

OCTOBER - 2019

## From the (Interim) Rector

October is here, and with it the theme of harvest time. The weather cools a bit and with luck there may even be a morning frost. In the church we begin our own harvest as we enter the Stewardship Pledge Drive.

I find it helpful to think of your pledge as both the fruit of this year's ministry, and the seeds for next year's ministry as well. Our goal as people of faith is to answer the generosity of God with a generosity of our own. That is why it is important to give out of the first fruits of what we have been given, and not the leftovers.

In my short time here at Emmanuel I have been impressed with your care and generosity. In the coming year you will be beginning a new era with a new rector. I pray you will not take a wait to see attitude, but will step out in faith and continue your tradition of generosity. In this way your new era will begin in an atmosphere energy and hope for the possibilities of the future.

As we near the end of the search process for your next Rector, I ask you to continue to pray for your Search Committee. It has been a quiet time as they tie up their work, but have no fear, they are working hard on your behalf, and they too are looking forward to the end of their labors. A prayer for strength and the blessings of the Holy Spirit would do much to help them on this last leg.

As we head deeper into fall, I remind you that Sabbath is not a spiritual discipline limited to the summer months. All too soon the north wind will be chasing us inside for the duration. Take advantage of the good weather, while we have it, and get out for a walk in the sun and a breath of fresh air. You will be better for it.

See you in church!



### Shelter Care

See you in church! Please join us during Mental Illness Awareness Week as we celebrate the Jubilee Center, a program of Shelter Care that serves adults living with chronic mental illness.

The fun begins with a Chili Supper at the Jubilee Center and moves on to the undercroft at Emmanuel Episcopal Church for Children's Activities, Live Entertainment, 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction, Baskets Auction, and fellowship.

This is just one of the Silent Auction items featured- A **Fred VanVleet signed, matted and framed poster**, which includes a letter of authenticity of his signature, adding to the value of the poster. Come Enjoy, Bid and Support Shelter Care!



## A Big Thank You

Felipe is a student worker in the TRIO Student Support Office which runs the Eagle's Nest Food Pantry. Felipe oversees the pantry and says thank you to everyone who donated as the shelves were pretty bare.

The Children & Families of Emmanuel say thank you to everyone in our parish who helped us fill our bin to donate to this organization in our community.



## Emmanuel Reads

**Emmanuel Reads will meet Thursday, October 3rd, 7:00 p.m.** at church. We will be discussing **"Sold on a Monday"** by Kristin McMorris about a mother who sells her two children during the Great Depression. We encourage anyone interested in a book we're reading to join us for that meeting or more. Call Mary S. Johnson, 815-226-1112, with questions.



## Wedding Anniversaries

Kristen & Oscar Garza	10/27
Diane & Phil Wing	10/30

## October Birthdays

Byron Dale	10/01	Kevin Gayden	10/27
John Birnbaum	10/02	Lee Joesten	10/27
Jo Flesher	10/09	Sally Goddard	10/28
Collin Beck	10/11	Kathy Fillmore	10/29
Mary Kaull	10/17	Dan Hoffman	10/29
Nancy Smith	10/17	Delbert Brown	10/30
Courtney Oakes	10/18	Travis Castrey	10/30
John Torrence	10/18		
Susan Gillespie	10/25		
Tony Cameron	10/27		

## Episcopal Charities and Community Services

Cordially invites you to the 2019 Legacy Gala; An Evening of Hope, to be held at the historic Intercontinental Hotel in downtown Chicago on Friday, October 18th. This event will be an exciting and inspirational celebration including dinner, entertainment, dancing and auctions. The reception begins at 6:00 P.M. with dinner served at 7:00 P.M. This is an evening honoring Quintin E Primo III and the Late Rt. Rev. Quintin E. Primo, Jr. former Suffragan Bishop of Chicago. We will also be celebrating the work of Rt. Rev. James W. Montgomery, former Diocesan Bishop of Chicago

Shelter Care has been a Legacy partner of ECCS for several decades. Your support will strengthen our work of bringing hope to so many. When one of us is facing a problem, we as a community are all facing it. It is when we come together we have the power to change the trajectory of our shared future; together we are stronger and our giving more impactful.

Please contact Cheryl Rogers or Dennis Horton for the details of how you can join us at the Emmanuel tables for this wonderful annual event.



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## Bear-Packer Food Raiser

**October 13, Sports Sunday at Emmanuel**

This fall our annual **Bear-Packer** food raiser challenge will not coincide with the big game, but will end on Sunday, October 13. On September 22 the barrels were out to collect non-perishable food items to benefit the Rock River Valley Food Pantry.

Since the **Packer-Bear** games are September 5 and December 15, too early and too late for our schedule, the Vestry and Emmanuel Guild members decided on a mid-point, October 13, to end the food raiser challenge.

Celebrate your favorite sport, or favorite team, by dressing in sports attire on October 13. ANY sport, ANY team! Prizes will be awarded for the most creative, over-the-top dressed parishioners. And don't forget to bring food items for the **Bear** and **Packer** barrels for the food raiser. **Go Bears! Go Pack!**

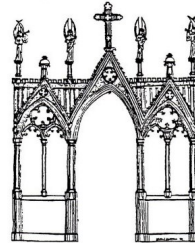


## Jeremiah Development

**Jeremiah CARES Event:** Saturday, November 2 from 10am -2pm, we are partnering with Blue Cross Blue Shield to have a community health fair. It will be in the gym at Second/First Church. We hope this will become a yearly event. A variety of health and wellness providers will be available. We are encouraging families to attend. Activities for children will be available.



## Evensong



**Save the Date!** Sunday October 6th 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!

### Aspire is pleased to announce Emmanuel Episcopal Church will

celebrate Día de Muertos: commonly known as Day of the Dead, on Saturday, November 2.

With a full day of activities planned for adults and children you can attend a screening of the award-winning movie Coco, enjoy a catered Mexican lunch while a mariachi band plays, watch dance presentations by the Rockford Dance Company dancers, participate in crafts, decorate the graves in the resurrection garden, and assist in the creation of a Day of the Dead altar in the Narthex.

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| •Movie Screening               | <b>10:00 am</b>   |
| •Lunch                         | <b>12:15 Noon</b> |
| •Dance Performances            | <b>1:00 pm</b>    |
| •Mariachi Band                 | <b>1:30 pm</b>    |
| •Parade to Resurrection Garden | <b>2:00 pm</b>    |
| •Crafts & Altar Decoration     | <b>2:30 pm</b>    |
| •Lighting of Altar             | <b>4:00 pm</b>    |

Reservations can be made by calling 815-603-0255 or by sending a check to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. \$5.00 reserves a seat at the luncheon and covers all other costs for crafts and the movie. (Families will pay no more than \$20.) Tickets will also be on sale in the narthex in October. This day of activities will help us remember the saints in our lives and provide a stimulus for discussion on the rituals of death and how we look to life everlasting.

Colleen Drogan, an expert on Día de Muertos, will speak at the Adult Forum at 9:15 A.M., Sunday, October, 27. Colleen will be traveling from Mexico City to kick off the event, set up the altar and help us understand the traditions of Día de Muertos. For further information: 815-964-5514 or [www.EmmanuelRockford.org](http://www.EmmanuelRockford.org).



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