In 1990 I began to work on a master’s degree in theology at Saint Thomas Theological Seminary, a Roman Catholic institution of higher learning in Denver. The Seminary now belongs to the Archdiocese of Denver, but then it belonged to the Vincentian Order of Priests. While there I not only studied, but worked for the Seminary. I made $13,000 a year and part of the time I worked there; Mark was unemployed. It was a sparse time for us. Even though we had very little money, we made a conscious decision to continue to tithe our income to the church we belonged to. We made it; never lacking for food or rent money. By the grace of God, we made it!

I have been thinking about that time a lot lately. Remembering how hard it was but how fulfilling it was for us to continue to be generous even when we had very little for ourselves. We were so blessed and still are. Generosity has been a hallmark of our married life and it has made us better people and stronger Christians. What we receive, we have gladly given away for the sake of the church, the Gospel and those in need.

I have used the example of the Dead Sea before when referring to generosity. There are actually two lakes in Israel, the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. Both lakes are attached to and fed by the Jordan River. The Jordan River flows into the Sea of Galilee and then flows out of the Sea to feed streams and other small tributaries. The Sea of Galilee is the lake that nourishes most of Israel, filled with life and in turn, gives life to many. The Dead Sea, on the other hand, is stagnant; the water that flows in stays in the Dead Sea and ultimately evaporates; the water goes nowhere and gives life to nothing.

The Christian life and our willingness to give can be likened to the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. We have been given so much; blessed beyond our wildest imagination and belief. Mark and I have more than we need to sustain our own lives. We know that generosity brings life to others, changes lives and sustains the powerful ministries of Evergreen Lutheran Church. I pray you feel this way about your wealth and time, too.

This year’s budget is being honed by our efforts to reduce our footprint. The bottom line of our budget will probably stay the same or increase only slightly. What we hope to do is lessen consumption and give more away. Using less paper, generating less waste and less energy, blesses God’s beautiful creation and also allows us to use funds for the poor, the marginalized and people who have so much less than we do.

I implore you to pray daily from now until November 17, Commitment Sunday, about your gift to ELC. I know many of you are strapped for funds. Please remember though, that if you want to grow your Christian faith and grow in maturity toward the fullness of Christ, you must learn to give. Give your time. Give your money. Give encouragement. Give love. Give abundantly. Generosity blesses the world as it blesses us personally, too. May you know love by giving love away. May you know abundance by sharing what you have with those in need.

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**GENEROSITY**

*by Pastor Vera Guebert-Steward*

6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” 8 And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need, and plenty left over to share with others.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 New Living Translation (NLT)
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.

Be Transformed

October was a month of retreats and ELC has allowed me to take part in three unique experiences which continue to bless: ELC staff retreat, a conference retreat, and the synod’s theological conference. Aimee (my wife who is serving as the intern at Advent Lutheran Church in Westminster) and I had the honor of attending the Rocky Mountain Synod’s 2019 Theological Conference in Estes Park both as congregational interns and as musical leaders. This was a first-time experience for us, but from what little I know of these events the Rocky Mountain Synod’s theological conference this year was special. The theme for the conference was “be transformed” and part of the event was a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women and the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women of color in our predecessor church bodies. The conference also commemorated the 10th anniversary of the policy change that opened the door to LGBTQIA+ ministers in committed partnerships. These commemorations formed the backdrop for the conversations and presentations given by Rev. Dr. Jennifer Leath, Bishop Karen Oliveto, Rachel Bass-Guennewig, Rev. Tracy Howe Wispelwey and Bishop Jim Gonia.

There is no authentic way to summarize the whole of this gathering, but I think it was the beginning of something, maybe just the roots of something growing deeply, that may one day flower. Aimee and I don’t know where the wind may blow us after these internships, but I know we were blessed by being in this community of ministers… and like seeds we’ll carry this experience with us. On the drive back from Estes Park on October 10th I stopped to take a few short videos of snow falling on a stream and reflect upon these weeks of experience. I’ve set these images to our song “I Will Not Let You Go,” which was part of the closing worship service earlier that day. You can take a look and listen at http://bit.ly/IWillNotLetYouGo.

