...Plans For Good...to Give You a Future and a Hope
by Pastor Vera Guebert-Steward

“...For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you,” says the LORD.” Jeremiah 29

I remember the day well. It was Pentecost Sunday, June 2, 1968, and it was already a hot and humid day in southern Illinois. It was my Confirmation day and I, along with forty-one other eighth grade kids, stood before the altar of the Lord confessing our faith and affirming our baptisms. The promises I made were serious and I took them seriously. Pr. Rueben Meyer taught us well, albeit the classes were a bit boring which I have no doubt our four eighth graders might say as well. But we were faithful then as our four eighth grade kids have been all year long. The affirmation I received as a junior high kid from the adults in my church made a profound difference in my life and faith. I knew the good people of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wood River, Illinois loved me. I also knew my Pastor did even though there might have been times during Saturday morning instruction that I was uninterested, and Pr. Rueben Meyer knew it.

Franklin D. Roosevelt once said: “We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.” In these days of synagogue, school, and random shootings, there is nothing more important for the adults of ELC than to affirm our children and help them feel safe and strong. Loving Danielle Seaton, Wyatt Bly, Jack Konigsbauer, and Bennett O’Brien unconditionally has undergirded their walk with Jesus. Evergreen Lutheran has taken this task so seriously. Along with you, dedicated adults have spent a lot of time each and every week of the school year teaching, caring for, and loving our kids. I believe we owe a debt of gratitude to Karla Briggs, DeNae vanWestrienen, Janet Anderson, Dan Bock, and Sheryl Hellmuth. They have generously loved and affirmed the four eighth graders that will stand before you on May 12 to declare their love for God and their commitment to Christ’s church. These adults have taken their precious time and energy to mold and shape the faith of four beautiful children.

I have no idea where the journey of life will take these four amazing kids. But what I am sure of is exactly what the prophet Jeremiah declared to the people of Israel. God has plans for Danielle, Wyatt, Jack, and Bennett. Those plans are for good and a future filled with hope. And it is in God’s promises that we must help them stand.

As we come to the end of the 2018-2019 school year, we are also deeply aware of our High School graduates. They, too, stand on the cusp of a new day and a new direction for their lives. I invite you to keep Isaac Brooks, Attie Forbes, Anah Fuelling, Maggie Streett, and Nick Walker in your prayers. If we have done our work well, they will make moral, good and faithful decisions as they journey into their future.

If I were a parent, there’s no church I’d rather have my kids grow up in than Evergreen Lutheran Church. Your good work has blessed so many little people and I believe you will continue to do so. Your dedication and love are admirable, and I have no doubt God is pleased with your holy work. Thank you for what you have done for so many young people.

Summer Offerings and Your Worship Attendance

Every year as the summer approaches I feel a need to remind you of three things:

- Expenses in the summer remain the same as all year long. PLEASE make sure you continue to offer your gift of love to Evergreen Lutheran even if you don’t attend worship.

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Advocacy & Discipleship

Though our Lenten series was cut short by not one but two snow storms this season, many disciples faithfully gathered, in body and in spirit, to participate in worship and community conversations around how and why ELC should be advocating for others in our community and in the broader world. We were honored to hear from members of our own congregation and to host community members who want to partner with us in the work. And we were blessed to gather in community around topics that hurt our hearts and for which we want to take action, to hopefully better the lives of so many of God’s children.

Though we spent a whole season focused on it, our work with advocacy is far from over. Turn out, advocacy work is far less like a list of ‘To-Do’s’ and is, just like discipleship, a way of life. As the Presbyterians say in their bible study written by Blair Moorhead, Advocacy as Discipleship: A People Called to Witness, “Christ shows that to care about your neighbor to the point of social action is our calling…Jesus’ ministry touched the lives of his society’s outcasts, as well as their ruling politicians. His words and deeds rattled the halls of power in his day, attracting the attention of religious and political authorities who sought to arrest him. We follow Christ and accept his call to love our neighbors with a passion that reflects his own.” Advocacy is simply being in relationship with others and living out our call to discipleship through actions to improve the lives of our neighbors. It’s love in action, using our compassion to understand that to pursue true justice means to pursue solutions that are more than a Band-Aid fix to injustice in our world. We believe that feeding hungry children is as important as addressing the system that left them hungry in the first place.

