

EDMONDS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*We will be a sign in the community
that Jesus Christ is here....*

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP- 8:30 AM
EDUCATION HOUR- 9:30 AM
CELEBRATION WORSHIP- 10:30 AM

Sunday, May 24th is
Pentecost Sunday
WEAR RED!

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News from Edmonds Lutheran Church



Pentecost 2014

The Holy Spirit is quite the mysterious thing! Recently, on our journey with our confirmation students, we began work on the Apostle's Creed, breaking it down article by article. We started by writing down what/who we would say God the Creator is or is not, and what/who God the Son is or is not. Then we came to the Holy Spirit...and we encountered some holy silence, until one student asked, "What in the world is the Holy Spirit anyway?!"

What a good question! What is this Holy Spirit anyway? The best and most concise answer I can give, just as I began, is 'a most mysterious thing.' This is not much to go on, and yet it is everything we have to go on. As we look throughout scripture this Holy Spirit is among people, hovering over the water, inspiring people to speak, resting on people, coming like a rushing wind, impregnating women, a thing given and promised by God, even appearing over people's heads like a flame. It is no wonder that the word 'mysterious' seems to be a fitting word to capture what the Holy Spirit is. Or as one of the confirmation students said, "The Holy Spirit is just crazy!"

Indeed, this is what makes it so difficult to explain in words exactly what the Holy Spirit is. Yet, as one looks at the many accounts of the Holy Spirit in Scripture, or even at the short list above, it seems obvious that the Holy Spirit is not so much something to be explained or taught, but experienced! It seems that is often how we come to know this

triumph God by experience - not so much by reading, classes and gaining knowledge, but by encountering in our life a moment where the Holy Spirit reveals to us the unending love, grace and hope of God.

Yet, in our Western religious culture, especially in the Lutheran vein, we tend to ignore or shy away from the Holy Spirit. Maybe with good reason, because it does seem that the Holy Spirit is unpredictable, wild and completely out of our control. If you are like me, we like to live in control of our own lives.

But, what if we lost control to the Holy Spirit? What if we embraced, even just a little, handing our lives to the leading of the Holy Spirit? What might begin to happen daily if we open ourselves (as Paul writes about in the conclusion of Galatians) to walk, pray, be guided by, bear the fruit of and rejoice in the Holy Spirit? Who knows?! I am sure even the disciples had no idea where and exactly how the Holy Spirit was leading them, yet they still lived in, by and through the Spirit.

As we approach the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, consider this and be open to the Holy Spirit in your daily life. May the Holy Spirit descend upon your life as an unforgettable experience!

*In Peace and Love,
Pastor Tim*



Worship News

May Worship/ Adult Forum Schedule

May 3	New member induction/welcome Learning to Walk in the Dark Book Talk
May 10	Solar Panel Forum
May 17	Learning to Walk in the Dark Book Talk
May 24	SWITCHING TO ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM PENTECOST! CONFIRMATION! WEAR RED! No adult forum
May 31	QUILTING OF THE GRADS! 1 service at 9:30 am for the rest of the summer



Quilting of the Graduates

Sunday, May 31

Two of our members, Noah Forslund and Matthew Sythandone will be graduating this Spring. They will be presented with a lovely, personalized quilt to keep them warm as they venture off to a new and unknown chapter in their lives. The quilts will remind them that they are wrapped in God's love and that their church family is holding them tight!

Summer Worship Schedule - Memorial Day to Labor Day
One worship service at 9:30 am-Starting Sunday, May 24th

Due to popular demand, here are the recipes for the pickled cabbage and Danish meatballs served at Pastor Julie's Sending Celebration Luncheon. Enjoy!

Danish Red Cabbage Recipe

1 head red cabbage
1 cup apple cider vinegar
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sugar

Finely grate or chop cabbage like for coleslaw. Add the cabbage and all other ingredients to a pan and stir and simmer on medium low for about 35 minutes until tender. Serve warm or cold. Cabbage will keep in the fridge for two weeks.



Danish Meatball Recipe

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1/2 pound ground pork
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon allspice
2 eggs
1 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
1/4 cup milk



Blend all ingredients well. Form into balls the size of a walnut and either fry on the stove top or bake on a cookie sheet at 425 degrees for 30 minutes.

Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5p Thrivent Meeting (FS)	2 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
Text Study (FS) is	8	9 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
Text Study (FS) Community Dinner (FH/K)	15 7p Pinochle (FH)	16 8:00 am Women's Breakfast at Swedish Edmonds Cafeteria 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
Text Study (FS) Retirement Planning (FS)	22 5p Event (FH/K)	23 10a NA Women's Group (SS)
Text Study (FS)	29	30 10a NA Women's Group (SS) 3p Memorial Service (S/FH/K)

Worship schedule with ONE starting Sunday May 24th

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Birthday Blessings to our Friends at ELC!