If you’re interested in seeing photos from the event and my first drive on the Peak to Peak Highway head on over to http://seasonandstory.com. A brief, but excellent piece of the conversation we had in Estes Park is also voiced in this May 2017 article by Rev. Dr. Leath: https://www.thechristianrecorder.com/now-on-sexuality-in-the-ame-church/.

In ways too numerous to count it felt like this theological conference was part of a conversation that many of my peers and theological siblings have been unable or unwilling to hold over the past couple years. For me this conference was the next step in those unfinished conversations and a healing balm. It allowed me to lament (which for me is always the first few steps of any substantive change) where we have failed (and continue to fail) because the existence of these conversations shows what is possible when we recognize the Spirit of Christ in our midst, in one another, in all.

Joel Pakan, Pastoral Intern

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 27
7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Intern

Wednesday, November 27
7:00 p.m.
How We View the Bible

“There is, in a word, nothing comfortable about the Bible—until we manage to get so used to it that we make it comfortable for ourselves. But then we are perhaps too used to it and too at home in it. Let us not be too sure we know the Bible...just because we have learned not to have problems with it. Have we perhaps learned...not to really pay attention to it? Have we ceased to question the book and be questioned by it?” From Opening the Bible by Thomas Merton.

This short paragraph may cause us to look deeper at how we view the bible. How we have let the bible be studying until my last days. I will never understand it completely but, I can let the words and the stories challenge me, inform me and yes, comfort me. Part of our mission statement here at ELC is to grow in Christ, loving and learning the word of God. There are many opportunities for us to gather together weekly to study the word of God together. Take some time to gather with others to learn, grow and be challenged by the word God. God’s work is not done and neither is ours.

With you in ministry,
Kim Williams,
Director of Adult Ministry

Adult Faith Formation

Sunday Adult Faith Formation

- Fellowship Hall: Faith and Culture: ELCA as a Sanctuary Church, Sunday, November 3
  Pastor Vera and Pastoral Intern Joel will lead a discussion on the recent action taken at the ELCA church wide convention about what it means for the ELCA to be a Sanctuary church.

- Damascus: (November 17 & 24)
  Tom McEwen will lead us in an intriguing study “What happens in the Comma.” This is a study for what happened in the comma. Between baptism (with a little about what happened before) to Passion. We will be looking 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

- A Study of Different Religions and their Doctrine, every other Tuesday beginning November 5 at 3:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night

- Women’s Book Group meets at 6:15 p.m., in the Office.
- Mountain Men Bible study led by Pastoral Intern Joel and Rob Bender meets at 6:15 p.m. in Damascus.

Thursday Mornings

- Java and Jesus Women’s Bible Study “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 by calling the church office.

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

- Lunch Bunch will gather at noon, Thursday, November 21 at El Rancho. 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, November 20 at noon in Fellowship Hall.

**Alternative Gift Fair**

**Shop Once. Gift Twice!**

Get your holiday shopping done early, purchasing unique gifts while supporting local, national, and international charities, at the 19th annual Alternative Gift Fair, the weekend of November 9 and 10, at Evergreen Lutheran Church.

This unusual and delightful holiday fair, organized by seven local faith communities, offers the opportunity to shop for fabulous handmade crafts, jewelry, textiles, food and other great gifts created by nearly 50 non-profit organizations. While shopping, you will be helping local families in need, African communities, Haitian artisans, endangered animals, and so many more worthwhile beneficiaries. That’s why the fair’s theme is “Shop once. Gift twice.”

The Alternative Gift Fair is possible only through the generous donation of time from over 200 volunteer workers.

If you would like to volunteer, please go to www.GiftTwice.org and use the Sign-up Genius to select a task and time when you can help these wonderful non-profit organizations. Our vendors represent local, state, national and international organizations helping children, men and women, and endangered animals in our community and world.

