



# *The Eternal Light*

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## **The Reformation and Martin Luther's Seal**

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The world was changing. New scientific discoveries had opened pathways for understanding more about our complex universe. The ocean, once feared for its danger and depth, was tamed for travel and trade. Peasants and workers, laboring under harsh and relentless conditions, sought revolution. The bubonic plague had claimed the lives of about 75 million people from 1347 to 1351. It continued to reappear and panic European cities. Political alliances, long forged between pope and prince, fractured as power centers shifted. Gutenberg's press (1455), the first to use moveable type, transported ideas from one person to the next with swiftness and ease. As the medieval era collapsed into modern, changes seemed everywhere and limitless.

Yet even during these changing times one thing remained constant: our God, who grants forgiveness and grace to His people through Jesus Christ. Despite advances and transformations in science and society, politics and publication, God was working. He gave hope and life by His Spirit through Word and Sacraments. He bestowed comfort and joy in trying and often perilous situations. In changing times, His promises through His Son did not change, nor will they ever. They will never be altered, nor revoked. His Word pronounces us righteous through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. He alone is our Life and our Peace. With hearty confidence and trust we can say with King David, "My times are in Your hands." (Psalm 31:15)



The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520's, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works. Luther explained that the red heart with a black cross at the center should remind us that the righteous live by faith in the Crucified One. The heart rests in a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. The rose is white, not red, because white is the color of the heavenly spirits and angels. The white rose stands in a field of blue, the color of heaven, to show that joy in the spirit and in faith in this life is only the beginning of future heavenly joy. Surrounding the sky-blue field is a gold ring, to show that happiness and joy in heaven

has no end, but lasts forever, just as gold is the highest, most precious metal.

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, October 3** – Open House to meet Pastor Thorson and his family.

Pastor Thorson, our Pastor Elect, and his family will be coming to visit Eternal Savior Lutheran Church on Tuesday, **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Our congregation will sponsor an Open House for them from 5:30-8pm in our meeting space downstairs at church. A small meal (soup, salad, sandwiches and a few desserts) is being planned and will be served from approximately 5:30-6:15pm. Following a short business meeting between our prospective pastor and ESLC leadership, we will have a general discussion/Q&A session. This session is for the Thorson family to get to know us better as a congregation and for us to get to know the Thorson family better too. Please come and support Pastor Thorson and his family, as he comes to a decision concerning our Pastoral Call.

If you plan on attending the Open House or can help out with food/meal preparation, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex (we need an approximate head count).

**If you need a ride to/from church on this day, please call or email the church so ride arrangements can be made for you.**

**Saturday, October 7** - Inside Workday

**Sunday, October 8** – LWML Sunday



**Sunday, October 22** – Voter's Meeting after service

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## OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of September were:

September 3	\$3,431
September 10	\$1,136
September 17	\$4,646
September 24	\$1,301



This weekly average (\$ 2.629 ) 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.

Oct. 1 – Polly Cowley and Jan Ertle  
Oct. 8 – Sam and Lynn Kelley  
Oct. 15 – Sam and Lynn Kelley  
Oct. 22 – Mark and Mary Bunge  
Oct. 29 – Mark and Mary Bunge

Nov. 5 – Marc and Jan Ertle  
Nov. 12 – Marc and Jan Ertle  
Nov. 19 – Polly Cowley & Katherine Crane  
Nov. 26 – Polly Cowley & Cindy Stahly

Dec. 3 – Cindy Stahly & Katherine Crane  
Dec. 10 – Sam and Lynn Kelley  
Dec. 17 – Sam and Lynn Kelley  
Dec. 24 – Mark and Mary Bunge  
Dec. 31 – Mark and Mary Bunge



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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 from the Call Committee:**

As we continue to be in contact with Pastor Thorson, our Pastor Elect, the Call Committee and Church Council have been reviewing our Call offer and looking at ways that we can improve upon it.

We have found out what his present health insurance plan is and have been looking at ways to continue this plan if/when he accepts our Call to ESLC. We also did some more calculations on the costs of moving a family of six (6) from South Dakota to Colorado (we previously had used information from our IIP's move here) and found a significant gap. Therefore, we raised our relocation figure offered to cover this gap.

We have also found some prospects on interim housing available to them, until the pastor and his family can proceed with their purchase of a home here in Colorado. At this point, we had a meeting in which we discussed whether we should offer our help, as a congregation, with a potential down-payment on their new home. It was decided that we should offer a loan for this purpose (down payment, closing costs, etc.), at a set maximum, with the terms of the loan to be set between the parties if/when it is accepted. With the aforementioned offered, we hope to make the decision to come to ESLC a little easier, and thereby receive an acceptance of our Call. Please keep Pastor Thorson and his family in your prayers.

