



The Reminder

May, 2019

Edison Park Lutheran Church
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EPLC Worship Times

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

A Message From Pastor Kegel

Dear friends,

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified has sprung to life this mornning. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain. But not has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

Easter is a time of rejoicing. Some of it is the season—we had such a long winter this year. At least it seemed long even if the meteorologists told us it was just an average Chicago winter (perhaps it was clearing off the six inches of snow on my car after the Palm Sunday service that made it seem that winter would never end). By Easter it was warm, the daffodils were blooming (and tulips near the lake) and it was time to get some fresh air inside by opening the windows. Easter was so late this year that we are only weeks ahead of Memorial Day and folks have started making their summer plans. But for Christians our joy is not found primarily in the change of seasons but in the hope for the future because of the life and death and resurrection of Christ. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” Our loved ones may be gone from us, but not gone from the Lord. We will see them again in eternal life. Christ is raised. Our sins are forgiven, we are given the promise of eternal life. That is Easter joy!

In Christ,

Pastor Kegel

In just a couple of weeks on May 19th, our eighth graders will be confirmed in their Christian faith. I want to say, as pastor this year, that we have such a fine group of confirmands. Mr. Phil has done a great job in working with them and it has been my privilege to be part of the program. Thank you to parents and sponsors for having done such a good job in “bringing these people to the services of God’s house, placing in their hands the Holy Scriptures and teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Apostles’ Creed and the Lord’s Prayer.” Blessings to you.

To be a people living, loving and serving as Jesus did...so that all may know Him.

Church Office Hours

9:00a—1:00p — Monday through Friday

Prayer Requests (as of 5/3/19)

- ◇ Karen Bartel
- ◇ Kelly Carey
- ◇ Viola Collins-Brown
- ◇ Karyl Dwyer
- ◇ Steve Dwyer
- ◇ Marge Erickson (Rebecca Heneghan's grandmother)
- ◇ Michael Freeman (relative of Rose family)
- ◇ Julie Gaertner
- ◇ Beth Hansen
- ◇ Heneghan Family
- ◇ David Hibbeler
- ◇ Erik Hultman (Martin Both's bother-in-law)
- ◇ Laurie Knodel
- ◇ John Krischke
- ◇ Ralph Kudsk
- ◇ Gerry P. (friend of Sharon Rose)
- ◇ Diane Peters
- ◇ Richard Sears
- ◇ Arline Vulhmahn
- ◇ David Wetzel
- ◇ Richard Witney
- ◇ Marge Workman

Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation to:

- ◇ Margo and Joe Sliwa on the death of Margo's mom, Joan P. Nykiel
- ◇ The family of Norma Klaage
- ◇ Shirley Andersen, Neil and Cindy, and family on the death of Jerry
- ◇ Joan Kinney on the death of Lester
- ◇ Alice and Walt Rybak on the death of Alice's brother Al Schubert
- ◇ Cheryl and Frank Musto, and Angela, on the death of Cheryl's mother, Carol Elieff

Memorials

Edison Park Lutheran Church is grateful for the following:

To the General Fund:

In memory of Mario Bane, from Marylou and Joe Bane

In memory of Violette Angell from Kathy Angell Bilodeau

In memory of Fran Otto from Ron Otto

In memory of Audrey Graser from Diane Wilk

To the EPLC Foundation:

In memory of Audrey Graser from Barbara Smith, Karen Svendsen, Virginia Sorensen

In memory of Shannon Suty from Barbara Smith

Pastoral Care

Please contact Pastor James Kegel or Deacon Carole Edwards when you are hospitalized or whenever you would like a visit. If you would rather not have a visit, we would still appreciate the opportunity to pray for your healing. We'd love to visit you in your home, or meet you somewhere for coffee anytime. Please let us know you would like a visit.

We have a great pastoral care team consisting of Pastor Kegel, Deacon Edwards, Stephen Ministers and many others who are eager to visit when there is a specific need, or just for conversation.

