



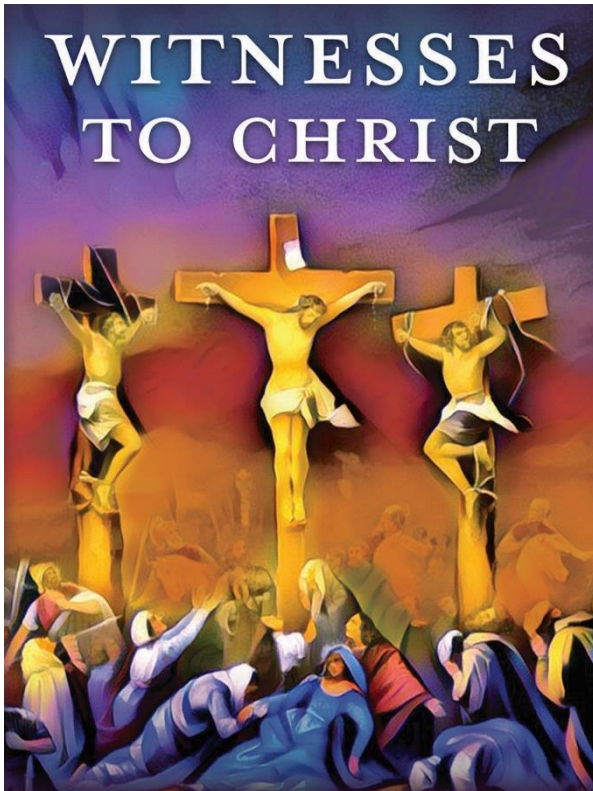
SPRING 2022



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

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Lent and Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 2	7:00 p.m.
Palm Sunday, April 10	8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 14	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 15	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 17	7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.

Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30–31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That’s because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life; the resurrection and the life; and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That’s God’s gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John’s Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we’ll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

Please join us for worship as we hear the witness of these people in John’s Gospel:

Ash Wednesday, March 2: *John the Baptist*, John 1:29–34

Sunday, March 6: *Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha*, John 12:1–11

Sunday, March 13: *Malchus*, John 18:1–11

Sunday, March 20: *Peter*, John 18:12–27

Sunday, March 27: *Barabbas*, John 18:33–40

Sunday, April 3: *Pontius Pilate*, John 19:1–16

Palm Sunday, April 10: *John, the Gospel Writer*, John 19:25–37

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Join our Team...



TELL A NEW GENERATION... ABOUT JESUS 2022



"Declare His power to the next generation"
Psalm 71:18

Make a pledge to our campaign in 2022, and give according to how God has blessed you:

- by check or cash
- electronically at www.ehlc.org
- set up automatic giving
- make a special gift of a vehicle, house, property, IRA or other savings
- include Eastern Heights Lutheran Church in your estate plan, as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, etc.

Our goal to fully fund the mission we believe God has called us to do in this place in 2022 requires gifts totaling \$420,000. So far, \$134,256 has been pledged for the year by 37 donors, individuals or families. If you have not yet given perhaps God is calling you to become one of the donors who can join us in the mission of "connecting people to God through faith in Jesus."

If you have any questions or need more information please contact me or our Director of Church Ministries, Tim Germain.

Please Pray...

The Psalm writer, under God's inspiration, wrote (about 3,000 years ago):

¹ My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— ³ things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. ⁴ We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. ⁵ He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, ⁶ so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. ⁷ Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. ⁸ They would not be like their ancestors—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

(Psalm 78:1-8)

Notice how the emphasis is clearly on telling a new generation about the truth. God, our Creator, is real. But our children (and their children) will never know HIM, unless we find a way to communicate...

This task (to tell a new generation about Jesus) is what our Eastern Heights and Open Arms family is all about in 2022. Please join me in praying, working, and supporting these initiatives:

1. **Best Practices for Ministry Conference.** A team of our staff and volunteer leaders are learning about the best ways to reach and communicate with a new generation. Ideas and strategies that are *working* in other churches around the country will be brought home by our group to be implemented.
2. **Online, streaming worship.** Every Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. people from all over the country (and around the block) are joining us for worship. If you are sick, or just can't get out on any given Sunday, try Online Worship. Please encourage your friends, family members and neighbors to check us out digitally. (For those without internet access, we have a telephone conference call—Turbobridge—available).
3. **Lent & Easter, Witnesses To Christ.** Starting in March and continuing in April, we will hear from some eyewitnesses to the terrible/wonderful events in that pivotal Spring in Jerusalem when

Jesus was killed. In addition to worship, we will have a special Sunday morning class for children and adults *together*, March 6 through April 10, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

4. **“In all things”—2022 Lutheran Youth Gathering.** Our Director of Christian Education, Bradley Asmus, will be leading a group to Houston, TX, this summer to worship, learn, and be inspired along with 20,000 young people from around the nation.

