



# *The Eternal Light*

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**From the Intentional Interim Pastor  
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As I sit here in the office looking out the window writing my last newsletter article to you, I ponder what the future holds. For me, I do not know what lies ahead, maybe retirement, maybe another call, maybe another Intentional Interim opportunity, maybe a trip around the Great Lakes looking at the spectacular fall leaves, (*they are absolutely beautiful in mid-September*). I am really not sure what our gracious Lord has planned for me.

But when I think of Eternal Savior Lutheran church, I see a bright and vibrant future. It brings great joy to my heart. It is really exciting for me to see this congregation evolve and move forward, full speed ahead as it were, as it awaits the arrival of a new shepherd. My time here was indeed short, but it was truly enjoyable. The people of Eternal Savior are wonderful. You have been a joy and a pleasure to serve, and it has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this fantastic congregation. I envy the next pastor because the people here truly remarkable. You are saints, and I will miss this congregation, for you have refreshed and renewed my heart for ministry. And I thank you for that! Nonetheless, as we continue in the last phase of our journey together, there are some things I want to reiterate for a successful transition.

First and foremost, never forget your Identity: Remember who you are: A baptized and forgiven child of God who are gathered together in unity for service to the Lord. Continue to be a volunteer and to be active in all the church's activities as many of you already are.

Secondly, always look ahead, never dwell on the past or how things were once done. Please be considerate to your next pastor just as you have been to me. It will make his job and effort a lot easier and enjoyable if he does not have to deal with that. It is a burden to the pastor's ministry.

Thirdly, keep your eye on the ball as you continue to move into the promised land. Keep your hearts and your minds on things that are above and that is Christ. Please, do not dwell on things below, which causes confrontation. For example, do not leave a note, in the mailbox, suggesting we are using too much paper for the bulletin because everything is already printed in the hymnal. The reason it was printed out is because 1.) pastor's prerogative to do so, and 2.) printing it out makes it easier for people to follow the service rather than constantly page through the hymnal. My point is this; be supportive of the ministry and be open to new ideas and different ways of doing things. Continue to attract younger families and increase the body's fellowship.

Fourthly, love one another just as Christ loves you. Always show love and kindness to your neighbor, and especially to your new pastor and his ministry. Remember to keep a good connection and positive attitude with the synod and the district as you work together for the glory of God in promoting His kingdom.

Fifthly, be in the Word. Read your bible and say your prayers daily. Continue to confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord. Please continue to attend Bible Class regularly and participate in other opportunities to learn the teachings of the Lord.

Finally, commit yourselves to the new pastor and the support of his ministry by giving your time, talents, and treasures. Pray for the new pastor daily so that His work among you will be a blessing to him and a joy, as it was for me.

Transition team please keep the focus and complete your given tasks before the pastor arrives. Assist him in his move and be eager to assist him with anything as he arrives. The goal is to make the transition easy for him, his family, and the congregation. I ask of the transition team to stay focused and together for ninety days after he arrives and to work with the new pastor until he is comfortably and firmly settled into his new position. Please steer the ship.

Thank you and God Bless!  
Pastor Schultz

### **Define Your Life by How You Give**

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away. If you think about that. It is so true! Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless. But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

This article is taken from LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

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We would love to hear from you:

Our New Address is

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3305 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 1-B  
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53144

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, August 13** – We will have a reception for Pastor and Marlys after service. Please join us in the downstairs fellowship hall for refreshments and an opportunity to tell Pastor and Marlys good-bye.

**Sunday, August 20** – This will be Pastor Schultz' last service.

**Sunday, August 27** – We will be having a Call Service at 1 p.m. led by circuit visitor, Pastor Keith Besel. Candidates will be presented and a vote will be taken on the pastor to whom we will extend a call. This is a very important service that all members are encouraged to attend.

