

VOICE Newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk

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Springtime in the Pacific Northwest is nothing short of breathtaking. After the long, gray months of rain and winter chill, we finally begin to see the signs of new life—leaves on the trees, blossoms on the rhododendrons, and that unmistakable freshness in the air after a spring rain. It is as though creation itself is preaching a sermon: New life has come!

How fitting, then, that we find ourselves still in the Season of Easter.

While the world tends to move on quickly from Easter—shelves cleared of chocolate bunnies and pastel colors packed away—the Church keeps celebrating. For 50 days, we live in the joy of the Resurrection, proclaiming with full hearts: “Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

One of my favorite Easter stories comes from Luke 24:13-35, the account of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. It’s a story about walking, wondering, and discovering that Jesus has been beside us the whole time. As they journeyed, confused and disheartened by all that had happened in Jerusalem, Jesus Himself came near and walked with them. Though they didn’t

recognize Him at first, He opened the Scriptures to them, helping them see that everything had been pointing to His death and resurrection. And later, in the breaking of the bread, their eyes were opened—and they knew it was Jesus himself.

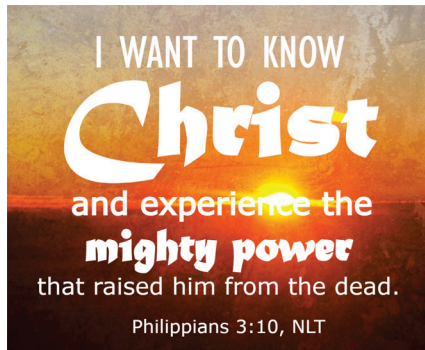
Isn’t that the way our faith so often works? Oftentimes, we walk through seasons where we feel uncertain or even lost. We wonder where

God is in the midst of it all. But as the Emmaus road reminds us, Jesus walks with us—even when we don’t recognize Him. And He reveals Himself to us through His Word, and in the breaking of the bread, just as He does every time we worship.

This spring, as you go about your days—walking the trails, planting your gardens, or just enjoying the sun when it breaks through the clouds—I encourage you to walk with Jesus. Open your Bible and see how He is speaking to you. Come to the Lord’s Table and receive His presence. Be encouraged that He is not far off, for He is Risen, and He is near.

May the joy of Spring and the Resurrection fill your heart today and always.

Pastor Benson



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Council President’s Corner

HAPPY SPRING TO YOU! We are enjoying some beautiful days with added sunshine. I hope you enjoyed celebrating Easter.

I find in life that change is always happening. Our faithful office administrator, Roseanne, is retiring as of May 19. She has served our congregation for 23 years. Words cannot express

the appreciation for all she has done for our congregation at Ebenezer. We will celebrate Roseanne with a retirement coffee hour after church on May 4. Please plan to join us in thanking Roseanne for her many wonderful years of service.

Kindly,
Gretchen



Education



Wow, can you believe it's almost time to say goodbye to our 2024-25 Godly Play® school year? It's been an absolute blast! We've had so much fun playing, making new friends, and catching up with old ones. It's been a year of growth and change, just like the seasons are changing right now.

As the flowers start to bloom outside, our children are blossoming too. I've seen some truly special friendships form in the classroom this year. It's been a joy to watch their curiosity and excitement shine through. They're learning, playing, and growing—an incredible experience. Our last class of the school year will be on Sunday, May 18.

We're always looking for new volunteers to join our team. If you're interested, please reach out to me or any of our other volunteers for more information. You can reach me at annier7280@gmail.com. Ebenezer will be hosting a Godly Play® Core Training on June 6-8. Joy Studer will be leading the training, and it's going to be a beautiful and transformative experience.

We'd love to have you join us as part of our volunteer team!

Much love and warm blessings,
Annie

6TH-12TH GRADE CLASS Sundays at 8:45 am in the Youth Room

- May class dates will be the 4th, 11th, and 18th to continue our Illustrated Ministry lessons, learning, and discussion and to enjoy treats and other activities.
- Questions? Please talk to Virginia.

EDUCATION MINISTRY WATCH (Wednesday At The Church) Confirmation (7th-8th grades) Classes

will continue through May 14 with Pastor Benson.

"Congratulations, Max" Sunday, May 18, at 10:45 am

We will honor our Confirmation student with a reception and cake.



