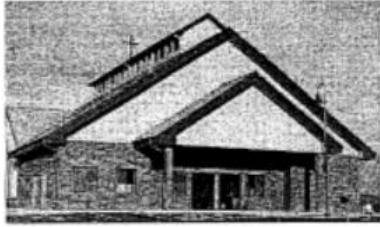


The Eternal Light



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APRIL 2021 PASTOR'S PAGE – ESLC

“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised.” [2 Cor. 5:14,15]

The Easter season reminds us of some very important dynamics in our lives as Christians. Of course we celebrate the redemption that is ours through the death of Jesus Christ for our sins, and even more His resurrection – which guarantees our justification and that we too shall rise again to eternal life in the glory of His heavenly kingdom. What comfort, peace, and joy this brings to us – that we are no longer under condemnation but have passed from death to life!

There is more, much more. Those with this genuine faith in Christ Jesus are “controlled” by the love of Christ. “Faith” that is of no consequence in one’s heart, one’s thinking, one’s view of life, is really no faith at all. Genuine faith is powerful – enabling Christ’s love to grip us, to impact us, to shape and mold us, and finally to control us.

Let no one be deceived about this. There will be many who only feign faith in Christ, whose “faith” has no genuineness or power in it. Jesus described their experience on the Last Day: “On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’” [Matt. 7:22, 23]

Of course, there are others who are “members” of Christian churches who will not be able to point to anything they have done “for Christ.” Some have essentially deserted the fellowship of Christ’s people. They no longer gather for worship, and so they live apart from His Word, His Sacraments, and His fellowship with His people. How can anyone with real and genuine faith do this?

No, the outcome and demonstration of real and genuine faith in the love of Christ is that we “no longer live for ourselves but for Him Who for our sake died and was raised.” Those who know and believe God’s love for us are “reoriented” away from self and toward God, especially toward Christ. This doesn’t mean that we don’t participate in the activities common to all of mankind, but it does mean that our participation in all of life’s activities is quite different, has changed. Our focus in life is drastically different! Everything we do we do for Christ, moved and compelled by His love for us! And certainly this includes the most joyous times in our lives, when we gather in His presence with His people to hear His Word and commune with Him in His Sacrament.

Our sinful flesh is still hard at work within us, and the world around us certainly exerts its pull on us to live selfishly and self-centered. Christ’s love compels us to repent of such sin, and to return to Him for His gracious and merciful forgiveness. Recognition of our weakness does not move us to indulge it, but rather to cling all the more faithfully and rigorously to Christ – allowing Him to minister new life to us through His Word and Sacraments! May it be so, that all of us have this genuine faith, so that His love truly controls us and compels us to live for Him, our dear Savior!

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the months of February/March were:

February 28	\$2,067
March 7	\$5,405
March 14	\$2,172
March 28	\$620

This weekly average (\$2,566) compares to our 2021 weekly budget needs of \$4,819.

REMINDERS

Please be responsible!!! For everyone who has access to the church building, it is your responsibility when you leave to make sure that all lights are off, the heat/air-conditioning/fans are turned back or off and all of the **doors are locked and secure!!** Please do double checks before you leave.

Have you checked out the newly revised and **updated ESLC website**? It contains lots of important information including the Eternal Savior church calendar and who will be serving each week. You can also find Pastor Rhode's archived sermons. Please check it out at www.eternalsavior-lutheran.org.

Mid-week Bible Study meets **online** on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. To join, email Pastor for the invitation link.

Children's bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for a copy.

Prayer request cards are available on a table in the narthex. If you would like to include a prayer request in Sunday's prayers, please email Pastor pastor@eternalsavior-lutheran.org or secretary secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org

Parking spaces in front of the church should be reserved for those members and visitors that need to park close to the building due to health concerns or weather. Please be considerate and leave these spaces to those who need them most.

