

## God's Work. Our Hands.

**Sunday, Sept. 9, 11:45am-1:45pm**

**Unity Lutheran Church (1212 W. Balmoral Ave.)**

Gather with our Edgewater Lutheran congregations for lunch, fellowship, and an opportunity to participate in a few service projects together.

This year we will be collecting materials and assembling hygiene Kits for the Night Ministry. (These kits will be distributed to our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness.)

Please bring any of the following travel size items and drop them in the bin in the narthex by Sunday, September 3:

shampoo, conditioner, comb, soap, body lotion,  
toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, mouthwash, lip balm,  
sustainable razor, shaving cream, wash cloth

### Tutoring Program

Ebenezer's community tutoring program will begin a 19th year in September. The tutoring program provides homework support, mentoring and advocacy for the 40+ children enrolled in the program. Children range in age from first grade through high school and come from 13 different public, parochial and charter schools. A special focus of the program helps students and their families through the transitions from elementary to high school and from high school to college or advanced training.

Tutoring meets most Thursdays during the school year with a simple meal at 6 PM and tutoring from 6:30 to 8 PM.

- **New tutoring orientation  
September 13 at 6 PM in the dining room**
- **All tutors meet for planning and organization  
September 13 at 7 PM**
- **First tutoring session is on September 20**

How you can help with the tutoring program:

Tutors, Substitute tutors, Meal preparers, Fund raising, Transportation

To volunteer or ask questions, contact Norm Dynneson at [normdynneson64@gmail.com](mailto:normdynneson64@gmail.com) or call at 773-218-8729

Meal provider volunteers can call meal coordinator, Anne Goeltzer, at 773-205-8190 or [adlgoeltzer@comcast.net](mailto:adlgoeltzer@comcast.net)

Thank you for giving the tutoring program your prayerful consideration.

### Small Groups at Ebenezer

Are you interested in learning more about the Small Group ministry at Ebenezer? Current members of the small groups gather...

To get to know one another and become a caring community.

To support one another through listening, sharing, praying, and being present to one another.

- To discover meaning in God's word and apply it to our lives.
- To enjoy one another's uniqueness and take responsibility
- for our own adventure in Christian growth.

If you are interested in making a commitment or learning more please contact Bev, Darlene, Janet, or Pastor Michael:

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## Edgewater Congregations Together Youth Group Brunch Fundraiser & ELCA Youth Gathering Recap

**Sunday, Sept. 30, 12:15-1:15pm**

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
(1500 W. Elmdale Ave.) in  
Founder's Hall

Want to hear more about our youth group's experience in Houston at the ELCA Youth Gathering AND support our youth group in their upcoming trips and events?



Join the youth group for a brunch fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 12:15pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church. There, you will eat delicious food prepared by our youth and their families, watch a photo slideshow from the ELCA Youth Gathering, and hear from some of the youth about their experiences on the trip. You can also find daily blog posts with photos and videos, links to media coverage of the event, and the ELCA Youth Gathering youtube channel with videos of worship and speakers [here](#).

There is no set cost for the brunch. However, donations will be collected (and will help send our youth to the upcoming 2018-2019 events and trips.)

Thrivent Members will also have an opportunity to learn about how they can use their Thrivent Action Team benefits (\$250 gift cards) to support our youth group.

Edgewater Congregations Together Youth Group! Youth Group consists of youth in grades 6th-12th from Unity, Immanuel, and Ebenezer Lutheran Churches in the neighborhood of Edgewater. During the school year, they gather on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Immanuel Lutheran Church for a meal, games, faith discussions, and worship. For more information, contact Pastor Emily at [pastoremiyh@gmail.com](mailto:pastoremiyh@gmail.com).

### Ebenezer Choir



Choir rehearsals will begin Thursday, September 6 in the choir room at 7 PM. Everybody is welcome and encouraged to participate. Come and join in a season of fellowship through song and leadership of the worship life at Ebenezer. If you have any questions about the choir please talk to or email John Elmquist

### Ebenezer Senior Luncheon

**Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 12:00 noon**

**Planning and "Show and Tell"**

Our first get-together this season will include, of course, lunch. Then we will plan together for the rest of the year. We will also have "Show and Tell." If you have something you'd like to show and tell about feel free to bring your something along.

