



The Eternal Light

Eternal Savior Lutheran Church
2688 North Park Drive
Lafayette, CO 80026
303-665-6105

March 2024

WORD IS . . .

Volume 1/Issue 3 March

2 Cor. 5:17

**THEREFORE,
IF ANYONE
IS IN CHRIST,
HE IS A NEW
CREATION.**

A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON

Somewhere New

How many new places have you been to in your life? In most cases, new only happens once and only for so long before somewhere or something becomes status quo or even old. New cars only have that “new car smell” for so long. Even if they do try to bottle that coveted smell or put it into an air freshener, it just isn’t the same.

During Lent each year we walk a familiar road going to the same places, the Cross on Good Friday and the Empty Tomb on Easter. We might even sing about this in hymns like, “The Old Rugged Cross.” But even though we walk the same road and end up at the same place every year, we go somewhere new every time. It isn’t just that pastor’s sermons are a little different and new every year, but every

year Jesus makes Lent and Easter new for you. Because each year, and even every day, Jesus makes all things new, even you (2 Corinthians 5: 17).

This year as we walk on the road to the old, rugged Cross, that we now call Lent, Jesus renews his vows to you and makes you new through his Word. You can’t make that journey with him without being changed. At each of those familiar stops in scripture, at the meals before church on Wednesdays, as you get up in the morning to go to work, God works on you by the word that you have received at church and in your studies to refine you, to mold you, to shape you into something new. It is during this time that he often exposes your weaknesses and sins to you for what they are. Then, on Easter as we arrive at the familiar old Cross he takes those impurities, those imperfections, those sins and lays them on Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:21 tells us that there He made Jesus into something new, because there he went from being the only perfect man to be the worst sinner that had or would ever walk the earth. The sins of humanity were laid on him that through him forgiveness might be laid on the world, and you might be made new too. Then at

that tomb three days later, Jesus again does something new by rising to life to share with everyone who takes hold of their new life by faith. Though the road and the destinations might be “old” they are new each year, because each year Jesus digs deeper, holds tighter and fights more furiously to make you new, to show you the new place of the Cross and the Tomb in your lives. Each year he wants to show you that the unfathomable depths of his love can reach into whatever new darkness, pain or suffering that you face. So, this Lent and Easter go someplace new with Jesus. Walk with him on whatever path he takes you down and let his word show you something new and make you someone new. God bless you.

In Christ,

Pastor Ant O. Jr

Upcoming Events

Wednesday March 6, 13 & 20 – We will be having Lenten potlucks before service. The potluck begins at 5:30 and service begins at 6:30p.m. There will be sign-ups on the bulletin board for the potlucks.



Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday – March 28

7:00p.m. - Service

Good Friday – March 29

Noon – Service

7:00p.m. – Evening Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday – March 31

7:30a.m. – Easter Sunday Breakfast – brought to you by the Youth Group

9:00a.m. – Easter Sunday Festival Service

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of February were:

February 4	\$3,535
February 11	\$ 992
February 18	\$4,046
February 25	\$2,022
Online Offerings	\$2,825



This weekly average (\$ 3,355) compares to our 2024 weekly budget needs of **\$4,674.**

COUNTER SCHEDULE

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

March 3 – Mark and Mary Bunge
 March 10 – Marc and Jan Ertle
 March 17 – Marc and Jan Ertle
 March 24 – Sam and Lynn Kelley
 March 31 – Sam and Lynn Kelley

April 7 – Polly Cowley and Katherine Moore
 April 14 – Polly Cowley and Cindy Stahly
 April 21 – Katherine Moore and Cindy Stahly
 April 28 – Mark and Mary Bunge



