



# *The Eternal Light*

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## WORD IS . . .

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JOHN 16: 33

**But take  
heart; I  
have  
overcome  
the World.**

### A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON

#### Scary Stuff

I'm sure that you've thought or talked about spiritual warfare before, but I would like to speak about it again briefly here. The stuff is scary. I mean sure, demons and satanic worship make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up, but I think the scariest part about spiritual warfare is the myriad forms it can take. When we think about it every little inconvenience that keeps us from loving, every big setback that causes us worry, pain and frustration, all of those things are spiritual attacks on us. Most of the time we associate spiritual warfare with the biggest, scariest stuff that we see in movies and on TV or hear and read about in the bible or some of the things we hear of in third world countries. But, I believe that it is one of the tools of the world, Satan and our sinful flesh to lie to us about what is spiritual and what is not. We are told many times throughout the Holy Scriptures that the Christian life will be marked by suffering, by persecution and the like (See John 16: 33 for this very point from Jesus' own mouth). If this is one of our marks why should we dismiss the small things as unimportant or unspiritual? We shouldn't.

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*"Know that Jesus has already won the race for you;  
and if He is for you, who can stand against you? No  
one and no thing, that's who!"*

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Now that I've scared you by pointing out that we are under spiritual fire at every turn, what am I getting at? If we are constantly under spiritual attack whether it's from demons or from physical pain or emotional depression or whatever, how can we know peace? Romans 8:37 tells us that we are more

than conquerors in Christ Jesus our Lord. Paul here assures us of Jesus' promise back in John that the world is overcome. To do this, the evangelist reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. In Him, we are *more* than conquerors. Because of Jesus, we have not just won a victory, but because of Him no matter what tribulation, affliction or trouble we face, be it cancer, death or demons we will be delivered. Be courageous, then. Be of good cheer! It may not always be possible to be happy, but because the Lord Christ is our shelter and strength who guards us with his angels and guides and forms us with his Spirit we can always be joyful. When you face those tribulations that mark the Christian life, remember this: In Christ you are more than conquerors, the victory is won! So on this day take up faith in Christ and run to him. Run your race with endurance and know that Christ Jesus will bring you through your troubles safely. Know that His Holy Spirit runs with you and strengthens you for the day. Know that Jesus has already won the race for you; and if He is for you, who can stand against you? No one and no thing, that's who!

In Christ,

*Pastor Paul D. Johnson*

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### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, May 5 –

Graduate Recognition – Celebration after service 10:10 a.m.

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### OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of April were:

April 7	\$8,396
April 14	\$5,497
April 21	\$1,813
April 28	\$1,474
Online Offerings	\$4,152



This weekly average (\$ 4,266) compares to our 2024 weekly budget needs of **\$4,674**.

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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.

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

June 2 – Sam and Lynn Kelley  
June 9 – Polly Cowley and Cindy Stahly  
June 16 – Katherine Moore and Mary Bunge  
June 23 – Polly Cowley and Katherine Moore  
June 30 – Mark and Mary Bunge

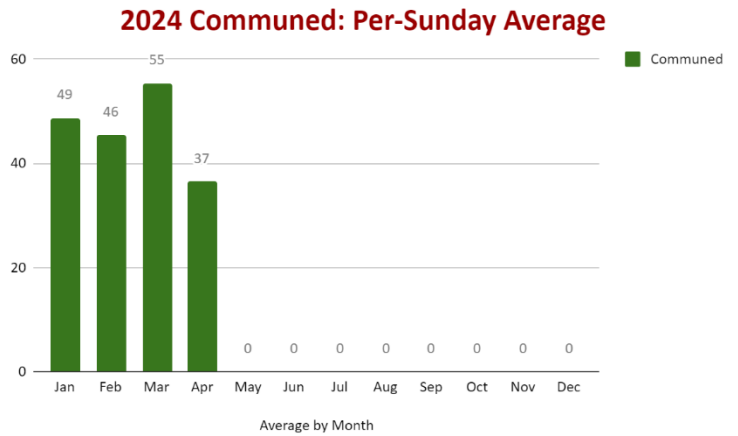
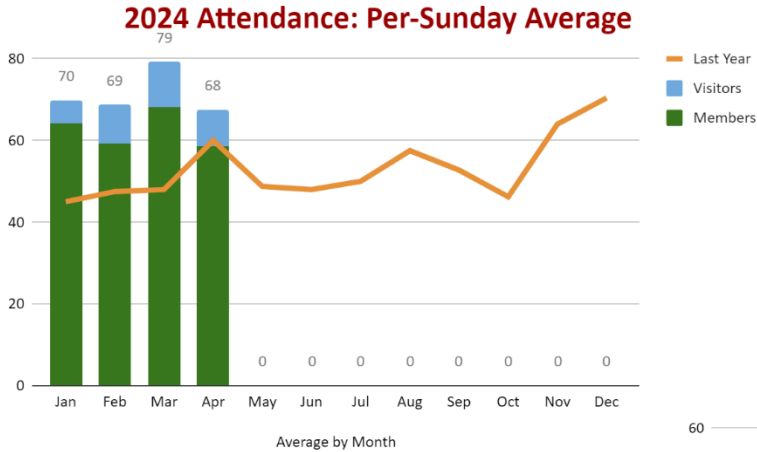


\*\*\*\* We have a handful of members successfully using both of our electronic giving options. If you are interested in trying it out but need a refresher please let Mary know and she will have someone get in contact with you.

