



Edison Lutheran Church

THE PARISH VISITOR

MAY 2024

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than every double-edged sword and piercing to the division of soul and spirit, joint and marrow, sitting as judge over the heart's deliberations and thoughts.

Hebrews 4:12



For just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there without soaking the soil, causing it to blossom and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater— so will my word be which goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me in vain but will bring about that which I desire, and make successful that for which I send it."

Isaiah 55:10-11

Dear People of God,

Since the very beginning of the church, Christians have confessed that there is a special authority in God's word as written in scripture. And for perhaps just as long, there have been debates among Christians about the nature of that authority. While there are dozens of good questions that have come up in these debates, for this article I want to focus on just two: 1) How does scripture relate to other sources of knowledge? 2) How does the authority of scripture actually work?

For the first question, it helps to recognize that there are many sources of knowledge available to us as we try to make sense of the world. These include other people (parents, teachers, peers, strangers) both in the present and in the past, as well as our own ideas and experiences. Some of these sources (like good parents) are trustworthy, and other sources (like a conspiracy theorist neighbor) are not trustworthy. To complicate things further, sources of knowledge can be trustworthy in one area but not another. For example, while I would gladly ask my grandmother questions regarding classical music, I would never ask her how to fix my computer!

So how does scripture relate to all this? Is it more authoritative than other sources? If so, in what ways? As you would expect, there are a vast range of teachings on this. To oversimplify a bit: At one end of the spectrum, there is an extreme fundamentalist position (sometimes called *solo scriptura* by critics) which asserts there is no truth to be found except in the pages of an approved translation of the bible. At the other end there are those who treat the biblical writers as simply putting forward one human opinion among many. The vast majority of Christians, both conservative and liberal, fall in between these extremes, engaging scripture with the assistance of the historic teachings of the church, insights from other fields of study, as well as their own reason and experience.

The position held by Luther and many other reformers is often summed up as *sola scriptura* (notice the difference from the fundamentalist *solo scriptura*). That is, though there are other important sources of knowledge, only the scriptures (both Old and New Testaments) are the standard by which all teachings of the church must be judged. On the face of it, this seems simple. However, Luther and others also recognized that we sinners are poor readers of scripture. We resist statements we do not like and insert our own values where we can get away with it, and so it is necessary for us to read carefully in community with the faithful of the past and of the present. Though scripture is indeed the final standard for all teachings of the church, it takes all the resources and knowledge we have at our disposal in order to apply that standard faithfully.

The second question, regarding how the authority of scripture actually works, tends to fall to the wayside in these discussions. I find that debates around the authority of scripture tend to focus more on the interpreters of scripture than on scripture itself. They are less debates about scripture's own authority and more debates about our proper use of scripture. Whether their answers to the first question are liberal or conservative, debaters seem to share a common assumption: whatever authority scripture has must be a *passive* authority. That is to say, it is an authority that does nothing on its own, but instead waits for us to make use of it. While there is some truth to this assumption—a bible doesn't do much good sitting on a shelf, after all—it fails to take God's activity in scripture seriously.

As we see in the above passages, God's word is not a dead letter passively waiting to be used, but rather is "living and active." Whether we are reading scripture, hearing it read to us, or having it preached to us, every encounter with God's word changes us. This *active* authority of scripture does not depend on the reader or the interpreter, but rather on God who is at work. Scripture simply has authority, and the Holy Spirit exercises this authority on us regardless of what we believe about it. God through the scriptures will sometimes challenge us, sometimes comfort us, sometimes convict us, and sometimes harden us in stubborn resistance. Whatever our intentions, God's word pierces us to the core, bringing about that which God desires.

As I heard a former professor once put it: "When you mess with scripture, it messes with you right back." Neither scripture nor the God who speaks through it is particularly safe. On the one hand, this gives us a sense of trepidation when we encounter God's word, for we come up against a power which is stronger and more persistent than we are. This is an appropriate response, as scripture itself says: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." (Psalm 111:10) On the other hand, this gives great comfort to us when we are at our limits, for here we can rest from our striving and let the Holy Spirit go to work. Here, in the encounter with scripture, we find ourselves happily helpless in the loving and capable hands of the God who creates, forgives, and sanctifies us, promising to give us everything we need.

