NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Honoring All Saints Day, end of Daylight Savings time,
Veteran's day and Thanksgiving

Edison Park Lutheran Church
6626 N Oliphant Ave, Chicago IL 60631

From Deacon Carole

Dear Friends,

When we lose someone dear to us, we're reminded that tomorrow is not a guarantee for any one of us, whether we're young or old, healthy or in failing health. But as believers in Christ, we know that the grave is not the end. The final chapter of our lives is not failing health and death, but rather the resurrection to life everlasting. It's in dying that we are born to eternal life.

On All Saints Day weekend, October 31st and November 1st, we will read the names of those who have died this past year, and were buried through the ministry of EPLC. We will light a candle and ring a chime in their memory. It's a time of prayer, thanksgiving, and remembrance. In addition to officiating at services for members, we officiate at services for family members, and former members, and we minister to families from the community in their time of loss. Many of these families have begun worshipping with us on a regular basis and have found EPLC to be a warm, welcoming community where they feel comfortable, and have found a place to nourish their faith. You were also invited to submit names of loved ones who died this past year, but weren't buried through EPLC, and those names are included as well.

All Saints Day gives us a time to especially remember, and give thanks for, all of our loved ones and friends who are home with God. We light a candle in their memory and reflect on all the ways our lives have been touched by them. You will be given an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved ones as well.

As we enter into this Thanksgiving season, we give thanks to God for our many blessings and for his constant provision. We give thanks for all the people he has placed in our lives who stand beside us as faithful witnesses to the Gospel, and we give thanks for all the saints who have been called home and now rest with God. Blessed be their memory.

Norelle Ammentorp + Rev. Clarence Baalson + Rev. Dr. James Bach + Dolores Barry + Delores Bedgood + Alexander Biger + Barry Bleeker + Ann Marie Boron + John Bowling + Jerry Ciolek + Gloria Clarke + Viola Collins-Brown + Jack Conway + Lila Dahlke + John Dorjath + Dan Dunn + Ann Gent + Russell Hammar + Laurel Holmes + Roger Horning + Ruth Horning + Baba Yana Ignatova + Vera Johnson + Dzintra Kalnins + Eva Kassner + Loyd Ellsworth Kelly + Dr. Ed Kruse + Ralph Kudsk + Deanna Landini + Tom Laubach + Marilyn McClory + Mary Jo McCoy + Jim Nagy + Richard Nelson + John O'Malley + Ronald Otto + Noemi Quintana + Helen Reyes + Jennifer Rieman + Nancy Rodie + Tony Schlobohm + Edward Schwarz + Martin Sebastian, Sr. + William Stephens + Raymond Stone + Jean Ungar + Dean Weickart + Joyce Weickart + Irma Wevang

The great hope we hold as Christians is that death has been defeated by the light of Christ's resurrection. May we cling to that hope and celebrate it with energy and passion, confident that death does not have the final say and that our loved ones have stepped into eternity and are more alive than ever.

Blessings,
Deacon Carole Edwards

From Council President

Council Report – November

Council members have been asked: "When are we getting a new Pastor?" "Is there a call committee in place?" These are important questions. This is what we know. Synod is aware we are looking for an Interim Pastor, until we can establish a new Call Committee. At this time council is actively looking for members available to serve on the Call Committee. The synod will not provide pastoral candidates until we have a Call Committee in place. Unfortunately we are still short four members who want to participate in the call process. Search your heart, Is God tugging on it asking you to be part of this vital committee? If you have questions please feel free to reach out to any council member.

Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Rising Stars for performing "Thinking Outside the Box" Cabaret dinner theater. It was great fund raiser, and an enjoyable night. Proceeds from the fund raiser go to Edison Park Lutheran Church.

Volunteer opportunities:
December 4, 2026 4:45-6:15 Feed My Starving Children at Schaumburg Warehouse
740 Wiley Farm Ct.
Schaumberg, IL. 60173.
Please sign up in the Narthex if you are planning to go.

Cathy Johnson
Council President

Upcoming Events

Edison Park Lutheran Church
CHARITY EVENT

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

WE NEED YOUR HELP

DEC 4, 4:45 - 6:15 PM

Please join us to prepare meal packets
at the Schaumburg Warehouse:
740 Wiley Farm Ct
Event starts at 4:45 pm
Sign up at the Welcome desk or call the church office. See Molly Staron for questions.

