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**November 2024**



**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**Saturdays: 5:30 pm**  
**Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:00 am**  
KXRB Radio at 11:00am on 1140 AM  
or 100.1 FM on your radio dial  
Facebook live services  
& YouTube



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>3</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> 8:00 and 10:00 am worship 10:00 am Baptism of Brooklyn Call 11:15 Education Task Force	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 am <b>VOTING</b> in Barn 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> 5:45 pm Bells 6:00 Supper 6:45 pm Confirmation & Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>7</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Scrapbooking 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Food to You	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 5:30 pm Worship
<b>10</b> 8:00 and 10:00 am worship 9:15 am Youth Committee Mtg 9:15 am King's Choir 11:15 Healing Service 11:15 am Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Quilters—Lower Level	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn 6:00 pm Charis Board Meeting	<b>13</b> 11:30 WELCA Board Meeting 1:00 pm WELCA Bible Study 5:45 pm Bells 6:00 pm Supper 6:45 pm Confirmation & Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>14</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 am—3:00 pm Bowl making in the Barn 5:30 pm Worship
<b>17</b> 8:00 and 10:00 am worship 9:15 am King's Choir 11:15 am Thanks—for— Giving Meal	<b>18</b> <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn	<b>20</b> 5:45 pm Bells 6:00 pm Supper 6:45 pm Confirmation & Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	<b>21</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm Worship
<b>24</b> 8:00 and 10:00 am worship 9:15 am King's Choir 10:00 am Baptism of Lucas Wermers	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Quilters—Lower Level	<b>26</b> 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship Service 7:45 pm Pie in the Fellowship Hall	<b>28</b> <b>HAPPY            THANKSGIVING!</b> Office Closed	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b> 9:30 am Altar Guild 10:00 am Sanctuary Decorating 5:30 pm Worship



# The Voice

This is the monthly newsletter of East Side Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

It can also be downloaded from our website.

## East Side Lutheran Church

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### Staff

Rev. Layne Nelson . . . . . Lead Pastor

Rev. Ray Heidenson . . . . . Visitation Pastor

Wayne Wosje . . . . . Business Manager

Gayle Lee . . . . . Parish Secretary

Sue Hart . . . . . Volunteer Coordinator

New Member Coordinator

Tom Call . . . . . Security

### Music Ministries

Paul R. Griffith . . . . . Organist

Dr. Thomas Krause . . . . . Director of Music

Katrina Mitchell . . . . . Accompanist

### Worship Services

*Saturdays*

**5:30 pm**

*Sundays*

**8:00 am    10:00 am**

**Radio Broadcast: KXRB 1140 AM or 100.1 FM**

Sundays, 11:00 am

**OnLine: Facebook and ESL Website**

Sundays, 8:00 am

## Radio Sponsorship:



For 80 years we've received cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails from those who enjoy "being with you" in Sunday morning worship through our radio ministry.

**"I know you. I heard you on the radio!!"**

*-Sioux Falls resident*

YOU make this possible! Your sponsorship allows this to happen AND can honor someone or something special in your life... anniversaries, birthdays, the memory of a loved one or simply gratitude of God's love. THANK YOU! If you would like to help support this special ministry call the church office at 605-336-3597.

*11:00am on KXRB Radio (1140 AM or 100.1 FM)*

**Sponsor a radio broadcast - \$255/Sunday!**

\*November 3 — In memory of Don Renner's birthday given by Nancy Renner.

\*November 17 — In honor of Joyce Fuyok & Margaret Brannan for their 85th birthday given by Joyce Fuyok.

\*November 24 — In memory of Mary Jane Bernard given by family & friends.



## Online Sponsorship:

**Where did you worship with ESL online?**

Did you know that people in SD, ND, NV, WY, TX OK, OH (and other states) regularly worship with us online... and then share the Good News in their local community.

YOU make that possible!

**Sponsor an online broadcast—\$50/Sunday!**

\*November 3 — In honor of Madeline (Nelson) Rygg's birthday given by Lloyd & Peggy Nelson.

\*November 10 — In memory of Robbie Knopf given by Jim, Sharon, & Scott Knopf.

\*November 17 — In honor of Andy & Jacque Christopherson's 50th Wedding Anniversary given by



# Sunday School News

## Sunday School Happenings!

On October 6th our Sunday School children sang in church with the Adult & Kings choirs during the celebration of 80 years of Radio Ministry.



