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*From the
Pastor*



“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.” Psalm 127:1

If you were in church a few weeks ago, you heard an announcement that the congregation is forming a committee to formulate and put into motion a long term strategic plan for the congregation's ministry. Eternal Life Lutheran Church has been blessed by God over the last few years through God's Word and Sacrament ministry practiced here. The Lord has given healing and unity in Him. I consider it a joy to have been involved in this ministry together with all of you. Many in the congregation feel it is now time to take the next step and move forward united as God's people in this place. We have been truly blessed with many resources in time, talents, and treasures. God gives these blessings so that His kingdom would come to those who do not know Him yet. He has entrusted us with the responsibility and privilege to be good stewards in this work. As your Pastor, I ask along with the Long Term Strategic Planning Committee members, for your prayers and willingness to participate in planning and implementing a blueprint for the ministry here at this place that the Lord would have us do. We will work together looking continually to the Lord for His guidance and blessing. We are a people called by God on a mission to share the Good News of our Risen Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. What a joy!

In The Lord's Service and Yours,
Pastor Frusti

How blessed we were to have in our midst God's "precious little children"! On the same Sunday worship service in March we welcomed two families celebrating three and four generations together!

*Our members, Gail Hudnall, and Steve & Theresa Hudnall had family celebrating a **four-generation** gathering. Great-Grandma Gail, (Mesa, AZ) Grandpa Steve, (Gilbert, AZ) daughter Katie Hudnall Winterstein and grandson Adam Winterstein (Alexandria, VA).*

*Our members Daryl and Denise Seaman also gathered together with their family of **three generations** including parents Daryl and Denise Seaman, Chandler, AZ, daughter Laura Seaman Richert (married to Rev. Jeremy Richert, not pictured) of Alberta, Canada, (holding her goddaughter, Jane), and Son Greg Seaman and his wife Christa, with their children Jane and Adam of Parker, Colorado.*

GOD IS GREAT!



NOTE FROM PAT LOHSE: ACTIVITY CENTER KITCHEN: Many of you know my husband and me, but for those of you who do not, I'm Pat and my husband is Robert (last name Lohse). I've belonged to ELLC for most of the 13 years we've lived in Mesa and my husband has been a member for almost three years. In that time, we have become quite active in the utilization of our kitchen in the Activity Center. Even though we're not allowed to do much in the line of cooking (because of fire rules and regulations), we have found it very enjoyable to be involved in various meals that have found their way to the enjoyment of our church members. In using the kitchen, we have found many things that need improvement, mainly in having someone to kind of organize things. Therefore, Robert and I have volunteered to be those "someones". That doesn't mean we will do all the work, but it means we'll be the contact people for those needing to use the kitchen and making sure it's available when needed. We'll try to get volunteers to bring in "sweets" on the Sundays we don't have our carry-in meal. We also need volunteers to help cleaning up the kitchen after. If we have enough hands, it doesn't really take long. Sometime, later this year, we plan on cleaning the kitchen and back room as we have so many items we don't use or need. It's really taking up much room that could be used for other purposes. Watch for our notice when this will be happening as again, we'll need our volunteers to help. If we have enough items we don't need, we'll probably have a "garage sale" to get rid of them and raise funds to purchase disposable items. When we come to you and ask for your help, we're hoping we can rely on you!! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact either of us at [480-219-9538](tel:480-219-9538). Thank you in advance.



Local time and station is: KFNX 1100AM dial at 9:30am Sunday mornings.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

Ladies! Mark your calendars and join us for our final meeting this spring on APRIL 10th at 11:30 A.M. at Rochester's Restaurant in Sunland Village- (4601 E. Dolphin Ave.) We will have a short business meeting and mites will be collected and dedicated. Come and bring a friend and get acquainted with your Sisters in Christ.

Look for the Sign-up Sheet on the Bulletin Board near the narthex. Please indicate if you can drive or will need a ride. Watch the Sun. Bulletin for more information.

The LWML is celebrating 75 years of commending Christ from one generation to another. Our President Mary and zone President plus many more ladies from the Zone will be attending the 37th Biennial Convention in Albuquerque, N.M. June 22-25th. Keep these ladies in your prayers for safe trips and as they will be voting on the new Mission Grants to be chosen that day. Our regular Mite Sunday will be April 2nd. Look for the large Mite Box as you leave the service.

We wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter,

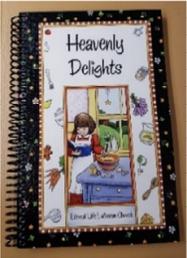
We Serve the Lord With Gladness



- 7 Garlan Hulbert
- 16 Christopher Resner
- 18 Daryl Seaman
- 20 Elisabeth Stankey
- 24 Ken Kohler
- 26 Donald Zimbleman
- 28 Lenny Lange



- 1 Roger & Vivian Nelson
- 6 Vernon & Ellen Barkela



Cookbooks are here! We still have copies of the ELLC cookbook. If you have not picked up your copy or need extra copies see Nadine. The book sells for \$10.

Stewardship Corner

Over the next few months, we are going to print a series of Christian wisdom from former LCMS President Rev. Al Barry. Today's message is an introduction from Rev. Barry regarding Christian Stewardship.

“I have a suspicion Christian stewardship is one of those areas to which we really do not give adequate attention.

Unfortunately, at times when stewardship is discussed it is done from the perspective of the Law, not the Gospel. In fact, it may well be that a number of people think that stewardship is only about raising funds for the church’s budget. That is genuinely unfortunate, for, as we shall see, Christian stewardship is much more than this.

To fully appreciate the privilege we have of being Christian stewards, we need to return to those bedrock truths of the Christian faith so that we will continually live in appreciation of the glorious truths of God’s Word, truths that set us free for lives of Christian stewardship.” *Rev. Dr. Al Barry*

Stay tuned for our next insight in being good stewards in God's kingdom from Rev. Al Barry in the next newsletter!

Blessings,
Catherine Needham
Denise Seaman
Board of Stewardship

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 ESV

Celebration Gift

Given to the glory of God in celebration of

My Birthday

Our Anniversary

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

I wish to make a celebration gift to Eternal Life Lutheran Church

Your Name _____

Church Envelope Number _____ Amount \$ _____

Celebration Gift

Your celebration gift will help us to continue to
build the ministry and proclaim the Gospel!

God Bless You!

Elder for March is Robert Lohse (480-220-6604)

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We offer COMMUNION every week!						1
2 Bible Study 8:15a Worship Service 9:30a MITE BOX Sunday	3 TOPS 8a	4 BIBLE STUDY 9:30a Elders Mtg 10:30	5 Quilters 9a Knitters 10a Lenten Service 4p Supper 5p	6	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 Bible Study 8:15a Worship Service 9:30a	10 TOPS 8a	11 BIBLE STUDY 9:30a	12 Quilters 9a	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 4pm	14 OFFICE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 4PM	15
16 Easter Breakfast 7-9 Worship Service 9:30a 	17 TOPS 8a	18 BIBLE STUDY 9:30a Evangelism Mtg 10:30	19 Quilters 9a Stewardship Meeting 11a	20	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22
23 Bible Study 8:15a WS 9:30a	24 TOPS 8a	25 BIBLE STUDY 9:30a	26 BOD MEETING 6pm	27	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
30 Bible Study 8:15a WS 9:30a	He Is Risen!					