Your brother in Christ,
-Pastor John



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

Worship Attendance

	In Person	Online (live and recorded)
March 31 (Easter):	212	50
April 7:	114	37
April 14:	99	13
April 21:	<u>94</u>	<u>12</u>
Average:	130 (102 w/o Easter)*	28

* April 28th will be included next month

Church Financial Update for March

March Giving: \$48,404 (A Huge Thank you!)
2024 Budget Goal Through March: \$81,841
2024 Total Giving Through March: \$100,477
(\$18,636 above goal!)*

* A **Very Special Thank You** to our anonymous donor who gave **\$18,000!**

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!



Bible Experience Class -- Sunday at 9:00 AM (except May 19)

Adults and older youth who are interested in going deeper can **join Pastor John in weekly discussions on Sundays at 9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Each week we will recap what we read the previous week and introducing what to expect in the week to come.

Pick up a bookmark in class for weekly readings, or look in the Sunday announcements. **We are just starting the New Testament. Now is a great time to jump in!** Contact the office for information.

Women's Bible Study -- Wednesday, May 22nd, at 10:00 am Join us in the Fellowship Hall

We are studying the Psalms.....a study guide is available in the narthex or contact the church office for a copy. Bring a Bible and/or a contemporary translation or paraphrase. ALL are welcome.

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements

Youth Update: Youth Sunday is May 5th. Come out to support our youth as they lead and serve in worship! The students will be ushers, greeters, lector, choir, and even fellowship hosts. **If you have a youth who wants to serve or be in the youth choir,** please contact the church office.

New Members: Are you interested or do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a member of Edison Lutheran Church? Let the church office know. Please include a contact phone number and email if you leave a message.

Sunday School: The last day of Sunday School is **May 19th**. The teachers have enjoyed getting to know all the students. We will have our traditional **hotdog lunch that day for Fellowship Time**. We are excited to say 'Thank You' to everyone who made our Sunday School such a success. Have a great summer vacation!

Camp Lutherwood: Our students are planning to attend camp from July 21-26 if you would like your student to attend with the Edison Lutheran students. **Scholarships Available!** Instead of giving out full camperships to everyone who goes to camp, this year we have around \$4,500 that we will be distributing to families based on need. **We want as many kids to go to camp this year as possible!** To request a campership, send us an email with the name of your child, the price of the camp, and the amount you are requesting (all the way up to 100%). Any money left over at the end of May will be distributed equally among the campers who have shared their camp receipt with us. Email edisonlutheran@live.com.

Shredding Event: Help the environment and protect yourself from identity theft! Bring your confidential documents to 130 E. Fairhaven, Burlington (former Thrifty Foods parking lot) on **Saturday, May 18 from 9 am to 12 pm**. Mobile shredding trucks will be on-site to securely destroy your materials. Suggested donations (cash and checks only) is \$5.00 per box or \$100 per truckload. All donations benefit **Soroptimist International of Burlington**.

Young Adult Addresses: It's that time of year when our young adults are coming home from college or internships. 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 if your young adult is home for the summer or has moved.

Blood Drive Update: The next Bloodworks blood drive is **Thursday and Friday May 30th and 31st** in the Fellowship Hall. All donations are by appointment only. To make an appointment: call 1-800-398-7888 or go online to schedule.bloodworksnw.org. Contact the church office with questions.

Young Adult Group: Everyone, high school through college age, are welcome. The group meets every **Tuesday at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us and bring a friend or two for food, fun, and fellowship!

Save the Date: The weekend of **July 12th-14th** get ready for a **camp out and outdoor worship in Saxon by the Nooksack River!** The current plan is for Friday, July 12th the Young Adult Group will camp overnight. On Saturday, the rest of the ELC Family can join the Young Adults to camp overnight. **On Sunday, we will have worship by the river** followed by a BBQ lunch for fellowship.

Newsletter Deadline: Is there something missing from this newsletter? If you have information for the June Newsletter, please send it to the church office no later than **Tuesday, May 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!**

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!

