



# *The Eternal Light*

Eternal Savior Lutheran Church

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## WORD IS . . .

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**GALATIANS 5: 1; 6:9**

**5:1 “FOR  
FREEDOM  
CHRIST HAS  
SET US FREE”**

**6:9 “AND LET US  
NOT GROW  
WEARY OF  
DOING GOOD”**

### **A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON**

#### **Rooted in the Reformation**

October! What a month! The first Sunday is, of course, usually set aside for LWML Sunday where we gather our “mighty mites” to support missions around the world. Then at the end of the month we celebrate the Reformation. These two occasions are perhaps a little more related than they might look like on the outside. Remember, Martin Luther broke off from the Roman Catholic Church for many and various good reasons, but one reason was the way that the Catholic Church handled good works. For the Catholics, good works were a necessity by which people got ever closer to heaven. In his study of scripture, Luther came to see that God had no need for our good works. On the contrary, Christ had done all the work of salvation and gave it as a free gift to people like Luther, you, me and all who trust in Christ alone for that salvation. .

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*“Trusting in Christ . . . we free to work for the good of  
those around us!”*

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But, Luther also knew that good works should not be forgotten. Martin knew that the good works of God’s chosen and redeemed people were more ways by which God provides for the earthly needs of His creation. In Galatians 5 and 6, we learn that Christ freed us from sin and from the requirements of the law, so that we would not trust in outward actions for our salvation but use them in love for the good of our neighbor. Trusting in Christ alone and rooted in His salvation, we are free to work for the good of those around us! Thus enter our mites. These tiny little coins that don’t amount to much alone are exactly the kind of good works God wants us to share with the those around us. Those small little coins sent overseas or across the street, and all the acts of Christian love, big or small, that you do daily are those good works by which God shares His love in the lives of your neighbors. Being rooted in Christ and in His salvation, we can gladly help the LWML with our mites and daily good works and take up the work of the Reformation so others might know and have the same freedom in Christ alone.

In Christ,

*Pastor Ant O. Ih*



# NEWS

## & Notes

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### Upcoming Events

October 4 – LWML Sunday

October 4 – November 8 – “Pack the Pews” food drive for Sister Carmen

October 11 – 10:00 AM – Dedication of the new Pavilion

6:30 PM – Lutheran Chorale presents “Hymns Triumphant”

October 24 – 5:30 PM – Reformation Dinner with games and entertainment

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### OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of June were:

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| September 6      | \$ 3,805 |
| September 13     | \$ 2,716 |
| September 20     | \$ 746   |
| September 27     | \$ 2,612 |
| Online Offerings | \$ 4,224 |



This weekly average (\$3,526) compares to our 2026 weekly budget needs of **\$5,349**.

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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. 4 – Marc and Jan Ertle

Oct. 11 – Polly Cowley and Kristin Burkett

Oct. 18 – Katherine Moore & Ron Bredehoft

Oct. 25 – Katherine Moore & Ron Bredehoft

Nov. 1 – Mark and Mary Bunge

Nov. 8 – Mark and Mary Bunge

Nov. 15 – Marc and Jan Ertle

Nov. 22 – Marc and Jan Ertle

Nov. 29 – Sam and Lynn Kelleyt

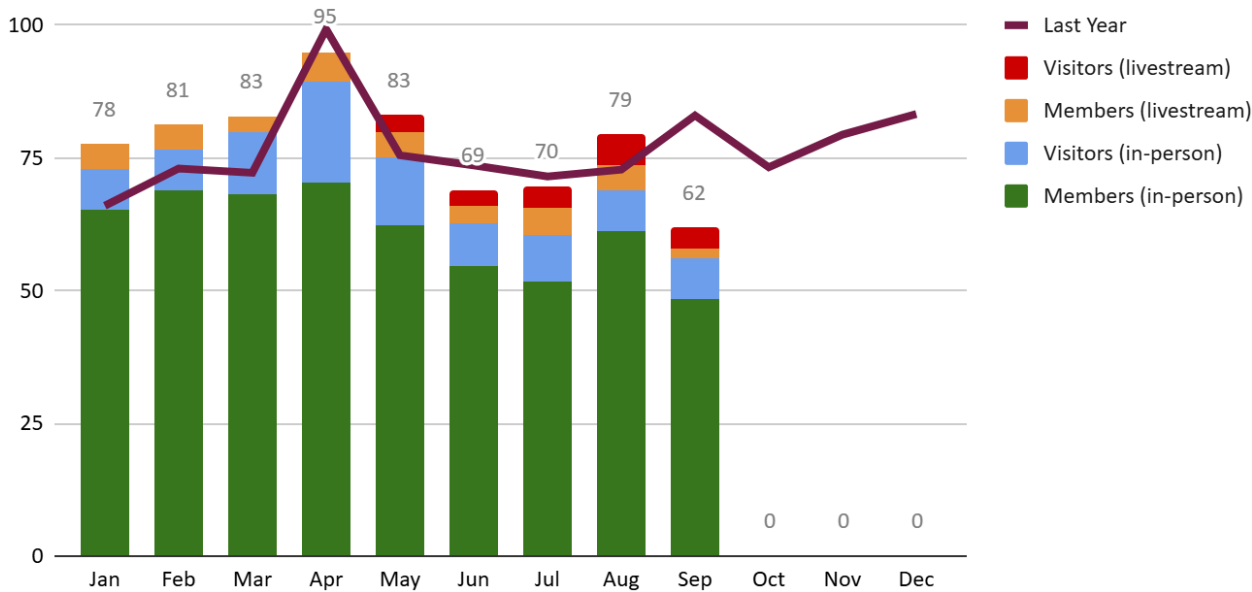
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# Attendance Graphs!

