

Join us for Holy Week and Easter at Ebenezer

Palm Sunday

April 14, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Our holiest of observances... Holy Week and Easter, begins with Jesus' triumphantly humble arrival in Jerusalem. Like no other ruler, Jesus arrives humbly. We recall the story of his death, wave palm branches in solemn celebration, and look ahead to the events to come.

Youth-Led Stations of the Cross

April 17, 7:00 p.m.

at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Elmdale

Join youth from our Edgewater Congregations Together youth group as they lead this service, marking the journey of Jesus to the cross.

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

Jesus shares a meal with his friends before his death. They didn't fully understand what was to come, but we do. On our own symbolic journey to the cross, it is important that we gather for Holy Communion and acts of service and fidelity: the (optional) washing of feet and anointing of hand with oil.

Good Friday

April 19, 12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

Jesus' death is act of anger and wrath by an angry God, but rather God's own suffering heart broken by the violence of the world. Jesus draws all people to himself in meeting a death like our own. It is a day of solemnity but not hopelessness. Because we know that from death, comes life.

Holy Saturday

April 20

10:00 a.m.: The Three Days for Younger Children

Because the number of liturgies and the intensity of their imagery can be a lot for the littlest among us, this brief liturgy explores the themes of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil in an age-mindful setting. Communion, Foot Washing, songs, and simple stories are offered.

7:00 p.m. : The Great Vigil of Easter

We gather at the close of day to light a new fire, and prepare again to celebrate the resurrection. The great stories of God's people throughout the ages are told, and we celebrate the first Holy Communion of Easter. A reception follows with celebratory food and drink.

Easter Sunday

April 21

6:00 a.m.

We greet the rising sun and proclaim that Christ is alive! This smaller, simpler liturgy greets the resurrection with thoughtful joy.

10:00 a.m.

Our festival liturgy, we pull out all the stops and let the joy of life in Jesus be sung and shared in great celebration. Music, Holy Communion, and plenty of faces new and old mark the largest liturgy of the year.

* There is no 5:00 p.m. liturgy on Easter.

Edgewater Congregations Together Young Adults Group

Young adults (18 years old through mid-20s) from Unity, Ebenezer, and Immanuel Lutheran churches, as well as others from the community, will be gathering once a month for social events, service projects, and faith and life discussions.



If you are a young adult and would like to connect with other young adults in the area, please contact Pastor Emily Heitzman at pastoremilyh@gmail.com to learn how you can get involved.

Edgewater Congregations Together Youth Group

Edgewater Congregations Together Youth Group meets at Immanuel Lutheran Church (1500 W. Elmdale Ave.)

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month

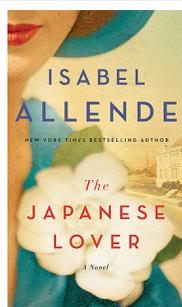
Dinner - 6:15 pm

Program - 7:00-8:30 pm

Free Time - 8:30-9:00 pm



Edgewater Congregations Together 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 pastoremilyh@gmail.com.



Women's Book Group

Women's Book Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center Cafe. Come join the conversation!

April 15: *The Japanese Lover* by Isabelle Allende

Senior Luncheon on Maundy Thursday

Seniors will gather on April 18 to worship together at the 12:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday service. This will be followed by a soup luncheon and fellowship. Please join us.

For more info contact Marcia Smith at parishnursemarcia@gmail.com or 773 743-1831.

Treasurer's Report

February 2019 Statement of Income/Expense

February 2019	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	± Budget YTD
Total Income	\$72,798	\$75,364	- \$2,566
Member Giving	\$45,717	\$39,832	+ \$5,884
Community House Income	\$11,389	\$16,238	- \$4,848
Total Expenditures	\$74,083	\$77,733	- \$3,650
Income Less Expenditures	- \$1,285	- \$2,369	+ \$1,084

Notes

- \$25,737 in General Operating Account
- \$ 6,526 in Capital Fund Account
- \$ 7,194 in Frank Hoffman Scholarship Fund
- \$ 4,320 in Refugee Resettlement Fund

* No enrichment transfer has been requested to-date.

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 SignUpGenius (www.signupgenius.com); or, visit 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, text at 773-484-3923. or call Norm Dynneson at 773-218-8729, normdynneson64@gmail.com

Esprit



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

We at Ebenezer welcome everyone into our spiritual circle. We know that most everyone has experienced or supported someone with mental health issues. We also recognize that we all need a circle of support in our lives. Ebenezer strives to create a place where all can come, share, listen, learn and be renewed.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each Month!

Please join us at
Ebenezer Lutheran Church
1650 West Foster Avenue, Chicago
7:00pm — 8:30pm
October 11th—May 23, 2019

Group Facilitators:

Ashley Frigerio, Experienced Mental Health Group Facilitator; Certified Mental Health First Aid, USA

Vikki Ward Martin, MA, MDiv; Certified Mental Health First Aid, USA; Family to Family, National Alliance on Mental Illness

For more information, contact Ashley at 773/428-1521
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