



Edison Lutheran Church

THE PARISH VISITOR

JULY 2026



Dear People of God,

*When he heard, Jesus said to them, "The healthy have no need of a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
-Mark 2:17*

*"If you are a preacher of grace, then preach a true and not a fictitious grace; if grace is true, you must bear a true and not a fictitious sin. God does not save people who are only fictitious sinners. Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly, for he is victorious over sin, death, and the world."
-Martin Luther to Philip Melanchthon, 1521 (LW 48, p. 281f)*

Talk of sin makes many of us nervous.

It is a word of judgment and condemnation, and simultaneously a reality that all of us feel is close at hand. Whether or not we would use the word 'sin' to describe it, all of us have some sense of falling short, of not being who and what we ought to be, and all of us have said and done things of which we are ashamed. And so talk of sin makes us nervous, for we don't want our sin to be exposed, and we especially don't want to be judged as a sinner.

We don't want to be judged by our neighbors, for once the *sinner* label has been applied it is very hard to escape from. This public condemnation can happen through the legal system, in a judge's court of law, but it can also happen in the courtroom of public opinion. When our sin becomes public, the public will hold it against us, and this can have disastrous consequences for our well-being. This is more than just embarrassment; it can affect the sorts of jobs we can get, the sorts of friends we can make, and even where we are allowed to live.

We also don't want to be judged by ourselves. For those of us without much in the way of public sin, our worst critic is often ourselves. After all, the errors and shortcomings that others don't notice are right there for us to see in ourselves. And so we either collapse in on ourselves in despair or we put our efforts into denial, trying to explain away the evidence which keeps coming into view. Perhaps we make distinctions to lessen our guilt ("At least I'm not as bad as that guy!") or we come up with excuses to minimize our actions ("I'm not really hurting anyone!") or we focus on some imagined future in which we will have overcome sin on our own. But whatever strategy we use, it does not deliver us in the end. Denial can only last for so long before reality comes crashing in.

And we especially don't want to be judged by God. And yes, despite what we may want to believe, God does judge both sins and sinners. To be a sinner is a fearful thing, for the law and justice of God are arrayed against sinners. Scripture abounds with words of condemnation for sinners, whether those words are from Moses (Numbers 32:14), the Psalms (Psalm 104:35), the prophets (Jeremiah 31:30) or

even Jesus himself (Matthew 5:29). We know intuitively that sin leads to death, and that the righteous judgment of God is arrayed against sin in all its forms. Even the creation itself is subjected to futility and decay (Romans 8:20) on account of sin. How frightening it is to be on the wrong side of God's judgment!

But the miraculous truth of scripture is that God is not only a judge; law and justice are not all that God is. God is, in fact, beyond God's very own law, and God has a word that that persists even after the law has had its final say. Paul calls it "the word of the cross," which is "foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18). This is the Gospel, the 'good news' of the forgiveness of sins through Jesus, God's overwhelming mercy for the lost and condemned.

When this Gospel word enters in through our ear and takes up residence in our heart, God's treatment of sinners appears much differently than it did before. God is not only the judge who delivers the death sentence to sinners, but also the savior who in Jesus Christ gives himself to die on their behalf. And what's more, God raises these condemned sinners from the dead, giving them a new and eternal life that begins right here and now. Suddenly, our identity as sinner means more than simply being an enemy of God—it means being an enemy of God *whom God has nevertheless determined to make into a friend.*

And now, having come to trust in God's merciful promise, we live in a new way. We remain sinners, with all the problems that will bring, but we are *forgiven* sinners. We are no longer threatened by the evidence of our sinfulness, and so we are no longer driven to denial. Instead, we can be honest about what we see in ourselves, secure in the knowledge that our sin has found its limit in Christ. No longer is the sin all that we are, for we have died and been raised anew with Christ. (Colossians 3:3) And no longer does our sin determine our future, for we have been promised a time when sin and all its effects will have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)

