



# The Eternal Light

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## WORD IS . . .

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A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON

ROMANS 12: 14

Bless those who  
persecute you; bless  
and do not curse  
them.

### Bear the Marks

Throughout our lives we get many “marks.” After receiving them we have to bear them. Some of the marks become a badge of honor. For example, you might hear a young man say, “Look at this cool scar, that I got while I was . . .” Or you might hear another person lament the burn scar on his or her arm. We all bear different marks. Not all of them are physical either. We get marks on our science and English papers that stay with us for a very long time. We get marks on our permanent records when we break the law. Most of us still remember the mark of that first boy or girl who broke our hearts. We all bear the marks of life. They are part of us, and they shape us.

In Romans 12 beginning at the ninth verse Paul talks about a different set of marks, the “Marks” of a Christian. These are not necessarily marks on our body, in our permanent record, in some divine grade book or even on our emotions. These are marks on our behavior. They are the visible signs that we have been shaped by Christ. Because he first bore the marks of sin that we deserved, the nail holes and the spear wound and even death, we now bear the marks that his forgiveness, his death and his resurrection, have had on us.

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So what does this look like? What marks am I talking about? Well, what Paul says in verse 14 of Romans 12 really stuck out to me. There he states, “Bless those who persecute you; bless and

do not curse them.” Later in the reading he says, “Repay no evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.” And then he goes on to quote Proverbs 25 saying, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” These are the marks of a Christian. Even though some people in the world may persecute you and leave some scars and lesions on us, we are to bless them. We are to always take the high road, the “Cross Road” if you will. In doing the right and honorable thing we “heap coals” on our detractors. But, even this is not a payback moment. Even when we are burning them up with these “coals,” our prayer is that through the mark we leave with our honorable and loving actions, God will shape and refine them into a brother or sister Christian.

In Christ,

*Pastor Paul D. Smith*

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### Upcoming Events

**September 7<sup>th</sup>** – Rally Day! Sunday School and Bible Study resume

**September 7<sup>th</sup>** – Church Picnic and Manly Man Dessert Competition

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** – ULC Conference

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** – SOAR Seminar at Peace Lutheran, Arvada

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** – New Member Reception

**September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Northern LWML Zone Rally at Mt. Olive in Loveland

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** – Meal at ULC

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### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Come join us Thursday mornings at 10:30 for a very lively Bible Study!