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



Sunday School Food Drive To Support Helping Hands May 5th—May 19th

Helping Hands needs the following items: Peanut Butter, Macaroni & Cheese, Kid-friendly soup (pop top cans), Chili, Canned protein, Granola bars, Oatmeal & Cereal, Canned Fruit, Laundry Soap, Shampoo & other hair products, Bar Soap & Body Wash, Cleaning Supplies, Disposable razors, Toilet Paper, and Feminine hygiene products.

Please bring all non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, and baby products to church. **Please place items in the grocery cart or hand them to one of our amazing students** who will be in the Narthex for worship. The items will go to Helping Hands Food Bank. Thank you!

Church Committee Updates

The Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Committee has been hard at work to bring a family event to our church each month. In April we had a BBQ dinner, a few boisterous rounds of Happy Salmon, and a movie night. Everyone had a great time! For May, we have 11 kids from our Young Adult Group and two daring adult leaders going to Holden Village for the Synod Youth Weekend. Our adult leaders are Pastor John and Jenny Sheahan. No doubt this year will be as wonderful for the students as last year. **Please add safe travels for all to your prayers**, and it might not hurt to add something for Pastor John's and Jenny's sanity as well.

May 5th is Youth Sunday, where our young people will be running the entire service. Please support this youth engagement with us, as this is a great way for our young people to learn just how important they are to the church. That, and it's a lot of fun! Let us know if you have a youth that want sot participate, even the sermon is open for a volunteer.

Mark your calendars for July 12-14! The Bensons have graciously volunteered to host our congregation for the weekend! The festivities start with the Young Adult Group staying overnight on Friday. On Saturday, our church family is welcome to come out, play all day and stay overnight. On Sunday, we will have an outdoor worship service on the bank of the Nooksack River (near Saxon).

We are bringing back an Edison Lutheran tradition from the 1970s and 80s. Anyone who remembers the church campout and outdoor worship is excited to recreate the experience for our present day church family! **Please mark your calendars and join us for an amazing weekend!**

Edison Lutheran Church Volunteer Opportunities

Curtain Project for Holden Village: Holden Village has requested we sew 15 sets of curtains for their guest lodging. If you can sew and want to help, please contact Cheryl Conner or the church office. Our young adults will deliver the curtains when they go to Holden Village on May 17th.

Josephine's Caring Community: JCC needs the following items: reading glasses (2.5 magnification or greater); washable wool yarn; new hand towels; travel sized toiletries; and birdseed. Please place items in the box in the Narthex. We also have this shopping list by the box to take with you on your next shopping trip.

We need at least 30 dozen cookies on the last Monday of every month for our Friendship House dinners. Home baked or store bought cookies. Please let us know how many cookies you made by signing the sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. We would also appreciate it if you marked your container with how many cookies are in each container. Bring the cookies in clearly marked freezer containers and leave them in the freezer in the small room to the left as you enter the Sunday School building. Your empty containers will be left on the small table in the Fellowship Hall by the coat rack, for you to pick up and use again. Thank you for all the cookies!

Care Team: We have a number of 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 someone you know needs a card.

Flowers for the Altar: We welcome beautiful flowers for the altar. **Spring is here!** Share your amazing flowers with us. The flower chart signup is in the Fellowship Hall or let the church office know if you can provide flowers for the altar.

Youth Group: Everyone high school through college age youth are welcome. The group will meet **Tuesday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. **We are looking for a few adults to help** with food and to attend gatherings.

Don't Forget the Grocery Cart: Edison Lutheran accepts food, cleaning products, and self-care items for Helping Hands. Just place items in the grocery cart in the Narthex and, after we stock our Sharing Shelf, we deliver items to Helping Hands. Our grocery cart is a great way to get food directly to those who need it.

Social Concerns Ministry: Jesus taught us to help those in need. That is exactly what the Social Concerns Ministry Committee does. We need help providing support to our Partner Ministries: Friendship House and Family Promise. These great organizations **bring help directly to those who need it most.** We have volunteer opportunities for all comfort levels, from behind the scenes to working directly with those we serve. Please join us, **Monday, May 6th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall** for our monthly meeting.