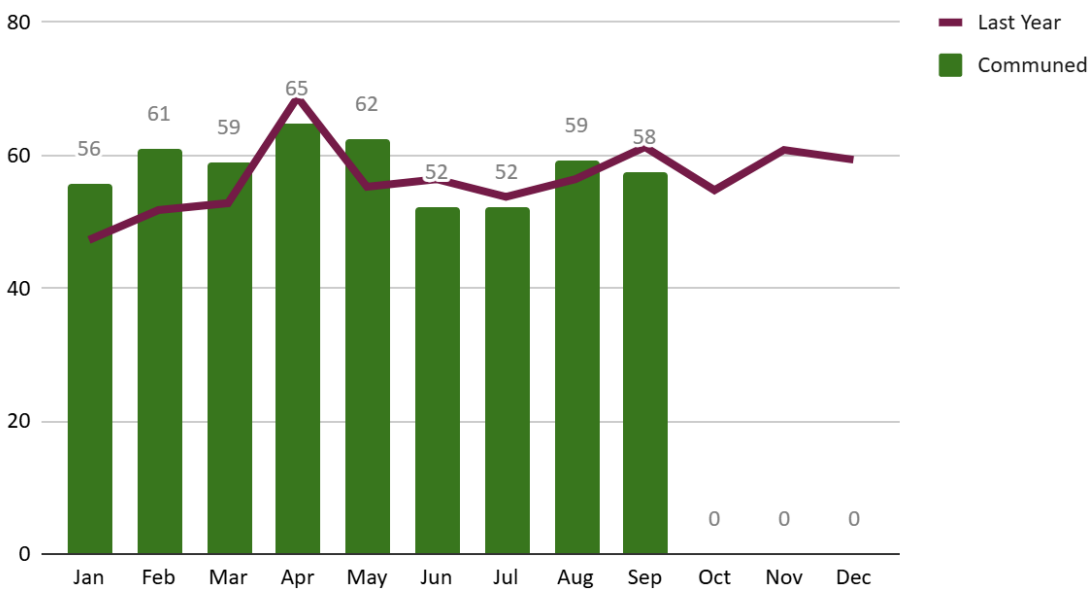
Members of Eternal Savior.

These are graphs showing our attendance and communion for 2026.

## 2026 Attendance: Per-Sunday Average



## 2026 Communed: Per-Sunday Average



## Message from the Treasurer

General Fund – The last couple of months have seen a lot of activity; including the roof, the pavilion, the processional cross, and the repair of our handbells, each which are in different stages of completion. We continue to build our various funds to cover anticipated and unanticipated future expenses. The General Fund covering our day-to-day budget expenses remains stable and I do not anticipate a need to dip into our emergency Rainy Day funds. We are truly blessed above and beyond, and we all should give thanks.

Budget – It is now time for us to start working on the budget for 2027, please pray for those involved in this process. If you are interested in information as we proceed, please let me know. S

Seminary Support – Dan Hampton, our previous recipient of support, has graduated. The Council has decided to continue our seminary student support for Cody Goetsch with our 2026 budgeted commitment. Please pray for both of these individuals and their families.

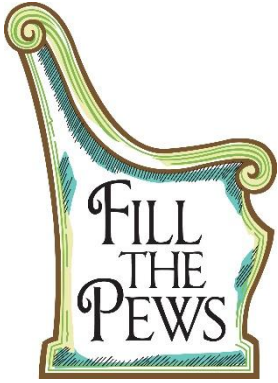
Debt Reduction – We now have two loans with LCEF, totaling about \$99,000. For now, we are allowed to make an interest only payment on the larger loan, this will last for about 18 months. So, we are building a savings account which will allow us to make a premium payment prior to that 18-month time frame expiring. This will reduce our loan amount and future monthly payments. With our initial balance, member contributions and our monthly interest we have already saved \$5,400 and council is considering adding money from some other areas as well. If you are interested in giving just mark your contribution for “roof” or “debt reduction” and I will make sure it is added into this account.

If you have any questions or comments please see, call, or email me.



### Banner Storage

Our banner storage is completed. Thank you to Robin, Ed, Sam and Bob for all their work on this project.