Call Pastor James Kegel at 773-631-9131 ext. 226 or Deacon Carole Edwards at 773-580-3617

Welcome Alyson Kristensen, Parish Assistant!

We're very excited to announce that Alyson Kristensen has been hired as our new Parish Assistant. She started April 23 and will be working Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1 pm. Alyson has worked at a variety of nonprofit organizations for more than 15 years. She recently moved to Chicago from the nation's capital and previously worked in Washington DC leading federally-funded health projects. She lives in the Edison Park neighborhood of Chicago with her husband and two children. She has a bachelor of science in microbiology from the University of Pittsburgh and a master of public health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.



Please stop by the office to introduce yourself!

You can contact Alyson at 773-631-9131, Ext. 224, or email at akristensen@edisonparkchurch.com.

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THE WEB SITE
www.edisonparkchurch.com**

Message from the Deacon

Dear Friends,

With the brutal winter we survived, including the Polar Vortex and relentless icy sidewalks, the April snow storms, and the heavy rains this week, we're all more than ready for sunshine and warmer days. I happened to see these beautiful tulips standing proudly in the middle of an old, discarded tire. And in front of them, some daffodils were blooming alongside some other trash. I was struck by this contrast of beauty and rubble. It reminded me of the scripture from Isaiah 61 about beauty from ashes. The beauty of these Spring flowers reminded me that in spite of how messy our lives can become, God is there to pick us up and renew us each day.



They say when you have your health, you're rich. Our lives can change in the blink of an eye. In February I took two falls, one worse than the other. I'm happy to say that nine weeks later, I'm finally healing from them. After that I caught the flu, which went into bronchitis and sinusitis. It was a rough time and I found myself being reminded that we are not in control. And it was a good reminder to be more sensitive to those around us who are facing challenges, whether it's a cancer diagnosis, or someone grieving the loss of a loved one, someone who is having mobility issues, family issues, or someone who has been deeply betrayed or mistreated. Sometimes people are hurting in silence, and only God knows their pain. But we need to be reminded that God will never leave us or forsake us. His love for us is never ending, and no matter how much we're hurting, he is there to lift us up. His love for us is greater than we could ever imagine. So take courage, because he is greater than any enemy we face in this life.

I was talking with one of our 95-year-old shut-ins after Easter. I was so encouraged and amazed by her deep faith and her walk with the Lord. She told me how she talks to God throughout the day, and knows that she is never alone. She lives each day walking hand in hand with her risen Savior and has no fear of death because she knows that God has claimed her and knows where she is going.

Know that the God of miracles fights for you today, and is there to bring peace and healing in our lives. May the power of our risen Savior cover you in peace, surround you with love, wrap you in his comforting arms, and fill you with deep and abiding joy.

Easter blessings,

Deacon Carole Edwards

Mother's Loss Workshop

Please join us as we mourn and honor our mothers and the profound part they have played in our lives by their presence – and their absence. Together, we'll move toward celebrating Mother's Day from a place of greater peace, love, gratitude, and compassion.

WHEN: Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 9:00a - 1:00p

WHERE: Edison Park Lutheran Church

To register, please call 847-653-3141. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. (Fee is waived for any family member of a Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care patient)



FOUNDATION CORNER

“SOMEONE IS SITTING IN THE SHADE TODAY BECAUSE SOMEONE PLANTED A TREE LONG AGO.”
Warren Buffett

Since 1965 donations to the Edison Park Lutheran Foundation have helped sustain the life of Edison Park Lutheran Church. Since it was established, approximately \$2,500,000 has been gifted to EPLC to sustain and grow its ministry. While there have been significant donations made throughout the history of the Foundation, EVERY gift matters.

The twelve original members of the Foundation each donated the sum of \$100.00 to start the Edison Park Lutheran Church Foundation. The Foundation has been relied upon more and more over the last few years, and has answered the call whenever it has been asked. We are now asking for your help. At this time, we are instituting our inaugural Founders' Challenge. Just as those twelve members of EPLC donated \$100.00 all those years ago, we are asking that each giving unit of our Church donate the sum of \$100.00 to match those original funds.

