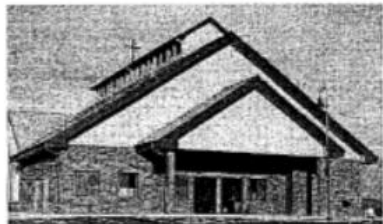


The Eternal Light



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FEBRUARY 2022 – ESLC

Message from the Treasurer:

During the December Voter's Assembly meeting I presented a financial status report to the congregation. We paid all our bills, payroll, and benefits in full and on time. However, in doing so we used all of our reserves and stopped all the support of our internal funds.

Through generous contributions throughout the month of December, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has navigated us through these concerning times. In summary, after paying all our bills and payroll we were able to replenish, not just some but all the funds in the following areas; 1) added \$2,000 into our Escrow Account to place it on track to cover the Insurance/Workman's Comp in May, 2) replace the \$6,400 into the "Rainy Day" reserve funds, 3) added \$3,750 into the Equipment Replacement Fund that we have had to hold off since May, and 4) added \$8,066 into the Future Pastor Fund that we have had to hold off since June.

We give thanks to the members of the congregation for their support of the Lord's work through our congregation. However, we all know where the credit is due and give our thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for protecting us during and guiding us through times like these.

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of January were:

January 2	\$2,251
January 9	\$30,146
January 16	\$995
January 23	\$3,471

This weekly average (\$9,216) compares to our 2022 weekly budget needs of **\$4,369**.

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.

Sunday Morning Bible Study! Please join us each Sunday at 10:40AM in the Fellowship Hall in-person or online via Zoom!

Sunday School! We are studying the "Enduring Faith" curriculum, Unit 8. Sunday School opening is at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. All children are encouraged to join us!

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!!!!

Mary Bunge is taking over scheduling the counters at ESLC.
 If you have a conflict on a day you are scheduled, please arrange with another counter to cover that day.
 She will do two months at a time in scheduling.

February 6 - Polly Cowley and Marge Paugh
 February 13 - Polly Cowley and Marge Paugh
 February 20 - Mark and Mary Bunge
 February 27 - Mark and Mary Bunge

March 6 - Sam and Lynn Kelley
 March 13 - Sam and Lynn Kelley
 March 20 - Marc and Jan Ertle
 March 27 - Marc and Jan Ertle

Thank you so much for volunteering to count. If we gain more counters, we can spread the work.

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 6

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Micah Anderson
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Terri Nagel
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley, Marge Paugh
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas, Roger Lanowski
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Kirk Anderson
Lawn/Snow	Kirk Anderson
Flowers	Cowley

Sunday, February 13

Pastor	Pastor Michael Hiller
Organist	Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Keith & Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley, Marge Paugh
Elder(s)	Roger Landowski (r), Jeff Reuer
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Katie & Larissa Reuer
Lawn/Snow	Kevin Cowley
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, February 20

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	OPEN
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Jeff & Larissa Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark & Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, David Sherrets
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Ed Warnken
Lawn/Snow	Kevin Cowley
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, February 27

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Bob & Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Mark & Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Dave Sherrets
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	David Sherrets
Lawn/Snow	Tom Stahly
Flowers	OPEN

We have many ways in which our members can share their gifts with others each Sunday. Some of those are Greeters, Offering Counters, Ushers, Livestream and Audio Engineers, Snow Removal. These are all listed on the Servant Calendar on our web site. Please reach out to Cate at the church office if you can serve. We so appreciate and thank God for your service!

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church picnic – Summer 2022

FUND STATUS

2021 Member Contributions

GENERAL FUND – \$245,175

DEACON'S FUND – \$ 2,480

SISTER CARMEN

The first donation to Sister Carmen's food pantry was received in early January. The Deacons committee would like to continue collecting and delivering items on a monthly basis. Through January, they are suggesting donations of canned soups, stews and pastas, canned tomatoes and beans along with canned potatoes or any other canned vegetables. These are only suggestions; they are very glad for our participation and will put all donations to good use. Any items collected in January will be delivered on January 27th. Thank you for considering this chance to reach out to the needs of our community.

ULC MEALS

The Deacons prepared a meal to the students at ULC on January 23rd. We will be monitoring the ULC meal signup and inviting the congregation to support future meals for ULC students.

You are welcome to organize your own meal for ULC students. See this website for available Sundays: universitylutheranchapel.com/meals

DEACONS' FUND

Contributions: Dec \$70

Fund Balance \$ 2991.62

2021 Expenditures: \$2958.51

NEXT MEETING

February 13th

MARSHALL FIRE ASSISTANCE

As a small gesture of compassion to our neighbors, friends, and congregation members who have lost their homes or have otherwise been impacted by the recent Marshall wildfire, the Board of Deacons has been collecting gift cards and monetary gifts from January 16th to January 30th.

Monetary gifts will be used to purchase additional gift cards. Gift cards will be distributed by the Deacons to families that we know have been impacted.

Please reach out to a member of the board of Deacons if you know of a family that has been impacted that needs support.

Families known to have been impacted:

Rick and Julie Seydel

Helmut and Wanda Lestinsky

Vern and Vi Raben (Laura Raben's father and step-mom)

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



SOAR - Serving Our Awesome Redeemer

SOAR SPRING SEMINAR

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2100 Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood, Co 80214

Sponsored by the SOAR Committee of the

Rocky Mountain District/LCMS

Theme: ["Enhancing One's Quality of Life"](#)

DR. BRAD STOLTENOW: HEY PASTOR! WHY DON'T MY KIDS AND GRANDCHILDREN GO TO CHURCH?

