

The Eternal Light



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JUNE 2021 PASTOR'S PAGE – ESLC

“I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people - not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. You purge the evil person from among you.” 1 Cor. 5:9-13

The apostle is not writing about members of the kingdom of God who fall into occasional sins – such as sexual immorality or greed or idolatry or drunkenness or swindling. If that is what he meant we would have to dis-fellowship ourselves from Noah, Abraham, Moses, Samson, David, Solomon, and virtually everyone within the church. Rather, he is referring to those who remain committed and oriented to continuing in these sins, and who furthermore justify their sinful behaviors in impenitence. They not only do such things, they also encourage others to such things. And they won't tolerate anyone who does not affirm them.

We have a lot of this outside of the church, in the world and culture within which we live. Thankfully, we are not commanded to disassociate ourselves from all these people. We'd have a hard time knowing where to buy food and gas, or where to work and where to recreate. It is as the apostle wrote – if we were to stay away from all of this completely we would have to leave this world. It is not our job or duty to judge or to reform culture, as the apostle asserts. Rather, “God judges those outside.”

What we are to be concerned about are those within the fellowship of the church, “anyone who bears the name of brother.” That is, all who claim to be Christian and who claim to be living in accord with God's Word. Sadly, today there are many church bodies that espouse sexual immorality and various idolatries. They have taught their members the same, and the members have adopted the same viewpoint. They have in essence encouraged, in the Name of Christ, some of the very behaviors that Paul identifies as grotesque evil. Those who remain in the Word of Jesus must call this out, and make distinctions, refusing to associate with such people.

Mostly this instruction applies to our congregation. This letter was written to a congregation in Corinth. It is to be shared and read with all congregations of Christians, and implemented. We share this same commitment and understanding with other congregations, within our synodical fellowship, and we encourage them, or insist if necessary, that they also conform to these instructions from God. We do not associate with or fellowship with anyone identifying as a Christian and yet espousing and encouraging immorality and impenitence. We seek to honor this important instruction and conform to it in our own personal lives as well.

Those who choose to do differently are out of step with the Word of Jesus, given through the Apostle Paul. Hopefully, there is repentance for this as well. If not, if there is a rejection of this Word of Jesus and a commitment to impenitence, that too falls under the scriptural instruction to “purge the evil person from among you.” While this may seem harsh, we know that God is love, and that His Word and His ways are always love. It is out of love for us, His love and desire for our spiritual health and well-being that He gives us such instruction. May He grant each of us the wisdom to understand and to conform to His Word.

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the months of April/May were:

April 25	\$3,828
May 2	\$4,045
May 9	\$1,124
May 16	\$2,971
May 23	\$2,894

This weekly average (\$2,972) 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.

Dear friends in the Savior: The materials emailed out to you regarding the pastoral transition process are stored on the Google drive at this location: <https://bit.ly/ESLC-Pastoral-Transition> This is also where you will be able to access any updates! Tom and Keith

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.

Reredos Committee Starting Work. The committee met on May 9th, and will be having meetings via zoom further on. If you would like to be a member of this committee, please contact Robin Warnken.

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!

The Monthly Mite Collection will be **June 13**. Thank you for your support of the mission grants with your prayers and mites. More on the new mission grants after the LWML Convention.

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 Board of Deacons is planning a church "picnic" or "brunch" for Sunday, **June 6th!** The plan is for each family to bring their own food, but for beverages to be provided by the Deacons. We will set up tables, and hopefully have great weather so that we sit outside. The event will be held shortly after church, at 10:30 or so. Hope you are able to give this consideration and can attend! We'll be sharing more later!

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 JUNE

Sunday, June 6

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Mark Bunge
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Roger Landowski, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	TBD
Lawn/Snow	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, June 13

Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Mark Bunge
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Keith Cowley (r)
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	TBD
Lawn/Snow	Kevin Cowley
Flowers	Spahr

Sunday, June 20

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Marc Ertle, Rod Sinner
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Roger Landowski, Keith Cowley
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	TBD
Lawn/Snow	Sam Kelley
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, June 27

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Marc Ertle, Rod Sinner
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	W. Thomas (r), Kirk Anderson
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	TBD
Lawn/Snow	Rod, Paula Sinner
Flowers	OPEN

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Picnic / Brunch – June 6th 10:30am
Local Group Hike - TBD
Rockies Faith Day – August 8th

FUND STATUS

2021 To-Date Member Contributions
GENERAL FUND – \$78181.56
DEACON'S FUND – \$ 1680

ROCKIES FAITH DAY

Rockies Faith Day is happening this year on August 8th! The post-game musical guest is MercyMe. The Deacon's will be publishing a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those interested in attending. We will try to get tickets that cost approximately \$20 per ticket. More information will follow as we get closer to Rockies Faith Day. There is a minimum of 20 tickets required for group discounted rates.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet at church or email the Deacon's if you are unable to make it to church in person.

ULC MEALS

The Deacons provided a meal to the students at ULC during the spring semester. We will be monitoring the ULC meal signup and inviting the congregation to support future meals for ULC students.

DEACONS' FUND

Contributions: April \$405
Fund Balance \$ 4107.76
Year-to-Date Expenditures: \$936.31

NEXT MEETING

June 13th

CHURCH PICNIC / BRUNCH

The Deacon's are organizing a Church Picnic / Brunch on June 6th at 10:30am! We so look forward to gathering as a congregation in love and fellowship. Due to COVID-19 safety concerns, we will not be having a potluck meal as we have in previous years. Currently, we are asking that the congregation only bring food or snacks for themselves. Bottled and canned drinks will be available.