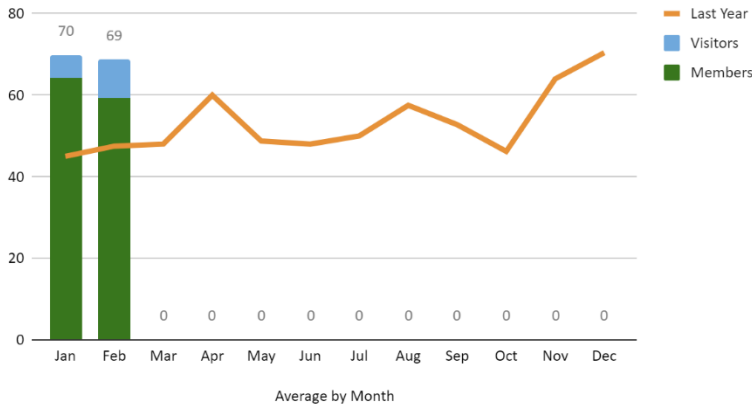
**** We have a handful of members successfully using both of our electronic giving options. If you are interested in trying it out but need a refresher please let Mary know and she will have someone get in contact with you.

Attendance Graphs!

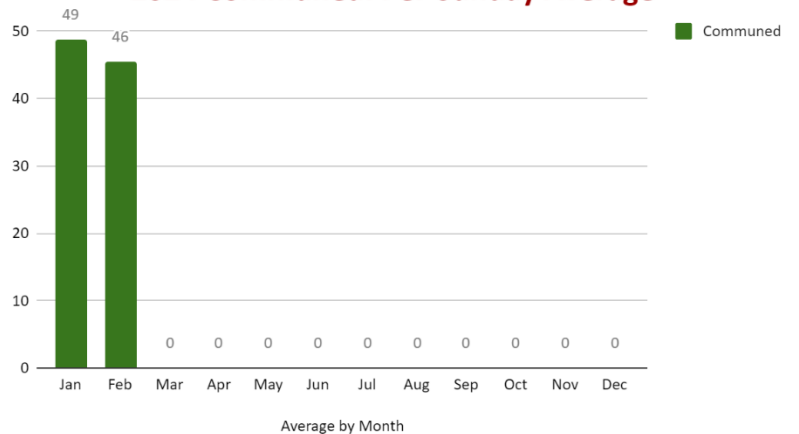
Members of Eternal Savior.

We wanted to share what attendance has looked like for the first part of 2024. We are hoping these graphs may be of interest to you.

2024 Attendance: Per-Sunday Average



2024 Communed: Per-Sunday Average



Congregational Dinner!

We had a great time at our Chili Cook-Off Congregational Dinner. Thank you to everyone who shared their version of chili and the judges for their diligence in their choices for the best chili!





SOAR – Serving Our Awesome Redeemer – Request from Pastor Jarvis

The district organization for adults, **SOAR (Serving Our Awesome Redeemer)** has existed for almost 30 years and has striven to consistently provide entertaining and educational programming with its bi-annual conferences. A couple of years ago, SOAR created a relationship with the **LBT (Lutheran Bible Translators)** and has pledged to raise funds, in particular for the Bandi language of Eastern Africa. If you are not familiar with this language project or SOAR, I encourage you to look into it a little bit.

Also, a couple of years ago SOAR began a new program called **Satellite Servants**. These are individuals in congregations in the 7-circuit area that promote SOAR events. In addition to this program, but much more recently, they asked Pastor Jarvis to be their pastoral advisor. And at the same time adopted **campus ministry** as another mission.

As Pastor Jarvis came on as their advisor he saw the potential this Satellite Servant program could provide for our district campus ministry program and for the district itself. In fact, SOAR would like to help **strengthen our district circuit by circuit**, by locating one member from each congregation through this Satellite Servant program. They are requesting that this person be in their **mid to upper 50's**. Although SOAR has historically been for older adults there is no reason for it to limit itself to just older adults. By requesting Satellite Servants at this age, these servants will attract more of their own peers, while still appealing to older adults. SOAR would train this person and network them with other Satellite servants in their circuit. This would most likely be through video conferencing, like zoom.

The training would obviously cover more than simply being a liaison to promote SOAR events and mission projects. It will also cover the **mechanics of the district and the circuit**. Through this training, SOAR also

intends to spur on some friendly competition between congregations to attend SOAR events, and as it develops, see if it could provide social events between members.