Questions? Please call the church office, 425-334-0421.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, May 13, at 10 am

We welcome you to join us in Room 3 to discuss/plan our education opportunities.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 23-27

Our theme is "True North" and it will be as much fun as last year. We need lots of help to make this year's VBS a success or we cannot share this wonderful experience with the kids. The Crew Teams and Station Teams will begin their planning.

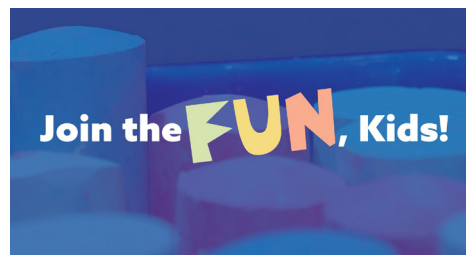


Spread the word to all of your neighbors, family, and friends to come for a fun-filled week. Watch for registration to begin online May 1. Questions? Talk to JoAnn or Melissa.

FLAT JESUS

Beginning May 1, the Education Committee would like to invite everyone (congregation, Preschool, and all youth in Godly Play®, Middle and High School) to pick up a "Flat Jesus" on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Color him and take him everywhere you travel (vacations, backyards, or with friends) this year taking pictures of yourself and "Flat Jesus."

Send the pictures to JoAnn at finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org. They will be printed and posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or may be shown on the PowerPoint slides on Sunday mornings. And remember ... "Jesus is with you ALWAYS, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20b). —JoAnn



Youth of Ebenezer Preschool

**6th-12th Grade Youth Contacts:
Virginia & Andi
Check your Ebenezer Phone Directory**



BAKED POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER

Another success! We thank the congregation for attending and supporting our YOFE event.

YOUTH COMMITTEE (EYC) MEETING

Sunday, May 25, at 8:45 am

We'll meet in the Youth Room. All are welcome!

THANKS FOR GIVING, EBENEZER!

Items for the Lake Stevens Food Bank shelves in the Fellowship Hall continue to come in. YEAH!

THE YOUTH & KIDS OF EBENEZER

For the month of May, the kids and youth are collecting the following items for the Lake Stevens Food Bank. These items are in high demand as summer begins and kids are home more: jam or jelly, Rice-A-Roni, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, cereal, instant Oatmeal, and boxed Macaroni and Cheese or Easy Mac. These items can be placed on the shelves in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support!

SKY YOUTH NIGHT

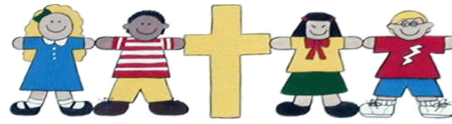
Sunday, May 4, from 6:00-7:30 pm

The final event of the year will be at Our Savior's in Everett on May the 4th (be with you). Guess what our theme will be! Call or email Virginia if you would like to join in the fun with other synod youth.

NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 17, from 7:30-10:30 am

Youth 6th-12th graders call Virginia Dutcher or Scott Sutton to ask how to help at the last breakfast of the season.



PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to all our preschoolers for doing such a great job this year. And thank you to our Preschool parents for sharing your children with us. What a blessing it is to teach your children and see their smiles and joy each day.

Director Lisa Curtis is blessed to have such a wonderful team of teachers—their creativity, kindness, compassion, and other good skills have added to our preschool program. A BIG THANK YOU TO MY STAFF for helping make this a great year!

Chapel will be about God's Bible, His Word, and what we can learn when we read the Bible.

A FUN, ENCOURAGING SONG

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God cannot do.
(clap, clap) *(Repeat verse)*

The mountains are His, the rivers are His,
The stars are his handiwork, too. (clap, clap)

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God cannot do, FOR YOU.
(clap, clap)

The Pre-K and New Beginnings classes will have a spring sing and moving up ceremony the last day of school. More details will be sent home to families in the upcoming weeks.

LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL CLASSES

- Pre-K: May 21
- Tots: May 21
- New Beginnings: May 23

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

We still have a few spots open. Help spread the word to your family, neighbors, and friends that they should check out a caring, fun, creative, and supportive

Worship & Music

FAST MINISTRY

FAST Team Papworth/Bauer will serve during the worship services in May. Team Briske will serve in June, Watch for your postcard in the mail during May.

WOW (WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS)

Midweek Worship will continue during May from 7:00-7:30 pm. The worship style changes each week and is very different from our Sunday worship. These services include:

- Contemplative Prayer service
- *Holden Evening Prayer* service
- *Unfailing Light* Communion service
- Festival of Hymns service

Join us to hear God's Word and receive His blessings. Holy Communion will be served at some of these services.

