Over the last few days, since our congregational meeting on Sunday the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of April, this hymn has been swirling in my mind. “Gather Us In” is one of my favorites. For a congregation about to celebrate her 60\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary and a congregation seeking God’s strength and power in the midst of some struggles, the words of Marty Haugen’s hymn are amazingly apropos.

Someone reminded me the other day, “This is my church.” Indeed, it is! And your church is also everyone else’s church. ELC, for many years, has been comprised of a variety of people who see this expression of the body of Christ as a place of both unity and diversity. Marty Haugen writes: “We are the young our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for you face. We have been sung throughout all of history. Called to be light to the whole human race. And the refrain: 

\textit{Gather us in the rich and the haughty. Gather us in the proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so lowly; Give us the courage to enter the song.}”

Sometimes, as this church knows full well, the song can be discordant. But, the song can also be full of sweet, sweet harmony. Haugen suggests in another verse how the harmonious song occurs:

\textit{Give us to drink the wine of compassion. Give us to eat the bread that is you. Nourish us well and teach us to fashion; Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.”}

For 60 years this congregation has been blessing the people of Evergreen, Conifer, Bailey, Morrison, Floyd Hill, Lakewood, even, Littleton. Once people plant their roots here they discover that another church as vibrant and warm as ELC is very hard to find. And so, they drive a long way to worship with us and to serve with us side by side. This is not to say that ELC isn’t grounded in our humanity. We discovered just this past Sunday how deeply human we are. When challenges arise, we can do one of two things. We can live into the negative and critical side of a congregation or we can grow from the hardships and be stronger; stronger lay leaders, members, staff and Pastor.

Hardships strengthen us. As we are reminded in I Peter: \textit{These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So, when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.}

God only knows what the next 60 years of this congregation’s life will bring. God also knows and God wants us to know, I believe, that the church’s success and strength will happen because of our willingness to work hard to live in unity despite our diversity and differences.

On May 20 we will celebrate our 60\textsuperscript{th} anniversary. Bishop Gonia, Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod, will preach and co-preside with me. After worship, you will have an opportunity to ask him questions regarding the programs and life of the ELCA and the Rocky Mountain Synod. At 11 a.m. we will have the kind of meal our ancestors probably had when they first established this very, special church; an old-fashioned, Lutheran potluck; Jello and all!

My prayer for ELC and her future are beautifully penned in Haugen’s last verse: \textit{“Gather us in and hold us forever. Gather us in and make us your own. Gather us in all peoples together; Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.”} May love and grace abound as we burn with passion for the Gospel and the work we are called to do today and throughout the future that lies before us.

Happy Anniversary ELC!
History of Evergreen Lutheran Church 1958-2018

Originally, Evergreen residents, Antweilers, Fahnenstiel, Keifers, Wilkeys and several others were members at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood, CO. Adele Fahnenstiel asked Irving if he thought they might be able to start a Lutheran Church in Evergreen. Irving spoke with the pastor at Bethlehem to find out how to go about it. He suggested Irving invite some folks to their home to see how many might want to have a congregation in Evergreen. So, the first meetings about Evergreen Lutheran Church happened at Irving and Gertie Antweiler’s home in June 1954 when Gary Antweiler was 7 years old.

There was a Norwegian Lutheran Church in NE Colorado (Brush) called Ebenezer Lutheran Church. They had a summer camp located above the town of Evergreen called Ebenezer of the Pines. On July 10, 1955, this small group of Lutherans met there. They put an ad in the local paper about this new congregation. There were 38 people who attended the first service. The following Sunday, July 17, the first officers were chosen. They were: Irving Antweiler, President; Bert Ranum, Treasurer; Ralph Evans, Secretary.

Pastor O. R. Graumann who was the Chaplain of Lutheran Hospital was asked by the Colorado District Mission Board to serve this new mission church. He continued on as Chaplain while serving this congregation until they had their own church building (1955-1959). Pastor Graumann’s wife also played the organ.

