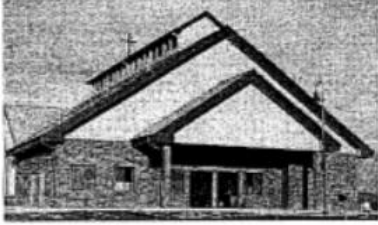


The Eternal Light



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JUNE 2022 – ESLC



**From the
Pastor's Desk**



To the Saints at Eternal Savior Lutheran Church in Lafayette, Colorado

Let me begin by saying it is truly an honor and a privilege to be here in Beautiful Colorado with all of you. My name is Gary Schultz, and I am your new Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP). I have been married for almost 35 years to my wonderful wife Marlys. We have one daughter named Elizabeth who is a high school teacher of family and consumer education and she is also a college professor in the same discipline. I have a great son-in-law named Jacob who served as a marine. He currently now works in security at a college in Wisconsin. I have two awesome grandchildren, who I adore, Abby and Henry. My wife and I also have a parish cat named Snowball who is sixteen years old and has traveled with us on all our journeys.

I have, by the grace of God, served many congregations and in many different capacities: I have served as Pastor, Senior Pastor, Administrative Pastor, Vacancy Pastor, Vicarage Supervisor, and now Intentional Interim Pastor. I have served districts as a district reconciler, district mediator, Pastor Confessor, and also as Circuit Visitor. I have served congregations in Illinois (beginning with my vicarage) at Concordia Lutheran Church in Berwyn. I have served congregations in Northwestern Ontario Canada, Northern and Western Minnesota, Central and South Eastern Wisconsin, and now Lafayette Colorado.

I have a Bachelor's Degree (BA) in Organizational Management and Communication from Concordia University Saint Paul Minnesota. I also have a Masters in Divinity (MDIV) with a major in theology from Concordia Seminary Saint Louis. I also have Certificate in Intentional Interim Ministry (IIM) from the same institution. Currently, I am pursuing my Doctorate in Ministry (DMIN) with a focus on Church Leadership and Pastoral Care, from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I am currently writing my dissertation for that degree.

I enjoy fishing, classical cars, toy trains, and wood-working. Again, it is truly an honor and a privilege to be here at Eternal Savior Lutheran Church in Beautiful Lafayette, Colorado. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you as we go about the work the Lord would have us do.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Gary H. Schultz

June Activities

- **Congregational Meeting with Pastor Schultz! Wednesday, June 1, in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.** Pastor Schultz has arrived in Lafayette and is eager to meet all of us! He will use this time to introduce himself and share his thoughts regarding his IIP ministry with us. We will be having a light meal starting at 6:00PM with the meeting starting at 6:30PM. This is an important meeting for all of us to attend! We will provide a Zoom link for folks that are unable to be with us in person. Supervised activities will be provided for the children.
- Pastor Schultz' installation service will take place on **Sunday, June 5** during our morning service. Our District President and other Circuit pastors will be with us for this joyous occasion. A reception will follow the service.
- **Confirmation will be Sunday, June 12.** We are looking forward to welcoming Pastor Rhode to join with Pastor Schultz in leading worship and conducting the Rite of Confirmation as we welcome Noah Mayer to communicant membership!
- Yes **Vacation Bible School** is back!!! – **June 13-17, 9:00-11:30.** Please join us for Vacation Bible School, the theme is **“Rainforest Explorers: Jesus Leads the Way”**. If you are willing to volunteer for VBS, please contact Stacy Jundt.

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of May were:

May 1	\$4,449
May 8	\$2,670
May 15	\$1,993
May 22	\$1,765

This weekly average (\$2,719) compares to our 2022 weekly budget needs of **\$4,369**.

A note from our Treasurer!

On Monday, May 2nd, at 9:42a.m., I was completing a few of my treasurer's duties for the church. It was then that I hit the "SUBMIT TRANSFER" button sending a payment of \$1,842.93 from our General Fund to our LCEF mortgage. **THE LAST PAYMENT!!!**

This inspired me to take a moment and reflect on how we got here; 1994- decision to purchase the land, 2002 – decision to move, 2003 – breaking ground and dedication. The votes, the meetings, the capital campaign meals and kick-off dinner.

No matter how big our congregation, this was not possible for us, but with God's help all things are possible, and He has blessed us with the ability to reach this milestone.

When we created the 2022 budget there were several unknowns about the compensation for our future Pastor or IIP. Our current budget falls a little short in covering the actual expenses. However, we have been able to set aside funds from the first part of the year and I believe we are in a good spot thanks to your continued, ongoing support.

Please keep the financial and spiritual status of our congregation in your daily prayers.

