



Edison Lutheran Church

THE PARISH VISITOR

OCTOBER 2026



¹Sisters and brothers, if a person is overtaken in some transgression, you who are spiritual must restore such a one in a spirit of humility, watching yourselves that you also are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

-Galatians 6:1-2

Dear People of God,

For me as a pastor, one of the most sacred times in the worship service is during the distribution of communion.

As people come forward to the altar rail to receive Christ in the bread and the wine, they bring with them the concerns that are weighing on their hearts. As I make my way around the altar rail, attending to each person in turn, I often feel the emotional weight of those concerns; especially when I know some of the details behind them. Sometimes they are feelings of celebration, sometimes they are feelings of gratitude, and sometimes they are feelings of sorrow.

Of course this is not the only time our feelings are shared. Every week brings its own sets of concerns, and every Sunday we bring those concerns along with us into worship. These feelings shape our individual participation in worship—how we sing, how we laugh, how we greet each other—and as the Holy Spirit joins us to one another, we all carry (and are carried by) the atmosphere created by the intermingling of the individual emotions we bring.

For me, this is one of the ways we follow Paul's admonition to "bear one another's burdens." When the Holy Spirit gathers us in worship, the sorrows, anxieties, and joys of our everyday lives are no longer ours alone, but are borne up by the gathered community. While I believe this to be true even when we keep things to ourselves, it is much more clearly felt when we share honestly about the things that are going on. Whether those things are pleasant or painful, when we confess to one another what is in our hearts, we receive mutual joy and solace in return.

This mutual sharing of burdens is indeed beautiful, but it turns out it is not the primary thing Paul is talking about in Galatians 6.

As I began to look at Galatians 6:2 in preparing this article, I was surprised by the context in which this admonition from Paul sits. The verse prior to this is about our responsibility to a person who is caught up in a transgression, and the verses which follow warn against the pride that can come from correcting another. Paul in this verse is not speaking of bearing one another's burdens primarily in an emotional context, but more specifically in the context of transgression and restoration: sin and

forgiveness. It is not simply emotional or psychological support that Paul expects from the church, it is the forgiveness of sins itself.

If you had asked me before about these two statements of Paul “restore such a one in a spirit of humility” and “bear one another’s burdens,” I would have considered them to be independent thoughts. Verse 2, I would have said, was about giving emotional support and help to one another, while verse 1 was about helping your fellow Christians stay on the straight and narrow. But now, having noticed the way these two statements are connected with one another, I no longer consider these to be two independent ideas but rather one consistent admonition.

I no longer think verse 1 is primarily about morals. Notice the wording of verse 1: “if a person is *overtaken* in some transgression.” This is not about the community catching a sinner in the act, rather it is about a sinner being caught, *overtaken*, by their own transgression. In other words, this isn’t primarily about keeping each other honest or moral, it is about *restoring* one another when the burden of our sin overpowers us.

Now, sometimes this will take the form of pointing out the sin of another person when they are unaware. That is probably why Paul insists so forcefully in the next few verses against the pride that can come from correcting another. But in my pastoral experience, it is more common for the one “overtaken in some transgression” to already have some awareness of their sin. Often, this awareness is so strong that it has become a burden, a stain upon their conscience which they cannot cleanse. In this state, they do not need their sin pointed out again—Satan is seeing quite strongly to that!—they need the solace of confessing the burden that has lodged in their conscience and the sure comfort of receiving the absolution of their sin.

The most straightforward way to go about this, especially for me as a pastor, is to have a time of individual confession and absolution. This involves the one with the burdened conscience confessing the sins which are weighing on them, sometimes with a formal prayer of confession like we use at the beginning of worship, and then me as the pastor forgiving those sins in Jesus’s name.

More often, though, the conversation doesn’t start out as a time of confession and absolution, and it is only midway through that we realize that what has been coming out is a confession of sin, and that the proper response to that confession is the absolution in Jesus’s name. Sometimes, this is sufficient to unburden the conscience immediately. Other times, it needs to be reiterated several times over multiple conversations in order to fully sink in. But whether it is quick or drawn out, when we confess the deep burdens which scar our soul and trust in the merciful promise we receive in return, we are miraculously restored and set free. It is nothing less than resurrection itself.

