



# *The Eternal Light*

Eternal Savior Lutheran Church

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## **AUGUST 2022 – ESLC**

### **Questionnaires**

Currently, we continue to gather and prioritize information from the surveys to establish a roadmap for the future (*Phase I*). Out of a possible 82 surveys only 22 or 26.83% of them were returned. This is disappointing but not surprising. Comments and concerns from those surveys are published as promised.

A copy of the consolidated results are on the credenza in the lobby. I encourage and invite you to please-pick up a copy of the results for your viewing. The Top three concerns are...

- 1) Financial Stability
- 2) Attendance!
- 3) The need for a stronger focus on our children and young families.

### **Cottage Talks**

Cottage talks are going well. A thank you to those who have signed up for them. So far, 28 (34.15%) out of a possible 82 families have signed up for these talks. This is a great opportunity to come, and meet your new (IIM) Pastor, and tell him your story, and to tell him the church's story. These "Cottage Talks" are designed for the pastor to meet every member of the congregation and vice versa. These Cottage talks are informal, but they serve a vital purpose for creating a 'road map' for the future of Eternal Savior Lutheran Church, and to aid us in the calling of the next pastor. Your voice indeed matters!

Another major concern, that has come out of these 'Cottage Talks' which needs to be addressed is this: Some feel that the Intentional Interim and call process may take longer than what the IIP is contracted for. Friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, let's not worry about such things. Be assured that 'if need be' and if the congregation approves, I can and will stay a little longer (*if needed*). We won't let you be vacant again (*this is the fear that people have*). Let's get to work, let's stay focused by keeping on track, so that we can keep things moving forward, and as Saint Paul reminds us, strive with all of your being to reach the finish line. This is what we must do to the glory of God.

### **Cosmetic Issues**

I also have noticed there has been a lot of activity from the trustees and others who have been working feverishly to spruce up the outside of the church, (*mowing, trimming branches and stump removal, sprinkler fixes, etc...*). I must thank you! It looks great! Keep up the good work! Also, a big thank you to those who have researched the water problem and repaired all the bathroom toilets. Awesome! Thank you!

Also, a big thank you to Nick Mayer for getting us new office computers, and to Mary Bunge for installing and updating our new office software. It's awesome! It works great! Thank You!

### **Intentional Taskforce Team (ITT)**

As we smoothly transition from Phase 1 into Phase 2 of our endeavor, we might want to recall the comforting words from Holy Scripture: "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (*Jeremiah 29:11*). With that in mind, we want to establish an Intentional Taskforce Team (*ITT*). Now, you may ask what is an Intentional Taskforce Team (*ITT*) and wonder what does this team do? In short, an Intentional Taskforce Team is a group of the best and faithful people of a congregation, assembled together, (*reflecting the congregation makeup*), which will in turn aid the Intentional Interim Pastor in Purpose and Goal. This team will aid the Intentional Interim Pastor in executing the four lenses of assessment with a focus on congregation and community. This team will also aid the pastor in creating a new identity, building programs, mission, and context. The (*ITT*) will help the IIP to equip, guide, assist, and facilitate the transition from one pastor to another. The (*ITT*) will oversee the Change, Transition, and Transformation during this period.

## OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of July were:

July 3	\$6,106
July 10	\$6,000
July 17	\$2,119
July 24	\$2,318

This weekly average (\$4,136) compares to our 2022 weekly budget needs of **\$4,369**.

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### COUNTER SCHEDULE

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

August 7	– Mary Bunge and Polly Cowley
August 14	– Mark Bunge and Polly Cowley
August 21	– Sam and Lynn Kelly
August 28	– Sam and Lynn Kelly
Sept. 4	– Marc and Jan Ertle
Sept. 11	– Marc and Jan Ertle
Sept. 18	– Mark and Mary Bunge
Sept. 25	– Mark and Mary Bunge

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

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### **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

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**Barn BBQ Invitation!** - Jerry and Kim Goetsch invite all our friends from Eternal Savior Lutheran Church to a **Barn BBQ** on Saturday, August 6 at 7006 Archer Rd. in Cheyenne, WY. Come any time after 1:00 pm for fun and games, fellowship, and food served around 3:30 pm! We will provide the meat. Please bring a potluck dish to share, A-L salad or side dish and M-Z dessert. Details are on the bulletin board. **Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, August 3** to Kim at 303-909-6517 (call or text) or email us at [jerryandkim.goetsch@gmail.com](mailto:jerryandkim.goetsch@gmail.com). We hope that you can join us and look forward to seeing you soon!

