



Edison Lutheran Church



Dear People of God,

The longer I live, the more aware I become of how much we are influenced by the words which surround us. Whether they are spoken over the air, displayed on a screen, or printed on a page, every word that makes its way into our minds and our hearts changes us. True or false, significant or trivial, every word leaves its mark.

THE PARISH VISITOR

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*How blessed is the person
who does not walk in the advice of the wicked,
who in the path of sinners does not stand,
who in the seat of scoffers does not sit!
Rather, in the Torah of YHWH¹ is her delight,
And in his Torah she murmurs by day and by night.*

*She is like a tree planted by water-filled streams that gives its fruit
in its time, and its leaf does not wither. Everything she does
prosper.*

*Not so are the wicked.
They are instead like chaff which a wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked do not stand when justice is rendered,
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.*

*For it is YHWH who knows the path of the righteous,
But the path of the wicked will be destroyed.*

-Psalm 1

¹ God's name as given to Moses in Exodus 3:15, written in Hebrew without vowels and traditionally rendered "the LORD" in English translations.

And these words are everywhere. They leap off the pages of books and magazines, they pour through the pixels of our phones and computers, they vie for our attention from billboards and bumper stickers, and they infiltrate our ears through TV and radio. Without a solid foundation to anchor us, we are entirely at the mercy of this maelstrom of discordant voices.

The psalm I've translated above describes this reality by contrasting two paths: the path of the righteous and the path of the wicked.

People often assume that scripture passages like this one are primarily moral instruction: "Be righteous!" "Don't be wicked!" However, there are no such commands in this psalm. What we read instead is a description of what it is like to be "in" one of these two paths. If we read the psalm closely, we might notice that the blessed one is not "doing" much at all. The one who is in "the path of the righteous" is in fact *not* walking, *not* standing, *not* sitting. The only thing she² is doing is "murmuring."

² A completely literal translation would be "How blessed is the man who..." I chose to portray this generic person as a woman for this translation.

She is meditating “in” God’s word, reading it so attentively that she finds herself muttering the words under her breath. These two paths are not described as *activities* to be chosen but rather as *locations* directed by very different kinds of words.

To live in the path of the righteous is to be captivated by God’s “Torah:” all of the stories, commands, and promises of God. The blessed one who is in this path is strong and vital, deeply rooted in nourishing soil with plentiful water, producing life-giving fruit and shade-giving leaves. She may not look like she is doing much, bound as she is to one location, and yet it is precisely her stillness and connection to place that makes her so fruitful.

A tree’s fruit, after all, is useful first and foremost for those that are nearby. It is for those people who pick the fruit for eating or selling. It is for the birds that nest in the branches and the mice that take shelter under its shade. Even the fruit which seems to be wasted is made useful, consumed by insects and microbes and worms so that it may return to the soil, imparting its energy back to the tree which produced it.

The path of the wicked couldn’t be more different. Instead of being grounded, those who are in that path are like chaff, driven about by every stray breeze. Rather than finding shelter in the nourishing word of God, they are dominated by untrustworthy words, mockery, and deceit. They are too distracted and enamored by the appearance of activity to bear any fruit that is actually useful.

Of course, we live our lives in both of these paths. We know the blessing that is found in “the path of the righteous” as well as the curse which blows down “the path of the wicked.” We know what it is like to be comforted and centered, and we know what it is like to be scattered to the winds. These are no mere poetic abstractions; they are the difference between abundant life and dissipated death.

The streams of God’s word make us fruitful for those who are near us, for our families and our friends, our colleagues and coworkers, our communities and schools. But when other voices drown out the voice of God in our midst, they begin to leach away our fruitful vitality, until finally we are no more useful than chaff in the wind.