## Let's Pack the Pews!!

**Our Holiday Food Drive for Sister Carmen is underway! Starting October 4<sup>th</sup> – November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will accept non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving/Christmas season.**

**We have provided paper bags in the Sister Carmen bin by the front door along with a list of suggested food items.**

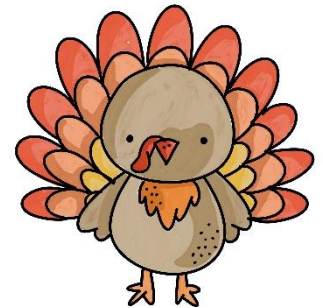
**Take a bag or two and return to one of the front pews in the sanctuary.**



**Pastor will do a blessing of our gifts on November 8<sup>th</sup> and they will be delivered November 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Give as you are able and thank you in advance for your generosity to those in need.**

**Here is the list of suggested food items!**



### Holiday Items Most Needed:

#### Cultural Essentials

- Masa Harina / Corn Flour (Maseca)
- Corn Husks
- Dried Chile Peppers: Ancho, Guajillo, Pasilla
- Tortillas: Corn and Flour
- Lard
- Hominy

#### Baking & Dessert Supplies

- Flour and Sugar/Brown sugar (5 lb bags or smaller)
- Baking Powder & Baking Soda
- Cookie Mix & Cake Mix
- Evaporated milk and Condensed milk
- Spices: cinnamon, ginger, garlic, etc.
- Cooking Oil: canola & olive

#### Canned & Shelf-Stable Items

- Canned Sweet Potatoes or Yams
- Canned Cranberries
- Chicken Broth/Bouillon
- Pie Fillings: pumpkin, cherry, apple
- Dried Beans: black, pinto, red
- White Rice

To learn more about Sister Carmen please visit:

[www.sistercarmen.org](http://www.sistercarmen.org)

## Sunday School

Sunday school began again on September 13. It is fun to see all the students in learning mode.



## Pavilion Completed

Our pavilion has been completed and benches built. Some landscaping still needs to be completed. We are planning a dedication October 11. Thank you to all who have put much time and effort into completing this project. Thank you also for all the donations to fund the project.



## Support of a Seminary Student

The Church Council decided to now support Cody Goetsch as he begins his seminary studies. Cody and his parents were long time members of ESLC. Here is a bio from Cody so we can better know about him and his family.



Hello! My name is Cody Goetsch, and I was born March 22, 1991 in Idaho Falls, ID to Jerry and Kim Goetsch. We moved to Erie, CO in 1996 and joined Eternal Savior Lutheran Church shortly thereafter. What a blessing it was to grow up in this church! I remember Easter morning sunrise services outside in the snow at the church property before the current building had been constructed. I remember an all-night Confirmation class shut-in as we furiously worked through the Small Catechism after we had fallen way behind on schedule thanks to riveting discussions with Pastor Rhode. I remember countless potluck dinners in the church basement for midweek Advent and Lent services. Fun fact: I had the privilege to serve as acolyte for the very first service in the current building after construction was finished! Though I didn't know it at the time, these and many other memories at ESLC played a huge part in my recent decision to attend Concordia Seminary, St Louis.

However, there were a few other things that happened along the way. I graduated from Centaurus High School in Lafayette in 2009, then went off to college at Montana State University in Bozeman, MT. In 2013 I graduated with a degree in Exercise Science, then enlisted in the US Navy. I successfully completed training to become a Special Warfare Combat Crewman (SWCC) and then was stationed at Special Boat Team 22 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast until 2025. During that time, I had the opportunity to deploy all around the world, including Colombia, Singapore, the Philippines, Australia, Thailand, Sweden, Croatia, Montenegro, and Greece. God has truly created a beautiful world full of wonderful and interesting people. While living in Mississippi, I met my wife Kaitlyn. After surviving a 4 month deployment apart, we were married on September 26, 2020 (on Kaitlyn's birthday). We had our first child, Wyatt in August 2024.

As I was approaching the end of my last contract with the Navy, I felt that it was time for me to do something else. It took me a bit to realize it, but it was God who was tugging at my heart, and pointing me toward ministry. So, I separated from the Navy and applied to Concordia Seminary, St Louis. My family and I moved to St Louis this past summer, and I am now in my first semester and loving it. What a wonderful blessing to get to study God's Word here on this campus. My favorite part is the daily Chapel service. After graduating, I hope to re-enter the military to serve as a chaplain. I look forward to being able to serve both Christ's Church and our great nation.

I hope to stop by at Eternal Savior with my family for worship next time we are in the area to visit my parents (who live in Cheyenne now). It will be wonderful to see old friends and to meet new ones. May God continue to bless Eternal Savior Lutheran Church.

