



# SUMMER OFFERINGS

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Summer 2024

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ST. LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH - EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

Dear Friends,

St. Luke's has much to offer this summer through continued worship, small-group communities, and special events. Building on our work over recent years on expanding our notions of and language for God and God's creations, much of our summer programming has a theme of gender and sexuality. For example:

- In June, St. Luke's will join First Congregational Church to co-host the inaugural Interfaith Family Pride Event.
- July marks the 50th anniversary of women's ordination in the Episcopal Church. For this occasion, we will join St. James Cathedral to present a screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven*. This documentary offers a close look at the journey of the first eleven women to become ordained.
- This year, the Episcopal Church's General Convention delegates will consider adopting expansive language for our standard Eucharistic prayers. In July, the Rev. Greg Millikin will lead us in a two-part conversation on Eucharistic prayer language. Greg is the rector at St. Mark's Evanston and a member of the Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.

We invite you to browse these pages and our website, mark your calendar, and reach out to find ways to connect with us.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Kathryn Banakis, Rector  
The Rev. Rick Incorvati, Deacon

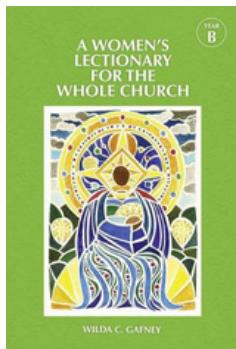
God, maker of marvels, you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship: Your unifying love is revealed in the interdependence of relationships in the complex world that you have made. Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone, and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe, through Jesus Christ, our Liberator, who topples the dividing walls, and by the power of your Holy Spirit; who live and reign with you for ever and ever. Amen.

—Collect written by The Episcopal Church's Season of Creation Liturgical Committee



## EMBRACING DIVERSITY IN SUMMER LITURGY: WOMEN'S LECTORY, INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE, AND LGBTQIA+ VOICES

St. Luke's current strategic plan commits to broadening our use of inclusive language and diversifying our liturgical, musical, and theological resources, with a particular emphasis on persons of color and material published in recent decades. The coming summer months present a great opportunity for St. Luke's to begin this work.



Our liturgy will be centered around *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church (Year B)* by Wilda Gafney, a widely praised womanist Bible scholar and priest. This resource pairs with the Revised Common Lectionary (Year B). Gafney selects scripture readings that emphasize women's stories. Focusing especially on the Gospel of Mark, *A Women's Lectionary (Year B)* features Gafney's fresh, inclusive, and thought-provoking translations of every reading, alongside commentary on each reading.

We will also incorporate Eucharistic Prayers A and B with trial-approved expansive language, encouraging a broader understanding of God's presence. The Rev. Greg Millikin, rector of St. Mark's Evanston and member of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, will guide us in a meaningful discussion about these Eucharistic prayers.

Our summer services will feature preachers who identify as women or LGBTQIA+, further enriching our spiritual experience through diverse perspectives and voices.



# SPECIAL EVENTS



## Interfaith Family Pride Festival

**Sunday, June 2, 2:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Raymond Park**

Join faith communities from across Evanston for a special event honoring LGBTQ+ families and fostering unity between faith groups and the LGBTQ+ community. The festival will include performances by Flamy Grant, Artemis Singers, and The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus, plus activities for children and a Youth Showcase. Everyone is invited to this celebration of love, acceptance, and diversity.

## Night as Bright as Day: A Summer Solstice Retreat

**Saturday, June 15, 9:00 AM**

Join us for an inspiring Summer Solstice Retreat guided by the Rev. Phil Hooper of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Ohio. This half-day event explores the interplay of darkness and light within our world and faith, moving beyond simple binary understandings. Engage with Psalms and other Scripture through reflective and meditative practices, enriching your spiritual journey. Come and find new insights into these fundamental elements in a peaceful and supportive setting. Registration via the Realm app is required!

## Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate 2024

**Sunday, June 16, 7:30 AM**

Now in its 25th year, the Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate was launched to honor the legacy of Ricky Byrdsong. This race brings together thousands of people from all over the Chicago area on Father's Day to run and walk in unity against racial hatred and violence.