**Church Picnic** – Save the date of Sept. 11 for the congregational church picnic!

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Welcome baby Kira Nicole Booth – Cate Booth, our previous secretary had her baby daughter July 12, 2022. Both are doing well.



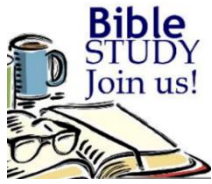
in all things  
JULY 9-13, 2022 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING



From July 9 – 13, six youth and two adults from Eternal Savior joined roughly 20,000 LCMS teens and adults for the National LCMS Youth Gathering. The theme for the gathering was “In All Things” and centered around Colossians 1:15-20. Each day was started in a Bible study with 4,000 attendees where we studied the theme verse in depth. The convention center was host to games, crafts, LCMS ministry booths, and an area where you could visit one of the LCC comfort dogs. Each day ended with a mass event with all of the attendees in Minute Maid Park. During our free time, our group visited the beach, had dinner with the Marble family, and toured the NASA Space Center. The gathering concluded with a worship service. Listening to 20,000 people singing “This is the Feast” while accompanied by an orchestra and choir was quite an incredible experience.

The youth are planning on sharing more of their experiences and their thanks with the congregation after worship on August 21. We hope you will be able to join us.





**Sunday Morning Bible Study!** - We are studying the book of James, please grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study!** – Please join us each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for Bible study. We will study the pericopes (*readings*) for the upcoming Sunday. Please join us.

**Sunday School will take a break for the of August! – We look forward to seeing you back on Rally Day, Sunday, September 11!**

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## Bell Choir Members Wanted



Please consider joining the ESLC Bell Choir  
Practice is Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00  
We will begin practices on September 13

*Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord -  
Psalms 98:4*



## Vocal Choir Members Wanted

Please consider joining the ESLC Vocal Choir  
Practice is Tuesday evening from 7:00 – 8:00  
We will begin practices on September 13



*Music is a fair and glorious gift of God - Martin Luther*

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**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!!!

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A big **Thank You** to Bob Vieyra and Sam Kelley for all the work they have been doing this summer to keep the grounds of the church looking beautiful. They have tirelessly worked to determine leaks that were causing our water bill to be much higher than expected and can constantly be seen pulling weeds around the property. Thank you also to Leslie Ball who spent a day pulling 3 bags of weeds. With all our help we can continue to keep our property looking great!



The board of Trustees is asking anyone who might have some extra time to help with some lawn maintenance at the church. There are plenty of weeds that can be pulled, as well as pruning of trees and other yard maintenance. Please drop by the church when you might have time available.

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### **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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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!!!**

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## SERVING IN AUGUST

### **Sunday, August 7**

Organist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Levi Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Roger Landowski, Wayne Thomas
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Nick Mayer
Lawn	Kevin Cowley
Flowers	Innes

### **Sunday, August 14**

Organist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Tom Stahly
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Kirk Anderson
Greeter(s)	Larissa and Jeff Reuer
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets (r), Jeff Reuer
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Kirk Anderson
Lawn	Tom Stahly
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, August 21**

Organist	Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Micah Anderson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Kirk Anderson
Greeter(s)	Kirk and Melisa Anderson
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Dave Sherrets
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Larissa and Katie Reuer
Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, August 28**

Organist	Linda Thompson
Cantor	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Levi Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Roger Landowski (r), Wayne Thomas
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Kirk Anderson
Lawn	Dave Sherrets
Flowers	Purfurst

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!