In Christ,  
Cody Goetsch

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

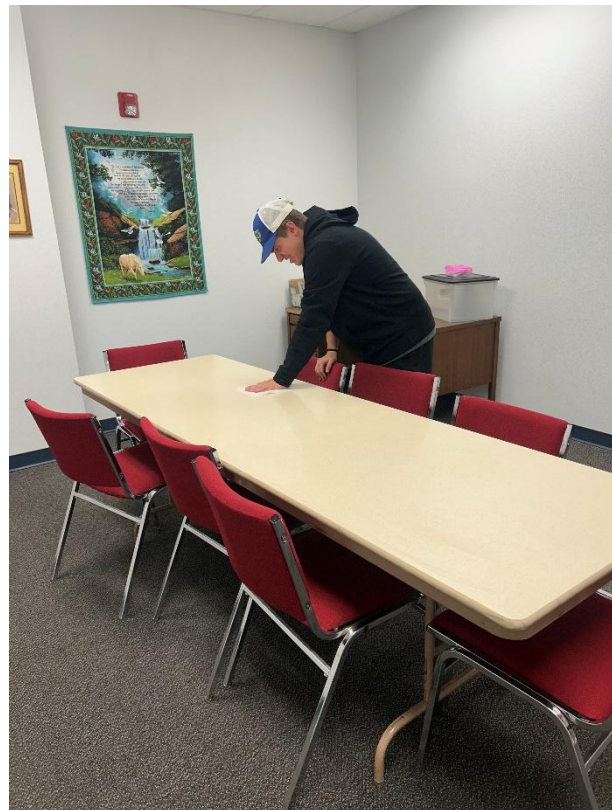
## Baptism of Lenora May Olson

On September 20, we welcomed Lenora May Olson into the family of Christ.



## Community Support

We have partnered with Boulder Valley School District in support of their Transitions Program. The Transitions Program works with students ages 18-21 who have finished four years of high school but require additional time to achieve their IEP identified post-secondary goals. The students come each Wednesday morning and work on cleaning up the Sunday School rooms. We feel this is a great way to help our community. Here are some pictures of the students.



# BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

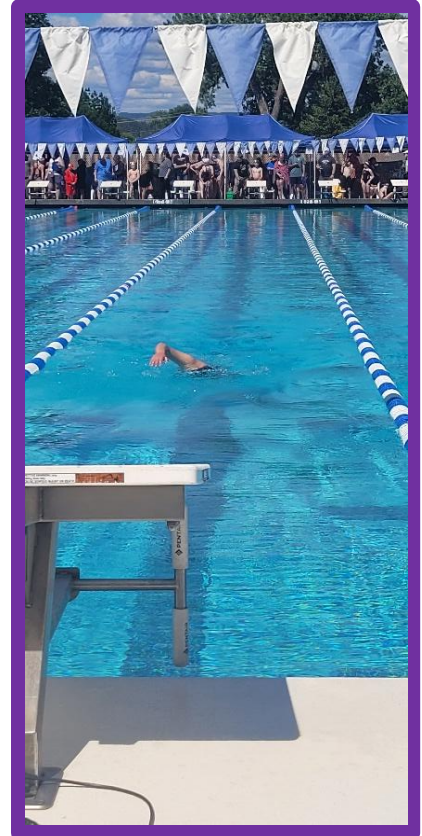
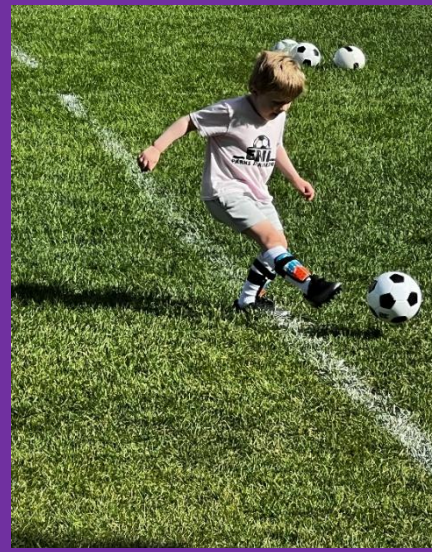
# Sharing God's Gifts in Our Community

We thank God for the talents and abilities He gives us! Below we share news of recent events involving our members, as well as upcoming public events that the congregation is invited to join as your interest and calendar guides.

## Recent Community Events



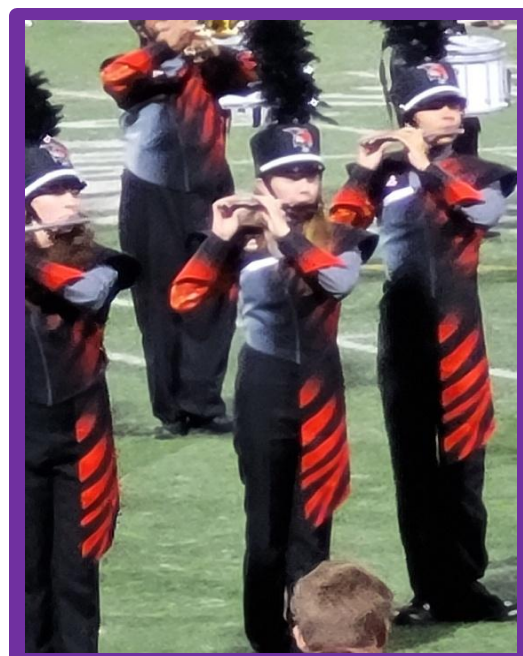
Charlie talks over strategy with a teammate before his big kickoff at soccer on 9/12/26.



Kaya at South Dakota swim meet.



Eva with board and concrete block she broke.



Anna performing Van Halen's Jump at Erie High school's halftime show.

# Sharing God's Gifts in Our Community

## Recent Community Events



Barkley enjoyed taking Kyle to "Bark at the Park" for the Rockies vs. Diamondbacks game on 9/23. Kyle was very well-behaved and was given several treats.



