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New Series Begins!

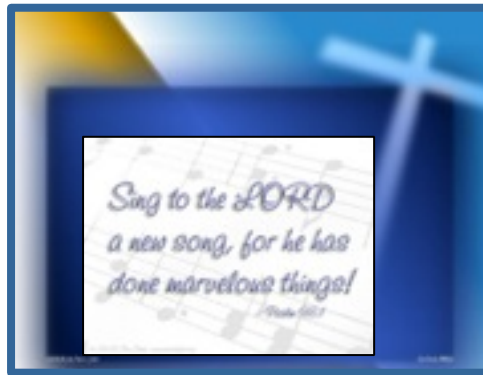
HEROES
of the
FAITH



*“Heroes of the Faith
– Powered by God”*

In 2014, we face many challenges! In this new 2014/15 series we will learn the stories of men and women in the past who overcame extraordinary difficulties. The true hero in all these historical accounts is God. He powers courageous, heroic, exceptional lives by His mercy and love which is revealed in the super-hero of all super heroes... Jesus! Kickoff is September 7, worship at 8:30 a.m. (traditional service), 9:45 a.m. (brief service), 10:45 a.m. (informal/contemporary service). We also repeat the Sunday message at our brief, informal Monday worship service, every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

It's time
to get
onboard!



“Sing to the Lord a New Song” All members and friends are encouraged to make a pledge to support this special effort that may greatly accelerate the turn-around process for our church family!

September Worship Opportunities:

Sundays

8:30 a.m. - Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. - Jesus Central and “Heroes” Bible classes

9:45 a.m. - Brief Worship

10:45 a.m. - Informal Worship

(Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third and fifth Sundays)

Mondays

7:00 p.m.

(Holy Communion every week - you can still worship even if you can't come on Sunday morning. Our service is repeated each week in the Priebe Chapel)

Accessibility Project

The Main women's rest room is nearly completed as our access project progresses. The restroom in the “crying room” (adjacent to the sanctuary, near the Baptismal font) is also available as a women's restroom. There are also women's restrooms in the Church basement and in the Open Arms wing. If you have specific ideas about this project, please contact Kevin at 651-771-0634 or 612-554-9839. Thanks to all who are giving targeted gifts. Mark your gift “Access Project” and return to the church office or offering plate.

Greetings in the name of Jesus

From DCE, Missionary to Youth and Families

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

This was a busy summer for us here at Eastern Heights. We continued our weekday Bible Study, Saturday morning Bible Study for both women and men, and our Sunday morning Bible Study. This allows various opportunities for people to come together to learn what God has to say to us.

Summer also had a Friday - Sunday adventure to Birch Lake camp for the youth where we focused on prayer but we also had time for games, swimming, camp fires, and worship. Mission Possible was also a great success and gave the senior high youth and adult leaders a great time serving for God's glory.

September is the beginning of our Wednesday evening classes which start September 10th. We have selected a curriculum called Faith Inkubators. The program includes class, service, and special activities which is geared to incorporate the family more as well as the congregation. I ask that at least one parent/guardian attend the informational meeting on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 pm. If you do not have a student but are interested in helping or just want to see what will be doing you are also welcome to come to the meeting.

May God bless you as you have blessed me,

*Tim Germain, DCE - Missionary to Youth and Families
651-295-9962, tcgerm93@gmail.com*

Staff transitions are coming...

(1) Chuck Fenton begins new role.

On September 14 Chuck Fenton will be inducted as our "vicar" (intern-pastor) in a half-time role as Mission Developer. He will assist Pastor Steve in many areas of ministry as he completes a course of on-line study through Concordia Seminary.

(2) Pam Hults retiring!!! (Almost)

After 23 years of full-time ministry as our Administrative Assistant, Pam Hults has chosen to transition into a part-time role as of October 1, 2014. In order to thank Pam for her dedication and to celebrate her many gifts, we will observe Sunday, **September 28** as a Day of Thanksgiving with special recognition and a dinner following worship. Pam has graciously agreed to work one day a week in her retirement. Please save the date for the festivities.