Mark Bunge, Treasurer

Smiles, Handshakes and Hugs as We Wish a Warm Farewell to Pastor Fiene



On May 15, 2022 we celebrated and appreciated Pastor Fiene's five months of pastoral care in our midst. As we entered January of this year without an IIP in place, our congregation could have been in a position of uncertainty from Sunday to Sunday. Our Lord blessed us with Pastor Fiene's ministry and care; not only in the pulpit on Sundays, but with shut-in visits, prospective member visits, children's devotions, weekly Bible Studies and special services for Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter. Additionally, through his ministry, Eternal Savior and ULC have continued to grow in fellowship as well.

We wish Pastor Fiene and Solveig every blessing as they leave us. They are in our hearts, minds and prayers as they look forward to travel, seeing more of family, and the next phase of "retired" life. We hope to see them again soon!

Soli Deo Gloria!

We Welcome Katherine Crane to the Eternal Savior Family



With joy and thanksgiving, we received Katherine Crane into membership on May 15, 2022. Katherine first attended worship via our online streaming and more recently has joined us in the sanctuary on Sundays! She is also an accomplished handbell ringer and has been ringing lots of bells most of her life. She says, "The more the better!" Katherine currently lives in Westminster and is looking at moving to Erie. A graduate of Kansas State, Katherine is an industrial engineer with about ten years in the profession. We give thanks to God that He has brought Katherine to our congregation that we may all continue to grow in love and service together. Welcome Katherine!

Thank You! On behalf of Julie, Brittany, Ashley and myself our deepest thanks and gratitude for the support and donations given us by our fellow congregants at Eternal Savior to aid our recovery efforts, it is most appreciated. God's blessings to you all. Rick Seydel

LWML WinGs Mite collection reminder:

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand" (1 Chronicles 29:14 NIV).

Do you have spare change in your pocket or coin purse? The mite box is waiting to be filled! These offerings make a huge difference when added to others across the USA for mission grants.

Thank you from the women of the **LWML WinGs** group

MyDistrict



May 2022

Marshall Fire Contributions



When a disaster strikes, Christians come together!

The Marshall fire raged through Louisville and Superior on December 30th last year, wiping out whole neighborhoods on its way. All in all, the 6000-acre fire destroyed or badly damaged over 1,000 homes and many businesses. The devastating fire was recorded as the most destructive fire in Colorado's history and declared a major disaster. Many neighboring towns, organizations, and churches pulled in resources to combat the fire and unite in the aftermath, providing shelter, comfort, food, and clothing to those affected.

Our church, Eternal Savior Lutheran Church, in Lafayette, Colorado, is within a fifteen-minute drive north-east from the fire, and the parishioners feared the worst. Eternal Savior was spared, and thankful. Soon after the fire, ESLC members collected over \$6,500 toward the needs of families we identified who experienced loss due to the fire. We were grateful for the generosity of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Colorado and a member's family from out of state, who contributed significant funds toward this effort, as well as the kindness and generosity of our own members. The money was distributed among nine families, members and friends of ESLC, as well as the Sister Carmen Community Center, an active contributor to the Marshall Fire relief efforts.

Toward the end of March, the ESLC congregation was approached by Pastor Schlechte, our district president, with a request to identify even more individuals affected by the fire in view of additional funds the district had received. We gratefully accepted the challenge. In this effort, we approached several non-profit organizations already involved in helping people affected by the tragedy and devastation. The Sister Carmen Community Center, which has become a central go-to organization for the fire survivors, providing food, clothing, household items, shelter, rent assistance, and more, were given additional funds. We also identified "Hope Lives Here, Colorado," a non-profit whose mission is rebuilding bedrooms for children who lost their homes. To date, they've built over 70 bedrooms,

with more to come. We are blessed to be able to sponsor 8 bedrooms out of the funds received from the district. We also got in touch with the Marshall Fire Community Group, comprising close to 6,000 members, who helped us identify 34 families who were experiencing hardship paying for groceries and gas. Our \$150 gift cards were oftentimes received by survivors with tears in their eyes and stories that touched our hearts. Several grateful recipients noted they now were able to afford to celebrate Easter with their families.

Between the Rocky Mountain District contribution of \$42,266.32, and Eternal Savior and other Missouri Synod congregation cash and gift card contributions of \$7,057 – a total of \$49,323.32 in funds was provided to affected community members. The breakdown of funds distributed were as follows:

- Hope Lives Here Colorado, providing 8 bedrooms for children: \$16,000.00
- Sister Carmen Community Center: \$13,223.32
- Twelve individual families (members and congregational friends): \$15,100.00
- Marshall Fire Community Group (34 families) food and gas assistance: \$ 5,000.00



REMINDERS

Please be responsible!!! For everyone who has access to the church building, it is your responsibility when you leave to make sure that all lights are off, the heat/air-conditioning/fans are turned back or off and all of the **doors are locked and secure!!** Please do double checks before you leave.