Levi receiving the Coach's Honor Award for the long course season with Redtails.



Aeson in his first ever XC meet



Melisa and Aeson competed in Ireland in the 100m and 400m OCR for team USA



Luke in the Homecoming parade



Luke in his first orchestra concert of the year.

# Sharing God's Gifts in Our Community

## Upcoming Events

| Date/Time                      | Event                                                          | Location                                                           | Participating Members |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>10/1<br/>6-8PM</b>          | Louisville Singing Seniors                                     | Louisville Center for the Arts<br>801 Grand Ave.<br>Louisville, CO | Robin W.<br>Connie H. |
| <b>10/3<br/>9 AM</b>           | 4-year old Soccer                                              | Arapahoe Ridge Park<br>1750 Powell St.<br>Erie, CO                 | Charlie B.            |
|                                | DCMI Marching Festival                                         | Douglas County HS<br>2842 Front St.<br>Castle Rock, CO             | Dylan M.              |
|                                | Greeley Invitational Marching Fest                             |                                                                    | Anna L.               |
| <b>11:00 AM</b>                | Cross Country Meet                                             | Mead High School                                                   | Luke H. & Aeson A.    |
|                                | Cross Country Meet                                             | Boulder                                                            | Micah A.              |
|                                | Soccer Game                                                    | Longs Peak Park                                                    | Aeson A.              |
|                                | Soccer Game                                                    | Country Fields Park                                                | Trinity A. & Eva L.   |
| <b>10/5<br/>TBD</b>            | Orchestra Concert                                              | Mead High School<br>12750 CO Rd. 7<br>Longmont, CO                 | Aliyah T.             |
| <b>10/7</b>                    | SVVSD Marching Band Night<br>Performance                       |                                                                    | Anna L.               |
| <b>10/8<br/>5:15PM</b>         | Centaurus vs Monarch Ultimate<br>Frisbee game                  | Lafayette Elementary<br>101 N. Bermont Ave.<br>Lafayette, CO       | Cole M.               |
| <b>1:30PM</b>                  | Louisville Singing Seniors                                     | Morningstar Assisted Living<br>575 Tantra Dr.<br>Boulder, CO       | Robin W.<br>Connie H. |
| <b>10/9<br/>7 PM</b>           | Centaurus Homecoming                                           | Centaurus High School<br>1030 S. Boulder Rd.<br>Lafayette, CO      | Dylan M.              |
|                                | League Cross Country Meet                                      | Margaret Carpenter Rec Center<br>Thornton, CO                      | Luke H. & Micah A.    |
| <b>10/10<br/>9 AM<br/>9 AM</b> | 4-year old Soccer                                              | Arapahoe Ridge Park<br>Erie, CO                                    | Charlie B.            |
|                                | Cross Country Meet                                             | Westview Middle School                                             | Aeson A.              |
| <b>11 AM</b>                   | Soccer Game                                                    | Longs Peak Park                                                    | Aeson A.              |
| <b>1:30PM</b>                  | Ninja Competition                                              | Warrior Playground                                                 | Aeson A.              |
| <b>2:00PM</b>                  | Soccer Game                                                    | Country Fields                                                     | Trinity A. & Eva L.   |
| <b>2:45-8:30PM</b>             | Monarch Marching Band Festival<br>Centaurus performs at 5:45PM | Centaurus High School<br>Lafayette, CO                             | Dylan M.              |
| <b>10/11<br/>4:00PM</b>        | Ninja Competition                                              | Warrior Playground                                                 | Trinity A.            |
| <b>6:30 PM</b>                 | Lutheran Chorale                                               | Eternal Savior Lutheran Church                                     | Linda T.              |

# Sharing God's Gifts in Our Community

## Upcoming Events - Continued

| Date/Time            | Event                                                                       | Location                                                         | Participating Members |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 10/12<br>3:15-9:30PM | Northern Regional Marching Band Competition<br>Centaurus performs at 6:30PM | Centaurus High School<br>Lafayette, CO                           | Dylan M.              |
| 10/15<br>5:00PM      | Centaurus vs Centaurus Ultimate Frisbee game                                | Lafayette Elementary<br>Lafayette, CO                            | Cole M.               |
| 10/24<br>2:00 PM     | Coal Creek Community Chorus Sings for Seniors                               | Sunrise at Flatirons<br>400 Summit Blvd.<br>Broomfield, CO       | Keith C.              |
| 10/30<br>6:30 PM     | Erie Football and Marching Band – Senior Night                              | Erie High School<br>3180 County Road 5<br>Erie, CO               | Anna L.               |
| 10/31                | Halloween Parade                                                            | Longmont                                                         | Anna L.               |
| 11/8<br>3:00 PM      | Coal Creek Community Chorus at Red Rocks w/ FACE                            | Red Rocks Amphitheatre<br>18300 W. Alameda Pkwy.<br>Morrison, CO | Keith C.              |
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**Have photos from a recent event, or have an upcoming event you'd like to share with others?**

Send email with photos or event logistics to [secretary@etenalsavior-lutheran.org](mailto:secretary@etenalsavior-lutheran.org) or text to Mary Bunge (303-517-9071)

\*Please obtain permission from participants (or parents) before sharing photos.