Riley Hanback

Saturday, November 9 | 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday, November 10 | 9 am to 3 pm
Worship & Music

Hear My Prayer
I was recently asked to do a gospel perspective for a Thursday evening worship service. When Pastor Vera asked me, I quickly looked to see what the gospel was...and it was on prayer. I had to smile because ironically, it is the third or fourth time I have done a message on prayer. And still, I have far from mastered, even my thoughts, on prayer. But it did remind me of a song the choir sings that we love by Moses Hogan called “Hear My Prayer.” Moses dedicated this song of hope to the memory of the African-American composer Jester Hairston (1901-2000) who paved the way for other black composers, arrangers and musicians.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin’ when I rise.
It’s your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arms.
It’s your servant bound for glory, O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I’m bound for glory, and to hear you say well done.

Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy. Amen

Such an appropriate ending for prayer. Mercy is defined as a love that responds to human need in an unexpected or unmerited way. At its core, mercy is forgiveness—something we long for every day.

African-American spirituals are a deep part of our American history and worship experience. They are songs of protest, liberation and hope. Originally some of the words were codes for slave’s survival and freedom...words they could not utter in public. The songs expressed longing for a better life—hopefully in this world, but probably the next. Love, grace, mercy, judgment, death, and eternal life are among the themes in these songs. The texts from many spirituals come right from the Old Testament. Capturing a timeless message for all people, the strength and power of African-American spirituals speaks to the continual relevance of these songs and the reason they still heal souls today.

Peggy Fetchenhier
Minister of Worship and Music

Done with sin and sorrow,
Have mercy, mercy. Amen

Moses George Hogan,
(1957-2003) was a classical pianist, composer and internationally renowned arranger of American spirituals. He died from a brain tumor at the age of 45.

Born in New Orleans, Hogan was accompanying choirs at two churches by the time he was six years old. He studied at numerous schools, with many artists, and later studied classical piano at Juilliard and in Vienna. After returning to New Orleans, he turned his attention fully to choral music.

Hogan formed several choirs and composed for them. Among them, he formed the Moses Hogan Chorale and later the Moses Hogan Singers, which appeared at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the Sydney Opera House, among other prestigious venues. In 1999, he was selected as editor of “The Oxford Book of Spirituals.”

At the time of his death, Hogan was artist-in-residence at both Dillard and Loyola universities. He recently received the Tribute to the Classical Arts Outstanding Contribution Award in recognition of his preeminence in keeping the spiritual traditional alive and vital in schools, churches and concert halls. He published over seventy works.
Dear ELC Members and Friends,

The holidays are right around the corner which means you will be hearing from Mountain Backpacks on extra needs for the extended school holidays. Many of you are familiar with our program, but some of you may be new to ELC, so let me share how MBP came about and what it means to the church and our community.

In 2013, Katie Kline, Shelley Harmon, Janet Anderson, Vicki Shepit and Dave Kirberg set out to create a long-term service project open to all ages that would benefit people in our community. We loved the idea of kids helping kids and so we created the Mountain Backpack Program.

Pastor Vera committed to supporting us with space and volunteers. The Evergreen Rotary gave us $2,500 and Bob Hawsey from Thrivent donated our first case of backpacks. We gathered that first Wednesday and volunteers packed for six students at our pilot school, Parmalee Elementary. When the holidays rolled around, we sent grocery boxes to eleven families during the extended break. Fast forward seven years and our little service project has grown into an important food program serving students in three counties. We deliver weekend food to fourteen schools and will prepare one hundred and fifty grocery boxes for both fall and winter break. The program has also opened a door for young people to experience the joy of giving back.

Our volunteers spend countless hours working with student groups, scouts and other organizations. Just this weekend the Confirmation students held a food drive at King Soopers and collected over seven carts of food. Our Wednesday packing nights are popular and open to all ages. We even have student packing leaders, who supervise the evening. Amazing things are being accomplished out of the basement of our small church house. ELC has opened its doors to community members far and wide in order to help feed our neighbors and teach empathy and kindness. Stop in anytime to see our space and check out the website for even more information.