Large print worship service folders and assisted listening devices are available. Please ask an usher if needed.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Reredos Committee

What is a reredos? It's an ornamental wall or screen behind the altar. When we built this church (already 15 years ago!) we had planned that at some point we would do something more with the wall behind the altar - the reredos. We do have some funding available for this project in the form of memorial funds specifically designated for this purpose.

At present we have no definite plans for what we will do with the reredos. We need ideas, we need a plan. So we have a wonderful opportunity for those who might be interested to help determine just what we want to do here. **A few people have already expressed an interest in serving on this committee. We still need more on this committee.** If interested, please speak to Robin Warnken or Pastor Rhode.

Thank you for donating "Clorox" wipes to our church. We have enough for a while now. But we still need volunteers to help us wipe down surfaces at church after worship services!

WinGS – LWML NEWS

Women In God's Service (WinGS) is a part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). If you are a member of an LCMS church, you are a member of LWML. All WinGS events are open to each and every woman of Eternal Savior Lutheran Church. Your individual participation, ideas, and interaction are a blessing to everyone in attendance.

LWML Mission Statement

*As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ,
support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.*

Each and every woman member of ESLC is a Woman in God's Service



Monthly Mite Collection: The blizzard interfered with the March 14 collection, so please feel free to bring in your mites anytime. The box is always out on the LWML table in the narthex. The next monthly mite collection will be on **Sunday, April 11**. Your mite contributions paid in full the national LWML mission grant God's Word Changes Everything to the Lutheran Bible Translators for a total of \$95,000. New national mission grants will be selected prior to the LWML Convention this summer. Pray for guidance for the delegates who will be voting on the 2021-2023 grants. Thank you for your continued support of the LWML Rocky Mountain District grants with your mites and prayers.

LWML Convention - The national convention will be held June 24-27, 2021 in Lexington, Kentucky. Hotel reservations can be made through the LWML website at lwml.org, by clicking on News and Events, and then Convention Central. All the information about the convention can be found there. Early discounted registration is available through April 14.

Safety is a Priority for the LWML Lexington Convention

The LWML Board of Directors (BOD) is aware of the seriousness of the COVID-19 virus and has taken steps to limit its impact on the upcoming convention, which is still planned as an in-person event. The official capacity of Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky, is 20,500. Given the size of the arena, social distancing will not be an issue. The LWML has considered all aspects of the convention and has protocols for each event and every situation, should they be necessary at the time convention attendees meet. All guidelines issued by state and federal authorities will be followed.

The Deacons are currently working on putting together “**Spring into Spring**” baskets for a Lutheran Family Services drive for caregivers in their lifework aging solutions program. The goal of these baskets is to help caregivers enjoy springtime activities and promote resiliency and combat isolation in light of COVID-19. Feel free to help by donating any of the items on the attached flyer. All donations should be dropped off at the church by **April 11**. If you have any questions or would like items picked up please reach out to Melisa Anderson.

Eternal Savior's 50th Anniversary: 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of Eternal Savior. We are forming a committee to plan our celebrations and create a photo/video history. If you would be interested in helping with this effort, please contact Laura Raben at lauraannraben@gmail.com or 720-984-8156.

Gather Your Photos: Do you have photos from past church events? We would love to include them in our 50th anniversary celebration. Please share them with Laura Raben. If you have prints, we can scan and return them.

The Deacon's Fund supports Emergency Family Assistance, ULC, and other charities as well. All of these funds will be used to alleviate the needs of people who are in very vulnerable circumstances. The agencies have expressed great gratitude. We are only able to do this because of the generous and faithful contributions of you, our dear members, to the Deacon's Fund! Please consider contributing via your offering envelopes or in the Deacons' Fund collector in the Narthex! Thanks!!!

