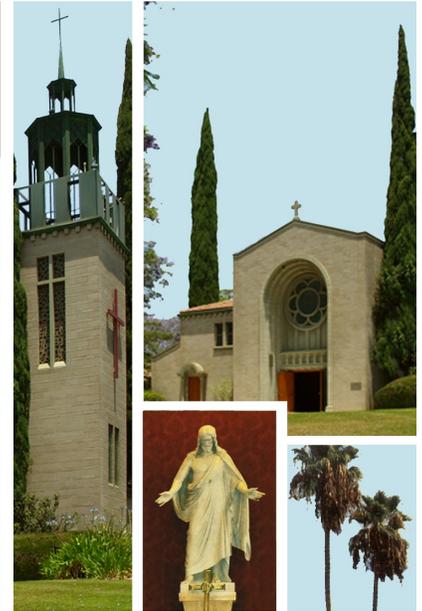
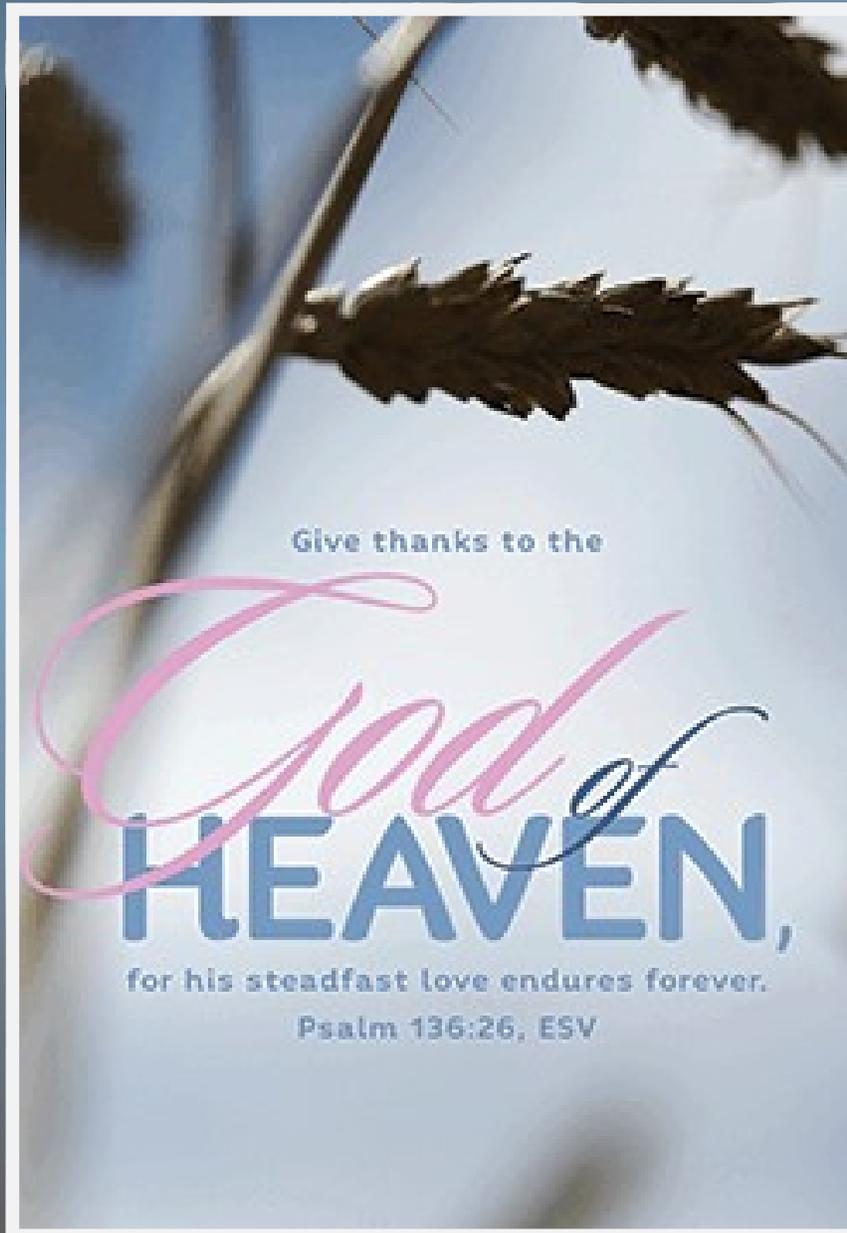


# The Messenger

November 2020

A Monthly Non-Profit Newsletter for

EDEN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Eden's Mission: . . . "to love God and all people in Jesus Christ, drawing others into a relationship with him, working together to expand his reign of hope, justice, and peace in our community, and the world."

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**Signup for email/  
Online worship updates!**

The Zoom link for worship is emailed out each Friday to everyone subscribed to the newsletter. Sign-up now to receive Eden's Lutheran's announcements, news, and Zoom worship information.

