



Greetings to all the Faithful at Edgewood Lutheran Church!

I am Pastor Leonard Dahlgren and at the January, 2017 church council meeting I signed a contract with the church council which officially makes me the interim pastor of the congregation. I know you have had interim pastors before, so this arrangement may not seem new to you, but it is for me. How long does an interim pastor serve? My contract is for one year, but it may be renewed. Pastor Paul Kehnle served as an interim pastor here for three years and I could envision myself being here that long or longer if it is the Lord's will.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I was born in Chicago and grew up there having been baptized as an infant and later confirmed as a youth at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. I graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in history. I attended what is now Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio and graduated in 1975. I have had calls to congregations in Springfield, Illinois, Southgate, Michigan, Jackson, Michigan, and Kent City, Michigan. I received a doctor of ministry degree from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago in 1999 focusing on Christian spirituality. After 41 years of pastoral ministry I retired at the end of August last year. My wife, Cindy and I, have been married for 31 years, and we have two adult children. Rachel, the oldest, is a social worker in Chicago, and Nathan is an RN in Grand Rapids. Cindy and I bought a home in Holland, Michigan and we moved in on September 1 of last year after I retired.

I jog and exercise faithfully, enjoy reading, cooking, gardening, and playing golf and tennis.

I have experienced God's love continuously over the course of my life. I grew up in a loving family, and even after my mother's death when I was an early teen, God's love came to me anew in many unexpected ways. It has been my fervent desire to respond to God's amazing love and grace by serving Him in and through his church.

These are challenging times for Christ's church. We live in a world that is becoming more secularized, and sadly, religious belief and church involvement are being marginalized. The world needs God's love revealed in Jesus Christ more than ever. Christian communities of faith have much to offer. Cindy and I have experienced the people of Edgewood to be a caring group of people dedicated to the Lord. I am honored to serve as your pastor and I look forward to serving you and working with you in proclaiming and living the love of Christ in Fruitport, the wider communities in which we live, and the world.

May God bless our life together!

In Christ,  
Pastor Len



Our homebound:

Bev Bartels, Dorothy Briggs, Jane Jesse, Lillian Holmstrom, Betty Johnson, Walter Bright

In need of healing:

Ed Black, Roger Kalmbach, Sarah Williams, Sally Orlow (*N. Sportell's mom*), Bailey Lowden (*B. Goosen niece*), Hannah Campbell (*Williams' granddaughter*), Nancy Kapteyn, Mary Johnson (*Daryl (Jalaine's) mom*), Thomas Kurtti (*H. Findorff's dad*), Jennifer (*J. Haan's niece*), Leland Steward (*9 month old boy with Menkes disease - friend of the Talo's*), Mikel Willette (*B. Haan's niece*), Arlene Nordby (*J. Kingston's sister-stroke*), Dave Coppa (*Talo's son-in-law*), Justin Pruitt (*Newborn baby born with a brain bleed—friend of L. Jones*)

For those battling cancer:

Jennie Burgess, Jeanette Pierce (*J. Burgess' friend*), Nancy Momany (*J. Todd's aunt*), Pam Stanek (*S. Talo's friend*), Rosie Palen (*C. Scribner's sister*), Rosemary Gabourie (*J. Zylstra's Aunt*), Lois Anderson-Stevens (*D. Anderson's sister*), Sandra Boston (*L. Anderson's sister*), Jessica Pikel (*L. Jones' friend*), Marna O'Grady (*L. Anderson's friend*), Betty Spring (*A. Spring's grandmother*), Lynn Colby (*Kallio's friend*), Dylan Bishop (*L. Jones nephew—leukemia*)

For those dealing with grief

Family & friends of Debra McGovern  
(*L. Jones' friend*)

Family & friends of Vonda McGahan  
(*friend of B. Bartels*)

In need of strength:

Jennifer & Jon Campbell, Jesse Orlow

In need of marriage guidance:

Jacob and Taylor Dreiband

For those in the military

Prayers for Rachelle Pasteris & family  
(*Barb & Jim Haan's granddaughter*)



If you have a prayer request, you can call ANY member of the prayer chain with the request.

Members of the prayer chain are:

Roberta Lewis  
231-457-4323 or 616-638-6526  
Elaine Horner  
231-777-2205 or 231-375-9732  
Mary Kallio  
616-844-1695  
Shari Martz  
231-773-5578  
Sarah Williams  
616-842-8152  
Nicole Sportell  
616-558-3764  
Jennifer Zylstra  
616-970-3715  
Laura Jones  
231-760-0204  
Mark & Jennie Burgess  
616-997-4429  
Sandy Talo  
616-846-6518  
Heidi Findorff  
231-893-4272



If you have an emergency, are in need of a hospital visit, have an upcoming surgery or are in need of pastoral care, please speak to Pastor Len or contact him directly at 616-294-1624 (home) or 616-498-2361 (cell).

*Please let Laura know if:*

- 1. you have anyone you would like on the prayer page or*
- 2. have a name that needs to be removed*



Thank you to Rhonda and family—all my great friends who rapidly organized and prepared delicious food for Marge's funeral luncheon—while I was "busy" with Eddie's heart surgery recovery. I cannot be more grateful for all of you being there for me.