Support an Eagle!

Curran Anderson, Life Scout with Troop 737 in Evergreen, is fundraising for his Eagle Scout Project to build a FIRE CIRCLE for Evergreen Lutheran Church this summer. He needs to raise more than $3,000 for site preparation, river rock and gravel, weed barrier, materials for benches, landscaping, and a propane fire pit system.

Saturday, May 4, Taco Dinner, Evergreen Lutheran Church, 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy a taco dinner prepared by scouts, friends, and family – at ELC! Suggested donation is $7 per person.

Thursday, May 16, Pizza at Beau Jo’s in Evergreen – ALL DAY! Beau Jo’s will donate 20% of all sales associated with Curran’s project! Mention Curran Anderson’s Eagle Scout Project when making a purchase.

To make a direct donation, please send a check made out to: Troop 737 with “Curran Anderson Eagle Project” in the memo line and mail to: Troop 737 Treasurer, 29974 Paint Brush Drive, Evergreen, CO 80439.

Thank you so much for your support! I look forward to roasting a marshmallow with you when this project is finished!

Curran Anderson, 303-674-1540

Seminarian Support Fund

As we move into new directions or paths of ministry through advocacy as discipleship, may we all feel God’s guiding hand, shifting us ever closer to serving and loving our neighbors. As you continue your own reflections and meditations on how discipleship and advocacy are linked, may the following prayer, from our Presbyterian siblings, inspire new thoughts or pathways as you continue to walk your journey with Christ. May our discipleship and our advocacy be filled with God’s light and power.

Creator of community,
Help me to move forward
with right relationships.
As I seek your will,
As I seek to do justice,
As I seek to grow closer
to your children across the world.
I thank you for the call
to be a witness.
In gratitude I reach
my hands out to the hands
of all your people.
May our work today
and in the days to come
Be a sweet offering to you.
Amen
Rachel Swenson
Pastoral Intern

Having met Pastoral Intern Rachel, you can fully understand the importance of supporting students/seminarians studying to fulfill their calling to Word and Sacrament ministry.

You can donate to the Seminarian Support Fund via check (write “Seminarian Fund” on memo) or on our website: evergreenlutheran.org/donate.

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Seeing New Life

Last spring when I was visiting my Dad I dug up one of the peony plants that grew in his front yard. That plant was first planted by my maternal grandmother in Marion, North Dakota, then a part of the plant was dug up and planted at my parents first home and then replanted at their second home both in Spokane, Washington. I took it with me on the plane, kidding with the airline people that it was my “comfort plant.” I got polite nods until I told them I was kidding and we all laughed.

I wanted a part of it to plant at my own home, to carry on the tradition, to have a part of them with me. I was excited to plant it and watch it grow and remember but I transplanted it at the wrong time. I patiently watered it throughout the summer but it withered and died. I just left it there not having the heart to dig it up. The other day I was out in the front yard attacking the first sign of weeds to appear this spring and there is was, green shoots in the place of my dead peony. I couldn’t believe it. Three strong shoots. WOW, I was beyond delighted, I was amazed. I look at it every day and smile and marvel at the sign of life from death right in my front yard. Easter is like that for me too. We traveled together through solemn Lent, pondered deeply in the darkness of Holy Week and marveled in wonder and delight at the sign of new life and God’s promise that death would not have the last word.

I hope you are traveling in wonder these glorious Easter days and seeing new life in you and around you.

Easter Blessings,
Kim Williams,
Director of Adult Ministry

Adult Faith Formation

Sunday Morning Offerings, 9:15am

- **Fellowship Hall:** Faith and Culture on Sunday, May 5 and Pastor Vera will lead the discussion on Sunday, May 19.