In faith, we can even take a strange comfort in knowing ourselves to be sinners because sinners are the ones for whom Christ has died. Buoyed by the certainty of our rescue, the turbulent seas in which we were drowning become no more threatening than a swimming pool, and our lives become joyful even in the midst of this sinful world. Though the effects of our sin still pain us, and though we still grieve the harm done to ourselves and our neighbors, we rest in the sure hope of God's goodness, trusting that all will work together for the good. (Romans 8:28)

And so, as Luther advised Melancthon in the early days of the Wittenberg reformation: Be a sinner and sin boldly! Don't live in denial of your sin, but face it and bring it to light. Don't be paralyzed by the fear of making a mistake, but act as best you can. When you inevitably sin, bring that sin before God in confession. But even more than all that, trust in Christ and the salvation he has given to you. Know that he has the last word over you, and the word he has given you is a word of mercy and forgiveness. Revel in that mercy, for it is stronger than sin, death, and the world. Christ's victory will see you through.

Your brother in Christ,

-Pastor John



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

Worship Attendance

May 31:	124
June 7:	175
June 14:	114
<u>June 21:</u>	<u>124</u>
Average:	134*

*June 28th will be included next month

Church Financial Update for May

May Giving: \$31,720 (Thank you!)
 2026 Budget Goal Through May: \$150,752
 2026 Total Giving Through May: \$163,265
(\$12,514 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 2025—2026		*Committee Liaison	
Patsy Martin, President	*Stewardship	Cheryl Conner	*Social Concerns
Linda Tyler, Vice-President	*Parish Life	AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb	Worship & Music
Jon Aarstad, Secretary	Finance Committee	John Johnson	Property & Management
Dennis Jensen	*Finance Committee	Brenda Geary	*Youth & Christian Education
Laura Engebretsen	Property & Management	Larry Forsythe	Finance Committee
Keith Peterson	*Property & Management	Jim Zielinski	*Evangelism

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The Semi-Annual Meeting was held Sunday, June 21st. At the meeting we accomplished the following:

- Approved the Annual Meeting Minutes.
- Received a report from the **Property and Management Committee** by Brad Wyman. He shared with us details about the wonderful work they are accomplishing along the front of the church and in front of the Parish House creating and repairing sidewalks and parking areas for handicapped parking.
- Received a report from Carrie Omdal about the church's financial condition. **She reported we are doing well.** We are above our budgeted projections. She also cautioned that often giving is down during the summer with people on vacation and away. She encouraged us to continue our giving at current levels.
- Voted to approve **changes to the church's constitution.** These changes came from Synod over the past two cycles, 2023 and 2025.
- Voted to approve **four new council members** who will begin September 1, 2026 and serve until August 31, 2029. We appreciate their willingness to serve our congregation.

They are:

- ◆ **Keith Gundersen**
- ◆ **Amber Lagerlund**
- ◆ **Eva Kllogjeri**
- ◆ **AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb**

If you have any questions on any of this, please reach out to Patsy Martin.

Family Promise Sleepless in Skagit Fundraiser: On **July 24th** come out to **Bethlehem Lutheran Church from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm** for BBQ, family activities, an update on Family Promise programs, and to bring awareness to family homelessness. Our very own **Larry Olsen** will be participating! **To sponsor him**, please send an email to the office or write a check to ELC with 'Sleepless' in the memo. Contact our church office to donate, sponsor Larry, or for more information.

Drop-In Choir: Do you love to sing but can't make a weekly choir commitment the rest of the year? Our next drop-in choir will be **July 12 and August 9** which means people come early that Sunday at 9:30 am - to rehearse a simple piece, then sing in the service. **All are invited - visitors, one-time singers, and choir members.** Questions, contact Barb (organist) 360-770-6805 bafred38@gmail.com. *Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.* Psalm 149:1.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will **Not** meet in July. We will meet in August to decide the theme for next year's study. There will be more information in the August newsletter and announcements. Have a great summer!