If you would like to support our program here is how you can help:

- **Give the Gift of Food** – Pick up a collection bag in the ELC narthex, Tupper’s Team, or Hearthfire Books.
- **Shop and drop donations back at your convenience**
- **Make an online donation at www.mountainbackpacks.org**
- **Volunteer your time during the week delivering backpacks, helping with food prep, or packing backpacks.** Find information on our website or contact: Maureen Gehlhausen, 765-667-0053, maureengehlhausen@gmail.com
- **Organize your own food collection.** We will provide you with everything you need to hold a successful drive. Contact: Janet Anderson, 303-674-1540, calliecoll@comcast.com
- **Donate your time and talents to our website.** We are looking for a volunteer to help with updates on our wix.com site. Contact: Shelly Harmon, 303-653-2732, shelleyharmon89@gmail.com

If you would like to enroll your children in the program, but do not have a “school” or you would like to request a family grocery box please contact Shelley Hall: shelleyhall8262@gmail.com

*Thanks,*
*Shelley Harmon*
Doing the Rainbow Trail Jig

I attended a Lutheran camp in Minnesota when I was about 10 years old. Let’s say that it wasn’t my cup o’ tea. Fast forward 30 years, with a week and a half of those decades spent at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, and I’m wondering how Dave Jarvis and the RTLC staff feels about a 42-year-old camp counselor.

Knowing my enthusiasm and love for camp, Pastor Vera casually mentioned that our church was looking for new Camp Ambassadors since Sue and Gordy Queen are stepping away from that position after many wonderful years of service. She might not have been expecting me to do an actual jig at the possibility, but jig I did. Therefore, Tom and Sarah Tracy and Jim and I have the stupendous opportunity to be the liaisons between ELC and RTLC.

My four kids and I recently returned from a restful and rambunctious weekend at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp where I got the rundown on our roles as Camp Ambassador. My older three kids have attended RTLC numerous times for Junior Camp and Confirmation Camp, and my oldest has had the opportunity to travel to Houston and Puerto Rico to do mission work with the Bridging Borders program. After years of seeing pictures, hearing stories, and dropping big siblings off, our six year-old is probably etching slashes in his headboard to mark the days until he can ditch us all and attend on his own. Have I painted a picture yet? Our family loves Rainbow Trail.

If you have a child or grandchild, you want them to spend time at Rainbow Trail. There are the obvious draws like high ropes course, worship, hiking, dance parties, white water rafting, bible time, and friendship. When I spent a week at RTLC with our confirmation group, I was all in! I peaked Eagle and danced for hours and screamed my way across the high ropes course and got soaked in the Arkansas River. I loved all of it! But my very favorite moments at camp were the moments on the porch of Columbine with the staff, camp counselors, and a youth camper from each village. This meeting happened each morning as the campers helped the adults plan the day. After that time together, the campers returned to their villages, and the adults stayed put on the porch to discuss transformational moments of growth the counselors had witnessed and challenges that they were facing.

We brainstormed ideas and prayed and supported each other. And that, those quiet moments of celebration and joy and trials and prayers, is the strength of Rainbow Trail. It is an amazing and fun week away. But more than that, it is a holy, God-filled week, equipping our youth and teens for what happens when they travel back down the mountain and go home.

I would be remiss if you walked away from this article thinking that our youth and teens got to have all the fun, growth, and relaxation. Nope. Between work weekends, AdventFest, women’s and men’s retreats, fly fishing, ski retreats, and more, Rainbow Trail has something for all ages, genders, and interests.

We drove away from our weekend at RTLC with plans to return for the Memorial Day work weekend and 2020’s AdventFest as a family and the kids to attend summer camp again.

By now I assume you’re doing your own Rainbow Trail jig of excitement. RTLC’s mission statement beautifully expresses what happens at Rainbow Trail and, more importantly, what happens once we leave that gorgeous, spirit-filled place. “Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp creates holy spaces that embody God’s radical grace to affirm, empower, and transform all people to be Christ’s light.” May we support and continue that ministry in our own holy spaces as we shine God’s light boldly.