- **Damascus Room (downstairs):** “Holiness” or “Righteousness”: A biblical look at these two traditions in the history and life of the people of God. We ask the two important questions of ourselves, “Who are we as the people of God? And “How shall we live?” Historically, there have been some very different answers to these questions revolving around whether our communities have focused on holiness, or righteousness. How have the prophets addressed these questions? How did Jesus talk about these issues? How did Paul? Join us through the Easter season as we look at these traditions, and how they are reflected in our own expressions of faith and life. Led by Tom McEwen.

- **Memorial Hall:** Parenting by Faith led by Terry and Jim Ritter.

Mid-Week Offerings

- **Tuesday Afternoon:** Sacred Scripture 101 led by Pastor Vera meets at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

- **Wednesday Night:** Mountain Men Bible Study is on a temporary hiatus.

- **Young(er) Women’s Book Group** meets at 6:20 p.m., in the Stephen Ministry Room. Led by Pastoral Intern Rachel Swenson

- **Thursday Night:** Faith and Culture, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

- **Thursday Mornings:** Java and Jesus, Women’s Bible Study, meets on Thursday mornings at 9:30-11:00 a.m. We are studying “The Return of the Prodigal Son” by Henri Nouwen and will begin a new study May 9 called “Holy Envy” by Barbara Brown Taylor. Come and join us. If you need a ride or you need child care for Thursday morning please let Kim know by calling the church office.

- **Lunch Bunch** will gather at noon May 24 at Beau Jo’s on main Street Evergreen. This is a no host lunch. On this day Beau Jo’s will generously donate 20% of all sales to Curran Anderson’s Eagle Scout project to build a beautiful fire circle for Evergreen Lutheran. Please call the church office if you plan to attend so we can let the restaurant know we are coming.

- **Stephen Ministry** will meet Wednesday, May 22 at noon in Fellowship Hall.
New Beginnings
Ministry Partner
Denver Women’s Correctional Facility

You can be a visitor or a volunteer with New Beginnings, the congregation at the Denver Women’s Correctional Facility. Do you know the difference?

At New Beginnings, a visitor is someone who comes a maximum of four times a year to visit with the women during Friday evening worship, or joins the congregation during special worship services, serving refreshments and socializing with the women. A volunteer not only interacts with the women, but also allows the congregation to worship without an officer present. This in itself completely changes the feeling of the worship experience.

Prison regulations require at least one trained volunteer per 20 inmates during worship or a special program. The commitment of being a volunteer is a willingness to uphold the rules of the prison and to serve as an usher during worship. It sounds simple, and is simple, but is also makes a huge difference in the sense of peace and community amongst all in the room.

New Beginnings needs more volunteers willing to be trained and able to attend Friday night worship services. With enough volunteers, you need only commit one Friday evening every month or two.

To become a volunteer, you only need to attend an initial 8-hour Saturday training class. Training includes basics on how to be a volunteer, including how to dress and work together with the officers on duty. We are taught how to work as one team with one mission—each with our own role.

Do you have what it takes to be a volunteer and embrace this amazing congregation within the walls of Denver Women’s Correctional Facility? If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pastor Terry at PastorTerry.nbwc@gmail.com.

Women’s Prison Ministry

New Beginnings, the women’s prison ministry led by Pastor Terry Schijang, invites groups of six people to their Bible study and church service on Friday evenings, every other month. Next worship is Friday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up is on the bulletin board. Jackie will call you to set up a date for your participation. The Outreach Board needs your driver’s license number and date of birth for prison clearance.

Jackie Lanning
720-570-6591

Make Angel Doll Clothes - May 14

The Piecemakers invite you Tuesday, May 14, 8:45 a.m. to help make angel doll clothes for Camp Comfort, a Mt Evans Home Health & Hospice summer camp 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 knitting, cutting out patterns, sewing, ironing, etc. Therese Wahlstrom, 303-674-7523, wahlstromt@gmail.com.

