



The Eternal Light

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WORD IS . . .

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PHILIPPIAN
3:14

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A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON

What am I doing here?

Lent is finished. The Easter celebration has begun. Sometimes Lent doesn't feel like it will ever end; it is a constant rush, but then Holy Week arrives. Suddenly Lent wasn't such a rush, and it feels like I just have to hang on for the ride until Easter is over. During this busy time of year I often wonder, "What am I doing here?" Not that I want to be somewhere else; I just have so many things that need to get done that I lose my place. It is like that for many Christians and not just around Lent or other busy times of the church year. We can get so busy that we lose our place, forget what we're doing. It is those times that I am most likely to start plowing through things just to check them off of my "to-do" sticky note on my desk, just to be done with it. My focus is getting done, not what I'm doing or why, simply and purely "get it done!" But the message of Lent and the gift of Easter as seasons in the Christian Church is that we can be purposeful Christians.

*"keep your heart and mind set on the goal and gift
of the Cross"*

Paul tells us in Philippians 3:14 that he is "pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Our goal during Lent is the Cross, where Jesus is lifted up and slain. The resulting gift from Easter is that we are given the everlasting prize of eternal life with God. In the days after Lent during the Easter season, keep your heart and mind set on the goal and gift of the Cross,



remembering that Jesus “set his face toward Jerusalem” and the Cross with your salvation in mind. Remember that Paul encourages you to press on focused on the goal of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Remember the Cross of Christ. Though we breath a sigh of relief to be through the somber, reflective, and sometimes hectic time of Lent and are rejoicing at Easter’s sure hope, we continue to take up the certainty of Heaven and everlasting life. That is why we’re here, so that through our continued focus, others may come to know that same certainty in Christ.

In Christ,



Upcoming Events

Saturday April 13 –

Spring Work Day – 10:00a.m.
Game Night – 5:30p.m.

Sunday, April 14 – New Member Reception after Service

Sunday, April 21 – Provide ULC Meal

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of March were:

March 3	\$4,221
March 10	\$2,597
March 17	\$1,551
March 24	\$6,563
March 31	\$8,324
Online Offerings	\$2,984



This weekly average (\$ 4,373) 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.

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

May 5 – Mark and Mary Bunge
May 12 – Marc and Jan Ertle
May 19 – Marc and Jan Ertle
May 26 – Sam and Lynn Kelley

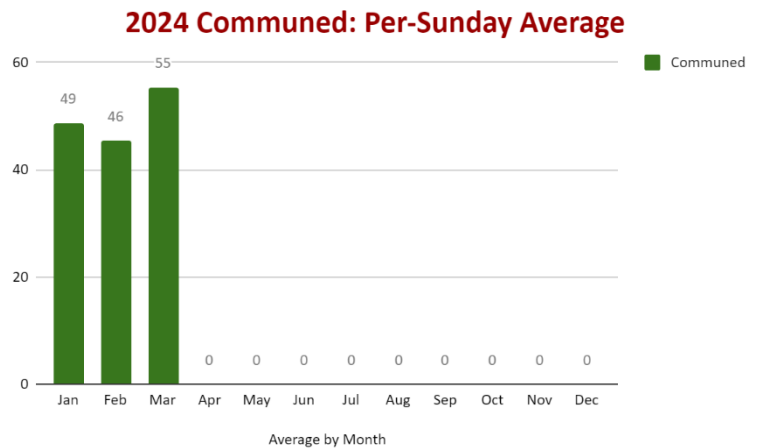
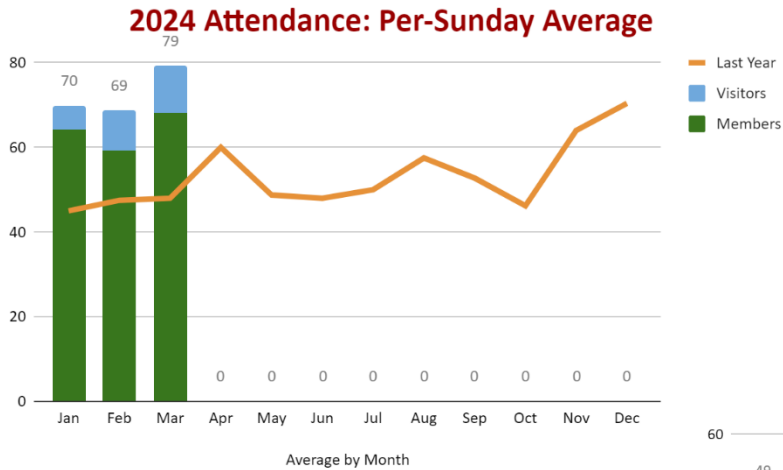


**** We have a handful of members successfully using both of our electronic giving options. If you are interested in trying it out but need a refresher please let Mary know and she will have someone get in contact with you.

Attendance Graphs!

Members of Eternal Savior.

These are graphs showing our attendance for 2024.



Siberian Lutherans Still Need Your Prayers and Support

Now more than ever, Lutherans in Siberia need your prayers and support. Even as international sanctions on Russia continue, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society's support of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and its seminary in Novosibirsk remains steadfast. There is no talk of stopping this important work.

Russia needs pastors now, and it will need pastors when the conflict ends. We are committed to standing with our friends in the Siberian Church, helping them carry God's Word and Sacrament to people in Russia and surrounding areas.