King Soopers has changed their system for charitable donations. We are now enrolled in the King Soopers Community Rewards program! To register for the program go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>. Click on the “create an account” button or the “sign in” on the right hand side of the page. If you are creating an account, you will fill in your information, including a valid email address and a King Soopers loyalty card. Once you have created an account click on the “save” link in the upper left, and then on King Soopers Community Rewards link. Then click on “enroll” and you will be able to search for groups. Use Eternal Savior Lutheran Church or SL909 to link your card to Eternal Savior. **Once enrolled, a percentage of all your purchases will go to our Youth Group every time you use in your loyalty card!** Thanks!!!!

SERVANT SCHEDULE

As things are still uncertain due to COVID-19, please be advised that ESLC Weekly Servant Schedule may not be up to date. Please check with Pastor if you have questions. We are not currently using the sound system. If you are unconfident serving in your role – please just let us know.

SERVING IN APRIL

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Paul Reuer
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Keith Cowley
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	TBD

Friday, April 2 (noon) – Good Friday

Organist	Linda Thompson
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Friday, April 2 (7 PM) – Good Friday

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas
A/V Booth	TBD

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunrise

Usher(s)	Marc Ertle
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley
A/V Booth	TBD
Lawn/Snow	David Sherrets
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Festival

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Marc Ertle, Rod Sinner
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Roger Landowski, Kirk Anderson
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	TBD
Flowers	Raben

Sunday, April 11

Organist	Linda Thompson
Cantor	TBD
Usher(s)	Bob Vieyra, Tom Stahly
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Kirk Anderson, Wayne Thomas (r)
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	TBD
Lawn/Snow	David Sherrets
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, April 18

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Bob Vieyra, Tom Stahly
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	TBD
Lawn/Snow	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	Griffin

Sunday, April 25

Organist	Marge Paugh
Cantor	TBD
Usher(s)	Paul Reuer, Keith Cowley
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Jeff Reuer
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	TBD
Lawn/Snow	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	OPEN

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship <u>Maundy Thursday</u>	2 12:00 PM Worship 7:00 PM Worship <u>Good Friday</u>	3
4 6:40 AM Easter Sunrise Service with Communion 9:00 AM Easter Festival Service 10:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt <u>Easter</u>	5 7:00 PM Elders	6 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 4:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Bells	7 11:00 AM Bible Study 1-4:00 PM Winkel 7:00 PM Bible Study	8	9	10 9:00 AM ULC Workday
11 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Church Council 1:30-2:30 PM Communion by Appt	12 7:00 PM LWML Prayer Service	13 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 4:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Bells	14 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	15 6:30 PM Trustees	16	17 9:00 AM ESLC Workday
18 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Deacons 1:30-2:30 PM Communion by Appt	19	20 9:00 AM Bulletin /Newsletter Deadline 4:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Bells	21 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	22	23	24 9:00 AM -12:00 PM LWML Workshop
25 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 1:30-2:30 PM Communion by Appt	26	27 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 4:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Bells	28 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	29	30	

For livestreaming video, please go to church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/EternalSaviorLutheran or ESLC website <https://eternalsavior-lutheran.org/>



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

TEACHING THE FAITH — APRIL 1-15

This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod celebrates the many ways that God’s children are instructed, encouraged and strengthened in the faith. By teaching the faith, we nurture the faithful and reach the lost.

Remember how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray:

- 1.** *with thanksgiving for the gift of faith received at Baptism.* Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen that faith — and the budding faith of our children — until we depart this life and are united with the Lord.
- 2.** *with thanksgiving to God for the gift of His holy and inspired Word, the Sacred Scriptures; and for the Book of Concord and the many teaching aids that help us understand that Word aright and rejoice in its consolation.*

- 3.** *for Christian families, that the Lord would provide the assistance and tools necessary to overcome every challenge — big or small — that might drive them apart.*

- 4.** *for strong Christian marriages, that husbands and wives would cling to each other in the Lord, despite life’s challenges, and raise their children to walk in the way of the Lord.*

