OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Thankful for Autumn

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

From Deacon Carole

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we are headed into the last quarter of the year. September started out with Rally Day, a time to celebrate the return of fall programming and a time when we blessed the students and teachers as they prepared to begin another school year. A few days later, we had a Confirmation dinner for the students and their families as we began a new year of learning. Thank you to Lynn Freitag for volunteering to lead that class each Wednesday. Kevin and I are there as well and enjoy being part of the program and getting to know the students. Thank you to Lynn for also teaching the First Communion classes. And thank you to all the volunteers who teach Sunday School each week. Choir rehearsals will resume this month for all three choirs – Adult, Youth and Bell choirs.

We're welcoming new members this month! Please make a point to get to know them and help them become involved in the life of EPLC. If you see someone you don't know, please take time to introduce yourself. You might just make a new friend! There are many activities planned and all are welcome to participate. It's a great way to connect with other EPLC members as well as meet new people from the community.

Our annual Pet Blessing is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 3 rd at 10:00a across the street in Monument Park. This is our 23rd year! We hold this event on the first Saturday of October each year as we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi - the Patron Saint of Animals. It's a reminder that every creature is important, and provides an opportunity to celebrate and honor our loyal companions who love us unconditionally. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator. And thanks to Kevin, this will be the fifth year that we'll have live music! And this year Jennifer Nelson will also be sharing her musical gifts! This is the fourth year we're partnering with the Edison Park Community Council as they hold their 2026 Pet Fair on the same day from 9a-12 noon. Hope you can join us!

October is also the time we reach out to families who have lost a loved one since All Saints Day last year. All Saints Day will be celebrated the weekend of October 31st and November 1st . We'll read the names of members and former members who have died since last November 1st , and we'll also read the names of those from the community whose funeral we officiated. 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 and ring a chime 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. If you have a friend or loved one who has died since last All Saints Day, and you would like their name read, please let me know or call the office and we'll add their name.

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 the grave is not the end. The final chapter of our lives is not failing health and death, but rather resurrection to life everlasting. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. And we claim that promise as we celebrate their new life in Christ.

Blessings,

Deacon Carole
"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." St. Francis of Assisi

From Council President

Council Report October

Thanks to all the volunteers we had for Rally Day and Norwood Park Fall Fest your efforts were amazing and appreciated!

Council was busy last month updating the constitution and should have the final version ready for a vote by the Annual meeting.

Pastor Carla Thompson –Powell joined our meeting and talked about availability of Pastors for Call and Interim positions. Council voted to accept an Interim Pastor, while at the same time reestablishing the Call committee. We are still looking for interested members to join the Call committee. The Call committee must be in place first before we are considered for a candidate.

Fall activities we are looking at are:

Feed my Starving Children – Date and time will be posted as soon as we get them.

Midnight Ministry back packs. - Date and list items for the back pack will be posted when we receive them.

Committee sign up results / needs:
Youth Committee has one member; optimal number for committee is five.
Worship Experience Committee has three: optimal number for committee is five.
Outreach / Stewardship had no volunteers, optimal is five.
Fellowship Committee had no volunteers, optimal is five.
None Committee – "I can't commit to a committee but I like to help out" has 10 volunteers. These are the folks you can call when you are planning an activity and they show up to help out.

As we continue to grow the congregation please consider where you would like to join in.

Cathy Johnson
Council president

Upcoming Events

THE NIGHT MINISTRY®

Collection of BackpackS:

The date and the list of needed items will be posted when we receive them.

Previous Events

Backpack Blessing

And blessing of Students and Teachers on Rally Day (Sept 13)

Staff Update:

Our Parish Coordinator, Christine Schreiber will be retiring in November. Her last day with us will be Wednesday, November 18th. We wish her God's blessings as this will allow her to spend more time caring for aging family members.

We have started the search to fill this position. It's part time, 30 hours a week, Monday through Friday. If you know someone who might be interested in this position please contact Deacon Carole.

Edison Park Lutheran Church — October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:25a—Easy Exercise 6:00p - Rising Stars 7:30p - Al-Anon (men)	2 9:00a - Mission Quilt Makers 1:00p - 100th Anny Cne 6:00p - Setup and rehearse for Cabaret 6:00p - Rising Stars	3 10:00a - Pet Blesssing 1:00p - Cabaret rehearsal 5:00p - Worship 6:00p - Fundraiser for EPLC (Rising Stars)
4 9:00a - Worship 10:00a - Coffee Hour 10:00a - Sunday School 11:00a - Contemporary Worship & Baptism	5 6:00p - Boy Scouts 7:00p - Families Anonymous 7:00p - AA 7:00P - Bible Study	6 8:25a - Easy Exercise Group 5:00p—Bell Rehearsal 6:00p - Rising Stars 6:15 Choir 7:00p - Gamblers Anony-mous	7 6:00 - Confirmation 7:30 - Youth Choir	8 8:25a—Easy Exercise 6:00p - Rising Stars 7:30p - Al-Anon (men) 7:30p - EPLC Book Club	9 6:00p - Rising Stars	10 8:00a The Men's Ministry breakfast 5:00p - Worship
11 9:00a - Worship 10:00a - Coffee Hour 10:00a - Sunday School 11:00a - Contemporary Worship 1:00p - Hungarian Reformed	12 6:00p - Boy Scouts 7:00p - Families Anonymous 7:00p - AA 7:00P - Bible Study	13 8:25a - Easy Exercise Group 5:00p—Bell Rehearsal 6:00p - Rising Stars 6:15p - Choir 6:30p - Finance Committee 7:00p - Church Council 7:00p - Gamblers Anony-mous	14 6:00 - Confirmation 7:30 - Youth Choir	15 8:25a Easy Exercise 6:00p - Rising Stars 7:30p - Al-Anon (Men)	16 9:00a - Mission Quilt Makers 1:00p - 100th Anny Cne 6:00p - Rising Stars	17 5:00p - Worship
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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 October 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 Pat Gort in memory of Robert Domrese
From Reverend Rich & Janet Johnson in memory of Vera Johnson
From Carol Wynstra in memory of Vera Johnson
From Judith Wynstra in memory of Vera Johnson
From Reverend Sue & Dave Gunderson in memory of Vera Johnson
From Reverend Steve & Kathy Dornbusch in memory of Vera Johnson

Gifts to the 100th Anniversary Fund:
From Carol & Peter Marshall in memory of Vera Johnson

Gifts to the Foundation:

From Barbara Kruse in memory of Vera Johnson
From Anonymous in memory of Vera Johnson

Cameron, Cayden, Colin, Dee, 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, Bridget Bohan, Edward Bohan, Sharon Boll, Carol Bonk, Owen Charley, Lilly DeLeone, Dan Dunn, Roxie Hays, Rebecca Heneghan, Gale Henningsen, Pam Hull, Brandon Jakub, Bob Krimm, Jane Nutz, Pat Paustian, Kailash Prohuit, Lisa Reynoso, Lisa Rose, Carol Schafer, Michelle Sura, Judy and Mike Terpstra, Mary Ann Triveri.

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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