<https://edenlutheran.org/signup-for-email-updates/>



**FALL BIBLE STUDY**

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY**  
**MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

**TIME: 07:00 PM PACIFIC TIME (US AND CANADA)**  
**EVERY WEEK ON MON, 2 OCCURRENCES**  
**PLEASE JOIN US AS YOU CAN**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**



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**Looking Ahead:**

- October 24: United Nations Day
- October 25: Reformation Sunday
- October 31: Reformation Day
- November 1: All Saints' Day
- November 1: Daylight-Saving Time Ends
- November 11: Veterans Day
- November 15: Bible Sunday
- November 22: Christ the King Sunday
- November 26: Thanksgiving Day



**L**amentations 3:55-57 I called on your name, O Lord, from the depths of the pit. You heard my plea; “Do not close your ears to my cry for relief.” You came near when I called you, and you said, “Do not fear.”

Wow, what a year this has been. Who would have thought at the beginning of 2020 when things were going rather well—or so we thought—that we would come to October without seeing each other’s faces or being in our lovely sanctuary for nearly 7 months? But that is the truth nonetheless.

I do not know about you but I believe this passage from the Old Testament book of Lamentations pretty much sums up this time of Covid-19.

In this passage, from a book that is attributed to the prophet Jeremiah written to express and guide others in expressing laments over the terrible conditions brought on Jerusalem and God’s people by the Babylonians in 586-516 B.C.E., the highlighted words ‘You heard my plea’ are thought to be the turning point of the lament. The writer expressed assurance that the Lord had heard his prayer. And the words, ‘Do not fear’ are words that were a common exhortation in the book of the prophet Isaiah as well as in many other places in the bible.

During this time of Covid-19 my guess is that many of us have cried out to God at one time or another, in lament or otherwise, as this certainly has been an historic and trying time in our lives. Some of us have had personal challenges that Covid has made more of a challenge because of cancelled surgeries, ill and dying family members that could not be visited, or jobs that no longer existed. Some of us have been on lock down for months at a time with little outside contact relying on the generosity of friends and family to bring by much needed supplies. And yet some others of us have had ‘business as usual’ with the added caveat of social distancing, wearing a mask, food shortages at the mar-

ket, and home schooling for our children piled on top of a possibly already busy life and hectic schedule.

My prayer for us all is that in the midst of all this God has come near and has most surely heard any and all of your pleas, that God did not close His ears to your cry for relief, and in some way you have heard the words ‘Do not fear’ in the hush and quiet times of your life.



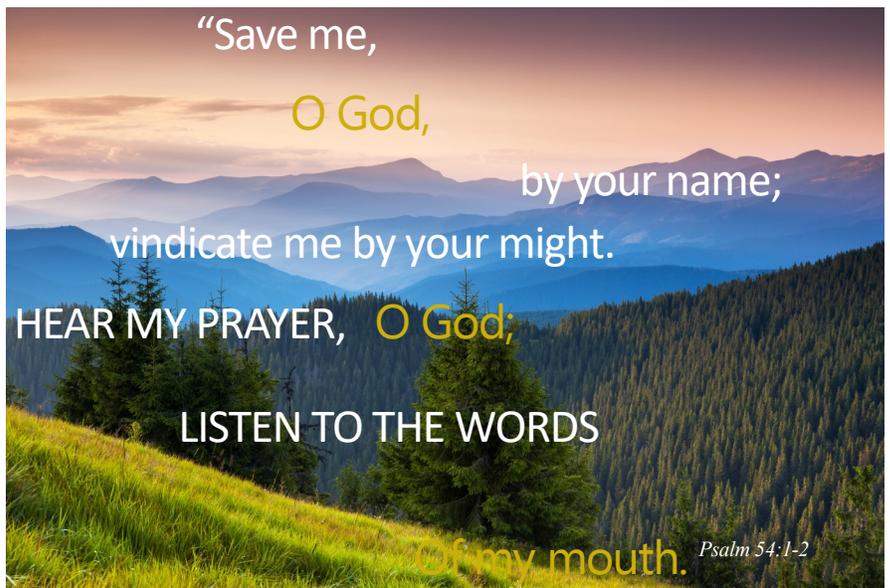
*Prayers and blessings to all as we get through this trying time,*