There are many ways to volunteer at **Josephine's Caring Community**...help with outings, reading, arts and crafts, one-on-one visits, music, sports activities, building projects, you name it! Can't find something that interests you? Let's work backwards– **what are your interests and passions?** If you can offer your gifts, with the 200+ residents we have at Josephine, **we are bound to have residents who might be interested**– and may not even know yet that they are interested. We invite you to try it and find out.

Gift Cards Needed: No time to volunteer? No worries. Family Promise needs gift cards for Walmart and Fred Meyer to give to their guests who need clothing, gas, and other essentials. Feel free to send gift cards directly to Family Promise or give them to the greeters at church. We will get them to Family Promise.

Updates From Our Ministry Partners

Helping Hands Food Bank

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Thank you to everyone who came out for the **Helping Hands Neighbors Night in the Tulips**. The fundraiser was a great success! It was a beautiful night and a good time was had by all. Our neighbors learned about the many Helping Hands programs and how important those programs are to our community. Thank you again for supporting Helping Hands Food Bank!

Friendship House

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.

Josephine Caring Community

Lutheran Social Services for the Elderly awarded a **3 year grant to JCC** for residents to create kits and donate goods to local shelters. The primary purpose of the grant is to **instill a sense of purpose and meaning for residents through their active contribution to the community**. Secondly the grant enhances the lives of those who receive the donations. The residents put together toiletry kits, birthday kits (for children/youth), make hats and scarves, and make leashes (for NOAH) and donate these goods to local shelters. You can support this "Hands of Hope" project by working with residents to complete projects. **You can knit**. You can **be present with residents** in this project as an assistant to support and encourage these elders. Contact the church office for more information.

Camp Lutherwood



Work Weekend at Lutherwood! May 31 - June 2: Come to Camp Lutherwood and help them get ready for summer camp! Your stay is free of charge, all we ask is your time and abilities. There will be projects for all ability levels, from trail clearing and platform building to cleaning and organizing. There is always a way you can help serve camp! A great opportunity for community service hours.

Registration is up on their website and if you can offer specific skill sets, please reach out directly to marty.martinez@camplutherwood.org to discuss opportunities.

Summer Registration is Open! Our students are planning to attend camp from **July 21-26** if you would like your student to attend with the Edison Lutheran students. **Scholarships Available!** Instead of giving out full camperships to everyone who goes to camp, this year we have around \$4,500 that we will be distributing to families based on need. **We want as many kids to go to camp this year as possible!** To request a campership, send us an email with the name of your child, the price of the camp, and the amount you are requesting (all the way up to 100%). Any money left over at the end of May will be distributed equally among the campers who have shared their camp receipt with us. Email edisonlutheran@live.com.

Summer Jobs: Camp Lutherwood is hiring! They need youth counselors, leadership team, support staff, and a Camp Medic. Contact Camp Lutherwood with questions, www.camplutherwood.org.

Updates From Our Ministry Partners, Cont.

Family Promise

Annual Tea at the Manor: Family Promise is holding their special program of Tea at the Manor on **May 18th from 1:00—3:00 pm at Willowbrook Manor**. This is another great opportunity for corporate or non-profit involvement. Can't attend? Don't worry. As we get closer to the event there will be opportunities to have your donation matched. Check the Family Promise website or Facebook page for more information or contact our church office.

Family Promise Volunteer Opportunity: We will be hosting the Family Promise guests at Bethlehem Lutheran from **Thursday, June 13 through Sunday morning, June 16th**. Volunteers are needed to stay overnight on very comfortable cots, provide meals, and serve meals. If you can provide any part of a meal for up to 14 guests your help is welcome even if you cannot stay to serve dinner. Your donations of **grab and go individually packaged snacks and breakfast food** would be appreciated for these days. Please leave nonperishable items such as breakfast bars, granola bars, power bars, nuts, dried fruit, juice boxes, and single serving boxes of cereal in the Family Promise tub in the narthex.

Gift Cards Needed: Family Promise needs gift cards for Walmart and Fred Meyer to give to their guests who need clothing, gas, and other essentials. Feel free to send gift cards directly to Family Promise or give them to the greeters at church. We will get them to Family Promise.