***We need you!** Together we can make a difference in telling a new generation about Jesus here in the east metro of the Twin Cities and around the world. There is Good News: “God is real. He sent Jesus to rescue us from our sins. There is hope, now and forever!” Let’s tell a new generation of His dearly loved children.*

Steven Mark Benson, pastor

P.S. If you need forgiveness, hope and help—God’s Word, Holy Baptism, and His Supper—are here for you. Please contact me anytime: steve@ehlc.org or 651-735-4202.

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.

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.

Open Arms Update

Spring Fundraiser!

Open Arms will again be selling Starla's Seasoning for our Spring Fundraiser. We will be taking orders March 14-25. Orders should arrive by the first week of April. If you are interested in placing an order and supporting Open Arms, please contact MaryEllen Wunrow. Continue to watch for emails and Facebook posts closer to the sale dates as well.

Prayer Sponsor Update

Thank you to all our prayer sponsors! We greatly appreciate all your continued prayers for our children. Please remember that you are always welcome to send a personal note or card to the child you are praying for, but please no gifts. If you are interested in becoming a prayer sponsor this year, it is not too late. Open Arms continues to have changing enrollment with opportunities for more prayer sponsors. For more information, please contact MaryEllen Wunrow at maryellen@ehlc.org.



National Lutheran Schools Week

In January, Open Arms joined Lutheran schools across the country to celebrate being a Lutheran School and explore this year's theme "In All Things" using the Bible passage Colossians 1:15-20. In addition to studying this year's theme, we completed our week-long servant event by sending a 34-pound care package to Eastern Heights member Katie Gorz, who is currently serving overseas with the U.S.

Marines. Thank you to all who donated items to our care package and continue to support Open Arms in many ways. We hope you will continue to support and join us in April as we celebrate the Week of the Young Child.

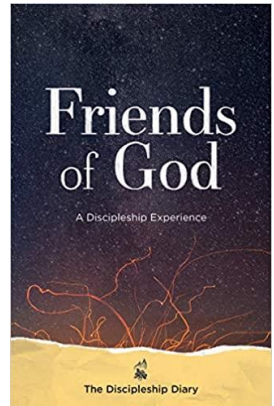


December Recap and Thanks!

Thank you for all your continued support this past year. With your help, Open Arms was able to send 4 boxes of Christmas Ornaments to our Adopt-a-Chaplain in California who then distributed them amongst 4 ships! In December, our Family Christmas Gathering and Silent Auction was a success with about 100 people attending, and the Silent Auction raised just under \$3,000. We greatly appreciate the continued support of Eastern Heights members and friends and look forward to supporting each other in the future. For more ways you can support Open Arms, contact Michelle Emmons or MaryEllen Wunrow or openarmsst.paul@gmail.com.

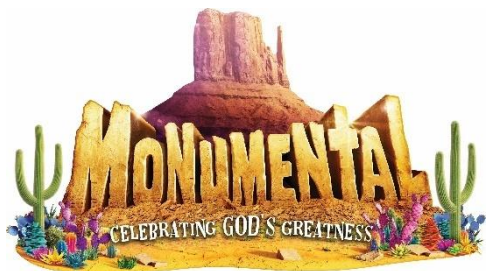
Calling All Elementary Youth!

If you are in kindergarten through 4th grade, we invite you to join us for our new Elementary Youth Group. In January, we started a new study that will teach us about "Friends of God." We will meet once a month for some fellowship, snacks, and devotion time. All children and families are welcome to join us. Please contact MaryEllen Wunrow at maryellen@ehlc.org for more information or to join the personal invite list.



VBS Planning Has Started!

We are excited for VBS this year as it is going to be Monumental! VBS will be July 24-28. We are currently in the early stages of planning. We need at least 15 volunteers to have VBS. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact:



Emily Arntzen or MaryEllen Wunrow at
651-735-4202 or ehlkidsministry@gmail.com

Intergenerational Bible Study is Back!

Everyone is invited to join us for our 3rd Intergenerational Bible study series. Starting Sunday, March 6, we will take a look at 6 key people from the Gospel of John. The focus of this Bible study is for people of all generations to join and share our personal experiences with the Bible and grow together in our faith. Each week we will look at a key person and their journey with Jesus. How are we different than them? How are we the same? This is a great opportunity for families to participate in a Bible study together, as it is designed to engage all ages and people of varying Biblical understanding and knowledge. As we start our journey of 2022 and focus on telling a new generation about Jesus, come and join us as we look at the journey of Biblical witnesses to Christ and seeing how their journey is like our journey. For more information, contact the church office.