"God danced on the day you were born"

- May 7- Wayne Neidhardt
- May 8- Kari Petterson
- May 9- Margo Lawrence
- May 9- Evan Pauls
- May 10- Maxine Coon
- May 10- Margaret Johnson
- May 12- Penny Halverson
- May 13- Tom Jurewicz
- May 16- Wayne Mulkey
- May 18- Doug Walker
- May 19- Myron Krueger
- May 22- Ryan Phillips
- May 23- Mary Schulz
- May 23- Sheila McConnachie
- May 23- Barb Swenson
- May 23- Sarah Witzel
- May 25- Ilene Armintrout
- May 25- Bob Snyder
- May 26- Mike Bloom
- May 29- June Karfstedt



Anniversary Blessings to:

- May 1- Ruth and Bill Anderson
- May 17- Bev and Bob Hacker
- May 29- Ann and Dan Walther

There is no more lovely, friendly or charming relationship, communion or company, than a good marriage."

~ Martin Luther

~ May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
3 New Member Sunday 8:30a Traditional worship 9:30a Cottage Meeting (FS) 10:30a Celebration worship (S) 6p NA (SS) 6:30p OA (FH)	4 6p Dance Group (SS) 7p NA (FH)	5 10a Jammin' Tuesdays (FS) 10:30a Staff Mtg (CR) 5p Personnal Meeting (CR) 7p Book Club (Barnes') 7:30p NA (SS)	6 9a Men's Breakfast (Edmonds Pancake Haus) 10:30a Bible Study (FS) 3p Compass Health (RWV) 4p ACK Board Meeting (FS) 5p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 6p Confirmation (SS) 6:30p Thrivent Financial Class (FS)	7 10:30a Clergy 7:30 pm Chime
10 8:30a Traditional worship 10:30a Celebration worship (S) 6p NA (SS) 6:30p OA (FH)	11 1p Prayer Shawl (FS) 6p Dance Group (SS) 6p Thrivent Retirement Planning (FS) 7p NA (FH)	12 10a Jammin' Tuesdays (FS) 10a Rebecca's Circle 10:30a Staff Mtg (CR) 6p Thrivent Retirement Planning (FS) 7:30p NA (SS)	13 10:30a Bible Study (FS) 3p Compass Health (RWV) 5p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 6p Confirmation (SS) 6p Learning Center Board Mtg (CR) 6:30p Thrivent Financial Class (FS) 7:00 Council Meeting (FS)	14 10:30a Clergy 6p Synod Asse
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24 PENTECOST 9:30a Traditional worship (1 service) 6p NA (SS) 6:30p OA (FH)	25 Memorial Day 1p Prayer Shawl (FS) 5p Dine Out (Lynnwood Azteca) 6p Dance Group (SS) 7p NA (FH) Office and Learning Center closed	26 10a Jammin' Tuesdays (FS) 10:30a Staff Mtg (CR) 7:30p NA (SS)	27 10:30a Bible Study (FS) 3p Compass Health (RWV) 5p Annie's Kitchen (FH/K) 6p Confirmation (SS)	28 10:30a Clergy
31 Trinity Sunday Quilting of the Grads 9:30a Worship (S) (1 service) 10:30a All Congregational Reflection Brunch (FH) 6p NA (SS) 6:30p OA (FH)	ELC will switch to our summer worship service on WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM s			

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Clergy Renewal News



Pastor Julie's Sending Celebration was a joyous occasion with uplifting worship, great music, delicious and traditional Danish food and an amazing array of Scandinavian desserts that were provided by ELC members. Fourteen of Pastor Julie's family members were able to attend and join ELC in supporting her and praying for her safe travels.

Pastor Julie has a travel blog where she will keep us all abreast of her wanderings and all she is learning about her family and our family at ELC. Please visit her blog at pastorjuliesadventure.edmondslutheran.org, or you can go to ELC's website at edmondslutheran.org and click on the Danish flag on the right side. Send her a comment from the blog and wish her well as she embarks on a journey of learning and growth. (Requested recipes for meatballs and cabbage on page 2!)

Church Life News



The Spring Lutheran World Relief Drive is May 1st and 2nd and we will pack Baby Care Kits, Personal Care Kits and Quilts at the end of the month. LWR requests full size (4-5oz.) bath soap bars, in their original wrapper, for both the baby care and personal care kits; 2 bars for each kit and only gentle soap for the baby care kits. We still need bars of soap to complete the kits so if you can help with this request, please bring your soap donation to church before April 30th.

Thanks,
Mary Anne Ramborger

HATS OFF

To everyone that pitched in to make Pr. Julie's sending luncheon so lovely.

To all the musicians who performed beautifully during Holy Week and Easter.

To everyone who helped during our Earth Day recycling event.