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Time & Talent Survey

The Time & Talent survey identifies the needs and gifts of our members and gives everyone a place to grow, connect, and serve at Evergreen Lutheran Church. Your Stewardship for All Season Team asks everyone to complete the survey to establish our database for Each One In One. https://tinyurl.com/y8snmltu

Printed surveys are on the table in the narthex.
Subtle Neon Signs

My husband, Jim, was working out of state recently when a co-worker asked him how we decided to become a foster family. This man said his family had talked about fostering on and off for a few years, but they had never followed through with it. Jim’s response was matter-of-fact and to the point, which would not surprise you if you knew my husband. “Because we saw a need and we could.”

So often in life, we wait for huge, clear, preferably neon signs to show us we should do something or to point us in the right direction. As Christians, we might wait to feel God call us to a position of leadership or a position of service. God certainly leads us, calls us, and nudges us, but, in my experience, it’s not always obvious. Sometimes it’s God showing us a need over and over and us realizing that we can help.

At the Board of Community Outreach, or BoCO, we see many needs in our local community and beyond. From packing Blessing Bags to building homes in Mexico, from serving a meal with a big helping of kindness and compassion at Christ’s Body Ministry to packing backpacks of food for hungry kids, from making soup for the guests at Evergreen Christian Outreach to worshipping with women prisoners at the Denver Correctional Facility, we see needs and we realize we can help. Sometimes the call of Christ is as simple as that. No neon signs. No up in the middle of the night hearing the fervent whispers of God. Just seeing a need and saying yes.

Yes to the least.
Yes to the lost.
Yes to the hungry.
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Yes to the abused.
Yes.

As Christ tells us in Matthew 25:40, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” When we say yes to the least among us, we say yes to God. When we love others, we love Christ. When we serve others, we serve God.

As we look ahead to summer and vacations and dinners on the deck, may we also look around us and within us. May we look around us to see what needs God continues to show us. May we then look within ourselves to see what we can do to help.

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What can we say yes to today? As a person and a family and a church, what can we say yes to today, what can we do, because we see a need and realize we can help? If you’re stumped or if you have ideas for us, join us at BoCO events or meetings. We’d love to put Christ’s love into action together!

DeNae vanWestrienen
Board of Christian Outreach

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EvergreenFOREkids

We are excited to announce the first annual EvergreenFOREkids golf tournament that will support three programs with a golf tournament at Hiwan Golf Club.

The programs are:

♦ Dr. Clifford’s “Game for Life” provides golf equipment to the local Evergreen schools.

♦ Evergreen Trout Unlimited provides youth education programs for Mt. Evans and Camp Comfort.

♦ Mountain Backpacks Program established in 2013 as a service project of Evergreen Rotary and Evergreen Lutheran Church. We serve approximately 200 students per week across twelve local schools located in both Jefferson and Clear Creek County.

The schedule of events:
Monday, July 1
10:30 a.m. – Shotgun
3:30 p.m. – Reception

You can support this inaugural event in the following manner.

Title Sponsor, $5,000—includes 3 foursomes, recognition in all media releases

Eagle Sponsor, $2,500—includes 2 foursomes, Hole, Range and Putting Green sponsor

Birdie Sponsor, $1,250—includes 1 foursome, Hole and Lunch sponsor

Hole Sponsor, $200—signage on a tee box

Tournament player, $175 per golfer—sign up as a single or a foursome

Format - four person scramble open to men and women of all skill level. Please visit the website below to become a sponsor or to register your foursome to join us on this great day for kids in the Evergreen area. Your donation will show up as a contribution to Evergreen Trout Unlimited which is a 501C3 organization.

For questions: Shelley Harmon, shelleyharmon89@gmail.com, 303-653-2732.

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Outreach

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DeNae vanWestrienen
Board of Christian Outreach
Worship & Music

Enhancing Worship with Symbol and Color

We are blessed to have people in our congregation who have passion and talents for creating liturgical art to enhance our worship experience. Marcia Henderson created our beautiful Easter banners this year. There are two symbols in each panel—the Star of Bethlehem which is generally a five-pointed star used as a symbol for humanity, and the Cross, paradoxically a symbol of suffering and defeat, but also of triumph and salvation. They are reversed in order of prominence to represent the birth, death and resurrection of Christ. During the seasons of Christmas and Easter, we are very aware of the beginning and ending of Christ’s time on earth. Consequently, we will use these banners for Christmas as well.