\*Please share only events/activities where the public is invited to attend.



# stayCONNECTED

## 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. 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!

**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.

**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 2026 flower calendar is 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.

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**Sunday Morning Bible Study** - Please join us after service downstairs for Sunday morning Bible Study. The topic is "Book of Revelation".

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** - Please join us for Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:30a.m. The topic is "Man of God".



**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!

## **SERVING IN OCTOBER**

### **Sunday, October 4**

|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Organist /Pianist | Linda Innes                  |
| Acolyte           | Eva Lambrecht                |
| Usher(s)          | LWML Ladies                  |
| Greeter(s)        | Nancy Hire                   |
| Counter(s)        | Marc and Jan Ertle           |
| Elder(s)          | Marc Ertle and Ron Bredehoft |
| Altar             | Linda Thompson               |
| A/V Booth         | Keith Cowley                 |
| Snow/Lawn         | Bob Vieyra & Kyle Martz      |
| Flowers           | Raben                        |

### **Sunday, October 11**

|                   |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Organist /Pianist | Linda Innes                    |
| Cantor            | Cindy Griffin                  |
| Acolyte           | Trinity Anderson               |
| Usher(s)          | Tom and Cindy Stahly           |
| Greeter(s)        | Cheryl and Ryan Lambrecht      |
| Counter(s)        | Polly Cowley & Kristin Burkett |
| Elder(s)          | Tom Stahly (r) & Eric Olson    |
| Altar             | Linda Thompson                 |
| A/V Booth         | Laura Raben                    |
| Snow/Lawn         | Bob Vieyra & Kyle Martz        |
| Flowers           | Lambrecht                      |

### **Sunday, October 18**

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Organist /Pianist | Valerie Igler                   |
| Acolyte           | Aliyah Thorson                  |
| Usher(s)          | Roger Landowski & Levi Hinrichs |
| Greeter(s)        | Bob and Brenda Vieyra           |
| Counter(s)        | Katherine Moore & Ron Bredehoft |
| Elder(s)          | Wayne Thomas & Marc Ertle       |
| Altar             | Linda Thompson                  |
| A/V Booth         | Keith Cowley                    |
| Snow/Lawn         | Bob Vieyra & Kyle Martz         |
| Flowers           | Linda Thompson                  |

### **Sunday, October 25**

|                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Organist /Pianist | Valerie Igler                    |
| Cantor            | Mark Bunge                       |
| Acolyte           | Kaya Lambrecht                   |
| Usher(s)          | Roger Landowski & Levi Hinrichs  |
| Greeter(s)        | Terri Nagel                      |
| Counter(s)        | Katherine Moore & Ron Bredehoft  |
| Elder(s)          | Wayne Thomas (r) & Ron Bredehoft |
| Altar             | Linda Thompson                   |
| A/V Booth         | Tom Stahly & Micah Anderson      |
| Snow/Lawn         | Bob Vieyra & Kyle Martz          |
| Flowers           | Bunge                            |

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!

# **NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

We have set a date for a Reformation Dinner for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a dinner followed by games/entertainment as we have done in the past. Watch for more information in the weekly service folders as the date gets closer.

## **FOOD PANTRY: SISTER CARMEN**

Sister Carmen Food Pantry continues to appreciate our ongoing generosity. A list of needed items is on the donation bin in the narthex. As we approach the holiday giving season, we would be launching a 4-5 week Thanksgiving/Christmas food drive. You may bring donations **Oct 4th - Nov 8th**. Please watch for the flyer in the bulletin in the upcoming weeks with full details. We thank you for your continued support of this outreach to the community.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS**

The Sunday School program has begun for this school year. The children will be collecting offerings through the year and will decide on an organization to donate to in the Spring.

## **LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES SUPPORT**

There are currently no organized drives for LFS but we are in regular communication with them. We expect to receive information for the Angel Tree as we have in the past and will make you aware of any giving opportunities as the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approach.

## **NEXT MEETING**

October 18, 2026

## **UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL Mission**

We will be providing a meal on November 1. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board asking for needed items for this meal. Please take a look and see what you might be able to provide.

There is an ongoing need for ULC meals. Anyone from the congregation is welcome to provide a meal. The meals follow the 5pm Sunday evening services. If you are interested, contact a Deacon and we can provide you the necessary details to plan, deliver and serve the meals and let you know what dates are available.

We thank you for any interest that you might have in providing a ULC meal. Contact the Deacons with any interest you might have.

## **EMERGENCY FAMILY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT**

Requested monthly supplies and our contribution donations continue to be delivered to EFAA. The EFAA is grateful for our donations and look forward to receiving them monthly. As with Sister Carmen, there is a donation bin in the narthex. We communicate with the social worker by email to determine ongoing needs for them as changes arise.

