

Edison Park Lutheran Church



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Christ the King Sunday

Pastor Kegel's Message

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday in the Christian Church year. Every year, the last Sunday in the calendar emphasizes the reign of Christ, that Jesus is the King of Glory. The one who was crucified and risen will reign for all eternity. The Gospel for this Sunday comes from John, where Jesus is brought before Pontius Pilate. The Jewish leaders have handed Jesus over to Pilate to be put to death (the Sanhedrin could have had Jesus stoned for blasphemy but there is some scholarly discussion whether or not the Jewish authorities could have put anyone to death at this time of Roman rule.) Certainly life and death was in the hands of the Roman governor and if the charge of sedition (not blasphemy which is a religious crime) was true, then Jesus should be executed for fomenting rebellion against Caesar. So Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. In the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) Jesus says, "You have said so." In John, Jesus admits that he is a king though not of this world. It is interesting that in the Synoptics, the emphasis is on Jesus who saves from sin. In John, it is Jesus who reveals the Father and who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, the one who brings knowledge of the divine. This Sunday we will sing hymns extolling the reign of Christ and proclaim Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. See you in church this Sunday.

In Christ,
Pastor Kegel

Boy Scout Troop 955 Tree & Wreath Pick up Today, Sunday, November 25th



Worship

Saturday: 5p Sunday: 9a & 10:30a

Nursery 8:45a—11:30a

Hearing Devices

Pick up a device at the Welcome Center

Office Hours

Sunday 8:30a-10:30a **Mon-Th**—8:30a—3p

Fri.—8:30a—Noon

Flowers The flowers at the altar are from Nancy Carlsen in memory of many loved ones and in memory/birthday of Walter Foss from wife Betty and daughter Susan & John Wulff. The pulpit flowers are in memory of Bertha & Jakobs Jagutis from Al & Scott Jagutis.

Christmas Outreach

Stockings for Night Ministry: Outreach, our Confirmation class and Club 3:16 will be packing Holiday Stockings with personal items for the Night Ministry on Wednesday, December 5th from 6:00p-7:00p. Pick up the flyer and sticky note with the items needed to fill the stockings in Nordblad Atrium and return by **Sunday, December 2nd.**



Mitten Tree Collection: Help us decorate the Mitten Tree, located in Nordblad Atrium. We will be collecting new hats, scarves, and gloves again this year so that those less fortunate can keep warm. The collection will start November 24th and continue through New Year's Day.

Children's Ministry Christmas Toy Drive for Families at the New Hope Community Food Pantry. Each EPLC family is asked to donate at least one item (dolls, stuffed toys and animals, coloring/activity books, board and card games, balls, toy cars and trucks, books, building toys such as Legos, and art supplies (crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc.) Let's all do our part! Drop items off at your Sunday School classrooms or at the Welcome Center. Thank you! **Due Date is Sunday, December 2nd**

Holy Family School Christmas Gift Collection Once again, we will be collecting gifts for Holy Family School students. The children look forward to this with great excitement, and for some, this will be the only Christmas gift they will receive. This year, we've been asked to buy gifts for the first and second grade students. First grade ages are 6 -7; second grade 7 - 8. The procedure for the collection for this age group is a bit different than previous years. It is suggested that gifts be in the \$20 to \$25 range for the children. Gifts should NOT include clothing, cosmetics or items with violent themes. Some great choices are age-appropriate games, art supplies/projects, books, and toys. Gifts should be prepared as follows: WRAP and LABEL each gift with STUDENT'S FIRST NAME, GRADE, CLASSROOM NUMBER and TEACHER'S NAME. If you'd like to donate a gift, please visit the Welcome Center to choose a student. Your generosity is always GREATLY appreciated! **DUE DATE is Sunday, December 16th.**



Concordia Place Wishing Stars We are again partnering with Concordia Place in providing Christmas gifts for low-income children, teens and senior citizens. Each child will receive 4 gifts (a winter coat, clothing & scarf set, and a book or toy). Teens & seniors will receive a Jewel or Target gift card to help them purchase groceries or other needed items. We will receive 26 "Stars" to fulfill Christmas wishes. You may choose one star or several. When you take a star(s), please record which item(s) you will purchase.

