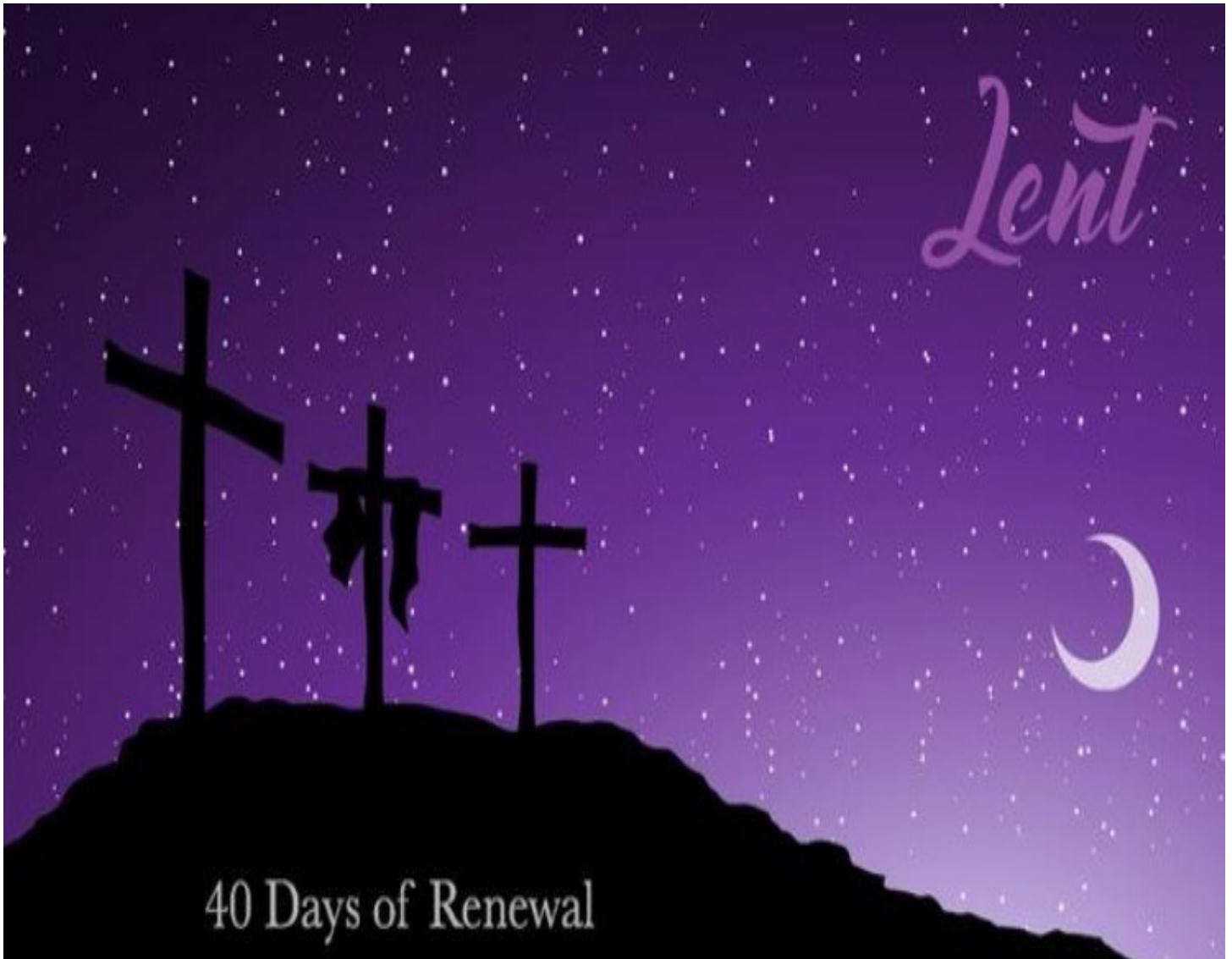


# MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



Join us on Wednesday for special Lenten services at noon and 7:00 pm  
Lenten soup lunch after the noon service and soup supper before the 7:00 pm service



