



Edison Lutheran Church

THE PARISH VISITOR

OCTOBER 2024



Dear People of God,

"...be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."
-Matthew 10:16

As you may have heard, the Edison Lutheran Church council made the difficult decision to withdraw our support from the DanCraig school in Tanzania at our September meeting. This decision was not made lightly; it was the result of several weeks of discussion and deliberation.

The story of this partnership goes back to early 2022, which feels like it was a lifetime ago. We had moved back into the sanctuary only a few months before, and we were still feeling our way into what it meant to be in the same room together for worship. The discomfort and wariness many of us felt being indoors again was beginning to give way to the excitement of being able to greet people face to face and hear each other's voices.

It was also a strange time financially. Giving during the pandemic had been exceedingly generous, and we found ourselves with a lot of money sitting in our bank account not being used. We knew that sitting on a pile of money was not faithful stewardship, and yet the more we tried to spend, the more kept coming in!

It was during this time that Susan Craig approached me asking if I knew of any charitable organizations that may be able to help support a school in Tanzania that had fallen on hard times. While it had not occurred to her that the church may want to give to the school, my thoughts immediately went to the council discussions regarding our money situation. The more we learned about the DanCraig school, the more attractive a partnership it became.

Since I had some professional connections to Tanzania through my previous Synod, I was able to contact with Pastor Moses of the Ulanga-Kilombero Diocese and ask for his advice regarding our support for the school. He graciously made the multi-day trip for us, and the strength of his report gave us the confidence we needed to enter into a financial partnership with the school.

Over the following year, we continued to receive reports from Naomi, our primary contact at the school, and it was amazing to witness the progress that was being made. They were able to buy uniforms and school equipment, provide meals to the poorest families, and even build a dormitory in partnership with the Maunders Mcneil Foundation. Things seemed to be moving along smoothly, and we were proud to be a part of such a fruitful partnership.

Things changed over this past Summer. At the end of July, Susan Craig contacted us to inform us that they would no longer be supporting the school. It turned out that Naomi had not been actively present at the

school for several months following an ownership dispute with her brother. Since we had been receiving monthly reports from her brother which indicated that she was an active decision maker at the school, this came as a shock.

Over the next several weeks, we looked into the situation at the school by corresponding with Naomi and her brother, as well as with Pastor Moses who was working to reconcile the two of them. I won't go into details here, but while the information we got was conflicting, we learned enough to shake our confidence in the leadership of the school going forward. We can no longer say with confidence that the money we send to the school will be used in the way it had been before, and so council made the decision to end our support.

As you can imagine, this was a painful decision to make, and one which did not come lightly. This has been weighing heavily on my mind and my heart for the past two months, and I know I am not the only one for whom this is true. Making these sorts of decisions is difficult in any situation, and it is especially so when the information is limited and conflicting.

One of the verses I have kept returning to throughout this process has been the one from Matthew which I quoted at the top. In it, Jesus prepares his disciples for the reality of living freely and generously in this world corrupted by sin. While we are commanded to be generous beyond what is typically expected, we also must balance our trusting generosity with an open-eyed awareness of how easily selfish desires (especially our own!) can creep in.

This is easier said than done. I am convinced that Jesus commands us to err on the side of generosity when we make these decisions, yet it is still necessary to be shrewd in our decision making. While it is certainly better to be tricked out of money than it is to withhold from someone in true need, it is better still to give our resources rightly to those who need it, and that is what we must strive to do.

Even after all this, I do not know for certain whether we got this one right. It is certainly possible we weighed the conflicting information we received incorrectly. Regardless, I do believe we have made the best decision we can with the information we have. It is painful to say, but we simply can no longer say with confidence that the money we send would be used as it was at the beginning.

This does not mean that our support over the past two years was a waste. A lot of good was accomplished with the funds we have sent, and there has been a tremendous impact in the lives of these families. While recent events may leave a bitter taste in our mouths, they do not negate the sweetness of what came before.

As we move forward, the council will be discussing what to do with the remainder of the money that was budgeted for the DanCraig school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Council President Patsy Martin or myself.

In the meantime, pray for the leadership of this congregation as we continue to discern the best path forward. Pray also for the DanCraig school, our contacts in Tanzania, and especially for the poor families who were served by it. I don't know what the future will bring for all of them, and I am praying that God will provide for them in healthy and life-giving ways.

