Jim Rohn, entrepreneur, author and millionaire was determined to assist people to achieve the very best of themselves in this life. He effected change in folks so their life’s game would be raised to a higher level. His concern was that we become all we can be, so that we assist the next generation to do the same and to have, perhaps, an even better life than we. He once said that “All good men and women must take responsibility to create legacies that will take the next generation to a level we could only imagine.”

Of course, Jim Rohn wasn’t the first to believe that the next generation is our responsibility to mold and shape for good living. Long before his time, and more than once in the Scriptures we read of challenges to God’s people to create legacies that will raise the level of honorable and loving living in their children; in the generations to come. Asaph, the writer of Psalm 78 dared ancestors to teach the laws of Jacob to their children, so that the next generation might know them. More than that, do so in order that each generation will teach it to the next.

I am not alone in believing that this is our responsibility at Evergreen Lutheran. The legacies we leave should bless our children with lives better than our own; should bless generations to come, even bless children not yet born.

This year our Stewardship Board has begun to formulate such a challenge with an additional caveat. Not only leave legacies, but leave God’s beautiful creation cleaner, stronger and more prolific than it is today. In other words, Evergreen Lutheran and her members are defied to reduce our footprint as part of our legacy and as a way to honor this glorious place we are privileged to live.

We have begun to use less paper. We will learn to reduce our paper consumption more and more. We want to secure an energy audit so that we limit the waste of resources. We want to use less heat, turn off the lights, when a room is not in use and make sure our water consumption does not negatively impact our community or drain our wells.

It is imperative that we do this and that we also teach our children to do so as well. Cut down on plastics at home. Turn your furnace temp down 5 degrees and put on a sweater or sweatshirt. Replace your lightbulbs with LED’s. Turn your water heater down a bit and always turn off the water when you don’t need it to run and run.

Evergreen Lutheran Church has done great things in the community. She offers her space regularly for others to use. She gives an enormous amount of money to non-profits in our mountain community. She blesses the poor in countless ways. That’s a fabulous reputation and legacy. But I’d love to have one more bit of information tacked to our already good name. I want people in Evergreen and Conifer and beyond to know us for how “green” we are. Genesis 2:15 suggests: “God placed the man (woman, too) in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.” The health of this blessed world is our responsibility. May we take our charge seriously as we leave a legacy by reducing our footprint.

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Leaving a Legacy by Reducing Our Footprint...
by Pastor Vera Guebert-Steward

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Schedule

Blessing Our Pets in the Spirit of Saint Francis

Sunday, October 6 at 9:15 a.m.

Saint Francis, the Patron Saint of Animals believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his “brothers” and “sisters”, and even preached to the birds. He heightened the awareness of and extended the reach of the church to include all creatures as part of the family.

In 32 years of marriage, Mark and I have had 27 years of Golden Retrievers. They blessed our lives deeply with companionship, unconditional love, fun and affection. We firmly believe that Jasper, Cody, and Bailey were gifts from God. I know that many of you feel this way about your pets, too.

Evergreen Lutheran Church established the tradition of blessing our beloved pets the fall of 2001. Since then, with the exception of one year, we have blessed everything from Gerbils to Rats to Dogs to Cats to Alpacas to Horses to Rabbits to Chickens...you name it! We’ve blessed it.

We hope that you will bring your beloved pets to church for this special opportunity. During the Faith Formation Hour at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 6 we will gather in Agape Chapel to bless your pets. Join us and bring your family to receive God’s blessings on your furry companions.

Sermon Playlist

I have been thinking about how to utilize technology well, how to incorporate it into the flow of this communal life we call “Church” without losing more than we have gained. With this in mind, I have a question for you. What do songs by Vampire Weekend, David Byrne & St. Vincent, David Bowie, Daryl Hall & John Oates, Bruce Springsteen, and Jonathan Rundman have to do with Luke 16:19-31?