October 20th saw our Pre-K children receive their Spark Story Bible and the 3rd graders received their Spark Bible which they will use through 5th grade. Pastor Layne held a class

in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School for the 3rd graders along with their families where they got to know their new Bibles and how to use them at home and in Sunday School.

Practice has begun on this year's Christmas Program, "The Fumbly Bumbly Angels". The program will be held on Sunday, December 15th at 5:30 PM. Final Rehearsal will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 14th. Please mark your calendars with these dates. A list of the songs they will be singing has been sent home with the children, if you have not received it, please speak with your child's Sunday School Teacher. Children with speaking parts have been given their part along with copies of their lines, please help your children practice. Miss Ruby (3rd & 4th grade Teacher) is this year's Director of the program, if you have any questions, please reach out to Miss Ruby.

Let Your Light Shine!

Jackie Swiden—Sunday School Director





We are praying for the families of:

Ken Nicholas

Sandra Novak

Marie Wieber



The following have been **Honored** this month to the glory of God through gifts given in their memory to the work and ministry of East Side Lutheran.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Ken & Verlyn Eckert** given by

- Ted & Carol Winter and family

**Iris Rasmussen** given by

- John & Mary Rasmussen

- Marv & Laurie McKnelly

- Judi Eliason

**John Dammer**

- Anonymous gift

*-(gifts given as of October 24<sup>th</sup>)*

## WELCA News

November 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at 11:30 am in the west conference room. Bible study and fellowship at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship hall.

**Reminders:** Thank offering will be collected at the November 13<sup>th</sup> WELCA meeting. Thank offering is a longstanding custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received. Christmas luncheon is Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at noon.



## Thrivent Action Grants

People often ask, "Where are my \$250 action grants needed?" Here are a just a few ideas; the possibilities are endless. And worry not, ELS members Brad and Marcia Larson are happy to help you complete them.

-Advent Fellowship Meals (Dec 2, 9, 16)

-Layette Kits

-Advent Devotionals

-Ice Melt Shakers

-Lenten Meals

-Food to You

-New Member Reception

-Confirmation Quiz Bowl, Outings, etc.

# Finance Committee Focus

What is the Finance Committee focusing on? Is this a question you ask yourself? Is it something you and your friends chat about during fellowship? If so, here is a quick update on what the Committee is up to for the next 4-6 weeks.

**BUDGETING for 2025!** This will be our primary focus in coming weeks. We will utilize historical information from 2021-2024 to help with determining the needs and expenses of our church.

We will be taking a bit of a different approach this year. Each council member is sharing the budget needs of their “area of responsibility”. Once we have the estimated expense information we will be sharing this information with you. We are going to prepare several possible versions of the budget and share them with you November 17<sup>th</sup> at our Thanks-for-Giving meal before we finalize our 2025 budget for congregational approval at the annual meeting. The thought behind this madness is that we have a couple open staff positions and before we can look at filling these positions, we need to determine what we will be able to afford (i.e. Associate Pastor, Youth Director).

This approach will provide you the opportunity to help you plan for your 2025 annual pledge as a part of our stewardship drive that will take place in January. Together we will ensure East Side

## Scouting for Food



**Food Donations**

Our East Side Scouts will be collecting food throughout the month of November. Donations can be placed in the tent in the narthex. Food will be distributed in the neighborhood by “Food to You” and East Side Lutheran.

### By the Numbers

As we care for our facility,  
we care for our neighbor.

We are blessed to have such a beautiful church. Let it be a beacon of light to the neighborhood and a blessing too all.

Here is a look at our church “**Property**” expenses for the month of September compared to one year ago.

Property Expenses September	2024	2023
Cleaning Expense	\$637.20	\$637.20
Garbage Expense	\$212.40	\$212.40
MidAmerican Energy	\$83.61	\$82.59
Xcel Energy	\$1,902.02	\$2,474.92
Sioux Falls Utilities	\$515.43	\$1,082.58
Telephone Expense	\$277.47	\$262.22
Building Supplies	\$532.28	\$46.41
Repair & Maintenance	\$657.74	\$1,092.50
Replacement/Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance Expense	\$1,962.30	\$1,844.74
Property Taxes	\$942.46	\$910.79
Snow Removal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lawn Care	\$896.51	\$695.17
Elevator Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Security Expense	\$1,469.75	\$942.42
<b>Total Property</b>	<b>\$10,089.17</b>	<b>\$10,283.94</b>



## East Side Lutheran Congregation Council Mtg Oct 13, 2024

East Side Lutheran Congregation Council Meeting  
October 13, 2024

Present: Ray Schut, Jon Cisar, Carla Middlen, Brian Ensberg, Brenda Schut, Danielle Champa, Gwen Oakland, Michael Molland, and Pastor Layne Nelson. Excused Absence Todd Brower.