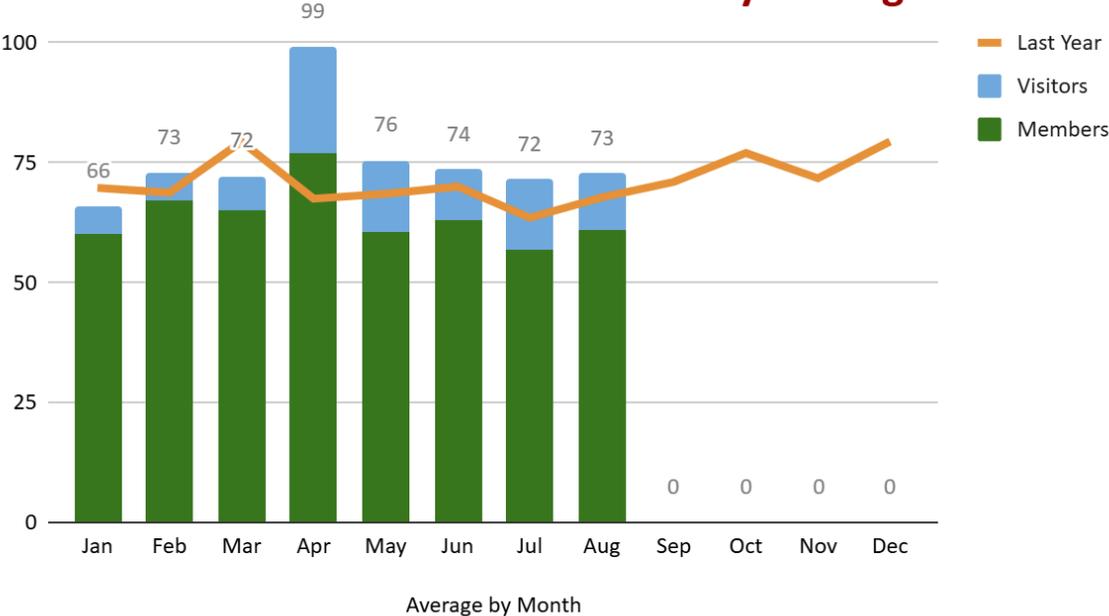


# Attendance Graphs!

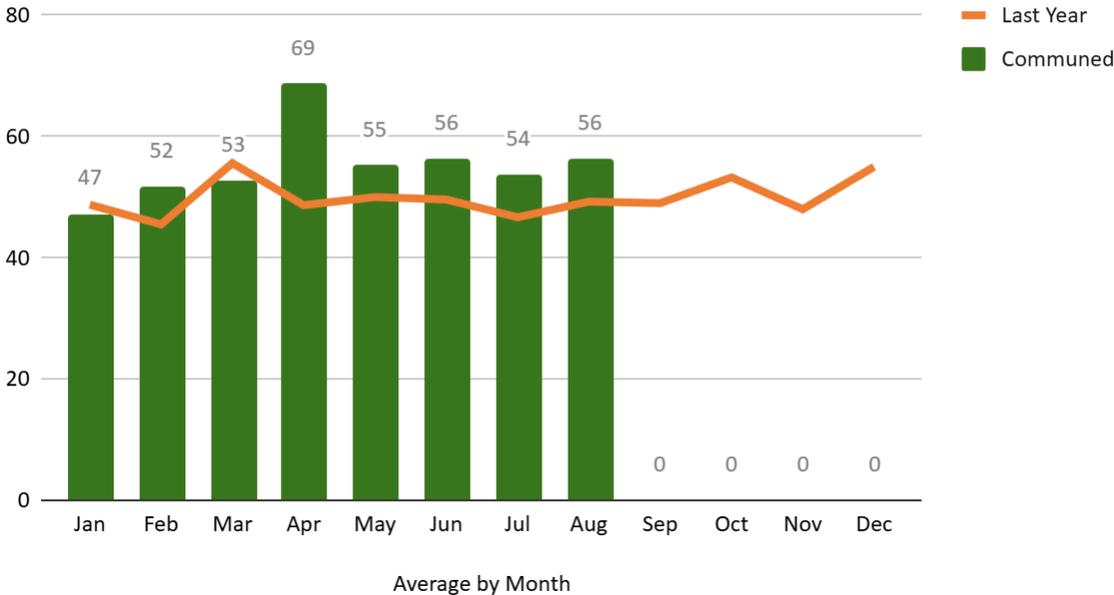
Members of Eternal Savior.

These are graphs showing our attendance and communion for 2025.

## 2025 Attendance: Per-Sunday Average



## 2025 Communed: Per-Sunday Average



## OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of August were:

August 3	\$4,045
August 10	\$1,157
August 17	\$1,022
August 24	\$2,024
August 31	\$3,062
Online Offerings	\$5,586



This weekly average (\$2,816) compares to our 2025 weekly budget needs of **\$5,018**.

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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.

Sept. 7 Katherine Moore and Cindy Stahly  
Sept. 14 Mark and Mary Bunge  
Sept. 21 Mark and Mary Bunge  
Sept. 28 Marc and Jan Ertle

Oct. 5 Marc and Jan Ertle  
Oct. 12 Sam and Lynn Kelley  
Oct. 19 Sam and Lynn Kelley  
Oct. 26 Polly Cowley and Cindy Stahly



The Sunday School children gathered offerings of \$109.52 to give to LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

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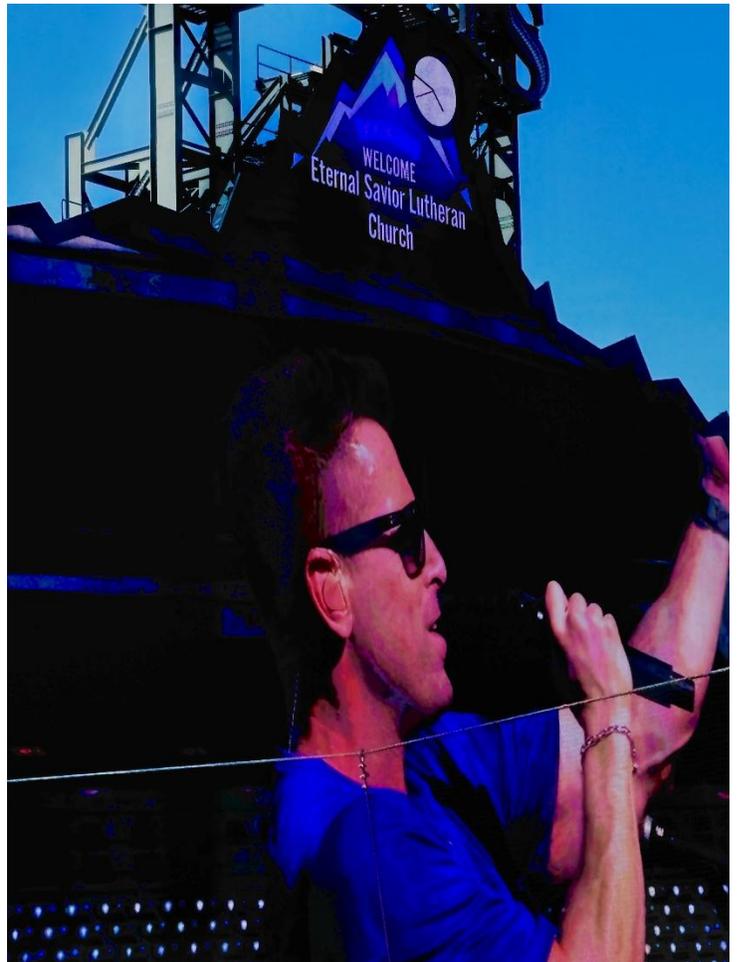
## **From one of our newest members – Dyani Dussault**

"[There is] ...a time to keep, and a time to throw away." (Ecclesiastes 3:6)

Every season has its work, and sometimes that work is letting go. Whether it's a drawer that won't close, a garage that's too full, or a room you avoid, I'd be honored to help you enter a new season with more peace and space. I'm offering free, 3-hour home organizing sessions to any member of Eternal Savior who would like a helping hand. You can find my portfolio at <http://www.UrsaOrg.com> or call/text (720)530-5998 to set up a session.

