

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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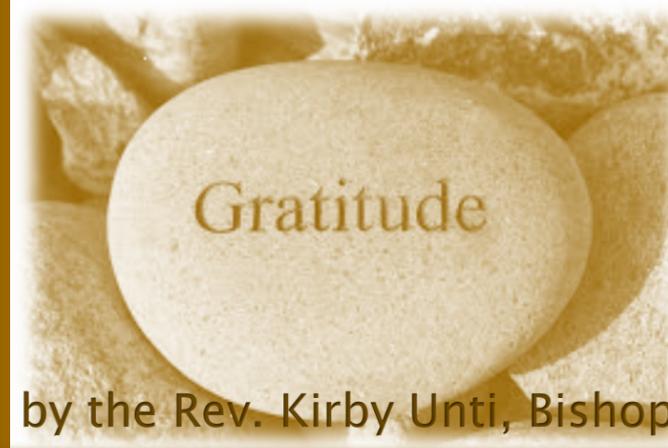
ANNIE'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN Thanksgiving Feast Wednesday, November 25

JOIN US!



News from Edmonds Lutheran Church

November 2015



by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop

*Yes, everything is for your sake, so that
grace, as it extends to more and more
people, may increase thanksgiving, to
the glory of God. - 2 Corinthians 4:15*

I am a "Wannabe Mr. Fix It". I hold in high regard people who, no matter what it is, possess the knack to figure it out. I have learned I am really good at taking things apart but not so good at putting them back together again. Back in the good old days I took great pride in maintaining the Mimeograph. We seldom had to call on the technician. Nowadays I just watch in awe when the Copier Technician shows up. They get tired of me peering over their shoulders and asking questions.

For years I was able to maintain my own cars. My handy dandy Sears Testing Unit and Timing Light made it doable. The advance of technology soon put my back yard garage out of business.

I had to resort to taking my car to a mechanic who had the gall to charge me \$90.00 an hour to do one thing I once could do on my own. One day I was complaining bitterly to my father about how much I had to pay. He stopped me cold in my tracks with the question, "Just who do you think you are? Do you think you are the only person who deserves to earn a living wage? Rather than whining about what you have to pay why don't you feel good knowing that not only do you help the mechanic to put food on the table for his family, you are helping all of the employees that work there."

My father had an uncanny way of reminding me of my rightful place in the universe. Equally important he taught me how life-giving it is to learn to be grateful. I have to tell you this one painful incident really turned me around and I began to understand my money and possessions in a whole new way.

"Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God." -2 Corinthians 4:15

Being willing to give of our resources and possessions with joy can become an act of grace. It has the power to stir up in our lives the wonderful experience of gratitude.

When I began to look back over my father's life I realized this is how he lived it.

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Worship News

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Again I remember resenting him when he sold our family home to a young family just starting out for what I thought was under market value. When I pressed him on the issue he went on to tell me the story of how my parents were able to buy our family home. My grandparents loaned them a portion of the down payment and the realtor went without charging a commission. My dad was just paying it forward.

He said, "I will get far more joy out of knowing I helped a young family get a start than the few thousand dollars that placed it below market value."

We are living in a culture where money holds so many of us hostage. Maybe we need to see it the way my dad did. A gift first received which becomes a gift of gratitude when given away with a measure of grace.

November Worship Adult Forum Schedule



REMEMBERING THE CHURCH *in Stewardship*

My parents, Art and Virginia Lee, were active members in the church as long as they were physically able. Their financial commitment was constant throughout their lives. After my father passed away in 2013, my mother and I met with her financial advisor. I asked whether she and my father had made a provision in their will for the church. I was prompted to ask the question because while serving on the Stewardship Committee the previous November, the subject of estate planning arose. My mother, in fact, told me that she and my father discussed this very thing many times, but never got around to doing anything about it. Her advisor made a suggestion of how a bequest to the church could easily be done without going through probate, and my mother decided that is what she wanted to do. This decision resulted in a substantial gift to the church. I would encourage you also to remember the church in stewardship.