DeNae vanWestrienen, Wanna-be camp counselor
Rainbow Trail Bread

As the snow floats gently down and the wind whips itself into a frenzy, somehow all at the same time thanks to Colorado’s weather moods, my family wants soup and carbs, preferably in the form of homemade Rainbow Trail bread. Chris, the cook at RTLC, is a wizard in the kitchen, and you can throw any preconceived notions about cafeteria style camp food right out the window!

If you want to throw together some “everything but the kitchen sink” soup and some bread, give this recipe a try. You will not be disappointed. I actually have one child, who shall remain unnamed, who refuses to eat sandwiches made with store-bought bread now. The perk is that Rainbow Trail is at about 8,500 feet, so this bread recipe needs no tweaking for our elevation.

Chris’ Rainbow Trail Bread

In a large mixer bowl, place 4 cups of baby-bottle-temperature water. Sprinkle 2 tsbps of rapid rise (or regular) yeast over the top. Let foam. (Mine doesn’t foam when I use regular yeast. It still rises and tastes amazing.) Add ¼ cup sugar or honey, ½ cup vegetable oil, and 2 tsbps salt. You will need 8-10 cups of flour. You can do 1 part wheat flour to 2 parts white flour. Stir in as much flour as you can with a spoon. Move dough onto a floured surface. Add flour while kneading until you get a smooth dough. Then knead the dough for at least 5 minutes. Set a timer! Why is this important? As you knead, you will see the texture change as the gluten is released from the flour. This is what gives you that awesome texture. Cover dough with a damp cloth and let it rise for one hour. Cut dough into 3 equal parts. Shape into loaves and place in 3 9x5 bread tins, sprayed with cooking spray. Brush the tops with melted butter. Cover tins with a damp towel and let rise in a warm place for 45 minutes to an hour or until it doubles in size. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 20 minutes and spin pans. Bake for another 20-25 minutes or until a loaf sounds hollow when tapped. Remove from oven, brush with melted butter again, and try not to eat the whole loaf in one day. Good luck.

The Significance of Books in Our Life

Books are of great importance in our daily lives. Reading books gives us immense knowledge about the outside world; only then do we realize the significant value of books in our lives. According to the well-known writer Stephen King, “Books are a uniquely portable magic, which can bring joy to our lives.”

Books are our best friends. Friends are the important part of our lives. We cannot imagine life without the companionship of a good friend. A good book as a friend can make you a successful person in your life.

Books tell us about our history. The importance of books in our lives can be observed from our history where our ancient people used to carve their imagination. While reading through history books, we can get knowledge about our ancestors.

Books teach us positive values. Books play a significant role in nourishing the moral values of human beings. The books written by saints and famous people teach us about the right moral values of becoming a good human being.

Books make us intelligent. There is so much scientific proof which points to the fact that books play an important role in the growth of humankind. From memory-boost to the treatment of dyslexia, the importance of books in our lives can be seen in every aspect of day-to-day life.

Reading books can be a good stress reliever. If you had a rough day or if your day is full of stress, you don’t have to worry; reading a book of your favorite genre for half an hour can be a stress reliever.

Books like Harry Potter and Cinderella make us dream—dream about the beautiful world far from the harsh realities of life. Books are the real treasure of childhood for every kid.

Books teach us to love. Love can be learned from books. Books written on the subject of love teach us the priceless value of personal relationships.

Books teach us about spirituality. We can read many good things about religious beliefs, traditions, thought, and spirituality.

Books are the library of information. If you love to read books, then you are automatically counted as one of the well educated.

Parts excerpted and edited from any essay by Manik Ghawri.

God’s peace,

“Books worth reading once are worth reading twice; and what is most important of all, the masterpieces of literature are worth reading a thousand times.”

~ John Morley

From Grandpa Lee’s Gems for the Fireside

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.

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.