We are aware that not everyone can afford to donate. We ask, as always, that you give as you are able. We will happily accept any and all donations, no matter how big or small. Remember that a donation of at least \$250.00 will allow you to have your name placed on the Foundation Plaque. For those who wish to match the value of the original Founders donations, the equivalent donation adjusted for inflation is roughly equal to \$750.00. Even if you are unable to donate, please keep the Foundation, its members and the Church in your prayers so that we may continue our mission.

From the relatively modest sum of \$1,200.00, our fund has grown to more than \$2,600,000.00. Think of all that we can do if we meet this Founders' Challenge.

Children's Ministry News

Our Sunday School Program will conclude on May 5. Classes will combine for some fun and refreshments in the South Activity Hall at our regular time on this day. We had a wonderful year this year "Building A Relationship With God".

We are in need of Sunday School Teachers! Please see Jennifer or Phil for information!



Our BLAST session wrapped up with a family fun celebration. The kids enjoyed hot dogs and popcorn with a baseball themed dinner. The kids all received awards for their participation. Our evening faith formation classes and choirs will resume this fall. Stay tuned for information on our fall programming.

We have 2 fun summer programs happening at EPLC! Please let your friends and neighbors know about our Itty Bitty Bible Camp. This program is for preschool aged children and runs June 11, 12, 13 from 10:00-12noon. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center.

New this year is GRIT AND GRACE! A program designed for girls ages 6-10. We will feature female heroines of the bible and celebrate being girls! This program runs July 9, 10, 11 from 9:00-12noon. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center.

Please email Jennifer (jwilliams@edisonparkchurch.com) for details and more registration info.

Preschool News

Preschool wrapped up the school year with one of our favorite units: COOPERATION! We completed an author study on Leo Lionni. We read Swimmy and completed a collaborative project. We learned about simple

machines and how they help make our work easier. With the help of a parent volunteer we created ramps and observed how far and fast our ball would roll with making small adjustments.

Our end of year "Graduation Ceremony" will be held on Friday May, 24. All families will come for our performance, diplomas and refreshments.

Registration is open for our 2019-20 school year. Please spread the word! New for the fall is a "Two Year Old Program"! We will integrate 2-year-olds one day a week. Flyers are available at the Welcome Center and the office. Please email Jennifer for information (jwilliams@edisonparkchurch.com).

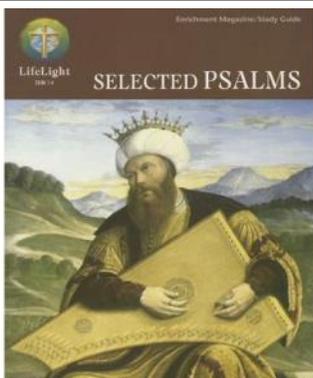


Adult Education

Bible Study Opportunities

+Bible Conversation & Prayer, Sundays 8:00 am

Meets every Sunday to discuss the gospel in our everyday lives. All are welcome.



NEW! Adult Bible Study, Wednesdays at 10:30 am

"The gospel is God's power to all who believe"

Everyone is invited to join a new Bible study on the Psalms on Wednesdays at 10:30a. We have had a very rewarding and enriching study on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans during the fall and winter, but are now going to look at selected Psalms. The Psalms are the songs of the Bible written by King David and King Solomon and sung by God's people through the ages. We can think of Jesus singing the psalms, monks in the middle ages and many of us today reading and singing these gems of faith. Please join us!

Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the narthex.

Outreach

New Mothers Welcome Home Kits

In May, we are collecting new and unopened items for [Welcome Home Baby Kits](#) for the Night Ministry. These items furnish new teen moms with basic supplies to provide good care for their babies. Please choose one or more items from the list under your last name initial.

