

# JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year to the congregation of  
Edison Park Lutheran Church



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

# From Deacon Carole

Dear Friends,

As we begin this new year, my heart is filled with gratitude for all who have stepped up to help in so many ways this past year. With the departure of the senior pastor on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the CYF Coordinator on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the staff has taken on additional responsibilities, and many of you have volunteered to lead in various areas of ministry. Programs and events have continued, new members have been received, and we continue to welcome visitors. Confirmation, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study classes continue each week. The Adult and Bell Choirs have welcomed new members, and a Youth Choir was started last year and sang at one of the services.

I'm also thankful for all the hands that went into preparing the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, for all of the special music we were blessed with, as well as all the volunteers who helped make our services so meaningful. And I'm thankful to all who were involved with the Sunday School Christmas pageant. The children did a great job thanks to the weeks of preparation, rehearsals and dedication of the parents and adult leaders.

Looking ahead there are several important dates to remember:

January 18<sup>th</sup> – Budget Review

January 25<sup>th</sup> – Foundation Sunday

February 1<sup>st</sup> - Annual Meeting

February 18<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday

Please continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers as we search for a Sr. Pastor.

Next year EPLC will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Please call the church office if you'd like to help on the planning committee.

Christmas reminds us that Jesus came to save people like us. It's about God meeting us in our pain and loneliness. It's about God meeting us in our frustration and anger. It's about God wanting to be a part of our lives every day. And this child was for all people, even the most ordinary.

As we begin this new year, we can be certain that God loves us, confident that we are a child of God and saved by grace. We can walk day by day in the knowledge that nothing, not even death, could take away the love and grace of God. We are part of a world that is both blessed and broken, full of suffering and promise. He is there for us and beckons us to come as we are. We don't need to wait till we're cleaned up. He simply invites us to come home to Him.

May we always put our trust in Him as we enter this New Year.

Blessed New Year to you and your family!

Deacon Carole Edwards

# From Council President

## Council Update

C12.02 "The Church Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, the details of which may be specified in the bylaws."

C12.03 "The Church Council shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation."

EPLC Constitution effective date January 22, 2012

The term limits of several Council members conclude at the upcoming 2026 Annual Meeting. If interested in serving a 3-year term beginning February 2026, please contact the office, Deacon Carole or any current Council members by end of day Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

## Property Update

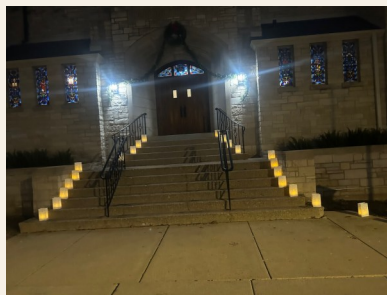
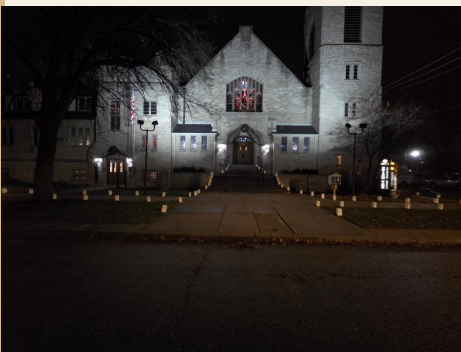
A generous gift specifically designated to replace the worn carpet in the Narthex with fresh, inviting flooring was received last year. Thank you Harry H. for obtaining project bids and being on-site for the installation. The carpet installer completed the project right before Christmas. Many positive comments were received and it was a great welcome for people and families who choose to worship at EPLC during the Christmas holiday.



# December Events



Sunday School  
Christmas Pageant



We would like to thank the youth group for helping to prepare the luminaries for the coming birth of Christ. It reminds us of the sanctity of this lowly birth and helps prepare us for silent night reflection. We hope to return this tradition to EPLC every Christmas with the help of all our youth groups. Thanks, Shane & Mark

# Upcoming Events

Confirmation classes resume	Wednesday, January 7th 6:00 pm
Communion classes begin	Sunday, January 11th 10:00 am
EPLC Budget Review	Sunday, January 18th 10:00 am
Foundation Sunday	Sunday, January 25th 10:00 am
EPLC Annual Meeting	Sunday, February 1st 10:00 am (no 11:00 am worship this date)

# Ongoing Events



**EPLC**  
**LET'S GO BOWLING**  
(ONCE A MONTH FROM SEPT 2025 THRU APR 2026)  
RIVER RAND 191 S. River Road  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 6:00 pm  
beginning in September.  
The rate will be \$15.50/per bowler for 3 games  
plus \$5 to rent bowling shoes.

Dates will be:  
**DEC 27, 2025; 2026 dates:**  
**JAN 24, FEB 28, MAR 28, APR 25**

- Sunday School - Weekly on Sundays at 10:00 am
- Bell Rehearsal - Tuesdays 5:00 pm
- Choir Rehearsal - Tuesdays 6:15 pm
- Youth Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays 7:30 pm

## EPLC Book Club 2026

Second Thursdays @7:30 pm

### Upcoming Dates:

- Feb 12: **The Taster (V.S. Alexander)**
- Mar 12: **America's First Daughter (Dray + Kamoie)**
- Apr 9: **Bloomsbury Girls (Natalie Jenner)**
- May 14: **Miss Morgan's Book Brigade (Janet Skeslien Charles)**
- Jun 11: **Heaven Adjacent (Catherine Ryan Hyde)**
- Jul 9: **The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell (Robert Dugoni)**
- Aug 13: **Wild (Cheryl Strayed)**
- Sep 10: **Gray Mountain (John Grisham)**
- Oct 8: **The Women (Kristin Hannah)**
- Nov 12: **In the Woods (Tana French)**
- Dec 10: **The Lion Women of Tehran (Marjan Kamali)**



# Prayer List



Kala, Margaret, Marlene, Sue, Tim, Tom, Yolanda, Uwe, Benton and family,

\*Note, if you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please let Deacon Carole or the church office know.

Dear Parishioners,

The online member directory has recently been upgraded to a newer version of software. When you log in, you will notice a new layout on many of the pages. You may need to update your login credentials. Please enter your email address or phone number and click the "Sign in" button. You may need to enter a new password to save. You will only need to do this once.

This is a good time to look inside the directory, update your profile, and help other members to update their profile.

If you have any problems logging in or navigating the directory, please contact the church office, Dale Ammentorp or Debbie Jedd to assist you.



## Sign in

Sign in with your phone number or email

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# 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.

## Memorial gifts to the Foundation

In memory of Past EPLCF Directors and in honor of current EPLCF Directors from Gary Duszak

## EPLC 100th Anniversary

A committee is being formed to plan the celebration for EPLC's 100th Anniversary in 2027. If interested please contact the church office.

## New Prayer List

If you wish to have a loved one's name added to the prayer list in 2026, please contact Deacon Carole or send an email to the church office:

[office@edisonpark church.com](mailto:office@edisonpark church.com)

### Scheduling a Baptism?

Contact the church office at 773-631-9131 to 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.

### Feeling moved to give?

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



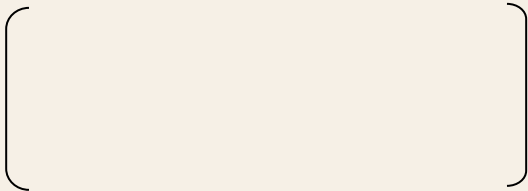


# Come Worship with Us!

- 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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