

Eden Evangelical LUTHERAN CHURCH

Life in Eden

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From the Pastor

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber. God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will uphold you during all evil and God will keep your life. The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. -Psalm 121

Grace and peace to you in this joyous time of change! I am grateful, humbled, and honored by your warmth and hospitality and for your welcoming me as your Administrative Interim—however briefly I held the position. I have deeply appreciated walking with you in the journey of your call process of a new pastor, and I continue to be impressed by your leadership and willingness to try new things. Although I was not able to travel up there quite as often as I would have liked, It was still inspiring to get to know all of you. What a great congregation to serve! Thank you again for trusting me and for welcoming me into your midst. So ends my time as your administrative interim, with a thankful heart and a sure and certain hope for things to come.

What a joyous thing that you now have a new Pastor, and I believe she is a marvelous match! I truly believe as the psalm I started with says: that God is watching over this going out of one leader and the coming in of

another one. Our help comes from the Lord, and God will not sleep while this new thing is stirring. Please be gentle with Pastor Tera as you have been with me, celebrate with her the good things she does, be forgiving of her when she fails, be kind to her as she makes decisions, and prop her up with prayer and love as she is learning and growing into the position. And when you forget to do these things, know that God has not given up on you all the same. Be kind and forgiving to yourselves as well! For in all things, the Lord is our keeper, and the shade at our right hand. I trust that between God and Pastor Tera, you are in good hands.

I leave you with the prayer that I first learned at Holden Village. We would say this as a goodbye prayer whenever someone was departing the village. So, as I depart Eden as your Administrative Interim, please pray with me:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Pastor Tommy.



July Birthdays

7/04 Tara Perttula

7/05 Katie Immel

7/06 Cary Sutherland

7/07 David Fulcher

7/12 Terry Lundbom

7/13 Tom St. Martin

7/13 Brenda Behning

7/14 Arlene Elavsky

7/15 Alaynah Rose Gatiss

7/18 Christian Cole

7/18 Kirt Harmon

7/18 Aliisa Paquette

7/19 Carmon Decet

7/20 Ray Berg

7/20 Patricia Hyry

7/23 Savana Lare

7/27 Michael Albright

7/27 Joanie Hinsa

7/27 Isabelle Mannisto

7/29 Gala Derwin

7/29 Paul LeVeque

7/29 Kathleen Lindquist

7/29 Marilyn Wood

7/31 George Mannisto III

7/31 Blake Walther

Thank You

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY!

With Deep Gratutide,
Eagle's Wings Choir
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Naperville, IL

Thank you to Joanie Hinsa for supplying the altar flower arrangement for the month of July.

Thank you to the Mannisto Family for stepping up as temporary church custodians, and to George III for tending to the lawn.

Thank you to Lynn DeRoche and George Balko for giving a little "manicure" around the church building.

Dear Members of Eden,

Thank you for your support of ELCA World Hunger.

Please keep this ministry in your hearts and prayers as our world experiences hunger issues due to the war in Ukraine.

NGLS World Hunger Committee

Thank You; Ladies,

I read in the newsletter that the Memorial Fund is funding care of the Circle Garden. I am so happy that you are. That garden means so much to me.

Eden also means a lot to me. My ten years in Munising were an important part of my life. I have many friends there and friends from Eden as well.

Sincerely and with love,
Marilyn Wood

Eden Needs Your Support!

If you would like to volunteer to be an Usher or Assisting minister or Host the Fellowship after the service. We'd love to have you join us - signup sheets are in the Narthex.

Pulpit Supply for July

July 2&3- Pastor Jim Duehring

July 9&10- Grant Schultrich

July 16&17- Elaine Robbins

July 23&24- Bruce Dausey

July 30&31- Pastor Tera Kossow

