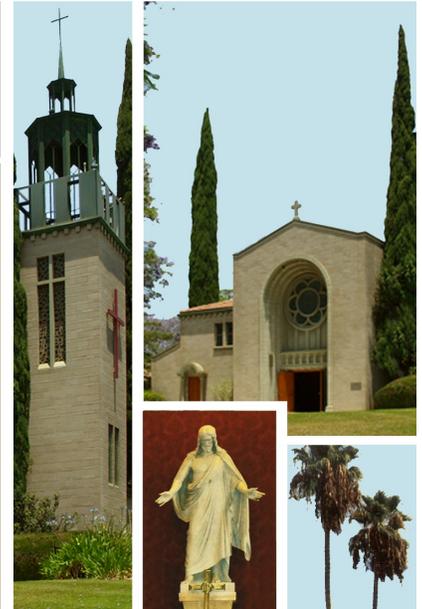


The Messenger

March 2021

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/>



Looking Ahead:

March 5: World Day of Prayer

March 7: Girl Scout Sunday

March 14: Daylight-Saving Time

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 20: First Day of Spring

March 28: Palm Sunday



~ Pastor Linda ~

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Psalms 90:4 *'For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.'* (God is not bound by time as men and women are. An incredibly long period of time from the perspective of humankind is but a moment to the One who always exists.)

As I reflect upon the season of Lent on which we are now embarking, I think back a year ago to February 2020. If someone would have told any of us that a crippling pandemic would envelop the world, that hundreds of thousands of people would die as a result of it, and more than 1 year would pass before we would be gathering and celebrating worship in our lovely sanctuary, we might have thought them crazy. And yet.....here we are.



Even though this Lenten season of ours will be experienced rather differently than what we are typically used to; it will still continue to be the Lenten season just the same. And even though our midweek service will not include a gathering with fellowship and a soup supper our midweek service will still be held via the blessing of technology. It will continue to be a midweek Lenten service just the same; yet just not quite the same.

The wonderful thing about God is that as we evolve and change as humans, we have the knowledge and promise that God evolves and changes right along with us. Who knows? Possibly something like this pandemic—although maybe not quite so dramatic next time please God thank you very much—is the impetus for us to implement some changes for our church. I believe

how we lead and experience church will be forever changed because of the year which we have lived through.

As the Psalm that Moses so beautifully wrote says, 'For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.' For us here at Eden this time that we have been away from our sanctuary is simply a blip on the radar screen of time for God.

So as we begin to reflect upon what this season of Lent and the changes that it brings with it means to us as Christians may we also reflect upon the constancy of God. How at the end of this Lenten season we will once again arrive at Palm Sunday and Holy Week. How we will once again remember Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and the blessing of Easter Sunday albeit possibly in a different manner. Although, no matter how we receive the Good News of God's continuing action in the world or where we are when we receive it, we will once again bear witness to God's unfailing love for us in the death and resurrection of our beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There is nothing in this world that can stop that.

*Lenten blessings to you,
Pastor Linda
etC*

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PASTOR LINDA





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The bulk of my message this month will be a quick recap of the Annual Congregational Meeting (Zoomed due to COVID guidelines). We started by remembering those we sent to eternal rest this past year. Pastor Linda Brown presented the Stephen Award to Gene Maas, Dave & Patty Grefe, and a special award to Dar and the Preschool Teach-

ers for their exceptional work to keep the school open and safe without interruptions due to the pandemic – what a service to our community and those little ones and families.

Carol Hodgerson and Patty Grefe were elected to represent Eden at the Synod Assembly this year.



Many of the reports highlight what we were able to continue to accomplish in Service to Christ and Community and to continue to connect with one another as members of the body of Christ and Eden Lutheran Church and Preschool. We have many volunteers that help us to do His Will in our church and community. And in particular, this year we completed the list of known to dos to protect and provide for this old house – our church and grounds. There have been weddings and baptisms and also some who have gone home to be with the Lord – as well as, little ones expected to arrive any day or who recently arrived. In short as strange as the last 365 days have been – yes coming March 19 will mark a full year that we have been under restrictions in the state relative to gatherings etc. – we remain faithful, grateful and Blessed to be under HIS love and mercy.