Pastor Steve Benson
651-735-4202

Online Giving/Online Payment

Donate

Pay Online

What to expect:

We have effectively rolled out “Online giving” program! There are a couple of different ways you can donate. You can set up recurring payments to your Visa, Mastercard, Discover, checking or savings account. You can also give a one-time



donation. If you have a smartphone or tablet you can scan the QR code (shown here, to the left) and it will bring you to our donation page or you can locate the tab on your computer on the church’s website homepage, www.ehlc.org. **Any questions, please contact Tim Germain:** 651-295-9962 (cell), 651-735-4202 (office) or tcgerm93@gmail.com

HOPE Fund

Our HOPE fund is used to help our members in a time of need. It is used for rent, utilities, food and other emergency help. It is funded by gifts from our congregation. Our H.O.P.E. fund balance is very low. Can you help? Just mark your check “HOPE fund” and put it in the offering plate.

EHLC Leaders: 2014/2015

President:

Lonn Maly

Secretary:

Amy Dorn Fernandez

Vice President:

Craig Nelson

Treasurer:

Kathy Jacobson

Members at Large:

Geneva Laatsch, Travis Pearson, Graeme Chaple,

Elders:

Don Lewandowski, Howard Arntzen, Chuck Fenton,
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Directors:

Michelle Urban/**Missions**
Kim Lewandowski/**Education**
Kevin Rosbacka/**Trustees**
Josh Becker/**Asst. Director**
Eloy Fernandez/**Finance & Stewardship**

Financial Secretaries:

Dianne Chapeau, Kathy Hess, Gloria Grob, Diane Wiese, Laura Burback

Recording Secretaries: Irv Wiese, Delores Wiese

Church Events



and Activities



Eastern Heights Lutheran Luncheon and Lutheran Hour Ministries

Thursday, September 11, 11:30 a.m.

You are invited to lunch, a time of conversation, inspiration, and fun. Lunch is catered by Magnolias and the cost is just \$8.00. On the menu: Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes and all the extras. Sign up at the information center or call the church office – and invite a friend to join us!

LADIES' GUILD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
12:30 P.M., LOUNGE ROOM

Button, button - who's got the button?

Our program this month will feature button collector Marge Nelson. Marge is an LWML member from King of Kings, a member of the Minnesota Button Society and long-time button collector who will share some button history and her experiences in button collecting. If you have an unusual or vintage button and would like to share its history, please bring it to the meeting.

We will have a short business meeting and **Mite Box Dedication**.

September Human Care Project: Supplies for Open Arms programs. The following items can be used throughout the year: paper towels, facial tissues, napkins, glue sticks, and washable markers.

Events in October: LWML Sunday & LWML Fall Rally -- dates to be announced. Watch the Highlights and the Sunday Bulletin for more information.

INVITE A FRIEND TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!

Church planting...?

Could Eastern Heights plant a daughter church... or start a ministry on another site? Come to explore the possibilities. Rev. Dr. William Utech, Assistant to President Nadasdy for Missions (from our MN South District of the Lutheran church) will be meeting with all interested EHLC members on Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m. You are invited!

Garden Club schedule

August 31-September 6 Arnie Carlson
September 7-13 Laura Burback
September 14-20 Rosanna/Gary Wunrow
September 21-27 Nancy Tomhave/Gloria Grob

September 28-October 4 (no one scheduled)

(if you can help, please call the church office: 651-735-4202 or email staff@ehlc.org)

“Jesus Central” (Sunday School)

A free program for kids!

Come join us each Sunday for our Jesus Central program from 9:30am to 10:30am in the basement.

--What age can my child start Jesus Central Sunday School?

Our program is for children three years through sixth grade – and you can enroll your child at any time.

--How do I register my child for Jesus Central Sunday School?

Registration forms are available before class every Sunday. Simply bring your child to “Jesus Central” down the steps on the lower level and meet Michelle or Stephanie.

Jesus Central will be studying “Heroes of the Faith” this year (just like the adult classes!)

Come join us on September 7, 2014 from 9:30am to 10:30am in the church basement. This will be the start of our fall Jesus Central program.

September 7 God Made Me Special
September 14 Noah
September 21 Jonathan
September 28 Hezekiah



- Childcare Program — 6 weeks to 12 years
- Preschool Program — 3 years to 5 years
- Pre-Kindergarten Program — 5 years
- School-age Summer program, Kindergarten to age 12 years

For more information on any of these programs, please call Michelle at 651-735-4202 or stop in the Open Arms office.

