



Edison Lutheran Church



THE PARISH VISITOR

SEPTEMBER 2026

"Take care that you do not practice your righteousness in front of people to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."

-Matthew 6:1

Dear People of God,

When I was interviewing with the congregation that would become my first call, there was a question that caught me off guard.

It wasn't that it was a particularly hard question to answer, nor was it one of those thorny issues nobody wants to talk about. It was simply not one of those questions my Midwest Seminary training had not prepared me for.

The question was this: "Are you a Coug or a Husky?"

Though we all laughed when it was asked, it was actually a pretty good question for getting to know a potential pastor, especially for a small eastern Washington congregation interviewing someone who grew up on the west side. The way I answered would tell them something about me that could help them decide whether I would be a fit in that congregation. It would give them a glimpse into my hobbies, and it would reveal something about my personality; could I joke around with them, or would I be offended by such an 'unserious' question?

And more than that, it might also reveal something about my cultural group. WSU fans, after all, are more likely to have a farm background, while UW fans are more likely to be city people, with all the cultural traits that brings. Would I, who grew up near Bellingham, fit in with this small-town group of growers, teachers, and fruit processors?

Though it might seem to be a silly icebreaker, this question actually could reveal something about me. It could point to things like my background, my political affiliations, and even my values. Now, I don't want to make too much of this, relying as it does on stereotypes and generalizations, but the fact is that even something as trivial as team affiliation can point to deeper and more significant differences.

I think these deeper ties are part of why fans of these teams can be so invested in their success. When, for example, the Cougars win against the Huskies, the celebrations aren't just about an underdog football team. To many Cougs, it feels like your people—hardworking, heart-on-their-sleeve, salt-of-the-earth types—have shown those smug Seattleites what they are made of. On the surface, it's just a sports rivalry, but it carries with it all sorts of other rivalries which haven't been as friendly; ag vs tech, small town vs city, blue collar vs upper crust, and even conservative vs liberal.

I think these deeper connections are why some of us display our fandom so publicly. Sweatshirts, beanies, license plates, flags—all these signal not only which team you like, but also hint at the cultural group you identify with. And this goes well beyond sports, for there are many fandoms out there, each with their own affiliations and characteristics. And this is not just about pop culture, but extends to hobbies and even politics. The camo jacket, the kayak rack, the pride flag, the MAGA hat—all of these are more than just markers of our hobbies or politics; they are symbols we use to present ourselves to the world.

I'm worried that Christianity has become just another one of those fandoms people adorn themselves with. Cross jewelry, religious bumper stickers, and Jesus t-shirts have become part of the uniform people use to show which cultural team they are on. And just as the symbols of WSU/UW fandom point to other cultural identities, these Christian symbols are being used to represent something other than Jesus.

As I see it, there are two main dangers to this 'fandom Christianity.' The first is more individual in nature: by reducing Christianity to mere symbols of cultural identity, it is stripped of the living word of Jesus. A person may consider themselves Christian because of the symbols they wear and the causes they support. They may speak using religious language and share countless Christian posts on Instagram. They may even admonish others to follow the commandments and spend more time in prayer. They may even attend a church! But without the living word of Jesus to them, there is no possibility of faith, and there is no lasting comfort for the troubles of this life. If Christianity is for you just one more team to side with in the never-ending struggle of this world, then the cultural conflicts will be your reward.

The second danger is more communal. When Christianity is made a mere symbol of other cultural identities, it becomes a weapon for whatever worldly power is willing to wield it. Political parties, commercial brands, and social movements adorn themselves in the garb of Christianity in order to claim legitimacy and the power of God for their cause. Not only is this blasphemous, it is dangerous; leading all too often to violence in the name of Christ. We see examples of this across all of history, from the marauding armies of the crusades to the Spanish conquistadors in the Americas, and we see it here and now in the way political movements (both progressive and conservative, but especially today on the political right) stir up their adherents with appeals to God.

