Edison Park Lutheran Church
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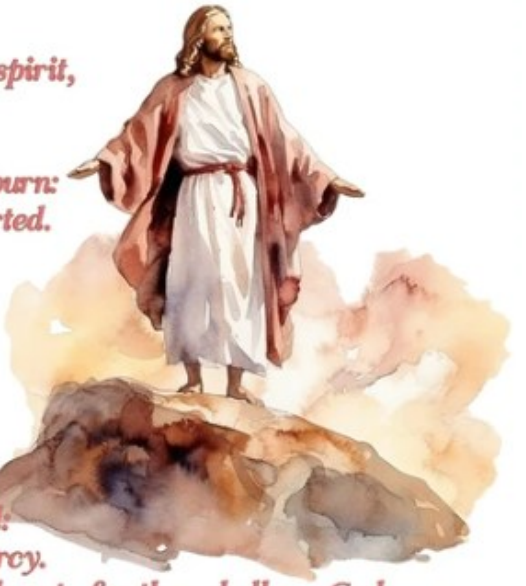
What's Our Mission?

To be a people living, loving and serving as Jesus did...so that all may know Him.

The Beatitudes



*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven,
Blessed are they that mourn:
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek:
for they shall
inherit the earth
Blessed are they
who hunger and thirst
after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful:
for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called
sons of God.
Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness'
sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5:3-12

Readings for 10/31– Nov 1 - All Saints Day

First Reading: Revelations 7:9-17
Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10,22
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Coffee Hour - Join us for coffee hour Sundays at 10:00 am in the North Hall. We need people to host coffee hours. It doesn't need to be fancy. The church provides the coffee, tea and juice. The host would provide coffee cake or cookies. It would require arriving early on Sunday morning to set the food out, and cleaning up afterward. After the coffee hour, we'd ask that a plate be brought up to the Atrium for the 11:00 worshippers to enjoy following that service. There is a signup sheet on the Welcome desk, or you can call the office.
Heartfelt thanks to the Staron family for hosting the coffee hour this Sunday.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to order altar (set for $46), pulpit or baptismal flowers ($28), please email Christine or sign up at the welcome desk. We ask for one week's notice.

Suggestions: If you have a suggestion for a charitable or church community event, please add it to the Suggestion box on the Welcome desk.

Exercise Class: Attention ages 55 and up! Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:25am. Questions, please contact Gary Duszak at *(8bocks45car9@sbcglobal.net)*

Prayer Quilts - Thank you to Sheri Sears for making over 400 beautiful prayer quilts! They are available to anyone who wants one in a basket at the Welcome desk.

100th Anniversary Committee: The Committee has been meeting and planning the celebration! Sponsorship opportunities for general and specific events and needs will be forthcoming. Sponsors will be acknowledged for their generous support.

Parking Lot: Please notify the office if you'd like to park your car in our parking lot outside of our regular worship hours or meeting schedules. Please provide your name, plate number and how long it will be parked.

Altar Guild - looking for another member to help set up the church for worship services. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Vereran's Day Display - please bring photos and text to share with the congregation for a Veteran's display in the Narthex on November 8th.

Veteran's Day Ceremony on Veteran's Day, Nov 11 at Monument Park at 11am. Join us to honor our veterans! All are welcome!

Blessed be the memory of these and loved ones for which we light candles:

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

Last Chance for donations for the O'Hare USO - collected items will be brought to O'Hare after November 8th.

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

Collection starts for Night Ministry backpacks:

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

Family Service Opportunity:

Join the EPLC group to assemble meal packets for needy recipients. Children 5 and over may attend with an adult.
Following the service, the group will have a dinner at a local restaurant.
Details will be shared soon.
Sign up sheet is on the Welcome desk.

Music Announcement:

Choir season has started up again! While I am always ready to welcome new members to each of the musical groups, I am in desperate need for new bell ringers for the bell choir. Each year brings new blessings and challenges to everyone. I have the challenge at this moment that I NEED more people to volunteer for bells or I may have to discontinue the group until next year. No experience necessary. No need to read music. Can only do part time? I can work with all of that. Please contact me by my email or cell or talk to me before or after services. Thank you!

Kevin Zehme
Cell: 773-551-1819
music@edisonparkchurch.com

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord" - *Psalm 100*

100th Anniversary Update:

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 19, 2027**!
That's the **100th Anniversary luncheon at the Lone Tree Inn**. Tickets will be available soon.

There will be activities throughout 2027 to celebrate our past and future, and we will be looking for donations to offset the cost.
Sponsorship levels for events will be $50, $100, $250 and $500. Of course, donations in any amount will be welcomed.

We are also asking for members to share a short remembrance of Edison Park Lutheran, stories, memories and/or what EPLC means to you, that can be assembled into a booklet to share. Additionally, any suggestions for activities that you would like to see for this celebration would be greatly appreciated!