May we all continue in His Grace – filled with the Spirit and in Christian Love with one other as we do His Will and follow His Way in our lives and throughout the community.

Yours in Christ,
Jay





OUR EDEN FAMILY



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Evan Hodgerson
4	Zachary Bengtson Zena Bengtson
6	Paul Smith
7	Joshua Anderson Marissa Kent
9	Robert Schrader
15	Ron Smith Denell Scarborough
18	Larry Subriar
19	Jillian VanStockum
21	Kyle McCallum
22	Suzanne Silveira
31	Carol Latoof

No March Anniversaries



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



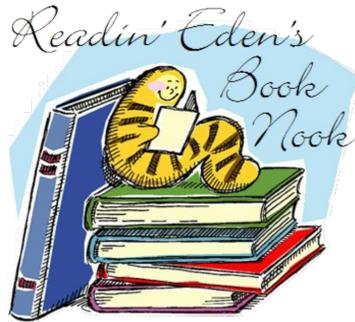


the ELCW:
a Community for All the Women of
Eden Lutheran Church

**Circle Bible
Studies**

Deborah
TBD

Esther
TBD



Readin' Eden will meet **FRIDAY
March 26 at 2:00 p.m.** at Carol
McAnern's, 6049 Keswick Ave.
She will be the hostess. Marge
Steinbrinck has chosen our March
book,
"American Dirt" by Jeanne Cum-
mins.

**ELCW
2021 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 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering scheduled for summer 2021 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>

American Dirt

by Jeanne Cummins

A perfect balancing act with terror on one side and love on the other. I defy anyone to read the first seven pages of this book and not finish it.

The prose is immaculate, and the story never lets up--a novel about a good woman on the run with her beautiful boy.

Come join us with a mask.
-Carol McAnern, 951-686-6443



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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Long Range Planning Team begins meeting Tuesday, February 23 at 7pm.
- Lyle Hodgerson is working on applying for additional PPP funds.
- Thanks to Gene Maas for his time and effort in preparing for financial reports.
- There are four council members up for re-election. Nicolette Rohr will reach out to them regarding their willingness to stand for re-election and solicit nominations for the May Election Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The Annual Meeting was held Sunday, February 21 via Zoom (no potluck this year!).
- Annual reports were distributed via email.
- The Stephens Award was presented to Dave and Patty Grefe, Gene Maas, and the Preschool Staff in recognition of their hard work in 2020.
- Patty Grefe and Carole Hodgerson were selected as delegates to the 2021 Pacifica Synod Assembly. Thanks to Patty and Carole for serving!

Council Nominations

- Council elections will be held in May. If you are interested in serving on council or would like to nominate someone, please contact Nicolette Rohr.



CURRENT COUNCIL:

Derek Adkins

Harvey Clark

Jay Fiene

Debbie Fine

Lyle Hodgerson

Trina Luce

Nicolette Rohr

Denell Scarborough

Olliver Silveira

Marge Steinbrinck

Luke Williams

Chuck Wilson

Pastor Linda Brown



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 the next day.

Sack Lunch Fillers

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



Call: Schera Harner 653.0317

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



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

"YOUR AD HERE"