Well, I think assembling songs from these musicians (and a few others) into a playlist might just help focus my thoughts on the themes of this reading. It’s a reading that I’ll be preaching on in a few weeks, so I want to keep the themes of this scripture in my head even when I’m commuting from Westminster to Evergreen. I made a playlist of ten songs on Apple Music and Spotify. You can listen here: https://tinyurl.com/appleproper21c and here: https://tinyurl.com/spotifyproper21c and here: https://tinyurl.com/youtubepentecost-16C

Better yet, add some songs that you think might help focus our attention on this scripture. Take a look at Luke 16:19-31; what songs come to mind? I’d love to receive your thoughts and song additions. Happy listening!

Joel Pakan
Pastoral Intern

Seminarian Support Fund

Having met our interns, 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 “Seminary Fund” on memo) or on our website: 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. For your information, we almost reached our 2018 goal of $5,200 by collecting $4,803.
One Word Changes Everything

There are times when I am reading and one word will jump off the page and it changes everything. It happens when I am reading a book from a favorite author, a news article or when I am reading scripture. When that happens, it makes me stop and reread what preceded it and it always gives deeper meaning. When I am reading works of Henri Nouwen he speaks often of “Beloved.” That word always jumps off the page for me. It is not a word I hear every day but I wish I did. If we were to call one another “Beloved” and see ourselves as “Beloved” that would change everything. Read the following blessing by Jan Richardson and see if the word “beloved” can find a home in you.

Kim Williams
Director of Adult Ministry

Beginning with Beloved:
A Blessing — Jan Richardson

Begin here:

Beloved.
Is there any other word needs saying, any other blessing could compare with this name, this knowing?

Beloved.
Comes like a mercy to the ear that has never heard it.
Comes like a river to the body that has never seen such grace.

Beloved.
Comes holy to the heart aching to be new.
Comes healing to the soul wanting to begin again.

Beloved.
Keep saying it and though it may sound strange at first, watch how it becomes part of you, how it becomes you, as if you never could have known yourself anything else, as if you could ever have been other than this:

Beloved.

Adult Faith Formation

Sunday Adult Faith Formation

- Fellowship Hall: Tom McEwen leads us in an intriguing study “What happened in the Comma?” Have you ever noticed the huge leap the creed makes between “born of the Virgin Mary” and “suffered under Pontius Pilate”? A single comma connects the two statements, and falling into that yawning gap, as if it were a mere detail, is everything Jesus said and did between his birth and his death! Called the “Great Comma,” this gap certainly invites some serious questions. Did all the things Jesus said and did in those years not count for much? Were they nothing to “believe” in? Was it only his birth and death that mattered? Does the gap in some way explain Christianity’s often dismal record of imitating Jesus’s actual life and teaching? Rohr, Richard. The Universal Christ (p. 103). The Crown Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

This is a study for what happened in the comma. Between baptism (with a little about what happened before) to Passion. We will look at the theologies around the comma, and to some extent, why the life of Jesus is reduced to a comma in the creed, and what that means for us now.

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

Tuesday Afternoons

- Sacred Scriptures 101 resumes Tuesday, October 8 at 3:00 pm.

Wednesday Night

- Women’s Book Group meets at 6:15 p.m
- Mountain Men Bible study meets at 6:15 p.m. in Damascus.

Thursday Mornings

- Java and Jesus began a new study on “The Shelter of God's Promises.” We will search the

Scripture for what God has promised us, what those promises mean, and how these promises provide the foundation for daily confidence, joy, hope, and shelter. Come and join us. If you need a ride or you need child care for Thursday morning please let Kim know, 303-674-4654.

- Faith and Culture meets at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

- Lunch Bunch will gather at noon, Thursday, October 17 at The Lakeshore Cafe. This is a no host lunch. Please call the church office if you plan to attend so we can let the restaurant know we are coming.

Stephen Ministry will meet on Wednesday, October 16 at noon in Fellowship Hall.

