

The Eternal Light



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JANUARY 2022 PASTOR'S PAGE – ESLC

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.”

[1 Thess. 1:2-5]

As I write this, my last newsletter article for you, it is impossible to remember all the blessings and good things that we have experienced together over the years. It is a good thing to remember, especially the good things. And there are so many of them that it would take some time to list them all out!

Some of you have heard my thoughts about “forgetting” the bad things in life. I want to assure you that if there have been any of these I don't recall any of them and don't plan to. Whatever needs to be forgiven has been forgiven. I pray it is the same with you for any sins I may have committed against any of you.

There are always troubles that arise within the life of the church. After all, we remain sinful human beings even though we rejoice in God's gracious mercy and forgiveness. Not even within the church should we expect all things to be right and good and peaceful. We look forward to this when we get to heaven, and when the Lord returns in glory. In the meantime, we exercise forgiveness and patience and kindness.

Pastors do visit with one another about struggles that arise within congregations. It is part of our loving, caring, consoling, helping, and praying for one another. I have heard some very difficult things. I have thanked God over the years that this congregation – ESLC – has had virtually none of the really troubling experiences that some congregations have. For this I also wish to thank all of you. There has always been much support and encouragement from the dear people of this congregation. I will always remember that!

The future and the well-being of the congregation and all of its members has been a central part of my heart, life, and goals for many years. It will be difficult for me to scale this back. I will keep you all in my prayers. However, at the end of this year – just a few days away – the expression of these concerns, and our relationships as people/pastor will change dramatically. Sadly, for all of us, this means an end to what has been so normal for us for years. Jayne and I will have to isolate from the members of the congregation for some time. The reason for this is so that the new pastor – IIP, vacancy pastor, new full-time pastor – has complete and unimpeded opportunity to be your pastor! The wisdom of doing this comes from virtually all churchly authorities and advisors. Still, it will be difficult!

So I express my love for you all once more [and Jayne's love for you as well]. That will never change or decrease. And I express once again my deep thanks and gratitude for the time I have been able to serve as your pastor. And I say good-bye and Godspeed to all of you, knowing that we will have a long time to be together again in the life to come!

**Blessings . . .
Pastor Rhode**

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the months of November/December were:

November 21	\$1,890
November 28	\$3,361
December 5	\$6,799
December 12	\$15,526
December 19	\$5,137

This weekly average (\$6,543) 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.

Adult Bible Class is now online and live each Sunday at **10:40 AM**.

In **Sunday School** we are now studying **Enduring Faith curriculum**, Unit 8. We are now having Sunday School live. Opening is in the Narthex, classes are outdoors so long as the weather stays good. If we go back into the building, we will follow the Boulder County mask policy.

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 secretary at 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 - The Reredos Committee has had its third meeting with more discussion on the wall design. A spreadsheet has been posted on google drive for committee members to note their preferences for different design elements We plan to meet once per month. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Robin Warnken.

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!!!!

SERVING IN JANUARY

Sunday, January 2

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	Linda Thompson
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Keith & Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Mark & Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas, Jeff Reuer
Altar	Polly Cowley
Sound System	OPEN
Lawn/Snow	David Sherrets
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, January 9

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	Linda THompson
Usher(s)	Marc Ertle, Roger Landowski
Greeter(s)	Bob & Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Mark & Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley (r), Kirk Anderson
Altar	Polly Cowley
Sound System	OPEN
Lawn/Snow	David Sherrets
Flowers	Oehlkers

Sunday, January 16

Pastor	PENDING
Organist	Linda Innes
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Sam & Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Sam & Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Roger Landowski, Keith Cowley
Altar	Polly Cowley
Sound System	OPEN
Lawn/Snow	Dave Sherrets
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, January 23

Pastor	Pastor Mike Hiller
Organist	Linda Innes
Usher(s)	Tom Stahly, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Teri Nagel
Counter(s)	Sam & Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), R. Lambrecht
Altar	Polly Cowley
Sound System	OPEN
Lawn/Snow	Ryan Lambrecht
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, January 30

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	Linda Innes
Usher(s)	Tom Stahly, Roger Landowski
Greeter(s)	Kirk & Melisa Anderson
Counter(s)	Sam & Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley, Kirk Anderson
Altar	Polly Cowley
Sound System	OPEN
Lawn/Snow	Ryan Lambrecht
Flowers	OPEN

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 need of Counters and Greeters!** If you are interested in being either a Counter or a Greeter, please contact the church office. 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!