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

Note my contact info above

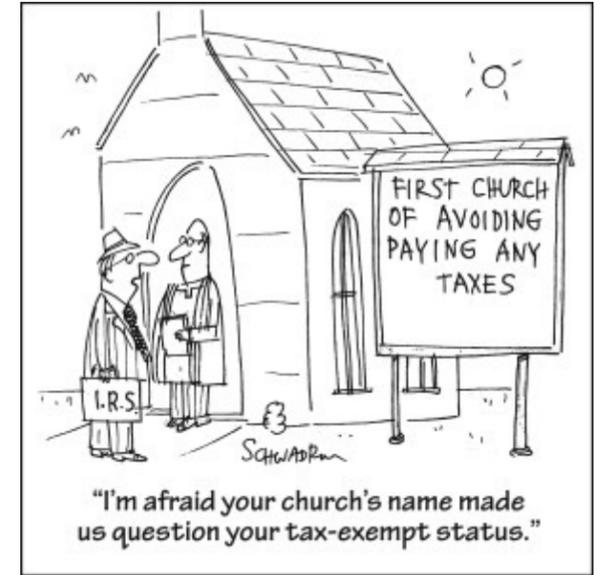
or call me at: 951-328-9267 David Grefe, Editor



PROPERTY MINISTRY Saturday March 21, 2021 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.

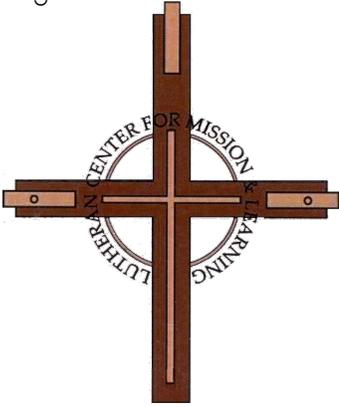
Any questions, call: Ery Seidel or Ron Sinclair



"I'm afraid your church's name made us question your tax-exempt status."



"It's titled 'Call for Volunteers.'"



Get Connected!



- ◆ The next synod assembly will be held online on Saturday, May 1, 2021. We will be selecting voting members at our annual meeting. If you are interested in serving, please let Pastor, Jay, Nicolette, or a member of council know. Voting members will need to be familiar with computers or tablets (such as iPads) and able to learn an additional voting program/app. Each voting member will need to have their own device. Even if voting members live together, they cannot share one device. Each person needs their own device to vote. As this will be a one-day assembly on a Saturday, people whose schedules have prohibited them from attending past assemblies are especially encouraged to consider serving as delegates.
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Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is offering a no-cost comprehensive Estate Planning seminar to our network of donors and partners. This five-session series begins December 16, 2020 and will continue once monthly through April 2021.

This is an opportunity for you to take a serious look at your financial portfolio, preparing for unexpected costly situations ahead, providing for your loved ones who will survive you, and making certain your legacy of giving is honored through gifts to the charities you have supported across the years.



Joshua Anderson, an Estate Planning Attorney and Partner with McIntire Anderson, and Lisa Higginbotham, our local ELCA Regional Gift Planner will lead each of these sessions.

Each gathering is from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. PST. The dates of each session are below:

March 17 - Love is Eternal...Community Property Isn't
 April 14th - You're Set...What's Next?

For seminar details and registration, please visit:
lsssc.org/estate-planning.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS – OUTREACH UPDATES



Hygiene Packs: The need for donations for hygiene packs is ongoing. Donations can be dropped off at Eden. You can also write a check to Eden and designate “Hygiene Packs” in the memo.

Lutheran Social Services Riverside: The Donations of food and other items can be dropped off at Eden or delivered directly to LSS Riverside, located at Trinity Lutheran.

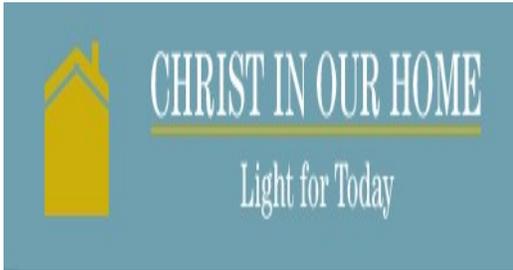
Hope Lutheran Food Pantry: Hope Lutheran Church runs a food pantry. If you are interested in volunteering at the food pantry, please contact Nicolette Rohr to be connected with the coordinators.