Instead of the fruitfulness of conversation and fellowship, we produce the chaff of bumper stickers and TikTok videos which express our outrage or signal our virtues. Instead of the fruitfulness of joy and laughter in our homes, we produce the chaff of angry rants and anxiety over exaggerated news stories regarding people we will never meet. Instead of the fruitfulness of caring for those who depend on us, we produce the chaff of endlessly scrolling through the distractions fed to us by the social media algorithm of our choice. Try as we might, this horde of words occupies our souls, pulling us away from the blessing God has given to us until life itself becomes a curse.

And yet, the psalm assures us that God will have the last word. Even when “the path of the righteous” eludes us, it does not elude God. And though “the path of the wicked” seems irresistible, God will see to its destruction. The day will come when the pandemonium of the present will give way to peace, and on that day we will find true delight.

How blessed!

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)
April 28:	116	24
May 5:	117	31
May 12:	103	24
May 19:	97	11
Average:	108 *	22

* June 30th will be included next month

Church Financial Update for May

May Giving: \$20,761 (Thank you!)

2024 Budget Goal Through May: \$142,692

2024 Total Giving Through May: \$154,160

(\$11,468 above goal. Yay!)

The ministry of Edison Lutheran Church is financially supported entirely by the donations of members and visitors. Your gift furthers this congregation's ministry to those in need, helps foster fellowship, and promotes the spread of the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent by mail, or given online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code to the right. We appreciate your generosity!



OUR CHURCH COUNCIL 2023—2024		<i>*Committee Liaison</i>	
Linda Johnson, President	<i>*Parish Life</i>	Inger Conner	<i>Social Concerns</i>
Patsy Martin, Vice-President	<i>*Stewardship</i>	Steven Dahl	<i>*Finance</i>
Linda Tyler, Secretary	<i>Parish Life</i>	Cheryl Conner	<i>*Social Concerns</i>
Chris Omdal	<i>*Youth</i>	Judy Bendtsen	<i>*Evangelism</i>
Jean Miller	<i>*Worship & Music</i>	AnnaLaurie Wattson-Lamb	<i>Worship & Music</i>
Christie Peterson	<i>*Property & Management</i>	Laura Engebretsen	<i>Property & Management</i>

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements

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.

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.

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!

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!

Blood Drive: Edison Lutheran Church is hosting Bloodworks Northwest Pop-Up Blood Drives every other month in our Fellowship Hall on **August 1 & 2, October 3 & 4, and December 5 & 6.** You can make your blood donor appointment online: BloodworksNW.org or even easier, call 800-398-7888. Thank you for supporting this critical need!

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, July 23.** 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!**

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

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 would like a name tag**, please let the office know.

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

The members of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** have been very busy lately and we have a lot of shawls on our shelves. If you know someone who could use a shawl to give them comfort, please feel free to take one off the shelf in the room between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. There are cards there for you to include and we ask that you put the name of the person who is receiving the shawl on the clip board provided. This way we know we won't double up. Thank you for your continued support of this mission of Edison Lutheran.

Farmers Market Benefit Cards are available for **eligible seniors** to use at approved local farmers markets. To be eligible for this **\$80 benefit** you must be 60 years or older, have an individual monthly income of \$2,322 or less or a \$3,151 or less monthly income for couples, and be a Washington state resident. To apply for this benefit call Skagit County Public Health at (360) 416-1500.

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements, Cont.

Worship Outdoors at Saxon by the Nooksack River

July 12-14

The Bensons have graciously volunteered to host our congregation for the weekend! We are bringing back an Edison Lutheran tradition from the 1970s and 80s. The adults now, but kids at the time, remember this weekend as “a place to run wild and free without restrictions nestled into a mountain paradise. A place with family, fun, and heritage at the Bakke Family Homestead.” Anyone who remembers the church campout and outdoor worship is excited to recreate the experience for our present day church family!

The festivities start with the Young Adult Group staying overnight on **Friday, July 12th**. On **Saturday, July 13th**, our church family is welcome to come out, play all day, and stay overnight. On **Sunday, July 14th**, we will have an outdoor worship service on the bank of the Nooksack River.