Even when the way forward is shrouded in uncertainty, we have a God whose promise is certain and sure. All we can do is place one foot in front of the other as we trust the God who sees all to carry us through.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor John



**Please Join Us For Worship
at
Edison Lutheran Church
Every Sunday at 10:30 am**

Worship Attendance

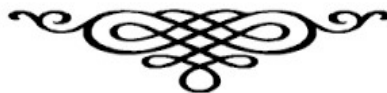
	In Person	Online (live and recorded)
September 1:	86	75
September 8:	122	59
September 15:	114	45
September 22:	99	51
Average*:	105	58

*September 29 will be included next month

Church Financial Update for August

August Giving: \$22,605 (Thank you!)
 2024 Budget Goal Through August: \$218,835
 2024 Total Giving Through August: \$235,468
 (\$16,633 above goal. Yay!)

The ministry of Edison Lutheran Church is financially supported entirely by the donations of members and visitors. Your gift furthers this congregation's ministry to those in need, helps foster fellowship, and promotes the spread of the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent by mail, or given online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code to the right. We appreciate your generosity!



OUR CHURCH COUNCIL 2024—2025		<i>*Committee Liaison</i>	
Patsy Martin, President	<i>*Stewardship</i>	Cheryl Conner	<i>*Social Concerns</i>
Linda Tyler, Vice-President	<i>*Parish Life</i>	Judy Bendtsen	<i>*Evangelism</i>
Christie Peterson, Secretary	<i>*P&M</i>	AnnaLaurie Wattson-Lamb	<i>Worship & Music</i>
Jean Miller	<i>*Worship & Music</i>	John Johnson	<i>*Finance Committee</i>
Laura Engebretsen	<i>Property & Management</i>	Brenda Geary	<i>*Youth & Christian Education</i>

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements

Salmon Dinner Fundraiser: Thursday, October 10th from 5-7 pm. Please join us for some great food, great conversation, and to raise money for Helping Hands Foodbank and ELC Youth Group trip to Holden Village next spring. Invite your friends, families, strangers at the grocery store to come out and support these great causes! *Let the church office know if you would like to volunteer to help with the dinner.* See our full-page add on page 7.

Thank you to everyone who filled backpacks for LWR! We need help **packing up the LWR school kits**. If you would like to help, join us **Wednesday, October 2nd** in the Fellowship Hall **from 9 to 11 am**. We will also **need a volunteer to drive them to Seattle** in early November. Contact the church office if you would like to take the school kits to Seattle in November.

New Website & Emails: Due to our former webhosting service tripling their rates, we made the decision to change to a better alternative. While this will be better for us in the long run, it will take some time to get everything up to speed.

What you need to know:

- We have a **new website** (elcbow.org) and a **new email** (office@elcbow.org).
- The old website address and email should still work for the next year or so.
- Things might look messy for a while as we build the new website—feel free to contact us with suggestions for improvement!

Blood Drive: We are hosting a Bloodworks Pop-up Blood Drive on **October 3 & 4 in the Fellowship Hall**. You can make your blood donor appointment online: BloodworksNW.org or even easier, call 800-398-7888. There is only one more opportunity to give this year, **December 5 & 6**. Thank you for supporting this critical need!

Josephine Caring Community Looking for Archivist: Josephine's is recruiting of a volunteer archivist to organize documents and photographs spanning their 116-year history. All work is remote and no immediate deadline. They just want someone to capture and tell their story. For more information please contact Rev. Eileen Burdick at eileenb@josephinecc.com or 360-386-3231.

Young Adult Addresses: It's that time of year when our young adults are going away to college or internships. The **Care Team** sends cards to our young adults who are away from their church family. **We need to keep our list updated.** Please let the church office know if your young adult is home for the summer or has moved.

Halloween is almost here! Do you have extra candy? Whether it's from over zealous kids with way too much candy or from not enough Trick-or-Treaters, a sweet treat is a real treat to the people we serve at Friendship House. Please put your goodies in the kettle labeled "Halloween Candy" in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Young Adult Group: Everyone, high school through college age, are welcome. The group meets every **Tuesday at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us and bring a friend or two for food, fun, and fellowship!