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class	3 Office closed	4 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	5 1:00-4:00 PM Winkel @ ULC	6 5:00 PM Confirmation	7	8
9 9:00 AM Worship and Communion Installation of Officers and Board members 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Church Council	10 7:00 PM Elders	11 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	12	13 5:00 PM Confirmation	14	15
16 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 12:00 PM Deacons	17 Office closed Martin Luther King Day	18 9:00 AM Bulletin /Newsletter Deadline	19	20 5:00 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Trustees	21 9:00 AM Church Workday	22
23 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class	24	25 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	26	27 5:00 PM Confirmation	28	29
30 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 2:00 PM Circuit Forum @ Beautiful Savior	31					

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

EPIPHANY — JANUARY 1-31

Epiphany is from a Greek word meaning to “reveal” or “make manifest.” The season of Epiphany is our time to focus on the revelation of who Jesus is — both true God and true man — as we remember Christ’s revelation to the Gentiles in the visit of the Wise Men.

Give thanks as you pray:

- 1.** *That God would make us bold witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in this new year and always.*
- 2.** *For opportunities to witness to friends, family members and strangers. Please send Your Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and faithful words to use during these encounters.*
- 3.** *For our congregations, that God would strengthen them by fostering a faithful Lutheran approach to confessing Christ to neighbors and planting daughter congregations.*

4. *That our schools would be faithful mission outposts, reaching unchurched families with the Gospel and strengthening the faith of church families.*

5. *With thanksgiving for all the Synod’s faithful church workers, that they might be re-energized daily and find great joy in their service.*

6. *That just as You made known Your Son to the Gentiles through the leading of a star, You would continue to bring the light of Your Gospel to the hearts of all people.*

7. *For new church plants and mission starts, that the Lord would help faithful congregations sprout up in every corner of the United States.*

8. *That we would be effective in reaching out to people of different ethnicities who are living in our communities. Pray that the Lord would use us*

as His instruments to make the LCMS a reflection of the Church Triumphant.

9. *For those marching for life, whether at the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., or a pro-life event closer to home. Please pray that all those who attend might be a powerful witness to others.*

10. *For all children, that they would be brought to the saving waters of Baptism and raised in the love, nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

11. *That the Lord would help us raise our children and young people in the faith, always pointing them to the hope and salvation found only in Christ.*

12. *For college students, who are struggling with many different issues and challenges. Ask God to make them receptive to the peace and healing of the Gospel.*

13. *For the aged, that they would be godly examples to the young as they are patient in their tribulations, joyful in their hope, firm in their faith and humble in all they say and do.*

14. *That God would strengthen our hope and impact by encouraging partnerships in the Gospel that clearly confess Christ.*

15. *For the Synod’s 35 districts, that they might have the resources and wisdom to effectively reach out to their communities.*

16. *For strong districts, congregations and Recognized Service Organizations. When our Synod is strong at home, we can better reach out across the world.*

17. *For all missionaries around the world, who leave family and friends to travel to a foreign land to share the Gospel with those who have not heard. Pray that God would grant them safety, wisdom and strength.*

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18. *With thanksgiving for all the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who support the work of LCMS missionaries through their prayers and gifts.*

19. *That God would raise up indigenous pastors, deaconesses and other church leaders to reach out to their own communities and share His Word.*

20. *For the Synod's partner churches around the world, that they would continue to teach Christ's Word in all its truth and purity.*

21. *With thanksgiving for all past missionaries. Thanks be to God, the Gospel seeds they planted continue to bear much fruit.*

22. *That God would raise up more missionaries to serve at home and abroad, according to His will.*

23. *That the Lord would open up the hearts and minds of people around the world, so that His grace-filled message can be spread far and wide.*

24. *For discernment, that we might heed God's call to serve in His name, whether around the world or right here at home.*

25. *That God would bless mission work in urban areas and protect those He sends to work in these often-difficult situations.*

26. *For mission work in sub-urban areas, that we would not become complacent in the work God has called us to do in our own communities.*

27. *For mission work in rural areas, that congregations would be equipped to respond to the changing demographics around them.*

28. *That congregation members might be welcoming to every person the Lord brings to their church.*

29. *That God would strengthen our faith so that His Word has free course in our congregations and homes.*

30. *For all people who turn away from the loving arms of their Savior. Pray that the Holy Spirit would transform their hearts and minds.*

31. *With thanksgiving that God has called and equipped us to join in His mission to seek and save the lost. Ask God to give you courage to be His witness in your daily life.*



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