President Ray Schut called the meeting to order at 11:25.

Opening Devotion - Pastor Layne Nelson led the council in a devotion including input from council members and their prayer requests. He opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report: It was moved by Carla Middlen; seconded by Jon Cisar to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2024, Council Meeting. Motion Carried.

President's Report: President Schut reported on the 80<sup>th</sup> celebration of radio ministry and the dedication of the sound equipment made possible by the gift of the Eckert Estate. President Schut thanked all the people who assisted in this and all events this last month.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Nelson reported on the events of last month and on upcoming events. Participation in senior adult focused events has been excellent. Other age groups, like parenting age, would be an East Side mission target.

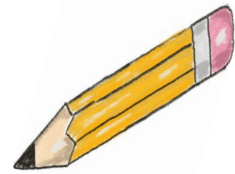
Upcoming events include: the reception of new members October 20, third graders and Pre-K students receiving bibles October 20, Confirmation October 27 during the 10 am Reformation Day worship, and All Saints Day November 3. Worship planning by the worship committee has been completed for all services through the Christmas season.

Financial Report: Brenda Schut, Treasurer, presented the following financial report: Income has been less this year than last by the amount of the special financial appeal (approx. \$75,000). Attendance has also been less than in prior years. Congregational temple talks and our Thanks-For-Giving meal on November 17 will be financial education opportunities.

Treasurer Schut presented the partially completed preliminary budget and led discussion on many of the categories. The council discussed each one and offered input into the budget process. Information will be presented to the congregation at the Thanks-For-Giving meal on November 17. The council thanked her for the excellent presentation and all the work preparing the budget. It was moved by Gwen Oakland; seconded by Jon Cisar that the Treasurers report be approved. Motion Carried.

Committees: Stewardship & Visioning – Jon Cisar re-

ported the Stewardship Task Force is hosting a handful of small cottage meetings to gather actionable ideas relating to our mission focus for 2025. Our mission focus for 2025 includes: growing the church by sharing the Gospel, welcoming more young families, and expanding our community outreach.



Education – Gwen Oakland reported Sunday School (under the direction of Jackie Swiden), and Confirmation (under the direction of Pastor Nelson) are going well. Faith statements are being presented by this year's confirmands during worship services.

Outreach – Danielle Champa reported 122 families (497 people including 240 children) were assisted with "Food to You" on October 3. Free will offering will be collected for Charis Ministries on October 20 with a giving jar at the worship services.

Evangelism – Brian Ensberg reported that during new member Sunday we will be receiving five new families into our congregation. Life Light has scheduled their outreach concert in the park across from East Side next Labor Day weekend.

Fellowship – Carla Middlen reported the next event will be Bingo with date not yet scheduled. The council discussed other possible outreach events.

Property – Todd Brower reported (in a written report) that a leaky pipe needed to be replaced. He is gathering information on possibly converting our boiler to a forced air system.

New Business – Committee Descriptions were reviewed, and several changes were recommended. It was moved by Brian Ensberg; seconded by Jon Cisar that the Committee descriptions with changes be adopted. Motion Carried.

The council viewed an interview with Bob LaRoy Folschow. The interviews are being conducted with congregational members for our outreach project, "A Portrait of a Spiritual Quest."

President Schut adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm  
The next meeting will be on Nov. 10 at 11:15 am.

*Respectfully submitted, Michael Molland, Secretary*



# November

## Thankfulness

Day 1 – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Day 2 – Ephesians 5:18-21

Day 3 – Psalm 106:1

Day 4 – Philippians 4:6

Day 5 – Psalm 107:1

Day 6 – Psalm 100:4

Day 7 – Colossians 3:15-17

Day 8 – Colossians 4:2

Day 9 – Psalm 28:7

Day 10 – Psalm 100:1-5

Day 11 – Psalm 116:17

Day 12 – 1 Corinthians 15:57

Day 13 – Romans 14:5-6

Day 14 – Psalm 118:1

Day 15 – Psalm 50:14

Day 16 – 2 Corinthians 9:15

Day 17 – Psalm 95:2

Day 18 – Revelation 7:11-12

Day 19 – Psalm 136:1-3

Day 20 – Psalm 136:4-9

Day 21 – Psalm 136:10-22

Day 22 – Psalm 136:23-26

Day 23 – Psalm 92:1

Day 24 – Revelation 11:17

Day 25 – 1 Timothy 4:4-5

Day 26 – 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Day 27 – 1 Timothy 1:12-15

