



NOVEMBER - 2019

From the (Interim) Rector

I am writing this on Halloween morning, and outside my window the snow is coming down in drifts! It will be tough sledding for the Trick-or-Treaters, that's for sure! Mr. and Mrs. Cardinal are enjoying the seed I put out the other day, as they have finally dug through the snow. Both the Trick-or-Treaters and the Cardinals of course knew that winter was coming, but both, I am sure, have been surprised by this early snow. When I wrote my Snippets article last month, I knew that the end of our time together was coming, but I am surprised by the rapid approach of my departure on the last day of November.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Rector for the last 10 months. Your dedication to the Gospel and passion for Jesus' ministry of love is wonderful to behold, and I have been lucky to share that ministry with you, even for this short time. I am excited about the possibilities that you and your new Rector, Rev. Diane Tomlinson have before you. I look forward to seeing the new glories of Emmanuel ministry to be revealed in the coming years. I am sure you have a bright future ahead of you, and Rockford is lucky to have such an active downtown church.

At this point I do not know yet what God has next in store for me, but I trust it will be where God needs me. As soon as I know, you will know. Until then, your prayers would be appreciated. Many of you have already offered me words of thanksgiving and appreciation for our time together, and for them I am profoundly thankful. We still have a month together, and know that I will be treasuring every day. I thank you for the love and support you have shown Beverly and me, and the opportunity to share your ministry and bear your burdens during our time together. I pray that God will continue to richly bless your ministry.

See you in church! (at least for another month!!)



Nine Lessons and Carols

2019

Emmanuel Festival Choir

Wayne Hatwich, Director
Trish Rooney, Organist

following the tradition of
the Christmas Eve service
broadcast annually from
King's College Cambridge, England
featuring readers from the greater
Rockford community



A Festival

Saturday, December 14 at 5:00 pm
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
412 N. Church Street — Rockford

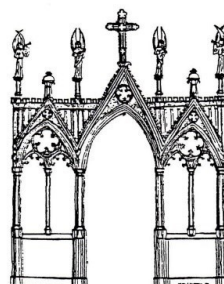
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A freewill offering will help to support the music ministry at Emmanuel.

Evensong

Save the Date!:

Evensong



Sunday December 1 at 5:00 p.m. Emmanuel will host an Evensong for Peace. We're sharing this most Anglican of all services to sing and pray for peace in the world.

The setting will be informal with string band music and new and ancient prayers. All are welcome



Woman's Spirituality

Women's Spirituality Group will be meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019 (*note: We are meeting a week early because of Thanksgiving.*) The meeting will be at Mary Dammann's at 627 Trent Lane, Loves Park, at 7pm. Discussion of the readings of the lectionary for that Tuesday will be the topic of the day. Please bring a Bible. A variety of versions are needed as we will discuss the readings from the various translations. Also, bring a Book of Common Prayer as we will end with a short evening service. Refreshments will be served.



Emmanuel Reads

Emmanuel Reads will meet Thursday, November 7th, 7pm at Mary S. Johnson's house. We will discuss *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler. Call Mary, 815-226-1112, for directions.



Bear-Packer Food Raiser

October 13, Sports Sunday at Emmanuel

Our food drive to benefit the Rock River Valley Food Pantry ended on Sunday, October 13. The winner was obvious that morning, with the Bear barrel overflowing with 247 pounds of food, to the Packer barrel with 127 pounds. However, the winners of the most over-the-top sports attire were mostly rabid Packer fans, as the photos show. Congratulations to Zack Cramer, Cindy Joesten, and Bill Schnaufer, and congratulations to cheerleader Maria Mendia for the most creative outfit. Thanks to all the parishioners who participated in Sports Sunday. The big winner certainly is the food pantry. Since 2011 we have contributed over 3500 pounds of food.



Go Pack! Go Bears!



Zack Cramer - Cute!

Remembrance



Jeffrey Kilbourn

McCorkel

January 26, 1967—

October 14, 2019

**Faithful
Parishioner**

On Sunday November 17, we will be having a Pot Luck brunch following the 10:30 service in honor of the life of Jeff McCorkle:

Special prayers will be offered during the Sunday service as well. Jeff was a special part of the Emmanuel community, and we thought a pot-luck, one of the activities that Jeff particularly enjoyed, would be the perfect way to celebrate his life and time with us. If you have any pictures of Jeff that you would like to share during the Pot-Luck, please send them to the office to add to our montage. Pot-Luck Sign up sheet is located in the Narthex.

