

Edison Park Lutheran Church



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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Pastor Kegel's Message

This weekend we will be celebrating All Saints' Sunday. The actual day is November first (that's why we celebrate Halloween when we do-as All Hallows', All Saints' Eve.) On All Saints' the Christian Church remembers and gives thanks for those who have gone before in faith, both those known to us all and those only known to God. Here in Church we will remember those who have entered the Church Triumphant during the last year. But All Saints' is a day to give us courage as well as for remembrance. We are encouraged in our faith because we know that God is with us now and will never leave us or forsake us. Our final destiny is assured because of Christ. We will have eternal life with Christ and all those who have believed in him.

John Ruskin, the Victorian literary critic wrote in his diary, "I was in doubt about the foundation of my house. So I took a candle and went down into the cellar and ascertained that all was perfectly safe. Since then I have lived in the pleasant upper parts of the house." Commenting on this, Frank Meade wrote, "Too many of us today live in the cellar of our lives, counting the black beetles, shuddering over the spiders, bemoaning the dampness and generally tormenting ourselves in the darkness." We do not need to be afraid. We can set our worries and cares aside. God cares for us and those we love. God will make sure that we have a place with all the saints in the Kingdom of God.

Worship

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

Nursery 8:45a-11:30a

Hearing Devices

Pick up a device at the Welcome Center

Office Hours

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

Fri.-8:30a-Noon

Flowers

The flowers at the pulpit are in memory of Rita Van Arx from her loving daughter, Barbara Kruse.

Wedding - Friday, November 2

Anna Freeman and Brian Paulson

Why We Share the Peace

Repentance also finds expression as neighbor-love in the community of Lutheran worship. Lutheran churches have a tradition of confessing sins aloud together in part to recognize that the sin of an individual always affects the whole body. This liturgical act of repentance as “turning to others” is repeated, or perhaps completed, as we share the peace.

The sharing of the peace finds its roots in Jesus’ teaching from the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus explicitly connects “turning to others” to our worship of God. Jesus says:

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to council; and if you say, ‘You fool’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first to be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.”
(Matthew 5:21-24)

This is why the Exchange of Peace is often located before the Offering and the Meal. It provides not only a chance to exchange friendly greetings, but also an opportunity to resolve conflicts—to give and receive forgiveness. Jesus’ instructions reveal his deep understanding of human nature. Where our relationships remain strained or broken, it can be nearly impossible for us to freely and joyfully “offer our gift” to God—or to anyone else.

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A Midweek Conversation With God

Prayer Group meets first and third Wednesday's of the month from 6:30 - 7p - "a mid-week conversation with God. " Time to pause in the busyness of our lives to give thanks, be still, listen to God, to pray for the special needs of EPLC and other special concerns." Next date is Wednesday, November 7. Any questions, please call Gerri Huffman.

Call Committee

Council appointed the following people to the Call Committee:

Scott Castello, Synoma Hays, Joey Killmer

Julie Rose-Skifano

Council members: Phyllis Doyle, Joe Bartel, Vicki Evers

Buried Through Edison Park Since Last All Saints.
Blessed be the memory of these and loved ones you light candles for today.

Members and former members are marked with an asterisk*

Diana Beseke* + Henry Buerger* + George Doering* + Charles Doud* +
Mae Dumas* + Harold Gohl* + Katherine Grassl* + Eileen Gronwick* +
Evelyn Landem* + Sharon Sawusch* + William Sefton* + David Seibel* +
Michael Skopick, Jr. * + Nicole Swanson* + June Vliet*

Spouses or family of members whose services we officiated are marked by two asterisks.**

Gloria Swanson** + Thomas Brubaker** + LaVerne O'Connor** +
Gretel Tolemy** + Anna Dodanno** + Anne Simonsen** +
Lucille Gustafson** + E. Frances Ledenbach** + Elien Levander**

Our mission and ministry also reaches beyond our wall to many neighborhood families whose services we officiated, and those are listed also.

Carol Arndt + Mario Bane + David Beckmann + Ursula Blitzner + Neil Borowsky +
Judith Cartwright + Fred Conville + Dorothy Fliszar + Betty Gamble +
Neil Gerlach + Harriet Granquist + Patricia Hiller + Jay Howard + Mitzi Johnson +
Shirley Johnson + Ethel Keeran + Scott Kramer + Joseph Kwit, Jr. + Alfred Lang Jr. +
John Monsen + Robert Mueller + Patricia Murnik + Elizabeth Philipp + David Roth +
Linda Scheibel + David Schnur + Betty Lou Skorka + Robert Stockton +
Marion Summerhill + Robert Swager + Michael Williams + Elaine Wise + Siham Zitzler

Those who contributed to, and whose ashes are now resting in our All Saints Memorial Garden.

Henry Buerger + Rose Jones + Katherine Grassl

Public Prayer 11/4/18

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

- * David Lawrence
- * Martina Lance (Friend of Barb Sanders)

THIS WEEK AT EPLC

Saturday, November 3

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2a Sunday

5:00p-Worship

Sunday, November 4

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8:00p-Bible Conversation & Prayer

8:45a-Nursery

9:00a & 10:30a—Worship

9:00a —Sunday School

1:00p-Hungarian Reformed

Monday, November 5

6:30p-Rising Stars

7:00p-AA

7:00p-Families Anonymous

7:00p-Boy Scout

Tuesday, November 6

POLLING PLACE

No Preschool Today

8:30a-Easy Exercise

6:30p-Rising Stars

7:00p-Gamblers Anonymous

7:30p-EPLC Foundation Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 7

10:30a-Bible Study—Romans

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

4:30p-Blast Grades 1-6

4:30p-Cherub Choir—Grades Pre K-K

Wednesday, November 7 (Continued)

5:15p-Blast—Ages Pre K-K

5:15p-Hosanna Choir Grades 1-6

6:00p-Confirmation

6:30p-Evening Prayer

7:00p-Sanctuary Choir

7:00p-Club 3:16

Thursday, November 8

8:30a-Easy Exercise

5:30p-Bell Choir

7:20p-Quartet Rehearsal

7:30p-EPLC Book Club

8:00p-AI-Anon (Men)

Friday, November 9

6:00p-Bears

7:00-Webelos II

Saturday, November 10

7:30p-Men's Breakfast—Silver Stallion, Des Plaines

5:00p- Worship

Sunday, November 11

8:00p-Bible Conversation & Prayer

8:45a-Nursery

9:00a & 10:30a—Worship

9:00a —Sunday School

1:00p-Hungarian Reformed

**10:30a-Veterans Day Ceremony
at Monument Park**

FUTURE EVENTS

November 4 - All Saints Day

November 18 - Mission Cookie Sale

November 21 - 7p Thanksgiving Service

November 22 - Thanksgiving

November 22 - Turkey Trot