

EDMONDS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*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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Easter Blessings from Edmonds Lutheran Church

March 2016



Christ is
RISEN

Sometimes resurrection isn't easy to trust in. Yet, faith isn't necessarily meant to be easy, maybe if faith is easy it isn't really faith. As I look at all the accounts of the resurrection in the Gospels, one thing seems to be consistent in all of them which is that no one expected the resurrection. So, maybe the appropriate response to the miracle of resurrection is doubt?

Because good news takes time to sink in. Good news that there is the possibility of new life after death takes time to see, to sense and to actualize in our lives. So doubting or struggling to make sense out of the Easter greeting might be a good thing as it speaks to the same experience the eye witnesses of the Gospels struggled with.

But, what demands does resurrection have on our lives if it is true? Do we tell people about it? Do we tell them this story that makes us sound like we have lost our senses? Do we courageously live differently to witness to the reality and possibility of resurrection? I think that is where our faith intersects with our actual lives. That place where we say yes to resurrection, or at least the possibility of it, and connect this reality to how we live not with the purpose of currying favor with God or to even grow the church. We do it to point to something bigger; to point to something out of this world. We do this so that others might also know and experience the transformation of resurrection in their lives.

Christ is Risen!...
Pastor Tim Oleson

Christ is risen! Was it hard not to respond out loud with "He is risen indeed!"?

Having been in the ministry of the church professionally for the last 16 years, and having grown up in the church, I must have said that Easter proclamation hundreds and hundreds of times, if not more. And the thing is, when you say something over and over so many times, it can begin to lose its meaning and significance. Maybe you have had that experience when you have simply said a word over and over and over to the point where eventually the word seems to lose all meaning completely.

As we have been journeying through Lent and I am looking ahead to Easter, that phrase always comes to my mind first: Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! But what does that phrase mean? Or a new way I have been reflecting on that question is, what do we expect to happen when we proclaim this Easter greeting? Do we expect a response? Do we expect our life to suddenly transform into a resurrected life? Do we ever expect resurrection, either real or figurative, to happen in our present lives?

I think we often doubt or have a hard time having faith in resurrection in our lives.

Save the Date!

The Great Hunt of 2016

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



Church Life News

MARCH Worship/ Adult Forum Schedule

March 6	Fourth Sunday in Lent - 8:30 am & 10:30 am. Forum & Coffee Hour - Merrilee Bradshaw - "Making the Most of Thrivent Choice Dollars." Merrilee will have a laptop to help you access your Choice Dollars.
March 9	Mid-Week Lenten Service at 7 pm
March 13	Fifth Sunday in Lent- 8:30 am & 10:30 am. Forum: Paul Tan, Lutheran Community Services. Refugee & Immigrant Children's Program.
March 16	Mid-Week Lenten Service at 7 pm
March 20	March 20 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday. ONE SERVICE @ 9:30 am.
March 24	Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm
March 25	Good Friday Service at 7 pm
March 27	Easter Sunday! Festival Worship 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Grand Coffee at 9:30 am and 11:30 am.

Midweek Lenten Services



Wednesdays 7pm



Holy Week Together

Families - please plan to attend Holy Week worship services with your children. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and of course Easter Sunday are significant, powerful experiences which teach deep moments of faith.

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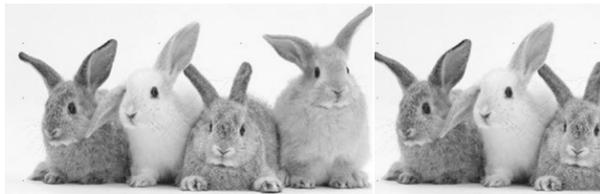


ELC hosts one of the largest Easter Egg hunts anywhere, with thousands and thousands of eggs strewn across our campus and kids squealing in a show of carefully coordinated mayhem!

Much needs to be done to prepare for this event, and everyone's help is needed and appreciated. If you are able to help in any way, from stuffing Easter eggs with candy to manning a refreshment table on the day, contact Pastor Tim or Suzy.