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, cont.

Drop-In Choir: Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. **Psalm 149:1.** Do you love to sing but can't make a weekly choir commitment the rest of the year? This summer, on the **Second Sunday of July (12th) and August (9th)**, we will have a Drop-In Choir, which means people come early that Sunday morning - 9:30 am - to rehearse a simple piece, then sing in the service. **All are invited** - visitors, one-time singers, and choir members. If you have questions, the office or Barb (organist) - 360-770-6805, bafred38@gmail.com.

A New Way to Give: The church can now receive funds directly from your bank account via EFT. **We can set up a recurring donation with no fee for you** and a very minimal fee for the church. Remember, **you can change your recurring offering at anytime** by contacting the church office. **If you are interested**, there is a form on the table in the Narthex, fill it out and drop it in the offering or mail it to the church. Contact the church office for more information.

Care Team and Prayer Shawl: Will not meet in July and August. The **Care Team Lunch will continue** to meet on the first Thursday of July and August. We hope to see you at lunch over the summer! **All are welcome!**

Do you want a Newsletter with Good and Interesting Information? So do we! If you have information for the next Newsletter, please send it to the church office no later than **Thursday, July 23rd**. 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!** Our newsletter is only as good as the information we receive.

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!

Livestreaming Help: We really need at least **1 more person** to help with the livestream. Please consider volunteering. Talk to Jenny Sheahan, Steven Dahl, Amber Lagerlund, or Carrie Omdal for more information and to find out **how easy it really is!**

Youth Programs: **We are looking for help organizing our youth programs.** We need help planning, organizing, and working youth projects and events. This is a fun way to get involved with our church! The more people helping, the easier the job, **even a few hours a month make a big difference.** Please contact the church office for more information.

Flowers: Want to help with Worship? Sign up to bring flowers for the altar. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Bringing flowers is a great way to make worship special.

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

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!

LWR School Kits: Plans are in the works for ELC to put together **over 100 School Kits for LWR.** Watch for drawstring backpacks containing very specific shopping lists that will be in the narthex by the first Sunday in August. Pick up a bag, purchase the items on the list, fill the bag, and return it to church. The completed kits will be due back to church by early September. This project is supported by a grant from Thrivent.

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, cont.

About the Missing Kitchen Equipment

OOPS! It was me.

On June 9th, I stopped by my nephew's office to discuss the care of his dad, my brother, who lives in a memory care facility. We were having a good discussion, when about 15 minutes into it he said, "Oh! I have your catering stuff in the back of my shop." WHAT??? How could I forget I loaned it to him? Well, it was about 6 months ago. I truly had no memory of loaning equipment to my nephew. Sometime soon, it will be returned to church and I will remind myself, it is a LIE to believe "I don't have to write that down!!"

Thank you all for your questions and concern over this! I am so sorry for any anxiety caused by my memory lapse! Our church is secure and the food we serve will be safe.

With apology,

Kris Merritt

Young Adult Addresses: It's that time of year that our young adults are moving. Please keep the church updated on new addresses for our young adults away from home. 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 where your young adult is. Thank you!

Help Inform the Congregation: Although we try not to send too many emails, if there is something that you feel the **entire congregations needs to know**, please let the office know. We can send a congregation-wide email. We don't always know about events and **want to keep the congregation informed.** We also need information for our Facebook page. If you have a post idea, let the office know. Just call or send an email to the office with all the details.

Pastor's Bible Study -- July 6th at 5:30 pm

Join Pastor John in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, July 6th at 5:30 pm

We will study the text for the following Sunday. Look in the bulletin for the next Sunday's readings. July 6th is the only Bible Study in July.

Contact the office if you have questions.

All Are Welcome!

Evangelism Committee: We are continuing our gift bags for new members and our outreach to those interested in joining us. We need help reaching out to visitors and potential members. **It's a great way to get involved!** Contact the church office for more information.