This is a most often asked question when Christian parents and grandparents wonder out-loud why their kids are absent in the life of the church.

DR. ELIZABETH CRUSE: FITTING A HEALTHY DIET INTO YOUR BUSY LIFE. The famously healthy

Mediterranean Diet has been associated with a longer life expectancy and lower rates of diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, obesity, heart disease, stroke, and cancer.

REV. RICHARD RUDOWSKE: ASSUME NOTHING! Starting today, let's assume nothing in His mission. The Church cannot live missionally without the Bible.

HAWKQUEST: BIRDS OF PREY: Kin Quitugua, a master falconer, and longtime environmental educator

founded HawkQuest in 1986. He has trained, handled, and flown birds of prey as diverse as the Bald and Golden eagles and the Saw-whet owl.

PLEASE REGISTER through Risen Savior Web Site: www.rslc.org, or mail direct to: Harriet Oehlkers, 16071 Oakland Ct, Brighton, CO 80602. The Rocky Mountain District also has a link to access the registration information.

The cost is \$20 per person, or \$40 per couple. You may bring a first-time attendee as a guest at ½ price, or \$10.00 per person.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.; the seminar concludes at 4:45 p.m. All meals and snacks will be pre-packaged. Food will be eaten only in the Common Room.

Of course, everyone must wear a mask, and Social Distancing rules apply.

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	2	3 5:00 PM Confirmation	4	5 5:30 PM Pastor Rhode's Retirement Party
6 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Church Council	7	8 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Elders	9	10 5:00 PM Confirmation	11	12
13 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 12:00 PM Deacons	14	15 9:00 AM Bulletin /Newsletter Deadline	16	17 5:00 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Trustees	18 9:00 AM Church Workday	19
20 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class	21	22 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	23	24 5:00 PM Confirmation	25	26
27 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class	28					

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

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES — FEBRUARY 1-29

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God,” Jesus says in Luke 18:16. God wants all His children to have faith in Him, yet sin and brokenness permeate the lives of His people. Children are orphaned, and families are ripped apart. Over the years, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has reached out to care for God’s precious children through the mercy ministries of congregations, missionaries and Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs).

Remember God’s love and will for children and families as you pray:

1. *for all Christians*, that they would help and defend the orphan and widow, the poor and lonely, the helpless and oppressed.
2. The purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord: *for mothers*, that they might rejoice in their vocation and raise their children in the Lord.
3. *for adoption and foster-care agency workers*, that they would make good and right decisions concerning what is best for all involved — enabling them to find proper families and resources to

meet the needs of the children they serve.

4. *for all children*, that they might be brought to the waters of Baptism and taught God’s Word.
5. Jacob (Israel), Patriarch, thank God for Jacob, through whom came the promise of the Messiah and the 12 tribes of Israel: *for fathers*, that they might raise their children in the Word.
6. *for men as they grow up*, that they may be godly in their youth and their adult years.
7. *for orphanages around the world*, that they might receive

proper funding, food, resources and godly caregivers so that they can provide the best care possible to the children entrusted to them.

8. *for orphanage workers*, that they might be refreshed by Your Word and be good role models and teachers as they provide loving care to those in their charge.
9. *for all orphans*, that they might find Christian families who will nurture them with the love and knowledge of Christ.
10. Silas, Fellow Worker of St. Peter and St. Paul, thank God for Silas, lesser known, but essential to the work of the Kingdom: *for all church workers*, that all might work as God calls them to serve Him.
11. *for all foster children*, that they might find peace among the chaos as they wait for a proper family to be established.

12. *for all who suffer from domestic violence*, that the Lord would deliver them from danger and comfort them with His peace and forgiveness.

13. Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos, thank God for these examples of earnest learning and meditation in the Word of God.

14. Valentine, Martyr, pray that the love of Christ might be the love celebrated above all loves.

15. Philemon and Onesimus: *for all Christian workers and those in authority*, that all might serve God in their vocations.

16. Philipp Melanchthon (birth), Confessor: thank God for the Augsburg Confession and the other writings of Melanchthon that proclaim the truth of the Gospel.

17. *for all caregivers*, that they might raise children in the truth faith.

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18. Martin Luther, Doctor and Confessor: thank God for Luther's proclamation of salvation by grace through faith for Christ's sake.

19. *for children and parents who are deaf*, that they might know Jesus's voice and be filled with His peace.

20. *for widows*, that they might know Christ as their faithful bridegroom who will supply for their needs as they live their lives in prayer and purity.

21. *for the homeless*, that they might find a warm and safe place to lay their head, food for their bellies, hope for the future and rest in the love of Christ.

22. *for the unemployed*, that they might find suitable and fulfilling employment, fair wages and encouraging support.

23. Polycarp of Smyrna, Pastor and Martyr: thank God for those who continued the teachings of Jesus and gave their lives for the Gospel.

24. St. Matthias, Apostle: thank God for his quiet witness and those who gave their lives for the Gospel without any recognition.

25. *for the poor*, that they might find true riches in the Word of God and be blessed by the generosity of others.

26. *for children who are missing*, that the Lord would keep them from danger, restore them to their families and give them His peace and protection.

27. *for peace among siblings*, that the Lord would help them love and support each other throughout their lives, instead of being divided by bickering and jealousy.

28. *for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities*, that they might be treated with respect and love as beloved children of God.

29. *for families*, that they might attend worship to hear the Word and receive the Sacraments.



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