Donations can be brought to the Welcome Center and placed in the Diaper Bags. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

Last name A-H

- Nose syringes
- Baby wash cloths
- Baby powder
- Rattle
- Baby nail clippers

Last name I - P

- Vaseline
- A & D Diaper Cream
- Disposable changing pads
- Baby bottle & cleaning brush
- Onesie

Last name Q - Z

- Pacifier
- Baby shampoo
- Baby towels
- Baby books
- Baby oil

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5/4/2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
North Fellowship Hall South Activity Hall Conference Room Youth Room Work Room Nordblad Atrium Choir Room Sanctuary			1 10:00a- Preschool to the Grove in Glenview 10:30a - Bible Study 6:00p - Confirmation 7:00p - Sanctuary Choir	2 8:30a-Easy Exercise 5:15p - Feed My Starving Children 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, South Hall and North Hall 7:00p - Boy Scout Committee 8:00p - Al-Anon (men)	3 9:00a - Mission Quilt Makers 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, North Hall and South Hall	4 5:00p - Worship
5 Third Sunday of Easter 8:00a - Bible Conversation and Prayer 8:45a-11:30a - Nursery 9:00a, 10:30a - Worship 9:00a - Sunday School End of Year 1:00p - Hungarian Reformed 5:00p - Argentina Farewell dinner	6 7:00p - Boy Scouts 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Families Anonymous	7 8:30a - Easy Exercise 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, South Hall and Sanctuary 7:00p - Gamblers Anonymous	8 6:00p - Confirmation (8th graders only) 7:00p - Club 3:16 7:00p - Sanctuary Choir	9 8:30a - Easy Exercise 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, South Hall and North Hall 7:30p - EPLC Book Club 8:00p - Al-Anon (men)	10 6:00p - Cub Scout Dens 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, North Hall and South Hall	11 7:30a - Men's Breakfast at Jimmy's, Des Plaines 9:00a-12:00p - Mother's Loss workshop 5:00p - Worship
12 Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 8:00a - Bible Conversation and Prayer 8:45a-11:30a - Nursery 9:00a, 10:30a - Worship 1:00p - Hungarian Reformed	13 7:00p - Boy Scouts 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Families Anonymous	14 8:30a - Easy Exercise 12:00p-Metro Chicago Group 6:00p - Finance Committee 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, South Hall and Sanctuary 7:00p - Church Council 7:00p - Gamblers Anonymous	15 10:30a - Bible Study 6:00p - Confirmation Rehearsal and Dinner 7:00p - Sanctuary Choir	16 8:30a - Easy Exercise 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, South Hall and North Hall 8:00p - Al-Anon (men)	17 9:00a - Mission Quilt Makers 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, North Hall and South Hall 6:30p - Cub Scout Pack Night	18 5:00p - Worship 6:30p - Movie Night
19 Fifth Sunday of Easter Confirmation at 10:30a 8:00a - Bible Conversation and Prayer 8:45a-11:30a - Nursery 9:00a, 10:30a - Worship 1:00p - Hungarian Reformed	20 6:30p - Stephen Ministry 7:00p - Boy Scouts 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Families Anonymous	21 8:30a - Easy Exercise 12:30p - Dorcas Circle 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, South Hall and Sanctuary 7:00p - Gamblers Anonymous	22 10:30a - Bible Study 7:00p - Sanctuary Choir	23 8:30a - Easy Exercise 10:00a - Preschool End of Year Program 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, South Hall and North Hall 8:00p - Al-Anon (men)	24 10:00a - Preschool Graduation 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, North Hall and South Hall	25 5:00p - Worship
26 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:00a - Bible Conversation and Prayer 8:45a-11:30a - Nursery 9:00a, 10:30a - Worship 1:00p - Hungarian Reformed	27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Families Anonymous	28 8:30a - Easy Exercise 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, South Hall and Sanctuary 7:00p - Gamblers Anonymous	29 10:30a - Bible Study 7:00p - Sanctuary Choir	30 8:30a - Easy Exercise 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, South Hall and North Hall 8:00p - Al-Anon (men)	31 6:30p-10:00p - Rising Stars, North Hall and South Hall	EPLC Pre school meets Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.—noon thru May 26 Coffee Hour is every Sunday immediately following the 9:00a.m. service in the North Hall

Fellowship

Movie Nights

Saturday, May 18 at 6:30 — North Hall



Big Jake

The avenging head of the McCandle clan returns to his estranged family and leads the search for his kidnapped grandson. Big Jake sets off, his sons in tow, to deliver the ransom to the kidnapers, but has little intention of handing it over without a fight.