Join us for
DINE OUT at
AZTECA
Monday
May 25th

Join us on Monday, May 25th at Azteca in Lynnwood—5:00 pm
18920 Alderwood Mall Blvd- Lynnwood

For more info, call Linnae at 425-776-7363

SAVE THE DATE
elc's annual golf

TOURNAMENT
sunday
july 19

ALL GOLFERS WELCOME

SIGN-UP STARTS LATE JUNE IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Questions? Call Malcolm McCallum
at 206-542-0406



Join us at the Ballpark
for a Mariners Game!
More info coming soon.

Save
the
Date
July
26th

ELC Book Club

Join us for good discussions and fellowship! Everyone is invited!

Here is the information about our next meetings and books.

May 5 - Maureen Barnes - *The Heart of Horses* by Molly Gloss

June 2 - Jennifer Cobb - *How it All Began* by Penelope Lively

July 7 - *Little Century* by Anna Keeseey

Announcements

Below is a list of regularly-scheduled opportunities outside of the Sunday worship services at Edmonds Lutheran Church.

ACTIVITY/EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Staff Meeting	Tuesdays- 10:30 am	ELC (CR)
Chimes Rehearsal	Thursdays-7:30 pm	ELC (S)
Recorder Ensemble	3rd Saturdays- 11:00 am	ELC (S)
Prayer Shawl Knitters	2nd and 4th Monday-1:00 pm	ELC (FS)
"Dine Out"	4th Monday - 5:00 pm	local restaurants
Book Club	1st Tuesday - 7:30 pm	Held at members' homes
Quilters	3rd Tuesday - 10:00 am	ELC (FH)
Men's Breakfast	1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 9am	Edmonds Pancake Haus
Bible Study	Wednesdays - 10:30 am	ELC (FS)
Annie's Community Kitchen	Wednesdays - 5-6:30 pm	ELC (FH/K)
Clergy Text Study	Thursdays at 10:30 am	ELC (FS)
Traditions Choir	Thursdays - 6:30 pm	ELC (FH)
Drum Circle	3rd Saturday-10:00 am	ELC Sanctuary
Pinochle Group	3rd Friday - 7:00 pm	ELC (FH)
Women's Breakfast	3rd Saturday - 8:00 am	Swedish Edmonds Cafeteria
Rachel's Circle	3rd Tuesdays—7:00 pm	held at members' homes
Rebecca's Circle	2nd Tuesdays— 10:00 am	held at members' homes
NA	Mondays at 7-8:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
NA	Tuesdays at 7:30 pm	SS
NA Women	Saturdays at 10:00 am	SS
NA	Sundays at 6:00 pm	SS
OA	Sundays at 6:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
MEETINGS		
Council	2nd Tuesdays -7:00 pm	ELC (FS)
ACK Board Meeting	1st Wednesdays— 4:00 pm	ELC (FS)
Learning Center Board Mtg	2nd Wednesday- 6:00 pm	ELC (CR)
Learning Center Staff Mtg	3rd Wednesday-6:00 pm	ELC

2015 Council

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ELC'S AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

WE ARE OFFICIALLY A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION!
OUR RIC COMMITTEE DRAFTED THIS OFFICIAL WELCOME STATEMENT
WHICH IS UNIQUE TO OUR CONGREGATION.

"Edmonds Lutheran Church is a reconciling, affirming and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created them. If you've never set foot in a church, if you had a bad experience or you worship regularly, we welcome everyone without exception and regardless of sex, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, physical and mental ability, age, or economic circumstances."

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, through Grace, is called a child of God. We pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together, working to be a sign in the community that Jesus Christ is here."

AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Church Life News

Thank you Northwest Lion's Foundation
for partnering with ELC



The Northwest Lions Foundation brought their mobile clinic to ELC's campus on Wednesday, April 29th from 4:00 pm till 8:00 pm. They did blood pressure checks, conducted sight and hearing tests and tested for glaucoma and diabetes. This was a tremendous service to have available to our diners at Annie's Kitchen. Thank you so much members of the Lion's Foundation, for your service.

Pea Patch News



ELC's Pea Patch continues to thrive and now has a waiting list of folks in our neighborhood who would like to tend their own plot. To meet this need, we are building five new plots and are in need of material and financial support. We received a gift from Home Depot and are open to any suggestions of other businesses or organizations to approach. If you know of any organization that provides financial support or supplies to local community gardens, contact Dave Nelson at 425-776-3697.

It's Garden Tour Time!

Inspiration. Where does it come from? Is it a whimsical piece of art that leads one to think, "Oh, I should plant THOSE particular perennials!" Or is it a vacation in the mountains with particularly good memories? For more than one garden owner on this tour, it was the experience of having lived in Asia. Whatever the inspiration, you will enjoy experiencing these gardens and meeting the owners to learn more about their stories. These gardens represent passion, creativity, and stamina whether they are long established, working with problem areas, or new and waiting to fill in.