New Member Classes

You are enthusiastically welcome to come to worship and participate in all activities regardless of membership or not, we hope that you will join us and embrace the responsibility and privilege to elect church officials, support the life of this congregation with your offerings of time, talent, and treasure, and consider engaging in some facet of the church’s ministry. Membership is not required but we believe families are blessed when they fully engage in the life of any congregation especially such a special and active one as ELC.

If you are interested in “officially” making this your community of faith, we strongly encourage you to participate in our New Member Process. The dates as follows:

Sunday, October 13, 9:15-10:00am.
Sunday, October 20, 9:15-10:00am.
Sunday, October 20, 10:30am Worship & New Members Received

We will receive you into membership on Sunday, October 20 at the 10:30 worship service. Please call the church office, 303-674-4654 and confirm your intention to become a member of Evergreen Lutheran Church.
The Apple Tree

Every other year over Labor Day, my dad’s family has a reunion. We meet in Sturgis, South Dakota at a park near where my Dad’s brother and some of my cousins still live. I was especially excited this year because some of my cousins from the west coast were going to be there – cousins I haven’t seen in 50 years.

We all grew up in the Black Hills area and spent a lot of time at our grandparent’s farm on the prairie in Elm Springs, South Dakota. I love going there because I have so many childhood memories from the farm. There are two ways we used to go from Rapid City and my sisters and I had different memories of which was the best way, so we Googled it. The physical site that came up was the Elm Springs Church – built in 1894 by my Great-grandfather and several other farmers in the area. The community gathered for church every Sunday. Sometimes they would have an itinerant preacher, but for many years, my grandmother and another lady traded off leading worship. The church and the cemetery are still used.

Less than a quarter mile down the road is the farm. The only building still standing is an old grainery. We pulled in the driveway, parked the car and walked around. We could still imagine where everything was by the lay of the land. The new owner built his house back from the road a ways. He saw us come in and drove down to see who we were. It was the man who bought the farm from our grandparents 50 years ago. His wife died a few years ago and was buried in the Elm Springs Cemetery by the church, so he lived on the farm alone.

He was delighted to have company and we had a great talk. He wanted to give us something. He planted an apple tree, when he bought the farm and wanted to give us some apples. They were the most delicious, fragrant apples I have ever had. There were also plum trees and blueberry and chokecherry bushes that were growing when my grandparents lived there.

My sisters and I were talking about how much had changed since our great-grandparents lived on that land. People are born and die, but still, the land flourishes. This apple tree was planted by a man who loved this harsh land and planned to spend the rest of his life there. And that tree, whether there was anyone there to eat its fruit, continued to beautifully produce what it was bred to do, year after year. May it be so for us!

The choir sings Psalm 8 that especially fills me when I stand on that vast prairie.

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?
O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Peggy Fetchenhier
Minister of Worship and Music
**Theater and Theology for ELC**

Once again, The Denver Center for the Performing Arts and the Rocky Mountain Synod are offering a delightful array of live theatre and lively discussion of the plays as viewed through a theological lens. In its 30th year, this insightful discussion and exchange of ideas is led by Pastor Dan Bollman, retired pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Performances are on specific Tuesdays during the theatre season. Tickets are $30 per person, which usually amounts to a 30% discount on the selected dates. Reservations are made by calling or texting Sydney Bernard-Hogling at 720-940-3225. Please leave a written or verbal message, with your name, contact info, and name of show. Sydney will get back to you to confirm your request and answer questions. Please know that reservations must be made three weeks in advance of our assigned show dates. Payment for the tickets, made out to Rocky Mountain Synod-ELCA, must be turned in 10 days before our assigned date.

**Shows and dates are:**

**February 11 – twenty50**
The suspenseful thriller centers on a Mexican candidate's struggle to stay true to himself or lose his identity to win more votes.

**Reservations due:** January 16  
**Payment due:** January 31

**April 21 – Choir Boy**
Featuring gorgeous gospel music, this stunning coming-of-age drama by Oscar winner Tarell Alvin McCraney (Moonlight) illuminates the chaos of growing up.

