



# THE VOICE



## ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GLENCOE

*December 3*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Services at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

*December 10*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Rite I Spoken Eucharist  
10:00 AM Advent Lessons & Carols

*December 17*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Services at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

*December 24*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Services at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

*December 24*

**Christmas Eve**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 PM with Pageant and Holy  
Communion

9:00 PM with Choir, Sermon, and  
Holy Communion

*December 25*

**Christmas Day**

10:00 AM Morning Prayer with Carols

*December 31*

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Services at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

## Candlelight Cabaret Success

We had a lovely evening on October 21, listening to Anne and Mark Burnell's performance, dining together and visiting with friends, new and old. In addition, we raised over \$8,300 to help refurbish the Bethany Labyrinth and support homeless families through our partner, Family Promise. Thank you to all that donated and all that attended and participated in the raffle!

Work begins on the labyrinth this month.

We appreciate our community partners who helped us host an enjoyable event.



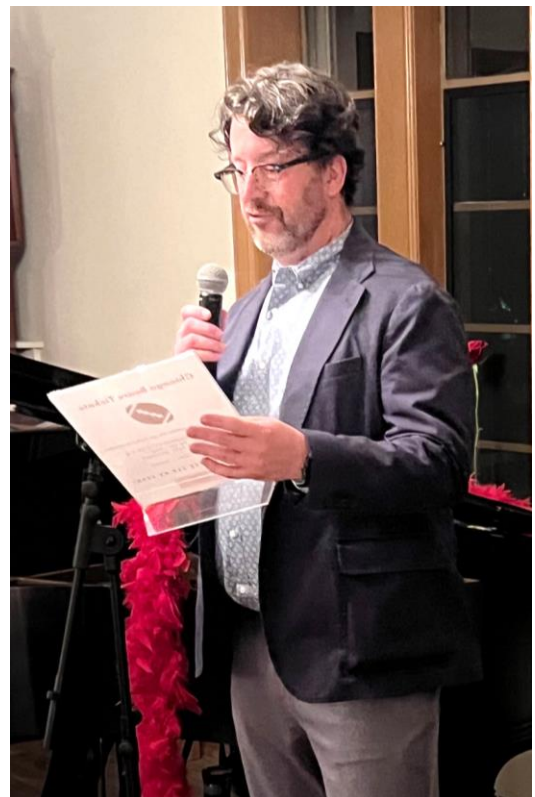
Apple a Day  
Elisa Allen, Amylu Foods  
Laurie Carver, publicity  
Fanny May Candies  
Fresh Market

Good Stuffs  
Graeter's Ice Cream  
The Grand Food Center  
Hlavacek's Florist  
Hometown Coffee  
Nothing Bundt Cakes

Red Hen  
Kara Superfine Events  
Wild Child  
Writers Theatre  
Yellow Bird

Thank you, also, to Father Spencer, The Ferrys, The Mygatts, The Gravers and The Alters. Planning with you was a joy.

Susan Newcomb



## Bethany Labyrinth

*Welcome - Silence - Peace - Refreshment – Hope*

*A Ministry for All People*

Glencoe will have a freshly updated Bethany Labyrinth in 2024!

This site for prayer and meditation suffered as maintenance slowed down during the years of Covid. Yet it has continued to be a source of healing and peace, frequented by people in

Glencoe and throughout the area. Late last year one of those regular visitors gave St. Elisabeth's a small gift to help with the repair and upkeep of the Labyrinth. In fact, the vestry discovered that the labyrinth needs a lot of updating, and this lovely gift was a reminder of the important place this peaceful site has become in the larger community. It is one of our most significant community ministries.



Thanks to the generosity of St. Elisabeth's Parishioners and Friends, and thanks to the great success of the Cabaret Night Benefit, plans are underway to update our beautiful labyrinth, providing wider paths in a safe and secure space that will be easy to maintain. The primary redesign work will take place in the spring, and some immediate basic clean-up will ensure that the space can be used this winter by those willing to brave the cold and snow!