Of course, it is only by the Holy Spirit that this miracle comes about. Only the Holy Spirit can move the one burdened by sin towards a true confession, and only the Holy Spirit can pronounce the absolution with all its resurrection power. This is, I think, why Paul specifies “you who are *spiritual*” as those who must restore the one so burdened.

‘Spiritual’ here does not mean those who are especially righteous or have everything figured out; it doesn’t even mean those who have been ordained! Rather, it means the one whose ears the Holy Spirit has opened to notice the confession when it is made, and whose mouth the Holy Spirit is using to speak the word of forgiveness in Jesus’s name. This will often be the pastor, but it can be anyone in the church. Even a little child can speak this word of forgiveness should the Holy Spirit so choose!

So, people of God, bear one another’s burdens. In mutual love, hold each other up in the joys and the sorrows of life. Be open and generous with one another’s material needs. When one of your fellow Christians confesses to you the guilt and shame which burdens their soul, give to them the absolution: “In Jesus’s name I forgive your sins.” And of course, hold your own burdens loosely and generously, ready to share them with those God has gathered around you, for the mutual bearing of burdens is a gift to both the one who is burdened and the one who shares the load.

Your brother in Christ,

-Pastor John

**Pastor’s Bible Study -- Mondays in October (except October 12th)
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** meets on **Wednesday, October 21st at 10 am in the fellowship hall**. This year we are studying Biblical prophecy and the so-called "minor prophets". In October, we will focus on Hosea. All women are welcome; bring your Bible.

All women are welcome.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL 2026—2027		<i>*Committee Liaison</i>	
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Please Join Us For Worship
at
Edison Lutheran Church
Every Sunday at 10:30 am

Worship Attendance

August 30:	90
September 6:	125
September 13:	145
<u>September 20:</u>	<u>117</u>
Average:	120*

*September 27 will be included next month

Church Financial Update for August

August Giving: \$32,687.91(Thank you!)

2026 Budget Goal Through August: \$233,047

2026 Total Giving Through August \$244,339

(\$11,293 above goal. Woo-Hoo!)

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!



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: Becca Shiflet

1st-3rd: Stephanie Knutzen

4th-6th: Sarah Dahl

Feel free to bring a friend. Everyone is welcome!

Contact our teachers or the church office for more information.

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements

New Bank: The church bank, SaviBank, has officially transitioned to Harborstone Credit Union. This means we have a new routing number. **The new routing number is 325180870.** The account number is the same. Please update the routing number on any direct deposits you schedule by January 1, 2027.

Synod Programs: Our Synod has some great online and in-person programs through LiVE. LiVE (rhymes with "give") is a lay ministry of the NW WA synod- ELCA, forming Christian leaders able to make sense of our place in God's world. **LiVE offers a flexible, hybrid-style of learning with various levels of engagement,** including multi-week zoom courses, one-day in-person retreats, interactive cohorts, and the Lay Ministry 2-year formation program. Go to lutheransnw.org for more information or to sign up for the Synod email list. To attend these amazing classes for free contact the Edison Lutheran church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet on the **3rd Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.** We make shawls to be given to people who are going through something that could use a physical show of comfort. Anyone who knits or crochets is welcome to join us each month at 10:00 am.

Also, if you know of someone who could use a Prayer Shawl, please let one of the members know, or help yourself to a shawl on the shelves in the small gathering room between the sanctuary and the Fellowship hall. **If you take one, please write down the name of the receiver so that we do not duplicate.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry members: Cheryl Conner, Linda Johnson, Laura Guthridge, Shirley Brick, Laurel Black, Christa Guthridge.

Calling all eligible blood donors in our community to donate blood! Your generous donation means so much for local cancer, surgery, and accident patients. Imagine the life saving impact you can have on the health of our community, **it only takes an hour of your time.** Please make an appointment to donate blood on **October 16th here at Edison Lutheran** in the Fellowship Hall. You can make an appointment online: BloodworksNW.org or call 800-398-7888. **Thank you for supporting this life saving cause!**

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.