The property is 240 acres on the South Fork of the Nooksack River at the base of Twin Sisters Mountain. For those of you who don't know where that is, it's just east of Acme. There is running water, electricity (although limited hook ups for RVs), and well maintained out houses. There are also covered camp shelters with picnic tables, covered BBQ shelters, and firepits (let's pray there is not a burn ban). **There is no refrigeration**. Most cellphones will have connectivity, but some cell companies may not. **Please let the office know if you are bringing an RV or camper for planning**. There is also a grocery store about 3 miles away.

There is lots of room for outdoor games, so **please bring your games to share**. Activities include hiking, swimming and floating in the river, biking along the logging roads, and just enjoying the beautiful nature that God has given us. The restored Nasset Farm, which is registered with the Whatcom Historic Society, is on the property. The Bensons are more than happy to take people on a walking tour and share the history of their family farm.

On Sunday, we will have worship on the banks of the Nooksack River. **We will not have worship at Edison Lutheran Church**. If we can, we will livestream worship, but if we can't get a strong enough signal to livestream, we will record worship and post it on the blog after lunch.

We will have a plan for meals over the weekend and fellowship after worship. **If you would like to help with food**, please contact the office.

Lutheran World Relief School Kit project: In August, we will have backpacks to fill for LWR. Each backpack will have a shopping list. Please follow the shopping list exactly. Return backpacks filled with the provide list of school supplies by **September 15th**. Not a shopper? Donations to LWR for shipping costs are always welcome! Make checks to ELC with 'school kits' in the memo line. If you have extra school supplies, bring them to the Narthex, we will donate them to Helping Hands and Family Promise. Contact the church office for more information.

Edison Lutheran Semi-annual Meeting

On Sunday, June 23, 50 members of Edison Lutheran church stayed after worship to have our semiannual meeting. We approved the minutes of the January 2024 Annual meeting, then heard from the Property & Management Committee. Tom Wake let us know about the parking situation. We were reminded that we can park across the road from the church in the neighbor's lot and also on the south side of the Parish House. We also may soon have the handicap parking areas paved.

Tom also gave us an update on the Playground. The parts are here and the plot where the playground will be installed has been prepared. We have no current work scheduled but will engage with the vendor. A crew will be sent from the company to install the anchors and posts upon which the equipment will be fastened. The church will be responsible for completing the construction. We thank the P & M Committee for all the hours they have put in on this.

Carrie Omdal gave us an update on our financial situation. Looking at our numbers through the end of May, we have completed 42% of the year and collected 43% of our annual budgeted amount. On the surface this looks good, but if we exclude one single donation of \$18,000 we are at only 39% of our budgeted donations. The problem is that the summer months traditionally see the lowest levels of giving, so we are concerned there is the potential to fall behind significantly over the next few months. But the overall picture is still good.

We voted in John Johnson and Brenda Geary as new members of the church council beginning in August. We can still use 2 more people to be on the council. If you are interested in serving Edison Lutheran this way, or know of someone who may be, please contact the church office or Linda Johnson.

Pastor John is on vacation with his family and left a message for us. He had a good experience at Holden Village in May with Jenny Sheahan and 10 students. The Confirmation classes went well this year as did the Community Bible Experience class on Sunday mornings. There will be a final discussion in July. Pastor John had 5 memorial services and welcomed 8 new members this year. He will be a resource pastor at Lutherwood the week of July 21. He wanted us to know that a discussion on Baptism and Communion participation will begin sometime in August.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer and thanksgiving for all the members of Edison Lutheran who keep this congregation a healthy place to worship.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group will meet on **Wednesday, July 17th at 11:30 am** for a potluck salad luncheon **at the home of Linda Larson**. Note this is a change in time and location from our normal schedule. If you're not already participating in this monthly Bible Study and want to check out the group, you are more than welcome to attend for this casual get-together. We will resume our Bible Study activities in September. Any questions, call Linda at 360.770.7550.