Special thanks to Joyce Newcomb for sharing this prayer written in the St. Elisabeth's Labyrinth book. It is from Guerillas of Grace by Ted Loder and used with permission.

Guide me,  
 Holy One,  
 into an unclenched moment,  
 a deep breath,  
 a letting go  
 of heavy expectancies,  
 of shriveling anxieties,  
 of dead certainties,  
 that, softened by the silence,  
 surrounded by the light,  
 and open to the mystery,  
 I may be  
 found by wholeness,  
 upheld by the unfathomable,  
 entranced by the simple,  
 and filled with the joy  
 that is you.

Anne Tuohy

## Annual Meeting



The 2024 Annual Meeting of the parish will take place on Sunday, January 28 following the 10:00 AM service. At the meeting we will hear reports about the state of the parish and its ministries, elect new vestry members and adopt the 2024 budget. More information on the meeting and how to participate will be on the way in January.

# Food, Fun & Fellowship

Remember all the good times we have shared during Bingo Night, Shrove Tuesday, Picnics on the Lawn, Special Coffee Hour Feasts, Dinners, and our recent Cabaret? Well, look forward to more of these happy times in 2024. In addition to special events, be on the lookout for news of monthly potluck suppers. Thanks to the leadership of Susan Whipple, there will always be a main course provided, and we'll take a chance on what salads/sides and desserts participants bring.

As you read the Gospel, you notice how often Jesus' ministry includes sharing meals, fellowship, and prayer. Sometimes there are crowds. Most times there are smaller circles. The parish gatherings that we enjoy so much provide a perfect way to continue this practice of Jesus and his early followers. They remind us that we also are followers of the Way of God's Love.

Anne Tuohy and Susan Whipple



## Christianity 101: Exploring Faith for Grownups



On one Saturday a month our Better Together partner churches gather from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM for "Christianity 101," a conversation covering the broad topics of Christian faith and the particular Episcopal "slant" on that tradition. All are welcome to join and bring your questions. Our conversation lasts until 5:30 PM., after that we join our youth confirmation candidates and their sponsors for dinner supplied by the host church.

**Saturday, January 20:** 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM at St. Gregory's, Deerfield

*Topic: Baptism:* "Christians" get that name by being baptized with water, usually surrounded by other Christians. This session will explore the symbols and stories of baptism, and how they shape our understanding of who we are as members of Christ's body.

**Saturday, February 24:** 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM at St. Elisabeth's

*Topic: Church History:* Christianity has been around for a long time, and it has appeared in diverse forms: great cathedrals, desert monasteries, experimental communes, and local parishes. This session will explore Christianity's "back story" and what we might learn from it to live as Christians today.

**Saturday, March 16:** 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM at St. Lawrence, Libertyville

*Topic: The Episcopal Church:* The Episcopal Church is the child of a particular moment in Christian history: the creation of the Church of England during the Reformation. The Episcopal Church was shaped also by the American Revolution, and the way we practice Christian faith is shaped by our country's history, for better and for worse. This session will explore the particular take on Christianity of the Episcopal Church and its "middle way" between history and the needs of today.

**Saturday, April 20:** 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM at Trinity, Highland Park

*Topic: Prayer:* Prayer is a word to describe how we encounter God, both together on Sunday or at other times, with our families, or alone outdoors or in our room. This session will explore different practices that help connect a person to God and deepen that relationship.

## Orphans of the Storm



Please, remember the animals at Orphans of the Storm over Christmas and New Year's Weekend. As many people are traveling, the shelter receives fewer donations of newspapers to line the animals' cages. If you're not able to bring them to church, feel free to take your papers straight to the shelter in Riverwood. They have large containers at their front gate.

Thank you for caring for the homeless cats and dogs.

