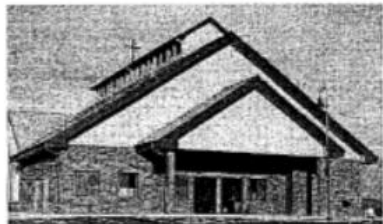


The Eternal Light



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APRIL 2022 – ESLC

Holy Week & Easter: Please join us!

Palm Sunday	9:00AM (with procession of palms)
Maundy Thursday	5:00PM (Earlier time than previous years!)
Good Friday Midday	12:00PM
Good Friday Tenebrae	5:00PM (Earlier time than previous years!)
Easter Sunrise	6:30AM (In the parking lot, weather permitting)
Easter Breakfast	7:30AM (hosted by the Youth Group!)
Easter Festival	9:00AM

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the months of February/March were:

February 20	\$1,191
February 27	\$4,456
March 3	\$3,535
March 13	\$3,985
March 20	\$2,996

This weekly average (\$3,233) 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!

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 committee met on Wednesday, February 9th to review the design suggestions that were received from the Liturgical Art Center at Concordia, Seward. We suggested adding some muted colors of grays and blues to provide some contrast to the mountain profiles. We also suggested more pointy peaks that begin lower under the cross bar of the cross. Another suggestion was fewer shelves in different locations. The Art Center answered all of our questions and will begin work to implement our suggestions. Below is a design image that shows the mountain peaks in extruded white vinyl. The vinyl is a light weight material which will be screwed onto the wall. The plastic will then be painted to provide the needed contrast. The green fabric represents banners with suggested size to use the vertical space. Notice the top of the banners have a cornice which hides a pulley system for changing out the banners. There is still room on the sides of the banners to display our current hymn boards.



The Board of Deacons has currently distributed **\$6,550** in gift cards to families affected by the fires. Each of these families lost their entire homes and belongings. Our ESLC donations were supplemented by the generosity of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood. Their Mary Martha Society donated all the proceeds from a bake sale totaling \$3,000. Additionally, their Bible Study Group gave \$200. A member's family from out of state also donated \$500. We thank them all for their support and friendship. The funds were dispersed as follows:

- Three ESLC members/member family each received \$700 in gift cards
- Six additional families, whose names were submitted by our members, each received \$600 in gift cards
- The remaining funds of \$850 in gift cards were given to an ongoing fund for the Marshall Fire Victims through the Sister Carmen Community Center

Thanks again for your generosity, outreach, and support to our community.

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 now 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.

April 3 – Polly Cowley, Mary Bunge

April 10 – Polly Cowley, Mark Bunge

April 17 – Mark & Mary Bunge

April 24 - Mark & Mary Bunge

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

SERVING IN APRIL

Sunday, April 3

Pastor	Pastor Philip "PJ" Stohlmann
Organist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Bob & Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley, Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets, Jeff Reuer
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	David Sherrets
Lawn/Snow	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	OPEN
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Keith & Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley, Mark Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), R. Landowski
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	
Lawn/Snow	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	Raben

Thursday, April 14 – Maundy Thursday

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
Greeter(s)	
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley, Ryan LAmbrecht
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	
Lawn/Snow	

Friday, April 15 – Good Friday 12 pm

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	
Usher(s)	
Greeter(s)	
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley
Altar	
A/V Booth	

Friday, April 15 – Good Friday 5 pm

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
Greeter(s)	Terri Nagel
Elder(s)	Roger Landowski
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunrise 6.30 am

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Usher(s)	
Greeter(s)	
Counter(s)	
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley
Altar	
A/V Booth	

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Festival 9 am

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	Linda Thompson
Acolyte	
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Sam & Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Mark & Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Kirk Anderson, Wayne Thomas
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	
Lawn/Snow	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	Griffin

Sunday, April 24

Pastor	Pastor John Fiene
Organist	Linda Thompson
Acolyte	
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Kirk & Melissa Anderson
Counter(s)	Mark & Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Roger Landowski (r), Dave Sherrets
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	David Sherrets
Lawn/Snow	Bob Vieyra
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

Feb 2022 YTD Member Contributions -
GENERAL FUND – \$ 56,728
DEACON'S FUND – \$ 6,032
SUNDAY SCHOOL - \$ 30

SISTER CARMEN

The Deacon's Committee continues contributing to Sister Carmen's community food pantry, a non-denominational organization serving all of Boulder County. There is a box in the narthex to place non-perishable items that will be delivered monthly. For the months of February and March, suggested donations include baby items such as formula and wipes and personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, shampoo and body soaps. The pantry is most grateful for any non-perishable food or cleaning item as well... suggested items are based on their inventory on hand. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help people in need in our community.

ULC MEALS

The Deacons will be preparing a meal for the students at ULC on April 3rd. 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

Feb Contributions: \$3,695
Fund Balance \$ 3,536
Feb Expenditures: \$5,236

NEXT MEETING

April 10th

MARSHALL FIRE ASSISTANCE

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The Rocky Mountain District has received a large sum of money to support victims of the Marshall Fire. President Schlechte has agreed to give these funds to ESLC for distribution to those in need through gift cards and other organizations. What a blessing! Look for more information about this work in the bulletins this month!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School funds from 2019-2020, in the amount of \$167.69, were recently sent to support the Wolf family. This family of seven is serving as missionaries in Kenya. They visited our congregation a few years ago to tell us about their work spreading the word of God far away from home. They rely on the financial support of congregations like ours to continue in their mission. Their home church is in Aurora, Colorado.

EMERGENCY FAMILY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT

The Deacon's Fund continues to 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

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Church Council	4	5 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 6:00 PM Bells 7:00 PM Elders	6	7 5:00 PM Confirmation	8	9
10 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:15 AM Choir 10:30 AM Bible Class 12:00 PM Deacons	11	12 9:00 AM Bulletin /Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM Bells	13	14 5:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30 PM Trustees <u>Maundy Thursday</u>	15 12:00 PM Worship 5:00 PM Worship <u>Good Friday</u>	16
17 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service with Communion 7:30 AM Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM Easter Festival Service <u>Easter Day</u>	18	19 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	20	21 5:00 PM Confirmation	22 9:00 AM Church Workday	23
24 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class	25	26 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	27	28 5:00 PM Confirmation	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.