Thrivent Action Grants: If you are a Thrivent member, you may be eligible for Thrivent Action Grants and/or Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thrivent Action Teams provide two \$250 Visa gift cards to members annually to be used on service projects such as donation drives, community projects, fundraisers, and educational events. Please let Jay or Nicolette know if you would like some help with ideas or the application process for action grants. We want to make use of this opportunity in funding our service activities. Thrivent Choice Dollars allow you to designate Eden as the recipient for donations through Thrivent Choice. Learn more at www.thrivent.com.

Buy Scrip: Please help support Eden while you make regular purchases for groceries, gas, take-out, etc. by buying scrip. For physical card sales, please call the office or email-
info@edenlutheran.net to place an order. For e-scrip, you can order online at www.shopwithscrip.com.

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.





NEW DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

The January, February, March 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.

This devotional is a gift to each member, so please avail yourself of this special opportunity.

2020 2021 COUNCIL

- President
Jay Fine
- Vice President
Deb Fine
- Secretary
Nicolette Rohr
- Treasurer
Lyle Hodgerson
- Members At Large:
Derek Adkins
Harvey Clark
Trina Luce
Denell Scarborough
Olliver Silveira
Marge Steinbrinck
Luke Williams
Chuck Wilson
Pastor Linda Brown

Please visit our websites for news and notes:



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- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC / ORGANIST: David Christensen
- EDITOR: David Grefe

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

EDEN LUTHERAN SCHOOL:

Monday through Friday ✘ 6:30am to 6:00pm ✘ 18 Months through Pre-K

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OUR SERVANTS IN WORSHIP FOR MARCH 2021

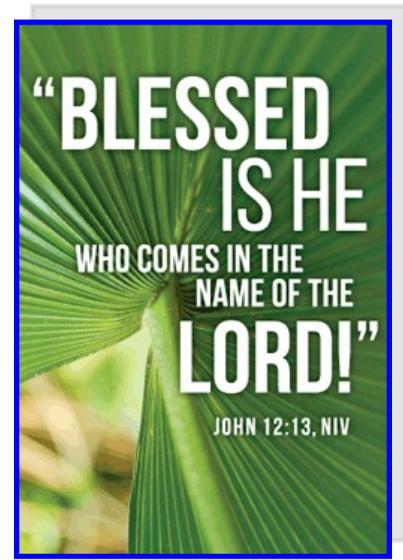
DATE:	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
ASSISTING MINISTER:				
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:				
READER:				
HEAD USHER:				
ALTAR GUILD:				
GREETERS:				
ALTAR FLOWERS:				
COFFEE HOUR:				
<p><i>Please Note any vacant Sundays for FLOWERS, GREETERS & COFFEE HOUR and consider signing up. The Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The sign-up sheets for Greeters & 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
28 10:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	1 10:00 AM ELS: Chapel 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	2	3 9:00 AM MINISTRY MINUTES DUE 11:30 AM Service & Fellowship	4	5 11:00 AM ELCW: Board Meeting 11:00 AM Men's Fellowship	6
7 Eatin' with Eden 10:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	8 9:30 AM Finance 10:00 AM ELS: Chapel 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	9	10 MESSENGER DEADLINE	11 6:00 PM ELS School Board	12 11:00 AM Men's Fellowship	13
14 Daylight-Saving Time Begins 10:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	15 10:00 AM ELS: Chapel 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	16	17 6:30 PM Council	18	19 11:00 AM Men's Fellowship	20 8:00 AM Property
21 10:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	22 10:00 AM ELS: Chapel 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	23	24 6:30 PM Worship & Music	25	26 11:00 AM Men's Fellowship 2:00 PM ELCW: Readin' Eden	27
28 Palm Sunday 10:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION	29 10:00 AM ELS: Chapel 11:00 AM Women's Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	30	31	1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday 11:00 AM ELCW: Board Meeting 11:00 AM Men's Fellowship	3

FEBRUARY 2021

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Always check the Calendar in each Sunday's Bulletin to get the most Current Information.

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