Susan Newcomb, John Tuohy and Chuck Chadd

## Save the Dates

January 14 – Sunday Forum: Intro to Mark's Gospel

January 14 – Begin Sunday School during Coffee Hour

January 21 – Sunday Forum: Epiphany led by Elizabeth Clemmitt

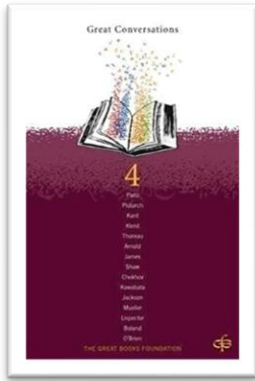
January 28 – Annual Meeting of the Parish

February 4 – Begin weekly Coffee Hour Adult Forums

February 14 – Ash Wednesday



## St. E's Book Group



### “Don’t cry it’s only music.”

So begins the poem “Joy.” Do you agree with the poet, Lisel Mueller, who said “poetry and music go together absolutely?” It’s a topic that the **St. E’s Book Group** will consider at its monthly meeting **Tuesday Dec 12 at noon** in the parish living room. The group will discuss four poems by Lisel Mueller— “Joy,” “*The Power of Music to Disturb*,” “*Immortality*,” and “*Into Space*,” Born in Germany in 1924, Mueller emigrated to the US with her family in 1939 and began writing poetry in the 1950’s, always in English. She has been awarded the National Book Award, the Pulitzer Prize, and the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize. She believes that “Poetry is a matter of preserving and remembering things.” Drops are always welcome.

### “What distinguishes a civilized society from an uncivilized one?”

**On Tuesday, January 9**, The Book Group will discuss Claire Lispector’s short story, *The Smallest Woman in the World*. Creating a story that explores themes of empire and social class, Lispector writes a story where the familiar is in fact strange. Born in Ukraine in 1925, the author emigrated to Brazil as an infant with her family and considered herself to be Brazilian She is honored in Brazil as one of the country’s greatest 20<sup>th</sup> century writers.

Both the December and January selections can be found in the Great Books Foundations’ anthology **Great Conversations 4**. A loaner copy is available in the office. The texts in the anthology are chosen to encourage thoughtful discussion. St. E’s Book Group focuses on each person’s interpretation of the work. There are no right or wrong answers. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch. Please, contact Joyce Newcomb at [JoyceRNewcomb@gmail.com](mailto:JoyceRNewcomb@gmail.com) with questions.

Joyce Newcomb

## Soup Kitchen

Our latest Soup Kitchen “soiree” on November 9 was a big success. Both because of the number of diners, some 70 – the numbers are slowly rising, possibly because of the decline of pandemic worries. But also because of our volunteers, with thanks going to: Libby Hinds, Chuck Chadd, Larry and Susan Whipple (lunch sack preparation); Phil Miller, Fred Johnston, Carla Edelston, Cody Cook, and Dawn Mazarakis (bringing a friend and four kids) (evening meal preparation and serving). Our service is pretty much back to pre-pandemic system. Our own local Sunset Foods/Grand Foods is now supplying our meat for the evening; Costco is our source for most of the other food.



Take a rest, enjoy your holidays, but put on your calendar our next date: **Thursday, January 11**. We’ll be looking for you then! Thirty years and counting!

John Tuohy and Susan Newcomb

## Saint Elisabeth's Calendar

### *Regular Weekly Schedule*

#### **Sundays**

8:00 AM – Spoken Eucharist Rite I

9:00 AM – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM – Choral Eucharist Rite II

#### **Mondays**

8:00 PM – AA Group

#### **Wednesdays**

7:15 PM – Boy Scout Troop #28

#### **Thursdays**

7:30 AM – Spoken Eucharist Rite II

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

#### **Fridays**

11:00 AM – Bible Study

#### **Saturdays**

5:00 PM – AA Group

### *Special Events*

#### **Friday, December 8**

9:00 AM ReVive Boxes due to church

#### **Tuesday, December 12**

12:00 Noon St. E's Book Group

7:15 PM Vestry Meeting

#### **Monday-Friday, December 25-29**

Office Closed for Christmas Break

#### **Tuesday, January 9**

12:00 Noon St. E's Book Group

7:15 PM Vestry Meeting

Deadline for Annual Reports due to office

#### **Thursday, January 11**

Soup Kitchen

#### **Sunday, January 28**

11:30 AM Annual Meeting of the Parish

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