Edison Lutheran Church Volunteer Opportunities

Vacation Bible School: Yay! We have VBS this summer from **July 29-August 1** at **Fir-Conway Lutheran Church**. We need help for the following positions; Large Group Leaders, Bible Class Teachers, Craft and Activity Leaders, Setup/Decorations/Clean up crew, Publicity/Advertising/Registration crew, and lots of Helpers/Chaperones. Contact the Edison Lutheran Church office for more information.

The birds at feeders around **Josephine Caring Community** provide residents joy and a source of connection to something beyond the walls of their facility. There are 15 and at times as many as 30 feeders to fill weekly. **If you are interested in being a feeder filler once a month for about 2 hours** please contact Anne or Bob Kuntz. You can also participate by **donating birdseed** of any kind in any quantity. The seed can be left on the table in the narthex. No suet please, just seeds.

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.

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.

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.

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. **Summer 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. We really need people to sign up for June.

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.

Help Needed: We are looking for a few individuals who would like to help with our audio/visual equipment and our livestream. We frequently get notes to let us know how much people appreciate having the livestream and recorded worship available. It's not difficult and your help will be greatly appreciated! Contact the church office for more information.

Updates From Our Ministry Partners

Helping Hands Food Bank

Volunteers Needed: From Helping Hands: We are a non-barrier food bank located in Sedro-Woolley with distributions in Anacortes, Burlington, Hamilton, Marblemount, and Swinomish. Most of our volunteer opportunities are at our Sedro location on Fruitdale Rd. **Our volunteer opportunities are available for all ages and abilities;** our oldest volunteer is 98 and she sits at a sorting table and sorts produce while our youngest volunteer is about two years old and he helps his mom stock the grocery store to get it ready for distribution. We have an amazing community of welcoming individuals who are all excited to give back to the community. Come with your kids, bring your partner, or organize a whole group of friends... we can't wait to see you!

Camp Lutherwood

Edison Lutheran at Lutherwood: The week of **July 21**, many of our Sunday School students will be at Camp Lutherwood. Our very own **Pastor John** will be there that week serving as the resource pastor. Please pray for a fun, safe week filled with friendship, games, singing, and Jesus.

Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center is looking for volunteers to serve as our weekly camp medics! Volunteer camp medics join us from 1pm on Sunday to 1pm on Friday, staying in our "Med Shed." Our medics are here to review health info, receive prescription medications, dispense medication to campers, and provide first aid for minor injuries. Each volunteer medic gets to hang on Lake Samish for the week, enjoy meals with camp, participate in the life of camp, and create a safe environment for all. **ADDED BONUS:** we are offering a FREE week of camp for a child/grandchild/niece/nephew/family friend to each volunteer.

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Family Promise

Annual Tea at the Manor Results: Great news! **The May Tea at the Manor fundraiser raised \$50,000.** Thank you everyone who helped Family Promise reach their goal!

Family Promise: Thank you to everyone who helped with our Family Promise responsibilities in June! It takes many people to ensure we care for the families in the Family Promise program. We will be serving dinner and being overnight hosts September 15th-18th. Keep an eye out for more information as we get closer.

Family Promise Volunteer Opportunity: We will be hosting the Family Promise guests at Burlington Lutheran from **Sunday, September 15th through Thursday morning, September 19th.** Volunteers are needed to stay overnight on very comfortable cots, provide meals, and serve meals. The church has money to pay for food to make the meals for Family Promise. Please don't let low funds prevent you from helping with this amazing group.

Sleepless in Skagit: This event, on **Friday, July 19th**, is replacing their former "Homeless for a Night" and "Night Without a Bed" events. Participants will find people to sponsor them to sleep somewhere other than their own bed. You can join them at the event or find your own space. This helps raise awareness of what the homeless families in our valley face and raises money to provide shelter services.