# Attendance Graphs!

Members of Eternal Savior.

These are graphs showing our attendance and communion for 2024.




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## Note from our Treasurer!

Members of ESLC, I thought it was an appropriate time to provide a status report of our congregation's finances. So far in 2024 we have been blessed with our offerings supporting our General Fund, in fact, we are about 12% above our 2023 contributions over the same period. This also has us in a position to remain ahead of our normal bills.

To date, we have had two unexpected repairs that we did not budget for, they were our emergency AED safety device and our water backflow system. Both were easily covered by the funds we had set aside for these unplanned expenses. Our recent April showers will bring May flowers, but in addition to flowers, May also brings our annual bill for property and workman's comp insurance. These, along with their steep increases, have shocked us each year. We have planned for some increases and have set aside funds in our Escrow account to cover. We will see how accurate our guess was when we receive the actual bill. Historically summer is a challenge for most congregations, including ours. However, we are in a good position as it approaches.

In addition to our support of the General Fund, we also have received contributions in support of our Deacon's Fund, Youth Fund, and University Lutheran Chapel. We have also seen an up-tic in members using one of our electronic giving options. If you want more information on these options, please contact the secretary.

Please keep the financial status of our congregation in your thoughts and prayers.

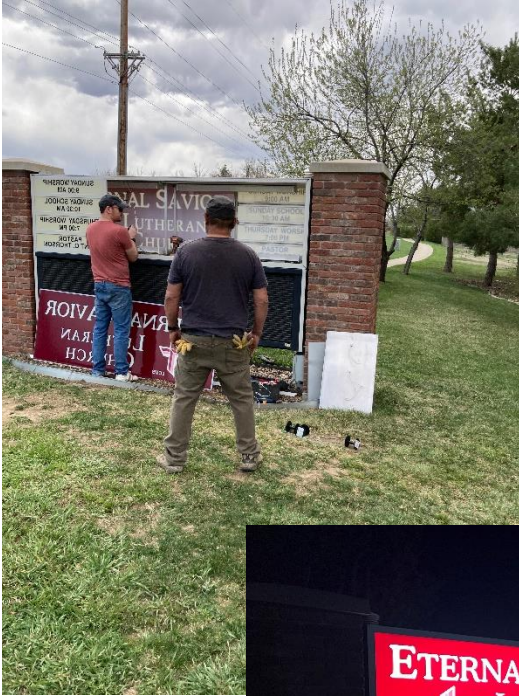
### Stained Glass Window Fund

In addition to contributions received toward our stained-glass window fund we have three memorial fund accounts that have been designated to support this future project. We are still unsure of the final project cost however, our current fund balance is \$3,995.25



# Let There Be Light!

Many worked together on our Spring Work Day to get the lights on our sign to work. Drive by at night and see the sign lit up!





# Game Night!

**We had a fun game night with a great turn out. Fun was had by all!**



# We Welcome New Members and Celebrate Confirmations





# PAINTING PARTY!



**THE YOUTH SPENT ONE SUNDAY CLEANING OUT THEIR CLASSROOM AND PAINTING. THE ROOM HAS A WONDERFUL, FRESH, CLEAN LOOK.**



## 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.

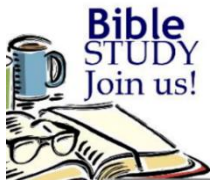
The **2024 Flower Chart** is now available on the bulletin board. Please look to see if there is a service you would like to provide flowers. Also include if the flowers are for a special occasion.

**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.

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**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – Please join us after service downstairs for Sunday morning Bible Study. At this Bible Study we are studying the pericopes.



**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 for Wednesday night Bible Study at 7:00p.m. This will be a biblical study of the liturgy.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** - Please join us for Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:30a.m. This will be a biblical study of the liturgy.

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## SERVING IN MAY

### **Sunday, May 5**

Organist/Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Acolyte	Lydia Hurst
Usher(s)	Cindy Stahly, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Kirk Anderson
Altar	Melisa Anderson
A/V Booth	Larissa and Katie Reuer
Snow/Lawn	Dave Sherrets
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, May 12**

Organist/Pianist	Valerie Iglar or Pam Mayer
Cantor	Cindy Griffin
Acolyte	Katie Reuer
Usher(s)	Cindy Stahly, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Michael Scott
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Keith Cowley
Altar	Melisa Anderson
A/V Booth	Nick and Noah Mayer
Snow/Lawn	Dave Sherrets
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, May 19**

Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Luke Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Melisa Anderson
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow/Lawn	Tom Stahly
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, May 26**

Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Tom Stahly
Acolyte	Anna Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Kirk Anderson, Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Cheryl and Ryan Lambrecht
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley (r), Wayne Thomas
Altar	Melisa Anderson
A/V Booth	Dave Sherrets
Snow/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!