

EDMONDS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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that Jesus Christ is here....*



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8:30- TRADITIONAL LITURGICAL SERVICE
9:30- EDUCATION HOUR
10:30 CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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News from Edmonds Lutheran Church

November 2013

For all the Saints!

Who are the saints, and what do they have to say to us?

Sunday, November 3 is All Saints Sunday.

On All Saints Day we remember with joy those who have gone before us. All who have lost loved ones and friends will be reminded that those dear ones continue to be part of us. *The cloud of witnesses* – Scripture calls them, the heavenly host of saints who accompany us on our journeys.

On this day we celebrate the communion of all the saints. Rather than being perfect Christians, the saints are people who have been made whole by the grace of God, through baptism into Christ. The communion of saints is a diverse array of witnesses who remind us of God's continuing faithfulness, past, present, and future. The saints challenge us to embody the surprising, world-reversing ways of the reign of God. As a congregation we delight in God's great mercy and rejoice with all the saints in glory.

All Saints Sunday will be a glorious day at Edmonds Lutheran Church. The choir will be singing *"Behold the Saints in Glory"* accompanied by our string ensemble, chime choir,

organ, and guest trumpeter at both services. Saints from our congregation who have died since All Saints Day 2012 will be remembered and their names read aloud, as photographs of many of the saints from our lives are displayed around the altar. All this reminds us that we are not alone. The communion of saints provides strength and hope for our own walk on earth.

We will host an adult forum at 9:30 on that day that helps us be more intentional about our own end of life planning.

Though this is a topic many prefer to avoid, it is quite a gift to our families when we make decisions before death.

Sandi Tennyson, from Dignity Memorial, will lead us through 4 simple steps to planning your final arrangements. We'll use refreshments, conversation and peace of mind to ourselves and our families.

*Blest are they,
Pastor Julie*

Worship News

NOVEMBER Worship and Forum Schedule

Nov 3	All Saints Sunday	End of Life Planning
Nov 10	Commitment Sunday with Marcia Riggers, Associate Minister	Thanksgiving for God's Blessings Luncheon at 11:30
Nov 17	New Members and Holy Baptism	Meet the new members
Nov 24	Christ the King Sunday	Funeral Planning Get a head start!
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Eve Worship- 7:00 pm	
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day Worship- 10:00 am	

In Memorium

Catherine Bahl Bunker 09/06/1922- 09/05/2013
Jean Kagi Folden 03/06/1938-09/23/2013
Florence Booker 12/22/1926- 09/27/2013
Phyllis Pan 12/14/1922-09/29/2013
Melinda (Mindy) Ruud 02/24/1947-10/08/2013

Resting in God's Everlasting Peace



Congratulations, Pastor Julie!

On Sunday, October 13th, ELC celebrated Pastor Julie's 20th Anniversary of ordained ministry. Pastor Julie was ordained at Central Lutheran in Seattle on October 3, 1993. Earning her DMin from San Francisco Theological Seminary, now the Rev Dr. Julie teaches at Seattle Univ, advises seminarians at Luther Seminary in Minnesota, mothers 7 kids (7!) and we are grateful and honored to call her our pastor. God Bless you Julie, here's to another 20 years!



Pastor Julie Celebrating Ordination in 1993



20th Anniversary at ELC - 2013

Mission News



Dear Partner in His Mission,

I have got to Beijing safely on Sunday. Thanks so much for your prayers!

I had such a blessed Home Assignment in the US. What a joy to share about God's work in China with those congregations who invited me in and to meet new friends and see old friends! Oh, I am so blessed by God's people such as you and your

partnership in God's work through your faithful prayer and generous giving! Thanks very much again for your hospitality, transportation and fellowship in Christ! I enjoyed my time in the States. I treasure your friendship and partnership in Christ Jesus! Thank you again for being "God with skin on" for me!

Since I came back, my phone has been ringing, schedules been made ... I love my Home Mission's slogan, "God's work, our hands." Pray that God will use our hands for His work to His glory and other's blessing, no matter where we are! Take good care!