The congregation only met at the church camp during the summer of 1955. They had to be out by winter since where they met only had an old wood stove for heat and no back wall, so they got permission to meet in the grade school in the old brick schoolhouse which was located where the library currently is. Then they moved to the Junior High School which was located adjacent to the old brick school house (now the south parking lot of the library). Next they moved to Wilmot Elementary School. Later, they moved to the high school (where it currently is).

The church was growing and they needed a permanent home, so they...
got a loan from the Missouri Synod to start a building program. By this time, they had about 100 members. Ground was broken for the new church on October 27, 1957. The cornerstone laying ceremony took place on November 16, 1958 and the first worship service at the new site was conducted in the basement on December 7, 1958. The dedication ceremony and installation of the Rev. Frederick H. Worthman occurred on January 4, 1959.

The Building Committee included Mr. Carl Rennicke, Chairman, Mr. George Fahlenstiel and Mr. Harold Styve. The Architect was Mr. Dan Rohwer; the builders were Nelson and Erickson from Morrison, Colo. The women of the congregation had bake sales in downtown Evergreen to help fund the church. The members of the congregation participated in whatever ways they had abilities to help with the construction of the church building.

Sunday School began in 1955 when they first met at the Grade School. Gertie Antweiler was teaching the little ones even then, and Martha Evans was the first organist. We have been blessed with wonderful organists through the years; Martha Evans, Doris Bohling, Ted Lams, Linda Biery, Mary Beth Hauer and Jeanne Schubert. We have had four choir directors in 60 years: Mildred Olson, Doris Slater, Elaine Sohrweid and Peggy Fetchenhier. Marva Baldwin began a handchime choir in 1995 with the addition of handbells in 2007. Marva retired in 2017 after directing 22 years. Carl Cox is currently (Fall -2017) directing the Handbell Choir (Glory Ringers)


While Pastor Stoeppleworth was at ELC, the church was in the process of a building addition project. They were adding on the current pastor’s office, the secretary’s office, the sacristy and the crow’s nest. Part of the area of our new upstairs kitchen used to be the pastor’s office. A fire started in the pastor’s office on a Saturday. Several other fires in the church were started as well, so it was assumed it was intentional, but no one ever knew for sure. Of course,
many church records including birth certificates were burned.

Perhaps one of the most significant and difficult events in the history of our congregation occurred in 1978 when we decided to leave the Missouri Synod. We left because we disagreed with the theological teachings of the Synod at that time. Characteristically, this decision was made only after considerable deliberation - after 18 months of discussion and after hearing from speakers from both sides of the issues, including someone involved in setting up the ELCA. Before voting, we changed our constitution to require a two-thirds majority instead of a simple majority in favor of leaving the synod. We did this to ensure that the move was the will of the congregation. Five families ultimately left our church and formed Mount Hope Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) in Evergreen.

We remained an independent congregation until 1988, when we joined the AELC for one month in order to be grandfathered in as a charter member of the ELCA. We have belonged to the ELCA since 1988.

A house across (east) from our church became available for sale in the fall of 1981. On November 16, 1981 we voted to purchase the house. We closed on the house January 10, 1982. We decided to use it for our Sunday School classes. All of our children’s classes except for pre-school and Kindergarten met at the Church House. The little ones had their class in the basement near Memorial Hall so their parents were nearby. The Church House is presently (2018) being used for our high school youth and for the Mountain Backpack Program. It has been proposed to change the name to the Luther House.

Gary Antweiler is the only charter member remaining in our congregation.

In February of 2001, Pastor Vera Guebert-Steward became our fourth Pastor. Late in the Spring of 2001, after careful deliberation about our growing numbers, we decided to undertake a building project that began in October of 2004 and was completed in August of 2005. A new sanctuary, narthex, office space, Sunday School space and a great room were added to accommodate the exciting growth taking place at ELC.

In June of 2008 we dedicated our Garden of Hope; a Columbarium to house the cremains of loved ones. In the Fall of 2008 we dedicated, in our 50th year of ministry, a new bell tower to contain the old bell that has signaled the beginning of worship throughout this mountain community for almost 60 years.

On September 4, 2011 our outdoor worship area, Agape Chapel, was dedicated. Members of our congregation built the area. Cooper VanAuken worked on it as part of his Eagle Scout project.