A New Way to Give: The church can now receive funds directly from your bank account. **We can set up a recurring donation with no fee for you** or 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. **If you have already setup giving through the church,** please note that the change to Harborstone Credit Union has interrupted everything. We are working to fix it. Call Carrie if you have questions.

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

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, cont.

Thank-you to all who brought in the filled **School Kits** for Lutheran World Relief! We need help on **Wednesday, October 7th at 9:00 am to check the kit for accuracy and pack them for shipping.** Hopefully, we can be done in about 2 hours. The final responsibility we have in sending the kits on their way is **transporting the kits to LWR trucks in Seattle.** The ingathering of kits will be on Friday, November 6th from 8am - 2 pm and Saturday, November 7th from 8am-11:30 am. **If you can transport the kits on one of these two days please contact Anne Kuntz (360) 424-9099.**

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.

Fellowship Hosts

This is a reminder for those who are signed up as Fellowship Hosts to serve at our coffee hour time after worship. We have 3 family units serving together each week, the names are listed in the newsletter each month and a reminder sent out each week for the following Sunday. **The 3 families should contact each other to see who will bring what.** We usually keep the menu simple: crackers and cheese, sweet treats and fruits or vegetables. Juice and coffee are provided in the kitchen. Some people like to add on extra treats when they serve, but this is not required or expected. **Our main goal is visiting.**

If you are not on the list to serve and would like to be a part of this, please contact the church office or Linda Johnson (360-708-2481). This is a very special part of our Sunday morning experience at Edison, most folks enjoy visiting and seeing each other each week. Thank you to all of you who are helping with this ministry.

Holden Village Update

Here is a Holden Village update from a Webinar on September 20th with Executive Director, Bjorn Peterson, Board President, and members. We have good news! **Construction has begun on FS Road 8301. Yay!**

Here are the Strategic Priorities for Holden Village:

1. Maintain and Care for Holden Village's current operations, people, infrastructure.
2. Connect with Holden Village Community around the world.
3. Improve Holden Village's systems and resilience so we can return to a better village.

We hope to begin welcoming guests 2028, however, that may be optimistic. We are definitely planning for 2029.

For updates, information, how to support Holden Village, and signup for E-News go to the Holden website: HoldenVillage.org. Feel free to reach out to our Giving and Donor Relations at development@holdenvillage.org

Join us for our **next Webinar scheduled for December 6th.**

Don't forget to sign up for E-News

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, cont.

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.

Edison Lutheran Church Salmon Dinner

Thursday, October 22, 2026

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Suggested Donation \$20

Hope to see you there!!!

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To my dear Edison Lutheran Church Family,

Thanks you for the loving support you offered during the past month when my brother Randy died and we celebrated his life! So many of you sent cards – which amazingly arrived 1, 2 or 3 at a time nearly daily reminding me of God's gracious love and care for Randy and for me. A whole crew of people prepared and brought food, then worked in the kitchen to make sure our celebration of recognition flowed without a hitch. Thank you all for your generous gifts of time and energy! It is these demonstrations of love that help define our congregation as people of God. **With Love, Kris Merritt**



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 **Tuesday, October 20th**. 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!

Calling all singers! The choir has started up again. Yay! 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 **Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm.**

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Psalm 100

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.

Updates From Our Ministry Partners

Camp Lutherwood Summer #79 was EPIC!

We are still on a high from our incredible summer that ended just one month ago. While Campfire Circle is empty and the shores of Lake Samish are quiet this time of year, the sounds of Summer 2026 are still echoing in our minds and in our hearts.

Some highlights from Summer #79:

- We welcomed more campers to our site and programs since 2019, including the return of an offsite Day Camp co-led by Lutherwood staff.
- Our summer staff (seasonal and hourly) was the largest in recent memory, made up of returners, former campers, and those who had never been to Lutherwood before!
- We welcomed over 20 volunteers this summer, more than tripling our previous number in 2025.

Summer staff led the way in sparking energy around some old traditions and welcoming new ones, including Water Olympics, Bon Voyage, and other programming surrounding our "Wear Love" theme!

More than these numbers, though, we heard from campers, parents, staff, volunteers, and visitors alike that this place continues to nurture their faith, shape their identity, and provide widespread supportive networks for now and for the future, all while giving them an unplugged, outdoor Christian camp experience. We are grateful for those who joined us on our journey this year!