This month's gathering is being organized and will be facilitated by your parish nurse, Marcia.

A tentative schedule for the program year is coming together based on the discussions and survey we had in spring. We will further develop the schedule at our September meeting. We gratefully acknowledge Ralph's leadership in the last year and a half. As we discussed in spring, the group will share responsibility for the leadership of the group going forward. Think about when and how you might help in organizing and/or facilitating our gatherings.

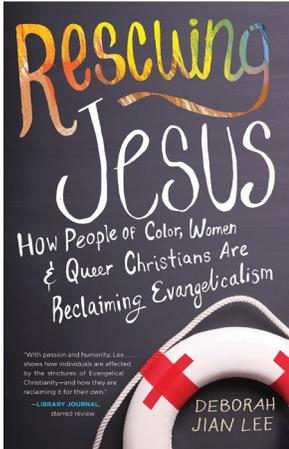
Questions? Contact Parish Nurse Marcia Smith at 773-561-8496 ext. 103 or at [parishnursemarcia@gmail.com](mailto:parishnursemarcia@gmail.com).



## You Can Get Your Flu Vaccine At Church This Fall!

Ebenezer will hold a FLU SHOT CLINIC  
Sunday morning, October 7.  
Details coming soon!

## Justice Team Book Discussion in October



It's time to start reading! Rescuing Jesus: How People of Color, Women, and Queer Christians are Reclaiming Evangelicalism by Deborah Jian Lee.

Generational changes and the shifting racial make-up of evangelicals are transforming the evangelical movement and pushing it in a more progressive direction. A young and diverse array of people on this leading edge of progressive evangelicalism--LGBTQ and straight;

white, black, Asian, Hispanic and indigenous--are working to wrest political power away from conservatives. Given the clout that evangelicals still hold in national politics, Lee argues, this movement is important not only for the future of evangelicalism but also for the future of the country.

## Community Hour

Join us Sunday, October 7, 11:30 AM

Dr. Sherrie All, a licensed clinical psychologist specializing in cognitive rehabilitation and brain health at Chicago Center for Cognitive Wellness, will lead us in discussion of the topic "Suicide: Doesn't Hurt to Ask".

Dr. All plans to organize the focus around questions from the group. Come and learn.

This community hour is sponsored by Mental Health Working Group.



## Ebenezer Supports Refugees



Ebenezer's support group works with newly arrived refugees in the Rogers Park and Edgewater area. Sponsoring agencies offer a minimum of initial help when families first arrive. Ebenezer's group works to fill the gap until families are self-supporting. To see a list of items needed, go to the list on SignUp-Genius ([www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)); or, visit [ebenezerchurch.org](http://ebenezerchurch.org) and select the link for

"serve." Look for Ebenezer Refugee Support. Check back periodically. The list is updated as families' needs change. Cash donations can be made out to Ebenezer Lutheran Church with the notation of Refugee Fund on the memo line. Questions? Jackie Wood at [jacquelinewood@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquelinewood@hotmail.com), text at 773-484-3923. or call Norm Dynneson at 773-218-8729, [normdynneson64@gmail.com](mailto:normdynneson64@gmail.com)



## Esprit

A Support Group for People Recovering or Supporting Others with Mental Health Issues

Esprit welcomes anyone affected by mental illness and makes available a spiritual circle to share, listen, learn, be heard and renewed.

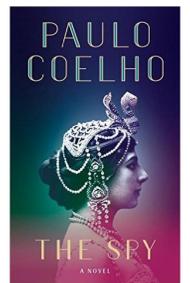
MONTHLY gatherings are 2nd and 4th Thursdays  
7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.  
OCTOBER 11, 2018 – MAY 23, 2019

For more information,  
contact Ashley at 773/428-1521  
or [ashley.frigerio@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.frigerio@gmail.com).

## Women's Book Group

The group meets at 7:15 p.m. This summer, the group will be meeting in members' homes. For location and directions, contact Judy B. at 773-525-0556

September 17: *The Spy* by Paulo Coelho



## Office Schedule

**Monday and Wednesday** (Nathan T.)  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Tuesday and Thursday** (Derek S.)  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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