Newsletter Deadline: Is there something missing from this newsletter? If you have information for the next Newsletter, please send it to the church office no later than **Thursday, October 24th**. We are always looking for information from committees, partner ministries, and local events that our members are participating in...**we love to support our congregation members!**

Free Notary Public Service: The Church Office offers free notary services. Call or email the church office to make an appointment.

Fellowship Hour at Edison

If you have signed up to serve our coffee hour after worship on Sunday, please read this.

First – thank you for helping Edison Lutheran in this way. Many of our members enjoy visiting with other members after worship and it's always nice to have refreshments while we visit. There are always two households assigned to serve together. When you see your name on the list please contact the other family to decide who is going to bring what. Traditionally we have crackers & cheese, fruit and cookies. However, please feel free to be as creative as you want. Just know that a full meal is not needed or expected. Any form of refreshment is appreciated.

If you cannot serve on the Sunday you are assigned, please find a replacement or a trade. Do not send in food, as part of the serving is making coffee, setting out juice and water, checking on when the plates need refilling and cleaning up after. It is a lot for one family unit to have to do alone.

There are directions for using the coffee maker and the dishwasher, but feel free to ask someone if you're not sure how they work. Please note: the coffee maker is connected to the water line...do not add water to the coffee maker.

It is best if you arrive at church early to set up how you are going to serve your refreshments, make sure there is juice, get the coffee machine started and set out paper plates, napkins, cups and glasses. Then leave worship a little early to have coffee and juice poured and food set out before people begin to come into the fellowship hall. There is usually juice in the refrigerator and powered lemonade in the cupboard, but feel free to bring juice to serve.

If your name has not come up for serving and you would like to be part of this service, please call Linda Johnson (360-708-2481) or the church office to get your name on the list. There is a list posted on the bulletin board by the food table plus the list Carrie has sent out via email and in the newsletter, so you can check ahead to see when you are serving. If there is a problem with the date you are assigned, feel free to find someone to trade with, then call Linda or the church office to let them know of the change.

Again, thank you for serving Edison Lutheran this way. It is greatly appreciated.



Dear Edison Lutheran, Thank you for the scholarship to Camp Lutherwood. I had so much fun! My favorite activities were inner tubing and archery. I also really like campfire and the camp games. Swimming in the lake was really fun too. Thanks again for helping me have these fun memories. **God Bless, Jacob Dahl** (cousin of Cameron & Grady Dahl, friend of Trygve Knutzen)

Dear Edison Lutheran Church, Thank you to all the people who prepared and served the reception for Jane Fraser! It was quite lovely. She is missed very much.

Thank you again, **Pam Galloway**

Dear Edison Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for helping us make the Mt. Baker Bike Club's Chuckanut Classic bike ride a success! It was a beautiful day to ride and your church made a great stop. Thank you, **Merdie Muller, Mt Baker Bike Club**

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, Cont.

Calling all singers! The choir has started again! Join us **Wednesdays at 6:30**. We want to invite any and all interested folks to consider joining our **wonderful choir**. Whatever your voice part or ability, there is a place for you if you enjoy singing and working with a team to create something beautiful. We know that music is an essential part of worship at Edison and we need people to keep our choir strong and confident!

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Psalm 100

Skagit Valley Quilts of Valor: The mission of Quilts of Valor is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. The group meets at the Burlington Senior Center on the **2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 9:30-2:30**. Visit www.qofv.org for more information or contact Debbie Riegel-Yates at 360-420-5108 or email wildrose55@gmail.com.

Christ in Our Home devotional booklets: We have the **Oct-Dec** *Christ In Our Home* booklets available. They are on the desk in the narthex or contact the church office.

Playground Update

We send a huge thank you to all the people who worked long and tirelessly to set up the playground and complete the ground work. We are very close now. It looks to be complete but there is still work to do now on the ground, border, and fill. We know everyone is anxious to get on it but the end is in sight. The fill is on order. Once it arrives, we have everything we need to complete it. Remember, **the playground is not safe yet**. Thank you again for your patience while we make this a safe playground for everyone to enjoy!

Sunday School

It's not too late to join our Sunday School classes held every **Sunday at 9:00 am**.

Here is the lineup of our amazing teaching team:

Pre-K and K: Brenda & Becca Geary

1st-3rd: Stephanie Knutzen

4th-6th: Sarah Dahl and Kali Howard

Superintendent: Becca Geary

Contact our superintendent, teachers, or the church office for more information.