Packed with Love

Five people put the quilts over the pews for the Quilt Blessing on Sunday, April 27. Items also blessed were 12 prayer shawls and 6 baby care kits. On Tuesday, April 29, the quilters packed the items for the Lutheran World Relief shipment to be delivered on Friday, May 2, to Seattle.

Thank you to Ken Cross and Lon Shultz who delivered the quilts and kits to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Seattle for shipment to the LWR warehouse in Maryland. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed items needed. We are so appreciative of your support. Questions? Contact Betty Bauer.

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preschool program offering classes for 2-5 year-olds.

To schedule a tour and to receive registration information, email preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org.

Events Page

ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 5



The Endowment Board is pleased to be able to continue the tradition of providing scholarships

for Ebenezer students continuing their education. High school graduates continuing their education in college will receive \$2,000 toward their future education. A student continuing their education in college will receive \$1,500.

Application forms are available in the Narthex at Ebenezer or online at <https://ebenezerlakestevens.org>. We ask that completed applications be returned to the church office by May 5. The Board will meet on Monday, May 12, to go over all returned applications.

Questions can be directed to Wayne Kuehl, President; Lon Shultz, Vice President; Susan Shephard, Secretary; Jeff Gust, Treasurer; and Mary Lamb, Financial Secretary.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY FRIDAY, MAY 9 ~ 10 AM-12 PM



All are welcome to our meeting in the Youth Room.

Supplies are provided. We have lots of pretty yarn for you to use.

Questions? Call Lynn Riggs. Want a shawl to give to a friend or loved one? Just ask.

NORTH COVE PARK CLEAN-UP REPORT

On a gorgeous, sunny day, seven members of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, two Girl Scout Troops, and a few members of the community made a small but mighty group to clean up a very untended flowerbed in North Cove Park. This project was completed by these stewards of God's beautiful creation and in observance of Earth Day in April.

NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST BENEFIT FOR HUNGRY HEARTS LAST BREAKFAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER SATURDAY, MAY 17 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM

The all-you-can-eat pancakes are absolutely delicious! The cost is ages 13-99 ~ \$10, 5-12 ~ \$5, 4 & under ~ FREE, 100+ ~ FREE.



You're encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the breakfast to support Hungry Hearts. It is hoped we will be able to partner with Thrivent.

The April benefit generated \$825 for local area food banks. Thank you for your generosity.

CONFIRMATION CLASS RECEPTION SUNDAY, MAY 18 ~ 10:45 AM



April showers bring May Confirmands ... or something like that.

One 8th-grade student will confirm his faith this year: "Congratulations, Max." Join us as we welcome him with a reception in his honor in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

INSIGHT ON CONFIRMATION

In May, many churches celebrate confirmation, a practice with biblical roots. In the early church, new Christians received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. Later, confirmation became a rite by which adolescents, often following intensive Christian education, profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Confirmation serves as a milestone of faith, when young adults begin embracing a life of discipleship with a sense of purpose.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

- **Pinochle ~ Sunday, May 4, beginning promptly at 1:30 pm.** For those who

love to play pinochle, we will meet at Ebenezer on Sunday, May 4, beginning promptly at 1:30 pm. Invite a friend or two. Questions? Call JoAnn Cross.



- **Wits Workout ~ Monday, May 5, at 2 pm.** This is a time to laugh, have fun with friends, and maybe even sharpen your thinking skills. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Call Jane Briske.
- **Ebenezer's Book Club Discussion ~ Monday, May 5, at 4 pm.**

If you have read or are interested in reading *The Henna Artist*



by Alka Joshe, join us for a short discussion of April's book.

During May we'll read *Dog Years* by Mark Doty.

If you have questions or to learn how to obtain copies of these books, contact Jane Briske.

- **Hike Barclay Lake ~ Saturday, May 10, leaving the church parking lot at 8 am.** Barclay Lake is an easy 4.4-mile round trip with only 500 feet of elevation gain. Be sure to bring lunch and water in your backpack. Contact Grey Robinson or Ken Cross for details.
- **NEW DATE! Camping at Lutherwood ~ Friday, September 12, to Monday, September 15, 2025.** This summer some members will be camping overnight at Camp Lutherwood. Questions? Contact JoAnn Cross to reserve a spot as soon as possible.

- **Graduation Reception ~ Sunday, June 8 at 10:30 am.**

Fellowship Committee is planning a reception for *all* graduates.