Need a Name Tag? We have new members and visitors to our lovely church. Please wear your name tags the entire time so we can get to know each other. It would be very helpful to leave them on during fellowship as well. Also, if you are a **regular visitor and need a name tag**, let the office know.



One Parish/One Prisoner

Our OPOP (One Parish/One Prisoner) program continues to meet on the third Sunday of each month, and we are making good progress. Presently, we are in the “get acquainted” mode of writing personal letters to Juan. Most of the members have now received personal letters from Juan, and are starting to put “skin and bones” on this project. During the summer months, we will be jumping through the hoops necessary so that we can begin not only writing email messages but also preparing for personal visits to the prison site. Each of the members continues to be excited about this program, and of its possibilities.

Thank you, The OPOP Team

Thrivent members: Did you know you can apply for **two \$250 grants every year?** You are eligible if you have Thrivent investment products. If you would like help to tap into this member benefit that supports community ministries please contact Anne Kuntz (360) 424-9099.

Friendship House Dinners: We prepare and serve the hot food that is so appreciated the **last Monday of every month.** Contact the church office if you would like to help shop for food, prepare food, or serve food.

We don't want you to get botulism! Please put a note on all food in the fellowship hall refrigerator with the following: the **date it was opened; what it can be used for; and what it is** if it's not easily identified. This will help protect our congregation from food poisoning and keep our kitchen clean. Thank you!

Are you having surgery soon?

Especially on your knees, shoulders, or hips? There are so many little things that can help you in your recovery that you would not need before or after. So, here at Edison we have set up a way to share the things we have and save you money.

If you need things to help with your recovery, please call Linda Johnson or the church office to see what we have available. If you have items you no longer need, and do not have room in your home to store them, call Linda or the church office. Linda and Mark are storing items at their home and can make arrangements to get things to you if you need them. If you have items that you would like to keep at your home, but are willing to share temporarily, let us know what they are so we can share that information. If you have extra items, you can bring them to church or contact Linda. Some of the things that are ready for you to use: canes, walking sticks, ice machines, long handled shoe horns, bed rail, bath tub chair and shower chair. Here are some examples of equipment:

Standing aide
Long handle shoe horn
Walking sticks
Canes
Leg lifter

Ice machine
Walker
Bed rail
Bath tub chair
Shower chair

Reclining lift chair
Pressure sox
Knee brace
Shower chair

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, cont.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Thrivent members, thank you for directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Edison Lutheran Church. Last year our Thrivent members sent **\$2,967 Thrivent Choice Dollars** to our Church. We appreciate your extra support. **Don't forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars at the end of every quarter.** You can do this on line or by calling 1-800-Thrivent and talking to a representative. Questions? Contact the office or talk to Anne Kuntz (360) 424-9099.

Family Promise Volunteer Opportunity: We will be hosting the Family Promise guests at Burlington Lutheran from **Wednesday, September 30 through breakfast, Sunday, October 4.** Volunteers are needed to stay overnight on very comfortable cots, provide meals, and serve meals. The church has money to pay for food to make the meals for Family Promise. Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for the rest of the year: **December 6—8.**

Are you looking for an easy and fun way to serve our congregation? Have we got a deal for you! It takes a lot of work to set up, run, and livestream our Sunday Worship service. **We need people to help greet, usher, serve as lector and assisting minister.** The more people we have, the less work there is for each person. **Join our team of fun-loving, happy Sunday workers!** We promise many smiles, lots of conversation, and a little work. To volunteer, contact the church office or Linda Johnson.

Josephine Caring Community: Your donations of sample size toiletry items and tooth brushes are welcome. JCC is always in need of reading glasses of any strength. If you would like to sew hand towels for residents to fill with toiletries please contact Anne Kuntz for a more complete description of this project. If you know anyone seeking employment please steer them to consider working at JCC.