*Pastor Linda*

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PASTOR LINDA





Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you to all of you who have continued to support the church in your prayers, actions and fiscally. Who would have thought we would be approaching 250 days of remote connections but, we have passed 200 days in early October. What an amazing year we are in – so full of both positive emotions and thoughts and yet paradoxically also a time that creates so much stress and anxiety for folks – whether it is COVID, the upcoming election, Supreme Court nominees, the economy, homelessness and the homeless impacts on our church and school.... The lists go on. But, yet, we find positives as well, we will likely already have the technology that was approved at the last Congregational Meet-

ing fully installed and working by the time you read this. The fencing will likewise be going up to protect the school quad. Trees have been trimmed and more. We also celebrate being able to stay doing church together or at least mostly through Facebook, ZOOM, calls, visits, and more. It is fun to see each other's faces as we worship instead of the backs of heads. We miss singing but, we still get an occasional solo inspired and we certainly enjoy David's organ playing. Pastor's messages remain focused on our belief in being saved by grace through faith and living in the hopes of heaven. We remain positive and supportive but, also compassionately concerned about others. So, as we head into the "holiday" season – like probably no others we have experienced please keep your hearts, minds and eyes on the reason for the season upcoming. As times can be stressful and being home so much and not doing our 'regular' routines and socializing focus on what you do have and what you are thankful for in the time of Thanksgiving, of gift giving, of year ending, and year beginning. I challenge us all to think of at least 5 different things a day for which to thank the Lord. Think about all the folks who don't have a home, or are disconnected from family, or are in service to the country in some other land, those not blessed with home, food, family, friends, faith, ... and the opportunity to experience life as we do.

Let us all agree to pray for Pastor the church, and one another. How about if we all agree to talk to folks we know about what happened at church or events we have that are planned? Let's invite folks to join us on Zoom or FB or livestreamed.

Let me close with a bit about the recent Bishop's

Gathering and the mission statement, core values, mission result areas and goals. We will be talking about them as a council and deciding how we will do church together, in partnership with the Raincross Conference, the Pacifica Synod and the larger church body of the ELCA.

Mission Statement of the Pacifica Synod  
Together in Christ we equip, accompany, and serve boldly so all may experience God's boundless grace.

### Core Values

#### Together in Christ we are...

**Claimed** – we are loved and claimed by God in Jesus and we respond to the

Spirit's call as we grow in faith and love.

**Connected** – we bring together our congregations, the church, and our neighbors.

**Relational** – we enter into relationships with our neighbors in new and gospel centered ways.

**Inclusive** – we endeavor to welcome all, mindful of the things which divide us in the world, respecting and celebrating the diversity in which all are created.

**Witnessing** - we continuously witness to God dwelling in all creation.

**Worshipful** – we gather in the sanctuary of grace to proclaim God's love through Word and Sacrament.

**Invested**– we equip lay leaders, pastors, and deacons to serve.

**Reforming** – we strive to change systemic injustice in all contexts.



*Cont'd from President's Message:*

## Mission Result Areas and Goals

### *MRA #1 – Strengthen support for congregational ministry*

- Goal #1 - Pacifica Synod members will share their ancient faith in a modern world and strengthen our meaning and purpose as disciples of Jesus.
- Goal #2 - Pacifica Synod members will implement effective outreach strategies to serve our communities.
- Goal #3 - Congregations will collaborate and engage more deeply in local and global justice.
- Goal #4 - Train congregational pastors, deacons, and council members in business and executive skills.
- Goal #5 - Expand and develop communication about the work and ministry of the synod.

### *MRA #2 – Support resilient and faithful leaders*

- Goal #1 – Help rostered ministers thrive.
- Goal #2 - Connect and empower lay leaders.

### *MRA #3 – Deepen diversity and inclusion*

- Goal #1 - A more diverse group of people will lead, influence, plan, and participate in the work of the synod.
- Goal #2 - Expand diversity training for lay leaders and rostered ministers.
- Goal #3 - Embed in our ministries a theological imagination in the context of race, ethnicity, sexuality and gender expression.
- Goal #4 - Congregations will reflect the diversity in their neighborhoods.

### *MRA #4 – Reshape the Pacifica Synod for sustainable ministry*

- Goal #1 - Roles and boundaries of conferences will maximize the mission of the synod as a whole.
- Goal #2 - Pacifica Synod and the Office of the Bishop will be financially healthy.
- Goal #3 - Congregations will collaborate in shared ministry to encourage vitality and viability.
- Goal #4 - Evaluate the synod's mission and sustainability in partnership with other Region 2 synods.

