

# Eternal Life Lines Newsletter

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I am writing this message as I wait to board my flight back to Phoenix from Wisconsin. It is snowing and the landscape is covered with a fresh blanket of white. I am thankful for the time of rest and refreshment. I am contemplating the busy time that is about upon us. It is easy to get overwhelmed with preparation for Christmas. It begins with Thanksgiving and goes through New Year. It is OK to prepare. We prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. He is the gift of love from our Heavenly Father. I am looking forward to celebrating Christmas with all of you. Let us prepare our hearts together this Advent season. Jesus has come to His creation and it is new every day. Let's remember that together this coming new year.

God bless us all!

Pastor Martin Frusti

## LIFE-LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at Eternal Life Lutheran Church. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup - a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers) and receive your "Advantage" member discount and your Preferred Appointment!



LWML SUNDAY-NOISY MITE SUNDAY will be Sunday Dec. 4. Will you help us celebrate our Sunday? Ladies, if you have something purple please wear it. OK? We would like to honor our "foremothers" who started the LWML back in 1942. (Also if you have a hat wear that too). Can't you just see those dear ladies all dressed up wearing their hats, gloves and also carrying a purse? Remember these ladies were asked by the church forefathers of the Synod to establish a women's auxiliary to help them with the mission of the church.

ALL ladies are invited to attend the Christmas lunch on TUESDAY Dec. 13 at noon at The Black Bear Restaurant 1809 E Baseline (W. of Gilbert)-corner of Ash/Baseline). Please look for the Sign-up sheet and indicate whether you can drive or if you will need a ride (we will car pool from the church at 11:15). We will have a fun day celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus with Janet leading us in singing our favorite hymns and carols. It was suggested we have "Prayer Partners" so if you would like a Prayer Partner please pick up a rock after the service on Dec. 4th and put your name on one side and your birthdate on the other and bring to the party. We will have a drawing at the Christmas lunch to see who your partner will be for 2017. Thank you.

On behalf of our LWML we thank All of YOU for helping us and our Mite offerings throughout the year, and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

WE SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS  
Beverly Dase, Publicity Chair



- 3 Ernie Teich
- 8 Wilbert Keinath
- 9 Robert McInnis
- 16 Robert Lohse
- 18 Carole Burrows
- 22 Jeanette Pelzer  
Sharon Kahle
- 23 Vickie Lange
- 27 Patricia Slocum



- 16 Pat & Robert Lohse
- 22 Pastor & Karen Frusti



**CHECK OUT OUR CHURCH LIBRARY!!** The books are filed alphabetically by the author's name. Our library is located in the Fellowship Hall right next to the sanctuary. We use the "honor system" for checking out books. So just grab a book and go! Enjoy!



Please continue to keep our members and friends in your prayers and include our shut-ins, those who are sick and recovering from illness or trials including Mabel Eilers, Dorothy Camillo, Jeanette Pelzer, Evelyn Meeker, Pat Giese, Fred Dase, Eunice Mendenhall, Don Firnhaber, and Shirley Blome.

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE NEWS

Your Evangelism Committee met on Tuesday, November 15, after Bible class. We welcomed our newest member, Sharon Burkhardt.

Discussion was centered on witness and outreach which are two areas the committee is charged with undertaking. We explored some different ways of reaching out and getting to know the people of our neighborhoods, our communities. In the near future you will be hearing and reading about events and activities which will better enable us to reach out as individuals and as a congregation to others with the saving message of the gospel. Watch the bulletin, newsletters and flyers for information about these opportunities. Our prayer is that many of you will respond by getting involved in these activities as they become available and as you are able.

Our committee will assist Pastor in providing the Advent Supper on December 14. Please plan to join us for chili and all that goes with it.

The schedule for manning the visitor cart at the Fall Festival was finalized.

Our meeting was followed by a work session to complete the handouts for the Fall Festival.

**SAVE THE DATE!** February 26, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Eternal Life will host a Dave Anderson concert. Watch for more information in bulletin, newsletter, etc.

Please join us in prayer that as we move forward we will continue to share our faith in Jesus with all. We have the tremendous blessing of knowing Jesus, who He is and what He has done. We want all to hear the Word in order for the Holy Spirit to work faith in the hearts of many more.

In His Service,

Your Evangelism Committee



### ALTAR GUILD NOTES. . .

Our members, Phyllis Graff & Jan & Dallas Lien will be on Altar Guild duty for the month of December. Thank you Shirley Lewis & Gerry Reading for your service for the month of November.



**Cookbooks are here!** Yay! If you submitted a recipe please check that yours were entered correctly and let the office know if any changes need to be made so that I can put corrections in the bulletin and newsletter. Pick up your copy very soon. Thank you to the many recipe contributors making this book possible. Thank you to Nadine, Pat Lohse and Sue Davis for their tireless work to finish on time for the Fall Festival and Christmas shopping. The book sells for \$10. They will make great gifts with the holidays coming up. We have some wonderful recipes (over 400 in fact) that were submitted by members of Eternal Life Lutheran Church. Thank you!



