

EDMONDS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Solar Panel Installation at ELC
February 8-9

*We will be a sign in the community
that Jesus Christ is here....*

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
9:30 AM ADULT FORUM HOUR
10:30 AM CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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News from Edmonds Lutheran Church

February 2016



I Pray That They Might Be One

By Kirby Unti, NWWA Bishop

*For he himself is
our peace, who
made both groups
into one and broke
down the barrier of
the dividing wall.*

Ephesians 2:14

I was not prepared for what I was about to see. I knew it existed but I had never set eyes on it. Living in the State of Washington, I have crossed into Canada many times but I had never seen the iron wall that cuts through the heart of Nogales, Arizona dividing families who live on the United States side of the wall from those living on the Mexican side.

The people of Nogales for hundreds of years moved freely through their town until an agreement was reached between the United States and Mexico that would draw the border which now divides the city. It is North America's Berlin.

Kim and I watched two women, perhaps sisters, trying to hug one another through the narrow opening in the wall. Alongside the woman on the Mexico side of the border stood another woman holding her baby. She was trying to show the baby to the woman on the opposing side. It broke my heart. How could this be America?

We gathered around Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as bishops and spouses and she led us in prayer reminding us of who our God is. The God who breaks down the walls that separate us from one another. The God who hears the cry of God's people and comes down to be with us. One of our bishops spoke the words of

Ronald Reagan, "Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

Later that day we gathered at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Nogales and heard the stories of those who are trying to seek legal entrance into the United States. The paperwork is so burdensome and the rules so confusing, that it is not unheard of to take up to ten years or longer. And you better have a good immigration attorney because on your own you have little or no hope of navigating a cumbersome system.

I could not help but think about what it was like to try to secure the military benefits my parents were qualified to receive as they neared the end of their lives. They were both World War II Veterans. If it were not for my brother, who is an attorney, we would have given up.

I understand the need to keep drug dealers and criminals out. But surely we can find a more just and human way to welcome those who are seeking work or to be reunited with their families - in the same manner most of our families were welcomed.

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Catholic Bishop Gerald Kicanas, dioceses of Tucson, offers communion through the border fence to people in Mexico during mass on the border in Nogales, Arizona, on April 1, 2014.

Save the Date!

The Great Hunt of 2016

Saturday, March 26th at 9:00 am
Edmonds Lutheran Church



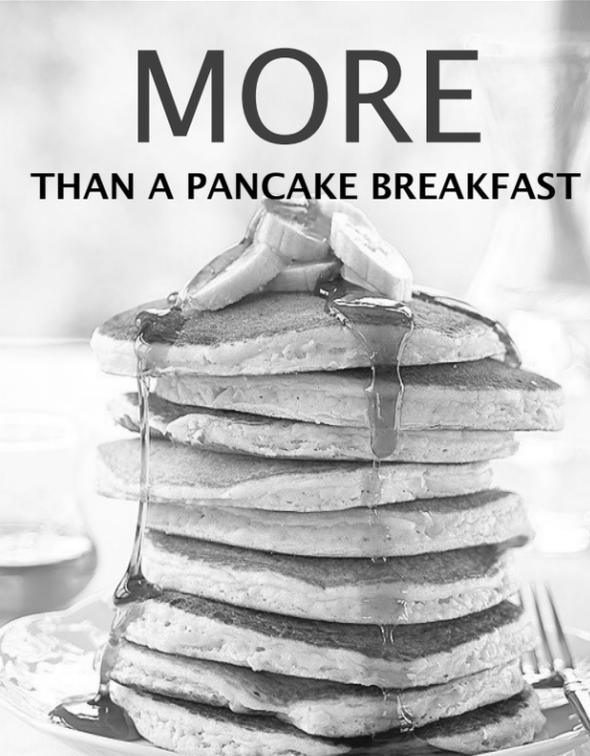
Church Life News

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The grace moment of the trip happened earlier in the week as we gathered at the historic San Xavier Catholic Church. It would be a first for this congregation. They not only welcomed us as Lutherans - they were willing to allow us to use their altar table to celebrate Holy Communion. We witnessed one wall erected and participated in breaking down another.