Yours in Christ,
100th Anniversary Committee - Sally Benson, Rick Brown council rep, Nancy Carlsen, Cindy Davies, Linda Egebrecht, Lynn Freitag, Carolyn Nasheim and Diane Wilk..

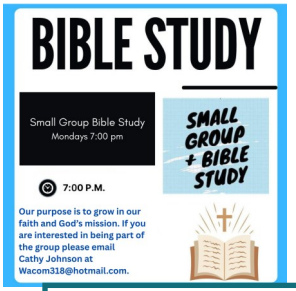
Staff Update:

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.

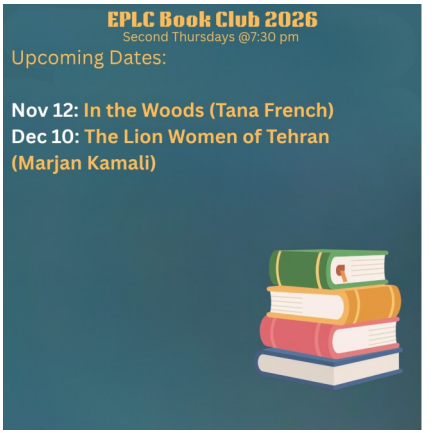
We have started the search to fill this position. It's part time, 30 hours a week, Monday through Friday. If you know someone who might be interested in this position please contact Deacon Carole

*Join us at coffee hour on November 15th to say goodbye to Christine.

Join us for Bible Study Mondays at 7:00 pm



Join us for Book Club discussions.



Offering Update: Year to Date September 2026

YTD Budget	$225,670
YTD Actual	$207,474
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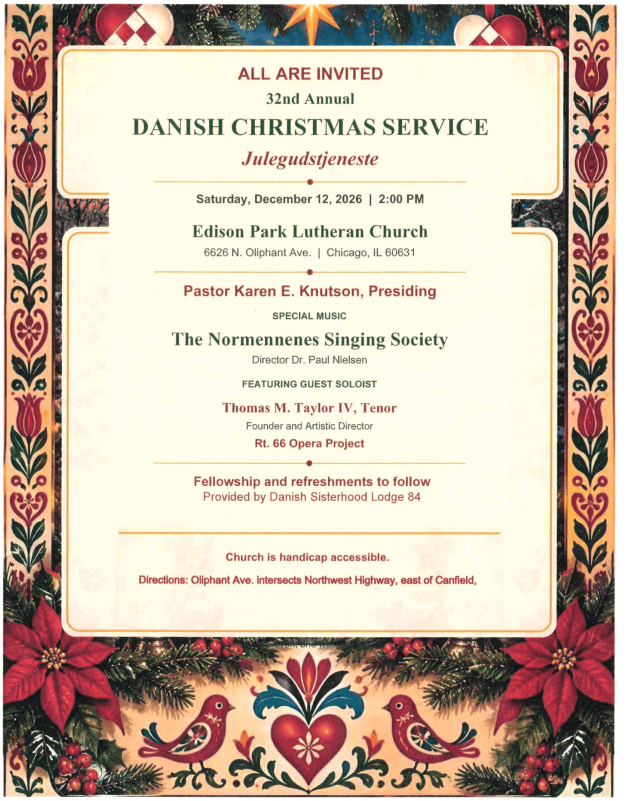

Join the celebration at the Danish Christmas service at EPLC on December 12 at 2:00 pm. Pastor Karen Kuntson is presiding and there will be a holiday worship service and special music presented. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in North Hall.

THIS WEEK AT EPLC

Saturday, October 31st
5:00p - Traditional Worship

Sunday, November 1st - All Saint's Day
9:00a - Traditional Worship
10:00a - Coffee Hour
10:00a - Sunday School
11:00a - Contemporary Worship
1:00p - Hungarian Reformed

Monday, November 2nd
6:00p - Boy Scouts
7:00p - Families Anonymous
7:00p - AA
7:00p - Bible Study

Tuesday, November 3rd
8:25a - Easy Exercise Group
5:00p - Bell Rehearsal
6:15p - Choir rehearsal
7:00p - Gamblers Anonymous

Wednesday, November 4th
6:00p - Confirmation class
7:30p - Youth Choir

Thursday, November 5th
8:25a - Easy Exercise Group
7:30p - Al-Anon (men)

Friday, November 6th
9:00a - Mission Quilt Makers

Saturday, November 7th
5:00p - Traditional Worship

Sunday, November 8th
9:00a - Traditional Worship
10:00a - Coffee Hour
10:00a - Sunday School
11:00a - Contemporary Worship & Baptism
1:00p - Hungarian Reformed

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.