Have you checked out the newly revised and **updated ESLC website**? It contains lots of important information including the Eternal Savior church calendar and who will be serving each week. You can also find Pastor Rhode's archived sermons. Please check it out at www.eternalsavior-lutheran.org.

Sunday Morning Bible Study! Please join us each Sunday at 10:40AM in the Fellowship Hall!

Sunday School! We are studying the "Enduring Faith" curriculum, Unit 8. Sunday School opening is at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. All children are encouraged to join us!

Prayer request cards are available on a table in the narthex. If you would like to include a prayer request in Sunday's prayers, please email secretary at secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org

Parking spaces in front of the church should be reserved for those members and visitors that need to park close to the building due to health concerns or weather. Please be considerate and leave these spaces to those who need them most.

Large print worship service folders and assisted listening devices are available. Please ask an usher if needed.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Reredos Committee

What is a reredos? It's an ornamental wall or screen behind the altar. When we built this church (already 15 years ago!) we had planned that at some point we would do something more with the wall behind the altar - the reredos. We do have some funding available for this project in the form of memorial funds specifically designated for this purpose.

The committee met on Thursday, May 19th to review the design suggestions that were received from the Liturgical Art Center at Concordia, Seward. They provided a design that included some muted colors of grays and blues to provide some contrast to the mountain profiles. It also included more pointy peaks that begin lower under the cross bar of the cross. The current design includes a pully system for banners so they can be hung higher. As we reviewed the design we have made other suggestions and are awaiting the next correspondence from The Art Center to move forward with implementation.



The Deacon's Fund supports Emergency Family Assistance, ULC, and other charities as well. All of these funds will be used to alleviate the needs of people who are in very vulnerable circumstances. The agencies have expressed great gratitude. We are only able to do this because of the generous and faithful contributions of you, our dear members, to the Deacon's Fund! Please consider contributing via your offering envelopes or in the Deacons' Fund collector in the Narthex! Thanks!!!

King Soopers has changed their system for charitable donations. We are now enrolled in the King Soopers Community Rewards program! To register for the program go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>. Click on the "create an account" button or the "sign in" on the right hand side of the page. If you are creating an account, you will fill in your information, including a valid email address and a King Soopers loyalty card. Once you have created an account click on the "save" link in the upper left, and then on King Soopers Community Rewards link. Then click on "enroll" and you will be able to search for groups. Use Eternal Savior Lutheran Church or SL909 to link your card to Eternal Savior. **Once enrolled, a percentage of all your purchases will go to our Youth Group every time you use in your loyalty card!** Thanks!!!!

COUNTER SCHEDULE

If you have a conflict on a day you are scheduled, please arrange with another counter to cover that day.

June 5	– Mary Bunge and Polly Cowley
June 12	– Mark and Mary Bunge
June 19	– Mark and Mary Bunge
June 26	– Mary Bunge and Polly Cowley
July 3	– Sam and Lynn Kelley
July 10	– Sam and Lynn Kelley
July 17	– Marc and Jan Ertle
July 24	– Marc and Jan Ertle
July 31	– Mark and Mary Bunge

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

SERVING IN JUNE

Sunday, June 5

Organist	Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Noah Mayer, Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Terri Nagel
Counter(s)	Mary Bunge and Polly Cowley
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht (r), Roger
Landowski	
Altar	Stacy Jundt
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Lawn	Ryan Lambrecht
Flowers	Raben

Sunday, June 12

Organist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Micah Anderson, Levi Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Kirk and Melisa Anderson
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Kirk Anderson, Wayne Thomas(r)
Altar	Stacy Jundt
A/V Booth	Ed Warnken
Lawn	Ryan Lambrecht
Flowers	Mayer – Confirmation Family

Sunday, June 19

Organist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vierya
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley, Jeff Reuer
Altar	Stacy Jundt
A/V Booth	Nick Mayer
Lawn	Sam Kelley
Flowers	Thompson

Sunday, June 26

Organist	Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Micah Anderson
Usher(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Marc Ertle
Greeters	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Mary Bunge and Polly Cowley
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets, Wayne Thomas (r)
Altar	Stacy Jundt
A/V Booth	Larissa and Katie Reuer
Lawn	Pete Hinrichs
Flowers	OPEN

We have many ways in which our members can share their gifts with others each Sunday. Some of those are Greeters, Offering Counters, Ushers, Livestream and Audio Engineers, Lawn Mowing/Snow Removal. These are all listed on the Servant Calendar on our web site. Please reach out to Mary at the church office if you can serve. We so appreciate and thank God for your service!