August 31, 2014, we dedicated a labyrinth structure which was added to our campus to the west of the Agape Chapel.

We look forward to many more years of serving our community and the world to God’s glory.
From the Director of Adult Ministry

I just came back from our annual women’s retreat. It was there I heard stories about braving the wilderness from some of our very brave and strong women. Their stories reminded me once again of how none of us can really prepare for a crisis to hit us or for the unexpected to happen but we can continue to stay close to God and to God’s family. This prayer was waiting for me in the mail when I came home. It is a good reminder of God’s faithfulness in our lives, even in the wilderness, even in the fear.

Psalms for Praying
by Nan Merrill

You companion us through the wilderness, through the shadows created by fear.
You plant your Seed into each heart…
Roll away the stones that become obstacles to growth, to producing a bountiful harvest…

Arise, O Beloved, in your steadfast love shield me from the demons within;
Stay near me, Heart of my heart, and I shall be strong to face my fears.

Letting all the fragmented parts of my being gather around You, help me to face them one by one.
Love’s healing presence will mend all that has been broken, and I shall be made whole.

With you in Ministry,
Kim Williams
Director of Adult Ministry

Adult Faith Formation
Sunday Morning, 9:15 a.m.
In Fellowship Hall
Luther’s Thirst for Grace led by Pastor Vera concludes May 13.
Bishop Jim Gonia of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA will be here for our 60th anniversary celebration on May 20. He will lead a forum to share what is happening throughout the Synod and wider church as well as time for Q&A.

In Damascus
Tom McEwen’s class on Paul, “Paul: the First Lutheran?”

In the Memorial Hall
Faithful Parenting lead by Terry and Jim Ritter meets in Memorial Hall. Explore what it means to raise your children in a Christian home and to share your faith with them.

Lunch Bunch meets at Brooks Place Tavern in Conifer, 25577 Conifer Rd, Ste 100, near King Soopers, Thursday, May 17 at noon. This is a no host lunch. Call the church office to RSVP.

Java and Jesus meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30am. We will continue our study, “No Other God’s, The Unrivaled Pursuit of Christ through May. In June we will start our summer study, “Mudhouse Sabbath.” It’s a study about the seven ways of Christian Formation inspired by the Jewishness of Jesus. If you have time on Thursday mornings come and join us anytime. If you need a ride or you need child care for Thursday morning please let Kim know.

Mountain Men meets Wednesday May 2, 6:15pm in the lower level conference room. We will take a summer break and meet again in September.

Faith and Culture meets at 5:30pm on Thursday nights.

Stewardship for All Seasons Update
What's going on with the SAS Ministry Initiatives.

The e-Van-gelism Outreach
Council has decided that renting a van for group use will be the most expeditious way to try out various features we may desire before investing $30K plus operational expenses in a van that doesn't meet our needs.

Council is encouraging all ELC groups that may have a need to transport a groups to contact the church office and we will make the appropriate arrangements for van.

Music Space Assessment (MSA)
The architect group has made their recommendation for interim fixes and they have more ideas for a long term solution. The MSA group will be meeting after Confirmation to establish the path forward. Currently, the best option is to move the organ and piano back to the corner and do the same with the sound booth. By doing that, it will free up both sides of the church for musical expansion.

Virtual Worship
The group is taking an inventory of ELC’s sound equipment. This is needed to understand what additional equipment we may need. Marlin Jung and Jim Ratliff are doing this activity, and it is scheduled to be completed by May 31. Marlin will meet with two other churches with extensive virtual systems to understand their system and invite them to examine what we have. This should be completed by May 31 also.

We are continuing to move ahead and planning is the longest phase of a well-done project. Hopefully by the end of summer, you will see some actual construction.
Worship & Music

History of Music Program at ELC

Music has always been an important part of worship at Evergreen Lutheran Church. We have been blessed with many people through the years who have given their time and musical gifts to support our music ministry.

We have had numerous gifted organists through the years; Martha Evans (a charter member of the church), Doris Bohling, Ted Lams, Linda Biery, Mary Beth Hauer and Jeanne Schubert. Mark Allendorf who was in high school/college also played occasionally. When we had 6 organists, they each took 2 months a year and played as volunteers. Doris Bohling was our first paid organist and choir accompanist. Jeanne has been our organist and choir accompanist since 2012.