They would like to acknowledge you. If you graduated or will graduate during the 2024-2025 year, pick up a form on the counter in the Narthex or contact the church office. Return your completed form by May 25.

Ministries of Ebenezer

NEW MEMBERS CLASS SUNDAYS IN JUNE ~ 10:40 AM



Pastor's New Members Class will begin on Sunday, June 1. If you are interested in becoming a member of Ebenezer, please

Membership Class talk to Pastor Benson after the 9:30 service or call the church office, 425-334-0421.

FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Giving Online Just Got Easier



Scan this QR code to be taken directly to our Online Donation page.

Using the camera on your smart phone, hover over the QR code as if you are going to take a picture of it; then, without actually taking a picture, tap on the image of the code. This will take you to the Vanco online donation page for Ebenezer. Thank you for your generosity!



—JoAnn Cross, Financial Secretary
finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org

FACEBOOK



When you find Ebenezer Lutheran Church on

Facebook, please comment or share it on your own page. This will cause our Facebook feed to be more widely shown in Lake Stevens and more visible to potential visitors.

EBENEZER'S NEW WEBSITE

We have a new webmaster and a newly designed website. Go to www.ebenezerlakestevens.org to see all the upcoming events like VBS, Norwegian Pancake Breakfast, the daily Bible reading, the VOICE newsletter, and the calendar.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Benson's Thursday morning Bible Study begins at 10 am in May. Join us in the Fireside Room as we dig deeper into the scripture lessons that will be read on the following Sunday.

MAR-CILLA CIRCLE TUESDAY, MAY 6 ~ 10:30 AM

All women of Ebenezer are welcome for Bible study, fellowship, and lunch with the Mar-Cilla Circle group. At the May 6 gathering, we will study "The Book of Jude and How It Fits into the Holy Scriptures." We meet at 10:30 am on the 1st Tuesday in the Fireside Room. Bring a lunch. Dessert and coffee will be provided. For more information, contact Julia Moen.

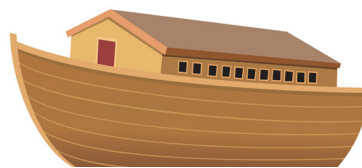


WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY EBENEZER'S FIRESIDE ROOM TUESDAY, MAY 20 ~ 10:30 AM

ALL women are invited to join us for this Bible Study from *Gather*, the wonderful women's magazine of the ELCA. Questions? Please call Lynn Riggs.



STORIES FROM THE BIBLE (A FRESH LOOK)



This is a four-week Bible study

taught by Pastor John Wesling. Each Wednesday in May (7, 14, 21, & 28) from 6:00-6:50 pm Pastor John will teach stories including "The Garden of Eden," "Noah and the Great Flood," and "Babel," and what they mean for us today.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

Community Supper is currently serving FREE take-out only meals every Thursday from 4-6 pm. Since serving take-out meals, we have served an average of 350 each week.

"Like" us at Lake Stevens Community Supper on Facebook to see what is happening. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for this program. For more information, contact supper@ebenezerlakestevens.org.

Seizing Holy Opportunities

In Holy Moments, Matthew Kelly discusses the world's need for more small (but sometimes large) instances of people caring for others, cultivating joy, encouragement, and love instead of anger, envy, and fear. Kelly defines a Holy Moment as "a single moment in which you open yourself to God. . . . For one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is telling you to do."

This may mean mowing the lawn for a neighbor with a broken leg, praising a child on his artwork, buying a surprise snack for someone having a bad day, working extra shifts for a coworker with cancer so she can receive her full salary while out sick. Anyone can create a Holy Moment, because you don't need special skills, position, or wealth. "If you want to see miracles, make yourself available to God."

He adds that God has a track record of collaborating with "the most unlikely people to make amazing things happen, and now He wants to collaborate with you." When we're open to God's leading, holy opportunities abound. And we will experience as much joy as the ones to whom we show care.

Thank you, God, for the special women in my life [mom, grandmas, aunts, nieces, friends, wife, daughters]. I pray for their well-being.