Please complete your shopping during November, wrap the gift appropriately and firmly attach the star to the gift. Kindly deliver to church **no later than December 2.**

Preschool's Family Movie Night
"The First Christmas" - Friday, December 7 from 6:30p-8:00p

Join us for a family movie night. We will watch "The First Christmas", do crafts and enjoy a hot cocoa bar. RSVP to Jennifer at jwilliams@edisonparkchurch.com.



We will be collecting non perishable food items for New Hope Food Pantry. Please bring them to any of the Sunday services in November and the beginning of December. Some items are boxed stuffing mixes, boxed side dishes (such as rice and pasta sides dishes, couscous, etc.), cake and cookie mixes, canned soups, canned fruit.

Special Coffee Hour for Lessons and Carols Christmas Program. We would like to have a special coffee hour after this service. We need friends to bring goodies and/or to help set-up and serve. If you are able to help please let the church office or Carolyn Nasheim (847-729-0163) know. This will be a wonderful way to thank all the musicians and singers, and to begin your Christmas celebration. Thank you!

Public Prayer 11/25/18

A more extensive list of ongoing is available at the Welcome Center.

- * Robert Schafer
- * Richard Whitney
- * Baby Jackson (friend of Phil's)
- * Sal Greco

The sympathy of the congregation to:

- * Diane Snook and family on the death of her 3 day old great granddaughter, Sophia Rix.
- * Diane Rumsfeld and James Suty on the death of their daughter, Shannon Suty.
- * Jonathan and Debbie Jedd and family on the death of his mother, Lois Jedd.

THIS WEEK AT EPLC

Saturday, November 24

5:00p- Worship

Sunday, November 25

Christ the King Sunday

8:00p-Bible Conversation & Prayer

8:45a-Nursery

9:00a & 10:30a—Worship

1:00p-Hungarian Reformed

Boy Scout Tree Pick-up in South Hall

Monday, November 26

7:00p-AA

7:00p-Families Anonymous

7:00p-Boy Scout

Tuesday, November 27

8:30a-Easy Exercise

7:00p-Gamblers Anonymous

Wednesday, November 28

10:30a-Bible Study—Romans

4:00p-7:00p-Community Dinner

4:30p-Blast Grades 1-6

4:30p-Cherub Choir—Grades Pre K-K

5:15p-Blast—Ages Pre K-K

5:15p-Hosanna Choir Grades 1-6

6:00p-Confirmation

7:00p-Sanctuary Choir

7:00p-Club 3:16

Thursday, November 29

8:30a-Easy Exercise

5:30p-Bell Choir

7:20p-Quartet Rehearsal

8:00p-Al-Anon (Men)

Friday, November 30

9:00a-ELCA Global Mission Meeting

Saturday, December 1

5:00p- Worship

Sunday, December 2

First Sunday in Advent

8:00p-Bible Conversation & Prayer

8:45a-Nursery

9:00a & 10:30a—Worship

9:00a —Sunday School

1:00p-Hungarian Reformed

Music Task Force - please connect with Sarah if you would like to be part of this task force.

Save the Date—EPLC's 2nd Annual Trivia Night, Saturday February 23rd after the 5 pm service. Donations and volunteers needed. More info to follow, contact Phil with any questions.

Poinsettias for Christmas Remember your loved ones with a poinsettia for Christmas. **Forms can be found at the Welcome Center.** The cost is \$10.00 each. These are 6.5 inch foil covered pots with 6+ flowers. **Orders received by Sunday, December 16th, will be printed** in the Christmas bulletin. If you are available to deliver a plant to the home bound, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



FUTURE EVENTS

December 7 - Preschool's Family Movie Night

December 8 - Danish Christmas

December 16 - Christmas Program 10a only

December 24 - Christmas Eve - 4p, 9p & 10:30p

December 25 - Christmas Day - 10a

December 31 - New Year's Eve - 5p