

OCTOBER 2021



# Eastern Heights Lutheran Church *and Open Arms Preschool and Childcare*

616 Ruth St. N, St. Paul, MN

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A FUN family & Community Event!

Saturday, October 30, 5pm – 7pm

All families with kids are invited to attend. EVERYONE of every age is invited to volunteer and help. Bring your vehicle and decorate it! Feel free to costume (no “evil” or “scary” things, please). You can bring (or contribute in advance) bags of candy, treats, etc. You can volunteer to set up, publicize, plan, clean up, provide security for the event, etc.

For more information or to sign up, contact Michelle Urban:  
[chelle\\_u@hotmail.com](mailto:chelle_u@hotmail.com) or 651-269-2643.

## Fall Focus:

### *“Connecting People to God Through Faith in Jesus”*

Our mission (as the family of faith known as “Eastern Heights Evangelical Lutheran Congregation” for the past 75 years on the eastside of St. Paul) continues this Fall...

**As** we say hello...and as we say goodbye;

**As** we welcome new people...and as we commend others to God’s eternal care;

**As** we make connections with our new and continuing PARTNERS in this place: Hmong Unity Christian Church; Christian Missionary Fellowship International (Cameroonian); Bread of Life Church (East Indian); Laurel Community School...all in order to connect more precious people of all nations to God;

**As** we build up and grow our Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center to serve families with young children in our community and to connect boys and girls to their Savior Jesus;

**As** we invest in our student ministries of confirmation and youth (preparing for the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, next summer) in order to connect a whole new generation to the true God;

**As** we expand our in-person and digital (online, streaming) opportunities to worship, study and connect with our brothers and sisters who are also following Jesus;

**As** we weep and cry with those suffering pain, illness, disability, sorrow, and loss;

**As** we try to equip and mobilize to “care like Jesus cares” for real people with real needs; and...

**As** we compassionately lay to rest our departed sisters and brothers in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting...

Our mission is to connect people to God, the ONLY connection and relationship that can give ultimate hope (because of His Son, Jesus, the crucified but risen One).

Our Fall Focus, on this mission is important. It is, perhaps, God's unique and good plan for you and me to work together to "keep the faith" going out digitally and physically from our home-base in the east metro of the Twin Cities of Minnesota.

Please PRAY; please prioritize; please join me in fighting the good fight and running this race together...for the eternal salvation of all those people we are connecting to God.

*"As you go on your way may Christ go with you. May He go before you to show you the way. May He go behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over you, within you to give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen."*

*Steven Mark Benson, pastor*

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## CHALLENGE

## Discussion Groups

**Sunday morning — 9:45 a.m.**

*Intergenerational Group, in the Lounge*

**Wednesday morning — 10:30 a.m.** with DCE Tim *in person at church*

**Thursday morning — 10:30 a.m.** with Don Lewandowski *on ZOOM*

**Thursday Evening — 7:00 p.m.** with Pastor Steve *on ZOOM*

*If you are interested in hosting an in-person or Zoom small group at another time, GO FOR IT! Contact DCE Tim if we can help.*



## The Faithfully Departed 2021

Ron Larson – 01/03/2021 – Funeral 01/09/2021

Lyle Fuhr – 01/11/2021 – Funeral 01/15/2021

Tim Moore – 01/12/2021 – Funeral 01/23/2021

Irv Wiese – 02/03/2021 – Internment 02/12/2021

Jody Ihrke – 02/13/2021 – Funeral 02/19/2021

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stohlmann 02/15/2021 – Funeral 02/19/2021

Lois Raatz – 04/16/2020 – Memorial service 04/10/2021

James Bivin – 05/09/2021 – Memorial service 06/05/2021

Walter Proft – 03/30/2020 – Memorial service 07/02/2021

Irv Wiese – 02/03/2020 – Memorial service 07/31/2021

Eku Wolfe – 07/31/2021 – Memorial service 08/27/2021

Cecil Picht – 07/08/2021 – Memorial service 09/09/2021

Ken Buell – 08/21/2021 – Memorial service 09/02/2021

Bill Kernal – 08/22/2021 – Memorial service 09/18/2021

Bev Myhr – 09/12/2021 - Funeral service 09/21/2021

Mark Pearson – 09/14/2021 - Funeral service 9/25/2021

Walter & Donna Proft – 10/26/2021 - Internment

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.*

*Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labors.*

Revelation 14:13

*Did You Know...*

## You Can Receive a Weekly Mailing?

If you would like to receive a printed copy of our Sunday worship service, hymns, and sermon every week, simply contact the church office and request to get on the weekly mailing list. You can write to Eastern Heights Lutheran Church, 616 Ruth Street N, Saint Paul, MN 55119 or call 651-735-4202.