The 23rd annual Richmond Beach Garden Tour is fast approaching! On Saturday, June 6th, the Richmond Beach Community Association will sponsor the annual self-guided tour of local gardens. Maps for the tour will be available on June 1st at the Richmond Beach Library, Sky Nursery and Richmond Beach Coffee Co.



Church Life News



Writing as a Spiritual Exercise

I have written my way through threatening waves of depression which led me to publish, some years ago a book of poetry entitled, "Out from the Shadows: Poetic Portraits of Faith." Now, after five years journeying through loss and grief, I will soon publish a collection of letters and poems entitled, "Peach, Limestone, and Green."

None of what I write is for literary merit but as a spiritual exercise recording external and internal journeys. I write to be alert, reflecting on divine presence and activity in, around and through me. Writing each day is a tool to discover "God sightings," becoming aware of divine guidance and nurture through daily comings and goings and especially during times of transition.

Writing provides me a sixth sense for listening to Spirit, "praying my life" in a transforming intimacy with Divine that heals, soothes, gives birth to true self and a newness of life. The pieces I write will leave a legacy of faith, hope and love about one man's development of soul.

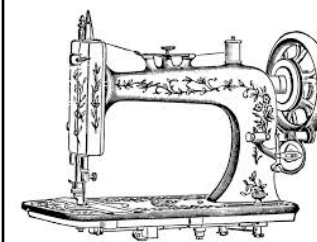
Do you journal? Have you ever considered writing a memoir, short stories, poetry? Writing as a spiritual exercise is a wonderful way to discover your source of life, the meaning of earthly existence, who you really are, and what you are gifted and called to do. Perhaps you, too, will find writing well worth the courage and discipline it requires.

Reverend Jerry R. O'Neill, Spiritual Director in Residence

ELC LOVES
new members!

Karen Jurewicz Malcolm Brown
Tom Jurewicz Charlie Brown
Merrillee Bradshaw

We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, May 3rd and we would love for you to join us! Contact Pastor Tim with questions at pastortim@edmondslutheran.org



JAMMIN' TUESDAYS

There is a new Thrivent Action team that starting in March on Tuesday mornings from 10am

to noon in the Fireside Room. This group gathers to sew pajama pants for Holly House, a local non-profit that serves low-income families in the Edmonds School District. What a great way to use up your extra material! Sewing machines are available for use. If you have any questions, contact Merrillee Bradshaw at 206-949-2204.



Church Life News

In the days since his death, the family of Ray Glore has felt the collective hugs, kind words and deeds, and many other acts of kindness of the Edmonds Lutheran Church family. They have held us up and strengthened us at this sad time. Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks go out to all of you. You do the word "Family" great honor.

Blessings to you - The Glore Family



Earth Day Sunday was April 19th, and 1 Green Planet came to our campus again. The day was sunny, and the parking lot was packed with grateful neighbors that were so happy to take advantage of this service. There was a steady flow of cars from 9am-3pm, and more than 7 tons of scrap metal were rescued from the landfill! What a great way to commemorate Earth Day at ELC. Thank you so much to everyone who supported this important program!

One of the items that is collected at our recycling event is a collection of rusty, broken bicycles. These bikes are set aside and donated to the Carol Rowe Food Bank in Edmonds. Carol Rowe has a bicycle repair shop where volunteers repair and re-paint the bikes, change out tires, replace pedals and handlebars. When they are finished, these bicycles are shiny and look brand new. Families that participate in the Food Bank program can pick out a bike for their child at the Christmas toy shop during the holidays. This is one amazing by-product of ELC's partnership with 1 Green Planet.



Annie's Kitchen News



John Owen has been a tugboat chef for nearly a decade. Working a split shift from 4.30 am -7.00 pm, John cooks breakfast, lunch, and dinner for a crew of 11-20, 7 days a week. He has been working for Crowley Marine Services in Valdez, Alaska for 10 years. A couple of times a year he drops down to the lower 48, and this is when you will have an amazing meal at Annie's Kitchen. "About 5 years ago, Bob Snyder met me at the gym, and when he found out I was a chef, he roped me in!" said John.

John came back to Annie's Kitchen on Wednesday, April 8, to make his famous chocolate chip, M&M cookies. John and Rozella spent the morning baking dozens and dozens of cookies, which were then packaged and delivered to some of our loyal donors who supply the food and other items that keep Annie's Community Kitchen running. Thank you so much, John and Rozella, for your time and baking talents!

ANNIE'S KITCHEN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

With the weather warming up and summer almost upon us, Annie's Kitchen usually experiences a drop in volunteers helping with the dinner. We could use gleaners, cooks, dishwashers and all kinds of support volunteers. If you have the time, come and join us. If you have a friend that would like to get plugged in, bring them along! Thank you so much for your willingness to serve.