See you at Lutherwood for SUMMER NUMBER EIGHTY!!



Next Camp Lutheran Work Day: Please join Camp Lutherwood on October 3rd from 10-4, lunch will be provided. Come out to help maintain YOUR camp! For more information or to register, please go to camplutherwood.org/volunteer. Please reach out to Tristan at tristan.ipock@camplutherwood.org with questions, or if you'd like to volunteer in anyway!

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.

Updates From Our Ministry Partners, Cont.

Tumaini Lutheran Seminary/School Update

Update from Pastor Moses: This year, we have increased the number of girls at the school. Thanks to your continued support, we are able to build a dormitory to house our extra students. The construction of a new dormitory for the girls is almost complete. Please see pictures of the stages of construction below.



I would like to take this opportunity from the most bottom of my heart and on behalf of the Tumaini community to give thanks all sisters and brothers at Edison Lutheran Church. We feel so valued and are thrilled to have you as our dear friends. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely yours, Pr. Moses A. Nwaka

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 working at JCC.

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 "Friendship House" in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

From the October 2026 Edition of *The Spirit*



During the Bishop's Sabbatical we are lifting up guest writers from the synod staff. Thank you to our Director for Evangelical Mission, Pastor Judy Brennan, for being our featured writer for October 2026

Pastor Judy will be our guest preacher on Harvest Sunday (November 22)

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43:19

God IS up to something – what is it?

How do we perceive, recognize, notice whatever "it" is – and then respond?

As both individuals and faith communities, isn't this part of our regular reflection all the time? We know God is active in the world. We know God is continually moving to bring love, grace, healing, and wholeness to a world that desperately needs it. And we believe that as members of God's body, however small we are, we get to be a part of that big "Good News" mission.

The congregations and ministries in our synod are mission centers – where God's beloved people are embraced, inspired, strengthened, and equipped to be participants in God's work in the world. I am humbled to listen as so many people share with me profound stories about how God is working through them – both individually and through their communities of faith. Of course, I don't have enough space here to share with you all these stories, but I will tell you one:

Pastor Wendy Cheung serves as the Mission Developer for two of our Synod Authorized Worshipping Communities (SAWCs). One of them, called Jesus Loves Me Lutheran Church, is a unique community serving special needs children, adults, and their families. Pastor Wendy told me:

"There have been many times when I have struggled with this ministry because I know how complex and demanding it is. The greatest challenge is not designing programs. The deeper challenge is how to walk faithfully with children with special needs and with their families. Children with special needs may experience sudden emotional, behavioral, or sensory challenges, and their parents and caregivers often carry long-term stress, anxiety, exhaustion, and pain. I often ask myself: How can we truly care for these families? How can we accompany them without simply trying to solve their problems? How can we help bring them into the presence of God so that they themselves may receive strength, comfort, and hope from Him?

This ministry requires more than good programs. It requires patience, training, pastoral care, wisdom, and a community willing to learn how to walk together... My hope is that Jesus Loves Me will continue to be a community where these families experience love and belonging, and where they are also empowered to share that love with other families who live with similar realities. I hope it will become a place where every person has meaningful opportunities to participate, serve, and use the gifts God has given them."

God is at work in and through this beautiful ministry – and I am so grateful that this community is part of who we are as people of faith in the Northwest Washington Synod.

I am honored to serve as a connector, supporter, and advocate for all the congregations and ministries throughout our Synod. I am grateful for you, and for all our many mission centers, active in both perceiving and participating in what God is up to in our amazing corner of the world. Let's stay connected!