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 Light Dinner 6:30 Congregational Informational Meeting	2 9:30-11:30 Quilters	3	4
5 9:00 AM Worship and Communion Installation of Pastor Schultz 10:30 AM Bible Class	6	7 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Elders	8	9 District Convention 9:30-11:30 Quilters	10 District Convention	11
12 9:00 AM Worship and Communion Confirmation 10:30 AM Bible Class 11:40 AM Church Council	13 Vacation Bible School	14 9:00 AM Bulletin Vacation Bible School	15 Vacation Bible School	16 Vacation Bible School 6:30 PM Trustees	17 Vacation Bible School	18
19 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class 12:00 PM Deacons	20	21 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline/ Newsletter Deadline	22	23 9:30-11:30 Quilters	24 9:00 AM Church Workday	25
26 9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class	27	28 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	29	30 9:30-11:30 Quilters		

For livestreaming video, please go to church's Facebook page www.facebook.com/EternalSaviorLutheran or ESLC website <https://eternalsavior-lutheran.org/>



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — JUNE 1-30

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) officially began work in the Dominican Republic in 2004. Over the years, a group home was established to care for orphaned children with disabilities; congregations and mission plants were started; and a deaconess-training program was launched. The LCMS seminary in Santiago, Dominican Republic, trains students from around the Latin America region.

Remember God's work in the Dominican Republic as you pray:

- 1.** *for the seminary students who will enter the seminary this fall, that they would be able to acquire their student visas and other documentation needed to study in the Dominican Republic.*
- 2.** *for seminary students and their families, that they would have a smooth transition to life in a new place away from family and friends. Praise God for these dedicated students who are willing to leave home to obtain a solid theological education.*
- 3.** *that God would grant the seminary students determination and endurance, so that they might be diligent in their studies*

and make the most of their education.

- 4.** *for the women studying to be deaconesses, that the theological coursework and intensive practical experience would form them into capable and effective deaconesses.*
- 5.** *that God would grant strength to our deaconesses as they support the work of pastors by caring for the poor, the marginalized and the sick.*
- 6.** *with thanksgiving for all the faithful and generous people who have prayed or given of their time or treasures to make the seminary and mercy center a reality.*

7. *for the seminary professors, that they would be well-prepared to impart wisdom and knowledge to their students.*

8. *that the Spanish-language theological library at the seminary would be well used and a blessing to the students and faculty.*

9. *for the families of the professors, that they would adapt easily and find joy in a new country and culture.*

10. *for Lutheran congregations in Latin America, that they would be prepared to care for and support their pastors physically, mentally and spiritually.*

11. *for seminary students who are serving vicarages, that they would learn much from their experience and be better prepared for their future ministry.*

12. *for all the missionaries and leaders of the Dominican church, that they would discern God's*

will so that they can build a firm foundation for the church for generations to come.

13. *that God would raise up individuals and congregations to support our LCMS missionaries in the Dominican Republic.*

14. *that God would supply faithful and capable men and women to serve as missionaries, both in Latin America and around the world.*

15. *with thanksgiving for faithful men and women who have given up the comforts of home and family to faithfully serve on the mission field.*

16. *that many in the Dominican Republic would hear God's Word and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray that they would attend worship each Sunday to receive the Word and Sacraments.*

JUNE Pray For Us Calendar

17. *that God would grant health and safety to all missionaries and their families.*

18. *that the Dominican Christians would continue to study God's Word and be strengthened to live faithfully and serve their neighbors in love.*

19. *with thanksgiving for the willingness of the Dominican people to hear and learn God's Word. By God's grace, the LCMS has established congregations and mission stations around the country.*

20. *that God would raise up many Lutheran school teachers and school administrators — especially from among the Dominican congregations — to meet the needs of the large number of eager students.*

21. *that the families of our Lutheran school children would also hear God's Word and be brought to faith.*

22. *with thanksgiving for the large and ever-growing number of students seeking education in our Lutheran schools in the Dominican Republic.*

23. *that the Lutheran mission churches in the Dominican*

Republic would continue to grow and mature through regular worship and Bible study.

24. *with thanksgiving for the many faithful Christians who regularly worship in our mission congregations.*

25. *with thanksgiving for Hogares Lutheranos El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Lutheran Home), which provides a safe and nurturing facility for young people with developmental disabilities.*

26. *that God would grant patience and endurance for the faithful workers who care for the group home's residents. Praise God that He has used these wonderful young people to teach the Dominican Lutheran church about His love and mercy.*

27. *with thanksgiving that the residents of Hogares Lutheranos El Buen Pastor have become active members of the local Lutheran church, where they are eager to hear God's Word and to serve in any way possible.*

28. *with thanksgiving for the willingness of faithful and gentle caregivers who serve the residents of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home.*



29. *for all the mission work throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.*

30. *with thanksgiving that we are one in Christ with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Latin America.*

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