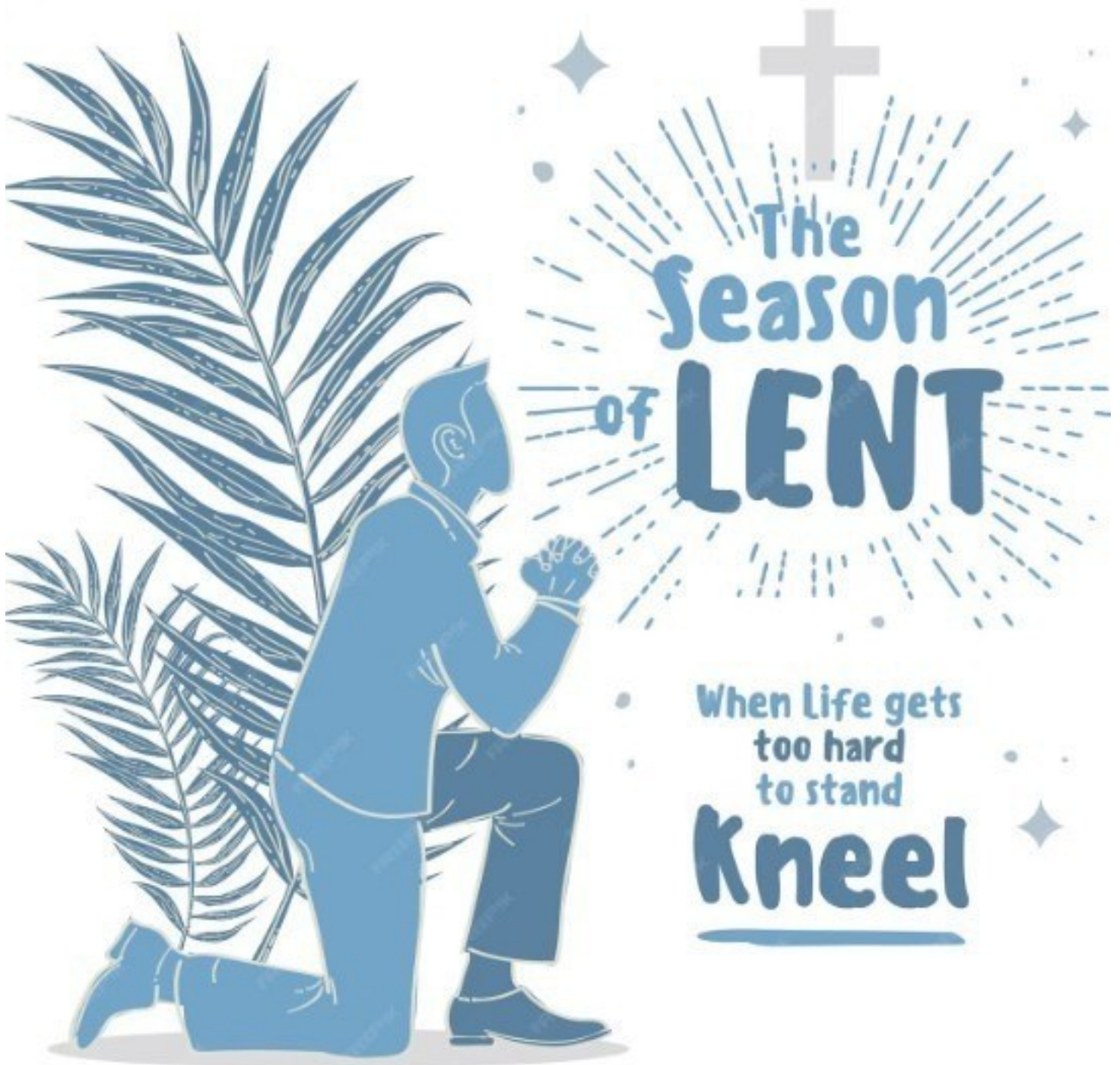


FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



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

From Deacon Carole

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who participated in our annual meeting last week. It was a great chance to review all the activities from last year. And we look forward to all that's coming up in 2026. Welcome to the newly elected council members. And thank you to all who have completed their terms and are stepping down.

The new year is already off to a busy start with a full calendar. Planning is already underway for next year's celebration of our 100th anniversary! The following people volunteered to serve on that committee: Sally Benson, Nancy Carlsen, Cindy Davies, Shane Dupke, Linda Egebrecht, Lynn Freitag, and Diane Wilk. Please let us know if you'd like to help with that or if you have any ideas or suggestions.