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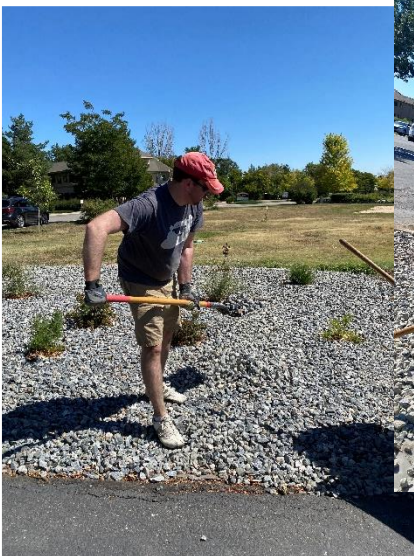
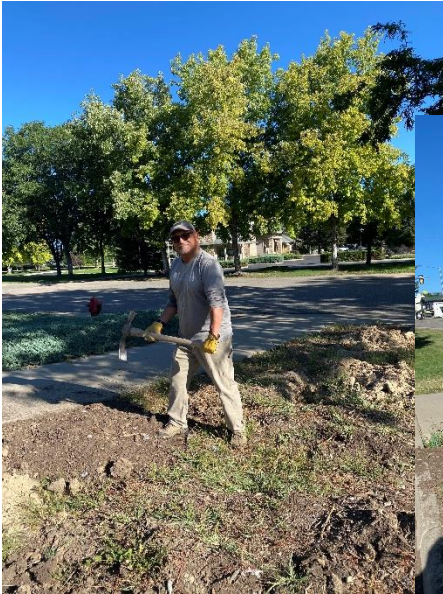
***Wayne B. Thomas***

Chair, Pastoral Call Committee



## Work Day

Thank you to those who came out to help complete the Xeriscape project. Plants will still be planted in the area but getting the rock laid was a huge task that was completed.



## Picnic

We had a wonderful picnic despite the colder weather. Thank you to everyone who helped, cooked and cleaned up. Thank you to the Board of Deacons for organizing and providing the wonderful meatball sandwiches and drinks.





## Our New Confirmation Class

Welcome to our new confirmation class, Anna Lambrecht, Lydia Hurst, Luke Hinrichs and Katie Reuer. Thank you to Pastor Jarvis for starting this class off with instruction.





## **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.

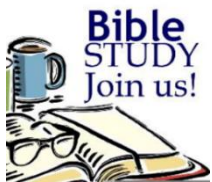
**We ask that all members of the congregation please be conscious of protecting their valuables while at church. Many times, the doors are left unlocked, and people are downstairs. This gives easy access to someone who may not be a member. We will try to remember to lock the doors after service.**

**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.



**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – Please join us after service downstairs for Sunday morning Bible Study.

**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!

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** - We have completed this Bible Study. Stay tuned for when the next Wednesday night Bible study will begin.

## SERVING IN OCTOBER

### **Sunday, October 1**

Pastor	Pastor Rob Jarvis
Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Levi Hinrichs, Luke Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets, Wayne Thomas
Altar	Stacy Jundt
A/V Booth	Marc Ertle
Lawn	Dave Sherrets
Flowers	Raben

### **Sunday, October 8**

Pastor	Pastor Rob Jarvis
Organist /Pianist	Linda Thompson
Cantor	Dave Sherrets
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson, Anna Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht (r), Kirk Anderson
Altar	Stacy Jundt
A/V Booth	Nick Mayer
Lawn/Snow	Ryan Lambrecht
Flowers	Oehlkers

### **Sunday, October 15**

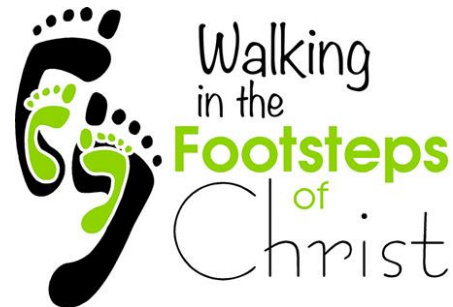
Pastor	Pastor Rob Jarvis
Organist/Pianist	Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson, Lydia Hurst
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Roger Landowski
Greeter(s)	Kirk and Melisa Anderson
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Jeff Reuer, Dave Sherrets
Altar	Stacy Jundt
A/V Booth	Tom Stahly
Lawn/Snow	Ryan Lambrecht
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, October 22**

Pastor	Pastor Greg Thompson
Organist/Pianist	Connie Howes
Cantor	Karen Sherrets
Acolyte	Micah Anderson, Luke Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Roger Landowski
Greeter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Dave Sherrets
Altar	Stacy Jundt
A/V Booth	Kirk Anderson
Lawn/Snow	Kirk Anderson
Flowers	Bunge

### **Sunday, October 29**

Pastor	Pastor Greg Thompson
Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson, Katie Reuer
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Larissa and Jeff Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Stacy Jundt
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Lawn/Snow	Kirk Anderson
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!