As Lutherans, our worship lies at the heart of how we understand ourselves as a body of Christ. Our liturgy, or pattern for worship, follows a specific form. We gather. We hear God’s Word. We share a family meal at the Lord’s table. Then, we are sent into the world. Worship is a time we collectively encounter God, then share with each other.

Lutherans observe yearly church seasons and festivals. Our church seasons begin with Advent (anticipating the birth of Christ), followed by Christmas, Epiphany (the revelation of the divine nature of Christ to the world), Lent, Easter, and Pentecost (the birth of the church). We also celebrate specific festival days.

For many centuries, churches have used colors and other liturgical art to help enhance the worship experience—to help center the focus of the body of Christ on a particular Biblical theme. Each of our Church seasons has a color that helps create the mood for the season. Hopefully, you have noticed the changes in our sanctuary during the church year.

Thank you to Marcia and our liturgical art group (Marcia and Jerry Henderson, Bob Mosca, Lloyd Peltzer, John Serfling, Gary Sohrweid, Kathy Zbryk, Jacque Whyte, Linda Almquist, Harriet Sear, Elaine Sohrweid, Chris Enebo), who have helped design, create, set-up and change paraments for each season or festival day. You bless our worship.

Peggy Fetchenhier, Minister of Worship and Music

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Advent – Blue - the color of royalty to welcome the coming of a King. It can also symbolize the night sky in which the star appeared to announce the birth of Jesus.

Christmas – White and Gold - White symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. Gold symbolizes what is precious and valuable, and so symbolizes majesty, joy, and celebration. Because of its brightness, metallic gold also symbolizes the presence of God. We also use white for Christ the King Sunday and Holy Trinity.

Epiphany – White - Day of Epiphany. Green is used during the season to designate ordinary days of growth and new life. The season ends with Transfiguration, again, with white.

Lent – Purple – Represents repentance and rebirth.

Holy Week - Palm Sunday – Red - the presence of God, and the anticipation of Christ’s death.
Maundy Thursday – Scarlet symbolizes pain and suffering
Good Friday – Black represents death and mourning
Easter Vigil – White and Gold symbolize the resurrection

Easter – White and Gold symbolize the joy of the resurrection

Day of Pentecost – White and Gold symbolize the joy of the resurrection

Season of Pentecost – Red is the color of fire and the color of the church. It is also the color for Reformation.

Season of Pentecost – This is the longest season of the year and is represented by Green, the color of new growth and new life.
Spring and New Books/ DVDs have Arrived

ELC's Library Committee is pleased to present the following works for your enjoyment, entertainment, and spiritual growth. These books and DVD's cover a wide range of topics — religious and spiritual concerns, social issues, diversity, and the environment. We hope you will find them stimulating and enjoyable. We thank the many folks who have donated books and DVDs to the library's collection; the library grows thanks to their generosity and caring.

Each title is followed by the name of the author, director, or narrator as is appropriate. The Dewey Decimal number is included to help you locate the work when on the display shelves.

*Please note that the books and DVDs will be on the table in the library the second week of May. A list of the works along with a synopsis of each work will be in your mailbox shortly after the beginning of May.

God's peace,
ELC's Library Committee,
Lloyd Peltzer,
Librarian

7 "Christian" Rules that Every Christian Ought to Break as Often as Possible by Jonathan Fisk--248.4 Fis

1,000 Books to Read: A Life-changing List Before You Die by James Mustach--809.3 Mus

Almost Everything: Notes on Hope by Anne Lamott--170.4 Lam

The Angry Christian: A Bible-based Strategy to Care for and Discipline a Valuable Emotion by Bert Ghezzi--248.8 Ghe

The Best Care Possible: A Physician's Quest to Transform Care Through the End of Life by Ira Byock--616 Byo