Blessings! - Dorcas

ELC CALL COMMITTEE



Call Committee Update

- Paul Witzel, Chairperson

The call process is moving along surely, and we thank you for your patience. While Pastor Tim Oleson, our Candidate of Choice, continues his Clinical Pastoral Education program, your Church Council and FP&P Committee discussed ways for Tim to be involved at ELC. We want to give you and Tim the opportunity to get to know each other better, and we would like to support Pastor Julie in her many responsibilities. We have agreed to offer Pastor Tim a position as a Pastoral Assistant, much like the position Nancy Gradwohl held at ELC. He would work for half time in December and full time thereafter. By the way, it looks now like we will be able to call a general meeting in February to conduct a vote on whether to extend a call to Tim. As a Pastoral Assistant, we see him sharing preaching responsibilities, doing visitations, and collaborating with Pastor Julie. We are excited about the prospect of spending more time with Tim. Thank you for your ongoing prayers. As always, please contact a member of the committee with any questions or comments: Pastor Julie, Annie Fortnum, Bill Anderson, Diane McCallum, Jennifer Taylor, Chris Bonilla, Kalliope Avery and myself.

An Appeal from our Neighborhood Elementary School

I wanted to give you, and our supporters at Edmonds Lutheran Church, an update on our fundraising efforts for the 2013 - 2014 Safety Net Program at our school. We currently have enough funding to run our Safety Net Program until the end of December. We are going to be asking our neighbors and community members for support for the remainder of this school year (January through June).

If there is anything that Edmonds Lutheran Church can do to help us, we would be very grateful! Thank you!

Vonya King-Norton
 Family Support Coordinator, Safety Net Program
 Chase Lake Community School

ELC will be working with Chase Lake to secure Safety Net Funds. If you would like to help, call the church office at 425-744-8090. Thanks!



Thrivent Financial News



There is exciting news from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. They have announced the kick-off of the Thrivent Choice® Double Direction Church Campaign. During this one-time campaign, all Choice Dollars directions made to enrolled churches will be doubled* through Nov. 30 or until \$15 million total has been awarded, whichever comes first.

Last year, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provided more than \$100 million to help congregations, communities and individuals in need. The Thrivent Choice® program offers two ways members can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds.


Eligible members are designated "Choice Dollars", based on insurance premiums, contract values and volunteer leadership with Thrivent. Thrivent holds "Choice Dollars" in your name that a for profit company would pay the federal government. These funds or "Choice Dollars" are awarded each quarter and need to be directed at least once a year. These "Choice Dollars" can be directed to thousands of nonprofit organizations nationwide, including your local congregation. (I personally direct my to the Learning Center.) If you are eligible you should receive a letter in the mail at the point you became eligible. If you are unsure of your eligibility you can go on line and review the requirements. Once registered you can review the amount of "Choice Dollars" being held in your name. You can direct "Choice Dollars" to as many organizations as you like. However, you must direct a minimum of \$5 to each. Thrivent will then distribute the Choice Dollar grant funds to organizations monthly.

If you are a Thrivent member and the owner of a Thrivent product This time if you direct them before Nov. 30 the benefit to your selected ministry could be doubled.

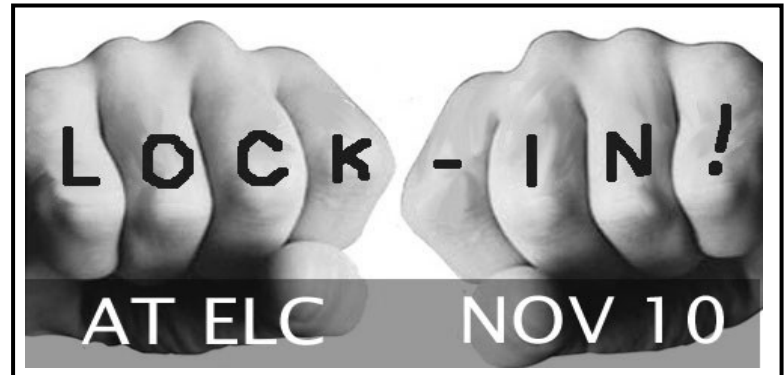
- ONLINE:**
 Step 1 -- Visit Thrivent.com
 Step 2 -- Scroll down and click on the "Get Started" button in the "How Do I Direct My Designated Choice Dollars: box.
 Step 3 -- Log in and enter your user ID and password. (If you haven't yet registered on Thrivent.com, click on "register" to do so.)
 Step 4 -- Look for your Choice Dollars to direct on the right side of the screen.
 Step 5 -- Search the catalog of organizations to find the organization you want to select.
 Step 6 -- Click on "Direct Now" to direct your designated Choice Dollars to benefit that organization.

