, bussed tables, flipped pancakes, washed dishes, set up and took down the grills, and more. The weather wasn't great but the numbers were still relatively strong. The gross receipt for the dinner was \$1610 and for the Bake Sale: \$171. This total is a little less than what was raised in 2019, but more than receipts for 2018. The pancake supper supports the Summer Camp @ IPLC and is an opportunity to share fellowship with church members and the wider community.

Highlights from the February Council Meeting

Pastor Bouman led us in devotions about diversity. The Council discussed ways that IPLC can become diverse.

- **Pastor’s Report**-New Office Administrator Sally is working well with Pastor. Space Use Contributions are being looked at and working to increase communication with groups and assess fees of one time users and repeat users.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Endowment Committee met on January 16 and will meet with Thrivent in the future. Audit Committee Meeting will be set up in the future. Our income was less than expenses in January.
- **Learning:** Adult Study theme is Diversity and African American Theology. The book they are using is *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Topics to be addressed include micro-aggressions and white privilege
- **Witness:** On New Member Sunday, February 2 we welcomed six new members. We are looking to update our website, also looking for funding to pay for this upgrade.
- **Worship:** We celebrate Black History Month with special elements in worship, we have Guest Preachers February 9 and 16 who are Women of Color, Ash Wednesday is February 26
- **Fat Tuesday**-Lee Stein has agreed to coordinate the pancake supper.
- **Strategic Planning**-Council is continuing to work on Strategic Planning
- **For the good of IPLC** (the Council always ends the meeting by noting positive things of the past month): Good conversation at Council meeting, Thank to Roy for fixing things, Adult Bible Study, Roger being here at this time of the year, Black History Month, Sunday School singing in church, Souper Bowl of Caring, (Via email from a council person emeriti) The E News Blast on Thursdays

**NEWS FROM CARLSON
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

March Madness Basketball Tournament Fundraiser for

Carlson Show off your prognostication skills by joining in the Bill’s Bracket fundraiser for Carlson Community Services. The “Bill” in Bill’s Bracket is IPLC’s own Bill Sherlock, who also serves on Carlson’s Fundraising Committee. After a two-year hiatus, Bill is once again donating his services to run Carlson’s fundraiser, which is based on the NCAA basketball tournament known as March Madness. To get in the game, make a \$25 donation to Carlson via PayPal, cash or check. Next, Bill will send you a link to the CBS Sports web site where you’ll make your bracket choices. It’s easy and fun! Along with a chance to win \$150, you’ll enjoy Bill’s witty analysis of the games and the skill of the bracketeers. All brackets must be chosen before game time on March 19th. For more information, contact Bill at william.d.sherlock@gmail.com or Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org. Best of luck!

Our Parish Visitors (*now “Lay Communion Ministers”*) fulfilled one of the most important roles of our church. When they visited IPLC’s shut-ins, they packed the Good News and their good cheer. They did it all thanks to the goodness in their hearts. Shut-ins always enjoyed a visit from an IPLC Parish Visitor and a chance to receive communion and share a few laughs.

A mention of the Parish Visitors brings back warm memories of one of IPLC’s most dedicated members. Anyone who has made Belle Plaine and Harding the center of their church universe for more than 45 years will recall Carl and Bernice Sandell.

In the spring of 1978, IPLC bid farewell to the Sandells when they relocated to Florida.

On Easter Sunday, 1978, IPLC Pastor Ross Larson presented plaques to the Sandells to thank them for their decades of service. Carl’s plaque read: “The Covenant of God’s Grace has been expressed through the service of Carl Sandell. Sixty years a choir member, 40 years a Sunday School Teacher, 10 years a Parish Visitor for Irving Park Lutheran Church. Presented by action of the Church Council in token of esteem and with prayer for continued blessings, upon his leaving this community.” Bernice’s plaque noted her 40 years as a member of the choir and 25 years as a Sunday School teacher.