Jim & Terry Ritter
Children, Youth, & Family

Prayer Deepens
Our Relationship with God...

Other than writing a newsletter article about myself last month, I have never written one before. So the words do not come easy but I'll do my best to share a bit about my own faith formation. Like most of you, if not all of you, I’ve struggled deeply with my faith. Specifically, my prayer life. My entire life I was told that God is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omni-present. My personal struggle came with the concept that God is Omniscent or all-knowing. If God is truly All-knowing, then God certainly always knows what’s on my heart. And if God knows what is on my heart, then why do I need to pray? I never understood why prayer was so important. God knows me; God knows my questions and concerns. God knows I am a thankful person.

So why do I need to pray? This thought continued to take root in my heart, and I allowed it to completely separate me from God.

God wants a relationship with us. And I took that away because I didn’t want to be burdened by telling God something God already knows. I completely misunderstood the idea of prayer. We don’t pray to let God know what we are thinking. We pray so we can build this relationship with God. And when we start building a relationship, we are blessed; gaining spiritual perks of that relationship. Trust is formed. Love is received and given. Our separation from God seems a lot smaller. I often wonder if we will ever be able to fully bridge the gap between God and us. I guess we won’t until we fully trust that what Jesus did, in terms of dying on the cross, bridged the chasm for each one of us personally; the chasm that our sin creates.

So, I started talking to God again. I started building a relationship with God again. I started to trust God again. I started to Love and feel Love again. I started to bridge the gap that had torn me away. Being able to catch up with a best friend over coffee is one of the greatest feelings ever. It seems like forever since you’ve seen them, but once you sit down and start talking it feels like you’ve never been away. This is what it felt like to begin a new time in my life. A time to pray. A time to just talk with God. Sometimes the talks hurt. Being brutally honest can be painful, but it makes the relationship stronger! Sometimes my prayers are “God, you are really ticking me off right now!” And that’s okay. I believe God wants that level of honesty in our prayers. Being open with God and trusting God enough to open your heart fully about what you feel, creates intimacy.

And that was my struggle. I wrestled with this idea of prayer almost my entire life. And I will continue to struggle with it. Looking back, that’s how I grew. That’s how I learned. I fought and by the grace of God, I overcame the struggle. I started building this personal relationship with God that has become a deep relationship of trust, love and honesty. As I am writing this, I am thinking of all the potential challenges that I will face in my future. I accept those challenges and by the grace of God and through the power of prayer, I know I will prevail.

Neil Mahon
Children, Youth, Family, & Outreach Minister

November Calendar

6 — 6pm TED, Confirmation
9&10 — Alternative Gift Fair & Youth Cafe
13 — 5pm Guitar Lessons
6pm TED, Confirmation
20 — 6pm TED, Confirmation
27 — 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship

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

1. Sheila Tripp, Sherry Lightcap, Ryan Holtmann
2. Kathy Zbryk, Jennifer Grube
3. Tom Foust, Jeff Brekke
4. Ainsley Kohnke
5. George Wittenberg
6. Sydney Bernard Hogling
7. Jessica Hellmuth, Gail Brannan
8. Tom McEwen, Jared Dose
9. Jeané Mitzelfelt
10. Sarah Grube, Marlyce Brekke, Michael Bergner, Robert Hampton
11. Larry Petroskey
12. Bob Hawsey, Dava Krane
13. Michael Harmon, Sandy Sherbert, Michael Voss, Jodi Hartmann
14. Isaac Brooks
15. Bryce Lipson
16. Beth Kapner
17. Clark Seaton, Riley Hanback
18. Andrew Seaton

November Anniversaries

3. Shea & Jacob Tolley
9. John & Lisa Hansen
19. John Serfling & Rick Greene
20. Jennifer & Robert Swanagon
23. Ray & Laurie Pfarrkirchner
27. Belinda & Aaron Dickey

Baked Zucchini Casserole

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

- 3 lb zucchini
- 1 yellow onion
- Parsley-fresh or dried
- 3 or 4 tbsp. biscuit or pancake flour
- Salt and pepper
- 3 eggs, beaten
- Grated cheese—cheddar is good; use what you like best
- Butter paprika

Cut off the tip ends of zucchini and wash but don’t peel. Grate or chop fine the zucchini, onion and parsley (food processor grating is fine). Add the flour, salt, pepper, and eggs and stir together.