Whatever your political leanings, this weaponization of Christ must be rejected as anti-Christian. If Christianity is to be truly Christian, it must have at its center nothing other than Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of the God of Abraham, who lived, died, and was raised from the dead for the sake of the world. This Jesus even now gathers the church, his gathered band of sinners, so that he may speak by his Holy Spirit the words of forgiveness and truth which join us to his inexhaustible life. By trusting this word with all that we are, we are made new and right before God, ready to bear his boundless love to a world in conflict.

Though this living word of Christ may guide us in our support or rejection of particular policies and agendas, it must not be made subject to them. Rather, this word of Christ releases us from our

bondage to parties and agendas, setting us free to act across all dividing lines for the sake of the world. Secure in the peace which is poured into our hearts, we enter the storm for the sake of our neighbor, even the one the world says is our enemy.

In this is true Christianity. It is not in the public displays of righteousness that litter our airwaves, nor is it in the forceful establishment of law or morality. Instead, it is in that living word of Christ, who seeks you out and finds you in your sin, setting you free with that impossible word: "Peace be with you. I forgive you; you are mine."

Your brother in Christ,

-Pastor John

(Reprinted from October 2025)



**Pastor's Bible Study -- Mondays in September (except September 7th)
at 5:30 pm**

Join Pastor John in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays at 5:30 pm.

We will study the text for the following Sunday. Look in the bulletin for the next Sunday's readings. Contact the office if you have questions.

All Are Welcome!

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group begins a new study in September. We will be studying the books in the Hebrew scripture that are referred to as "the minor prophets." These Biblical books are smaller than many of the other Biblical books in the Old Testament.

Prophets, especially Biblical prophets, have a lot to say about life around them. Their main function of Biblical prophets was to speak God's word in the midst of the people's history. As we learn how the prophets' words addressed the situations of their time, we will see what, if anything, those words might say in our time.

Our first session will be **Tuesday, September 15th at 10 am** in the Fellowship Hall. In the months that follow, we will meet on the third Wednesday of each month. All women are welcome to join. Bring your Bibles.

All women are welcome.



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

Worship Attendance

July 26:	116
August 2:	110
August 9:	123
August 16 (at Saxon):	51
<u>August 23:</u>	<u>124</u>
Average:	105*

*August 30 will be included next month

Church Financial Update for July

July Giving: \$32,770 (Thank you!)

2026 Budget Goal Through July: \$208,017

2026 Total Giving Through July: \$211,652

(\$3,635 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!



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Edison Lutheran Church Announcements



Rally Sunday

Join us **Sunday, September 13th for Rally Sunday!** We have so many things planned. The **first day of Sunday School** is at 9:00 am. Yay! During worship the kids will bring all the Lutheran World Relief School Kits to the front to be blessed. We will also be installing our new Church Council members. We will top it off with our world famous hotdog BBQ lunch. Bring indoor/outdoor games to play with the kids after/during Fellowship.

Our annual **Lutheran World Relief (LWR) School Kit project** is under way. When you have purchased all the items on the list and removed excess packaging please return the **completed kits by Sunday, September 6th**. Not a shopper? Donations to LWR for shipping costs are always welcome! Make checks to ELC with 'school kits' in the memo line. If you have extra school supplies, bring them to the Narthex, we will donate them to Helping Hands and Family Promise. You can help further the education of child nearly anywhere in the world through this simple act of giving school supplies.

Thrivent members: Did you notice your email about changes to the Choice Dollar benefit? As a religious organization Thrivent Financial does not pay taxes. Instead Thrivent gives away the equivalent of what would be paid in taxes. One way this money is distributed is by allocating money to each member with Thrivent investment accounts for the member to direct to nonprofits of their choice. This money is referred to as Choice Dollars. This year rather than the amount growing throughout the year and a March 31st deadline to direct the money, Thrivent is allocating all the funds to you up front and December 31 has become the deadline for directing your Choice Dollars. You can direct Choice Dollars by logging onto your account and doing so or by calling 1-800-Thrivent (800 847-4836) and speaking to a representative. If you call be prepared to give your Thrivent ID or your social security number.