Summer Music: Are you interested in providing special music as part of our worship services during the summer? **It can be instrumental or vocal; it can be solo, duet, or ensemble; children, youth, or adults;** on any Sunday through September 6. Contact Barb Fredrickson (organist), phone no. 360-770-6805, with any questions or to schedule a preferred Sunday you'd like to participate. **Thank you in advance for offering to share your musical gifts to enhance our worship.**

Camp Lutherwood



Summer Registration is Open! Do you remember all the fun you had at summer camp as a kid? I remember making friends, singing by the campfire, and playing in the woods. Now is the time to get your children, grandchildren, neighbor's children all registered for Camp Lutherwood. Go to www.camplutherwood.org for more information.

Camp Lutherwood: Our students are planning to attend camp from July 12-17 if you would like your student to attend with the Edison Lutheran students. **Register early to get a spot!**

Scholarships Available! A special thank you to the Fisher Family Foundation that granted the church \$2,000 to support Camp Lutherwood Scholarships! **We now have enough to reimburse all our families this year!** Please contact the office if you need a scholarship to pay for camp. To request a scholarship, send us an email with the name of your child, the price of the camp, and the amount you are requesting (all the way up to 100%). Any money left over at the end of July will be distributed equally among the campers who have shared their camp receipt with us. Email office@elcbow.org. **Don't forget to send your camp receipt as soon as you have it if you would like a partial scholarship.** We have only received one receipt this year...don't forget to send your receipt!

Volunteer at Camp Lutherwood: go to <https://www.camplutherwood.org/volunteer> for more info.

From the July/August 2026 Edition of *The Spirit*



From the Bishop

On July 18, 1976 Pastor Nancy Winder was ordained into Word and Sacrament ministry. She was the first woman ordained in what was then the North Pacific District and the fourteenth woman ordained in the American Lutheran Church.

but Nancy and those thirteen women were not the first. We remember all the women who came before them. In scripture we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus, Elizabeth, Mary and Martha, Mary Magdalene, Phoebe, Priscilla, Junea, Lydia, and all the unnamed women including the Samaritan woman at the well who ran to proclaim what she had seen and heard, becoming the first to declare Jesus as Lord.

Along with these women in scripture, we also remember the countless women in these last 2000 years – Hildegard, Katie Luther, Argula von Grumbach, Maria Stewart, Phoebe Palmer, Catherine Booth, Margaret Wold, and so many others who were called by the Holy Spirit to preach, teach, proclaim, lead, and serve. We give thanks for the myriad of gifts that God has poured out through women for the sake of the church and the life of the world.

I am so thankful for the many women in our lives who passed on their faith to us. The women who taught Sunday School, prepared the altar, made meals, visited those who were sick, and marched against injustice. The women theologians, mystics, and writers. The women who, in countless ways, proclaimed through word and deed the good news of Jesus.

Thank you to our sisters in Christ. Thank you for the ways you have lived out your faith in every vocation. Thank you to the women who have gone before us, to the women serving today, and to the women who continue to say yes to God's call – including those called into ordained ministry.

I wonder, do you remember the first time you heard a woman preach? The first time you heard an alto or soprano voice chanting the liturgy or saying the words of institution? I remember. I was twenty years old. Seeing and hearing someone who looked like me, who had a body like mine, made the gospel come alive in a way I hadn't experienced before. Truly, it changed my life.

This is why I grieve what is happening to some of our sisters in other denominations. In recent weeks, the Southern Baptist Convention voted at its annual assembly to further restrict women from teaching, preaching, and pastoral leadership. This means women ordained ten or twenty or fifty years ago may now find their callings denied by the very churches they have faithfully served. So many women – chosen, loved, called, sent – women with fire in their bellies to preach the gospel may no longer do so. Not by God, but by their denomination. Their silencing is not only a tragedy for them; it is a tragedy for the whole Church.

So today there is an urgency to remember, celebrate, and publicly proclaim, that women are called by God. Just as the Spirit came to Mary, who sang of the mighty brought down from their thrones,

just as the Spirit sent Mary Magdalene to proclaim resurrection to the apostles, just as Lydia helped birth a community of believers, the Spirit has called and continues to call women in every age.