- BY PHONE:**
 Step 1 -- Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice."
 Step 2 -- Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear the Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
 Step 3 -- A representative will then work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

Choice Dollars Expiration Date: Choice Dollars designated during the calendar year can be directed until March 31 of the following year. For example, you can direct Choice Dollars designated to you in 2013 until March 31, 2014.

Thankyou so much Dave Nelson. . .
 For taking the stools in the Sunday School room home and shortening the legs. Our kids have such an easier time fitting around the tables now, it has made Sunday School so much more manageable. Thank you!
 *Carrie Snyder*

Youth/Young Adult News



Movie Night. Pizza. *Generation Change—Money and Adolescents—a hands on approach.* Art. Practice Christmas carols for December 15. Pancakes! - Sunday @ 9 pm till Monday @ 8am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS GREAT FUN!


The students continue learning great OT Bible truths this month with the help of our fantastic team of volunteers (Teachers, TAs and Shepherds). Our Bible lessons match the worship scripture each week from the new Narrative Lectionary. We play games, do crafts and learn each Sunday a new Bible story. Here's what is planned for November.

Date	Lesson	Teacher	TA	Shepherd
11/3	Still, Small Voice	Matthew Synthandone	Sarah Witzel	Cathy Elkins
11/10	Amos	Matthew Synthandone	Sarah Witzel	Cathy Elkins
11/17	Isaiah	Andrew Josund-Brady	Emma Jewett	Kevin Jewett
11/24	Jeremiah	Noah Forslund	Peter Wick	Cathy Elkins
12/1	Advent Fair			




For high school youth (grades 9-12) in Lutheran congregations. We will feature mass gatherings with great speakers and musicians; learning and small group experiences; worship that takes you in new directions; an immersion experience in Los Angeles; a Southern California beach party, and much more! WSYG14 is not your average youth Gathering. Registration includes: all meals, lodging, event program, LA immersion experience, and a Beach Party. All this for \$399 per person! Registration is now open!

Confirmation starting up again for group A:
 Wednesdays 6:00-7:00
 Nov. 6th and 20th
 In the Youth Room



20 Something Group On Hold
 Our 20-somethings have busy schedules that don't jive with each other, . . .so the group will temporarily be on hold until we can find a time that everyone can meet. We'll keep you posted and update you when a time and place are confirmed. Until then, stay tuned!



Church Life News

Visiting Chef Draws Record Crowd at Annie's Kitchen

John Owen has been a tugboat chef for nearly a decade. Working a split shift from 4.30 am-7.00 pm, John cooks breakfast, lunch, and dinner for a crew of 11-20, 7 days a week. He has been working for Crowley Marine Services in Valdez, Alaska for 10 years. A couple times a year he drops down to the lower 48, and this is when you will have an amazing meal at Annie's Kitchen. "About 5 years ago, Bob Snyder met me at the gym, and when he found out I was a chef, he roped me in!" said John. On Wednesday, October 3rd, John was back in town and prepared a lovely meal of teriyaki beef, chicken marinara, fresh asparagus, rice pilaf and 100 pounds of mashed potatoes! "Bob started spreading the word that John was going to be in town and can you believe we had to ask people to give up their chairs when they were done eating for the crowds still coming through the doors. That only happens at Thanksgiving!" said ELC member

Rozella Kleven, "He also made 16 dozen of his famous homemade chocolate chip cookies, but those were gone before dinner was even served!" It is estimated that about 300 meals were served on October 3rd, and what a meal it was...thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers and resident Tugboat Chef, John Owen. *Thanks so much John!*



John Owen in ELC's Kitchen

St Francis of Assisi Sunday A Blessing Indeed!

"Recovering from surgery years back, my mom's doctor said that if she didn't already have a dog, he would have prescribed one to hasten her recovery!" said Pastor Julie on October 6th, the day we remember the life and work of St. Francis of Assisi.

The one Sunday a year when we acknowledge, pray for and anoint all the other creatures of the animal kingdom, ELC's Blessing of Pets service this year drew growing numbers of ELC member pets and non-member pets alike.

It was heartening to see so many new faces that found this unique worship service a draw, some who have another home church and others who don't attend church at all.