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!

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.

Young Adult Group: Please plan to join us Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and have some fun and food. We are looking for a few adults to help with our Young Adult Group. Contact the office for more info.

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.

Pastor John's Bible Study: Please join Pastor John for Bible Study on **Monday evenings at 5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall (except September 7th, Labor Day). **All are welcome!**

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, cont.

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.

Helping Hands needs help for the new School Year! Helping Hands Food Bank needs your donations more than ever. Their current list includes a request for peanut butter, Mac 'n Cheese, chili, kid friendly (pop top) soup, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, and canned fruit. Other life essentials that are needed right now include laundry soap, bar soap and body wash, shampoo, cleaning supplies, disposable shavers, feminine hygiene products, and toilet paper. The Food Bank needs your grocery bags and egg cartons too. Please put your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex.

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.

Helping Hands Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are a crucial part of our mission at Helping Hands Food Bank and Solutions Center. With an ambitious goal of ending hunger in Skagit County through food rescue and donations, we rely on those willing to donate their time to our cause. Whether you're interested in sorting and packing produce for a family in need, driving mobile route to our home-bound participants, supporting our food distributions, writing personalized cards to thank our generous donors, or helping in another way – we're glad you're here! Visit: helpinghandsskagit.org for more information.

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.

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.

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



To Edison Lutheran Church, Thank you to all for the prayers & cards. My knee is healing quite quickly and I will be going back to work early on September 8th. Thank you again!

-Darla Jensen

To All, I would like to thank you for your prayers and love over the past few weeks. The prayer shawl was perfect! The Care Team made me feel loved and cared for by Edison Lutheran Church. Thank you for every prayer and thoughts. I'm am so lucky, no blessed to have found a loving and accepting church family.

-Love, Lora Andersen

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, cont.

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 **Monday, September 21st**. 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.

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!

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!

Family Promise

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 you calendars for the rest of the year: **December 6 - 8**.

Family Promise's fall auction, The Next Chapter, will be **Saturday, September 19** at Swinomish Casino & Lodge. This annual auction supports the vital services provided to families experiencing housing instability throughout Skagit County. Guests will enjoy a silent and live auction, games, a plated dinner, a powerful client testimonial, and exciting updates about the Capital Cottage Village Initiative and the expansion to Family Promise of North Sound. For tickets, go to www.familypromiseskagit.org. Click on more and then events.

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, cont.

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.

Calling all singers! The choir is starting up again on **Wednesday, September 9th 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! Please consider joining us starting **September 9th from 6:30-8:00.**
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Psalm 100

Blood Drive: Blood donations are always needed. Giving the gift of blood and save a life. We are hosting a Bloodworks Pop-up Blood Drive on **Friday, October 16th in the Fellowship Hall.** You can make your blood donor appointment online: BloodworksNW.org or even easier, call 800-398-7888. Thank you for your continued support for this vital cause. We have 1 other opportunity this year, **Friday, December 11th. You can give at all both upcoming opportunities!** Thank you for supporting this critical need!

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.

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

From the September 2026 Edition of *The Spirit*



During the Bishop's Sabbatical we are lifting up guest writers from the synod staff. Thank you to **Rev. Dr. David Hahn**, our featured writer for **September 2026**

Called to Be Human: Introducing the LiVE Project's 2026-2027

What does it mean to be human?

Adrienne Marie Brown's *Emergent Strategy* names a principle that's been on my mind: **"There is a conversation in the room that only these people at this moment can have. Find it."** What is the conversation the church, at this moment, needs to be having? This year's LiVE Project theme is our answer: **Called to Be Human**. What kind of people does our world need us to show up as, in light of our life in Jesus?

Amid our challenges, disagreements, and anxieties, the Spirit is calling the church to wrestle with this question in ways that honor the dignity of being human — even as so much of our world, its economics, politics, and digital cultures, works to divide our attention and our intentions to live with and for one another.

Across four retreats and two online courses, we'll explore what it means to live fully into our humanity in light of our Christian faith, our motivations and presuppositions, our affections and desires, our freedom, our consciousness, our conscience.