FEBRUARY Worship/ Adult Forum Schedule

Feb 7	Transfiguration Sunday Guest Preacher Kira Day (former Pastoral Assistant) Pancake Breakfast at 9:30 am
Feb 10	Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm
Feb 14	First Sunday in Lent Guest Preacher Kristy Daniels from Compass Housing Alliance/Church of Steadfast Love Adult Forum: Compass Housing Alliance
Feb 17	Mid Week Lenten Service at 7:00 pm
Feb 21	Second Sunday in Lent Adult Forum on Property Sale
Feb 24	Mid Week Lenten Service at 7:00 pm
Feb 28	Third Sunday in Lent Guest Preacher Dr. Marcia McFee Adult Forum: Dr. Marcia McFee



**MORE
THAN A PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, February 7th at ELC
9:30 am - 10:30 am**
**Donations will support the
Easter Egg Hunt Budget**

Midweek Lent Services



**Wednesdays 7pm
Starting February 17th**

This year for our midweek Lenten experience we will be participating in Lectio Divina.

What is Lectio Divina? This is a Latin term that means "divine reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. This is done in a process of four stages: Reading the word and listening deeply, meditating or reflecting on the word, responding to the word, and contemplating on the word. Many people find this a powerful way to explore scripture and listen to the Spirit moving and leading in a group experience. Please come and join us for this powerful meditative experience.

Thu	Fri	Sat
	5	6 10a NA Women's Group (SS) 1 p funeral service
	12	13 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
	19 7p Pinochle (FH)	20 8a Women's Breakfast (Swedish Edmonds café) 10a Drum Circle (S) 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
	26	27 9 a ELC Council Retreat 10a NA Women's Group (SS)

*Birthday Blessings to
our Friends at ELC!*

*"God danced on the
day you were born"*

February 2- Peter Wick

February 5- Kyra Isaac

February 7- Ron Olson

February 9- Bev Hacker

February 9- Linnae McCanally

February 10- Claudia Bailey

February 12- Lorelei Avery

February 12- Les Kerlake

February 12- Dave Nelson

February 13- Jon Baker

February 13- Susan Hanson

February 15- Anya Henning

February 19 - Hazel Delap

February 19- Mark Furness

February 25- Amanda Furness

February 26- Amelia Nossun

February 29- Pete Wolcott



Anniversary Blessings to:

....no anniversaries this month

*There is no more lovely, friendly or
charming relationship, communion or
company, than a good marriage."*

~ Martin Luther

Please keep in mind that the calendar items are subject to change and events change weekly. For the most updated and accurate calendar, visit our website at www.edmondslutheran.org

~ February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
	1 1 p Widows/Widowers social (FS) 6p Dance Group (SS) 7p NA (FH)	2 10:30a Staff Meeting (CR) 5:30 p Chimes Rehearsal (S) 6:30 p Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 p NA (SS) 7:30p Book Club (Neidhardt's)	3 9 a Man's Breakfast (Pancake Haus) 10:30 a Bible Study (FS) 11:30 a Clergy Text Studay (FS) 4 p ACK Board Meeting (CR) 5 p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 5:30 p Confirmation	4
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14 ELC Youth Retreat (Blooms) Valentine's Day 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:30a Celebration Worship 6p NA (SS) 6:30p OA (FH)	15 Presidents Day 6p Dance Group (SS) 7p NA (FH)	16 10a Quilters (FH) 10:30a Staff Mtg (CR) 5:30 p Chimes Rehearsal (S) 6:30 p Choir Rehearsal (S) 7p Rachel's Circle 7:30p NA (SS)	17 9a Men's Breakfast (Pancake Haus) 10:30a Bible Study (FS) 11:30a Clergy Text Study (FS) 5p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 5:30p Confirmation 6p Learning Center Staff Mtg (CR) 7p Lenten Service	18
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Notes:

Learning Center News



I am so delighted to have joined this warm, welcoming, and hospitable community! The children, the staff, the parents, and the ELC community have been delightfully gracious and supportive. I knew from the moment I walked in the door on my first day that I am in the place God means for me to be. I am blessed.