Last Chance to donate to O'Hare USO, items will be brought to O'Hare after 11/8/26

Veterans Task Force

Collection for O'Hare USO
for presentation on **Veteran's Day, Nov 11**
We're collecting **Oct 11 - Nov 8**

Donations of Individually wrapped Snacks
- Bags of chips, pretzels, cookies
- Granola bars
- Candy bars, Hard candy, Gum

No home baked goods are accepted

Donations can be dropped off at the EPLC Welcome Center in the back of church

The USO is a rest and recuperation area in the airport for our traveling military men and women.
We thank you for your donations and support towards our mission.

God Bless our Military Men & Women

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS | THE NIGHT MINISTRY

2026 Holiday Celebration

Fill a Drawstring Backpack for The Night Ministry!

Help The Night Ministry give the gifts of hope and warmth this holiday season to unhoused youth and young adults in the Chicago area. Please consider donating a drawstring backpack filled with **all 12 items from the specific list below**.

Empty drawstring backpacks are available at EPLC's Welcome Center throughout November for individuals or families to take and fill. You may also provide your own nylon drawstring backpack (approximately 16" x 14", dark color preferred). **Please return filled drawstring backpacks to EPLC by noon Sunday, December 6th**. We are hoping to donate 40 filled drawstring backpacks!

Special Note:
In addition to the backpacks, please also consider donating $10 gift cards to Dunkin' or McDonald's. Place these in an envelope marked "The Night Ministry Holiday Celebration, attention: Kendra Kelly" and drop off at the church office. The Night Ministry will also accept packs of playing cards and small travel chess games.

Any questions, please contact Kendra Kelly
kekelly13@comcast.net

Remember, final day to drop off filled backpacks at EPLC is noon on December 6th!

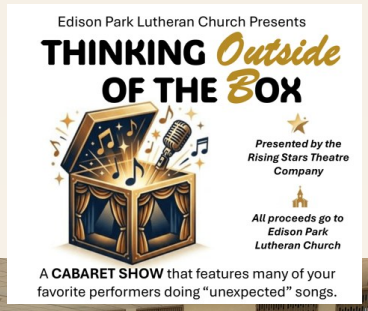
Thank you for supporting those in need during the holiday season!

Each backpack should include ALL of the following NEW items:

- Winter "Beanie-style" Hat (dark color preferred)
- Pair of Warm Gloves
- Pair of Warm Adult Socks
- Keychain Flashlight
- Hand and Toe Warmers
- Assorted Candy
- Full-Size Deodorant
- Travel-Size Lotion
- Lip Balm
- Pack of Bath/Body Wipes
- Toothbrush
- Travel-Size Toothpaste

Honor our vets by attending the Veterans Day Ceremony at Monument Park on Nov 11th at 11am

Previous Events



Cabaret Fundraiser for EPLC

Performed by members of Rising Stars on Oct 3rd.

Pet Blessing - Oct 3rd at Monument Park

Edison Park Lutheran Church — November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day 9:00a - Worship 10:00a - Coffee Hour 11:00a- Contemporary Worship 1:00p - Hungarian Reformed	2 6:00p - Boy Scouts 7:00p- Families Anonymous 7:00p - AA 7:00P - Bible Study	3 8:25a - Easy Exercise Group 5:00p—Bell Rehearsal 6:15 Choir 7:00p - Gamblers Anony-mous 7:30p - Boy Scout Tri-Star District committee mtg	4 6:00 - Confirmation 7:30 - Youth Choir	5 8:25a—Easy Exercise 7:30p - Al-Anon (men)	6 Office closed 9:00a - Mission Quilt Makers	7 5:00p - Worship
8 9:00a - Worship 10:00a - Coffee Hour 10:00a - Sunday School 11:00a - Contemporary Worship & Baptism + South Hall use 1:00p - Hungarian Reformed	9 6:00p - Boy Scouts 6:00 Service Day 7:00p- Families Anonymous 7:00p - AA 7:00P - Bible Study	10 8:25a - Easy Exercise Group 5:00p—Bell Rehearsal 6:15 Choir 6:30p - Finance Committee 7:00p - Church Council 7:00p - Gamblers Anony-mous	11 6:00 - Confirmation 7:30 - Youth Choir	12 8:25a—Easy Exercise 7:30p - Al-Anon (men) 7:30p - EPLC Book Club	13 1:00p - 100th Anniversary committee	14 8:00a The Men's Ministry men's breakfast 5:00p - Worship
15 9:00a - Worship 10:00a - Coffee Hour 10:00a - Sunday School 11:00a - Contemporary Worship & First Communion	16 6:00p - Boy Scouts 7:00p- Families Anonymous 7:00p - AA 7:00P - Bible Study	17 8:25a - Easy Exercise Group 5:00p—Bell Rehearsal 6:00p- Growth Team Mtg 6:00p - Rising Stars 6:15p—Choir 7:00p - Gamblers Anony-mous	18 6:00 - Confirmation 7:00p - Boy Scout Committee meeting 7:30 - Youth Choir	19 8:25a Easy Exercise 6:00p - Rising Stars 7:30p - Al-Anon (Men)	20 9:00a - Mission Quilt Makers 6:00p - Rising Stars	21 5:00p - Worship
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29 8:00a - Boy Scout tree & wreath distribution 9:00a - Worship 10:00a - Coffee Hour 10:00a - Sunday School 11:00a - Contemporary Worship 1:00p - Hungarian Reformed	30 6:00p - Boy Scouts 7:00p- Families Anonymous 7:00p - AA 7:00P - Bible Study					