Thank you!

www.thegreathunt.edmondslutheran.org



Thu	Fri	Sat
	4 6:30-9:30p NA (S)	5 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
	11 6:30-9:30p NA (S)	12 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
	18 7p Pinochle (FH) 6:30-9:30p NA (S)	19 8a Women's Breakfast (Swedish Edmonds café) 10a Drum Circle (S) 11a Recorder Ensemble (S) 10a NA Women's Group (SS) 12p Church Clean Up Dsy 12-3 Confirmation
Thursday / Thursday Service	25 Good Friday 7p Good Friday Worship	26 7:30a WELCA Mtg 9a Easter Egg Hunt 10a NA Women's Group (SS)

or invite your neighbors to

*Birthday Blessings to
our Friends at ELC!*

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

March 3—Jean Kruse

March 5- Dick Baker

March 5- Linda Bloom

March 5- Harry Forslund

March 8- Christine Nelson

March 11- Red Gallaher

March 12- Mary Kay Bakker

March 12- Charlene Forslund

March 15- Jonathan Martinson

March 18- Marjorie Folden

March 19- William Anderson

March 19- Norma Bailey

March 19- Marjorie Bigford

March 21- James Glore

March 21- Brunhilde Trolson

March 22- Jean Lystad

March 24- Eve Hoffman



Anniversary Blessings to:

March 8- Gary and Carmen Marshall

*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

~ March 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs
		1 10:30a Staff Meeting (CR) 5:30 p Chimes Rehearsal (S) 6:30 p Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 p NA (SS) 7:30 p Book Club (Cobb)	2 9 a Men's Breakfast (Pancake Haus) 10:30 a Bible Study (FS) 11:30 a Clergy Text Study (FS) 4 p ACK Board Meeting (CR) 5 p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 5:30 p Confirmation 7 p Mid Week Lenten Service	3
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Bring a friend to Church for Holy Week the Great Hunt on March 26th!

Church Life News



Dear Edmonds Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous contribution of \$350.00. Your support brings us closer to being a sustainable congregation and allows us to provide services to those in need. One of the things that we often overlooked in caring for others is a place of worship, a place where faith can be nourished and grow. Those who attend the Church of Steadfast Love are strengthened by word and sacrament and supported by community. They are provided a place of belonging; a place where they are not judged but rather are welcomed in, and they come to a place where true healing can begin.

We firmly believe that we are called by name and sent out into the world to declare in word and deed what has been done for us. Your gift enables us to be an active part of the Body of Christ.

*Peace be with you,
Pastor Kristy Daniels, The Church of Steadfast Love*

Learning Center News



Laurie purchased two new Boppies and a sleep sack for our infant room. David donated a lock box, to be used to collect our tuition checks, and hung it securely on the wall for us.

The Learning Center is excited to work with the Church for the first time on the Easter Egg Hunt. We are still working on the details of our involvement, and hopefully it will be the start of a new partnership.

I would love to do some gardening with the children this spring. In addition, I would love to liven up our outdoor play spaces with some colorful flowers. Any donations to support these projects will be deeply appreciated (seed packets, soil, planters, flowers...).

If you should have questions for me, please do not hesitate to ask. You can stop by any time! Sometimes, I can be found in the infant room; however 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.

May God bless and keep you.

*Graciously,
Lauren Leiker*



Wow! I can't believe it has been two months since I arrived here at Edmonds Lutheran Church! I am pleased to have had the opportunity to attend both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. I was able to put a few faces to names. I hope you had the chance to match my face to my name so you know who to find when you have questions or suggestions for the Learning Center. I welcome and value your input and your support is amazing. Thank you!

We have had a baby boom at the Learning Center! In the coming months we will welcome three more siblings to the infant room. Plus, Pastor Tim's new baby will join us in September! Thank you to our *Rocking Grandmas*, Hilde Glore and Laurie Gerlach, who help us each week to ensure the babies are loved and snuggled a-plenty.

The toddlers and preschoolers celebrated St. Valentine's Day by exchanging Valentines with one another and with their prayer pals. I had the pleasure of reading a favorite book about Love to the preschoolers and to teach them *The Magic Penny* song. I look forward to spending more time with the children in this way.

Thank you to Laurie and David Gerlach.

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)
Drum Circle	3rd Saturday-10:00 am	ELC (S)
Prayer Shawl Knitters	2nd and 4th 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 11:30 am	ELC (FS)
Traditions Choir	Tuesdays - 6:30 pm	ELC (FH)
Pinochle Group	3rd Friday - 7:00 pm	ELC (FH)
Women's Breakfast	3rd Saturday - 8:00 am	Swedish Edmonds Cafeteria
Rachel Circle	2nd Tuesdays-7:00 pm	held at members' homes
Rebecca 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	2nd Mondays -6:00 pm	ELC (CR)

2016 Council

President	Dean Phillips	H: 425-488-2442
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Endowment	Mike Bloom	C: 425-971-1379
Property and Grounds	Ted Ludgate	H: 206-542-2361
Worship and Music	Melanie Hughey	C: 206-384-2465
Care and Compassion	Ruth Anderson	H: 206-948-6696
Fellowship and Events	Merrilyn Morrison	H: 206-285-8373
Outreach	Sandy Yeigh	H: 206-972-4330



HATS OFF TO....