From the July & August 2024 Edition of *The Spirit*

Martin Luther writes in the Small Catechism:

What then does 'daily bread' mean? Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, field, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like. (Small Catechism, Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer)

In May, the six bishops of Region One (this includes the synods of Northwest Washington, Southwestern Washington, Alaska, Oregon, Northwest Intermountain, and Montana) were asked by the Region One hunger teams to write a joint letter requesting Congress to re-authorize the federal Farm Bill and to not cut important funding. The six bishops agreed to write this letter. After it was written and signed, the ELCA Advocacy staff in Washington, DC hand-delivered it to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees' leaderships and to the Representatives in each of the synod's respective states.

In June, there was a zoom event for all the Lutherans in the six synods to learn more about the Farm Bill and advocate for its continuation. This event was sponsored by the Region One hunger ministry teams, ELCA Advocacy, and Faith Action Network (FAN). Different speakers shared information, conversation happened, and the opportunity to write letters to legislators occurred.

As you might know, the six synods have over 560 congregations and tens of thousands of Lutherans from the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. These synods and states are not homogenous. The bishops are not homogenous. The congregations within each synod are not homogenous. The members of these congregations are not homogenous. We have differences of opinion at times, we have different priorities, we vote differently, we even shake our heads at things that don't make sense to us about one another.

And yet, in our diversity, we are also joined in the unity of Christ and the promises we have received. Deep in our bones, we know that we are saved by grace through faith. We hold fast to the truth that God loves us no matter what. We know this and trust this and hold this. And, because of this, together we are called out into the world – as followers of Jesus and as civic members of society.

We join together – over and over – to bring about change and protect the vulnerable. We come together beyond political difference because of what we have been promised and what we are called to do and to be. The example I've been using in this article is the Farm Bill. When we advocate

for this bi-partisan Farm Bill, we are advocating for farmers, migrants, agricultural workers, Indigenous peoples, hungry children, the inclusion of those who have been historically excluded, and more.

But, of course, we come together far beyond this Farm Bill. We come together because God calls us to love others as God loves us. We work together for a just society. As German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “Mere waiting and looking on is not Christian behavior. Christians are called to compassion and action, not in the first place by their own sufferings, but by the sufferings of their brothers and sisters, for whose sake Christ suffered.” (A Testament to Freedom)

I am thankful and proud to be Lutheran because of all of you who feed and clothe, nourish and shelter, love and protect those who are the most vulnerable in this country and this world. It would take pages to list all the ways that you do this individually, in your congregations, in the synod, and in the wider church. Thank you for your advocacy and your care. There is, of course, more work to be done. And so let us together work towards the day when all may receive “daily bread.”

If you would like to read the Bishops’ letter go to: <https://fanwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Region-1-Bishops-Joint-Letter-Agriculture-Committee-Leaderships.pdf>

+Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
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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.

Save The Date—NW WA Synodical Women’s Fall Retreat: September 20-21, Huston Camp & Conference Center (14725 Ley Rd, Gold Bar). This retreat will focus on caring for our mental, physical and emotional health with Food, Fellowship, Prayer & Guest Speaker - More information coming soon.

Do you ever get a sense that God might be tapping you on the shoulder? Are you wondering what God is calling you to do with your life? Considering learning more about church leadership and pondering whether it might be for you? Have you ever thought about enrolling in seminary or even wondered what seminary study is like today? **Starting July 1**, you can join an online group with others across the ELCA who share your curiosity. Sign up by visiting elcaseminaries.org and filling out the contact form, or by emailing recruitment@elca.org.

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

What biblical figure wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist?

See page 15 for the answer.

Prayer Requests



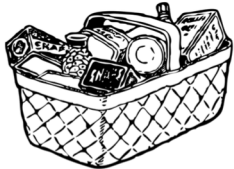
Remember in your Prayers: We pray for **Greg Nelsen, Maia Simmons** (granddaughter of Karyn Kerley), **Bob Mainard** (father of Mandy Englund), **Bryan Robinson** (nephew of Garland Robinson), **Alfred Silva** (father of Brandy Jensen), **Candy Johnson, Linda Johnson, Chris Whelehan** (friend of Kris Merritt), **Marna Carpenter** (niece of Julie Rousseau), **Al Fredrickson, Carla Hunter** (aunt of Gregory Ormsby), **Brandon Benson** (friend of Debbie Reigel-Yates), **Jeannie Omdal, Marian Hiett** (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), **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** and **Ron Schutte**.