We have had four choir directors in 60 years: Mildred Olson (about 2 years), Doris Slater (5-6 years), Elaine Sohrweid (29 years) and Peggy Fetchenhier (20 years). Peggy facilitated the Summer Music Program for many years while Elaine was directing and continues to do that to this time. During Elaine’s last years of directing, Peggy served as a substitute for her when necessary (and Elaine serves as a substitute for Peggy now). Elaine starting singing in the choir in 1965 after she married Larry. Heidi, their daughter, was 6 months old when she started directing the choir. She was working at West Jeff Elementary School as a teacher and also sang in the Evergreen Chorale.

Marva Baldwin (then a music teacher at Marshdale Elementary School) began our handchime choir in 1995. The hand chimes were donated by Karen and Ron Schutt as a memorial gift from Ron’s mother. Hand Bells were purchased from a memorial gift in 2007 from Norma Asheim (Peggy Fetchenhier’s mother) and Doris Schubert (Brian Schubert’s mother).
Marva retired as the Bell Choir Director (Glory Ringers) in 2017. Carl Cox is presently serving in that capacity.

The Children’s Music Program has been led by a variety of people through the years. Gretchen Stoeppleworth began working with the children when her husband was pastor at ELC. Elaine Sohrweid led them for several years, as well as Linda Biery. Peggy Fetchenhier and Jeanne Schubert (accompanist) led the children’s choir for 10 years. Tiffany Sohrweid did it until she graduated from high school. Katie Prolow, Carolyn Bergner, Amanda Evans, and Dan Bock have all facilitated the children’s music program. Lynn Nestingen led Rev-Up children in music.

During the time Elaine was directing the choir and Peggy was directing the Children’s Choir, we did many combined adult/children music efforts including Dave Brubeck’s “La Fiesta de la Posada”. Linda Biery directed “A Charlie Brown Christmas” for children and adults.

The choir did an Easter Cantata every year for many years during the time Elaine directed. Larry Sohrweid directed the dramas.

The first organ we had was an electronic organ that someone donated from their home. The Rogers organ we have now was purchased in 1977. DeLoy Goeglein, a Denver organ, hand chime and hand bell specialist took a committee of Ted Lams, Elaine Sohrweid, Mary Beth Hauer and Martha Evans to listen to organs before we purchased one.

The original choir loft (balcony) was about half the size it is now (above Fellowship Hall). It was doubled in size by adding another level in the front. Carl Almquist engineered the addition to the choir balcony.

When Elaine started directing there were 18 people in the choir. There were 42 people on the roster when she retired. (1998) There are presently 60 people on our roster.

We have added several permanent groups to our music program.

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program: Grace Notes, a women’s a cappella group; a bluegrass group “Never the Same Way Twice”, directed by Scott Zbryk, and a Brass Group. We have been blessed with many fine instrumentalists that enhance our music – oboe, strings, keyboard, guitarists, horn and brass players.

Thursday night worship began when Pastor Vera joined us in 2001. We have had numerous musicians who have supported that service: Chris Besler, Christa Johnson, Jon Johnson, Ruth Krauss, Marcia Smith, Karen Peterson, Shea McGrath, Marva Baldwin, and Dan Bock.

We look forward to honoring our music program in the years to come by singing and playing to the glory of God.

*Minister of Worship and Music, Peggy Fetchenhier*

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*2014 Glory Ringers*

*Our young singers and musicians, Katherine Hood & Rachel Malpass*

*Marva Baldwin & Carl Cox*

*Anna Brooks, pianist*

*Pastor Vera, Paula Barnes and her Mom at Agape Chapel Dedication Service*
Early Members
Gary Antweiler - charter member but not continuous

Hank & Inge Falvey came in 1961 so they are the current members that have been here the longest

Gary & Larry Sohrweid joined in 1963

Bill & JoAnne Meinert started coming in 1963 and joined in 1964 with their family, including Karla Briggs.