So, in joy, thankfulness, and celebration, let us give thanks for the women of the past, present, and future who continue to proclaim, teach, lead, and serve. For, as we read in Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians, “Since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart ... For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.”

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee

bishop@lutheransnw.org

Sunday School Planning for 2026–2027

We are beginning preparations for the 2026–2027 Sunday School year and are currently working on determining **class sizes, curriculum needs, and teacher assignments**. If you have family members or friends with children from Preschool through Middle School who may be interested in participating, please share their name, age, and grade level for the 2026–2027 school year. (Please note: Pre-K students should be potty trained or have a parent available to assist as needed.)

We are also **seeking volunteers** to support our **Sunday School program** in a variety of roles, including:

- Classroom teaching or co-teaching
- Assisting with crafts and activities
- Helping with the Christmas Program
- Supporting Youth Days
- Providing snacks

Sunday School runs from **September through May**, with time off for school breaks and holidays. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about how you can be involved, please let us know. Your support is greatly appreciated as we prepare for a meaningful and enriching year of faith and learning.

Stephanie Knutzen (360)661-3057 (text or call); email: sk_ranches@hotmail.com

Sarah Dahl (360)333-8141 (text or call); email: sarah_k_dahl@hotmail.com

Care Team: Wouldn’t it be nice to fill the mailboxes of our 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 or someone you know needs a card.

Prayer Requests



Remember in your Prayers: We pray for **Darla Jensen, Jim Zielinski, Vic Jensen, Lora Andersen, Debbie Bloodgood, Arlene & Jim Obtinario** and grandson **Tyler** (friends of Lora Andersen), **Sandy Johns** (sister of Patsy Martin), **Ron Schutte, Cheryl Conner, Scott Fadden, Nancy Bussard** (Pastor John's grandmother), **Sheila Merrigan** (friend of AnnaLaurie), **Peggy Upton** (friend of Fredricksons), **Meredith Loury** (sister of AnnaLaurie), **Evan Swanson, Joline Lomsdalen, David Rebar** (son-in-law of Wymans), **Darcy Fredrickson, Arnold Woll, Randy Merritt, Marion Hoag, Marilyn Gustafson** (sister of Gailyn Ploeg), **Maia Simmons** (granddaughter of Karyn Kerley), **Carla Hunter** (aunt of Gregory Ormsby), **John Probstfield, Lyn Scherer** (sister-in-law of Cathy Smith), **Debbie Chavarria** (friend of Cathy Smith), **Jerry Butterfield, Shirley Lee, Jeanne Youngquist, Jim Forbes** (Debbie Conijn's step-father), **Edith Nichols, Barry Christensen, Chris Isaacson, Taylor Velasquez, Juan** (our One Parish One Prisoner friend), the ministry of **El Camino de Emaús Congregation**, and the **Tumaini Lutheran Seminary Secondary School in Tanzania**.

The Homebound: **Betty Boe, Pat Dahlstedt, and Ron Schutte.**

In Military service: **Jesse Ramirez**

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

July Birthdays

7/1	Anne Kuntz
7/2	Alana Rebar
7/3	Colleen Knutzen
7/3	Barry Christensen
7/7	Aaron Schutte
7/7	Bill Knutzen
7/8	Dana Geary
7/8	Bonnie Bowers
7/10	Linda Vague
7/11	Chris Omdal
7/12	Korrin McCutchin
7/13	Susie Forsythe
7/16	Morgan Perry
7/15	Maria Day
7/16	Arnold Woll



7/18	Brayden Kress
7/19	Laurel Black
7/20	Joshua Parker
7/20	Craig Guthridge
7/20	Darla Jensen
7/21	Debbie Bloodgood
7/24	Larry Forsythe
7/25	Judy Bendtsen
7/25	Kathy Shoop
7/27	Don Zorn
7/29	Tanya Black
7/29	Bryan Benson
7/31	Joline Lomsdalen
7/31	Dotty Murray