Boy Erased: A Memoir of Identity, Faith, and Family by Garrard Conley--306.7 Con

The Cambridge Companion to Martin Luther by Donald K. McKim, ed.--284.1 Mck

Christ in Our Home, vol. II: Devotions for Every Day of the Year by Mark A. Hinton, ed.--242.2 Hin

Digitized: Spiritual Implications of Technology by Bernard Bull--261.5 Bul

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover--270.09 Wes

Esther: A Woman of Strength and Dignity by Charles R. Swindoll--222.9 Swi

Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph by Adam Hamilton--232.9 Ham

Fat and Faithful: Learning to Love Our Bodies, Our Neighbors, and Ourselves by J. Nicole Morgan--646.7 Mor

Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation by Alice Connor--220.9 Con

Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy by Anne Lamott--244.4 Lam

Help my Unbelief by William J. O'Malley--239 Oma

Holy Ground: An Alphabet of Prayer by Julie K. Aageson--248 Aag

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown--305.8 Bro

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans--220 Eva

Jesus: Countdown to Calvary by Bonneville Hugh, nar.--AV DVD 232.5 Bon

The Joyful Christian by C. S. Lewis--230.3 Lew

The Library Book by Susan Orlean--363.3 Orl


Love without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions by Jacqueline A. Bussie--241.4 Bus

The Nativity Story: The Journey of a Lifetime, a Story for All Time by Mike Rich, dir.--AV DVD 232.9 Ric

One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are by Ann Voskamp--248.4 Vos

The Perfect Stranger/Another Perfect Stranger by David Gregory--AV DVD 813.6 Gre

Poverty: Responding Like Jesus by Kenneth R. Himes, ed.--261.8 Him

Religion on Trial: Cross-examining Religious Truth Claims by Craig Parton--230.41 Par

Renegade: Martin Luther: The Graphic Biography by Andrea Grosson Ciponte--Oversized 284.1 Cip

Stronger God: Meeting Jesus in Disguise by Richard Beck--231 Bec

Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians by Austen Hartken--277.3 Har

What are You Doing Here?: Essays by Marilyne Robinson--814.54 Rob

Why Religion?: A Personal Story by Elaine Pagel--210 Pag

Why Should I Trust the Bible? by A. Trevor Sutton--220.1 Sel

Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?: 12 False Christs by Matthew Richard--232 Ric

Women's Uncommon Prayers: Our Lives Revealed, Nurtured. Celebrated by Elizabeth Rankin Geitz, ed.--242.8 Gei

“God be thanked for books. They are the voices of the distant and the dead and make us heirs of the spiritual life of the past ages. Books are the true levelers. They give to all who will faithfully use, the society, the spiritual presence of the best and greatest of our race.”

~ William Ellery Channing, Grandpa Lee's Gems for the Fireside
May Calendar

May 1  4:00pm—Music Lessons with Dan
6:00pm—Kingdom Kids, Confirmation, †ED

May 4  6:00pm—Curran Anderson Eagle Scout Project
       Taco Dinner

May 8  6:00pm—Kingdom Kids, Confirmation, †ED

May 10 7:00pm—†ED Lock-in

May 15  4:00pm—Music Lessons with Dan
6:00pm  †ED

May 16  EHS Graduation

May 17 7:00pm—Middle School Lock-in

May 18 5:00pm—Puerto Rico Fundraiser—Auction/Talent Show

May 18  Conifer HS Graduation

May 22 6:00pm—†ED

May 25  Platte Canyon HS Graduation

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Transitions

A memory has been rattling around my head lately. When I worked at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, I was on a Day Camp in Durango, CO and had the opportunity to check out a local hike called Cascade Canyon. Well, hike isn’t quite accurate. It’s more like an outdoor waterpark experience. Cascade Canyon is just a creek that winds down a canyon, and as you follow the creek, the walls of the canyon begin to get higher and higher around you. The creek gets wilder, and soon transforms into a series of mountain pools and natural water slides that have been carved out the stone creek bed. And finally, after about a mile of swimming/hiking, the canyon walls open up and the creek flows into an amazing, 25 foot waterfall that ends in a deep, mountain lake.