A passage from *Inviting the Mystic, Supporting the Prophet*, by Katherine Dyckman and Patrick Carroll, has been sitting with us as we've built this year's programming:

It is as if each human person constitutes a committee constantly sitting to decide life's questions and the behavior desired in a given situation. This committee has many members within, each voicing a particular slant—our fears, feelings, dreams, and hopes, our history and relationships, our member, our various subpersonalities, and our reason. Hopefully, the chairperson of that committee is reason, deeply influenced and guided by affectivity. All the voices need to be heard and listened to. Ultimately, at their best, people make choices that chart the direct and, over time, develop the person.

That's the heart of **"Called to Be Human."** Not a call to have it all figured out, or to quiet the noisy parts of ourselves, but a call to the ongoing, sacred work of listening to every voice at the table, so that, choice by choice, we become more integrated, more whole, more truly *ourselves* in Christ.

This year's retreats and courses put in conversation various members of that inner committee: our desires, our freedom, our conscience, our imagination, our history. We'll ask what it looks like for God to be present in these, in our community conversations, and with curiosity rather than judgment. None of us chairs that committee alone; we do it in relationship, with God, with each other, and with the communities we're called to serve.

We can't wait to gather alongside you this year, to wonder together about this timely and necessary question:

who is God calling us, and not challenging us, to be?

Peace,

Pastor David

Director of Formation and Learning | Northwest Washington Synod | david@lutheransnw.org

Announcement From Northwest Washington Synod

NWWA Synodical Women's Organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 2026 Fall Retreat – Seek Inspiration NWWA Synodical Women's Organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **Saturday – October 3rd / 9 am ~ 4 pm** (Doors open @ 8:30 am for registration) Our Saviors Lutheran Church 215 W Mukilteo Blvd, Everett, WA 98203. Please join with women from our Synod as we learn & grow as Women of the ELCA. Our speaker will be Pastor Kacey Hahn of St Matthew's Lutheran in Renton Lunch & Snacks will be provided. We will have time to visit and meet new friends and to catch up with other WELCA friends. We'll have Inspirational Activities and end our time together with Worship and much more. For questions or to register, contact Millie Fosberg @ 360 941 4742 or nwwaswopresident@gmail.com

Edison Lutheran Church Volunteer Opportunities

So Many Ways to Get Involved!

Do you want to get involved, but don't know where or how? This section is for you! Here are a few ideas of how to get involved, meet new people, and help our church and community.

- Volunteer to help with worship. Just try it! It's fun and a great way to meet people.
- Join a committee. Ask any council member or the church office for advice on a perfect fit!
- Make dinner, serve dinner, or stay overnight at Family Promise. ELC will pay for groceries.
- Make cookies for Family Promise or Friendship House or both.
- Send notes to our shut-in members. They love to get something in the mail!
- Add your name to the fellowship host list.
- Serve a meal at Friendship House. Thrivent grants or ELC pays for the food.
- Volunteer to help with Sunday School or help plan a youth event.
- Help with the livestream, Facebook, or other social media. We need someone to help with Facebook. Our staff is just not good at posting. Even someone to tell us what to post would be very helpful!

These are just a few ideas. Contact the church office for more information or ideas, 360-766-6920 or office@elcbow.org. Also, if we are not using your Time & Talents correctly, contact the church office.

Prayer Requests



Remember in your Prayers: We pray for the **family of Randy Merritt**. We also pray for **Arnie & Sharon Ellefson** (brother-in-law and sister of Linda Johnson), **Candy Johnson, Cathy Bossett** (Janice Stepp's sister), **Judy Bendtsen, Jim Zielinski, Vic Jensen, Debbie Bloodgood, Arlene & Jim Obtinario** and grandson **Tyler** (friends of Lora Andersen), **Sandy Johns** (sister of Patsy Martin), **Ron Schutte, 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, 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 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