North Hall — South Hall
Conference Room — Youth Room
Work Room — Outside location or remote
Nordblad Atrium — Choir Room or Sanctuary
Sunday School Room — Nursery Room

EPLC November Calendar

Miscellaneous

Please contact Deacon Carole Edwards at *(773) 631-9131*
when you are hospitalized or if you would like a phone call or a visit.
Even if you would rather not have a visit, we would still appreciate
the opportunity to pray for your healing.

Gifts to the General Memorial Fund:

From Lynda Hartwig in memory of Russell Hammar
From John & Susan Klaes in memory of Russell Hammar
From Marjorie Doud in memory of Russell Hammar
From Carolyn Wangrow in memory of Russell Hammar
From Dave & Grace Ackerson in memory of Russell Hammar
From Gisela Meyer in memory of Russell Hammar
From Karen Svendsen in memory of Joyce Weickart

Gifts to the Property Fund:

From Della Heitzman in memory of Russell Hammar

Gifts to the Foundation:

From Gary Berg and Mary Ann Bochenek Berg in memory of Russ Hammar & Joyce Weickart
From Karen Svendsen in memory of Russell Hammar
From Monika Hemm in memory of Russell Hammar and Joyce Weickart
From Barbara Kruse in memory of Joyce Weickart
From Susan and John Klaes in memory of Vera Johnson
From Marjorie Doud in memory of Russell Hammar

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers Prayer List

Cameron, Cayden, Colin, Dee, Eliza, Frank, baby Holt, Ilsa, Jim, Jack, Joe, Juancho, Kala, Karola, Kiss, Laura, Margaret, Marlene, Martha, Mary Ann, Nancy, Paul, Rich, Sarah, Sue, Tim, Tom, Uwe, Wayne, Jeanene and Jim Barnes, Bill Bobor, Bridget Bohan, Edward Bohan, Sharon Boll, Carol Bonk, Owen Charley, Lilly DeLeone, Dan Dunn, Roxie Hays, Rebecca Heneghan, Gale Henningsen, Harry Henningsen, Pam Hull, Brandon Jakub, Bob Krimm, Judy Noelle, Jane Nutz, Pat Paustian, Kailash Prohuit, Rafael Reyes, Lisa Reynoso, Lisa Rose, Carol Schafer, Jeff Scheck, Michelle Sura, Judy and Mike Terpstra, Mary Ann Triveri and Adrienne Yanko.

Scheduling a Baptism?

Contact the church office at

773-631-9131to begin the process.

Scheduling a Wedding?

Contact the church office to get your date on the calendar, and we'll help you in the initial stages.

Ways to support our ministry:

Scan the QR code with your camera to visit the giving page on our website:

https://www.edisonparkchurch.com/giving

Edison Park Lutheran Church

Come Worship with Us!

- 5pm Traditional Worship every Saturday
- 9am Traditional Worship every Sunday
- 11am Contemporary Worship every Sunday

Return Service Requested

TIME VALUE–DATED MATERIAL

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