- 5.** *for Christian parents, that they would make teaching the faith to their children a priority. Pray that they set aside time to worship together, talk about faith issues, study the Bible and have family devotions.*

- 6.** *that family members would treat each other with kindness and patience, so that each member might be built up in the family of God.*

- 7.** *for our children and young people, who face daily assaults on their Christian beliefs, that God would strengthen and encourage them to stand firm while sharing the Gospel.*

- 8.** *for our churches, that they would provide useful education and programs to help equip people at every stage of life — teens, husbands and wives, parents, caretakers of aging parents and more.*

- 9.** *that God would continue to provide faithful church workers to serve as role models and teach people about their identity as a baptized child of God.*

- 10.** *that church members would eagerly volunteer their time and talents to support the congregation’s educational programs, such as vacation Bible school, Sunday school and groups for young families.*

- 11.** *that LCMS members would eagerly participate in Bible studies, small-group discussions and private study.*

- 12.** *with thanksgiving for faithful parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers and other role models who help to “train up a child in the way he should go” (Prov. 22:6).*

- 13.** *for the Concordia University System and the Synod’s two seminaries, that the Lord would bless their work in training new generations of workers to serve the Church.*

- 14.** *for the Synod’s directors of Family Life Ministry, that God would bless their efforts to support healthy relationships in the families of our congregations.*

- 15.** *that we might have hearts that are willing and eager to serve the Lord in every way.*

MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES — APRIL 16-30

Since the Civil War, LCMS pastors have served as military chaplains. Today, the Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) supports active duty, reserves, National Guard and Civil Air Patrol chaplains. MAF recruits, interviews and endorses all military chaplains and supports them throughout their careers. MAF also provides a network of care for our nation's military members, families and veterans through Operation Barnabas.

Remember God's work through LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) as you pray:

16. *that God would bless and guide the work of the MAF director and assistant director.*

17. *for the President of the United States. Ask God to guide our commander in chief to lead with wisdom for the protection of the innocent against evil.*

18. *for LCMS military chaplains serving on active duty for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.*

19. *for our LCMS Reserve and National Guard chaplains, especially those who have been mobilized stateside or overseas and taken from their parishes to extended active duty assignments, for those deployed, their families and their home parishes.*

20. *for Operation Barnabas, which is designed to meet the needs of congregations in the event their pastor/chaplain is mobilized. Operation Barnabas also seeks to assist veterans and military families during and after deployment.*

21. *for all congregations that reach out to members of our military through Operation Barnabas, that they would uphold them in prayer as they help to meet their physical, psychological and spiritual needs through the training they have received and the Lord's provision.*

22. *for increasing opportunities for LCMS chaplains to spread Christ's message of salvation, hope and restoration to those they serve.*

23. *for all chaplains returning home, that they would receive a hero's welcome for their*

sacrifice to this country so that in freedom we can continue to openly worship the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

24. *for those who suffer from battle stress and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Pray that God would bring healing and renewal to those who have served or who are currently serving.*

25. *for all chaplains who are sick or have sick family members, that the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort would look with favor upon them, and as it pleases Him, restore them to health or give them the grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope.*

26. *for all chaplains in harm's way, that God would not let their hearts despair nor their faith fail them, but sustain, guide and comfort them.*

27. *for all members of the military who were disabled during their duty, that our heavenly Father would mercifully guide, aid and strengthen all*

those with physical disabilities, enabling them to find fulfillment in their lives and encouragement for all their endeavors.

28. *with thanksgiving to God for providing LCMS chaplains to serve members of the armed forces. Please pray that military chaplains would have every opportunity to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with members of the military and anyone with whom they work and live.*

29. *for all military chaplains upon their return, that they would be reunited with their families, find gainful employment and receive all the care they need to heal their minds, bodies and souls. Grant that they would always look to Christ as their rock and their redeemer.*

30. *for those who minister to the armed forces, that by God's gracious working, they may honor Christ and advance the good of those committed to their care, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.