Current items requested include:

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Baby Wipes          | Bar Soaps           |
| Adult Toothpaste    | Adult Toothbrushes  |
| Men/Woman deodorant | Paper towels (3pks) |
| Dishwasher Pods     | Detergents          |
| Fabric Softener     | Clorox              |
| Floor Cleaner       | Body Lotion         |
| Disinfecting Wipes  | Trash Bags          |
| Pads/ Tampons       |                     |

## **DEACONS FUND STATUS**

\$4,232.36

# October 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                    | Monday    | Tuesday                                                  | Wednesday                                       | Thursday                                            | Friday    | Saturday                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                           |           |                                                          |                                                 |                                                     |           |                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                           |           |                                                          |                                                 | <b>1</b><br>10:30 Bible Study<br>6:30 Confirmation  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                                        |
| <b>4 LWML Sunday</b><br>9:00 Worship and Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study                                                                                     | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>                                                 | <b>7</b><br>9:30 Quilting<br><b>Elders 6:30</b> | <b>8</b><br>10:30 Bible Study<br>6:30 Confirmation  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                       |
| <b>11</b><br>9:00 Worship and Communion<br>10:15 Dedication of Pavilion<br>10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study<br><b>11:40 Church Council</b><br><b>6:30 Lutheran Chorale</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br>6:00 Bell Rehearsal<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal | <b>14</b><br>9:30 Quilting                      | <b>15</b><br>10:30 Bible Study<br>6:30 Confirmation | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                                       |
| <b>18</b><br>9:00 Worship and Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study<br><b>11:30 Deacons</b>                                                                        | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br>6:00 Bell Rehearsal<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal | <b>21</b><br>9:30 Quilting                      | <b>22</b><br>10:30 Bible Study<br>6:30 Confirmation | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br><br><b>5:30 Reformation Dinner</b> |
| <b>25</b><br>9:00 Worship and Communion<br><b>10:10 Trustees</b><br>10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study                                                                       | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>6:00 Bell Rehearsal<br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal | <b>28</b><br>9:30 Quilting                      | <b>29</b><br>10:30 Bible Study<br>6:30 Confirmation | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>                                       |

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# Pray with us

Global Bible Ministry

Before plans are made, journeys begin,  
words are translated, or Scripture is shared,  
we seek the Lord's guidance and entrust this  
work to Him.

Bible translation is ultimately God's mission.  
He opens doors, equips local leaders, gives  
wisdom to translators, strengthens churches,  
and prepares hearts to receive His Word.

## *What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!*

Our confidence does not rest in our own  
ability, resources, or developed plans. It rests  
in the faithfulness of the God who promises  
that His Word will accomplish His purposes.

Throughout October, we invite you to join us  
in covering every Lutheran Bible Translators  
program in prayer. Each day highlights  
people and ministries serving in different  
languages, countries, and stages of the  
translation process. Together, we will pray for  
wisdom, protection, perseverance, strong  
partnerships, and communities transformed  
by God's Word.

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- 1.** Guide Lutheran Bible Translators with wisdom, unity, integrity, and courage as staff, missionaries, and partners serve worldwide.
- 2.** Open hearts to receive God's Word, strengthen churches to teach faithfully, and invite their communities to Christ.
- 3.** Equip Assyrian and Sabelto translators, granting accuracy, perseverance, trusted partnerships, and opportunities to share Your Word widely.
- 4.** Bless NOLA Scripture Engagement and Indonesia Bible Translation, equipping local leaders to communicate Scripture clearly across cultures.
- 5.** Give Subula and Nizaa translators wisdom, community participation, and progress toward clear, accurate, and natural heart-language Scriptures.
- 6.** Strengthen Cameroon's translation department and Ethiopia's EECMY ministry to advance translation, literacy, training, and faithful Scripture use.
- 7.** Guide Dhirayta and Zayse translators, helping communities understand, embrace, and share God's Word in their own languages.
- 8.** Sustain South Gumuz translators and Southwest Ethiopia coordinators with wisdom, resources, cooperation, and endurance for faithful service.
- 9.** Provide Mekane Yesus students with excellent preparation, faithful mentors, and opportunities to strengthen Bible ministry.
- 10.** Bless Bandi, Maan, and Dan translators with perseverance as they work toward printing.
- 11.** Strengthen LIBTRALO's leaders, expanding Liberian capacity for sustainable translation, literacy, training, and Bible ministry.

- 12.** Grant Eleme and Gokana translators clarity, perseverance, and fruitful review, producing Scripture communities understand, trust, and use.
- 13.** Protect Jukun Takum and Kukele translators, deepen church participation, and guide progress toward faithful, understandable, accessible Scripture.
- 14.** Give Obe and Tyap translators linguistic wisdom, theological faithfulness, and collaboration while translating God's Word for Nigeria.
- 15.** Bless Yala Translation and Kuturmi Scripture Engagement, helping churches share Scripture through worship, teaching, music, and life.
- 16.** Equip Rev. Martin Payi through his internship and renew Bokyi Scripture Engagement, connecting communities with God's Word.
- 17.** Guide Kara and Kerewe translators with accuracy, unity, and endurance, preparing Scripture that strengthens faith across communities.
- 18.** Sustain Datoga Taturu and Sumbwa translators, providing resources and helping churches receive, teach, and share translated Scripture.
- 19.** Bless Sukuma and Komba Scripture Engagement leaders with creativity and discernment, helping communities encounter Jesus through Scripture.
- 20.** Multiply Themne Translation and Scripture Engagement efforts, so God's Word becomes treasured, understood, proclaimed, and lived throughout communities.
- 21.** Guide Mende Translation and Scripture Engagement, connecting accurate translation with meaningful use that strengthens disciples and churches.