*In His Service and yours,*

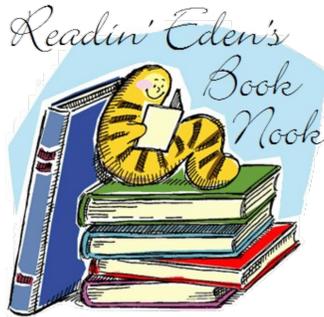
*Jay*





the ELCW:  
a Community for All the Women of  
Eden Lutheran Church

**Circle Bible  
Studies**  
  
**Deborah**  
*TBD*  
  
**Esther**  
*TBD*



Readin' Eden will meet on Sat. Nov.28 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Carol McAnern 6049 Keswick Ave. Liisa Kane will be the hostess. Liisa has chosen:

*The Mockingbird's Song*

**ELCW 2020 Events**

- Eden Lutheran Church Women had a full year of fun events and fundraisers planned, but like most plans for 2020, they will have to wait. We hope to collaborate with Trinity for a Spring Tea, as we had planned to do in May, some time in the future, and fingers crossed we can take the fall field trip we had planned to the Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center in Yorba Linda next year.
- The Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention and Gathering will be held as a Zoom event on November 7 beginning at 1 pm. The Zoom link will be sent via email, so if you are interested in attending, be sure you are signed up to receive emails from Pacifica WELCA. You can sign up at [pacificawomen.com](http://pacificawomen.com).
- The Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering scheduled for summer 2020 has been postponed to 2021. If you are interested in attending, save the date for Aug. 5-8 in Phoenix. You can learn more at <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

**The Mockingbird's Song**

*by Wanda E. Brunstetter*

Where is the hope in grief for a young Amish widow? Sylvia has been nearly paralyzed with grief and anxiety since the tragic deaths of her husband, father and brother in a traffic accident. She tries to help in the family's struggling greenhouse while caring for her two young children, but she prefers to not deal with customers.

Her mother's own grief causes her to hover over her children and grandchildren and Sylvia seeks a diversion. She takes up birdwatching and soon meets an Amish man who teaches her about local birds.

Dennis Weaver is new to Lancaster County and quickly becomes interested in the young widow and her children. But Sylvia's mother doesn't trust Dennis and as the relationship sours, mysterious attacks target the greenhouse.

If you like to read, come join us. For more info call Carol McAnern **951-686-6443**.



*All women are warmly welcome  
to attend one or both Circles for fellowship, study,  
and prayer.*

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Council has been meeting monthly via Zoom since March.

The technology updates approved by the congregation in May have been in progress and will be completed soon.

At the September meeting, Council  approved a new fence in the quad area at the recommendation of Property. The goal is to limit access to the preschool area for safety. The expense will be shared with the preschool.

Lisa Higginbotham of the ELCA Foundation visited our September meeting. Council voted to proceed with a comprehensive legacy planning task force in collaboration with Lisa and the ELCA Foundation.

It's been a process but our new web site is now live. Check it out at [edenlutheran.org](http://edenlutheran.org) (note that this is a change from the .net). One thing the web site team encountered was a limited number of quality photos to use, so...let's take more photos! And feel free to send them our way if they may be good fits for the web site



## CURRENT COUNCIL:

Derek Adkins

Harvey Clark

Jay Fiene

Debbie Fine

Lyle Hodgerson

Trina Luce

Nicolette Rohr

Denell Scarborough

Olliver Silveira

Marge Steinbrink

Luke Williams

Chuck Wilson

Pastor Linda Brown





# UNCERTAIN TIMES

*Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton*

September 4, 2020

Between 1527 and 1529, Martin Luther wrote and composed his famous hymn [“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.”](#) He based the text of this hymn on Psalm 46: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (verse 1).

Luther knew about trouble. He had been excommunicated by the church and declared an outlaw by the emperor. The [bubonic plague](#) had returned to Wittenberg, Germany. His 7-month-old daughter, Elisabeth, had died. Western Europe was under attack by the Ottoman Empire. Civil unrest resulted in the Peasants War, which was brutally crushed by the nobility. Luther lived in uncertain times.

It’s unlikely that Luther could see with certainty in 1527 how his work would turn out. The Reformation wasn’t a glorious march of unbroken progress. It was messy. The “Reformers” argued with each other. It was violent. It had its share of hateful and divisive rhetoric. Anathemas were levied by all sides against each other. Even at the end of his life, Luther wondered if he had been right, if he had been faithful to the word.

If it wasn’t apparent to Luther and others what was happening, it was clear that something *was* happening. The world was changing. Political and religious turmoil wasn’t going on in a vacuum. This was a time of new technology—the printing press—and scientific discovery—Copernicus kicking Earth out of the center of the solar system (Luther wasn’t impressed). What new world was emerging? What new thing was God calling into being? How was the Spirit calling and shaping the church to be a clear witness?

If it wasn’t apparent to Luther and others what was happening, it was clear that something *was* happening. The world was changing.

Five hundred years later we find ourselves in uncertain times. We are in the middle of [a pandemic](#). We have been sheltering in place for months. Thousands have been newly awakened to racial inequity in our society and are marching for change. Education has been disrupted. Worship has taken on new forms. Our homes have become our offices and classrooms. The world is changing and the rate of change in the past five months is unprecedented.

Ours is also a time of new technology and scientific discovery. We are wired and plugged in. Communication is instantaneous. Our cellphones can be used to keep us connected and informed. They can also be used to divide and deceive.