Helping Hands Leaders 2024: Event moved to **January 18th, 2025, at McIntyre Hall from 5:00–9:00 pm**, the Helping Hands Leaders 2024 event will focus on “Bold and Authentic Leadership” with special guest former Seattle Mariner, Edgar Martinez. Away from the field, Martinez and his wife Holly (T-Mobile VP of Diversity & Inclusion), are involved in numerous philanthropic endeavors including The Edgar Martinez Endowment for Muscular Dystrophy at the Seattle Children’s Hospital. They also support organizations such as Make-A-Wish, Wishing Star, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and Mariners Care. Go to helpinghandsfoodbank.org/leaders/ for more information or contact the church office.

Edison Lutheran Church Salmon Dinner

Fundraiser to support Helping Hands Food Bank
and our youth going to Holden Village.

Thursday, October 10, 2024

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Suggested Donation \$20

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Bow, WA. 98232

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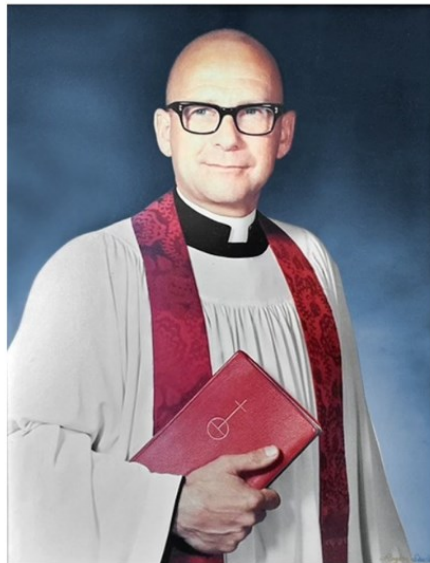
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Some Edison Lutheran Church History.

The podium in the Narthex, which is used for the Church guestbook, was made in memory of Pastor LaVerne Nelsen.

He was Greg Nelsen's father and Marie's father-in-law. He died in 1992.



Pastor John Guthridge and refinished podium.



It was built by Milt Bjorgan, father of Carol Dahl. Gordy Dahl is Carol's husband and son-in-law of Milt. Over the years the podium had faded and gotten some scratches, so Gordy was asked to refinish it. When the cross was removed in the first picture it shows how much it had faded.

Skagit County Clothing Swap

Hosted by the Skagit County Solid Waste Division

Wednesday, October 9th, 1pm-6pm

Skagit County Fairgrounds

North Entrance

A&B Building

1410 Virginia St, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

All clothing is FREE!

Take what you need.

Toda la ropa es GRATIS!

Toma lo que necesites.

Donation days

Saturday, October 5th 10am-4pm

Skagit County Transfer Station, 14104 Ovenell Rd
and during the swap

Clothing donation is not required.

**Please feel free to take items
without a donation.**

Please, only a maximum of 2
large bags of clothing *donated per
person.*

No heavily stained items,
underwear or socks.

No exceptions.

All sizes including children's
clothing are welcome.



Edison Lutheran Church Volunteer Opportunities

The bird feeders around **Josephine Caring Community** provide residents joy and a source of connection to something beyond the walls of their facility. There are 15 and at times as many as 30 feeders to fill weekly. **If you are interested in being a feeder filler once a month for about 2 hours** please contact Anne or Bob Kuntz. You can also participate by **donating birdseed** of any kind in any quantity. The seed can be left on the table in the narthex. No suet please, just seeds.

Josephine's Caring Community: JCC needs the following items: reading glasses (2.5 magnification or greater); washable wool yarn; new hand towels; travel sized toiletries; and birdseed. Please place items in the box in the Narthex. We also have this shopping list by the box to take with you on your next shopping trip.

Youth Group: Everyone high school through college age youth are welcome. The group will meet **Tuesday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. **We are looking for a few adults to help** with food and to attend gatherings.

Gift Cards Needed: No time to volunteer? No worries. Family Promise needs gift cards for Walmart and Fred Meyer to give to their guests who need clothing, gas, and other essentials. Feel free to send gift cards directly to Family Promise or give them to the greeters at church. We will get them to Family Promise.