## New Sunday Schedule

Traditional Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Educational Hour	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

## Historical Fun Fact

Did you know that 75 years ago (in October of 1946) the first worship service for Eastern Heights Lutheran Church was held in a rented portable classroom building on the grounds of Eastern Heights public school at Ruth and Margaret Streets? The “Ruth Avenue Mission” met every Sunday and organized as Eastern Heights Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in February of 1947. Later that year, the property here at Ruth and 5th Streets began to be developed with a basement church.

## New Online Worship Coordinators

...and their team will soon be named! These key volunteers will develop ways that our online worshippers can get to know all of our church family, make prayer requests, and connect with all their brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested in learning more about this team, contact Pastor Steve or DCE Tim.

## Meet the Family

A new feature for our worship services (online and in-person) this fall: a brief opportunity to meet the people in your family of faith here at Eastern Heights. We will project a photo and some basic information about one of our in-person and one of our online worshippers each week starting this fall.



## Seeking Prayer Sponsors

Open Arms is looking for Prayer Sponsors for the 2021-2022 school year. As a prayer sponsor, you will be given the name of a child who is currently enrolled at Open Arms. We ask that you pray for that child during the school year. You can pray for their education, health, relationship with Christ, or anything you feel moved to pray for.

This is a one-year (school year) commitment. There will be no contact between you and the child. If you wish to send them a card on their birthday or for a holiday that is fine, but it must be sent to the Open Arms office, and we will pass it along. DO NOT send gifts or money. All we are asking for are prayers.



By signing up to be a prayer sponsor you are committing to pray for a child for 1 year. Your \$10 donation will provide that child with a Bible or other devotional reading materials.

We currently have every Child Sponsored in Prayer! Thank you to those who signed up, if you are still interested contact MaryEllen as we continue to have new enrollment.

Please contact MaryEllen Wunrow at [maryellen@ehlc.org](mailto:maryellen@ehlc.org) or 651-735-4202 ext. 1 with any questions or if you wish to be a prayer sponsor this year.

## Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

Open Arms is excited for our upcoming fall session to begin. We want to share a few important dates with you all and hope you will join us! September 27 to October 27, Open Arms will be selling Little Caesars Pizza for you to make at home! This is a new fundraiser for us, and we are excited because who doesn't love PIZZA? On December 17, we will again host our Family Christmas gathering with a Silent Auction. We will be looking for donations to the auctions starting the end of October. We hope you will join us in celebrating in December! Contact MaryEllen Wunrow at [maryellen@ehlc.org](mailto:maryellen@ehlc.org) with questions.



## Elementary Family Fun Night!

Join us for a night of Games and Pizza on Saturday, October 16, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. All children and families who are in K–4th grade are invited for some fellowship and pizza. We will enjoy pizza, play games outside (or inside if the weather is bad), have a short devotion and lots of fun. Please contact MaryEllen Wunrow at [maryellen@ehlc.org](mailto:maryellen@ehlc.org) with any questions or if you wish to help or attend.

# Angels

Angel means “messenger.” During our August family visit in Michigan, I encountered an angel (real or human – hard to know!). While gassing the truck an angel in nurse scrubs spoke to me very directly, “SIR, you have a smoking trailer wheel.” When I turned to return her gaze she said, “FOLLOW ME!” I did and saw the trailer driver’s side rear wheel bearing had failed and the wheel was canted out. NOT GOOD. I, consumed in thought, did not observe the angel depart. Wondering what to do, I looked up and around for a place to park so an evaluation could take place. Lo and behold we were across the highway from Gillette’s RV. It couldn’t have been any closer! We slowly drove in and in less than 90 minutes drove out and on our way. The Service Manager and two techs worked on it for 45 minutes after closing! Further, I and they were surprised the axle and hub were undamaged. It was an amazing experience.

Blessed be the Lord our God who ushers us through the troubles of this life! And sends his angels to help us on our way!

If you haven’t joined in the “Being Challenge,” I encourage you to give it some of your time. There is a lot of good stuff in this series to help you grow to be like Jesus.

In Christ,  
*Rev. Chuck*

# TurboBridge

***Listen to the Sunday worship service on your phone!***

You can use your telephone and dial in to hear and follow along with our worship services. Here’s how:

1. Dial 612-808-6338
2. When connected, enter in 990-6073-#
3. You may hear music until the service begins
4. When done, simply hang up

**Sunday services can be heard at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. every Sunday.**



# Where are we financially?

The mission of “Connecting people to God through faith in Jesus” continues here at Eastern Heights and Open Arms with the financial support of 164 givers. We have received \$257,864 of our budgeted need of \$300,690 as of the end of August.