Something new is emerging. The world is changing. We will not be able to return to the world of the pre-COVID days. Change brings loss. Loss brings grief. Yes, we believe in the Resurrection, that God brings life out of death, something new out of the old. But it can be painful, especially when we're in the middle of it and can't see clearly how it will all turn out.

Psalm 46 captures the turmoil of Luther's day and of ours: "The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter" (6). It describes a changing earth, shaking mountains and roaring waters.

But Psalm 46 is also a song of faith—God's and ours. God is faithful to God's promises and to God's people. God is a mighty fortress who fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Luther ends the hymn by declaring: "Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 504).

I believe we are on the brink of this new thing that God is bringing about. We don't need to see how it will all unfold. We just need to be ready and willing to answer God's call and be shaped by the Spirit. Secure in God who is our refuge and strength, we can be bold in our witness. God is activating each of us to invite more people into the way of Jesus—the way of grace and mercy, the way of justice and peace, the way of life.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2020/09/uncertain-times/>



## Statement of the Pacifica Synod Council

The killings of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Dreajon (Sean) Reed, and George Floyd are among the most recent in a long history of too many similar tragedies. In June, we also joined in remembrance of the Emanuel Nine, nine African Americans killed by a young, self-professed white supremacist during Bible study at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina on June 17, 2015, and we recall, with sadness, that their killer was once a member of an ELCA congregation. And we clearly see that some people are more likely to be stopped or killed by police, to suffer from illnesses including COVID-19, and to be denied loans, housing, or a greater income, and to face other discrimination because of the color of their skin.

Christ died and rose again to make all people one with God. As Ephesians 2:13-14 reminds us, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” If we are all children of God, then it is a sin against God and our neighbors to stand by, indifferent to a society that causes some to suffer more than others, and that unjustly benefits some more than others. We are called to repent. As Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton said in her sermon for Trinity Sunday, “Until the white majority feels within their soul that the pain and suffering of black and brown people is our own pain and suffering, it will not be safe to be black or brown in America.” And we are called to act. We must change ourselves and our society. We are called to join in God’s work of breaking down the dividing walls in our society and making us into one.

We ask each person in our synod to personally commit to the difficult and necessary work of repentance and change. To learn about the history of racial discrimination and its lingering effects, and to take steps to change them. To be better citizens and to better manifest our love for our neighbors and God. We also ask each of our synod’s congregations to commit to this work. To develop an anti-racism plan and to partner with racial justice organizations. To be God’s church in the world.

Please join us in taking the ELCA Anti-Racism Pledge: <https://elca.org/racialjusticepledge>. Our churchwide and synod offices have resources to help us, found at <https://elca.org/emanuelnine> and [www.pacificasynod.org](http://www.pacificasynod.org). Our synod’s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group will add more resources over time. Bishop Andy Taylor recently sent a letter inviting us to work together for racial justice, which we echo.

We, the members of your synod council, have committed to doing this work in the synod, in each of our own congregations, and in our lives. The Office of the Bishop’s staff has joined us. Will you join us, too?

Bishop Andrew Taylor	Greta Hobson
Lori Herman	The Rev. Jeff Lilley
Angela Jackson	Gerald Marecek
Tom Pankow	Daneen Pysz
Dámaris Allen	Nicolette Rohr
Maura Beland	The Rev. Maria Santa Cruz
The Rev. Linda Brown	The Rev. Jennifer Shaw
The Rev. Pongtep Chutimapongrat	The Rev. Brian Taylor
Jeff Cours	The Rev. Terry Tuvey Allen
Becky Draper	The Rev. Tom Goellrich
Anthony Eder	Rachel Line
Mark Fornwall	Terri Robertson
Freya Hendrickson	Carol Youngman

#ELCA4Justice



Pledge to commit to Anti-Racism

## ELCA Anti-Racism Pledge



*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:17).*

In 2019, at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, voting members [adopted a resolution](#) designating June 17 as a commemoration of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9—the nine people shot and killed on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

As church we are called to confess the sin of racism, condemn the ideology of white supremacy, and strive for racial justice and peace. Beyond statements and prayers, we are called to also act and respond to injustices. We invite you to commit to one or more of the actions below:

1. Sign the pledge at <https://www.elca.org/racialjusticepledge>, “I commit to study, prayer and action to become an anti-racist individual in an anti-racist church,” and share your participation on social media using #ELCA4Justice.
2. Work to dismantle racial injustice by [listening](#) to voices, experiences and the expertise of people of color. Learn about the [ELCA ethnic-specific associations](#) and their [strategies](#).
3. Learn the history of systemic racism in this country and the ways racism and white supremacy impact every aspect of our life together.
4. Join, support or attend your synod’s anti-racism team or work with your synod leadership to start one in your congregation. Study the ELCA social statement “[Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture](#)” and the “[Explanation of the Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent](#).”
5. Explore and use on “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday the forthcoming ELCA Advocacy resources on a “Just Society Supporting the Health of All,” which are focused on advancing racially equitable public policies, and by engaging in [ELCAvotes](#) to encourage and ensure voting rights for all.
6. Start where you are by joining community organizations working for racial justice.
7. Reach out to build or [deepen relationships](#) with Historic Black Churches. Consider using the congregational resource “[Understanding One Another](#),” co-authored by the ELCA and the African Methodist Episcopal Church, or our [Joint Statement of Mission](#) with the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church as a way to get started.
8. Explore and use the [anti-racism resources](#) of our ecumenical partners through the [A.C.T. Now to End Racism](#) initiative of the National Council of Churches.

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Let our prayers of lament be turned into ongoing actions for racial justice.

**The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton**  
Presiding Bishop

**Mr. William B. Horne II**  
Vice President

**The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew**  
Chair, Conference of Bishops

# Wildfire Response

BY TERRI ROBERTSON *(excerpt from Pacific Synod website)*

“Is that smoke, smog or fog? This a question now familiar to every Californian. It is a question particularly familiar to the staff at Luther Glen Farm, as we have evacuated camp twice in the last five weeks.

When the Apple Fire worked its way through the canyons of Cherry Valley and ultimately ended its march about a mile east of the farm, we figured we had paid our dues. The El Dorado Fire was much less discreet. The flames broke out at a local nature preserve, then continued around Potato Canyon and into the mountains above camp. At its closest, the fire came within 50 yards of our property.

Though the farm wasn't burned, the hills around us will look significantly altered for years to come. We continue to be grateful to the firefighters who protected all the properties around us. We are thankful to animal control and volunteers who ushered us in to rescue our goats. And we give thanks to First Lutheran Church in Redlands for being our staff and animal evacuation home during the fires.

Both fires left a financial burden. The electricity was off and our refrigerated food had to be thrown away. This includes a whole season of farm produce which had been packaged and frozen for future guests. The loss from both fires was in the thousands of dollars.

We are asking for your help. To see that we never waste food again, each camp needs to install a permanent generator. This project is almost complete at El Camino Pines, and just beginning at Luther Glen Farm. The total cost will be \$6000; and, the first \$2000 given will be matched by First Lutheran Church in Redlands. As we often have several thousands of dollars worth of food being stored at each camp, investing in these generators will eventually save money!

We are also grateful to Pastor Dennis & Phyllis Laherty, who have donated a temporary generator capable of powering the retreat center refrigerators. Thank you for keeping up with us and checking in. We send our prayers to all the first responders fighting fires in the West.



# OUR EDEN FAMILY



## NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
3	Christie Ann Bengtson Emily Bengtson
4	Steve Anderson
6	David Darwin Troy Thibodeaux Patricia Sinclair
9	Patricia Grefe
11	Martin Silveira
14	Pam Smith
17	Melissa Downing
20	Dorothy Cutting Angela Dewiel Ellen Wilson
22	Curtis Harris Sophie Martens
26	Jo Thompson
27	Joshua Seidel Jerilyn Painter
30	Antonio Bellido Nichole Smith



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
14	Jack ♥ Michelle Kuhnast
17	Ron ♥ Pam Smith Jason ♥ Christina White
23	Michael ♥ Esther D'Aguiar



*Please notify the office if your birthday or wedding anniversary is incorrectly listed, or missing. Our goal is to include everyone! Thank you!*

# Bulletin Board

Please Remember Our "FOOD INGATHERING"



Please bring canned or non-perishable food for distribution to those less fortunate.

Remember !!!



Lock your car in the Parking Lot

Park near a light at night



Guess whose face is missing from this picture?

**Yours** of course ~ if you haven't joined the Ladies Lunch Group !!! We meet every Monday at 12:00 at various restaurants around town. Check Sunday's bulletin to see the restaurant where we will be meeting

## Sack Lunch Fillers

Eden's Homeless Lunch Program can make use of any fruit you November have, as well as any other food goody that you would like to donate.

Call: Schera Harner 653.0317



## Messenger Deadline

The deadline for any article/information for the Messenger is the 10th of every month. If this date falls on a weekend the deadline will be the following Monday. If Monday is a holiday, it will be the following Tuesday!

Submit to David Grefe via e-mail either as an attachment done in Word, Word Perfect, Publisher, OR as text in the main body of the e-mail. For those without a computer, submission can be made by giving copy to Sarah in the Office or David.

E-Mail: [dgrefe@aol.com](mailto:dgrefe@aol.com)

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests, please call Ann Marie Sansom at: 351.8139

Call Ann Marie if you would like to volunteer for the Prayer Chain.