- 22.** Empower Kissi and Kono Scripture Engagement teams to create culturally meaningful resources encouraging worship and spiritual growth.
- 23.** Give Krio and Kuranko Scripture Engagement leaders partnerships, creative outreach, and wisdom for sharing God's Word daily.
- 24.** Strengthen Limba and Loko Scripture Engagement, helping believers read, hear, understand, and confidently share Scripture with others.
- 25.** Bless TISLL and the ELCPNG coordination office, equipping local institutions to lead sustainable, church-centered Bible translation movements.
- 26.** Guide Suena and Yekora translators with patience and precision, strengthening community ownership of Scripture in familiar languages.
- 27.** Sustain Zia and Shekgalagari translators, helping them overcome obstacles and produce clear Scripture communities understand and treasure.
- 28.** Bless Khwedam and Wayeyi translators with wisdom, endurance, and support, making God's Word widely accessible in Botswana.
- 29.** Guide Rev79 and international development efforts, fostering strong partnerships, capable leadership, shared learning, and sustainable translation movements.
- 30.** Provide printing, technology, and vehicles so teams work effectively and deliver Scripture to communities awaiting God's Word.
- 31.** Call and prepare new missionaries, guide mission exploration, and open communities desiring Scripture in their own languages.



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# Pray For Us Calendar

## HOLY BAPTISM — OCTOBER 1-15

Water and Word wash us into Christ's death and resurrection. "Baptism ... now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21). We daily remember our Baptism through repentance and forgiveness in the cross of Christ. Through our Baptism, we are brought into the Church, the Body of Christ. As we pray, we rejoice in God's gift of Baptism and continue to rejoice in the gifts of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit and eternal life granted to us in Word and Sacrament.

*Remember God's gift of Baptism as you pray:*

- 1.** *Thank God for His gifts of Word and Sacrament, that through these means God freely gives His grace to sinners by faith.*
- 2.** *Thank God for the gift of Baptism, that His Word works through the water to join us to Christ's death and resurrection.*
- 3.** *Thank God for the gift of Baptism, that His Word combines with the water to deliver forgiveness and eternal life.*

**4.** *Rejoice that the Holy Spirit gives faith and sustains us in the faith.*

**5.** *Thank God for the gift of Baptism for adults, that those who are instructed in the faith and who were not baptized as children may receive the gift of forgiveness and life in the waters of Baptism.*

**6.** *for parents, that they might faithfully raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them His Word and bringing them to the Sacrament.*

**7.** *for sponsors, that they might faithfully work with parents to teach the faith to the baptized.*

**8.** *for all the baptized, that in daily repentance all might cling to God's promises of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ.*

**9.** *for all the baptized, that they might daily cling to their Baptism and hope in Christ alone.*

**10.** *for all the baptized, that the Spirit would keep the Church strong in persecution.*

**11.** *for all the baptized, that they witness to all about the death and resurrection of Jesus.*

**12.** *for all who are not baptized, that the Spirit would draw them to Christ in faith.*

**13.** *Thank God for the Baptism of Jesus, that He took on our sins to suffer in our stead.*

**14.** *Thank God for calling you to be His adopted child and heir of eternal life.*

**15.** *That Christ would return quickly, that the Church might dwell with Him in righteousness, holiness and blessedness.*



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## THE LORD'S SUPPER — OCTOBER 16-31

Bread and wine, body and blood feed us with the food that endures to eternal life. Christ gives His body and blood to His body the Church. Those who have faith in the words, “given and shed for you” receive what those words promise, the forgiveness of sins.

*Remember God's gift of the Sacrament of the Altar as you pray:*

**16.** *Thank God for the Sacrament of the Altar, that it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine.*

**17.** *Rejoice that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given.*

**18.** *That God would grant us faith in His Word, that we worthily receive the Sacrament and live in repentance.*

**19.** *Thank God for daily bread, even the bread of life that we receive in the Sacrament.*

**20.** *for preparation before receiving the Sacrament, that all might receive it trusting in the Words of Christ.*

**21.** *Thank God for the Church and the Office of the Holy Ministry.*

**22.** *for the unity of the Church, that schisms might cease, and all might be united in the true faith.*

**23.** *that we, who are many, may see ourselves as the one Body of Christ.*

**24.** *for the Church, that she remains faithful to the truth of God's Word.*

**25.** *for the LCMS, that we might believe, teach and confess all things according to God's will.*

**26.** *with thanksgiving that God continues to strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments.*

**27.** *for those who do not belong to the Church, that God would call all to faith.*

**28.** *for the sustenance of the Sacrament of the Altar, that God would grant faith unto eternal life.*



**29.** *that after receiving Communion, all would amend their sinful lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**30.** *that God would keep all Christians from being led*



*astray by false teachings, and instead bring them to a deeper knowledge of Him.*

**31.** *for the endurance of faith until Christ returns.*

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