*Nancy Dittus is your contact for becoming a greeter for the Sunday worship services. When Nancy approaches you we hope that you will say "YES". Eternal Life has a reputation for being a "Friendly Church" and it is because of the smiling faces our visitors see when they walk through the doors. Won't you help? Thank you to Audrey Wright-Brewster and Carole Burrows for being greeters for the month of November. Greeters for December will be Ken & Gerry Reading.*



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



*Sunday Potluck/Carry-ins will be the **first Sunday** of each month. We will have the December Potluck luncheon on Sunday December 4. Please join us after the Divine Worship Service, in the Activity Center. Bring a dish to pass and come enjoy the good food and fellowship.*

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

As we enter the CHRISTmas Season, let us keep our focus on the reason for the season, JESUS CHRIST. Advent is a good time to take time and reflect on God's great love. As we fix our eyes on Jesus and why He came as a little baby we can avoid getting caught up in all of the hustle of the season, put our attention instead on God's love and how we each can extend that love to those around us. There are many opportunities in front of us to show how much God loves each one of us. Allow God to work in and through you His wondrous gift of love. Witness to others all around you the true wonders of Christmas as we worship together here at Eternal Life and on your own, in your daily lives, remember the joys of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior Emmanuel. He is always with us. Christmas Blessings to each of you.

*Mardy Knudsen and Social Ministry.*

*This newspaper article was given to the office by Nancy Dittus. We do not know the date this was written. It was found in a family Bible of Bill's mother. It was written by Louise Cassels, United Press International.*

One reason why many people have difficulty in reading the Bible is that they begin at the beginning.

That's the wrong place to start, according to Dr. J. Carter Swaim, a noted Biblical scholar who heads the English Bible department of the National Council of Churches.

Swaim has composed a little handbook on Bible reading. His suggestions on understanding the scriptures include a sort of road map to enable the reader to get through the whole book without "bogging down in the begats."

"Since the Bible is supremely a book about Christ, it is important to begin with those sections which tell what he did when he was here among men," says Swaim.

That means beginning with the New Testament Gospels. But Swaim would not have you read them in order – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**Read Mark First** "Mark, earliest and shortest of the Gospels, ought to be read first-and at a single sitting." He says, "Here we are confronted at once by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

"Luke's account should be read next, noting Jesus' concern for all sort of people, and how, by teaching and example, he "went about doing good."

Next, Swaim recommends, read John, the most "Theological" of the Gospels. Then you are ready for Matthew, a book which contains the Sermon on the Mount and many familiar parables.

In Swaim's sequence, as in the Bible's, the Gospels are followed by the Book of Acts, which records the early history of the Christian community, and by the letters, or "Epistles." Which Paul and other Apostles wrote to the young churches that sprang up in Asia Minor during the first century A.D.

"We are ready now to explore the Old Testament which...looks forward to the Messiah's coming."

**Don't Begin With Genesis.** But Swaim says, it is best not to begin at the Book of Genesis and read straight through the Old Testament. Start with the Prophets whose writings are referred to in the New Testament: Isaiah, Micah, Hosea, Jeremiah, Malachi, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Ezekiel, Zachariah, Kings, Samuel.

After the Prophets, read the books in which the law of Moses is set for – Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Consult Bible commentaries or the footnotes in a good edition of the Bible to see how these books are dealt with in the New Testament.

Now go on to the miscellaneous "writings" preserved in the Old Testament – the poetry of the Psalms, the moving stories of Job and Ruth, the wisdom of Proverbs.

Next to last in Swaim's list is the book which comes first in the Bible – Genesis.

The last book of the Bible, Revelations, also comes last in Swaim's list. The bewilderment which this book of "apocalyptic vision" often produces can be avoided, Swaim says, by remembering that the writer of Revelations was using symbolic figures, "well recognized" by men of his own era.

You must each decide in your heart how much to give...God loves a person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 NLT

## 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!



Pastor: Martin Frusti Elder for the Month:



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>Grief Support Group 10a</b>	2	3
4 Bible Study 8:15 Worship Service 9:30a <b>COMMUNION</b> <b>LWML SUNDAY</b> <b>MITE BOX SUNDAY</b> <b>Potluck/Carry-In</b>	5 TOPS 8a	6 <b>BIBLE STUDY 9:30a</b> <b>Elders Mtg 10:30</b>  <b>Evangelism Mtg 10:30</b>	7 <b>Quilters 9a</b> <b>Knitters 10a</b>  <b>Advent Midweek Service &amp; Supper 4p</b>	8	9 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	10
11 Bible Study 8:15a Worship Service 9:30a <b>COMMUNION</b> <b>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</b>	12 TOPS 8a  <b>LWML 1p</b>	13 <b>BIBLE STUDY 9:30a</b> <b>EVANGELISM 10:30a</b>	14 <b>Quilters 9a</b>  <b>Advent Midweek Service &amp; Supper 4p</b>	15	16 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	17
18 Bible Study 8:15a Worship Service 9:30a <b>COMMUNION</b> <b>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</b>	19 TOPS 8a	20 <b>BIBLE STUDY 9:30a</b>	21 <b>Quilters 9a</b>	22	23 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	24 <b>Christmas Eve Services 4p &amp; 7p</b>
25 Worship Service 9:30a <b>COMMUNION</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	26 TOPS 8a	27 <b>BIBLE STUDY 9:30a</b>	28 <b>Quilters 9a</b>  <b>Board of Directors Meeting 6p</b>	29	30	31