**Sunday, September 10** – Rally Day and Church Picnic! More information will be forthcoming.

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## OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of June were:

July 2	\$3,053
July 9	\$2,759
July 16	\$1,920
July 23	\$2,221
July 30	\$2,336

This weekly average (\$ 2,458 ) compares to our 2023 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 6 – Mark and Mary Bunge  
August 13 – Mark and Mary Bunge  
August 20 – Sam and Lynn Kelley  
August 27 – Sam and Lynn Kelley

Sept. 3 Marc and Jan Ertle  
Sept. 10 Marc and Jan Ertle  
Sept. 17 Polly Cowley and Cindy Stahly  
Sept. 24 Polly Cowley and Kathrine Crane

\*\*\*\* We have a handful of members successfully using both of our electronic giving options. If you are interested in trying it out but need a refresher please let Mary know and she will have someone get in contact with you.

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## Update on the Progress of the Pastoral Call Committee:

Having started with the profiles of twenty-five (25) possible pastoral candidates presented to us by the District President, including five (5) candidates that were nominated by members of the congregation, the members of the Pastoral Call Committee have now pared this number down to the five (5) candidates which we feel are most qualified and best reflect the present and future needs of ESLC.

Last week we completed interviews with three (3) of the remaining candidates and have the remaining two (2) candidates scheduled for interviews to be concluded by the end of July. We are very happy with the quality of the candidates we have interviewed thus far; the final choices will not be easily made! Following the last interview, the Call Committee will again meet and pare the number down to three (3) final candidates, which will be presented to the Voter's Assembly for the final choice of candidate to receive our Call.

I have been in contact with Pastor Besel, our Circuit Visitor, who would like to conduct a **Call Service for ESLC on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**. This service will include the presentation of the final candidates and the vote for our choice of whom to Call as our next Pastor. We ask that the congregation keep the Call Committee and all of the potential candidates in your prayers and please remember that the Lord already knows whom he has chosen to lead us; we just need to figure out His will.

Wayne B. Thomas  
Call Committee, Chairman

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## Leslie Ball working on one of our Xeriscape beds!



## REMINDERS

**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!!!

**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.

**We ask that all members of the congregation please be conscious of protecting their valuables while at church. Many times, the doors are left unlocked, and people are downstairs. This gives easy access to someone who may not be a member. We will try to remember to lock the doors after service.**

**Sign Up to Receive Text Messages** - Eternal Savior is building a text message list for urgent communications. i.e. Service is cancelled due to a blizzard. If you would like to receive notifications like that via text message, please text **ETERNALSAVIOR** (one word, no space) to 84576. Contact Laura Raben if you need help signing up.

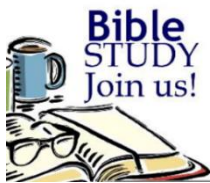
The **2023 Flower Chart** is now available on the bulletin board. Please look to see if there is a service you would like to provide flowers. Also include if the flowers are for a special occasion.

**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.

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**We will be taking the month of August off for Sunday Morning Bible Study and Sunday School! Please make sure to join us on Rally Day, Sunday, September 10 when we resume our Sunday studies!**



**Wednesday Night Bible Study** - At the Wednesday night Bible study we are studying how we got the Bible and how the Bible is on Trial. Please consider joining us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Fireside Room, and a Zoom link will be available to anyone who would prefer to attend remotely.

**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!

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## SERVING IN AUGUST

### **Sunday, August 6**

Organist /Pianist	Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Keith Cowley
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Ed Warnken
Lawn	Ryan Lambrecht
Flowers	Innes

### **Sunday, August 13**

Organist /Pianist	Linda Thompson
Cantor	Keith Cowley
Acolyte	Levi Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Keith Cowley
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Dave Sherrets
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Kirk Anderson
Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, August 20**

Organist/Pianist	Connie Howes
Acolyte	Micah Anderson
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Larissa and Jeff Reuer
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Kirk Anderson, Keith Cowley
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Nick Mayer
Lawn	Dave Sherrets
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, August 27**

Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
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

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!