LWML NORTHERN ZONE
SPRING CHRISTIAN LIFE WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
3031 W. 144TH AVENUE BROOMFIELD, CO 303-469-3521

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

{JESUS SAID} "GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT..." MATTHEW 28:19

SPEAKER: DR. LO, MISSIONARY TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

TOPIC: "INTERNATIONAL MISSION SHIFT"

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: 9:00 - 9:30 A.M.

WORKSHOP: 9:30 A.M. - NOON

FEE: \$5.00 INCLUDES TO-GO SNACK

INGATHERING: DONATIONS FOR DR. LO'S SUPPORT

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RISEN SAVIOR LWML WITH DR. LO IN MEMO LINE

RSVP TO LINDA HARSH BY 4-19-21, 303-469-1465 OR HARSH_LINDA@YAHOO.COM

Hmong International Mission



Rev. Dr. Funghatou (Fung) and Dr. Kalia Lo were born in Laos to two non-Christian families. By the grace of God, their families immigrated to America as refugees from Laos and became Christians. In 2000, Dr. Fung graduated with his Ph.D. in Urban Studies from the University Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Fung was a university professor at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and at St. John's University in Minnesota for a total of ten years. In 2007, Fung graduated from St. Louis Seminary and was ordained as a LCMS Pastor. Similarly, in 2018, Kalia got her Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) from Bethel University in Minnesota. Dr. Kalia was a teacher for the Minneapolis and St. Paul public schools prior to the Lo family's departure to serve the Lord in Thailand. The Lo family had been servicing as foreign missionaries with

the LCMS's Office of International Mission from 2007-2013. For the past four years, the Lo family has been missionaries in Thailand to the Hmong people in Southeast Asia.

Ministry:

Working in partnership with Mission of Christ Network, LINC-International, and the Hmong Mission Society, the Lo family is currently serving the Lord as missionaries to the Hmong in Southeast Asia. Their primary ministry focus is to seek, save and equip the Hmong people for Kingdom growth. Their specific ministries include, but not limited to theological and discipleship trainings with Hmong pastors and leaders from the countries of Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam. They also working with the local Hmong congregations to start new ministries and plant more churches. In 2020 alone, the ministry had 310 baptisms, started 13 new ministries, and added 8 new theological training sites to their theological training program.

Purpose visit to Colorado:

As a part of the Lo's furlough, they would like to share the Lord's exciting and growing ministry among the Hmong in Southeast Asia with the LCMS church members in the Denver area. They are looking for partners to help them to continue to impact the Hmong for eternity. Therefore, they are scheduled to be in Colorado during the month of April, and would like to share their time and the Lord's ministry with as many congregations and individuals as possible.

They are willing to meet with Bible study groups, LLL groups, LWML groups, Sunday School classes, worships, and other support raising events. Also, Pastor Lo is available to preach on Sunday worship services. For more information please contact the following individuals:

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Or

Rev. Dr. Funghatou Lo, Missionary
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Phone #: (763) 327-4041





**LUTHERAN
FAMILY SERVICES**
Rocky Mountains

Spring Into Spring!

DRIVE FOR CAREGIVERS IN OUR LIFEWORX AGING SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

This basket will be used to help our caregivers enjoy spring- getting active, gardening, and car upkeep. These items promote resiliency and combat isolation in light of COVID-19.

Please fill a tote or basket with the following items:

- Car wash certificate/coins/coupon book from a Denver Metro car wash
- Car care items (shammy towel or car air freshner)
- Garden Items (Please pick 2)
 - Garden gloves (unisex)
 - Garden shovel
 - Mini plant grow kits (see Buzzy brand) (mini sunflowers, lavender with pot, etc)
- Little inspirational book (Chicken Soup for the Soul, Calendar, Devotional, Health Tips)
- Reusable water bottle
- Change purse with key keeper for walking outside
- Pedometer
- Lowes or Home Depot gift card