Come by the St. Matthew's tent at Long Field for a quick pre-race blessing. Reenie Ruckdaeschel and the Rev. Nadia Stefko of St. Augustine's will do a blessing at 7:35 AM before the 5k race, and the Rev. Kat Banakis will do a blessing at 8:45 AM before the youth fun runs.

## Five Churches Beach Service

**Sunday, July 7, 10:00 AM at Elliott Park (Hamilton Street at the lake)  
No 8:00 AM or 10:00 AM Eucharist at St. Luke's**

We're going to the beach! St. Luke's will hold a joint outdoor service with our friends from St. Augustine's, St. Andrew's Pentecost, St. Matthew's, and St. Mark's. Bring your beach chair or blanket! Rain site is St. Luke's.

## Courtyard Discussion of Expansive Language Eucharistic Prayers

**Sundays, July 21 & 28, 11:30 AM**

Hosted by the Rev. Greg Milikin, rector of St. Mark's Evanston, who serves on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. Co-hosted by St. Mark's.

## Screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven*

**Saturday, July 27, St. James Cathedral**

**Details TBA**

## Community Suppers

**Sundays, July 28 & August 25, 5:30 PM**

## Rally Sunday is September 8!

Join us as we celebrate a new program year with a block party, potluck feast, music, crafts, and community!

# ONGOING SMALL GROUPS

## Friday Morning Men's Bible Study

**Fridays at 6:30 AM**

## Centering Prayer Circle: Experience God's Presence Within Us

**Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

## Friday Noon Book Group

**Fridays, June 21 & 28, noon**

**Discussing *Christ the Center* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

## Women's Book Group & Breakfast

**Sunday, July 14, 8:30 AM**

**Discussing *Followed by the Lark* by Helen Humphreys**

# CHILDREN & FAMILIES

## Baby Yoga, Games, and Stories

Thursdays, May 30, June 6 & 13 & 20, August 22 & 29, 9:00 AM

Sundays, June 16, July 14, August 11 & 25, 9:00 AM

Snyder Park - Judson and Kedzie Ave.

Join Ms. Reenie for joyful stories, movement, and song celebrating butterflies and flight, birds and babies, bees, bubbles, beetles, and the Mother Goose Olympics! For ages 0-3 and caregivers.

## Blueberry Books and Crafts

Sundays, June 16, July 14, August 11, 10:00 AM

Join Ms. Reenie and Martha Meyer for stories celebrating creation and an accompanying craft! In keeping with our summer women's liturgy, we'll especially focus on stories about strong women and girls.

## INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMUNITY DINNER

**Sunday, July 28, 4:45 PM**

### Discussing *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

This coming-of-age novel follows the story of a homeless orphan and explores themes of racism, social inequality, and the power of friendship as Maniac navigates life in a small, divided Pennsylvania town. Timed running races with Kathleen to follow the discussion!

**Sunday, August 25, 4:45 PM**

### Discussing *Keeping Score* by Linda Sue Parks

*Keeping Score* weaves many great topics: The Korean War, summer, intergenerational friendships (just like our book club!), baseball, religion, and a dog! Wiffle ball practice with Lucie to follow!

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# SUMMER COMMUNITY SUPPER

LET'S GATHER AROUND  
THE TABLE TOGETHER!

*All are welcome, always!*



# SERVICE SCHEDULE

## Sundays

Holy Eucharist  
Spoken Service  
8:00 AM - Lady Chapel

Holy Eucharist  
Choral Service  
10:00 AM - Nave  
Livestreamed via YouTube

## Wednesdays

Holy Eucharist  
Spoken Service  
10:00 AM - Lady Chapel

*During all services, the congregation is invited  
to share in the bread and wine of communion.  
All who seek a closer relationship with  
God are welcome at the table.*

Nursery care is available from 9:30 - 11:30 AM every Sunday.

## CONNECT WITH US

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