- Sue Phillips



Nov 1	All Saints Sunday One Service at 9:30 Forum: Ministry Goals for 2016
Nov 8	The Widows Mite (2 services) Forum: Sabbatical Part 3 The 'Hurtingruten' - the "Coastal Express" boat trip up the coast of Norway -Pastor Julie
Nov 15	Commitment Sunday (2 services) Forum: ELC Ministry Fair (after each service)
Nov 22	Christ the King Sunday One Service at 9:30 am Forum: Theological Reflections: Finding God in Everyday Experiences—Pastor Tim
Nov 29	Advent I Forum: Advent Fair (after each service)

Thu	Fri	Sat
10:00am rehearsal 11:00am Rehearsal	6	7 10a Changes Parent Support (FS) 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
10:00am rehearsal 11:00am Rehearsal	13 7p New Member Event (FS/K)	14 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
10:00am rehearsal 11:00am Rehearsal	20 7p Pinochle (FH)	21 10a Drum Circle (S) 10a NA Women's Group (SS) 11:30a Recorder Ensemble (S)
10:00am rehearsal 11:00am Rehearsal	27	28 10a NA Women's Group (SS)

Light Savings Starts November 1st!

*Birthday Blessings to
our Friends at ELC!*

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

- November 1- Bob Folgedalen*
- November 1- Brian Fulmer*
- November 2- Cecil Hughey*
- November 2- Kevin Isaac*
- November 4- Elaine Poffenroth*
- November 6- Mara Vlasic*
- November 7- Craig Hopper*
- November 8- Dorothy Sjodin*
- November 13- Kathy Ludgate*
- November 19- Margaret Booth-Averill*
- November 20- Kevin Marshall*
- November 20- Lee Siqueland*
- November 21- Dean Phillips*
- November 23- Kalliope Avery*
- November 23- Lindsey Barnes*
- November 23- Marilyn Gerspacher*
- November 24- Paul Witzel*
- November 25- Noah Forslund*
- November 29- John Bumanglag*



Anniversary Blessings to:

- Julie and Patrick Josund-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

~ November 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
1 All Saints Day All Saints Day 9:30a Worship 6p NA (SS) 6:30p OA (FH)	2 6p Dance Group (SS) 7p NA (FH)	3 10:30a Staff Mtg (CR) 12p Wisdom for Living Class (RWV) 7:30p NA (SS)	4 10:30a Bible Study (FS) 11:30a Clergy Text Study (FS) 4p ACK Board Meeting (CR) 5p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 5:30p Confirmation	5 6:30p Cf 7:30p Cf (S)
8 8:30a Traditional worship 10:30a Celebration Worship 6p NA (SS) 6:30p OA (FH)	9 9a Special Event (FS) 12p Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS) 6p Dance Group (SS) 7p NA (FH)	10 10:30a Staff Mtg (CR) 12p Wisdom for Living Class (RWV) 7p ELC Council Mtg (FS) 7:30p NA (SS)	11 10:30a Bible Study (FS) 11:30a Clergy Text Study (FS) 5p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 5:30p Confirmation	12 6:30p Cf 7:30p Cf (S)
15 Stewardship Sunday 8:30a Traditional worship 10:30a Celebration Worship 6p NA (SS) 6:30p OA (FH)	16 6p Dance Group (SS) 7p NA (FH)	17 10a Quilters (FH) 10:30a Staff Mtg (CR) 12p Wisdom for Living Class (RWV) 7:30p NA (SS)	18 10:30a Bible Study (FS) 11:30a Clergy Text Study (FS) 5p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 5:30p Confirmation 6p Learning Center Bd Mtg (CR)	19 6:30p Cf 7:30p Cf (S)
22 Christ the King Sunday One Service at 9:30 am 6p NA (SS) 6:30p OA (FH)	23 12p Prayer Shawl Ministry (FS) 6p Dance Group (SS) 7p NA (FH)	24 10:30a Staff Mtg (CR) 12p Wisdom for Living Class (RWV) 7:30p NA (SS)	25 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 (LCTR) 7p Thanksgiving Eve Service	26 Thanksg 10a Ser
29 1st Sunday in Advent Creation/Healing of the Earth 8:30a Traditional worship 10:30a Celebration Worship 6p NA (SS) 6:30p OA (FH)	30 6p Dance Group (SS) 7p NA (FH)	Don't forget Dayli Sunday, No		

Church Life News



We'll be collecting hygiene items throughout the month of November to make personal care kits that can be distributed to folks on Wednesday nights, such as Chase Lake Community School and Tent City. Please bring hygiene items throughout the month of November and leave them in the basket in the Narthex. A special offering will be taken during our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday November 25th and those funds will go towards the purchase of more items for personal care kits.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE,
HERE ARE SOME IDEAS:**

gallon size Ziplock bags	shampoo/conditioner	soap	dental floss	shaving cream
razors	toothbrushes	diapers	baby wipes	feminine hygiene products
toilet paper	mouthwash	breath mints	comb	bandaids
lip balm	deodorant	hand sanitizer	nail clipper	Kleenex

**All of these items can be regular or travel size.
PASTOR JULIE, PASTOR TIM AND OUR CONFIRMATION**



We'll also be collecting socks for Compass Housing Alliance. Long white tube socks are in high demand!