On February 18th, we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We'll have services at noon and 7:00p with Imposition of Ashes.. Our theme for Lent is "The Truth Changes Everything." We hope you can join us every Wednesday through March 25th at either the noon or 7:00p service. Together we'll journey through Lent and see how God moves in our lives in powerful ways. We'll hear testimonies, and worship through music and scripture. Lent offers a sacred pause, a time for reflection, a time to slow down and resist constant distraction. Some people choose to give something up for Lent. But we might also choose to create an intentional space for prayer in our busy day, a time to be in conversation with God, as we journey toward Holy Week.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through March 25th , the noon service will be followed by a soup lunch and the evening service will be preceded by a soup supper beginning at 5:45p. 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.

We're living in difficult times right now. People are struggling. At all times, but especially at times like these, we need to keep our trust in God, and put faith over fear. We are called to be the light of the world, and the world will be watching to see to how God's people respond to this. We are reminded of the words of Deuteronomy 31:6: "Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or terrified of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." 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 on our Lenten journey,
Deacon Carole

From Council President

The new church council officers will be voted on during the February 10 council meeting, therefore there will not be an article until a new Church Council President is elected.

2026 Council Slate

Kathie Houck – 1st term ends Jan 2027

Lorene Laubach – 1st term ends Jan 2027

Rick Brown - 1st term ends Jan 2028

Cathy Johnson - 2nd term ends Jan 2029

Patricia Gort - 1st term ends Jan 2029

Bob Hotton - 1st term ends Jan 2029

Carolyn Nasheim - 1st term ends Jan 2029

John Romano - 1st term ends Jan 2029

Molly Staron - 1st term ends Jan 2029

Previous Events

Budget Meeting 1/18/26

EPLC Annual meeting 2/1/26



Lent Schedule

Edison Park
Lutheran Church
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LENT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18

Ash Wednesday (Imposition of ashes)
12pm Service Followed By Soup Lunch
5:45pm Soup Dinner Followed By
7pm Service

WEDNESDAYS
FEBRUARY 25
- MARCH 25

Weekly Lenten Services
12pm Service Followed By Soup Lunch
5:45pm Soup Dinner Followed By
7pm Service

SATURDAY &
SUNDAY
MARCH 28-29

Palm Sunday
Saturday 5pm Service
Sunday 9am Service
11am Service

THURSDAY
APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday
12pm Service & 7pm Service

FRIDAY
APRIL 3

Good Friday
12pm Service & 7pm Service

SUNDAY
APRIL 5

Easter Services
Sunday Sunrise (6:27am), 9am & 11am
Easter Continental Breakfast 7 - 11am

Sign-up sheets for
volunteering to help with
Lenten lunch/supper is at the
Welcome desk.

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



RSVP Cindy Davies
cindydavies@sbcglobal.net
Text: 773.520.4372

**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:

Ash Wednesday - Feb 18
February 25
March 4
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

Boy Scout Pancake breakfast	February 8th, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Ash Wednesday	February 18th, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm Imposition of Ashes
First Communion	March 8th, 9:00 am
Lenten Soup Lunch & Supper	Wednesdays , Feb 18 - 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 4th & 5th
Lutheran Church

**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:
FEB 28, MAR 28, APR 25

- 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

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



Benton and family, Colin, Ilsa, Kala, Margaret, Marlene, Martha, Mavis, Sue, Terry, Tim, Tom, Uwe, Jeanene and Jim Barnes, Barry Bleeker, Bridget Bohan, Edward Bohan, Lilly DeLeone, Roxie Hays, Kailash Prohuit, Helen Reyes, Michelle Sura, Judy and Mike Terpstra.



Sympathy and Prayers to the family of Ralph Kudsk, who passed away on January 24th.

Sympathy and Prayers to Debbie and Jonathan Jedd and family on the death of Debbie's sister, Mary Jo McCoy, who passed away on January 28th.

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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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 Norelle Ammentorp from Sandy & Herb Schmeisser

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

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:



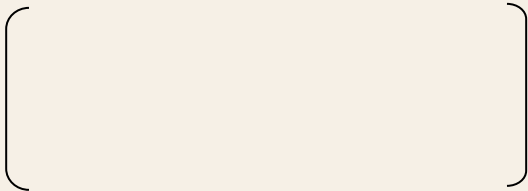


Come Worship with Us!

- 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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