We need at least 30 dozen cookies on the last Monday of every month for our Friendship House dinners. Home baked or store bought cookies. Please let us know how many cookies you made by **signing the sheet on the bulletin board** in the Fellowship Hall. We would also appreciate it if you marked your container with how many cookies are in each container. Bring the cookies in clearly marked freezer containers and leave them in the freezer in the small room to the left as you enter the Sunday School building. Your empty containers will be left on the small table in the Fellowship Hall by the coat rack, for you to pick up and use again. **Thank you for all the cookies!**

Care Team: We have a number of Edison Lutheran members who are living alone or in care centers. We also have young adults living away from home. **They would all really appreciate a card from you or your children.** Please send them a card. Everyone likes getting mail and knowing that others are thinking of them. Something in their mail can really brighten their day. Contact the church office for names and addresses. Please let the office know if you someone you know needs a card.

Flowers for the Altar: We welcome beautiful flowers for the altar. The flower chart signup is in the Fellowship Hall or let the church office know if you can provide flowers for the altar. Thank you for signing up!

Sharing Shelf: The Sharing Shelf is getting lots of use. **It's time to restock.** Please consider giving items as a meal like pasta, sauce, and canned beans. It will make it easier for our friends to make a meal. Place items in the grocery cart. Thank you! Our grocery cart is a great way to get food directly to those who need it.

Did You Know? The church has money available to pay for food to prepare meals for Family Promise and Friendship House. If you would like to make dinner for these partner ministries, but would like to be reimbursed for the food, contact the church office. We don't want paying for food to stop anyone from volunteering!

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From the October 2024 Edition of *The Spirit*

From the Bishop:

It sometimes comes as a surprise to people, but the Northwest Washington Synod is a companion synod with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in European Russia (ELCER). For several years many of our congregations – at one time almost twenty – were connected to Lutheran congregations in Russia to share ideas, fund certain projects, learn about one another, and, most importantly, build relationships with our Lutheran siblings in Russia. Unfortunately, many of these relationships have faltered or broken down in the last few years. However, recently I was fortunate to meet up with some of our Russian Lutheran siblings and I am excited about new possibilities and new relationships.

Before I tell you about my recent trip, let me first give you some history about the Lutheran Church in Russia. Since the Protestant Reformation, there has been a Lutheran Church in Russia. While we often think that Russia only has Orthodox churches, it is interesting to note that Lutherans have persevered and endured for over 500 years in Russia – through different czars, wars, persecution as a minority church, the Soviet Union, and more - dedicated to sharing the good news of Jesus with all.

Today there are three Russian Lutheran Synods who have ELCA companion synods: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (ELCIR) – companion synod Northeastern Minnesota, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Urals, Siberia, and the Far East (ELCUSFE)– companion synod Central States, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in European Russia (ELCER) – companion synod Northwest Washington.

Our companion synod, ELCER, is located primarily in St. Petersburg and Moscow along with other areas around these cities. In the recent history of ELCER, Bishop and Archbishop Dietrich Brauer had to move with his family from Russia to Germany for safety after speaking against the war when Russia invaded Ukraine. Following this, the ELCER then elected a new bishop. He sadly died a few months after taking office. The ELCER then elected another new bishop and archbishop in 2023. The new bishop is Bishop Sergei Holzwert and the Archbishop is Vladimir Provorov.

Because we in the ELCA are dedicated to renewing our relationship with our Russian Lutheran siblings, and because we are unable to travel to each other's country right now due to the war in Ukraine, it was arranged that representatives from ELCA Churchwide, the three Russian synods, and the three ELCA synods would meet in a neutral country. We were blessed to have twenty of us together from the ELCA and the Russian synods gather in September 2024 to build relationships, share ideas, and worship together in Novi Sad, Serbia. It was such a blessing to be in Novi Sad with Pastor Hector Garfias-Toledo and Ms. Mary Muller representing the NWWA Synod and to be with Bishop Sergei Holzwert, Archbishop Vladimir Provorov, and Pastor Ivan Shirokov representing the ELCER.



We learned from our brothers that it has been difficult these last few years. The isolation they feel from the rest of the world is hard. They also have political division in their congregations as well as a shortage of pastors. It has also been a meaningful and joyful time. They were excited to share that many people have joined the church during these difficult years. As we shared our hopes and dreams we together talked about how to have more youth involved, how to do more lay ministry, and what are some educational opportunities. It was a full and rich conversation as we each shared and listened to one another.

