

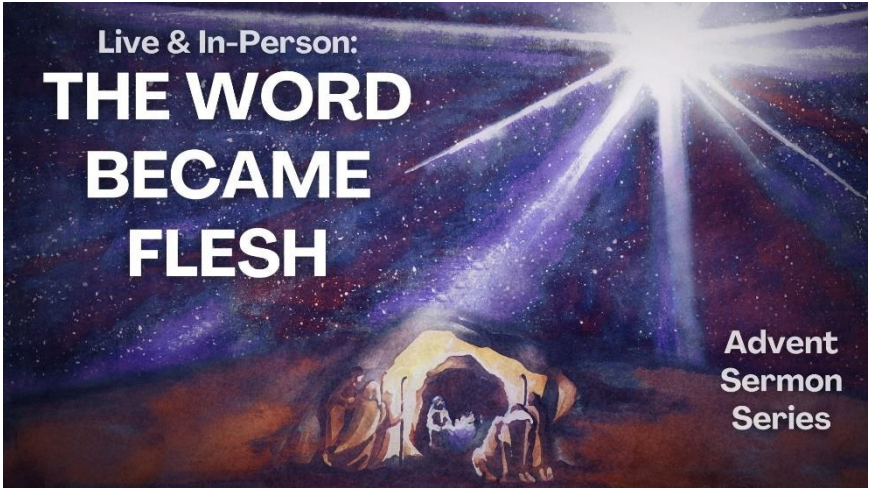
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021



Eastern Heights Lutheran Church and Open Arms Preschool and Childcare

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“LIVE and in person...”

It's coming!

HE is now appearing, LIVE and in person: The Creator of all, the Savior of all, the Comforter of all people—GOD Himself, in the flesh.

This is what our Advent and Christmas season is all about: celebrating the fact that God cared about our broken, desperate, dying world so much that HE came down to be one of us: alive and in person as a real human baby at Bethlehem.

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Please join us at our Ruth Street campus in Saint Paul (or in our online congregation) every week in this special season. Our teaching series is called:

“LIVE and in person: *The Word Became Flesh*”

Our Sunday messages will be based on John 1:1-18. We thank God for the scholarly work of Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing from Concordia University, St. Paul, who is the author of this series. The Gospel of John is one of the Bible’s greatest and grandest books. These first 18 verses explode with light and brilliance, truth and grace. These amazing words focus on the theme: The Word became flesh.

Sunday, Nov. 28	“You Have My Word!”	John 1:1-5
Sunday, Dec. 5	“A Man Named John”	John 1:6-9, 15
Sunday, Dec. 12	“Chosen Children”	John 1:12b
Sunday, Dec. 19	“The Word Dwelt Among Us”	John 1:14a
Friday, Dec. 24	“We Have Seen His Glory”	John 1:14b

LIVE and in person: *The Word became flesh.* Get ready to meet Jesus this Christmas!

Steven Mark Benson, Pastor

Our Intergenerational Bible class (for kids and adults) will meet in the Lounge for the Advent/Christmas season from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. November 28 through December 19.

It's Back...

The Brief Worship Service returns to our Sunday morning lineup.

In addition to our 8:30 Traditional Worship Service and our 11:00 Informal Worship Service, we are adding a **Brief Worship Service** at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday, beginning on November 28. It will be 30 minutes of the “bare necessities” of God’s Word and Communion. It will not be live-streamed and will not include musicians and singers. Only some brief recorded music, but I am praying that it will meet some needs for those who would like to return to in-person worship. Maintaining social distance should not be a problem.

New Sunday Schedule

Traditional Worship Service*	8:30 a.m.
Educational Hour	9:45 a.m.
Brief Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Informal Worship Service*	11:00 a.m.

**Traditional and Informal services will be live-streamed: go to www.ehlc.org and click on “Watch live.” The link will take you directly to the Eastern Heights Lutheran Church YouTube channel.*

Thanksgiving Eve

Thanksgiving Eve worship is **Wednesday, November 24, at 6:30 p.m.** (There will no service on Thanksgiving Day.)

Christmas Weekend Worship Schedule

Friday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)	4:00, 7:00, and 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 26	8:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m.



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 Bivins – 05/09/2021 – Memorial service 06/05/2021

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

Irv Wiese – 02/03/2021 – 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

Terry Young – 09/27/2021 – Funeral service 10/21/21

Lynda Pedro – 10/16/2021 – Funeral service 10/25/21

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 Online Worship Hosts

Tom and Randi-Lyn Benson are our new online hosts at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. They 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 online for this service, please give them a hello on YouTube. 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 soon!

“Stop and Shop”

An opportunity to help local small businesses who are supporting the silent auction will be here on Saturday, December 4, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You can check out Paparazzi, Partylite, Tatyana’s Boutique, Pampered Chef, and one surprise vendor. There will be snacks and treats as well. See you on December 4!



Save the Date!! FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Open Arms will be having our Christmas Gathering and Silent Auction on December 17. We are currently looking for donations to our silent auction and volunteers to help the night of the event. If you would like to donate to the auction or help the night of the event please contact MaryEllen Wunrow at maryellen@ehlc.org. We are looking forward to coming together for a fun night of fellowship, games, crafts, the silent auction, a visit from Santa and the Christmas story!

We hope you and your family will join us on
December 17
6:00 – 8:00 PM!



Thank You!

Thank you to all those who ordered pizza during our Little Caesars Fundraiser! We raised \$450 for Open Arms! We hope you will join us for our next fundraiser in December and when we sell Starla's seasonings in the spring. For more ways to help support Open Arms please see MaryEllen Wunrow or Michelle Emmons.

Shutterfly?

Are you ordering Christmas Cards from Shutterfly? Open Arms has a Shutterfly store front that you can use to help us raise money. You still get the same deals and pricing as you would if you went right to Shutterfly, but Open Arms will get 8% of your order. Please shop our Storefront and help Open Arms this Christmas season or anytime you order from Shutterfly.

OpenArms.ShutterflyStorefront.com



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 172 givers. We have received \$310,545.02 of our budgeted need of \$321,250 as of the end of October.

Three ways to give:

- 1) Online at www.ehlc.org, and click on the menu and go to GIVE.
- 2) Mail your check to Eastern Heights Lutheran Church, 616 Ruth Street North, St. Paul, MN 55119.
- 3) In the offering box at worship on Sunday at 8:30, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.

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

Building Needs

As you know, we need to complete some building repairs and some major projects. If you would like to help with the costs of material and/or labor, please contact our Director of Church Ministries, Tim Germain. [If by some "Miracle" you are gifted by God and moved by His Spirit to make a major gift, we could begin addressing these needs soon. See DCM Tim or Pastor Steve for information about major gifts, estate gifts, designation of life insurance, etc.]

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 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.

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 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 – 1942-2022

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League



In thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, each member, local group, zone, or district is encouraged to reflect God’s love by blessing others with 80 something. One idea may be an \$80 mite donation. Get creative and have fun! LWML

is planning to show a montage of your “80 something” ideas and gifts at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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***

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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.

AVOID THE SCAMS!

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.

*Open Arms is
collecting*

Ornaments for our Chaplain and crew

We will be sending a box with Christmas ornaments to our Navy Chaplain and those he serves to brighten their Christmas. If you wish to donate an ornament(s) please drop them off at Open Arms no later than December 10th. Please do not send fragile ornaments.

See MaryEllen with any questions