Pet Foster Families: Did you know Family Promise has a pet foster program, **Pets with a Promise**? Families entering shelters can experience additional trauma by having to give up a beloved pet. The **Pets with a Promise** program offers them the option to keep their pet by having a foster family for their pet. If this is something that interests you, please contact Family Promise at 360-854-0743.

Local Area Events to Support our Members

North Cascades Concert Band: Please join the NCCB with special guest Staff Sergeant Will Samson, Tuba player for the President's Own Marine Band, for their free concerts the first weekend of May. **Friday, May 3rd at 7:30 pm** at Bellingham HS; **Saturday, May 4th at 7:30 pm** at Arlington HS; and **Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 pm** at Anacortes HS. Come out to enjoy beautiful music and support Conductor **Peter Ormsby** and clarinetist **Carrie Omdal**.

Skagit Symphony: Our 44th classical concert season continues with *Obsessions*. Settle in to be embraced by Vaughan Williams' rapturously beautiful *The Wasps*, then enthralled by the phenomenal Kinga Augustyn performing Prokofiev's bracing second violin concerto. Join the symphony with our very own **David Benson** as Concertmaster, on **Saturday, May 18th at 7:30p**. Contact the McIntyre Hall box office for tickets.

Burlington Edison School District Bands: During May the Burlington Edison School District has multiple concerts, please check the district website for the schedule. Please join the middle school and high school bands for an evening of music. We have so many students in the band! Please come out to support **Blake Caldwell, Eva Kllogjeri, Karson Englund, and Will, Matt, and Jon Benson**.

Burlington Edison School District Choir: Please join the BESD Choirs for their **Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 29th at 7:30 pm** at McIntyre Hall. This free concert showcases choirs from both Middle School and High School. Please come out to support **Addi Caldwell** and **Sara Omdal**.

Are you involved in a local event? Let the office know. We will put it in the newsletter if there is space.

From the May 2024 Edition of *The Spirit*



From the Bishop:

I have a confession to make, I am a terrible pool player. I am so bad that the last time I played, the person I was playing with stopped the game and said, “You are the worst pool player I have ever played with.” (I had told him I was horrible but he didn’t believe me.) I’m using this story as a very thin tangent to talk about gifts and the Spirit ... bear with me.

In Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12, we read, *“Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”*

As many of you know, Paul was writing to a congregation in Corinth after receiving some correspondence from them and hearing their concerns. Throughout this letter Paul emphatically makes it clear that no one is spiritually better than others – no one has better faith, no one has better gifts, no one should eat better than another at the Eucharist table. Paul is adamant in this. (He is talking about this because of some struggles in the Corinth church. You are welcome to read the entire letter of 1 Corinthians to get more context.)

Paul emphasizes that because we all receive faith through the Holy Spirit, no one is spiritually superior. Paul further emphasizes that because we all receive a variety of gifts given by the Holy Spirit, no one has a worthier gift than another. And, to emphasize this point, Paul writes that the Spirit does not give only one kind of gift to all. Because the church and the world need diverse gifts, the Spirit gives different gifts to different people. In other words, Paul is simply saying this: same Spirit – lots of gifts.

You hear this? In a society where we emphasize certain gifts and skills and abilities above others (and often feel like we have fallen short), we hear in 1 Corinthians that the Holy Spirit gives a variety of gifts to a variety of people. Specifically, YOU have been given a variety of gifts, and this is good.

Further, these Holy Spirit gifts – they are not meant to benefit the individual person but are to benefit the entire community and world. Paul emphasizes that these gifts are not to be used in selfish ways or in self-seeking ways. Paul clearly states that if a gift cannot be shared, and shared for the good of others, it is not from the Spirit. Ultimately, the purpose of these different gifts of the Spirit is to share in God’s love and grace and mercy with all through Jesus Christ our Savior.

As Americans, we have often been told (and maybe believe) that as individuals we are responsible for ourselves. We are not to rely on others – we are to be strong and self-sufficient. We are taught

that to have freedom is to be autonomous. But let's be clear. This is far from what we read in 1 Corinthians. Paul says each person receives gifts for the common good. Paul says that each person receives the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. It is in community where the gifts from the Holy Spirit shine. It is in community where the Holy Spirit is made manifest.