Before leaving for Florida, Carl wrote this inspirational message about his time as a Parish Visitor. The following is from the April 15, 1978, edition of the Tidings:

“I would like to share some of my experiences calling on our folks laid up in hospitals. I have been told it must have been depressing making these visits, but I went fully to cheer my people up, and have been quite successful. One of our members, who was blind, had a stroke that left him unable to speak. I made many visits, singing songs, standing by his bed holding his hand. Believe me, we communicated. My usual routine was to leave a “Home Altar” quarterly, and a book of Bible verses. I would read scripture and would occasionally sing a song.

“A member of our church board suffered a stroke that left him in a coma for three months. I called on him many times, in the hope my scripture reading would give him comfort; only God knows if it did. Another of our members sustained an aneurism where he lingered at death’s door, but thanks be to God he is well and active. I had the privilege of calling on him many times and saw how wonderful he was restored to good health. I thank God so many of you folks who I visited are completely recovered and back in the “mainstream of life.” I averaged about 150 to 200 visits a year.

“Thank you, Pastor Ross and Pastor (G. Erik) Hagg, for the privilege of visiting you and singing to shut-ins for communion over the years. God bless you all is my parting prayer.”

For anyone who would like to see a photo of Carl Sandell, please go to iplc.org and navigate your way to Page 7 of the Tidings 100th Anniversary Edition Volume 3. Find it after you click on the “Church Life and News” category.

— *Ralph Greenslade, who recalls a beautiful rendition of “The Lord’s Prayer” that Mr. Sandell sang in 1965 at the funeral service for his grandfather, longtime IPLC member Tage Friberg*



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MARCH

PARTNERS IN

Assisting Minister

- 3.1 Rick Reschke
- 3.8 Bobby Reitor
- 3.15 Eleanor Kepp
- 3.22 Zack Ryland
- 3.29 Jason Fugate

Lectors

- 3.1 Elmer Haneberg
- 3.8 Girl Scouts
- 3.15 Clair Anderson
- 3.22 Sharon Iverson
- 3.29 Holly Van Essen

Acolytes

- 3.1 Camila Pulex
- 3.8 Girl Scouts
- 3.15 Morgan DeMarrias
- 3.22 AJ Holub
- 3.29 Ingrid Sporrong

Greeters

- 3.1 Holly Van Essen, Kristin LeBlanc
Melanie Reschke, Sharon Iverson,
Nancy Curtis
- 3.8 Marty Popielewski, Chris Popielewski
- 3.15 Jen O'Grady, Joey Crook, Roberta Bole
- 3.15 Fred Glure, Tim Bouman, Liz Brown
- 3.22 Larry Kimpel, Holly Lundquist
- 3.22 Amy Monday, Nancy Curtis, Liz Brown
- 3.29 Elmer Haneberg, Isaac Sporrong
- 3.29 Roberta Bole, Mitch Stein, Gabby Reitor
- Bruce Anderson, Tim Bouman

Counters

- 3.1 Darcie Wadycki
- 3.8 Sue Geister
- 3.15 Sara Anderson
- 3.22 Bill Shertock
- 3.29 Nancy Hall
- Sandra Stumme
- Eleanor Kepp
- Holly Lundquist
- Holly Van Essen
- Brook Enger

Communion Assistant

- Larry Lundquist
- Sandra Stumme
- Sue Geister
- Janice Glure
- Fred Glure
- 1 Walter Rucinski Jr.
- 4 Everett Sporrong
- 5 Max Haneberg
- 7 Jack Haneberg
- 8 Tim Bouman
- 11 Kristen Holub
- 12 Ruth Clausen
- 12 Eleanor Kepp
- 13 James Monroe
- 13 Harrison Raygor
- 14 Corey Wojtkiewicz
- 15 Ellen Wheeler
- 15 Sarah Yu
- 17 Elsa McBride
- 19 Geah Escobedo
- 20 Anderson Neff
- 21 Emma Van Essen
- 25 Cindy Kuhn
- 25 Naomi Millán
- 25 Maggie Pulex
- 25 Chris Stefko
- 29 August Bowers
- 29 Gregory Morin
- 29 Melanie Reschke
- 30 Gerard Curtis
- 30 Terrance Kiser
- 30 Franklin Lurie



Cindy & Karl Kuhn 3/6/1993

Mike & Robin Duray 3/12/2011

Bobby & Gabby Reitor 3/24/2018

Elsa & Diana Romo 3/31/2006