Our May Birthdays

Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)
Hendrickson, Shane	5/1	Sellars, Zoë	5/14	Wilson, Don	5/23
Stone, Ronan	5/1	Gross Jr, William	5/16	Ronnestad, Dotty	5/24
Burin, Anwen	5/3	Grohn, Cheryl	5/19	Cash, Randy	5/27
Stewart, Ethan	5/6	Anderson, Alyssa	5/21	Lundquist, Don	5/27
Sutton, Boden	5/7	Olson, Aaron	5/21		
Sutton, Scott	5/10	Clapper, Fran	5/22		

The Prayer Corner

Prayer Chain:

If you have an urgent need, please call



Prayer Chain leaders Ken Cross and Lia Stuart. They will contact Prayer Chain

members to pray for your request. Please pray for the following:

Members of the Congregation:

Ellen Bersas	Debbie May
Jennifer Flax	Ulyssa Muñoz
Donna Holm	Joe Probst
Pat Jackson	Margaret Ren
Colleen Kozak	Kathy Spade
Terry Lambert	Dee Anne Williams
Carolyn Lund	

Homebound or Special Care Residents:

Ethel Coryell	Marlene McSherry
Bob DeFrang	Marilyn Peterson
Sheldon Hendrickson	Nancy Poremba
Arlene McDaniel	

Extended Family/Friends with Cancer:

Natalie (Glenda Platz's friend)
 Dennis Aikman (Hannah Sellars' cousin)
 Kristine Andersen (Iris Ingram Forbus' friend)
 Dan Bagwell (Melissa Probst's brother-in-law)
 Heather Bland (Kathy Parzyk's niece)
 Gloria DeNeders (Kay Caulfield's friend)
 Mary Jo DuBeau
 LeRoy Ettlin (Fran Clapper's friend)
 Aaron Gay (Helen Hendrickson's nephew)
 Chris Grigsby (Kathy Larsen's great-nephew)

Ron Gunter (Kay Caulfield's friend)
 Ron Herzog Sr (Jackie Herzog-Robertson's friend)
 Debbie Jacobson (MaryJo DuBeau's friend)
 Curt Johnson (Neil Brandt's nephew)
 Wyeth Larson (Robin Lindsay's cousin)
 Peggy Layne (Terry Lambert's sister)
 David McDonald (Betty McDonald's son)
 Joann Millett (Sally Yates' friend)
 Bruce Mullikin (Fran Clapper's friend)
 Dawn Nielsen (Kathy Larsen's granddaughter)
 Dina Peterson (P Peterson's daughter-in-law)
 Mary Platz (Glenda Platz's cousin)
 Carole Thorngate (Fran Clapper's cousin)
 Sean Walker (Kay Caulfield's nephew)
 Lori Wight (Margaret Dildine's daughter)

Extended Family/Friends with Needs:

Coryn (Mary Lamb's granddaughter)
 John (Sally Yates's son-in-law)
 Marie - hospitalized & in distress
 Shelby (Peggy Boehner's daughter)
 Zack & Riley (Mary Alstad's grandchildren)
 Madeline Anderson (Brian & Marnie Anderson's granddaughter)
 Anne Bedford (Kathy Parzyk's sister-in-law)
 Teresa Bergerson (Margene Squires' cousin)
 Kenny Blake (Pat Jackson's godson)
 Jim Boyd (Bob Aikman's cousin)
 Terrie Bright (Patty Myntti's sister)
 Ken Burley (Kathy Parzyk's friend)
 Rose DiVittorio (J & P Olson's granddaughter)
 Heather Garbes (Mary Lamb's friend)
 Katherine Gasseling (Kevin & Lexi Gasseling's daughter)

Mary Hanson, Marlin Smith, Riley, Sarah Hardinger (friends of Fran Clapper)
 Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson's niece)
 Ryder Jacobson (MaryJo DuBeau's nephew)
 Ron Koepsell (Betty Bauer's brother)
 Eric Mittag (Patty Myntti's nephew)
 Larry Morrison (Korrine Gust's uncle)
 Sue Pryor (Helen Hendrickson's niece)
 Eric Ramsey (Margene Squires' nephew)
 Mark Rice (Alice Werner's nephew)
 Elinor Shultz (Alice Werner's sister-in-law)
 Dianne Major Storey - ALS
 Diana Thomsen (J & A Wesling's daughter)
 Sandy Tsiang (Cindy Sheppard's mother)
 Meggi Ward (Susan Sheppard's friend)
 Bridget Wellen (M Ren's granddaughter)
 Cale Werner (Alice Werner's grandson)
 Fiona Werner (Alice Werner's granddaughter)
 Tom Wood (Ken Holmes' father)

Preschool Director, Staff, & Families

All Our Military and Their Families:

Hunter Gardoski, Sid Hendrickson Jr, Tyler Perry, Faith Poor, Ethan Stuart, Alec Zimmerman