You see, it is God's intention that we are to be with one another – for one another – as the community of faith, as the body of Christ, as the Church on earth. The Holy Spirit has given a variety of gifts to a variety of congregations and individuals. And together we are called to bring these gifts together to help bear one another's burdens, to love and pray together, to bring justice and new life, to be made manifest in the Holy Spirit for the common good.

Honestly, it doesn't matter that I am a terrible pool player. But it does matter how I both share the gifts that God has given me and how I reach out to others in mutual support when I am in need.

I would love to hear stories from you about your gifts being made manifest in the Holy Spirit – individually and in your congregation. How are each person's gifts being shared in your own particular congregation? How is your congregation sharing with another congregation? What gifts were missing from your particular place of worship that you have found outside of your space? What gifts have you been able to share with others?

May we live into what we often say in worship, "The gifts of God, for the people of God." Amen.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee / bishop@lutheransnw.org

Northwest Washington Synod/ELCA Events

Abide in the Word Bible Study - continues! Please join us **Tuesdays, 7-8pm via Zoom**. This is a year-long, Synod-wide weekly Bible Study that takes participants on a deeper dive into the coming Sunday's Lectionary text. Participants will have the chance to experience diverse perspectives and voices from various guest facilitators from across the synod. This is a FREE LIVE offering! No registration needed! YES, you may join in any week. Contact the ELC office for the link.

The **Northwest Washington Synod Assembly** is on **Saturday, May 18, 2024** at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, WA. This one-day (9am-4pm) assembly will include worship, reports from our synod leaders, elections, resolutions, ministry anniversary celebrations, and maybe a few fun surprises! Our theme, We Lift Our Eyes, is based on Psalm 121:1-2: *I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.* We give thanks for the opportunity to spend time with you in May - lifting our eyes to see God, to see each other, and to see where God is leading us.

Are You Smarter Than a Confirmation Student? Below is a question that our Confirmation Students can answer. Can you?

Why do Lutherans wear red on Pentecost? (Also, don't forget to **wear red to worship on May 19th.**)

See page 13 for the answer.

Prayer Requests



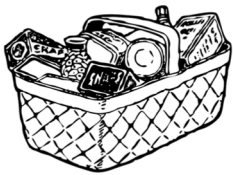
Remember in your Prayers: We pray for **Linda Johnson, Chris Whelehan** (friend of Kris Merritt), **Marna Carpenter** (niece of Julie Rousseau), **Al Fredrickson, Sharon Schroeder** (sister of Larry Olsen), **Carla Hunter** (aunt of Gregory Ormsby), **Brandon Benson** (friend of Debbie Reigel-Yates), **Jeannie Omdal, Marian Hiatt** (Janet Wyman’s mother), **John Probstfield, Lyn Scherer** (sister-in-law of Cathy Smith), **Kerri Fredrickson** (daughter-in-law of Barb & Al Fredrickson), **Bailey Claybo** (Marlys Johnson’s great niece), **Merlin Cavender** (Father-in-law of Pastor Lori), **Debbie Chavarria** (friend of Cathy Smith), **Jerry Butterfield, Shirley Lee, Jeanne Youngquist, Ken Nelson** (brother of Barb Fredrickson), **Gary Englund** (father of Alex), **Jim Forbes** (Debbie Conijn’s step-father), **Edith Nichols, Barry Christensen, Chris Isaacson, Taylor Velasquez**, the ministry of **El Camino de Emaús Congregation**, and the **Dancraig English Medium School in Tanzania**.

The Homebound: Pat Dahlstedt, Ron Schutte and Ruth Sexton.

Those in the Military: Dustin and Rocio King.

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: edisonlutheran@live.com

Edison Lutheran Sharing Shelf: Our Sharing Shelf has been getting used lately. Please keep your donations coming. Please place nonperishable food, self-care items, and cleaning supplies in the shopping cart in the Narthex. Extra items will go to Helping Hands Food Bank. The Edison Lutheran Sharing Shelf is open to all. Please let your friends and neighbors know the shelf is open and needs to be used. With the Sharing Shelf, no one needs to ask for help. It’s always open and unmonitored. No one will know if you or anyone you know takes food.



Pastor’s Bible Study -- Mondays at 7 pm (except May 27th)

Join Pastor John for Bible Study via Zoom (zoom.us/join).