Grease a flat 9x13 baking dish and add the zucchini mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Dot with butter. Sprinkle with paprika. Set aside (can be refrigerated ahead of time to cook closer to serving time).

When ready, bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. (if a deeper casserole dish is used, layer the zucchini, cheese, butter, and paprika and increase the baking time.) The top should be golden brown, and the dish will have a thick, pudding consistency.

Serves 4-6, and possibly more if used as a side dish.

Outreach Survey

Evergreen Lutheran Church Outreach ministries strive to positively affect the lives of people living in the Evergreen/Conifer area, the state of Colorado, the United States of America, and the world.

Tell us about your HEART for service! Completing this survey is completely voluntary and anonymous. The survey collects limited demographic information for statistical purposes, but the information is entirely anonymous. The survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C3NVPWG

A Prayer for our Veterans

Oh God, Our Heavenly Father,
You have blessed us with brave men and women
Who are willing to defend our freedom.
May Your protection and grace
Surround them each day.
Let Your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds and injuries.
May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence.
Comfort the families who mourn
And are left to remember
The precious lives of their loved ones.
Help us to honor and support them.
Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made
On behalf of the American people by
Our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, and friends.
Amen.

May the Lord give us peace at all times and through out the world.
The Lord be with us all.
November Worship Participants

NOVEMBER LAY MINISTER: Riley Hanback

NOVEMBER 3 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Jon Johnson  Greeter: Deb Pucherelli
Reader: Maureen Gehlhausen
Communion Servers: Sheryl Fick, Chris Enebo, Carolyn & Scott Bergner
Ushers: Bill & Sherry Lightcap, Cathy & Jim Tellman

(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: George Hellmuth
Reader: Marilyn Pearson  Greeter: Gordon & Sue Queen
Communion Servers: Bee Dickey, Carol Brice, Scott & Kristi Moriarty
Ushers: Karla Briggs, Mark Guebert-Steward, Beth & Bruce Feldkamp

NOVEMBER 10 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Tom Tracy
Reader: Jan Blumenstein  Greeter: Cindy Gibson
Communion Servers: Mark Bly, Isaac vanWestrienen, Pat Brewer, Ed Furlong
Ushers: Art & Jacque Whyte, Shirley Russell, Jackie Lanning

(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Karla Briggs
Reader: Jo Powers  Greeter: Karen & Paul Philipe
Communion Servers: Shannon Holtmann, Beth Kapner, Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca
Ushers: Sue & Larry Petrokey, Sandy & Steve Lipina

NOVEMBER 17 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Art Whyte
Reader: Audrey vanWestrienen  Greeter: Bill & Sherry Lightcap
Communion Servers: Barb Guist, Shirley Russell, Barb & Jim Barclay
Ushers: Val Protop, Deb Pucherelli, Jacque Whyte, Herm Walke

(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Gary Sohrweid
Reader: Mark Guebert-Steward  Greeter: Art & Sharon Onweller
Communion Servers: Linda Easton, Joanne Miller, Andy & DJ Riedel
Ushers: George & Phyllis Wittenberg, Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca

NOVEMBER 24 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Shirley Russell
Reader: Barb Barclay  Greeter: Chris & Gene Enebo
Communion Servers: Nolan Bly, Wyatt Bly, Jackie Lanning, Lynne Theiss
Ushers: Fred & Barb Guist, Lyn Lewis, Matt Harker

(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Andy Riedel
Reader: Rocky Petrocchi  Greeter: Larry Patella
Communion Servers: Barb & Rob Bender, Michelle Foley, Rocky Petrocchi
Ushers: Gary Sohrweid, Elaine Sohrweid, Dave & Sue Plothow

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!