**Reservations due:** March 26  
**Payment due:** April 9

**April 28 – Until the Flood**
One incredible performer embodies eight characters that represent the broad spectrum of perspectives that continue to define the city of Ferguson and our country at large.

**Reservations due:** April 2  
**Payment due:** April 16

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**Gathering for Women**

All women are invited for fellowship, a movie, and discussion on **Saturday, October 19, 1:30—5:00pm** in Fellowship Hall.

Please bring $5 and an appetizer to share. Wine and beer will be provided, and babysitting will be available.

**RSVP by October 6 to:**  
Jan, jpetrocchi817@gmail.com  
Kathy, kathybryant100@gmail.com
Coming Soon to the ELC Library

The Library Committee is preparing a list of donated and recently purchased books coming soon to ELC’s library. The books are being processed, and, as soon as they're ready, they will be displayed on the table in the library. Below is a list of the books, along with authors that will be added to ELC's ever growing library collection. A synopsis of each book will be available when the books are put on display.

God’s Peace, Lloyd Peltzer  
ELC Librarian

Adam’s Gift: A Memoir of a Pastor's Calling to Defy the Church's Persecution of Lesbians and Gays by Jimmy Creech

The Applause of Heaven by Max Lucado

Bad Religion: How We Became a Nation Heretics by Ross Douthat

Beautiful Bible Stories by Patricia Summerlin Martin

The Bible Tells Me So: Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It by Peter Enns

The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams

Caught in the Middle by Beverly Bush Smith and Patricia DeVorss

The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race by Willie James Jennings

The Dieter’s Prayer Book by Heather Harpham Kopp

Fortress Introduction to Lutheranism by Eric W. Gritsch

The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Person Freedom by Miguel Ruiz

The Future of Faith by Harvey Cox

How Can I be Over the Hill When I Haven't Seen the Top Yet?: Faithfull Reflections on the Middle Years of Life by Patricia Wilson

Invitation to the Jesus Life: Experiments in Christ likeness by Jan Johnson

Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography by John Dominic Crossan

Leap Over a Wall: Earthy Spirituality for Everyday Christians by Eugene H. Peterson

Lifesigns: Intimacy, Fecundity, and Ecstasy in Christian Perspective by Henri J. M. Nouwen

Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions by Jacqueline A. Bussie


Marking Time: Christian Rituals for All Our Days by Linda Witte Henke

The Message of the Psalms: A Theological Commentary by Walter Brueggemann

The Message: The Old Testament Books of Moses by Eugene H. Peterson

The Message: The Prophets by Eugene H. Peterson

Ministry of Ordinary  
Places: Waking Up to God's Goodness Around You by Shannan Martin

On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old by Parker J. Palmer

Out of the Ordinary: Prayer, Poems, and Reflections for Every Season by Joyce Rupp

Peculiar Treasures: A Biblical Who's Who by Frederick Buechner

Rainbow Relatives: Real World Stories and Advice on How to Talk to Kids About LGBTQ+ Families and Friends by Sudi "Rick" Karatas

Rumors of Another World: What on Earth Are We Missing? by Philip Yancey

Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation by Ruth Haley Barton

Sincerely, Luther: Narrative Letters of the Great Reformer by Neal E. Snider

Tattoo’s on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion by Gregory Boyle

Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God by Lauren F. Winner

When God Whispers Your Name by Max Lucado

White Women’s Christ and Black Women’s Jesus: Feminist Christiology and Womanist Response by Jacquelyn Grant

A Year of Hope: 52 Weeks of Faith and Courage by Ann E. Bolson

“Readers may be classed into an infinite number of divisions; but an author is a solitary being, who, for the same reason he pleases one, must consequently displease another.”