## Rockies Faith Day

A small group attended Rockies Faith Day. It was a fairly “warm” day with a Rockies win and a great concert by Jeremy Camp.





## Church Picnic! September 7, 11:30AM Under Entrance Portico



*Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks Provided!*

*Bring a side dish to share*

*Sign up on Narthex Bulletin Board*

*Water games, too! – Bring a towel!*



### Calling All Manly Men!

## DESSERT Auction!



### September 7 at Church Picnic

### Enter Your Manliest Dessert Creation

### Creator of dessert with highest bid crowned

### “Manliest Man at Eternal Savior”



11:30AM - Desserts in Fireside Room  
11:45AM - Bidding Begins!  
12:30PM - Winner Crowned!

Manly Rules - Strictly Enforced!

1. No female assistance of any kind!
2. NO purchased baked goods.  
YOU make/bake it!

*Sign up on Narthex Bulletin Board!*

*All proceeds benefit Eternal Savior's Youth Group.*

# Ring Praise to God!

*Interested in Joining our Handbell Choir  
at Eternal Savior?*

*Our handbell choir is a great blessing to  
our congregation; enriching our worship  
and offering great fun and fellowship for  
our ringers.*

*Our choir rehearses from 6:00PM – 7:00PM  
on Tuesday evenings, starting September  
23. We play in worship about once each  
month.*

*Musical experience or prior bell choir experience is helpful, but not necessary. Youth  
and adults are encouraged to respond – a great family activity!*



**-- What Should I Do? --**

*All folks that are interested in bell choir are asked to contact Keith Cowley  
([keithcowley@comcast.net](mailto:keithcowley@comcast.net), 720-480-3594. Keith will add your name to our roster to share more  
information with you about ringing handbells!*



Join Us in Singing the Lord's Song!

**Fall Choir Rehearsals**

**Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00PM**

Choir is a great opportunity for sharing God's great love in song while enjoying fun  
and fellowship!

No auditions! No prior experience!

We *TRULY* need more voices!

Just come and sing!

See Keith Cowley to learn more.

[keithcowley@comcast.net](mailto:keithcowley@comcast.net)



# Northern Zone LWML Rally

September 27, 2025

8:30AM – 2:30PM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
3411 South Taft Avenue, Loveland, CO



*"May your faith not rest in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." 1 Cor 2:5*

Guest Speaker  
Pastor Rob Jarvis



Registration  
\$8.00, includes lunch

RSVP by September 21, 2025  
[mountolive Loveland@yahoo.com](mailto:mountolive Loveland@yahoo.com)  
970-669-7350



with  
God  
all things  
ARE POSSIBLE

*Matthew 19:26*

## 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.

**\*\*\* There are many open spots for flowers on Sunday.** 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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**\*\*\* Please join us Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for Rally Day where we welcome everyone back to Sunday School and Sunday Morning Bible Study!**



**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – Please join us after service downstairs for Sunday morning Bible Study. This Bible Study is covering the Book of Ezekiel.

**Sunday School!** We are studying the “Enduring Faith” curriculum. Sunday School opening is at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. All children are encouraged to join us!

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** - Please join us for Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:30a.m. We will be studying the Apocrypha.

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## **SERVING IN SEPTEMBER**

### **Sunday, September 7**

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Lydia Hurst
Usher(s)	Levi Hinrichs, Ryan Lambrecht
Greeter(s)	Michael Scott
Counter(s)	Katherine Moore and Cindy Stahly
Elder(s)	Marc Ertle, Eric Olson
Altar	Melisa Anderson
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow/Lawn	Sam Kelley
Flowers	Jasper

### **Sunday, September 14**

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Luke Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Cheryl and Ryan Lambrecht
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht (r), Keith Cowley
Altar	Melisa Anderson
A/V Booth	Nick and Noah Mayer
Snow/Lawn	Kyle Martz
Flowers	Griffin

### **Sunday, September 21**

Organist /Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Acolyte	Cole Mayer
Usher(s)	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Melisa Anderson
A/V Booth	Pete and Levi Hinrichs
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	Stahly

### **Sunday, September 28**

Organist/Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Cantor	Keith Cowley
Acolyte	Dylan Mayer
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Katherine Moore
Greeter(s)	Kirk and Melisa Anderson
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Keith Cowley
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Kirk and Micah Anderson
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!