Day 28 – Psalm 107:15

Day 29 – 2 Corinthians 2:14-15

Day 30 – Psalm 98:1

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*As found on Pintrist*



# President Notes

Friends and Family

In the 80's & into the 90's AT&T had a long-distance phone call war with MCI. AT&T was the giant in the industry and MCI was the new kid on the block...UNTIL...MCI launched it's Friends and Family Plan. It was a new approach to long-distance service. Under this plan, subscribers could set up "calling circles" in which calls within the circle were made at discounted prices – as long as both parties were MCI subscribers. I was on this plan for a while and I think it saved me money, but who really knows.

Today landline phones are a thing of the past for most of us. We don't wait until Sunday after 8pm to make a long-distance call because it's cheaper and I haven't heard a busy signal for quite a while. Now we have smart phones, but we don't use them as phones anymore. We use them to text each other, "like" something on Facebook or to look up the answer to trivia questions. I'd like to say that we've come a long way, but I'm not convinced. The convenience is nice but we're losing the human touch, the art of communicating, listening, and connecting.

I like calling people and talking. I like to feel the excitement, the joy and sometimes the worry or sorrow in someone's voice. It's human rather than electronic. Yes, I do text and e-mail people, but most of that is for convenience. When it's something important I like to hear someone's voice.

On Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> we'll have our "Thanks for Giving" meal in the Fellowship Hall. Soup and pie are on the menu and real, person to person interaction will be served. It's a time to talk to those who love East Side Lutheran as much as you do. The following week is Thanksgiving. Whether you're hosting or being hosted, I hope everyone uses their phones for one thing...taking and sharing photos of good times being shared with those you care about.

Maybe it's time to bring back the Friends and Family Plan, only this time let's make it an in-person plan. Bring them to church, invite them to our "Thanks for Giving" meal or stop over and visit for coffee. Expand your "calling circle" and talk to someone you recognize but don't really know. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and if you need to reach me, I'm just a phone call away.

Ray Schut, Congregation President

We hope you will participate in the Empty Bowls Project on November 16th. Join us in creating handmade bowls to raise awareness and funds for people experiencing poverty and food insecurity. The bowls will be used for an evening of food and community in February 2025.

## **BOWL MAKING DAY**

**WHERE:** East Side Lutheran Church Barn

**WHEN:** *NOV. 16, 2024 | 9 am to 3 pm*





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# The Voice

November 2024



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Do you ever talk about money at your house? Is it an easy conversation, or a difficult one? I find that it helps to think about money as simply a tool to help us accomplish the things that we want to accomplish.

November has typically been the month when we hold our annual financial stewardship drive at East Side Lutheran. This has culminated with a giving of financial pledges on Consecration Sunday the week before Thanksgiving.

*This year we are doing something different.*

We will still have the opportunity to give thanks for the **generosity of our congregation** this month; this will happen at our **“Thanks-for-Giving”** meal Sunday, November 17th at 11:15 am.

At this meal we will also do some work of the church, as together we look at some *draft* versions of our 2025 church budget. These will show in part what ministry we can anticipate, depending upon the anticipated income in 2025. With your input, a final draft will be put together that will be voted on at our Annual Meeting. On top of all that, we will enjoy fellowship with one another and give thanks for the blessings we hold in Christ.

Following that, our annual stewardship drive will take place over the weeks of January to give us a better idea what to expect in 2025. Your willingness to pledge, and your voice, are both important parts of this process.

Conversations around money can be difficult for many of us. Money is an emotional topic, that is probably why Jesus talked about it so often in the Gospels. Still, these conversations can also be exciting as we look at what we can accomplish together through our giving. You are a part of something that is continually making a difference through your church. You see...

November is also the month we remember the “saints” who have gone before us and changed our lives with their faith in Jesus. I am excited to be a part of East Side and this great cloud of witnesses. There are real lives being impacted here. There are truly many “saints” in this congregation, and you are counted among them. In worship this month you will begin to see the names of those saints appear on sticky notes around the sanctuary. May they inspire us to live and give and trust in Jesus.

Together in Faith,

Pastor Layne