~ Isaac Disraeli

From Grandpa Lee’s Gems for the Fireside
Christian Outreach Disciple

Dave Kirberg, who completed his baptismal journey, was a good and faithful servant. He was involved in many ministries at ELC including the Emergency Shelter Program, Christ's Body Ministries, Men's Retreat, Workship, and other outreach programs. His death leaves a deep void in our hearts and also at ELC as we consider all the good work he did.

Janet Anderson, Pam Moe, and Pastor Vera are praying that some of you will step forward to pick up where our brother Dave left off. Please prayerfully consider how you might serve in some of these outreach areas.

For more information call Janet Anderson at 303-842-2180.

Christ’s Body Ministries

We’re taking two gas grills to cook hamburgers and hotdogs for a meal for the homeless in Denver. Please sign-up to help with lunch ingredients, to serve, to grill, or to clean-up: https://tinyurl.com/y56hpx3p.

To honor Dave Kirberg's service with Christ's Body, we're bringing sheet cakes to celebrate Dave's life.

Stone Soup

We will make five gallons of hamburger soup for EChO clients Sunday, October 6, 7:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Email Dale Knochenmus if you can help with this ministry, mdaleknochenmus@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

Blessing Bags

Our Blessing Bags ministry is an opportunity to help homeless men and women in a significant way. With your help, each Blessing Bag will contain hygiene items, socks, a t-shirt, healthy snacks, hat, and a pair of gloves.

Through Friday, October 18, your donations are welcome in the green tub in the narthex.

Most needed items are:

- Small tubes of toothpaste
- Small shampoo bottles
- Protein bars
- Mittens/gloves
- Dog treats
- Hats
- Small soaps
- Small bottles of water

Saturday, October 19 all are welcome to join us in Memorial Hall at noon, when we will pack the bags. During worship the next day, Pastor Vera will bless the bags and invite you to take several to distribute to the homeless that you encounter around Colorado.

Evergreen Shelter Program

The Evergreen Shelter Program (ESP) is returning for a fourth winter season providing hot meals and a safe, warm and dry shelter for people in need in our community.

The mission of the ESP is to provide shelter, a hot meal, and compassionate interaction to individuals and families experiencing homelessness on cold weather nights when the temperature is below 32 degrees. To learn how you can volunteer to help with the shelter, please come to an information meeting on Sunday, October 13, 11:45 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

Evergreen Lutheran Church will be the host site the weeks of:

December 9 — 15
January 13 — 19
February 17 — 23
March 23 — 29

We ask that you prayerfully consider being a volunteer for this local ministry.

Alternative Gift Fair Volunteers

The sign-up for volunteers for the Alternative Gift Fair will go live Saturday, September 28. Sign-up: www.gifttwice.org/volunteer. The Alternative Gift Fair is only possible with the help of our wonderful volunteers. Volunteers help with vendor set-up and tear-down, directing guests through the fair, run checkout stations, and more.

Saturday, November 9 | 9am-4pm
Sunday, November 10 | 9am-3pm

Stone Soup

for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world.

EVERGREEN SHELTER PROGRAM

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OCTOBER 2019
October Calendar

2 —6pm TED, Confirmation
4 —7:00pm, Middle School Lock-In
6 —9:15am, Pet Blessing
9 —6pm TED, Confirmation
16 —6pm TED, Confirmation
23 —6pm TED, Confirmation
25 —Final Friday (both middle and high school)
30 —6pm TED, Confirmation

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month will be guitar lessons in the church house.

About Me

My name is Neil Mahon, and I am so excited to work with the members of this congregation! You have all been so welcoming to me in my first few weeks here.

I was born and raised in Colorado Springs. I went to Colorado Springs Christian School from preschool all the way through High School except for eighth grade, when I was home schooled. I went to school to study music performance. I had originally gotten a full tuition scholarship to Laramie County Community College to study under a Music Professor, I truly admired. Unfortunately, he retired seven days before I arrived. So, I transferred and continued my studies at Colorado State University -Pueblo. I spent three years studying there and I did not walk out with a degree (turns out college is hard and expensive.) After that, I became an apprentice electrician with a company called Lumen Electric.