Jon Powers came in 1964 but was not a continuous member

Elaine Sohrweid joined in 1965

Dale Fetchenhier joined in 1966

Audrey & Glen Lein joined in the 1960s

Peggy Fetchenhier joined in 1973

Jay & Jean Lipson came in 1973

Pastor Ron & Karen Schutt came in 1973

First Communion Instruction
If your child is asking for, and you believe they are ready to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, bring them to First Communion instruction on Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Parents are requested to join their kids for the entire instruction time.

Students will receive their First Communion on Mother’s Day, May 13. Your children will bake the bread that will be served on Sunday, May 13.

Please contact the church office, office@evergreenlutheran.org or Pastor Vera

Evergreen Lutheran Church’s
60th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, May 20

9:00am Worship
10:15am Bishop Gonia forum & Q&A
11:00am Potluck lunch Fellowship Hall

Sparkle Delight Jell-O Salad
From Bernie Heuer, Recipes from Evergreen Lutheran Church (in the ELC Library)

- 2 small strawberry Jell-O packages
- 1 c boiling water
- 2 10 oz frozen sliced strawberries, thawed
- 3 medium bananas, mashed
- 1 1 lb 4 oz can crushed pineapples, drained
- 1 c walnuts, coarsely chopped (optional)
- 1 pt sour cream (optional)

Combine gelatin in boiling water; stir until dissolved. (At this point, may change the recipe for speed set by adding 6-8 ice cubes and stirring several minutes.) Set in fridge about 10 minutes to slightly thicken.

Fold in strawberries with juice, bananas, pineapple, and walnuts. Pour 1/2 of strawberry mixture into 8x12x2 baking Pyrex dish, spread with sour cream, then add rest of strawberry mixture. Refrigerate until firm.

Note: When I make this, I omit the sour cream. I like the pure fruity flavor! I also omit the nuts for children. It makes it easier eating.
Hank and Inge Falvey

Inge was born in Brandenburg, Germany. She endured the allied bombings and the Russian occupation. Inge, her brother, and step-mother fled the occupation by night to meet her father (who had fled earlier) in Duisburg, Germany. There she graduated from the Lyceum (type of secondary school) and worked two years in the assay lab of Thyssen Rheinrohr and two years in a hospital laboratory. In 1957, she came to the U.S. to stay with her aunt in Milledgeville, Georgia, where she enrolled in the Georgia College for Women. In the summers Inga worked for a pathologist in Macon, Georgia.

Hank was born in Denver, Colorado, to a mining engineer father. Because the family moved around a lot during the depression, Hank attended five different grammar schools in Colorado, Utah, Nebraska and Georgia.

Hank and Inge met in the choir loft of the Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville, where Hank often came from Georgia Tech on long weekends to sing in the choir with his parents. Their courtship lasted four years as it was conducted long distance, when Hank was at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland during his military service and from Cal Tech, where he was getting a Master’s degree. When in California, they played chess by snail mail, Hank winning because he got the mate. Inge graduated from college with a double degree in Biochemistry and Biology as well as a minor in English. Immediately after graduation, Inge came by bus to Denver on April 1, 1961. They were married that same day by Pastor Worthman in the recently built Evergreen Lutheran Church. They were probably the first couple married in the new sanctuary. Recently they celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

Inge and Hank have been continuous members of Evergreen Lutheran Church since 1961. They both sang in the choir and accompanied Catechumens to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, where they were the oldest couple to complete the rope course. Inge served for a time as Church Secretary and president of the Women’s Guild. She taught Sunday School and served on the Library Committee. Hank taught Adult Bible Class and the Catechism class for many years. He also served as a member and the head of the Board of Elders, which later became the Board of Lay Ministry.