Leave your socks in the basket in the Narthex.

THANK YOU!

Church Life News

Annie's Kitchen Thanksgiving Feast is **Wednesday, November 25th at 5 pm**. We could still use donations of turkeys, we are about 100 pounds short! Please come and eat, serve, visit and enjoy this wonderful meal with us. It a great way to show our gratitude for all God has given us in 2015!

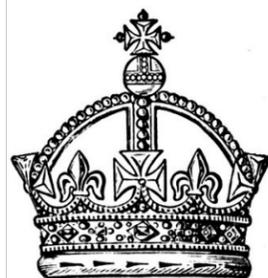


Worshipping Together

We will gather together in one worship service during the following Sundays in November:

All Saint's Sunday - Sunday, Nov 1 at 9:30 am

Christ the King Sunday - Sunday, Nov 22 at 9:30 am



Christ the King

Bring your friends to Church for



Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 25
7:00 pm

Thanksgiving Day Worship
Thursday, November 26
10:00 am

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	Thursdays-7:30 pm	ELC (S)
Recorder Ensemble	3rd Saturdays- 11:00 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	Thursdays at 10:30 am	ELC (FS)
Traditions Choir	Thursdays - 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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Fellowship and Events	Betty Vandenberg	425-778-5657

Opportunities
to
serve
& grow

ELC
Ministry Fair
NOVEMBER 15

MINISTRY FAIR - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

There are so many wonderful ways to get plugged in to the many exciting ministries at ELC.

Please plan on attending this casual informational fair to learn more and possibly consider being more involved in all your church has to offer.

Please let the office know about the table you and your ministry group would like to reserve to call attention to your work as you invite others to join you. The fair will be held after each service.

Church Life News

12 REASONS WHY I HAVE DECIDED TO QUIT ATTENDING SPORTS EVENTS



1. The coach never came to visit me.
2. Every time I went, they asked for money.
3. The people sitting in my row didn't seem very friendly.
4. The seats were very hard.
5. The referees made a decision I didn't agree with.
6. I was sitting with hypocrites—they only came to see what others were wearing!
7. Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home.
8. The band played some songs I had never heard before.
9. The games are scheduled on my only day to sleep in and run errands.
10. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
11. Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches, anyway.
12. I don't want to make my children go because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.



Hats Off

To Barb Swenson who works 2 Office Angel shifts each week! Barb is a master editor for both the weekly worship bulletin and sometimes our monthly newsletter. She is an absolutely indispensable member of our volunteer office team. Thank you, Barb!

To Barb Elias who never ceases to amaze with her talents, hospitality and compassion as members and non-members alike turn to the church for celebratory events like baptisms or sorrowful times like memorials. Barb is gracious and always kind to everyone who ever visits our church. She is an amazing ambassador for our church family!



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

Music Ministry News

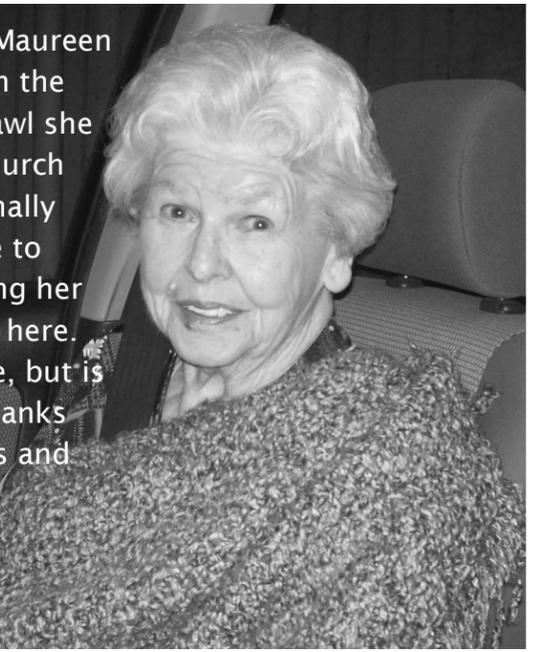
I want to thank my Edmonds Lutheran Church family for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and the visits from Bonnie and Jimmy Clarke and Pastor Julie, while I was in rehab for my recent hip surgery. Also, thanks to Dave Ruud who brought the beautiful prayer shawl that I wrapped myself in while we shared communion. God bless all of you.