I have met some of you, but only for a brief introduction, so I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a little about myself....

I have been married to my husband, Matt, for almost 20 years! (May 18) We have two beautiful and brilliant children. Emily is a sophomore at Archbishop Murphy High School. Noah is in 7th grade at Saint Thomas More Parish School. They are involved with many activities, and they keep us very busy.

My grandfather always asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. He said I was the only kid who always had the same answer: a teacher. I have been working in the field of Early Childhood and Family Education for 20+ years. I have a BA in Liberal Studies and my M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education, both from Seattle University. I am also a PCI Certified Parent

Coach®. I spent 12 years at Saint Mark's Cathedral Preschool; 6 years as a preschool teacher, 4 hours as director, and 2 more years as interim director. After Saint Mark's, I spent 6 years with North Seattle College as a Parent Education Instructor in the Cooperative Preschool system. I maintain my private practice as a parent coach and educator. I enjoy doing workshops and seminars for communities throughout the greater Seattle area.

I look forward to learning and growing with the staff at the Learning Center. I am eager for opportunities to provide resources and support to the parents. My heart has already grown two sizes for love of the children here! This is a beautiful place where beautiful things can and do happen!

If you should have questions for me, please do not hesitate to ask. You can stop by any time! Typically, I can be found in the infant room, but you may find me in my "office" which is also known as the "room with a view." Or, I can be reached at lauren@edmondslutheran.org.

Thank you, again, for your incredibly warm welcome. May God bless and keep you.

In Thanksgiving,
Lauren Leiker
Learning Center Director

"Knowing that we can be loved exactly as we are gives us all the best opportunity for growing into the healthiest of people."

—Fred Rogers

Church Life News

Thankyou

Dear Edmonds Lutheran Congregation,

I would just like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for embracing and welcoming me into your church. I was invited by my dear friend Alice Smith to accompany her to your monthly Pinochle Club where I met many of you. Three other members of your church that I met through Alice before Pinochle night were Wayne Olson, Chet Richardson and David Ruud, three of the sweetest, dearest and funniest old men I have ever met. You were all so wonderful and very understanding knowing that I had not played Pinochle in years but I love the game so much. My first partner was Susan Phillips, she is so adorable and helped and encouraged me so much on relearning the game and then when we changed partners I realized what a wonderful group of people I had just met. I left that night feeling like I had found another family that embraced me with their heart and soul, and I also left with an invitation to Dean and Susan's beautiful home for dinner. What a wonderful and loving family and what awesome boy's Ryan and John are.

Then came my first church service. As I drove to ELC for my first service I prayed to God "God if it is your will, please make this be the church I have been searching for for years" I have been to many church's looking for just the right one, the one that when you walk in the door it just grab's you and you feel a warm, friendly, loving embrace, and boy did He ever answer my prayer's, for that is the feeling I got from you the congregation at ELC. No other church that I have attended greets people in such a wonderful and welcoming way as you all do.

And now as a new member I just wanted you

to know the feeling you give to those that walk through your doors for the first time. I told Pastor Julie and Pastor Tim about the wonderful feeling they and their congregation gave me. Now as a new member I want to be sure to pay it forward to other new people that come through our doors, but since I am so new I don't know who is new and who is not, so if any of you can come and tell me if someone is new I would really appreciate it.

Just so you know I am not the only one who feels this way, at the January 10th church service Pastor Julie came and pointed to two people sitting by themselves after the service having coffee and goodies' who were new, I went over and talked to them and I told them that I was a new member and what it was that drew me to ELC and they told me that they had been looking for a new church and they felt the same feelings I did when they first walked through these doors and they are now becoming new members also.

So I just wanted you ALL to know how you make people feel when they enter your (my) church. I am so honored and blessed to now be a part of this church and its congregation thank you for accepting me and thank you God for answering my prayer in such a wonderful and blessed way.