MaryEllen Wunrow, DCE Tim Germain, and DCE Bradley Asmus



In-Person Morning Bible Discussion

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. (with a few exceptions) we gather to discuss a book of the Bible. We are currently going through the series, "Chosen." We watch the current episode and stop as discussion arises. During Lent, we will work through the Witnesses to Christ from the previous Sunday. If you are interested in joining our group, stop in at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning for coffee, treats, and discussion. If you have any questions, contact Tim at **651-735-4202** or **tim@ehlc.org**.

Zoom Thursday Night Study

We are working through the Gospel of John. Study continues on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. Contact Pastor Steve (**steve@ehlc.org**) for the Zoom link.

Zoom Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets every Saturday morning via Zoom. All women are invited to join us Saturdays at 9 a.m. Please contact Michelle Emmons (michelle@ehlc.org) for the Zoom link.

News from the Fentons

By the time you read this, God willing, we will have fifteen grandchildren. Our oldest, Heidi, gave birth to her fifth on February, Margaret Catherine Keiser was 7 pounds and 11 ounces with a full head of dark hair. Heidi, Kevin, and children live in Rockford, west of the twin cities. We see them regularly.

Our next youngest, Betsy (husband Mark), is expecting number seven—hasn't made her appearance as of this writing. Mark, Betsy, and family live in Woodbury, so we see them nearly every week.

Our youngest, Kate, and her husband, Joseph, are both Lieutenant Colonels in the U.S. Army, serving in Germany. We visited them this past October, and they were here in December with their three children. Their youngest was baptized while they were here.

As you might guess, family gatherings are joyful chaos with all grandchildren under 14 years of age.

Karen and I are in decent health from all doctor reports. I will turn 70 in March and still know joy in pastoral calling and work; however, stamina is not what it was. We exercise and eat properly to stay fit to God's call. We are enjoying life—thanks be to God.

*In Christ,
Pr. Chuck*

Summer Neighborhood Event

Our new summer outreach event will be happening Tuesday, August 9, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be carnival games, a hot dog dinner, and even a dunk tank!



DCE Bradley Asmus and Michelle Urban



The 10 people from Eastern Heights Lutheran church will be 7 youth, 2 adult volunteers, and me (DCE Bradley Asmus). This is not a vacation down to Houston, Texas, for a few days. This trip is an important journey in one's faith, especially as a youth. When I went to San Antonio in High School for the National Youth Gathering, it was an experience like none other. To worship with thousands of other believers like you. Youth like you—learning, struggling, experiencing life and society like you—is something that breaks the chains of fear and loneliness. The classes, experiences, and bonding time help us to create a youth group that has a deeper faith, relationship with each other and more knowledge with the classes/seminars you get to attend. The youth who will be attending are: Gage Adams, Zach Petschl, Elizabeth Petschl, Dashawn Mehl-Odeneal, Kate O'Connel, Chloe Chaple, and Nora Chaple. The adult volunteers are Stephanie Chaple and Michele Hendrickson. The total cost for this trip is \$12,100. Our annual Garage Sale will be June 23, 24, and 25. We ask that you please pray for our youth and adult volunteers on this trip, that it would be a faith building experience, deepening everyone's relationship with God and one another to help share God's love, grace, and forgiveness to all people we encounter in our lives.

DCE Bradley Asmus

Outreach

As we are now in the midst of our second month in 2022, you may ask what is new for Youth this year. As the theme for this 2022 year is to "Tell a New Generation," I have been meeting with and trying to find ways of working with the Conway Community Recreation Center (CCRC) and the Saint Paul Public Library at Sun Ray. The goal for this Summer is to have 2 monthly events at the Library, and 1-2 monthly events with the CCRC. This will hopefully involve more kids in our community and grow the connections Eastern Heights has with our community.

DCE Bradley Asmus



The Faithfully Departed

June Soller – 11/26/21 – Funeral 12/06/21

Diane Bauer – 12/18/21

Desiree Reller – 12/28/21 – Funeral 01/09/22

Delores Wiese – 01/03/22 – Tentative Funeral 06/11/22

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

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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Easter Garden of Remembrance 2022

You may order an Easter Lily, “In Honor” or “In Memory” of a loved one to be on display for the Easter Garden. The flowers will be ordered and delivered directly to the church for Easter Sunday. Cost is \$10.00 for lilies.

*Note: The church will place its order on **Monday, March 28.***

You can order and pay online at www.ehlc.org—use the Special Donation field and note Lilies. You can also pay by check made payable to: **Eastern Heights Lutheran Church**. Place this order form with your cash or check in an envelope, and place in the specially marked box at the information center.

The plants will be displayed for Easter Sunday, and you may pick up your plant after your Easter Worship service.

Easter Garden Order Form

*Please place your order soon—no later than **Sunday, March 27***

Number of Lilies _____ (\$10.00)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

In Memory of

In Honor of

Name _____ Telephone # _____