- Corinne Petterson



Here's my mother, Maureen Crooker, wrapped in the beautiful prayer shawl she was given by our church knitters. She was finally able to return home to Florida after breaking her pelvis while visiting here. She is still a bit sore, but is on the mend and thanks you for your prayers and the blanket.

Claudia Bailey



Social Club for Widows and Widowers

A new and informal group for those having lost a spouse is being formed at **Edmonds Lutheran Church** and will be meeting for the first time on **JANUARY 8, 2016 at 2:00 pm** in the Fireside Room.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of the time since your loss!

Questions? Call 425-744-8090



Advent Fair at ELC

ADVENT FAIR AT ELC

ELC will be hosting an Advent Fair on Sunday, November 29th, between both services. If you have an idea for a fun activity to share at the fair, let us know. We are looking for folks to help with crafts, Christmas cookie decorating, yule logs, etc. Please plan on attending and bringing a friend. This is a great way to usher in the holiday season!

Church Life News

ELC honors those loved ones who have gone before us this year.

...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints... - Ephesians 6:18

Ethan Colombana	1/4/15
Cheron Mayhill	2/3/15
Ted Oden	2/18/15
Gertrude Holland	2/19/15
Ray Gloré	3/6/15
Dick Sanderson	3/30/15
Dick Parker	5/8/15
Tessa Johnson	6/20/15
Tom Opstad	8/6/15
Virginia Lee	8/18/15
Mary Schulz	10/6/15



Our confirmands receiving study bibles during worship. Grace Wick. Kyra Isaac. Sarah Forslund, Aidan Colombana

ELC
LOVES



NEW MEMBERS!

Come and rejoice in the installation of new members to the family of God at worship on Sunday, November 22!

New members will have an informal social at ELC on November 13th. If you are interesting in joining our community, call one of our pastors at 425-744-8090.

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 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.



Learning Center News



Psalm 103:17 says, "from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children."

Reason for picking this verse is to remind me that I need to be a Godly example to my grandson who was born October 6th. When I think of fearing God, I only think of not being afraid because of His love for me. **"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."** **Isaiah 41:10** My fear then would only be if all those I love do not have Jesus as their Lord and Savior. The Bible assures us that **"even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed."** **Proverbs 21:21** So I need to be bold, speak God's truth and proclaim the good news that God sent His Son to save us because He loves His children. My prayer is that my children's children, your grandchildren and all the Learning Center children will truly be filled with God's love and lead righteous lives.

We welcome 3 new children, Neo, Itzae and Mason to the Learning Center making our enrollment 25 children. In October, \$1620.90 tuition assistance was provided to three families. The APPLE Study (Active Preschoolers

Play & Learn) conducted by the University of WA last month gifted the Learning Center with \$200 for supplies. Thank you Bonnie Clarke for the blender (Carol can now make smoothies for the kids), stamps and house plant. The kids truly love the trucks and blocks donated by Travis and Barb Wills-thank you! A special thanks to Pastor Julie, Pastor Tim and Kathy Ludgate, who participated in interviews with our state licenser and staff. God continues to bless the Learning Center because of your prayers and support! Thank you!

Our annual Fall Pumpkin Carving Party was held on October 27th, and thank you to all who attended and helped with this function. Thanks too for your continued donations of Kleenex, kitchen garbage bags, 5 ounce cups, large non-latex gloves and all sizes of batteries.

Proverbs 17:6 starts with, **"Children's children are a crown to the aged."** Sounds like a gift of grandchildren from God that needs to be cherished. All the children that have been and are enrolled in the Learning Center are a blessing. It should be our desire as children of God to continue to **"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."** **Proverbs 22:6** Edmonds Lutheran Church has this outreach mission because it knows how important it is to spread the love of Jesus. As Edmonds Lutheran Church Learning Center looks to the future it has nothing to fear and will lack nothing if it trusts in the Lord. **"Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing."** **Proverbs 32:9**

Thanks be to God for all His Blessings, which includes each of you! Happy Thanksgiving!

Amelia Nossun, Director