One neighbor came to church, lovingly cradling her dog in her arms, said he wouldn't be able to attend the whole service because he was dying from cancer. She left the service with tears and a smile, grateful to have this sacred moment before her final goodbyes to her furry companion.

Another neighbor wasn't able to bring her dogs because they "didn't do well in crowds," so she brought photos of them on her cell phone and asked Pastor Julie to hold the phone and bless them through "cyberspace".

ELC member Sue Davis, who also is a foster-mom for kittens through PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society) brought two adorable kittens to be blessed before they would be placed with new adoptive families.

It was a joyous service and a creative outreach to our neighbors and their furry friends!

A Prayer for Animals

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, especially for animals who are suffering;
 for animals that are overworked, underfed and cruelly treated;
 for all wistful creatures in captivity that beat their wings against bars;
 for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry;
 for all that must be put death.
 We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals, and so to share the blessings of the merciful.—Amen



Help ELC's Learning Center when you shop at Top Foods

Here's an easy way to support ELC's ministry to kids!

1. If you shop at Top Foods, sign up for a Top Foods card.
2. Visit www.top-foods.com and link your Top Connection Card to your favorite preschool (Edmonds Lutheran Church- Learning Center)

3. When you purchase participating School Bucks products with your Top Connection Card, Top Foods will contribute a percentage of your sale to your school.

Thank you!

Change of Address:

Jean Dreydoppel
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 cell- 425-248-9400
 Nursing Facility in Pennsylvania

To the ELC Community.....

What a pleasure to read today's Everett Herald story and view the pictures of the pet blessing! It was delightful. While I'm a devout Unitarian, I know how much people's pets mean to them. Your blessing ceremony reinforces this bond.

Thank you again! Very best, John Nicholls

Advent/Christmas News

Can We Get to Bethlehem before Christmas?

With over 53 registered walkers, Edmonds Lutheran Church is making the trip to Bethlehem. Will we make it to Bethlehem before Christmas?

This exercise program is designed to increase the physical, spiritual and emotional health of all participants. It's not too late to join in the fun. Everyone can participate seniors to grade school children. Check out the table in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between worship services to sign-up and start walking!




ELC has worship services on cd, and online. CD's can be found in a basket in the narthex. If you prefer to listen online, simply go to our website at <http://edmondslutheran.org>, click on "Worship and Music" and then click on "Sermons". The site is updated weekly so you can get the latest sermon with a few clicks of your mouse!

Food for the Soul



Come and join us! Groups try to meet monthly. Many meet in each other's homes and share a meal. Some go out to eat, and one group went out for brunch after church once a month.

Some groups choose a topic for discussion, and others just visit and enjoy each other's company. We hope you will become a part of this fellowship. The rewards are great!

- Diane McCallum and Sandy Eastly



CAROLS - Our celebration begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we gather to sing some favorite Christmas songs.

CRAFTS - We have many fun Craft projects planned!! All participants may make at least two of each craft - one to take home and the other will stay at ELC to decorate the Fellowship Hall Christmas tree.

NATIVITY SETS - Come and enjoy a display of manger scenes as ELC families share their Crèche from home. Plan to bring yours to display.

SPECIAL DRAWING - enter the drawing for a beautiful Nativity set.

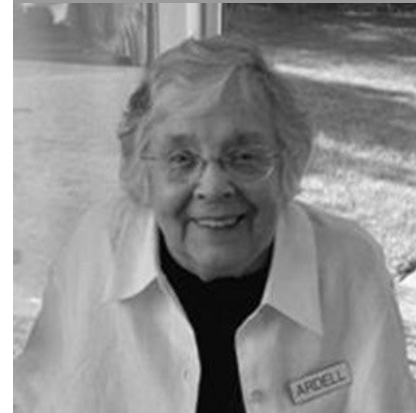
SOCK DRIVE - Bring socks for Compass Center for our homeless friends and neighbors.

ARE YOU CRAFTY? ADVENT FAIR HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for table "hosts" to help with this year's Advent Fair. Duties will include set-up of craft items, giving instructions to participants on how to assemble the craft, and clean-up. We are also open to your ideas for a simple Christmas ornament craft to feature at the fair. Please contact Donna in the office if you are interested in participating as a table host or have an idea we can explore. Thank you!