They have five children and eight grandchildren. The family is scattered from California to New York and from Tacoma, Washington to Waco, Texas. Fortunately, three of the children and some of the grandkids still live in the greater Denver area. Hank and Inge are world travelers having lived for two years in Germany, where Hank earned his Doctorate. Then they lived for two years in Switzerland where Hank designed a hydraulic laboratory for the new University and a cooling pond for the particle accelerator, Super CERN in Geneva. Their youngest child was born in Lausanne. Hank is a specialist in the hydrodynamics of dams having worked 27 years for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Eventually, Hank formed his own consulting firm. Inge frequently travels with him on dam projects to foreign countries: India, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Germany and France. Earlier, Hank went alone to China, Algeria, Egypt, Mexico, Romania, Turkey, and Pakistan, while Inge stayed home with the children. Hank still consults on dam projects. Inge worked as a Teacher’s Aid and a Gifted and Talented Specialist at the Conifer Middle School for almost twenty years. Her favorite hobby is working with stained glass; her creativity leading to a new, relatively-unknown technique in the stained-glass culture. She also likes creating fused glass projects.

Hank’s favorite hymn is “Morning Has Broken” as it is a non-theological hymn that reminds him of his Happy Hippy years. The text was written by the English poet, Eleanor Farjeon, and commissioned in 1931 by a local vicar for a new edition of a hymnbook, “Songs of Praise.” Set to the lilting melody of a Gaelic tune, it was Cat Stevens who brought this song to the public’s attention in the 1970’s. This is a rare, but not unique, example of a Christian hymn receiving acclaim through the popular media.
“Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.”

Vs. 2 “Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.”

The composer speaks of welcoming the new day of Creation – the first morning, the first bird – an echo of the Word of God. The second verse refers to God walking in the Garden of Eden. The final stanza personalizes the experience which Christians share.

Vs. 3 “Praise with elation, praise ev’ry morning, God re-creation of the new day!”

Inge’s favorite anthem is “Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God,” a song she enjoyed singing when they were members of the choir. Based on Ephesians 4:30-32, the composer, J. Tertius Noble, gave meaning to the words of Apostle Paul by creating a deeply moving and eloquent hymn.

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you. Grieve not.

We are encouraged to live as Christians and to be imitators of God. Do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way we live. Remember, he has identified us as his own, guaranteeing that we will be saved on the day of redemption.

*The Worship and Music Committee*

### New Books—Spring 2018

The following list of books and DVDs is the library’s offering to ELC for the spring of 2018. They are on display in the library. ENJOY!

**Advent to Epiphany:** Engaging the Heart of Christmas by Liena Apsukrapsa and Jacqueline Hullaby 242.33 Aps

**The Death of Race:** Building a New Christianity in a Racial World by Brian Bantum--270 Ban

**Discipleship Journal’s 101 Best Small Group Ideas** by Deena Davis, comp.--253.7 Dav

**Forever in Love**--242 For

**God’s Little Devotional Book for Students**--242.6 God

**Glory Happening** by Kaitlin B. Curtice--242 Cur

**The Hymns of Martin Luther** by Peter C. Reske, ed.--Oversized 780 Res

**Introduction to Christian Worship, Revised Edition** by James F. White--264 Whi

**Luther:** Gospel, Law, and Reformation by Cary Phillip--AV DVD 241.2 Phi

**Luther on Music:** Paradigms of Praise by Carl F. Schalk--246.7 Sch

**The Lutheran Student Bible**--220.6 Lut

**Martin Luther:** The Idea That Changed the World by Michael J. Trinklein--AV DVD 241.2 Tri

**Music in Lutheran Worship** by Carl Schalk--780 Sch

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One Anothering: Biblical Building Blocks for Small Groups, vol. 1 by Richard C. Meyer--253.7 Mey

**The Polar Express** by Melissa Morgan--AV DVD 791.4 Mor

**Practicing Our Faith:** A Way of Life for a Searching People by Dorothy C. Bass--284.4 Bas

**The Prophet** by Kahlil Gibran--892.7 Gib

**The Real Jesus of Nazareth** by Robert Powell--AV DVD 232.9 Pow

**Refocusing My Family:** Coming Out, Being Cast Out, and Discovering the True Love of God by Amber Cantorna--305.9 Can

**Science in the Soul:** Selected Writings of a Passionate Rationalist by Richard Dawkins--500 Daw

**Seeking the Secret Place:** The Spiritual Formation of C. S. Lewis by Lyle W. Dorsett--230.09 Dor

**The Theological Character of Music in Worship** by Robin A. Leaver--781.7 Lea

**The Triumph of Christianity** by Bart C. Ehrman--270.1 Ehr

*God’s peace,*

Lloyd Peltzer, Librarian

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**Library Work Day May 18**

The Library Committee will have a work day, Friday, May 18, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. No experience necessary, just show up.
May Calendar

