

# *The Eternal Light*



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## **AUGUST 2021 PASTOR'S PAGE – ESLC**

**“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matt. 16:18**

This is the first reference in the New Testament to the “church.” The Greek word is “ekklesia,” meaning literally those “called out,” and by extension those assembling together. The “church” that we are interested in and want to be involved with is Christ's church, the church of God, the one that He is building. Against it not even the gates of hell can prevail but must give way and crumble.

This church is built on a rock, the confession of Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the very Son of God, the promised Redeemer of all mankind! This is the Gospel, the good news of Christ's death for our forgiveness and salvation. This Gospel calls people out to faith in Jesus and we become a new creation, children of God by this faith. The apostles and prophets, the Holy Scriptures, are the foundation of this church, with Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone. [Eph. 2:20]

The only biblically mandated form of this “church” of Jesus Christ is the local congregation. Jesus makes this clear in the next reference to “church” found in the New Testament, in Matthew 18. Here He indicates that we are to be so concerned for our brother or sister who has “sinned” against us that we approach them first individually, then with two or three witnesses. All matters must be first established, the sin committed and the impenitence. If not resolved, that is, repented of, Jesus says to “tell it to the church,” that is, to the local congregation of assembling believers. The church has power to resolve the issue, putting out the impenitent with binding guilt and absolving and forgiving the repentant.

ESLC is a local congregation of this “church” of Jesus Christ. It has been built by Jesus, on the confession of the Gospel. It retains all the power and the blessings that Jesus gives to His church – the authority to make disciples by preaching, teaching, and baptism. The authority to celebrate His supper. The authority to forgive and retain sins. The authority to open and close heaven. Much of this activity is conducted by the pastor – the only ongoing biblically mandated office in the “church,” in the congregations. [Eph. 4:11] This authority to “publicly” minister the Word and Sacraments is bestowed upon an individual, a man, who is duly qualified for the office [1 Tim. 2,3], by the “call” of the congregation. This call is from God through the congregation. [Eph. 4:11; Acts 20:28; Heb. 13:7] It is to be a great blessing – to have one who serves not man's opinions or seeks to be popular, but one who seeks only to please God, wielding His Word.

Not all who belong to Christian congregations understand, value, and love the congregations of Christ's church. They do not grasp the precious blessings that Jesus has given to us within congregational life for our great good and blessedness. This is part of our sinful nature, to think that perhaps we are above the local congregation, or that other organizational aspects of churchly life are above the local congregation. We may even come to think that “para-church” organizations are above or more important than Christ's churches, His congregations of believers. We may even come to believe that we can have a relationship with God outside of and beyond the life of His local congregations. Such is not the case. He bids us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as a congregation! [Heb. 10:25] To do so is contrary to the will of the One we purport to believe in.

How does such an aberrant view of the church manifest itself? By leaving the local congregation. By forsaking the fellowship of the local congregation. By thinking our feelings or opinions are of greater importance than the life and fellowship of the local congregation. By criticizing the local congregation as if we are superior to it. By rejecting the ministry of God's Word. By deciding that we have better ideas for the teachings of the local congregation than the apostles and prophets. By appealing to outside “authorities” as if they have greater

importance than the Word of God or the local congregation. By thinking that we can be proper Christians and “members” of Christ's church outside of the local congregation.

Sadly, some of the very institutions that should be supporting and lauding the local congregation actually seem to be diminishing the essential nature of the local congregation. Whether intentional or not, they draw people away from the local congregation and seem to instill the idea that they can provide all that a Christian needs for a proper Christian life, and do it better than a mere local congregation. Such is a delusion, a foolish and dangerous delusion. Jesus builds His church, that is, His local congregations, which He provides with all that is needed for faith and Christian life. Other “churchly” institutions may be helpful but certainly are not required or divinely mandated.

Local Christian congregations can die, especially when they no longer see themselves for what God has made them. If you have one, treasure it and love it and value it just as Jesus does. If you have a local Christian congregation, invest in it – your time, talents, and treasures. And especially, if you have a local congregation, participate in it as much as you can. Jesus is in its midst, blessing it and building it. God grant that we all cherish and treasure His local congregation, His church, for what it really is, what He has made it!

### OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the months of June/July were:

June 27	\$2,676
July 4	\$4,361
July 11	\$5,581
July 18	\$5,684
July 25	\$2,626

This weekly average (\$4,186) 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](http://www.eternalsavior-lutheran.org).

**Mid-week Bible Study** Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. To join, email Pastor for the invitation link.