September Birthdays

9/1	Kraig Knutzen
9/4	Debbie Kerr Wong
9/4	Jason Bloodgood
9/6	Janet Wyman
9/8	Greg Nelson
9/9	Stephanie Knutzen
9/9	Mariah Swanson
9/9	Pat Dahlstedt
9/10	Roger Knutzen
9/10	Lydia Guthridge
9/10	Daniel Johns
9/11	Christa Guthridge
9/11	Carrie Omdal
9/13	Hillary (DenAdel) Visten



9/15	Clarice Miles
9/17	Grace Miller
9/19	Laura Guthridge
9/21	Barb Gibbons
9/21	Hayden Knutzen
9/22	Marie Nelsen
9/23	Katharina Black
9/24	Darcy Hamilton
9/24	Karen Schutte
9/25	Bryan Galbraith
9/27	Steven Dahl
9/27	Adam Kress
9/28	Marlene Schuck
9/29	Derek Gorum

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

Serving in Worship – September

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27	October 4
Assisting Minister	Mark Johnson	Chris Omdal	Chris Omdal	Mark Johnson	Larry Olsen
Acolyte	TBD	Drake Conner	Brayden Kress	Hannah Kress	TBD
Lector	Christie Peterson	Laura Engebretsen	Susie Forsythe	Brayn Galbraith	Darla Jensen
Usher	Keith Peterson Linda Johnson	Jon Aarstad Toni Ruhl	Brad Wyman Debbie Conijn	Jason & Linda Tyler	Dan & Patsy Martin
Greeter	Christie Peterson Terri Olsen	Maria Day Kathy Shoop	Keith & Glenda Gundersen	Mandy Englund Marie Nelsen	Craig Guthridge RuthAnne Pocock
Altar Guild	Julie Rousseau Kathy Shoop	Kathy Shoop Julie Rousseau	Debbie Conijn Debbie Lisser	Debbie Lisser Terri Olsen	Terri Olsen Janet Wyman
Fellowship Host	Debbie Conijn Anne & Bob Kuntz Bryan & Ines Benson	Carrie & Chris Omdal Linda & Mark Johnson Janet & Brad Wyman	Stephanie & Jeff Knutzen Jerry & Judi Butterfield Eric & Nancy Anderson	Irene Fadden Gailyn & Ron Ploeg Inger & Scott Conner	Linda & Dave Vague
Flowers		Tim & Karma Larson			
CMD	Cheryl Conner	Jim Zielinski	Jon Aarstad	Cheryl Conner	Cheryl Conner

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.

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September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 p Young Adult Group 7:30 p P&M	2 10:00 a Altar Guild	3 12:00 p Care Team Lunch	4	5
6 <i>Pentecost 15</i> 10:30 a Worship	7 <i>No Bible Study</i> <i>Labor Day</i>	8 6:00 p Church Council 6:00 p Young Adult Group	9 5:15 p W&M 6:30 p Choir	10 10:30 a Care Team Meeting	11	12
13 <i>Pentecost 16</i> 9:00 a Sunday School 10:15 a Hymn Sing 10:30 a Worship <i>Rally Sunday</i>	14 5:30 p Bible Study	15 10:30 a Women's Bible Study 6:00 p Young Adult Group	16 6:30 p Choir	17 10:00 a Prayer Shawl	18	19 11:00 a Randy Merrit Funeral
20 <i>Pentecost 17</i> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 a Worship 12:30 OPOP	21 5:30 p Bible Study <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22 6:00 p Young Adult Group	23 6:30 p Choir	24	25	26
27 <i>Pentecost 18</i> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 a Worship	28 5:00 p Friendship House Meal 5:30 p Bible Study	29 6:00 p Young Adult Group	30 6:30 p Choir			

Do you like Facebook? That is something we need. The office needs help with posting information to Facebook. We never think about posting anything and we don't know what to post. If you would like to help with our Facebook page, please contact the church office at office@elcbow.org

Upcoming Events

- ◆ ELC Family Promise dates: September 30—October 4
- ◆ Blood Drives: October 16 and December 11
- ◆ Salmon Dinner: October 22





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