†ED and Confirmation Schedule:

May 2:
6pm—Confirmation, †ED

May 4:
7:00pm—†ED Lock-In

May 6:
9:15am Confirmands Read Faith Statements

May 9:
5pm—Guitar Lessons
6pm—†ED Welcome Party for 8th Graders

May 16:
6pm—†ED

May 18:
7:00pm—Middle School Lock-In

May 23:
6pm—†ED

The first time I met you all, I was a Sophomore in college. It was 2010, I was working during my second summer at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, and I was lucky enough to be on the Evergreen Day Camp Team. Even then, I noticed a few important things about this congregation that have stuck with me to this day:

1. This congregation cares about kids. From the moment I walked into the doors of this church on the Sunday before Day Camp, I saw evidence of kids. Signs for youth fundraisers lined the halls, well-used classrooms popped up on our tour of the facility, and countless youth showed up for our volunteer training that evening. It was evident that the children of this congregation were lifted up.

2. This congregation LOVES to have fun. On our Thursday Night worship and ice cream social for day camp, so many members of ELC showed up to watch our kids show off what they’d learned throughout the week, sing songs, and celebrate! I remember having a blast in the Grove and experiencing SO MUCH JOY!

3. This congregation is dedicated to helping others. As I walked through the week of day camp, I noticed how many members helped out. We had classroom volunteers, craft leaders, nurses, registration table helpers, and MANY more volunteers walking these halls!

I’m so excited to keep that Day Camp tradition alive with you. As we near summer, I hope you all prayerfully consider supporting this ministry in some way or another! Day Camp will be happening from **June 18-22** here at ELC and there is still PLENTY of room for new volunteers and helpers. If you’ve helped us before, we’d love to see you again. If you’ve never helped with day camp, this is a perfect opportunity to dip your toes in the water!

If you’re wanting to sign up for Day Camp, registrations can be found at ELC. Early Bird cost is $30 for Preschool and $45 for K-8th Grade (with a maximum cost of $100 per family). See you here!

Dan Bock
Children, Youth, & Family Minister

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Get hooked up with our ELC Youth News. You’ll get info for all ELC Youth events! Email danbock@evergreenlutheran.org if you want to get connected.
May Birthdays

1. Katie Kline
2. Jim Barclay, Rachel Malpass
3. Jean Terry, Larry Patella,
4. Jim Theiss, David Stark, Maxwell Bergner
5. Siti Schubert
6. Gregg Baldwin, Nancy Geiss, Bennett O'Brien
7. Inge Falvey, Julie Nelson
8. John Cunningham, Sandy Drennan
9. Elaine Sohrweid
10. Carrie Nelson, Patti Fuelling
11. Nolan Bly
12. McGregor Ritter, Janelle Smith, Phyllis Scott
13. George Krauss, Linnaea Furlong, Christa Johnson, Pat Wallace
14. Jim Samuelson, Spenzer Forbes
15. Sheryl Fick, Amy Nagler
16. Nolan Harmon, Barb Guist
17. Jacob Foley
18. Chris Onweller, Marcia Henderson, Beth Feldkamp
19. Beth Erlund, Cheryl Foust
20. Greg Konigsbauer, Amy McClure, Zoe Bergner, Linda Berteau
21. Maxwell Miller
22. Ken Kutalek, Sig Brekke
23. Mason Haggenjos
24. Pete Berne, Taylor Anderson, Mary Cherry, Barb Vial, DeNae vanWestrienen

May Anniversaries

7. Ken and Lynn Kutalek
14. Trey & Kathy Malpass, Amy & Ron McClure
16. Patti & Dave Vine
22. Shirley & Bill Russell, Cindy & Buz Gibson
28. Ed & Andrea Furlong, Dick & Anne Willhardt
31. Joe & Sandra Sajbel

Theatre and Theology

For the final season’s Theatre and Theology, “Human Error” there will be no talk back. To purchase tickets at our special rate of $30, use the code “Theology”. The code is good for any performance during the run of the show, **May 18-June 24**. Order online, denvercenter.org, or 800-641-1222.