Each day, Lutheran pastors continue to carry God's Word and Sacrament to people in Russia and neighboring countries. Despite the conflict, the seminary remains open, preparing more pastors for God's work in the area. Conducting class at the seminary in is sometimes difficult as professors turn to online means to provide pastoral instruction to students, especially those close to the conflict and others seeking instruction in countries surrounding Russia.

Please pray for those caught in the tangle of war, particularly individuals who have benefited from the pastoral outreach of the Siberian Church and the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk. Your gift to the Siberian Mission Society and the campaign to keep the seminary operating matters now more than ever. You can make your contribution through your church or the Rocky Mountain District Office. Learn more at savetheseminary.org.

How Many Lutherans Does It Take to Screw in a Lightbulb?

The Trustees and other members met to replace the lightbulbs in the highest fixtures in the sanctuary.



He Is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!
Easter Celebration at Eternal Savior



Stained Glass Window Fund

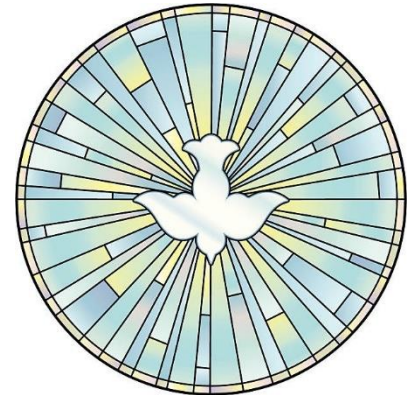
Since the day we moved to our new (now older) facility, there has always been talk about placing stained glass in the circle window above the recently completed reredos wall.

A discussion took place at our last council meeting, encouraging us to begin an effort towards completing this next facility improvement project.

Just for reference, from the distance of the pews (especially the back ones where we all like to sit) it is difficult to imagine that the window has a diameter of 6 feet. So, Leonardo Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man would fit perfectly to scale, but I'm sure we are looking for something different. In fact, at about the same time as the reredos project, some conceptual drawings of a descending dove scene were looked at, but nothing was ever official enough to be presented to the congregation.



The size of the window, the challenges of its location and complexity will add to the difficulty of the project, which in turn adds to the cost. A completely uneducated guess I would assume \$17-\$20,000. The current window does not get replaced; stained glass would be attached to the inside of the window.

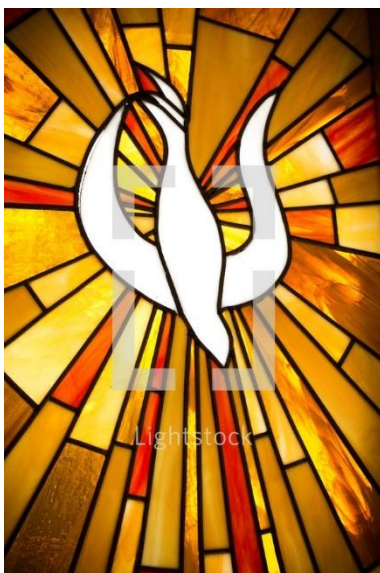


Currently we have \$1853 in the memorial fund designated specifically for the stained glass window. We have an additional \$1927 that all or a portion of could be used for this project. We have also designated a "Stained Glass Window Fund" to which you can designate additional contributions.

If you currently use the VANCO electronic giving system there is an option for this fund. If you currently use the Thrivent electronics giving system it can be done but I need to have a short discussion with you to explain, but it is very easy.

We did not discuss any project timeline or set any goals for completion. However, here is a great opportunity for involvement. First, we need to focus on project cost, so some leg work on estimates. Then in the future we will need some design work. If the small spark of this memo has ignited a fire of passion in you, or maybe you know someone in the business, or initial research, or artistic design is your area of interest please share this with the secretary. She will create a list of interested people and then the council will act on that.

If you have any questions please let the council know.



Included here are some possible examples that might be options for the stained glass window.



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.

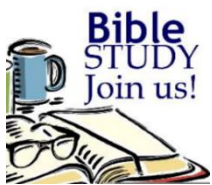
Sign Up to Receive Text Messages - Eternal Savior is building a text message list for urgent communications. i.e., Service is cancelled due to a blizzard. If you would like to receive notifications like that via text message, please text **ETERNALSAVIOR** (one word, no space) to 84576. Contact Laura 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 - Wednesday night Bible study will resume on April 10. Please join us at 7:00p.m.

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursday morning Bible Study will resume April 11.

SERVING IN APRIL

Sunday, April 7

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Lydia Hurst
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Levi Hinrichs
Greeter(s)	Cheryl and Ryan Lambrecht
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley and Katherine Moore
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Dave Sherrets
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Marc Ertle
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, April 14

Organist /Pianist	Connie Howes
Cantor	Keith Cowley
Acolyte	Katie Reuer
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Levi Hinrichs
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley and Cindy Stahly
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Kirk Anderson
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Nick Mayer
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, April 21

Organist/Pianist	Connie Howes
Acolyte	Luke Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Marc Ertle, Camden Jundt
Greeter(s)	Cindy Griffin
Counter(s)	Katherine Moore and Cindy Stahly
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	Griffin

Sunday, April 28

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Anna Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Mar Ertle, Camden Jundt
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets (r), Wayne Thomas
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Ed Warnken
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
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!