## Attention!!! Quilt Lovers

Our quilting ladies can still use sheets for backing the quilts, and any material you are not using for quilt top squares. They can also use 2 and 3 ply yarn of any color.

Bring either of these items to the church any day:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm



## "YOUR AD HERE"

Let me know if you have information you'd like published every November in this space.

Note my contact info above

or call me at: 951-328-9267 David Grefe, Editor

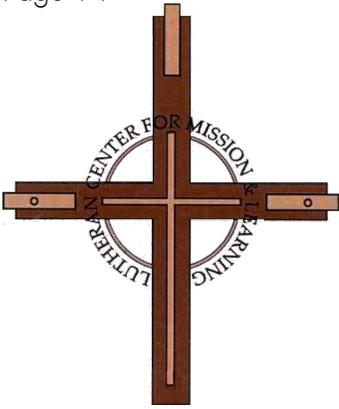


PROPERTY MINISTRY Saturday November 21, 2020 8:00am

The Property Ministry cordially invites you to join them one Saturday a month to work on necessary maintenance. Please come and assist in any capacity you can!! Your help is needed and very much appreciated.

Any questions, call: Ery Seidel or Ron Sinclair





## Get Connected!

The synod office sends out regular e-newsletters with information about events going on in the synod as well as resources and news from the ELCA. To sign up, visit [pacificasynod.org](http://pacificasynod.org).

Check out [elca.org](http://elca.org) for churchwide news and to find more information about ELCA Advocacy, AMMPARO, and other ministries.

*Living Lutheran* is the magazine of the ELCA. Visit [livinglutheran.org](http://livinglutheran.org) or feel free to check out the copies in the church office.

### Other Synod News:

- ◆ Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Pacifica Synod Assembly was postponed to 2020 and will be held with the regularly scheduled 2021 Synod Assembly.
- ◆ The Bishop's Gathering for our area, the Raincross Conference, was held via Zoom on September 29. The theme was *"Let's Do Church Together."*
- ◆ Bishop Andy Taylor and Synod Council Vice President Lori Herman shared the Pacifica Synod's Strategic Plan (along with Nicolette Rohr who served on the Strategic Planning Team). The Synod has a new mission statement: Together in Christ we equip, accompany, and serve boldly so all may experience God's boundless grace. In addition, the plan includes a list of core values and four main goals: strengthen support for congregational ministry, support resilient and faithful leaders, deepen diversity and inclusion, and reshape the Pacifica Synod for sustainable ministry.

# GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS – OUTREACH UPDATES



**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday:** This year, we participated for the first time in the ELCA's annual God's Work, Our Hands Sunday by gathering donations for Lutheran Social Services in Riverside. Hopefully we will be able to participate in additional ways in September 2021 with more service opportunities and a special worship service – save the date!

**Lutheran Social Services Riverside:** The need for donations for hygiene packs and support for LSS Riverside is ongoing. Please bring donations to Eden or deliver them directly to LSS Riverside, located at Trinity Lutheran. Thanks to all who participated and donated to this year's Virtual Walk to Fight Poverty!

**Lutheran Disaster Response:** In response to the devastating wildfires in California, Oregon, and Washington, Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with at least three Lutheran Social Services agencies and five synods to provide for immediate needs and spiritual and emotional care. You can designate "U.S. Wildfires" at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).

**Lutheran Retreats, Camps, and Conferences:** As you may know, our friends at Luther Glen were evacuated twice over the summer, and the El Dorado Fire came within fifty yards of the camp. Special thanks to First Lutheran in Redlands for hosting the farm animals during the evacuation! The fires left a financial burden in that thousands of dollars worth of food, including a whole season of farm produce packaged and frozen for the coming year that needed to be thrown away after the electricity and refrigerator were out for several days. The camp is moving forward to secure a permanent generator. If you can donate towards this expense, please do so online at [lrchome.org](http://lrchome.org). If you are interested in

farm fresh eggs or vegetables, let Nicolette know as there will be another pick up some time this fall.

**Buy Scrip:** Scrip income continues to help fund the hygiene packs and food cards we distribute. You can purchase Scrip online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or place an order through the office.

**Serving Christ and Community:** Thank you for all of the things you are all doing in supporting programs at Trinity, All Saints, and in the community. If you have ideas to share for ways we can serve our neighbors and community, please share them with the Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team by emailing Nicolette Rohr at [nicolette.rohr@charter.net](mailto:nicolette.rohr@charter.net).

**You are Invited to Bring  
Red Poinsettias (we hope!)**

to adorn the Sanctuary for Christmas. They may be brought to Eden Sunday, December 22nd - Tuesday December 24. Place them on the table in the work room with your name in the pot. They can be taken home Christmas Eve, December 24, after worship.