Church Life News

A REMARKABLE GIFT!



Recently, Edmonds Lutheran received a remarkable and unexpected gift.

The estate of Ardell Kuchenbecker delivered a check for \$50,000 to Pastor Julie. The gift was undesignated and the comment made was that Ardelle liked what we were doing with our ministry at Edmonds Lutheran and that we should continue it.

The amazing part about this gift was that because of health reasons Ardell was rarely present for worship at Edmonds Lutheran. Somehow she felt connected through communication and visits by our Care and Compassion team, pastors and interns.

Ardell had a very distinguished life. She had a Master Degree in Nursing, served in the US Army Reserve and taught at the University of Washington School of Nursing. She also supervised nursing at Group Health in Seattle and was selected as "Nurse of the Year" by the King County Nurses Association.

After retiring she established an antique business on Whidbey Island. In retirement she began a life of volunteerism and philanthropy. She volunteered regularly for nonprofit organizations, including the Seattle Audubon Society and especially St. Peter by the Sea Lutheran Church, which became part of Edmonds Lutheran in 2005.

Leadership has had thoughtful discussions how to best utilize this gift in the spirit in which Ardell gave it. We envisioned many ways this generous gift could further the mission of the congregation.

It was decided that \$5,000 will be added to the Edmonds Lutheran Endowment Fund. Ardell will be recognized as a Legacy member of the Endowment Fund. In addition \$25,000 will be placed in the ELCA Mission Investment Fund until needed for changes to and development of the garden area east of the sanctuary. The final \$20,000 will be added to funds to support a coming second pastor.

We are glad that Ardell felt so connected to Edmonds Lutheran and honored by her generosity. It is our hope that this financial gift will help others to feel connected, both to this congregation and to the love of God that sustained Ardell throughout her life.

Malcolm McCallum
Congregational President



Stewardship and Thanksgiving

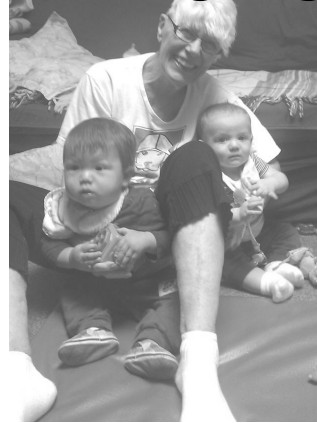
In this season of thanksgiving, sincere thanks are in order to everyone who supports our congregation throughout the year with their attendance, service and offerings.

For those of you who are interested, the church offers electronic giving options for making donations on a scheduled, automated basis. It's convenient for you and provides much needed financial consistency for the church.

Be sure to attend our *Thanksgiving for God's Blessings!* worship and celebration luncheon Sunday, November 10. Marcia Riggers, Associate in Ministry, will be with us. Please RSVP for this catered event on the count-me-in form in the bulletin, by calling the church office (425)744-8090 or office@edmondslutheran.org.

Learning Center News

When we think of November, Thanksgiving comes to mind.



Do we wake up every morning with a thankful heart? Babies are comforted with a hug, a bottle, a nap, or a clean diaper. This loving care makes them happy. It is later that we make personal choices in what will bring us happiness. Is it our family, friends, job, health, vacation, possessions, or something else that makes us

feel fulfilled, comforted, thankful, and happy?

All of these matter but I have found all of them are temporary....family members die, friends change, you retire, sickness happens, vacations are short, things get old.

I am often tempted to try to control my happiness by filling my life with the wrong priority. It is only when I remember to put God first in my life that I truly find happiness and have a thankful heart for all my blessings.

Ecclesiastes 2:26 To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and **happiness**, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Our list of thanks this month includes all our wonderful prayer pals who faithfully pray for their assigned child and give them gifts: Ilene Armintrout, Laurie Scott, Barbara Elias, Marjorie Folden, Hilde Glore, Dorothy Holman, Jean Kruse, Margo Lawrence, Diane McCallum, Carol Pauls, Corinne Petterson, Lee Siqueland, Carrie Snyder, Barbara Swenson, and Betty Vandenberg.