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: 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



Do You Want To Get Involved With Our Church, But Don't Know 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. **Don't forget to fill out the Time & Talents Survey.** Pick up a survey on the desk in the Narthex.

- **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.
- 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!
- Sign up and bring flowers for worship for after Easter.
- **Attend Bible Study or Bible Experience Class.**
- 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.** Or write a newsletter...

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

Serving in Worship - July

	July 7	July 14 (at Saxon)	July 21	July 28
Assisting Minister	Darla Jensen	Will Benson	Linda Larson	Nancy Nygren
Acolyte	Jon Benson	Kaycee Stubben	TBD	Blake Caldwell
Lector	Kris Merritt	Cathy Smith	Jenifer Troxel	Linda Tyler
Usher	Mike Miller Kris Merritt	Jeff & Stephanie Knutzen	Tom Wake Jon Aarstad	Gordy Dahl Patsy Martin
Greeter	Steven Dahl Shirley Brick	Not needed	Susie Aarstad Judy Bendsten	Bonnie Bowers Inger Conner
Altar Guild	Debbie Conjin Kathy Shoop	Judy Sheahan Julie Rousseau	Julie Rousseau Marie Nelson	Marie Johnson Janet Wyman
Fellowship Host	Gary & Jenifer Troxel Linda & Jason Tyler	Brad & Janet Wyman Larry & Susie Forsythe	Bud & Bonnie Bowers Sara Omdal	Judy Bendsten & Roger Taxdal Englund Family
Flowers	Kristin Caldwell			
CMD	Cheryl Conner	Christie Peterson	Laura Engebretsen	Jean Miller

July Birthdays

7/1	Anne Kuntz
7/2	Alana Rebar
7/7	Aaron Schutte
7/8	Dana Geary
7/8	Bonnie Bowers
7/11	Chris Omdal
7/12	Korrin McCutchin
7/13	Susie Forsythe
7/16	Morgan Perry
7/16	Arnold Woll



7/19	Laurel Black
7/20	Craig Guthridge
7/20	Darla Jensen
7/21	Debbie Bloodgood
7/24	Larry Forsythe
7/25	Judy Bendtsen
7/25	Kathy Shoop
7/29	Tanya Black
7/29	Bryan Benson
7/31	Joline Lomsdalen

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

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Pentecost 6 10:30 a Worship	1 7:00 p Bible Study*	2 6:00 p Young Adult Group	3	4 Happy Fourth of July	5	6
7 Pentecost 7 10:30 a Worship	8 7:00 p Bible Study*	9 6:00 p Young Adult Group	10	11 10:30 a Care Team Meeting	12 Young Adult Group to Saxon	13 Everyone to Saxon
14 Pentecost 8 10:30 a Worship At Saxon <i>*No worship at Edison Lutheran Church*</i>	15 7:00 p Bible Study*	16 6:00 p Young Adult Group	17	18 No Prayer Shawl Ministry	19	20
21 Pentecost 9 10:30 a Worship	22 7:00 p Bible Study*	23 6:00 p Young Adult Group Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26	27
28 Pentecost 10 10:30 a Worship	29 6:00 p Friendship House Meal 7:00 p Bible Study*	30 6:00 p Young Adult Group	31	1	2	3

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

Pastor's Bible Study -- Mondays at 7 pm

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

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

Smarter Than A Confirmation Student from page 12:

Matthew 3:4 reads as follows: "Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey."

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Blood Drives at Edison Lutheran: August 1 & 2, October 3 & 4, and December 5 & 6
- ◆ Next Family Promise Dates for ELC are September 15th through the morning of September 19th
- ◆ First Day of Sunday School, September 15th



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