When my team of counselors and I hiked cascade canyon, we ran into another group that was stuck at the waterfall. They had made it all this way, but were too afraid to jump into the pool. My friends and I all jumped and safely splashed into the cool water, but the group behind us would not budge. They were terrified of the jump; terrified of the unknown rocks that could be lurking in the black water below.

Being camp counselors, my friends and I all jumped into RTLC mode and cheered from the shores of the lake below. Choruses of “YOU CAN DO IT!” and “YOU GOT THIS!” and “WE BELIEVE IN YOU!” echoed in the final mountain lake. And after what felt like hours, they finally jumped safely into the pool below.

Sometimes in life, big jumps can be scary. We’ve all been on the precipice of something new and different and have paused out of fear, knees shaking and all. I’ve been thinking about some of our youth that are about to take a big leap. This month, we’ll be celebrating our seniors: Isaac Brooks, Attie Forbes, Anah Fuelling, Maggie Streett, and Nick Walker. As they get set to make a big leap, we can act as cheerleaders from the waters below. Help me this month to support our youth who are making a big transition. It makes a big difference.

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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, Maxwell Bergner
4  Jim Theiss, David Stark, Nancy Geiss, Bennett O'Brien
5  Inge Falvey
6  John Cunningham, Sandy Drennan
7  Elaine Sohrweid
8  Patti Fuelling, Matthew Harker
9  Nolan Bly
10  McGregor Ritter, Janelle Smith, Phyllis Scott, Donna Moore
11  George Krauss, Christa Johnson, Pat Wallace
12  Jim Samuelson, Spenzer Forbes
13  Sheryl Fick
14  Nolan Harmon, Barb Guist
15  Jacob Foley
16  Marcia Henderson, Beth Feldkamp
17  Beth Erlund, Cheryl Foust
18  Greg Konigsbauer, Zoe Bergner, Linda Berteau
19  John Rogler
20  Ken Kutalek
21  Mason Haggenjos
22  Pete Berne, Taylor Anderson, DeNae vanWestrienen

Happy Birthday

May Anniversaries
7  Ken and Lynn Kutalek
13  Kaysie Banton & Robert Hampton
14  Trey & Kathy Malpass
16  Pattï & Dave Vine
22  Shirley & Bill Russell, Cindy & Buz Gibson
28  Ed & Andrea Furlong, Dick & Anne Willhardt

Happy Anniversary

SAS
ELC has been employing the Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS) process for the last two years. Our first year, we ambitiously took on three Ministry Initiatives—Virtual Worship, Music Space, and e-Van-gelism.

As of Palm Sunday, we began videoing our service and uploading it to our YouTube channel. This ministry will allow you and others to view our services prior to attending or when you cannot make it in person.

https://tinyurl.com/y3a5uyxw

Our Music Space assessment determined there was little that could be done with our existing music space without spending major capital and inducing a major disruption to our worship space. However, several enhancements were made to that area - additional choir microphones (6 vs 3) and brighter lighting for choir members.

The e-Van-gelism ministry initiative was not funded due to reduced projection of contributions. However, we do know what type of van we would purchase and have instituted the use of a rental van when groups travel to other events - men's/women's retreats, youth gatherings, etc.

Our 2019 Ministry Initiatives are underway and we expect them to be completed during the summer. They are Fellowship Lighting, Sunday School Upgrade and Each One - In One.

Larry Patella

Each One In One
The SAS “Each One In One” will begin “Phase 1” of the project which is to gather data from the congregation to see where people are connecting beyond worship. The church office is now utilizing Church360 which is an online data base. The Board for Discipleship will set up in the narthex and library throughout the summer to gather information from every member and to help you update your profile and contact information.

Cook’s Corner

Strawberry Soup
From “Welcome to Our Table, Recipes from Evergreen Lutheran Church”, available in the ELC Library

- 1 pint strawberries
- 1 c sour cream
- 1/2 c milk
- 1/2 c ginger ale
- 6 tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- Whole strawberries, sliced for garnish

Combine all ingredients in a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth, chill well.