A special thanks to our returning Rocking Grandma Lee Siqueland, who helps out every Monday with the

infants. Thank you also to the following people. Herman Siqueland's talent was put to use and he constructed a cover for the sandbox to keep the rain and cats out. David Ruud surprised us with a donation of gloves and garbage bags last month. Patrick Brady and Carol Rypkema helped administratively in updating our codes used in the accounting for the Learning Center. The gleaners continue to remember the children with food donations and Marilyn set up Top Foods' donation program for the Learning Center. The same list of appreciated items includes: 5 oz paper cups, kleenex, large non-latex gloves, paper plates, and large white garbage bags. Finally, thank you all for your continued prayers for all the Learning Center children, parents, volunteers and staff!

We have 28 children currently enrolled in the Learning Center. Five families are receiving financial assistance, which comes close to \$1700 per month. I know God sends us the children that He wants us to love and serve, so we continue to have faith in offering this program. Money raised from the annual *Wreath Fundraiser* will be used for these families. Thank you all so very much for helping us fund these scholarships! **Happy Thanksgiving to you all** and may you remember:

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever". - 1 Chronicles 16:34
Amelia Nossum, Director



Buy a Wreath Fund a Scholarship

The Learning Center will begin Christmas Wreath sales in the middle of October. The sale of these wreaths provide scholarships to qualifying Learning Center families. This is a great way to get in the holiday spirit and help out an ELCLC family at the same time. Thank you for your support!

For more information, email Amelia at amelianossum@yahoo.com

Announcements

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

ACTIVITY/EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Overeaters Anonymous	Sundays - 6:30 pm	ELC (FS)
Staff Meeting	Mondays - 10:00 am	ELC (CR)
Chimes Rehearsal	Mondays - 6:30 pm	ELC (S)
Prayer Shawl Knitters	2nd and 4th Monday-1:00 pm	ELC (FS)
"Dine Out"	4th Monday - 5:30 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)
ACK Board Meeting	3rd Wednesdays at 4pm	CR
Clergy Text Study	Thursdays - 10:30 am	ELC (FS)
Traditions Choir	Thursdays - 6:30 pm	ELC (FH)
Drum Circle	3rd Saturday-10:00 am	ELC Sanctuary
Pinochle Group	3rd Friday - 7:00 pm	ELC (FH)
Women's Breakfast	3rd Saturday - 8:00 am	Swedish Edmonds Cafeteria
Rachel's Circle	3rd Tuesday—7pm	held at members' homes
Rebecca's Circle	2nd Tuesday 10:00am	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
MEETINGS		
F,P&P	2nd Monday-7:00 pm	ELC (CR)
Learning Center Board Mtg	2nd Wednesday- 6:00 pm	ELC (CR)
Learning Center Staff Mtg	3rd Wednesday-6:00 pm	ELC
Vision and Mission	Every other 4th Tues- 6:30 pm	ELC (FS)



ELC Book Club

Join us for good discussions and great fellowship! Everyone is invited! Meetings are at 7:30. Here is the information about our next books.

- November 5** - Linda Bloom - *Big Girl Small* by Rachel DeWoskin
- December 10 @ 6:00** - Sandy Eastly - Potluck Christmas Party & Book exchange
- January 7** - Mary & Dick Parker - *Where did you go Bernadette* by Maria Semple
- February 4** - Betty & Glen Neidhardt - *The Lifeboat* by Charlotte Rogan
- March 4** - *Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes
- April 1** - *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai

2013 Council

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Many Thanks



I want to thank all of you who sent cards and thoughts and prayers during the last 3 months after my complete knee replacement. Thanks too, for my prayer shawl, I have used it a lot. We are all blessed by the caring folks in our congregation!

-Ilene Armentrout

Church Life News



Just a note between girlfriends

In an evening class at Stanford University the last lecture was on the

mind-body connection - the relationship between stress and disease. The speaker (head of psychiatry at Stanford) said, among other things, that one of the best things that a man could do for his health is to be married to a woman whereas for a woman, one of the best things she could do for her health was to nurture her relationships with her girlfriends. Women connect with each other differently and provide support systems that help each other to deal with stress and difficult life experiences.

Physically this quality "girlfriend time" helps us to create more serotonin - a neurotransmitter that helps combat depression and can create a general feeling of well-being. Women share feelings whereas men often form relationships around activities. He said that spending time with a friend is just as important to our general health as jogging or working out at a gym.