Your partner in ministry,

Rev. Judy Brennan, Director for Evangelical Mission | Northwest Washington Synod |
dem@lutheransnw.org

For more info about congregations and ministries in our synod, please visit our website: <https://www.lutheransnw.org/pages/congregations-mission-starts-ministry-sites> or invite me to tell you some more stories. **To financially support** Jesus Loves Me and other Emerging and Strategic Ministries of our synod, please donate here (select New & Strategic Ministries in the

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 Michael Leander**. We also pray for **Don Wahlgren, Alfred James** (grandfather of Tristin Shiflet), **Debbie Bloodgood, Juli Nelson, Susie Aarstad, Arnie & Sharon Ellefson** (brother-in-law and sister of Linda Johnson), **Candy Johnson, Cathy Bossett** (Janice Stepp's sister), **Vic Jensen, 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

October Birthdays

10/1	Lisa Omdal
10/3	Roger Taxdahl
10/4	Marin Jensen
10/4	Jan Jones
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
10/18	Chuck Ruhl



10/19	Sarah Dahl
10/19	Craig Bloodgood
10/19	Marilyn Zorn
10/19	James Howard
10/20	Brenda Wyman
10/22	Noah Schutte
10/23	Terri Olsen
10/26	Hannah Kress
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 – September

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25	November 1
Assisting Minister	Larry Olsen	Darla Jensen	Kaycee Stubben	Eva Kloggeri	Mandy Englund
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Lector	Bryan Galbraith	Kat Clark	Jenny Kress	Janice Stepp	Susie Aarstad
Usher	Jason & Linda Tyler	Larry & Susie Forsythe	Mike Miller Judy Bendtsen	Bud & Bonnie Bowers	Mark Johnson Nancy Nygren
Greeter	Craig Guthridge RuthAnne Pocock	Bryan Galbraith Susie Aarstad	Trygve Knutzen Jean Miller	Hayden Knutzen Stephanie Knutzen	Bruce Lisser Cathy Smith
Altar Guild	Terri Olsen Janet Wyman	Janet Wyman Judy Sheahan	Judy Sheahan Amber Lagerlund	Amber Lagerlund Kay Zielinski	Kay Zielinski Sharon Mainard
Fellowship Host	Linda & Dave Vague Mandy & Alex Englund Kris Merritt	Glenda & Keith Gundersen Maria Day Linda & Jason Tyler	Kaith & Christie Peterson RuthAnne Pocock Rondi Peth	Kat Clark Katy Olsen Susie & Larry Forsythe	Sarah & Steven Dahl Cheryl Conner Darla Jensen
Flowers		Christy & Darrel Johnson			Judy Sheahan
CMD	Cheryl Conner	Cheryl Conner	Jim Zielinski	Keith Gundersen	Jim Zielinski

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:00 p Care Team Lunch	2	3
4 <i>Pentecost 19</i> 8:30 a Confirmation 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship	5 4:00 p Social Concerns 5:30 p Bible Study	6 6:00 p Young Adult Group	7 9:00 a Pack School Kits 10:00 a Altar Guild 5:15 p W&M 6:30 p Choir	8 10:30 a Care Team Meeting	9	10
11 <i>Pentecost 20</i> 9:00 a Sunday School 10:15 a Hymn Sing 10:30 a Worship	12 <i>No Bible Study</i> <i>Columbus Day</i>	13 6:00 p Church Council 6:00 p Young Adult Group	14 6:30 p Choir	15 10:00 a Prayer Shawl	16 <i>Blood Drive</i>	17
18 <i>Pentecost 21</i> 8:30 a Confirmation 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship 12:30 OPOP	19 5:30 p Bible Study	20 6:00 p Young Adult Group <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 10:00 a Women's Bible Study 6:30 p Choir	22 5-6:30 p Salmon Dinner YAY!	23	24
25 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 a Worship	26 5:00 p Friendship House Meal 5:30 p Bible Study	27 6:00 p Young Adult Group	28 6:30 p Choir	29	30	31 10:00 a AG

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Upcoming Events

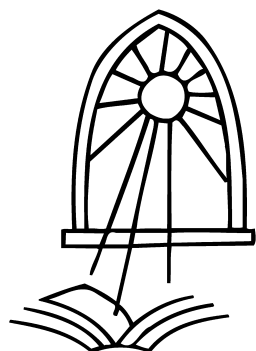
- ◆ Blood Drives: October 16 and December 11
- ◆ Salmon Dinner: October 22
- ◆ Reformation Sunday: October 25 (wear red)
- ◆ All Saints Sunday: November 1
- ◆ Harvest Sunday: November 22
- ◆ Advent Begins: November 29





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