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

Serving in Worship – July

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2
Assisting Minister	Chris Omdal	Bonnie Bowers	Jerry Benson	Eva Klllogjeri	Mandy Englund
Acolyte	Brayden Kress	Hannah Kress	Drake Conner	Cameron Dahl	Drake Conner
Lector	Kris Merritt	Larry Olsen	Jenifer Troxel	AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb	Jon Aarstad
Usher	Larry & Susie Forsythe	Mike Miller Cathy Smith	Brad Wyman Jim Zielinski	Bud & Bonnie Bowers	Mark Johnson Stephanie Knutzen
Greeter	Kathy Shoop Judy Bendtsen	Dotty Murray Jean Miller	Kris Merritt Janet Wyman	Cathy Smith Linda Nielsen	Linda Johnson Inger Conner
Altar Guild	Kay Zielinski Debbie Conijn	Debbie Conijn Kathy Shoop	Kathy Shoop Julie Rousseau	Julie Rousseau Debbie Lisser	Debbie Lisser Terri Olsen
Fellowship Host	Mandy & Alex Englund Judy Bendtsen & Roger Taxdahl Glenda & Keith Gundersen	Brad & Janet Wyman Maria Day Bonnie & Bud Bowers	Gary & Jenifer Troxel Jenny & Jerry Nelson Barb Leander	Kathy Shoop Linda Larson & Jerry Sells John & Candy Johnson	Don & Marilyn Zorn Judy Sheahan Larry & Terri Olesen
Flowers	Darrel & Christy Johnson			Darcy Hamilton	
CMD	Patsy Martin	Dennis Jensen	Cheryl Conner	Jon Aarstad	Patsy Martin

If you are interested in helping out on Sunday mornings by ushering, greeting, reading the lessons, being assistant minister or helping serve coffee hour, please contact Linda Johnson (360-708-2481, lindajohnson47@hotmail.com) or the church office. It takes a lot of us to make the Sunday morning worship service run smoothly, and we would appreciate any and all help.

Assisting Ministers Needed: We are looking for a few more Assisting Ministers. It's a great job! We will provide training. It's a great way to truly get to know our worship service and gain a deeper understanding of what we, as Lutherans, believe. For information, talk to any current Assisting Minister or contact the office.

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1 <i>No Worship & Music</i> <i>No Altar Guild</i>	2 12:00 p Care Team Lunch	3	4 <i>Happy 4th!</i>
5 <i>Pentecost 2</i> 10:30 a Worship	6 5:30 p Bible Study	7 6:00 p Young Adult Group	8	9 <i>No Care Team Meeting</i>	10 <i>Private Event</i>	11 <i>Private Event</i>
12 <i>Pentecost 3</i> 9:30 a Drop-In Choir 10:30 a Worship	13 <i>No Bible Study</i>	14 6:00 p Young Adult Group 6:00 p Church Council	15 <i>No Women's Bible Study</i>	16 <i>No Prayer Shawl</i>	17	18
19 <i>Pentecost 4</i> 10:30 a Worship	20 <i>No Bible Study</i>	21 6:00 p Young Adult Group	22	23	24	25
26 <i>Pentecost 5</i> 10:30 a Worship	27 5:00 p Friendship House Meal <i>No Bible Study</i>	28 6:00 p Young Adult Group	29	30	31	1

Gift Cards Needed: Not a scam this time! **Family Promise needs gift cards from Target, Walmart, Fred Meyer, grocery stores, and gas stations** 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. Please remember we will only ask for physical cards. We will never ask for digital gift cards. Also, we will never ask for Apple gift cards. That is a favorite of scammers.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Blood Drive: August 21
- ◆ Saxon Campout and Worship: August 14-16
- ◆ Rally Sunday and First Day of Sunday School: September 13





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