Soooooo let's toast to our friendship with our girlfriends. Evidently it's very good for our health. This would be an excellent reason to join a Edmonds Lutheran Church Women's Bible study. Second Tuesday morning of each month, at 10 AM. You can check the calendar for locations or call Dorothy Holman (206) 546-6486 for a ride. The third Tuesday of each month in the evening at 7 PM Rachel Circle meets. The location should be on the calendar via the web site or and you can call Carol Swackhammer (206) 546-3313 for more information.



Silk Painted Banner Workshop

Saturday, November 16th
Noon-4pm
Edmonds Lutheran Church

Liturgical Artist Kris Garratt is going to present a hands-on workshop at Edmonds Lutheran Church to teach them how to create large-scale painted silk banners for their sanctuary. One of the beauties of this style of art is anyone with any skill level can participate in a meaningful way. Under her leadership and vision they will create three 14' x 36" banners for use during the Advent season. People from area churches are invited, with the idea that these skills can easily be brought back to their own communities. Another benefit - this style of banner making is pretty inexpensive (about \$140 a banner). There is no charge. The event will be held in the fellowship hall at Edmonds Lutheran Church. Light snacks will be provided. If you would like to come just reply to this e-mail and I will add you to the list. Grace abounds but space is limited. Questions, please contact Darren Hochstedler, Director of Music Ministries at 206-719-6449 or administrator@prlc.org

Church Council News

The Council met on Tuesday, September 24, 2013
7:00 pm

Present: President Malcolm McCallum, Vice President Doug Walker, Pastor Julie Josund, Patrick Brady, Margaret Johnson, Janice Allan, Bob Ramborger, Mike Bloom, Chris Nelson, Chris Bonilla, David Gerlach, and Paul Witzel

* Update on sanctuary skylight by Dave Gerlach. David shared that the City of Edmonds has received our plan. Our plan is on budget. We discussed some new changes to the plan and \$10,000 in additional costs. We will have to remove the paneling and drywall the upper section just below the skylight. We will also have to lower the roof peak to meet city code. We will have to vacate the sanctuary during the work, for four weeks—three Sundays. Patrick suggested that we bring the designers into the discussion to get their input about the finishing work. It would add to the completion time. Discussion ensued around the timing of the work. We were concerned that it would not be finished until December. The Church Council agreed that we need to wait until next spring or summer to do the work. We could combine other sanctuary remodel elements at the same time.

* Brief financial update. Margaret shared that we have \$24,000 in income from general offerings so far this month. We will have spent \$34-35,000 by the end of the month. Offerings were a little more than last month. We had some large expenditures, like tree removal, in September. Larger future expenditures need to be brought to the attention of Margaret. The CPA doing our audit has requested that we put a value on our furnishings and equipment worth over \$500.

* Property projects update
Basement bathrooms. They are finished.
Signage including South Parking Lot. It lets people know that children could be present. We received a couple of mockups for signs over our main doors. The cost is between \$5000-\$6000.
Grounds. Three trees were removed.
Electrician. He has been contracted to work on weekends.

* New business
Constitutional changes. Malcolm shared that we need to make a number of changes to the constitution. The national church is asking for several modifications. He raised the idea of having just a Church Council, instead of having a Vision and Mission Committee and FP&P Committee and a Council. We agreed that having one Council makes sense. We would convene a general congregation meeting on December 8th to vote on the changes to the constitution.

Room With a View utilization. We need the various stakeholders to meet and discuss possibilities.
Community Pea Patch. We discussed raising the level of the beds, add more beds and offer plots to members. Thrivent may contribute funds.

* Old business
Tithing of 212th interest payments. Checks have been written to three recipients: Church of the Beloved, the Fund for Future Rostered Leaders, and Chase Lake Elementary. These checks will go out monthly.

* Other business
Jan shared that she has explored where members we might not see regularly have gone.
Kevin Jewett will be splitting the logs from the removed trees.

Submitted by Paul Witzel, Secretary



A Call for Mug Shots

Its so fun to thumb through our monthly newsletter and see photos of members and friends, rather than stock images or clipart. So here's a challenge: at your next circle meeting, council meeting, prayer breakfast, bring along your camera and take a few shots and send them to suzybaroud@hotmail.com.