The past three summers, I worked as a counselor at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. This is where I found my passions and some of my greatest friends. My family started going to Rainbow Trail, when I was about two years old. We attended the Advent Fest retreat in late November and it instantly felt like home.

I have one brother whose name is Brett. Brett lives in Orlando Florida (about five minutes from Downtown Disney) with his wife Allie. They have been married for a little over four years and I am so honored to be able to call them my friends. As I write this, my brother and I have been talking on Google Hangouts.

My Dad is a software engineer for a branch of the DOD in Colorado Springs and my Mom is a Financial Representative for Thrivent.

My free time consists of lots of laying around the house and watching television, reading comic books, playing video games, and sleep! Boy, do I love sleep! And music! Trombone was my primary instrument in College, but I also play, Tuba, Euphonium, Guitar, Ukulele, Bass, Piano, Vocals, and Handbells. I spent the last three years teaching handbells to youth at my old church (First Lutheran Church) in Colorado Springs. First Lutheran Church has six handbell choirs, four youth choirs and two adult choirs. During those three years, I was also able to play in the professional handbell ensemble, The Pikes Peak Ringers, under the direction of Kevin McChesney.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone and learning more about this community. Please feel free to contact me through my email neil@evergreenlutheran.org or text/call me at (719)-661-5237. Thank you all for this amazing opportunity!

Neil Mahon
Children, Youth, Family & Outreach Minister

Neil at his best friend’s wedding
October Birthdays
1  Marcia Smith
2  Johnathon Grube
3  Dale Knochenmus,
    Lisa Hamm-Greenawalt,
    Rusty Brunner
4  Ron Pearson
5  Jerry Henderson, Gina Steadman
6  Joe Brice, Cathi Gerlach,
    Ken Scott
7  Dave Plathow, Linda Hoilund,
    Julie Rogler
8  Kristin Andersen, Fred Guist,
    Eli Holtmann, Sierra Holtmann
9  Denra Taylor
11 Susan Plathow, Debra Pucherelli,
    Gary Sohrweid
12 Pam Moe
13 Nancy Bober, Marilyn Pearson
14 Kristi & Scott Moriarty
15 Kimberly & Noah Nemmers,
    Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca
17 Barb Kerschbaum
18 Ed Boettger, Dennis Johnson,
    Stephen Moe, Sarah Harker,
    Ayden Hampton
19 Dave Vine
20 David Diflumeri
21 Noah Evans
23 Charlie Forbes, Cyn Benjamin
25 DJ Riedel
26 Mark Bly
29 Emma Walker
30 Gordon Queen
31 Lucas Prolow, Jackson Kohnke,
    Amanda Evans, Belinda Dickey,
    Maureen Gehlhausen

Happy Birthday

October Anniversaries
1  Greg & Angela Konigsbauer
2  Mark & Lindee Bly
3  Michelle & Patrick Foley
6  Jay & Jean Lipson
8  Pete & Sally Berne
11 Kimberly & Noah Nemmers,
    Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca
14 Kristi & Scott Moriarty
21 Joanna & Bill Cook
25 John & Julie Rogler

Happy Anniversary

Philipp’s Texas Green Chili

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

• 2 tbsp chili powder
• 1 tbsp salt
• 1 tbsp dried oregano
• 1 tbsp ground cumin
• 1 tbsp ground black pepper
• 2 tsp sugar
• 1 tsp cilantro, minced
• 1 tsp dried thyme
• 1 c beer
• 1 1/2 qts chicken stock
• 6 long green chilies, roasted and chopped
• 4 5-oz cans chopped tomatoes
• 1/4 c celery, minced
• 2 garlic cloves, minced
• 5 lb center cut pork chops, cut into 1/4 inch cubes
• 4 lb flank steak, cut into 1/4 inch cubes
• 3 medium onions cut into 1/2 inch pieces
• 2 green bell peppers cut into 1/4 inch pieces
• 1 lb Monterey Jack cheese, grated
• Juice of 1 lime
• Lard

Stir chili powder, salt, oregano, cumin, pepper, sugar, cilantro, and thyme in a bowl. Pour beer over the spices, and mix until all lumps are dissolved.