After learning and discussing, and after beginning to rebuild relationships, we ended our time committing ourselves to these next steps:

- Establishing/renewing our covenant with one another
- Establishing a communication committee that will meet regularly with one another
- Have both parties feel that they are part of the universal church'
- Share experiences in social programs
- Have a gathering of youth from both synods – perhaps meet in Georgia (the country)
- Collaborate on lay ministry and what lay ministry looks like in both sites
- Have a Zoom in the next two months to continue to build relationships
- Have youth involvement in all of these things

I am excited about the possibilities before us as we live into being the body of Christ together. If you would like to hear more about this trip and ways to be involved, you are invited to come to the next meeting with the NWWA Russian Team on Saturday, October 12 at 1 PM at Trinity Lutheran, Lynnwood. We hope you can come.

As we read on the ELCA website regarding being a companion synod:

We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. Companion church relationships enrich and deepen our ministries by exposing us to global challenges and perspectives as we seek to work with one another to build up the body of Christ and the world.

Blessings,

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee/ bishop@lutheransnw.org

Are You Smarter Than a Confirmation Student? Below is a question that our Confirmation Students can answer. Can you? We'll give you an easy one today...multiple choice:

Through what are we saved?

A.) Good Deeds B.) God's Grace C.) Living by the Golden Rule D.) A, B, and C are correct.

See page 15 for the answer.

Prayer Requests



Remember in your Prayers: We pray for **Susan Ragan** (sister of Julie Rousseau), **Marilyn Gustafson** (sister of Gailyn Ploeg), **Shirley Hots** (aunt of Brenda Geary), **Karri Kanarr** (friend of Troxels), **Greg Nelsen, Maia Simmons** (granddaughter of Karyn Kerley), **Bob Mainard** (father of Mandy Englund), **Bryan Robinson** (nephew of Garland Robinson), **Alfred Silva** (father of Brandy Jensen), **Chris Whelehan** (friend of Kris Merritt), **Marna Carpenter** (niece of Julie Rousseau), **Al Fredrickson, Carla Hunter** (aunt of Gregory Ormsby), **Brandon Benson** (friend of Debbie Reigel-Yates), **Marian Hiett** (Janet Wyman’s mother), **Jeannie Omdal, John Probstfield, Lyn Scherer** (sister-in-law of Cathy Smith), **Kerri Fredrickson** (daughter-in-law of Barb & Al Fredrickson), **Bailey Claybo** (Marlys Johnson’s great niece), **Debbie Chavarria** (friend of Cathy Smith), **Jerry Butterfield, Shirley Lee, Jeanne Youngquist, Gary Englund** (father of Alex), **Jim Forbes** (Debbie Conijn’s step-father), **Edith Nichols, Barry Christensen, Chris Isaacson, Taylor Velasquez**, the ministry of **El Camino de Emaús Congregation**, and the **Dancraig English Medium School in Tanzania**.

The Homebound: **Pat Dahlstedt and Ron Schutte.**

Those in the Military: **Dustin and Rocio King.**

Please keep the church office current on your loved ones who are (or need to be) named on our prayer list. *Office: 360-766-6920* *Email: office@elcbow.org*

October Birthdays

10/1	Lisa Omdal
10/3	Roger Taxdahl
10/4	Marin Jensen
10/4	Jan Jones
10/4	Thomas Wake
10/6	Catherine Anderson
10/8	Konnie McCutchin
10/9	Jenny Nelson
10/9	Karson Englund
10/10	Vic Jensen
10/13	Brooke Tyler
10/16	Reese Tyler



10/19	Sarah Dahl
10/19	Craig Bloodgood
10/19	Marilyn Zorn
10/20	Brenda Wyman
10/21	Jeanie Hertz
10/22	Noah Schutte
10/23	Terri Olsen
10/28	Eliana Guthridge
10/30	Renee Perry
10/31	Faith Gorum
10/31	Gordy Dahl

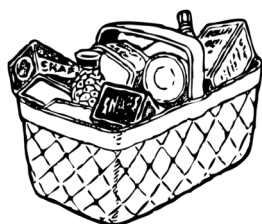
Did we miss your birthday? Please let the office know. We love to celebrate birthdays and would hate to miss yours!

