

Fall Program Year Begins September 8th with God's Work, Our Hands Sunday



Sunday Holy Communion at 10 a.m. AND 5 p.m.

Children's Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship and Community Hour programs (nursery care available!) 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Experience Ebenezer New Member Gatherings

Sundays September 15 and 22
during community hour



Ebenezer Sunday School Starts on September 8!

Families and kids aged 4-12, get ready to get back in the swing of our All Kids Sunday school. We start the Sunday after Labor Day. We meet at 9:45 (15 minutes before Worship Service starts) in the Education Center for games, lessons, music, light crafts, and most of all, sharing our ideas about how God wants us to live in this world. Our time together lasts about 40 minutes, with ushers and teachers escorting kids back to families right after the sermon, before the Children's Message and the Meal. Check it out! Any questions, feel free to email Chris Korn (ckorn1947@yahoo.com), Kris May (kristinehmay@gmail.com), or Karen Miley (kmiley@sbcglobal.net). We welcome volunteers of all sorts: moms, dads, non-parents, teens, grandparents. We provide light training, curriculum, and materials. Most of the time, you will assist a lead teacher. Come join us!

Ebenezer's Tutoring Program

At the end of May, 2019 our vibrant group of students, tutors and meal providers came together to celebrate the end of another school year. Games and pizza were the order of the evening but many goals were realized and celebrated. New language learners coped with a new language, met teachers' challenges and became confident and talkative. Our three seniors completed plans to attend 4-year colleges. Three of our 8th graders earned scholarships to Loyola Academy. All three successfully completed summer school and begin a new school year on August 15. Several students moved up in academic levels and no one will repeat a grade.

This year brought an increase in our number of students to fifty and this only happened with the contributions of many. Our experienced and new tutors gave generously of their time, energy and skills to meet our students' needs. Our meal preparers faced the challenge of feeding 70 with grace and creativity. Our students inspired the adults to help meet their needs, helped with set-up, cleaning and problem solving. The church staff and council supported the program and cleared the way for housing such a large group in the building each Thursday.



We are grateful for the contributions of so many and we welcome others to join in as they are able. **Tutors** are matched with the age and needs of a student(s) Tutors maintain this relationship weekly for the year and work with a team of tutors and students at the same age level. **Substitutes** tutor when they are able and

Communion Instruction for Kids

Sunday September 29 during community hour with Pastor Michael

Good News from the Retreat Team

The Ebenezer Retreat next year, February 7-8 will be returning to Techny.

Watch for more information in fall and winter.

Here are some basics so far.

Leader: Dr. Lea Schweitz

Theme: Risky Wonders: Spiritualities of Nature for City Folks.

This is early info for your calendar!

Small Groups

Challenged by large issues in our world right now, sometimes stepping into a small circle can help. If you're searching for a circle, Ebenezer Small Groups may be or you.

Small Groups start again in Sep, twice a month for 5 months to talk, question, share, listen, study, and pray, learning things that we write on our hearts.

Interested? Talk to Pastor Michael, or a small group leader (Bev Albert, Dar Erickson, Ann H. Hicks, Janet Lundblad).

another tutor can't attend. **Meal Preparers** commit to providing a simple, kid-friendly meal once or twice a year. The program provides the drink and dessert. We have flexibility when it comes to meals. Some cook and serve the meal at tutoring on Thursdays. Others drop off their meal before Thursdays and the tutors and kids serve the meal. Some have a meal delivered and a few have obtained contributions from local restaurants or gathered a group of friends or neighbors together to make the meal a group project. Tutors and students come to tutoring after a long day at work and school. Please consider how you can help meet their needs for food and fellowship before children start to do homework.

For information about tutoring or general questions contact Norm Dynneson at 773-218-8729 or normdynneson64@gmail.com

Back to School Supplies Needed

We're collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Grab the list of items in the narthex and bring your donation to church through Sunday Sep 22. We'll assemble the bags on October 6. THANKS!

Prayer Team

Do you listen for a name you recognize during the reading of the names of people for whom we pray? Maybe you listen for a friend who might want prayers for the family. Maybe you listen for your own name because you have asked your congregation to pray for you. That list includes members, families, strangers, those who have suffered atrocities, even evildoers, each of whom is a child of God.

If you want a person prayed for please contact Pastor Michael (pastormichael@ebenezerchurch.org) or Pam Edelmans Sall (pesall@comcast.net) give them the first name of the person for whom you want prayers said and, if you want, the reason the person needs prayers. You should know that even before this person is named the next Sunday in the prayers of the people, a group of Ebenezer members prays for them.

The prayer team or prayer circle is a dedicated group who know prayer works. Many of those who pray are members or former members of Ebenezer. If you would like to become one of those "prayers" we welcome you to notify Pam (see above) and give her your email address. The group respects confidentiality for both the person being prayed for and their families. That is why we only use the first name.

Being a member of this group is so rewarding. It means so much that someone knows he or she is being prayed for.

Esprit



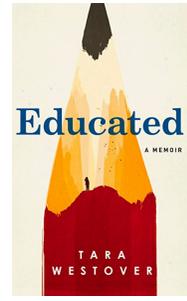
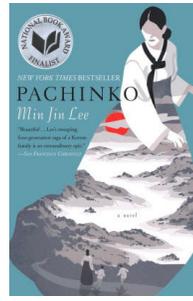
A Support Group for People Recovering or Supporting Others with Mental Health Challenges Coming to Ebenezer This Fall

After a summer break Esprit will reconvene this fall. Stay tuned for starting date THIS OCTOBER.

So what's a Esprit anyway you may ask? Esprit is a French word that's been used in English since the 16th century. It's literal meaning is "spirit", "soul" or "mind" from the Latin root spiritus in other words "spirit." The emphasis of Esprit is on spirituality. There are no right or wrong definitions of spirituality. Generally speaking, spirituality is the way you find, meaning, hope, comfort, and inner peace in your life and connect to something larger than self. Many people find spirituality through religion. Some find it through music, art or a connection with nature. Esprit gathers at Ebenezer 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. every other Thursday evening for those who suffer from mental health conditions or family and friends who love them. The theme of each Esprit gathering has focus on one spiritual practice that may be communicated through visuals, music, laughter yoga, mindfulness etc. to help use spirituality on daily basis for our life journey. Esprit is not group therapy but can be therapeutic. Everyone is welcome into our circle. In our time together we find a place where we can come, share, listen, learn and be renewed in our life's journey.

For more information, contact Ashley at 773/428-1521 or ashley.frigerio@gmail.com.

Women's Book Group



On August 19 we will meet at Pam Sall's home. Please call her at 847-675-7204 for information and directions. Hope to see you there!

August 19 – *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

September 16 – *Educated* by Tara Westover

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. Follow the Ebenezer Refugee Support Group on Facebook to see updates on families and the what the current needs are. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Norm Dynneson or Jackie Wood, as well. Cash donations can be made out to Ebenezer Lutheran Church with the notation of Refugee Fund on the memo line. Questions can be directed to Jackie Wood jacquelinewood@hotmail.com or text at 773-484-3923. Or Norm Dynneson normdynneson64@gmail.com at 773-218-8729

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