GOOD BLESS YOU ALL
Merrilyn Morrison

*So we, though many,
are one body in Christ,
and individually
members one of
another.*

Romans 12: 5



Announcements

Below is a list of regularly-scheduled opportunities outside of the Sunday worship services at Edmonds Lutheran Church.

ACTIVITY/EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Staff Meeting	Tuesdays- 10:30 am	ELC (CR)
Chimes Rehearsal	Tuesdays- 5:30 pm	ELC (S)
Recorder Ensemble	3rd Saturdays- 11:00 am	ELC (S)
Prayer Shawl Knitters	2nd and 4 th Monday-1:00 pm	ELC (FS)
"Dine Out"	4th Monday - 5:00 pm	local restaurants
Book Club	1st Tuesday - 7:30 pm	Held at members' homes
Quilters	3rd Tuesday - 10:00 am	ELC (FH)
Men's Breakfast	1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 9am	Edmonds Pancake Haus
Bible Study	Wednesdays - 10:30 am	ELC (FS)
Annie's Community Kitchen	Wednesdays - 5-6:30 pm	ELC (FH/K)
Clergy Text Study	Wednesdays at 10:30 am	ELC (FS)
Traditions Choir	Tuesdays - 6:30 pm	ELC (FH)
Drum Circle	3rd Saturday-10:00 am	Fabric of Life in Edmonds
Pinochle Group	3rd Friday - 7:00 pm	ELC (FH)
Women's Breakfast	3rd Saturday - 8:00 am	Swedish Edmonds Cafeteria
Rachel's Circle	3rd Tuesdays-7:00 pm	held at members' homes
Rebecca's Circle	2nd Tuesdays- 10:00 am	held at members' homes
NA	Mondays at 7-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
NA	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm	SS
NA Women	Saturdays at 10:00 am	SS
NA	Sundays at 6:00 pm	SS
OA	Sundays at 6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
MEETINGS		
Council	2nd Tuesdays -7:00 pm	ELC (FS)
ACK Board Meeting	1st Wednesdays- 4:00 pm	ELC (FS)
Learning Center Board Mtg	2nd Wednesday- 6:00 pm	ELC (CR)
Learning Center Staff Mtg	3rd Wednesday-6:00 pm	ELC

2015 Council

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HATS OFF TO....

To the wonderful Wick family for helping serve coffee on Sunday Mornings

To Eric Halverson for helping install new doorbells in our office wing and for helping to repair some loose hymnal racks in the sanctuary. Also for maintaining the refrigerators. You're a peach!

To Pete Wolcott for filling potholes in the parking lot!

To Dave Gerlach for dropping everything to help with a leak in the roof.

To Bob Snyder for the countless hours you put in each week to feed hungry people.

THANKYOU!



Blessings to you Jerry, on this new adventure!

Reverend Jerry R. O'Neill to serve as an Interim Pastor.

Having served over 30 years as a parish pastor in four ELCA congregations, as a reserve Army chaplain for 12 years, and a spiritual director for the last three years, Pastor Jerry will begin work this week as Interim Pastor at First Lutheran Church, Astoria, Oregon.

Pastor Jerry is grateful for this new opportunity to serve and thanks the staff, members and friends of Edmonds Lutheran for the love and support he has received since coming to Edmonds Lutheran as Spiritual Director in Residence two years ago.

He and his wife Carol Gannaway will keep their home on Whidbey Island, returning regularly, and plan to live on the island when his interim ministry at First Lutheran is completed.

It's the time of year again to consider if you have gifts that you could share with your church family. If you would like to consider serving on Sunday morning as an usher, you have a couple of hours each week to volunteer in the office or have something else in mind, call the office at 425-744-8090. We would love to put you to work! We are also asking members to prayerfully consider being a part of ELC's Church Council. Everyone has something valuable to offer so if you feel God 'nudging' you to be involved in this way, contact Pastor Julie or Pastor Tim.



Confirmation and High School Youth Retreat: February 14-15

Mark your calendars and save the date for this fun overnight trip. We will be leaving on Sunday afternoon and heading up to Camano Island to spend the night at the Bloom cabin.