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10a NA Women's Group (SS) 10a String Ensemble (S)
3 ALL SAINTS DAY 8:30a Traditional Worship (S) 9:30a Adult Forum/ School Hour 10:30a Celebration Worship 6:30p OA (FH) <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	4 10a Staff Mtg (CR) 6p Dance Group (SS) 6:00p Stewardship Dinner (Old Spaghetti Factory) 6:30p Chime Choir (S) 7p NA (FH)	5 7:30p Book Club (Bloom) 7:30p NA (SS)	6 9a Men's Breakfast (Edmonds Pancake Haus) 10:30a Bible Study (FS) 5p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 6p Confirmation (YR)	7 10:30a Clergy Text Study (FS) 6:30p Sanctuary Choir (S) 1:00 p Endowment with Beth Adams (FS)	8 6:00 p Next Steps (Andersons)	9 9a set-up for "thanksgiving" dinner on 11/10 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
10 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY Commitment Sunday and Luncheon 8:30a Traditional Worship (S) 9:30a Adult Forum/ School Hour 10:30a Celebration Worship 11:30a Thanksgiving dinner 6:30p OA (FH) 9p Cluster Youth Group (ELC) (Lock-in at ELC)	11 VETERANS DAY Learning Center is closed Cluster Youth Group (ELC) (Lock-in at ELC) 10a Staff Mtg (CR) 1p Prayer Shawl (FS) 6p Dance Group (SS) 6:30p Chime Choir (S) 7p F, P&P (CR) 7p NA (FH)	12 10a Rebecca Circle 7:30p NA (SS)	13 10:30a Bible Study (FS) 5p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 6p Learning Center Board Mtg (CR)	14 10:30a Clergy Text Study (FS) 6:30p Sanctuary Choir (S)	15 7p Pinochle (FH)	16 8a Women's Breakfast (Swedish Cafe) 10a Drum Circle (S) 10a NA Women's Group (SS) 10a Visual Arts Workshop (FH) set-up 12p Visual Arts Workshop (FH)
17 NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY 8:30a Traditional Worship (S) 9:30a Adult Forum/ School Hour 10:30a Celebration Worship 6:30p OA (FH)	18 10a Staff Mtg (CR) 6p Dance Group (SS) 6:30p Chime Choir (S) 7p NA (FH)	19 10a Quilters (FH) 7:00p Council Meeting (FS) 7p Rachel's Circle 7:30p NA (SS)	20 9a Men's Breakfast (Edmonds Pancake Haus) 10:30a Bible Study (FS) 5p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 6p Confirmation (YR) 6p Learning Center staff Mtg (LCR)	21 10:30a Clergy Text Study (FS) 6:30p Sanctuary Choir (S)	22	23 8a Electrical work at ELC- no electricity all day (ELC- no electricity al day) 9:30a Synodical Women's Board Mtg (Swackhammer's home) 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
24 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 8:30a Traditional Worship (S) 9:30a Adult Forum/ School Hour 10:30a Celebration Worship 6:30p OA (FH)	25 10a Staff Mtg (CR) 1p Prayer Shawl (FS) 5:30p Dine Out 6p Dance Group (SS) 6:30p Chime Choir (S) 7p NA (FH)	26 7:30p NA (SS)	27 10:30a Bible Study (FS) 5p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 7p Thanksgiving Eve Service	28 THANKSGIVING Office & Learning Center closed 10a Thanksgiving Day Service	29 Office & Learning Center closed	30 10a NA Women's Group (SS) 11a Moravian Church (FS, FH)

Birthday Blessings to our Friends at ELC!

"God danced on the day you were born"

- November 1- Bob Folgalden
- November 2- Kevin Isaac
- November 4- Elaine Poffenroth
- November 6- Mara Vlastic
- November 8- Dorothy Sjodin
- November 13- Kathy Ludgate
- November 16- Owen Huffington
- November 19- Margaret Booth-Averill
- November 20- Kevin Marshall
- November 20- Lee Siqueland
- November 21- Dean Phillips
- November 23- Kayla Avery
- November 23- Lindsey Barnes
- November 23- Marilyn Gerspacher
- November 25- Noah Forslund
- November 25- Virginia Lee
- November 28- Monika Schuller
- November 29- John Bumanglag



Anniversary Blessings to:

- Julie Josund and Patrick Brady (November 11)**
- Glen and Betty Neidhardt (November 11)**
- Harold and Maxine Coon (November 20)**

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

~ Martin Luther