Those Who Grieve:

Boneham Family - David Boneham's father Roger Boneham passed away
 Gust Family - Korrine Gust's aunt Melanie Sindel passed away

Readings for Worship

May 4 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalm: Psalm 30

2nd Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

May 11

1st Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Psalm: Psalm 23

2nd Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-30

May 18 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Psalm: Psalm 148

2nd Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

May 25

1st Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: Psalm 67

2nd Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29



WORSHIP

May 4	9:30 am
May 7	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
May 11	9:30 am
May 14	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
May 18	9:30 pm
May 21	WOW Service - 7:00 am
May 25	9:30 pm
May 28	WOW Service - 7:00 am

Sundays:

- 6th-12th Graders meet in the Youth Room ~ 8:45 am
- Godly Play® starts in the Sanctuary ~ 9:30 am

Church Office Hours

Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-5:00
Wednesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Thursday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Friday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00

Living Lutheran

An ELCA missionary who served in Chili for more than 40 years has been honored for founding a community health organization. Local people were trained to be community health workers who advocated for health care, sustainable food, violence against women, and general needs of their communities. Karen Anderson's time of service included working under a brutal dictator when her colleagues were harassed and physically harmed, but they continued their work despite the hardships.

Contributions to ELCA World Hunger helped provide resources for which Anderson is very thankful. She says, "When people join in the work together, we remember that we're not alone. There's hope in collective action." Read more about our contributions at work online—livinglutheran.org—or in the printed version of *Living Lutheran*.

Special Thanks

Dear Friends of Dawson Place

On behalf of Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center, I would like to thank you for your recent gift of 10 handmade stuffed angels. Dawson Place relies on support such as yours to provide critical care to child victims of abuse throughout Snohomish County. Because of YOU, Dawson Place will open its arms today to welcome, comfort, protect, and heal another child abuse victim and family. Because of you, that child will see themselves as a survivor instead of a victim. Because of you, our community will be a safer, healthier, and happier place to live. Thank you for the beautiful angels. We are so grateful for your years of support.
—Lori Vanderburg, Executive Director

Thank You to ...

- FAST Teams Briske and Hoffmann who served delicious soups before the Lenten services each week in April. We had a

great variety of YUMMY soups served this year.

- Everyone who came out to the All-Church Work Party on Saturday, April 12, to make our building ready for Easter.
- The Ebenezer choir for the beautiful Choir presentation you shared with us on Maundy Thursday.
- Everyone who brought flowers to decorate the Easter Cross for Easter. It was so beautiful to see on Easter morning.
- Everyone who donated flowers for Easter. The Sanctuary was beautiful.

—JoAnn Cross

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JESUS LOVES ...



In the News

Roseanne Is Retiring!

After 23 years of dedicated and faithful service to our congregation as Ebenezer's Office Administrator, Roseanne is officially retiring on May 19 (which happens to be the day she started 23 years ago). Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 4, as we celebrate her retirement with joy, thanksgiving, and fellowship. A basket will be available for cards. Roseanne, your commitment, compassion, and Christ-centered spirit has been a blessing to us all.

Office Administrator

Ebenezer is currently seeking a new Office Administrator. This is a part-time position involving office management responsibilities, preparing Sunday bulletins and announcements, producing the newsletter, and other tasks as needed. Interested? Please reach out to Pastor Benson or Gretchen Aikman.

Micah's Baptism



Micah Almgren, son of Anya and Garth Almgren, was baptized on April 6 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church-Everett. In addition to the congregation, 75 friends and family (including members of Ebenezer) joined in the celebration. Micah even got a standing ovation afterwards, which was probably due to the fact that the story of this precious miracle child was woven into the sermon by Pastor Deb and was especially inspirational. Micah was very chill and curious throughout the whole day, including during the reception and after-party. He wore his paternal family's 116 year-old heirloom baptismal gown and booties knitted by Anya. Anya and Garth would like to thank Ebenezer for your continued love and support.

Traffic Changes

Beginning May 5 through June 5, the City of Lake Stevens will make 117th Avenue NE a north only, one lane, one-way road from 20th Street to 26th Street NE and 116th Avenue NE will be a south only, one lane, one-way road. You will need to be aware of how this could affect your route to and from church.



For more information, check Ebenezer's website, www.ebenezerlakestevens.org.

Ebenezer's 2025 Phone Directory

The church office is getting ready to print the annual Ebenezer Phone Directory. If you have changed your name, address, phone number, or email, please notify Roseanne in the office right away.