It will be a fun little getaway full of games, fellowship, cooking, and spiritual reflection. We will return early in the evening on Monday the 15th. You are more than welcome to invite a friend to join you as well. Keep an eye out for the overnight flyer in the mail for all the details and registration form.

For more information email pastortim@edmondslutheran.org

January Coucil Report

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Malcolm McCallum reported that income and offerings were strong in December, and we received a last minute gift that brought us into the black at the end of our fiscal year.

Pastor Tim's Report

Learning Center - ELC's new Learning Center Director, Lauren Leiker, has officially started as of January 4th. Lauren will be attending one of our Sunday worship services to be introduced to our congregation.

Staffing - We are excited to bring Suzy Baroud into a full time position on our staff by combining her current position with most of Patrick's previous duties and expanding her focus on outreach and programming.

Midweek Advent Services - We were very pleased with the participation in the midweek Advent services. On average, we had 25 people in attendance. We had the message at these services be shared by members of the congregation, who also shared a piece of their faith stories. We would like to find more opportunities for our members to do this.

Christmas Eve Services - Christmas Eve services went really well. Compared to last year's attendance, the total for the services shows that we were up three people.

Youth Retreat - We are planning a youth retreat for this February. We will be doing an overnight trip up to Camano Island and encouraging youth to bring a friend with. The retreat will include our confirmation age and high school age youth.

Clergy Leadership Group - I have recently joined a clergy leadership group that has newly formed. We are meeting every two months and are focusing on wrestling with the question of what kind of leader do we need to be as pastors as the state of the church and our culture is changing. I hope that this investment will support our Congregation.

Pastor Julie's Report

Continuing Education - I am attending the "Essential Skills for Pastors" workshop in Carefree, Arizona. This is taught by Business Department faculty of California Lutheran University, in conjunction with Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. I received four books to read for the conference, *Church Marketing 101*; *The 5 Most Important Questions You Will Ever Ask About Your Organization*; *The 5 Most Important Questions Self-Assessment Tool*; and *Not Your Parents Offering Plate*. I am so enthusiastic about the first

book I read that I have already purchased four copies of *Not Your Parents Offering Plate*. This book alone will change our thinking about giving and talking about giving. I may well return from this conference with more ideas than we can use!

Care and Compassion - The committee initiated a new group. The Widow-Widowers Social group had it's initial gathering 1/8. Suzy was asked to promote this in the community. We didn't know what to expect in terms of attendance. King 5 TV and the *Everett Herald* both set up interviews and 23 people came, half from community, half from ELC. It was a very powerful and successful first meeting. The group will meet again Monday, February 1 at 1:00. This response speaks to the significance of having our Communications/Outreach position. This topic also apparently touches a significant need in the community. (And fits right into the ELC Mission Statement).

New Members - Three people from Bethesda Lutheran Church have been worshipping with us recently and Ron and Pat Olson have requested to transfer their membership to ELC. I have been in conversation with the Interim Pastor at Bethesda. As always, it will be good to show warmth and hospitality to these and all visitors.

Council Business

Roofing Repair Quote - Patrick Brady reviewed the bid from Blue & Blue Roofing, our roof contractor who has done work for us before, and Patrick encouraged us to get this wrapped up in 2016. This is needed corrective maintenance.

Parking Lot/Sign Lighting - We need to have more parking lot lighting and power to the sign at the street. Pastor Julie is leading the properties piece of the strategic direction work done in 2015. Once she gets her team in place, perhaps she can ask for volunteers to work on obtaining bids to get this tackled.

Council Retreat - On February 27 from 9am until 1:30pm, the Council will have a retreat featuring a guest speaker. Katherine Oleson will lead the new council in some thought-provoking discussions in a retreat environment. Lunch will be provided. We will invite the elder council from Church of the Beloved.

9th Avenue Property - The Council is charged with making a recommendation on what to do in this situation with our property on 9th Avenue and discerning the two offers, one of which came to us unsolicited. Paul Witzel reviewed our options. We (continued on following page)