Pour the chicken stock into a large, heavy saucepan, and pour the beer mixture into it. Add the chiles, tomatoes, celery, and garlic to the stock.

In a skillet melt some lard. In two batches, brown the port in lard, adding more lard as needed. Spoon the pork into the stock mixture. Bring the mixture to a simmer, and simmer for 30 minutes.

Add more lard to the skillet. Brown the steak a third at a time. Spoon the steak into the stock mixture. Simmer another hour.

Stir in the onion and bell pepper. Continue simmering for an additional 2 to 3 hours, stirring every 15 to 20 minutes, until the meat breaks down.

Let the chili cool at room temperature for 1 hour.

For optimum flavor, refrigerate it for about 24 hours. Reheat the chili. About 5 minutes before serving, stir in the cheese and the lime juice.
October Worship Participants

OCTOBER LAY MINISTER: Jon Johnson

OCTOBER 6 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Elaine Sohrweid  Greeter: Evelyn Bly
Reader: Melissa Krane
Communion Servers: Barb & Jim Barclay, Jim & Cathy Tellman
Ushers: Eric Halingstad, Nolan Bly, Mark Bly, Ed Furlong

(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Connell O’Brien
Reader: Josh Biller  Greeter: Larry Patella
Communion Servers: Rob & Barb Bender, Bee Dickey, Nancy Eldridge
Ushers: Steve & Sandy Lipina, Larry & Sue Petrokey

OCTOBER 13 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Shirley Russell
Reader: Bette Warn  Greeter: Cindy Gibson
Communion Servers: Art & Jaque Whyte, Chris Enebo, Isaac vanWestrienen
Ushers: Jan & Dave Blumenstein, Val Prolow, Matt Harker

(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Dennis Johnson
Reader: Marcia Henderson  Greeters: Penny Conyers & Dave Stark
Communion Servers: Amanda Evans, Paul Berteau, Bob Mosca & Lloyd Peltzer
Ushers: Steve & Jordan Queen, Sandy Riedel, Peder Kruger

OCTOBER 20 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Jim Barclay
Reader: Bob Hawsey  Greeter: Maureen Gehlhausen
Communion Servers: Sheryl Fick, Lynne Theiss, Ed Furlong, Barb Guist
Ushers: Val Prolow, Deb Pucherehill, Herm Walke, Shirley Russell

(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Okie Arnot
Reader: Rocky Petrocchi  Greeters: Steve & Sandy Lipina
Communion Servers: Jennifer Swanagon, Gary Sohrweid, Shannon Holtmann, Carol Risoe
Ushers: Sue & Dave Plothow, Linda Easton, Mark Guebert-Steward

OCTOBER 27 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Pastoral Intern Joel Pakan
Reader: Pat Brewer  Greeters: vanWestrienen Family
Communion Servers: Patti Vine, Isaac vanWestrienen, Jan & Dave Blumenstein
Ushers: Barb & Fred Guist, Jackie Lanning, Lyn Lewis

(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Pastoral Intern Joel Pakan
Reader: Mark Guebert-Steward  Greeters: Steadman-Lieb Family
Communion Servers: Jo & Jon Powers, Tom McEwen, Joanne Miller
Ushers: Bob Mosca & Lloyd Peltzer, Dennis Johnson, Gary Sohrweid

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.

Thank you for serving during worship.

We are looking for Ushers and Communion Servers.

If you’d like to help during worship, please let the office know. Thanks!

Pastoral Acts
Baptism
Hazel Anne Passarelli—September 1

Memorial
Bella Onsaeng Norasaeng—September 3