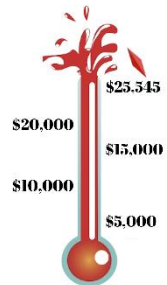
Online at [www.ehlc.org](http://www.ehlc.org), and click on the menu and go to GIVE. Mail your check to Eastern Heights Lutheran Church, 616 Ruth Street North, St. Paul, MN 55119. In the offering box at worship on Sunday at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m.

Even if you can only give a few dollars each week, NOW is the time!

## We received a Summer Miracle

With **51 givers**, we received gifts and pledges of  
**\$26,105.**

God is Great! AMEN!!!!



## Parking Lot

As you know, we need to complete some patching and pot hole filling. If you would like to help with the costs of some patching material and/or labor, please contact our Director of Church Ministries, Tim Germain. {If by some “Fall Miracle” you are gifted by God and moved by His Spirit to make a major gift, we could repave our entire parking lot for about \$100,000. See DCM Tim or Pastor Steve for information about major gifts to God’s work!}

# DCE Bradley-Led Bible Studies

**Confirmation** started again in September, and we are meeting in person and online from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday Nights.

**Sunday Bible Class** is still happening every Sunday but is now the Intergenerational Bible Study at 9:45 a.m.

**Young Adult Bible Study** will now happen every Thursday night 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. You are welcome to join any time!

## Baptism

If you or a young child want to be baptized (but you would like to learn more about it), we invite you to join us for a class about Baptism on October 14, November 11, or December 9. The classes will be held in the Opening/Closing room in Open Arms from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, feel free to contact DCE Bradley at [bradley@ehlc.org](mailto:bradley@ehlc.org).

## Telephone Ministry

Phone calling can be a ministry. We have a team of callers, which includes Betty Oppenheimer, Rosanna Wunrow, Donna Ewalt, Pam Hoppe, Kim and Don Lewandowski, Howie Arntzen and our coordinator, Geneva Laatsch. Our team:

1. Calls one of our Eastern Heights family members,
2. Asks how they are doing (and then listens),
3. Asks if they need any help/assistance or prayer requests (to be forwarded on to our pastors),
4. Offers to say the Lord's Prayer (or another simple prayer) together, out loud, over the phone,
5. Then offers to call them again next week.

## Become a Telephone Caller

If you are willing to call one (or more) people each week, please join our team: email [office@ehlc.org](mailto:office@ehlc.org) or call 651-735-4202.

If you would like to receive a weekly phone visit, call the office to get on the list.

# Ministry Partner Opportunities

- Be a telephone caller for our Caring Ministry.
- Be a Ministry Partner for our worship services. We especially need ushers and tech workers.
- Use your musical gifts to enhance our worship! Singers and instrumentalists needed.

Contact the church office to volunteer:  
**office@ehlc.org** or **651-735-4202**

**Coming Soon:** We will soon name a new leader on the Ministry Partner team who will be renewing the “Stephen Ministry” system for training people for the Caring Ministries of our congregation.

## LWML NEWS

### The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2021 GivingTuesday campaign! Because of you, \$29,694 was given for mission work this GivingTuesday! LWML, through your generous gifts, greatly exceeded the matching amount of \$10,000 made possible by a generous family. That brings the total to \$39,694 given to support the 2021–2023 LWML Mission Goal.

Thank you for making this a September to Remember!

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## WE WANT TO HELP

*If you or someone you know is sick, has lost a loved one, or has any prayer need, let us know: **office@ehlc.org** or call **651-735-4202***

**Pastor Chuck Fenton**

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**Pastor Steve Benson**

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**DCE Bradley Asmus**

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**DCE Tim Germain**

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# Mission & Vision

***“At Eastern Heights Lutheran Church,  
our mission is to connect people to God  
through faith in Jesus Christ.”***

## Vision

We see Eastern Heights Lutheran Church as a center for making new disciples from all nations in this generation and the next. This will happen through vibrant worship, a strong Christian Education program for all ages and selfless service to our diverse community.

### **Under the blessing of Almighty God . . .**

- We will develop devoted disciples for Jesus through education, service, and caring ministries.
- We will continue our outreach to children, youth, families and older adults by meeting the needs of our community.
- Through Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center serve families in our community by providing high quality, affordable, Christian education and childcare.
- We will maintain and improve our physical property as needed, in order to efficiently carry out our mission of making new disciples for Jesus Christ.

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***Our pastors and staff will NEVER contact you by phone, email, Facebook Messenger, etc. to ask for any gift cards or cash. This is a scam from anonymous criminals—not our staff. Please beware and contact the church office to let us know of any suspicious requests.***

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