Weekly text and Zoom link are posted on the church website.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL 2023—2024		<i>*Committee Liaison</i>	
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Serving in Worship - May

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Assisting Minister	Youth	Mandy Englund	Darla Jensen	Linda Larson
Acolyte	Youth	Jon Benson	Eva Kllogjeri	Kaycee Stubben
Lector	Youth	Nancy Nygren	Larry Olsen	Terri Olsen
Usher	Youth	Mark Johnson Dan Martin	Tom Wake Patsy Martin	Brad Wyman Jean Miller
Greeter	Youth	Kris Merritt Judy Sheahan	Linda Johnson Kathy Shoop	Cathy Smith Janet Wyman
Altar Guild	Janet Wyman Nancy Nygren Youth	Nancy Nygren Julie Rousseau	Julie Rousseau Debbie Conijn	Debbie Conijn Kathy Shoop
Fellowship Host	Youth	Janet & Brad Wyman Jenny & Jerry Nelson	Jean & Mike Miller Irene Fadden	Jon & Susie Aarstad Katie Woll
Flowers	Shirley & David Brick	Jeff & Stephanie Knutzen	Pentecost Altar Guild	Your name could be here...
CMD	Jean Miller Youth	AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb	AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb	Judy Bendtsen

May Birthdays

5/1	Paxton Booth
5/2	Irmtraud Gaertner
5/3	Tom Sheahan
5/8	Liz Wallace
5/12	Tom Perry
5/14	Jane Fraser
5/16	Mandy Englund
5/17	Rondi Peth



5/18	Judy Sheahan
5/22	Steven Omdal
5/24	Brady Conijn
5/29	Daisy Galbraith
5/29	Jenifer Troxel
5/29	Marion Hoag
5/29	Sergio Johnson

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

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 <i>Easter 5</i> 9:00 a Sunday School 9:00 a Bible Class 10:30 a Worship	29 6:00 p Friendship House Meal 7:00 p Bible Study	30 6:00 p Young Adult Group	1 10:00 a Altar Guild 6:30 p Choir	2 12:00 p Care Team Lunch 4:30 Worship & Music	3	4
5 <i>Easter 6</i> <i>Youth Sunday</i> 9:00 a Sunday School 9:00 a Bible Class 10:30 a Worship	6 6:30 p Social Concerns 7:00 p Bible Study*	7 6:00 p Young Adult Group 7:30 p P&M	8 6:30 Choir	9 10:30 a Care Team Meeting <i>Ascension of Our Lord</i>	10	11 <i>Skagit Bike Classic</i>
12 <i>Easter 7</i> 9:00 a Sunday School 9:00 a Bible Class 10:30 a Worship 12:30 p Confirmation	13 7:00 p Bible Study*	14 6:00 p Church Council 6:00 p Young Adult Group	15 6:30 Choir	16 10:00 a Prayer Shawl Ministry	17 <i>Early am Youth leave for Holden Village</i>	18
19 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> <i>No Bible Class</i> 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship <i>Wear Red to Worship</i>	20 7:00 p Bible Study*	21 6:00 p Young Adult Group <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	22 10:00 a Women's Bible Study 6:30 Choir	23	24	25
26 <i>Holy Trinity</i> 9:00 a Bible Class 9:00 a Sunday School 10:30 a Worship	27 6:00 p Friendship House Meal <i>No Bible Study</i> <i>Memorial Day</i>	28 6:00 p Young Adult Group	29 6:30 p Choir	30 <i>Blood Drive</i>	31 <i>Blood Drive</i>	1

*** Pastor's Bible Study is via Zoom (all other meetings are in-person)**

Smarter Than A Confirmation Student from page 10:

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." -Acts 2:1-13

Pentecost (which means the fiftieth day) is the culmination of the 50 days of Easter celebration. We wear red on Pentecost to commemorate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and as a sign that the Holy Spirit comes to all believers.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Next Family Promise Dates for ELC are June 13th-16th
- ◆ Campout & Worship at Saxon by the Nooksack River, July 12th -14th
- ◆ First Day of Sunday School, September 15th



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Please join us!

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