If you want a dedication in the Christmas bulletin, fill out the form below and turn it into the office by Sunday, December 15. **Thank you ! ! !** **Your Altar Guild**

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING DEDICATION:

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*There are still Sundays available on the 2020 Flower Chart. Please stop by and select the Sunday(s) you would like to dedicate flowers on the altar. The cost is \$50.00 per Sunday, or you may share with someone else.*



## NEW DEVOTIONALS

The October, November, December edition of Christ in Our Home is now available in the church office and the narthex.

Christ in our Home is a wonderful tool to use in preparation for Sunday worship. The meditations for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and Sunday each week are based on the Old Testament, Psalm, and New Testament readings, respectively, that are presented

during worship that Sunday at worship. The Sunday meditation is based on the Gospel that is read that Sunday. And the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday meditations come from the Daily Lectionary readings as a follow-up to the previous Sunday's selections. etc

# F L O W E R C H A R T



BE SURE TO SIGN UP ON THE FLOWER CHART IN THE NARTHEX

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
1		6	
8		13	
15		20	
22		27	
29		Alleluia Alleluia	

Suspended  
(For Now)

*The price for 2 arrangements is \$50.00. You may also donate only 1 arrangement for \$25.00. Or share the donation with a friend, each paying for 1 arrangement. You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the office (note ALTAR FLOWERS in the memo section). Be sure to include your dedication(s), or call Sarah in the office with this important information.*

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ... 10:00AM
- VIA ZOOM .....
- .....
- COFFEE HOUR .....
- .....SUSPENDED

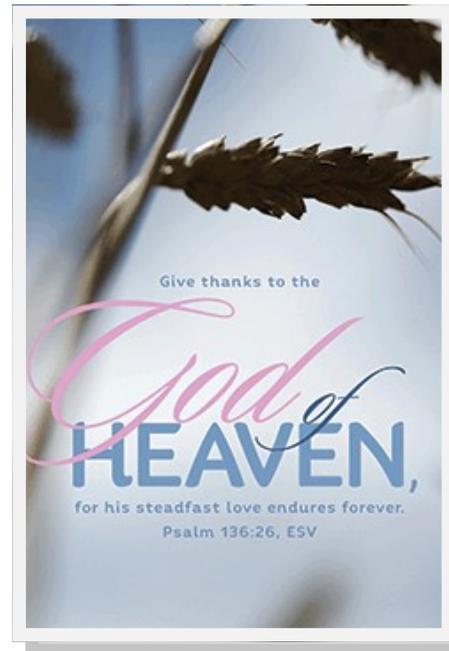
### EDEN LUTHERAN SCHOOL:

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# Eden Lutheran Church

## OUR SERVANTS IN WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 2020

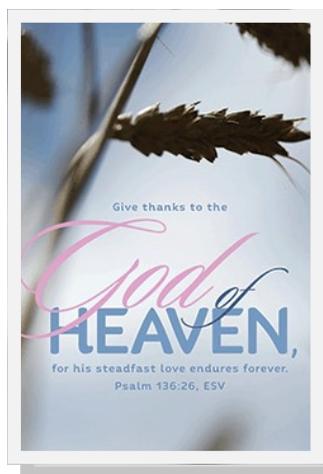
DATE:	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
ASSISTING MINISTER:					
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:					
READER:					
HEAD USHER:					
ALTAR GUILD:					
GREETERS:					
ALTAR FLOWERS:					
COFFEE HOUR:					
<p><i>Please Note any vacant Sundays for FLOWERS, GREETERS &amp; COFFEE HOUR and consider signing up. The Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The sign-up sheets for Greeters &amp; Coffee Hour are on the refreshment table in the Fellowship Hall.</i></p> <p><i>Many hands make light work. Thank you.</i></p>					



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> <b>Daylight-Saving Time Ends</b> <b>Eatin' with Eden</b> 10:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM ELS: Chapel 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM MINISTRY MINUTES DUE 11:30 AM Service & Fellowship	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Quilting Club 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	<b>6</b> 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast 11:00 AM ELCW: Board Meeting	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM Finance 10:00 AM ELS: Chapel 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	<b>10</b> <b>MESSENGER</b>  <b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> 6:30 PM Deborah Circle Bible Study	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Quilting Club 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM ELS School Board	<b>13</b> 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM ELS: Chapel 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM Council	<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Quilting Club 9:30 AM Staff Meeting	<b>20</b> 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast	<b>21</b> 8:00 AM Property
<b>22</b> 10:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM ELS: Chapel 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM Worship & Music	<b>26</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM ELCW: Readin' Eden
<b>29</b> <b>Advent</b> 10:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	<b>30</b> 10:00 AM ELS: Chapel 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study					

**OCTOBER 2020**

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**DECEMBER 2020**

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29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Always check the Calendar in each Sunday's Bulletin to get the most Current Information.

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