We are studying new **Sunday School curriculum (H2Oh!)**. It is about different uses of water (like the Flood, Red Sea and Jonah and etc). The introductions can be found on our Facebook page.

Please take a look at our **VBS videos** <http://bit.ly/ESLC-VBS2021-Recordings>

**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](mailto:pastor@eternalsavior-lutheran.org) or secretary [secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org](mailto: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** - There are 11 people on this committee and we are working with a budget of **\$5,309.05**. We have had one meeting and discussed many options for the wall design. Definition of Reredos is the ornamental wall behind the altar. Suggestions include dry stacked stone and flagstone to resemble the Flatirons. We also discussed shelving for offering plates, flowers, and tabletop candelabras as they might affect the design. We are gathering sample pictures of other church altars and reredos to get ideas and help with our design. Committee ideas will be shared when we reach final designs. We plan to meet once per month. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Robin Warnken.

**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](mailto: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.

**Quilting.** The quilters have started up again after the COVID-19 break. Most of us kept busy at home during Covid time. Orphan Grain Train picked up 111 baby quilts and 26 full quilts in 2020 and picked up another 21 boxes early this June, which included 36 full and 29 baby quilts. Added to the previous years this gives a grand total of 1,356 quilts delivered to Orphan Grain Train. We meet every **Thursday** morning at church from **9:30 till 11:30 am**. We always welcome new people. We tie our quilts so you don't have to know how to "quilt". Come and play with fabric and make some new friends! See Diane Oehlkers 303-666-9627 for more information.

**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

### SERVING IN AUGUST

#### **Sunday, August 1**

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, John Reuer
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Roger Landowski, Wayne Thomas
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	Keith Cowley
Lawn/Snow	Sam Kelley
Flowers	Nagel

#### **Sunday, August 8**

Organist	Linda Thompson
Cantor	Pastor
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, John Reuer
Greeter(s)	Teri NAgel
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley (r), Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	OPEN
Lawn/Snow	Kevin Cowley
Flowers	OPEN

#### **Sunday, August 15**

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Tom Stahly, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Kirk Anderson, Roger Landowski
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	OPEN
Lawn/Snow	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	Nagel

#### **Sunday, August 22**

Organist	Linda Thompson
Cantor	Keith Cowley
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Keith Cowley
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	OPEN
Lawn/Snow	Tom Stahly
Flowers	OPEN

#### **Sunday, August 29**

Organist	Marge Paugh
Usher(s)	Marc Ertle, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Teri Nagel
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Kirk Anderson, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	OPEN
Lawn/Snow	David Sherrets
Flowers	Purfurst

As we move toward re-normalizing worship in the next few weeks, this is a great time to begin thinking about your participation in the various servant roles. We would like to begin utilizing Greeters again, and Ushers, as well as Sound Booth operators! **We are in desperate need of Counters and Greeters!** If you are on the servant list, and are comfortable with being present at worship, please give consideration to taking up these tasks again! There are other roles that are not signed up for, like altar, flowers, and snow removal. Also, please consider that we are entering the growing season and will need to have volunteers taking care of lawn and property! Thanks, in advance, for your willingness to serve!

#### **From Brenda Vieyra – Greeter Schedule For August**

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<b>August 1</b>	<b>Keith and Polly Cowley</b>	<b>303 665 2951</b>
<b>August 8</b>	<b>Teri Nagel</b>	<b>303 642 6859</b>
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Sam and Lynn Kelley</b>	<b>720 425 3388</b>
<b>August 22</b>	<b>Bob and Brenda Vieyra</b>	<b>303 665 4053</b>
<b>August 29</b>	<b>Teri Nagel</b>	<b>303 642 6859</b>

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#### **Our current Counters include:**

**Mark and Mary Bunge**  
**Roger and Caryn Landowski**  
**Marge Paugh**  
**Karen Sherrets**  
**Cindy Stahly**  
**Sam and Lynn Kelley**  
**Jayne Rhode**

**We hope to have a schedule of counters in place starting the first week of September, we will be reaching out to Mark Bunge to set up a training/refresher course for those interested. If your name is on the list and you can no longer serve in this manner, please let Jayne know (303-776-9817). If you wish to serve and you are not on the list, please let Jayne know.**

# August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Church Council	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Elders	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 1:10 PM Faith Day @ Rockies	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>12</b>  <-Pastor's Vacation	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Deacons	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin /Newsletter Deadline	<b>18</b>  Pastor's Vacation->	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Trustees	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Church Workday	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline				

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



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

# Pray For Us Calendar

## CHURCH WORKERS — AUGUST 1-15

Pastors; deaconesses; Lutheran school teachers; directors of Christian education, Christian outreach and family life ministry; parish musicians. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is blessed with many faithful church workers who assist and lead people in participating in the fulfillment of the Great Commission, while building up the Body of Christ.

*Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:*

- 1.** *with thanksgiving for the many dedicated church workers in the LCMS, who share in our joys and sorrows. Ask the Lord to comfort and defend them from every assault of the devil.*
- 2.** *for the Synod's pastors, that they would hold fast to the Word of God and find strength to continue preaching God's truth in an increasingly anti-Christian culture.*
- 3.** *for the Synod's deaconesses. Pray that they would be equipped with all things needful to love and serve people in every situation.*

**4.** *that God would bless the work of directors of Christian education, as they develop educational ministries for children, youth, adults and families.*

**5.** *for the Synod's directors of Christian outreach, that God would guide their efforts to support a congregation's or organization's outreach and evangelism work.*

**6.** *for directors of family life ministry. Ask that God would guide their vital work to strengthen the families in our congregations.*

**7.** *for teachers and administrators in Lutheran schools, that they would model Christ-like behavior*

for students and incorporate the Gospel message into each and every day.

**8.** *for directors of parish music, that they would find joy and satisfaction in their work of enhancing the worship life of the church.*

**9.** *for the Synod's commissioned lay ministers, who work under a pastor's guidance to support a church's efforts in evangelism, Christian education, parish administration and other areas that are God-pleasing.*

**10.** *for missionaries, who leave home and family to work in faraway lands. Ask God to give them strength, wisdom and protection as they do His work.*

**11.** *for those involved in Specialized Pastoral Ministry, who serve the ill, imprisoned, aging, troubled and isolated. Give thanks for their service to people in the midst of tragedy or crisis.*

**12.** *for military chaplains, who put themselves in harm's way to minister to members of our armed forces. Ask God to keep them safe as they share Christ's love with our servicemen and women.*

**13.** *for the health and well-being of all church workers, that they would utilize opportunities for rest and renewal.*

**14.** *with thanksgiving for every person who volunteers in a congregation as an elder, an usher, a Sunday school teacher or in another capacity. Praise God that He calls His people to support full-time church workers in a variety of ways.*

**15.** *with thankful hearts for the blessings God gives to His people through full-time church workers. These faithful men and women care for us, pray for us and teach us the Word of God.*

## THE CHURCH — AUGUST 16-31

“The Church is the congregation of saints [Psalm 149:1] in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered. For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments” (Augsburg Confession VII).

*Remember God’s work through the Church as you pray:*

**16.** *with thanksgiving to God for raising up voices in every age and generation as He continues to call people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**17.** *that God would raise up in our own time faithful pastors and church workers who will preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen, for the edification of His people and for the sake of those not yet of the faith.*

**18.** *with thanksgiving that God does His bidding through unworthy and unlikely people. Pray that He would keep us from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought and keep us focused on the proclamation of the Gospel.*

**19.** *that God would give us faith so that we may not fear in times of trouble nor fall away in times of prosperity.*

**20.** *for the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above to be given to us, so that*

God’s Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ’s holy people.

**21.** *that the Church would work together in God-pleasing unity and that their joint efforts would further God’s kingdom.*

**22.** *for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and other institutions that prepare servants for the Church, that they would properly prepare men and women to serve God and His Church.*

**23.** *with thanksgiving for every person and organization that supports the work of the Church. The prayers and financial support of God’s people enable the Gospel to be shared at home and around the world.*

**24.** *for young people, that the Lord would lead them to serve Him and bless His people.*

**25.** *for us, that when we are tempted to focus on the things*



of the world or on ourselves, God would direct our attention to His Word and will.

**26.** *with thanksgiving that God continues to strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments.*

**27.** *with thankful hearts to God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross and rise again so that we might have the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life.*

**28.** *that we would joyfully study the Sacred Scriptures as a light to our path and gratefully make*

*use of the Lutheran Confessions to help us understand and apply the Scriptures.*

**29.** *with thanksgiving for shepherds in the Church’s history and pastors today, whom God uses to guide His flock.*

**30.** *that God would keep all Christians from being led astray by false teachings, and instead bring them to a deeper knowledge of Him.*

**31.** *that we all would be given a trust in the saving Gospel and a great passion to spread its joy with others in our lives.*

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