Serving in Worship - October

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27	November 3
Assisting Minister	Mark Johnson	Darla Jensen	Chris Omdal	Will Benson	Linda Larson
Acolyte	Kaycee Stubben	Eva Kllogjeri	Jon Benson	Blake Caldwell	Kaycee Stubben
Lector	Linda Johnson	Bonnie Bowers	Susie Aarstad	Mandy Englund	Mark Johnson
Usher	Bud & Bonnie Bowers	Gordy Dahl Linda Tyler	Larry Forsythe Lynn DenAdel	Mark Johnson Nancy Nygren	Brad Wyman Patsy Martin
Greeter	Linda Nilsen Kris Merritt	Linda Larson Judy Bendtsen	Shirley Brick Jason Tyler	Inger Conner Sarah Dahl	Janet Wyman Karson Englund
Altar Guild	Nancy Nygren Debbie Conijn	Susie Forsythe Kathy Shoop	Kathy Shoop Terri Olsen	Terri Olsen Susie Forsythe	Susie Forsythe RuthAnne Pocock
Fellowship Host	Katy Olson Glenda & Keith Gundersen	Brenda & Randy Geary	Janet & Brad Wyman Terri & Larry	Darla Jensen Patsy & Dan Martin	Irene Fadden Linda & Jason Tyler
Flowers		Tom & Judy Sheahan	Terri Olsen		
CMD	Linda Tyler	Patsy Martin	AnnaLauie Wattson Lamb	Patsy Martin	Judy Bendtsen

Women's Bible Study: Wednesday, October 16th in the Fellowship Hall

Women's Bible Study meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. **New members are always welcome** - if you would like to participate, but would prefer a different time, please contact Linda Larson (360.770.7550) - we will do our best to accommodate. We just began a new study based on the book **Sacred Strangers - What the Bible's Outsiders Can Teach Christians** by Nancy Haught. You do NOT need to buy the book to participate. Hope to see you at Bible Study.



Edison Lutheran Sharing Shelf: The Sharing Shelf is empty. It's been getting use and we need to restock it. Please keep your donations coming. Place nonperishable food, self-care items, and cleaning supplies in the shopping cart in the Narthex. Extra items will go to Helping Hands Food Bank. The Edison Lutheran Sharing Shelf is open to all. Please let your friends and neighbors know the shelf is open and needs to be used. With the Sharing Shelf, no one needs to ask for help. It's always open and unmonitored. No one will know if you or anyone you know takes food.

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Pentecost 19 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship	30 6:00 p Friendship House Meal	1 6:00 p Young Adult Group	2 10:00 Altar Guild 6:30 p Choir	3 10:30 a Care Team Meeting 4:30 p W&M <i>Blood Drive</i>	4 6:00 p Young Adult Group sleepover <i>Blood Drive</i>	5 10:00 YAG goes home (tired but Happy)
6 Pentecost 20 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship	7	8 6:00 p Church Council 6:00 p Young Adult Group	9 6:30 p Choir	10 12:00 Care team lunch 5-7 pm Salmon Dinner	11	12
13 Pentecost 21 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship	14	15 6:00 p Young Adult Group	16 10:00 a Women's Bible Study 6:30 p Choir	17 10:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 p Cello Recital	18	19
20 Pentecost 22 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship	21	22 6:00 p Young Adult Group	23 6:30 p Choir	24 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	25	26
27 Reformation Sunday 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship *Wear Red to Church*	29 6:00 p Friendship House Meal	30 6:00 p Young Adult Group	31 6:30 p Choir	1 10:30 a Care Team Meeting 4:30 p W&M	2	3

Cello Recital: Please join Skagit Symphony for an evening with Noemie Raymond-Friset on **October 17th at 7:00 pm** at Edison Lutheran Church. Noemie is the Symphony's first international guest artist. She is a prominent cellist from Quebec, Canada. She will also be performing with Skagit Symphony on Saturday, October 19th, at McIntyre Hall at 7:30 pm. Don't miss this amazing cellist!

Smarter Than A Confirmation Student from page 12:

Answer: According to Martin Luther, we are saved through God's Grace alone. The correct answer is B.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ All Saints Sunday: November 3
- ◆ Harvest Sunday and Christ the King Sunday: November 24
- ◆ Lent Begins: December 1st (our Advent calendars will finally line up!)
- ◆ Blood Drive at Edison Lutheran: December 5 & 6



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Sunday School 9:00 am Sundays

Worship 10:30 am Sundays

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at

www.elcbow.org

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All Are Welcome

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