Open Arms September 2014 Calendar Events

September 1	Open Arms –Closed
September 2	Preschool Tuesday/Thursday and Pre-K classes begin
September 3	Preschool Monday/Wednesday/Friday class begin
September 15	Fall Fundraiser begins

Vacation Bible School

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School! We are thankful to those who donated items, help set up, made things, prayed for us and volunteered their time. We had over one hundred children sign up to learn about how Jesus' love is one of a kind.

New Member Sunday

Receiving new members:

Sunday September 7

At all services

Our next New Member class is Thursday, September 18 from 7:00 until 8:15 p.m. Childcare is available on request. Call 651-735-4202 or email staff@ehlc.org to register. Our next New Member Sunday will be October 5.

Craft Group

This new group is busy exploring possible church projects that help others. Their name is "SH . . . SH" (Stirred Hearts ... Skilled Hands) from Exodus 35. Next gathering is Wednesday, September 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the Priebe Chapel. Come and check it out!

What is...?

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)

The LCEF is like a bank owned by our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Lutherans from all over the U.S. invest money in savings programs (and withdraw it when they choose). The LCEF also loans money to congregations, like Eastern Heights, for building improvement, expansion, new construction, etc. LCEF has a new "Shared Blessings" rebate which could result in Eastern Heights receiving \$1,000 to \$4,000 each year (depending on our number of investors).

For more info, visit: www.lcef.org or call 800-843-5233.

September Meetings

Leadership Council meetings

Tuesdays, September 2 and 16, 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Property Task Force meeting

TBA

Lutheran Lunch/Lutheran Hour Ministries

Thursday, September 11, 11:30 a.m.

LWML Ladies' Guild

Tuesday, September 16, 12:30 p.m.

Board of Education meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.

Mission Possibilities

Saturday, September 20, 10:00 a.m.

AA Meetings

Every Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.

("Step discussion" meeting) For more info call Mike at 528-2667

Weekly Grow Group

You are invited to join us for our Wednesday Grow Group, at Byerlys on Suburban Ave., to talk, share and pray together. This is not a Bible study *per se* but an informal get together to receive strength from God's Word and from each other. Please consider joining us next Wednesday at 9:30 am.



Eastern Heights

Did you know . . .

- . . . that new lighting is being installed in the hallways, sanctuary, Priebe Chapel plus other rooms in the church? It is really brightening up our building, plus savings on electricity and conserving energy. A special thanks to Nico Fernandez for installing all the lights in the hallways. Great job!
- . . . that Mac Rosbacka helped out this past week too? He straightened and stowed our Eastside Ablaze supplies. Thank you Mac for helping out!
- . . . that the Craft group makes all the birthday cards that we send out? Thank you to everyone who donates used cards and to all the crafty ladies who create the wonderful birthday wishes. Thanks also to Judy Holmes for addressing all the cards!

This month's inspirational thought: Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday ... "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 203,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this ... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing ... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!



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 program of Christian education for all ages and unselfish service to our diverse community.

Under the blessing of Almighty God . . .

1. We will develop devoted disciples for Jesus through education, service and caring ministries.
2. We will expand our outreach to children, youth, families and older adults by meeting the needs of our community.
3. We will, through our *Open Arms Christian Child Development Center* serve families in our community by providing high quality, affordable, Christian education and childcare.
4. We will remodel or replace our buildings and property, as needed, in order to more efficiently carry out our mission of making new disciples for Jesus Christ





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



† † † God has called to Himself the soul of our sister, Sherry Nyberg, on July 6, 2014. A funeral service was held on July 11 at the church, with internment at Acacia Park Cemetery. † † †



Recent Memorials

To Eastern Heights Lutheran Church

In Memory of: Sherry Nyberg

Thank you to our church family for the support, many acts of kindness and all the cards and memorials when we lost our dear daughter/sister/mother and wife, Sherry Nyberg.

The Hagberg and Nyberg families



Devotional Corner



⁸ Finally, brothers (and sisters), whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9