Outdoor activities are likely to include:

- Kids splash area and water balloons
- Cornhole
- Kids scooter, bike, skating fun in the parking lot

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES SUPPORT

The Deacons delivered 10 Spring into Spring baskets to LFS for caregivers in their lifework aging solutions program. Most of the items were purchased using approximately \$400 of your generous donations to the Deacon's Fund. The baskets were received with much gratitude by LFS! Our next activity in support of LFS is the backpack drive which will take place in the summer.

EMERGENCY FAMILY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT

The Deacon's Fund continues support monthly donations of approximately \$100 to EFAA in the form of supplies and household goods. EFAA and the recipients of these donations continue to be very grateful.

God has given us two hands – one to receive with and one to give with

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 4:00 PM Confirmation	2 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	3	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Church Picnic + Brunch 12:00 PM Church Council	7 7:00 PM Elders	8 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 4:00 PM Confirmation	9 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	10	11	12 9:00 AM Shed Project
13 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Deacons 1:30-2:30 PM Communion by Appt	14 10:00 – 11:15 AM <i>Vacation Bible Study</i>	15 9:00 AM Bulletin /Newsletter Deadline 10:00 – 11:15 AM <i>Vacation Bible Study</i> 4:00 PM Confirmation	16 10:00 – 11:15 AM <i>Vacation Bible Study</i> 11:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Study	17 10:00 – 11:15 AM <i>Vacation Bible Study</i> 6:30 PM Trustees	18 9:00 AM Church Workday 10:00 – 11:15 AM <i>Vacation Bible Study</i>	19
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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

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — JUNE 1-30

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) officially began work in the Dominican Republic in 2004. Over the years, a group home was established to care for orphaned children with disabilities; congregations and mission plants were started; and a deaconess-training program was launched. The LCMS seminary in Santiago, Dominican Republic, trains students from around the Latin America region.

Remember God's work in the Dominican Republic as you pray:

- 1.** *for the seminary students who will enter the seminary this fall, that they would be able to acquire their student visas and other documentation needed to study in the Dominican Republic.*
- 2.** *for seminary students and their families, that they would have a smooth transition to life in a new place away from family and friends. Praise God for these dedicated students who are willing to leave home to obtain a solid theological education.*
- 3.** *that God would grant the seminary students determination and endurance, so that they might be diligent in their studies*

and make the most of their education.

- 4.** *for the women studying to be deaconesses, that the theological coursework and intensive practical experience would form them into capable and effective deaconesses.*
- 5.** *that God would grant strength to our deaconesses as they support the work of pastors by caring for the poor, the marginalized and the sick.*
- 6.** *with thanksgiving for all the faithful and generous people who have prayed or given of their time or treasures to make the seminary and mercy center a reality.*

7. *for the seminary professors, that they would be well-prepared to impart wisdom and knowledge to their students.*

8. *that the Spanish-language theological library at the seminary would be well used and a blessing to the students and faculty.*

9. *for the families of the professors, that they would adapt easily and find joy in a new country and culture.*

10. *for Lutheran congregations in Latin America, that they would be prepared to care for and support their pastors physically, mentally and spiritually.*

11. *for seminary students who are serving vicarages, that they would learn much from their experience and be better prepared for their future ministry.*

12. *for all the missionaries and leaders of the Dominican church, that they would discern God's*

will so that they can build a firm foundation for the church for generations to come.

13. *that God would raise up individuals and congregations to support our LCMS missionaries in the Dominican Republic.*

14. *that God would supply faithful and capable men and women to serve as missionaries, both in Latin America and around the world.*

15. *with thanksgiving for faithful men and women who have given up the comforts of home and family to faithfully serve on the mission field.*

16. *that many in the Dominican Republic would hear God's Word and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray that they would attend worship each Sunday to receive the Word and Sacraments.*

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17. *that God would grant health and safety to all missionaries and their families.*

18. *that the Dominican Christians would continue to study God's Word and be strengthened to live faithfully and serve their neighbors in love.*

19. *with thanksgiving for the willingness of the Dominican people to hear and learn God's Word. By God's grace, the LCMS has established congregations and mission stations around the country.*

20. *that God would raise up many Lutheran school teachers and school administrators — especially from among the Dominican congregations — to meet the needs of the large number of eager students.*

21. *that the families of our Lutheran school children would also hear God's Word and be brought to faith.*

22. *with thanksgiving for the large and ever-growing number of students seeking education in our Lutheran schools in the Dominican Republic.*

23. *that the Lutheran mission churches in the Dominican*

Republic would continue to grow and mature through regular worship and Bible study.

24. *with thanksgiving for the many faithful Christians who regularly worship in our mission congregations.*

25. *with thanksgiving for Hogares Lutheran El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Lutheran Home), which provides a safe and nurturing facility for young people with developmental disabilities.*

26. *that God would grant patience and endurance for the faithful workers who care for the group home's residents. Praise God that He has used these wonderful young people to teach the Dominican Lutheran church about His love and mercy.*

27. *with thanksgiving that the residents of Hogares Lutheran El Buen Pastor have become active members of the local Lutheran church, where they are eager to hear God's Word and to serve in any way possible.*

28. *with thanksgiving for the willingness of faithful and gentle caregivers who serve the residents of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home.*



29. *for all the mission work throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.*

30. *with thanksgiving that we are one in Christ with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Latin America.*

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