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

# From Deacon Carole

Dear Friends,

On Ash Wednesday, we began our Lenten journey. Lent gives us a time to reflect, to deepen our faith, and create an intentional space for prayer in our busy day, a time to be in conversation with God, as we journey toward Holy Week. Our theme for this 40-day journey is "The Truth Changes Everything." It's based on the conversation between Jesus and Pilate in John 18:38, where Pilate asks Jesus, "What is truth?" Each week we look to Jesus as our friend, teacher, leader, and the embodiment of Truth as expressed in his Light, Joy, Peace, and Hope. We hope you can join us every Wednesday through March 25 th at either the noon or 7:00p service. We've already heard the faith journeys of some of our members, and we're looking forward to hearing from more people this month. Lent offers a sacred pause, a time for reflection, a time to slow down and resist constant distraction.

We've also been blessed with the wonderful soup lunches following the noon services, and the evening soup dinners preceding the 7p services. Thank you to Cindy Davies and her team of volunteers for continuing this much loved tradition. It provides a great opportunity to connect with others in our church family. And it's a great time to invite your friends and neighbors to come to church.

At the end of our Lenten journey, we hope you'll join us for Palm Sunday, as well as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. And then we celebrate the Easter victory on Sunday, April 5 th , beginning with the sunrise service, and followed by the 9a and 11a services. Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers to hear the Good News that He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

We need to surrender daily to God and trust that our lives are in his hands, and there's no better place to be. The empty tomb on Easter morning is God's promise to us that Jesus conquered death and we have nothing to fear of what awaits us on the other side of death. The truth of that empty tomb is what sets us free forever.

Blessings as we journey together,  
Deacon Carole

Please be careful when opening email. If something sounds suspicious, please do not open it. Please check the address it came from. If you're not sure, please call or text before responding to a suspicious email. Please know that no one from EPLC would ever request that you purchase gift cards. Last month two fraudulent emails were received by some of our church family. Also be aware of other scams that are out there including suspicious text messages and phone messages. Stay vigilant.

# From Council President

## The EPLC Church Council for 2026

President: Cathy Johnson

Vice President: Molly Staron

Treasurer: John Romano

Secretary: Rick Brown

Kathie Houck

Bob Hotton

Lorene Laubach

Pat Gort

Carolyn Nasheim



Please welcome the new council members.

The Anniversary Committee has started planning the 100 th Anniversary Celebration which will take place in 2027.

The Growth Team is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 15, 2026 starting at 1:00 pm after the Northwest Side Parade. Interested in coming for lunch, signup in the Narthex, or call the church office 773-631-9131.

The Growth Team has placed a "Suggestion Box" in the Narthex, please let us know any ideas or concerns you have.

As you continue on this Lenten journey, embrace the opportunity for reflection, growth, and renewal during this sacred time.

C. Johnson, Council President

# Previous Events

- Call committee continues to meet for the purpose of finding a new pastor.
- The 100th Anniversary committee started meeting and planning for the 100th Anniversary of EPLC in 2027.
- Lenten services have begun as well as Lenten soup lunch and supper on Wednesdays of Lent.



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## LENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS MARCH 11 - MARCH 25	<i>Weekly Lenten Services</i> 12pm Service Followed By Soup Lunch 5:45pm Soup Dinner Followed By 7pm Service
SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 28-29	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Saturday 5pm Service Sunday 9am Service 11am Service
THURSDAY APRIL 2	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 12pm Service & 7pm Service
FRIDAY APRIL 3	<i>Good Friday</i> 12pm Service & 7pm Service
SUNDAY APRIL 5	<i>Easter Services</i> Sunday Sunrise (6:27am), 9am & 11am Easter Continental Breakfast 7 - 11am

### Lent 2026 Stone Soup Gatherings

We will gather again on Wednesdays to journey the 2026 Lenten season together. Soup lunches and suppers are back due to popularity! Invite family and friends for some great soups and fellowship. This can't be done alone!

Sundays during coffee hour is the perfect time to drop off any contributions labeled "Stone Soup" to the kitchen fridge or center countertop table.

We meet on Tuesdays to prepare soups for Wednesday lunch and dinner. Ingredients on hand will be used as much as possible. Anyone is welcome to join the fun chopping vegetables and stirring the pot! Let's see what fantastic soups we can create together! Men are welcome too! Table set up will be done on Tuesdays too.

**Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 pm**  
Time commitment is 1.5 -2 hours.

Sign up sheets in Welcome center & main kitchen or call church office- 773.631.9131



Come join the volunteers preparing soup on Tuesdays or serving soup on Wednesdays!

**Requesting Contributions before noon Tuesdays**  
2 soups are made each week; one is always vegetarian

**Suggested food items to donate:**

- Carrots 1-2# bag
- Celery bunch
- Cabbage
- Onions (white or yellow);
- Leeks
- Potatoes (white preferred)
- Canned or fresh tomatoes-- ANY type
- Fresh parsley or spinach
- Squash (any type)
- Frozen corn, spinach, any mixed veggies
- Dried lentils or split peas
- Noodles (smaller size, please!)
- Pearl barley or rice
- Frozen tortellini or dumplings (any type)
- Great Northern or light red kidney beans (canned)
- Large boxes soup stock (chicken, beef or vegetable)
- Packaged or canned soup mixes
- Beef bones, Ham hocks or bones, canned chicken

**Soup lunch and supper will be served**  
**Soup lunch follows 12 noon lenten service; Soup supper will be served from 5:45 pm until 6:45 pm and is followed by lenten service at 7 pm**

**LENTEN SCHEDULE: remaining dates**

- March 11
- March 18
- March 25

**TUESDAYS:** Make/prep soup -OR- set up  
Come at 1:00 pm  
**WEDNESDAYS:** Serve soup  
Servers arrive 10:30 am or 5:00 pm

# Upcoming Events

Lenten Soup Lunch & Supper	Wednesdays , March 11 - March 25 12:45 pm and 5:45 pm
Holy Week Services:	Thursday April 2 - Maundy Thursday Friday, April 3 - Good Friday 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Easter Services	Sunday, April 5 - Sunrise (6:27 am), 9 & 11am
Easter Breakfast	Sunday, April 5 - 7:00 - 11:00 am

# Ongoing Events



Edison Park  
Liquor Control

**EPLC  
LET'S GO BOWLING**

(ONCE A MONTH FROM SEPT 2025 THRU APR 2026)  
RIVER RAND 191S. River Road  
on the 4th 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.

Remaining 2026 dates:  
MAR 28, APR 25



**EPLC Book Club 2026**  
Second Thursdays @7:30 pm

Upcoming Dates:

- 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)

- Confirmation classes - Weds 6:00 pm
- Sunday School - Sundays at 10:00 am
- First Communion classes - Sundays at 10:00 am March 1-22
- Bell Rehearsal - Tuesdays 5:00 pm
- Choir Rehearsal - Tuesdays 6:15 pm
- Youth Choir - Alt Wednesdays 7:30 pm (March 18th)



# Prayer List

IN OUR  
Thoughts and Prayers  
Prayer List

Benton and family, Cameron, Cayden, Colin, Ilsa, Kala, Laura, Margaret, Margie's son, Marlene, Martha, Mavis, Nancy, Sue, Terry, Tim, Tom, Uwe, Jeanene and Jim Barnes, Barry Bleeker, Bridget Bohan, Edward Bohan, Eric Czopek, Lilly DeLeone, Roxie Hays, Gale Henningsen, Kailash Prohuit, Helen Reyes, Lisa Rose, Michelle Sura, Judy and Mike Terpstra.

## Offering Update

Year to Date February 2026:

Budget \$55,892

Actual \$42,773

Deficit (\$13,119)

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

Phone Number or Email

Please enter a valid email address or phone number.

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Sign in

Don't have an account? Sign up with [Phone](#) or [Email](#)

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Sign in with your social account

# 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:**

In memory of her parents, Jerome and Genevieve Gort  
from Pat Gort

## **Gifts to the Foundation:**

In memory of Norelle Ammentorp from Wayne and Dale Ammentorp and their families.

In memory of Norelle Ammentorp from Marjorie Doud

## **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:



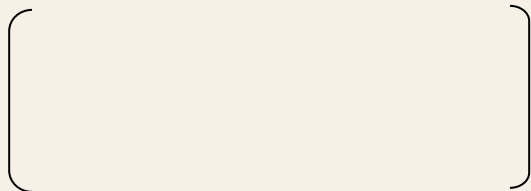


# Come Worship with Us!

- 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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