Saturday, June 15 at 6:30

Dear Frankie

Frankie (Jack McElhone) does not know his father because his mother, Lizzie (Emily Mortimer), ran away from the abusive lout when Frankie was just a baby. Instead of telling the truth to her deaf son, she concocts an elaborate lie, telling him that his father is a merchant seaman on the MS Accra.



She even writes letters for Frankie posing as his father. But when the actual MS Accra docks in their small Scottish town, Lizzie quickly needs to find a fake father for Frankie.

EPLC Book Club Meeting – Nordblad Atrium Second Thursday of the Month

On May 9th we will discuss *Before We Were Yours* by *Lisa Wingate* which is set in 1939 Memphis. The Foss family lives a very carefree life on a houseboat on the Mississippi River until the night when twelve-year-old Rill is put in charge of her 4 younger siblings so her father can rush her mother to the hospital. Before her parents return, strangers arrived and removed the children and placed them in a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage. The story is based on an actual Memphis-based adoption organization that kidnapped poor children to sell to wealthy families all over the country. This book will keep you in suspense as you follow the twists and turns in the lives of the Foss family.

Our June selection is *Beneath the Scarlet Sky* by *Mark Sullivan*. Italian teenager Pino Lella's life is suddenly upended when his Milan family house is

destroyed by Allied bombs. He joins an underground railroad that helps Jews cross the Alps to escape the Nazis. There he meets and falls in love with Anna, a beautiful widow who is 6 years older than he is. Hoping to keep him out of combat, his parents force Pino to enlist as a German soldier but, unfortunately, he is injured. After recuperating, he is assigned as the personal driver to General Hans Leyers, who is Hitler's left-hand commander. This is a wonderful opportunity to spy on the German High Command as he dreams of a future life with Anna after the war.

Such wonderful books that we hope you will enjoy and will join in the discussion.

Men's Breakfast—Second Saturday, 7:30a, Jimmy's Restaurant, 1440 Rand Road, Des Plaines, IL

Mission Quilt Makers are again requesting sheets to be used as middles or backs for our quilts. Full size or larger are excellent. New quilters welcome!

Hymn Fest You are invited to attend a Hymn Festival at St. Luke Church, 1500 W. Belmont, Chicago on Friday, May 10th at 7:30p. Our own Andrew Schaeffer, son of Kim and Mark, will be the organist. Admission and parking are free.

Synod Assembly is June 7th and 8th in Tinley Park. If you are interested in attending as a delegate from EPLC please contact Deacon Carole at cedwards@edisonparkchurch.com or 773-580-3617.

Military Chaplaincy Project EPLC has been asked again to consider supporting the ELCA program for chaplains. The Veterans Task Force is moving forward and hopes to raise at least \$1,000 by July 4th weekend. There is currently a great need for chaplain support in the Armed Forces. Any donation would be appreciated. **If you would like to help, simply mark your gift "CHAPLAINS"**. Thank you!

EPLC Colorado Trip—July 29th-Aug 4th Youth and Families are invited to join us at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp near Fort Collins, CO. Ask Phil for details.

New Youth Task Force Interested in helping out our youth programs? Would you like to meet once a month and share your ideas on how to keep kids involved in our church community? Contact Phil at pmauro@edisonparkchurch.com



Return Service Requested

TIME VALUE-DATED MATERIAL

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He is risen! He is risen indeed!

**Thank you to all who participated in our
Easter worship!**

**Thank you to all our musicians and all
who decorated the cross and sanctuary.**

**Join us for worship!
All are welcome!
Saturday 5:00p
Sunday 9:00a and 10:30a**