The wonderful Bloom family for offering up their cabin for our Youth Retreat!

To Kirk Petterson for helping with clogs in the kitchen!

To Merrilyn Morrison for doing such a lovely "facelift" to the kitchen sink area with bright contact paper, new and shiny utensils and very fashionable scrub brushes! For providing new and lovely containers for the ground coffee as well.

To Marilyn Dauer for all she does as Bob Snyder's "right hand gal".

To Dave Nelson and Dave Ruud for fixing the bubbling countertop in the kitchen.

To Thea and Greg Miklasiewicz and Barb Elias for making 200 delicious breakfast burritos for the Point in Time count!

Announcements



Dear Community Supporter,

On behalf of Snohomish County and YWCA of Seattle King and Snohomish, I would like to thank you for the support you generously gave during the 2016 Point in Time Count. The Point in Time Count is a Federal requirement from HUD to determine levels of homelessness, causes, needs, and other information within our community. The result of the count is one piece that helps ensure that vital state and federal funding continues to come into our communities to address homelessness. Our community came together by donating give-a-ways, making meals, and giving personal

time to go out on the street and other locations to gather surveys of those experiencing homelessness. These acts of care were instrumental to the success of the South Snohomish County Point in Time Count. Snohomish County released preliminary numbers of 1118 individuals experiencing unstable housing (sheltered, unsheltered and precariously housed) in the whole County. Of those, 471 individuals were unsheltered which is a 50% increase from last year PIT Count numbers. Unsheltered families increased from 268 last year to 410 this year. The official report will be released at a later date on the Snohomish County website. It was pure delight to see all guests treated with respect and dignity. I could not have been able to do this without you. It was an honor and privilege to work with you.



Thank you again!
Rebecca Lang
YWCA Lead Family Advocate



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation of 135 pounds of food to the Ballard Food Bank. We so appreciate your support of the work we are doing in our community to bring food and hope to our neighbors.

Sincerely,
Erin - Development and Marketing



Thank you so much to Lexus of Seattle in Edmonds for giving the gleaning van a complete tune-up and for installing new parts, all at no cost. The van drives like new!

GOD BLESS YOU!

February Council Report

Treasurer's Report - Offerings were strong in January. Income was very close to expenditures.

Pastor Tim's Report

Learning Center - Lauren Leiker served her first month as Learning Center Director. She has already made some great improvements, including having phones in all of the classrooms as well as a weekly email to all of the parents to provide reports on activities and menus.

Staffing - Suzy Baroud had a great first month, and we are already seeing the benefits of having her on a full time basis. She has been organizing security codes and keys for those who need them and also for outside groups using our facilities.

Adult Class - Pastor Tim led a three week class in January called, "Lutherans Believe What?" Good questions arose from the topics and in-depth study of these vital beliefs of the Lutheran tradition. An average of 22 attended the classes Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Services - The Worship and Music Committee decided to try a new approach to our midweek Lenten services. Rather than a typical worship experience, we are going to provide an opportunity for a service that has little music and no singing, while incorporating study as part of the service.

Sanctuary Reconfiguration - Pastor Tim has received positive feedback about the configuration of the sanctuary. The staff has worked with many ushers and communion assistants to help ease confusion during worship.

Clergy Leadership Group - Tim recently joined a newly formed clergy leadership group and is looking forward to how it can help him take a critical look at his schedule to best benefit the church.

Pastor Julie's Report

Conference - In January, Pastor Julie attended a very productive and interesting conference, "Executive Skills for Pastors".

The Council will read a book highlighted in the conference called, Not Your Parents' Offering Plate. We will use this as a basis for planning our stewardship program for this year.

New Members - Two new members were received, Ron and Pat Olson, transferring from Bethesda Lutheran in Mountlake Terrace.

Annual Meeting - Pastor Julie was pleased about the Annual Meeting. She wanted to specifically recognize Malcolm McCallum and the Budget Committee for their work.

Special thanks to outgoing Council members Sydney Isaac, Don Furness, Betty Vandenberg and Bill Anderson.

Widows and Widowers Group - This group had a second meeting with even more in attendance than the first gathering. The group was featured in an article in The Herald, and also a feature story on a KING TV news segment.

Council Business

Document Sharing - Secretary Paul Witzel shared a process by which members submit to him reports by the Friday before the Tuesday Council meeting. He will make these reports available on the web for viewing and downloading. Members are expected to read these reports prior to the meeting and use meeting time to ask questions. This process should make meeting time more efficient.