“Human Error”—After an unfortunate mix-up by their blundering fertility doctor, Heather is mistakenly impregnated with the wrong child. Now two very different couples face sharing an uproarious nine month odyssey of culture shock, clashing values, changing attitudes and unlikely—but heartfelt—friendships.

Angel Doll Clothes

The Piecemakers invite you to join them Tuesday, May 15, 8:45 a.m. in Memorial Hall to help make angel doll clothes for Camp Comfort – a Mt Evans Home Health & Hospice camp which meets each summer for grade school children who are grieving a loss. The children dress “angel dolls” to remember their loved one. Our group provides the clothing for the dolls. We need help cutting out patterns, sewing, ironing, etc. It's fun and a welcome help to Mt Evans! Therese Wahlstrom, 303-674-7523, wahlstromt@gmail.com. willingness to serve.

Seminarian Support Fund

In the book of Romans, chapter 10 Paul writes: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:15b, NIV)

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?”

(Romans 10:14 – 15a, NIV)

Therefore, dear ELC, we are asking 100 people to pledge just $1 per week to support a seminary student in need. “ELCA Fund for Leaders” states that one semester of tuition for one seminary course costs $2,000.

With your pledge of just one dollar per week for the Seminary Support Fund, and having just 100 people participate, the fund would grow by $5,200 per year. You can donate via check (write “Seminary Fund” in the memo line) or on our website: www.evergreenlutheran.org/donate.

Please, in this time of declining numbers of pastors, let us pledge ELC’s support of a needy student who has been called by God to spread God’s Word. Thank you.

Church Clean-Up Day

We need lots of hands for church cleanup day on Saturday, May 12, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We’ll work hard and end with lunch around 12:30 p.m. There is plenty to do inside and out and remember “many hands make light work.”

Ed Boettger, 720-934-1501.
May Worship Participants

MAY LAY MINISTER: Andy Riedel

MAY 6—(8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Art Whyte
Reader: Nancy Lowe  
Greeters: Patty Vine
Communion Servers: Carolyn & Scott Bergner, Sheryl Fick, Pat Brewer
Ushers: Chris & Gene Enebo, Fran Pallesen, Eric Hallingstad

(10:30 a.m.) Affirmation of Baptism
Assisting Minister: None  
Co-Presiders: Karla Briggs
Reader: DJ Riedel  
Greeters: Lisa Hamm-Greenawalt
Communion Servers: Carol Riscoe, Dave Kirberg, Scott & Kristi Moriarty

MAY 13 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Cathy Tellman
Reader: Lynn Nestingen  
Greeters: Haggenjos Family
Communion Servers: Wayne & Nancy Lowe, Jackie Lanning, Fran Pallesen
Ushers: Herman Walke, Deb Pucherelli, Lyn Lewis, Val Prolow

(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Nick Walker
Reader: Jon Johnson  
Greeters: Steadman-Lieb Family
Communion Servers: Carol & Joe Brice, Nancy Eldridge, Carl Almquist
Ushers: Sue & Larry Petroskey, Lloyd Peltzer, Bob Mosca

MAY 20 (9:00 a.m.) One Service only, Celebrate ELC’s 60th Anniversary
Assisting Minister: Kim Williams
Reader: Mark Guebert-Steward  
Greeters: Melissa & Dava Krane
Communion Servers: Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca, Linda Easton, Bette Warn
Ushers: Sue & Gordon Queen, Fred & Barb Guist

MAY 27 (9:00 a.m.) Agape Chapel
Assisting Minister: None
Reader: Art Whyte  
Greeters: Bob Hawsey
Communion Servers: Sue Queen, Sheryl Fick, Chris & Gene Enebo
Ushers: Jan & Dave Blumenstein, Janet Anderson, Mary Noonan

All who serve in worship, please check in with the lay minister when you arrive on Sunday to let them know you are present.

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms
4/8  Quinn Nicole Biller
      Alayna Sol Massie
      Carter David Sol Cordova