As a new component of their mission this training will also **equip them for campus ministry support**. This will be in several different ways. First, we have several university campuses in the Front Range. Each has a congregation not too far from it, and one can be designated as a contact congregation. We want to help our Satellite Servants see how they could support the ministry of the congregation nearest the school closest to them, especially if they should have a contact congregation in their circuit.

Closer to home, we'll discuss monitoring the students in their own congregation to know where they are going, how to help direct them to a contact congregation where they can continue to get Word and Sacrament ministry, and continue to support them as they are away at school.

Please help us with this. And may the Lord of the Church bless our joint efforts.

Support LCMS Disaster Response & Training by taking this survey

Are you interested in helping a community recover after a natural disaster and showing the love of Christ to people in need? Have you ever volunteered for a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)? Your opinion can help LCMS Disaster Response and Training improve its organization and training of LERT volunteers so that they are ready to deploy when a natural disaster strikes. Please take a brief survey at cms.org/lert-survey-congregation and let us know how you think we can improve LERT training and provide relief more effectively to natural disasters.

Baptism of Audrey Phelps

Please welcome Audrey Phelps to Christ's family. She was baptized on February 18th.



Singin' the Oldies!

A few of our members gathered at The Peaks in Lafayette on February 27, and enjoyed an afternoon of oldies, sung by the Louisville Singin' Seniors, under the direction of **Connie Howes**. **Ed and Robin Warnken, Keith Cowley,** and Connie were filled with joy to visit with **Darlene Harnapp**, a resident at The Peaks.



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.

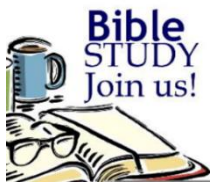
Sign Up to Receive Text Messages - Eternal Savior is building a text message list for urgent communications. i.e., Service is cancelled due to a blizzard. If you would like to receive notifications like that via text message, please text **ETERNALSAVIOR** (one word, no space) to 84576. Contact Laura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

The **2024 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 - Please join us each Wednesday at 7:00p.m. where we are studying the Book of Amos.

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Please join Pastor Thorson in studying the Book of Amos during the Thursday Morning Bible Study.

SERVING IN MARCH

Sunday, March 3

Organist/Pianist	Val Iglar
Acolyte	Lydia Hurst
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Larissa and Jeff Reuer
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets, Kirk Anderson
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Snow	Tom Stahly
Flowers	Griffin

Wednesday, March 6 – Lenten Service

Organist/Pianist	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Anna Lambrecht
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley
Usher	Roger Landowski
A/V Booth	

Sunday, March 10

Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Karen Sherrets
Acolyte	Luke Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Keith Cowley
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	Ed Warnken
Snow	Ryan Lambrecht
Flowers	OPEN

Wednesday, March 13 – Lenten Service

Organist/Pianist	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Katie Reuer
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
A/V Booth	

Sunday, March 17

Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Katie Reuer
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas, Keith Cowley
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	Tom Stahly
Snow	Ryan Lambrecht
Flowers	OPEN

Wednesday, March 20 – Lenten Service

Organist/Pianist	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Katie Reuer
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

Organist/Pianist	Connie Howes
Cantor	Dave Sherrets
Acolyte	Anna Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson and Marc Ertle
Greeter(s)	Kirk and Melisa Anderson
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht (r), Wayne Thomas
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	Larissa and Katie Reuer
Snow	Dave Sherrets
Flowers	Raben/Hire

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service

Organist/Pianist	Connie Howes
Acolyte	
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas, Dave Sherrets
Usher	Roger Landowski
Altar	Linda Thompson

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday Noon Service

Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Elder
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Anna Lambrecht
Elder(s)	Kirk Anderson
Usher	Roger Landowski
A/V Booth	Dave Sherrets

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Festival

Organist/Pianist	Connie Howes
Acolyte	Luke Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Ryan Lambrecht and Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Kirk Anderson, Wayne Thomas
Altar	Linda Thompson
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow	Dave Sherrets
Flowers	Kyle Martz

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!