Council Retreat - Saturday, February 27, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm - Katherine Oleson will be a guest speaker and talk about communication and lead us in activities. Church of the Beloved members are also invited to attend.

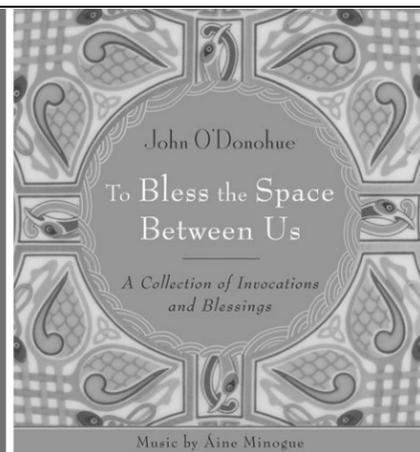
Roof Repair - The Council voted to hire Blue & Blue Roofing to repair our church roof. The total bid is \$16,750 and will be paid out of the Lee Estate. You will be informed when the work will commence.

Church Life News

Congratulations and THANK YOU to our newly elected congregational council and leaders

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Outreach	Sandy Yeigh
Endowment Committee	Patrick Brady, Peter Wick, John Bumanglag
Nominating Committee	Carol Swackhammer
Learning Center Board	Doug Walker, Diane McCallum
Synod Assembly Delegates	John Bumanglag, Chris Nelson

Book Recommendation



Several of you have asked for the following title, a book that Pastor Julie and Pastor Tim occasionally read from in Worship and at special events. *To Bless the Space Between Us. A Book of Blessings.* By John O'Donohue.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
TOWEL DRIVE FOR
COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE**



Leave your offering in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed canned goods for the Souper Bowl of Caring! Thanks to all of you, we collected 203 items for Chase Lakes Safety Net Program.

Kudos to all of you!



ELC Changing Lives

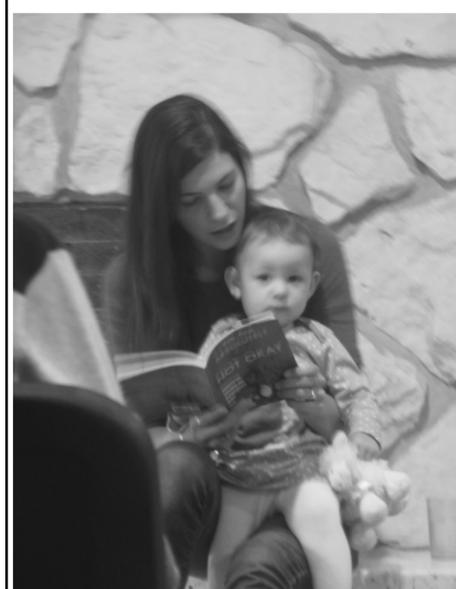


When asked how I wound up at Annie's, I was reminded of hope. I was born a miracle and raised as a heathen; taught to lie, cheat and steal in order to survive in a world where I felt abandoned. My father died when I was three and my mom left when I was four. I was left to be raised by my grandfather who was an abusive drunk. I have been a meth addict for 20 years, struggling to change but not knowing how. I was not taught to succeed. I did not know the power that

comes from loving oneself. As a very young child and all through my life I was different, because in spite of all those around me, no matter what, I always had hope in something better. Today I am 38 years old and with the help of a very special group of people and a man named "Wilson" - who can only be described as a blessing - I am two years clean.

...No matter what, I always had hope in something better.

My first time at Annie's Kitchen was to do mandatory community service through the court. That was two years ago. I have since become a part of Annie's Kitchen and during my time here, I have learned a life-changing lesson. My hopes have come true. I still hope that others who have been where I have will not give up hope. Today I have faith in myself. I would like to thank Rosella, Nancy, Kelby, Wayne, Sandy, Paul, Ted, Suzy and teacher Carol for loving me and helping me to love myself.



Scriber Lake Youth from the "Write to Right" program share their stories at ELC Sunday, October 25, 2015

Dear Friends at Edmonds Lutheran Church, It's been months since our visit but the warm effect you all had on us remains. Your invitations, openness and Encouragement - all of it - meant so much from our community.

Many of the student authors commented that it "wasn't what they expected a church to be like." Sadly, they expected judgement. That they had found something so different speaks to the soul of your church. Thank you, also for the monetary support. We have already used some of it to send books to places where people need to know they aren't alone. I get emails every week from those who have found inspiration from the courage they read.

We would love to visit again, in any context. Thank you so much for your gracious support!

Margie Bowker and the Scriber Writers