Movie Night

ASPIRE will host a screening of "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe," on Wednesday, November 13, in the undercroft at Emmanuel. A light supper will be served at 6pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm.

The movie is the starting point for the Adult Forum series "Narnia in Advent," using Heidi Haverkamp's book of the same title. The book is readily available on line. Dr. Jacob Hardesty will lead the discussions.

Thank you Note

We received a Thank you note from Jeff's mother, Julie Nelson.

"I can not thank you enough for helping to enrich Jeff's life. He felt so comfortable in your church and our whole family knew that and was and is very grateful. Please thank everyone for their kindness to Jeff. I will never forget you."

Much Love, Julie Nelson

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Emmanuel was Well Represented at the Gala!

For decades, Emmanuel Episcopal has gratefully received funds from Episcopal Charities. These funds have supported the important work of Shelter Care Ministries.

But not everything associated with Episcopal Charities is work! On Friday, October 18 in downtown Chicago, representatives of Shelter Care and Emmanuel partied to celebrate their strong relationship at the Episcopal Charities' *Legacy Gala*. Thank you Episcopal Charities for all you do.



Back Row: Doug Rogers, Father Bill Nesbitt, Sarah Parker-Scalon, Tyler Hillman, Cheryl Rogers, Dennis Horton

First Row: Gale Degner, Robert Parker, Beverly Nesbitt, Todd Burton



L-R Betsy Parker, Sarah Parker-Scanlon, Robert Parker



L-R - Sarah Parker-Scanlon, Melanie Overton, Lisa Gay

Day of the Dead Event

Saturday November 2nd brought the community together to pay respects to loved ones, both friends and family. Día de los Muertos is a celebration of life, and the events at Emmanuel incorporated many of the traditions, including a procession to the resurrection garden, traditional food, music and dancing and creating a colorful altar with sugar skulls and skeleton masks.

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Labyrinth Walk

Wednesday, November 13

5-6pm

Come celebrate this in-between season before Advent, this time of waxing quarter moon, cozy fires and darker days. We walk in prayer for the coming of Advent. Nicholas Center (3rd floor).



Weekly Advent Labyrinth Walks will be held on Wednesdays, beginning December 4, and continuing through December 18. 5-6pm - Nicholas Center (3rd floor). Celebrate the season and walk in anticipation of the coming of Jesus again into our lives.

Birthday

Sandy Chapman	11/02	Larry Miller	11/22
Karen Matjasko	11/07	Barrie Gibby	11/23
Adrienne Walker	11/09	Dan Degner	11/25
Kiley Beck	11/11	Beverly Nesbit	11/26
Sierra Castrey	11/11	Dale Thomas	11/26
John Kanthak	11/16	Libby James	11/29
Tammy Lewis	11/20	Mary S. Johnson	11/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Rob & Theresa Sinks	11/03
John & Sandy chapman	11/10
John & Geri Cygnor	11/26

Farewell to Fr. Bill: Fr. Bill's last Sunday is November 24. To celebrate his and Bev's time with us, we will have one service at 10am followed by a catered lunch. All are welcome to attend.



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Harvest Fest



Harvest Fest celebrated the Jubilee Center on October 10th with a chili supper, entertainment, silent auction, basket and 50/50 raffle. Representative Maurice West was our guest speaker and was very well received. A good time was had by all! On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Shelter Care Staff we thank Todd Burton and his committee for all their hard work, time, with a special thank you to Emmanuel Episcopal Church for your support and the use of the undercroft.



November 2019

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Sat

					1	2 9am - Aspire Event "Day of the Dead" 
3 All Saints' 8am - Spoken Holy Eucharist 9:00am - Child at Heart Serv. 9:15am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Choral Holy Euch. 5:00pm - Evensong	4 Parish Office Closed	5	6	7 7pm - Emmanuel Reads at Emmanuel	8	9 4:30 - 6:30pm - Parent's Night Out
10 8am - Spoken Holy Eucharist 9:00am - Child at Heart Serv. 9:15am - Adult Forum 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Choral Holy Eucharist Following this service - There will be a Pot Luck in honor of the life of Jeff McCorkel	11 Veterans Day Parish Office Closed	12	13 5-6pm Labyrinth Walk	14 5pm - Aspire Meeting	15	16
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24 10am - One Service - Choral Holy Eucharist - Farewell to Fr. Bill Nesbit	25 Parish Office Closed	26 7pm - Women's Spirituality Group	27	28 	29	30


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