Stone Soup
We will make 5 gallons of soup for EChO clients Sunday, May 5, 7:30 a.m., Memorial Hall. Email Dale Knochenmus if you can help with this ministry, mdaleknochenmus@gmail.com.

Christ’s Body Ministry
This ministry blesses all involved, the recipients of the meals as well as the many volunteers who have purchased food, made the hot meals, and served on a Saturday.

Join us to make and/or serve a meal for people who are homeless in Denver with Christ's Body Ministries. We head to Denver at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 1 to serve the food and return to church at 4:00 p.m. for a Kitchen Party to clean up.

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May Worship Participants

MAY 5 (8:00 a.m.) LAY MINISTER: Jan Petrocchi
Assisting Minister: Shirley Russell  Co-President: Tom McEwen, Dan Bock
Reader: Fran Pallesen  Greeter: Bob Hawsey
Communion Servers: Carolyn & Scott Bergner, Sheryl Fick, Patti Vine
Ushers: Chris & Gene Enebo, Jackie Lanning, Eric Halmingstad

(10:30 a.m.) LAY MINISTER: Jan Petrocchi
Assisting Minister: Gary Sohrweid  Greeters: Sandy & Steve Lipina
Reader: DJ Riedel
Communion Servers: Carol Riscoe, Scott Moriarty, Sue & Gordon Queen
Ushers: Penny Lambert, Connell O’Brien, Ann Bengtson, Harriet Sear

MAY 12 (8:00 a.m.) LAY MINISTER: Jon Johnson
Assisting Minister: Tom Tracy  Greeters: Jodi Hartmann
Reader: Lynn Nestingen
Communion Servers: Cindy Gibson, Fran Pallesen, Jan & Dave Blumenstein
Ushers: Herman Walke, Deb Pucherelli, Lyn Lewis, Val Prolow

(10:30 a.m.) LAY MINISTER: Jon Johnson
Assisting Minister: Karla Briggs, Sheryl Hellmuth
Reader: Jon Johnson  Greeters: Karen & Paul Phillippe
Communion Servers: Joanne Miller, Jan Petrocchi, Sue & Dave Plochow
Ushers: Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca, George & Phyllis Wittenberg

MAY 19 (8:00 a.m.) LAY MINISTER: Jon Johnson
Assisting Minister: Jim Barclay  Co-President: PI Rachel Swenson
Reader: Brooke Kerns  Greeters: Melissa & Davia Krane
Communion Servers: Kristi Kohnke, Joe & Alicia Harker, Shirley Russell
Ushers: Fred & Barb Guist, Art & Jacque Whyte

(10:30 a.m.) LAY MINISTER: Jon Johnson
Assisting Minister: Kelly Carswell  Co-President: PI Rachel Swenson
Reader: Dale Fetchenhier  Greeters: Steadman-Lieb Family
Communion Servers: Michelle Foley, Penny Lambert, Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca
Ushers: Dennis Johnson, Linda Easton, Sue & Larry Pétrosey

MAY 26 (9:00 a.m.) LAY MINISTER: Riley Hanback
Assisting Minister: None  Co-President: PI Rachel Swenson
Reader: Art Whyte  Greeters: Melissa & Davia Krane
Communion Servers: Sheryl Fick, Maureen Gehlhausen, Lynne Theiss, Scott Moriarty
Ushers: Jan & Dave Blumenstein, Mary Noonan, Dave Kirberg

All who serve in worship, please arrive 15 minutes early and check in with the lay minister when you arrive on Sunday to let them know you are present.

Library Work Day
Friday, May 17, 9am-12pm
No library experience needed.
All are Welcome!

Save the Date
Grove Sale is Saturday, August 3

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Pastoral Acts
Memorial
4/6—Jill Diane Anderson
4/25—Tara Kelly

Church Clean Up Day
The Spring Clean Up day will be Saturday, May 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need everyone’s help to spruce up the inside and outside of our church. Lunch will be provided!