



AUGUST 2019—MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

From the (Interim) Rector

August here at Emmanuel will be a busy month! Like in other areas of our lives, we are squeezing in the special activities of summer, at the same time we are preparing for the return to the program/school year. It can make for hectic times.

On the first Saturday of August (8/3) Emmanuel will be hosting members from the Diocesan Episcopal Search Committee, as they hold a listening session for the western marches of the diocese. Come and reflect and share your hopes and dreams for the next Bishop of Chicago. Being a parish in transition, you know how important it is that the Bishop Search Committee be well informed on the wants and needs of the people in the pews.

The next day (8/4), in addition to our regular Sunday services, we will be holding an Evensong for Peace at 5pm. In a time in our country and city where divisions are causing fear and anxiety, we hope to bring a little peace into the world through music and prayer, even if it is only for a little while. Bring a friend, or an “enemy,” and help us begin to turn the tide.

Sunday August 11 is our Worship in the Garden service at 10:30, so I have begun praying for good weather (Not too hot, not too cool, and a whole lot of dry!). We will also be blessing the backpacks of all our school age children in preparation for the new school year. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!

On Sunday August 18 our Children at Heart service will be convening at Lake Summerset for an outdoor service of their own. Don't forget your suit.

On Sunday August 25th we will be inviting our neighbors to the south, 2nd/1st Church and Court Street United Methodist to join us for our annual joint service. I expect everyone to be on their most hospitable behavior, even if someone sits in “your” pew!!

As you can see, we have quite a month of Sundays ahead of us, and that doesn't even include the two opportunities to help at Soup Kitchen and countless other smaller opportunities to serve and gather in fellowship. I encourage you to take full advantage of these wonderful opportunities. God is good! All the time!

Another Tune from Camp Chicago . . .



(Sung to the tune of God Bless America)

I am an Anglican, grand old P.E.
Not high church, not low church,
But protestant, Episcopal and free.
Not an Lutheran, nor a Presby,
Nor a Baptist white with foam.
I am an Anglican, one step from Rome
I am an Anglican, via media, boom! boom!

Camp Song for Episcopalians and other members of the Anglican communion for over 50 years.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Aug. 1** Emmanuel Reads the Classics
“Daring to Drive - a Saudi Woman's Awakening” by Manal al-Sharif
- **Aug. 4** Evensong for Peace Service
- **Aug. 6** Guest Bartender Night for SCM
- **Aug. 8** Aspire Meeting
- **Aug. 10** No Men's Group this month
- **Aug. 11** Backpack Blessing at 9:30am
CAH & 10:30am Service in the Garden
- **Aug. 14** Aspire Movie Night
“Beautiful Boy”
- **Aug. 15** Vestry Meeting
- **Aug. 10/17** Soup Kitchen
- **Aug. 18** CAH Service at Lake Summerset
- **Aug. 24** Parent's Night Out
- **Aug. 25** Annual Joint Church Service at Emmanuel, One Service ONLY at 10:00am

Aspire Summer Movie, Aug. 14

There will be a light supper at 6:00pm followed by the film, "Beautiful Boy" beginning at 6:30pm
Discussion after led by Rufus Cadigan.

Free Will Offering.



Soup Kitchen

Emmanuel will be serving again at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, Aug. 10 and Aug. 17 so we need plenty of volunteers. We serve the meal at noon at the Jubilee Center and volunteers are needed for shifts beginning at 10am for set up, food prep, serving & clean up. New volunteers are welcome! If you would prefer to make a financial donation, please make checks out to Emmanuel Episcopal Church and write Soup Kitchen on the memo line. If you can help, please contact Tammy Lewis at mstam7@aol.com 815 601-8612 or John Birnbaum at jrbirnbaum@aol.com. 815 873-8077



Presents

Guest Bartender Night

(Our Guest Bartender is Laird Lambert)

August 6, 2019

5-7pm

At the University Club
945 North Main Street | Rockford, IL | 61103

A 50/50 Raffle will be part of the festivities.
All tips in the form of cash or check benefit Shelter Care.

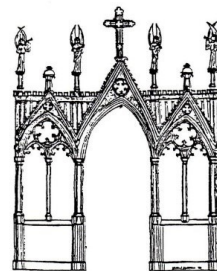
Complimentary chips and salsa will be provided.

Dinner is available until 8pm

- Classic Caesar Salad \$8.95
- Nicoise Salad \$9.95
- Forbes Burger \$11.95
- Corn Beef Sandwich \$10.95
- Special TBA



Evensong



Evensong Service

Save the Date!: Sunday August 4th at 5:00pm
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!

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