Your acts of participation has a beauty all its own! Thank you for all your terrific support.

*Shari*

It's with a very humble heart that I want to thank all of my Edgewood family for their continued prayers and well wishes as I went through open heart surgery. The many visits and cards was a great comfort. The beautiful prayer plant is in my living room and doing well. God has put His healing hand on me and I hope to continue to serve Him here at Edgewood. God bless you for your kindness.

*Ed Black*

Thank you to the good fairies that shovel the sidewalk and put ice melt out front on Sunday mornings.

A big pat on the back to Laura—she came through all the holiday changes, budget meeting, annual meeting and liturgy changes with flying colors.



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Pastor's  
Office Hours

Pastor Len will be in the office on Wednesday's from 9 am—1 pm when he will regularly be available for consultation and prayer.



Please review the names that are listed on the prayer page to check if there are names that could be removed from it.





The Women's Book Club meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at church.

In Feb., the book selection will be "Hillbilly Elegy" a memoir by JD Vance.

In March the book selection will be "The Reason" by William Sirls.

ALL women are welcome to attend.



Winter 2017: Galatians: Christian faith and Christian freedom

Session 2: Children of God through faith (Galatians 2:19-3:29)

The Women's Bible Study meets Tues., Feb. 21 @ 7 pm here at church.

ALL women welcome to attend.



There will be a training/refresher class for acolytes on Sun., Feb. 19. If you are 10 years old or in the 4th grade, you can be an acolyte. This class is for both current acolytes and those that wish to learn.



The Outreach Team has been working on continuing to provide you with opportunities to serve others as Jesus has commanded us to do. For our Lenten Project this year, each family will be given a barn to use for collecting donations towards the purchase of helping hand items needed by others. Each child will be receive a pig so they can contribute also.

Some of the things available for purchase are a flock of chicks to provide families with eggs and a source of income from the sale of eggs, fruit tree seedlings, vegetable seeds, mosquito netting, goats that can provide milk and cheese and much more.

This is a church wide effort that everyone will participate in starting on Ash Wednesday through Easter.



Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1, we will have Lenten Suppers at 6 pm and Lenten Services at 7 pm. Please watch for sign-ups sheets for the suppers.

During Lent, if you are on the worship schedule for Sunday, you will also do the same activity for the Lenten Service.



EDGEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 13, 2016

PRESENT: Mary Kallio, Rhonda Hill, Roberta Lewis, Joy Bisping, Barbara Haan, Elaine Horner, Matthew Zylstra, and Karen Anderson

ABSENT: Mark and Anna

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Mary Kallio 7:00 PM

MINUTES OF LAST REGULAR MEETING - November 8, 2016

Motion made by Rhonda to accept the minutes as printed.

Seconded by Elaine. Motion passed

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mark Burgess - (written report

Motion made by Joy to accept the report as printed.

Seconded by Roberta. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - Elaine Horner (written report)

Motion made by Matt to accept the report as printed.

Seconded by Roberta. Motion passed.

MUTUAL MINISTRY REPORT - Rhonda Hill

If Fruitport schools are closed, Laura has the option to come to work or to stay home and the church will be closed.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Worship Ministry - Barb Haan - no report

Education Ministry - Joy Bisping - written report

Sunday school will begin again on January 8. The kids gave a great holiday program. They are still working on VBS. Joy is no longer the team leader and one was not found. The team will carry on by working together.

Mission Outreach Ministry - Robert Lewis

Nursing home meetings have been going very well.

Property Ministry - Matt Zylstra - no report

There has been no extra expenditures. Snow removal has been going well.

Youth and Family Ministry - Anna Burgess - no report

OLD BUSINESS

Budget and election meeting was on December 4. Mark will add the fees on the Pastor's contract. He's agreed to 10 hours of weekly work but he will be flexible. His mileage will be reimbursed. The contract is acceptable to all. When signed, it will go to Synod.

New Business

January 22 will be the annual meeting. Reports are due January 1. They should be a summary of the year. On January 8, Pastor Len will install the new council members. January 10 is the next council meeting.

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*Council notes continued*

A credit card is needed for the church. After discussion it was decided that we will buy a Meijer gift card through Rhonda's school scrip program.

We should have an audit before the annual meeting. This needs to be done by church not council members.

We went through the membership list and took off names of people who have not attended or contributed in the last 2 years. This was important as this list affects our quorum.

Rhonda reminds us that if church is cancelled it will be on both channels 8 and 13. We will get a new calling list to inform church members of cancellations and information.

CLOSED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER - 7:51 PM

Meeting Schedule: January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13



If the Sunday morning worship service is cancelled, you will not only get a personal phone call from a council member but the notice will be posted on WZZM channel 13 and WOOD TV channel 8. Hopefully we will be able to reach everyone in a timely manner.

*Mary Kallio, council president*



Members please wear your name badges for the next month or two to give Pastor Len a chance to learn your names.



The 2017 calendar and altar flower charts are up.

Please be sure to post your meetings and events on the calendar so they can be included in the Scroll and weekly bulletins.

If there is a specific reason for your flower donation, please indicate it on the chart.



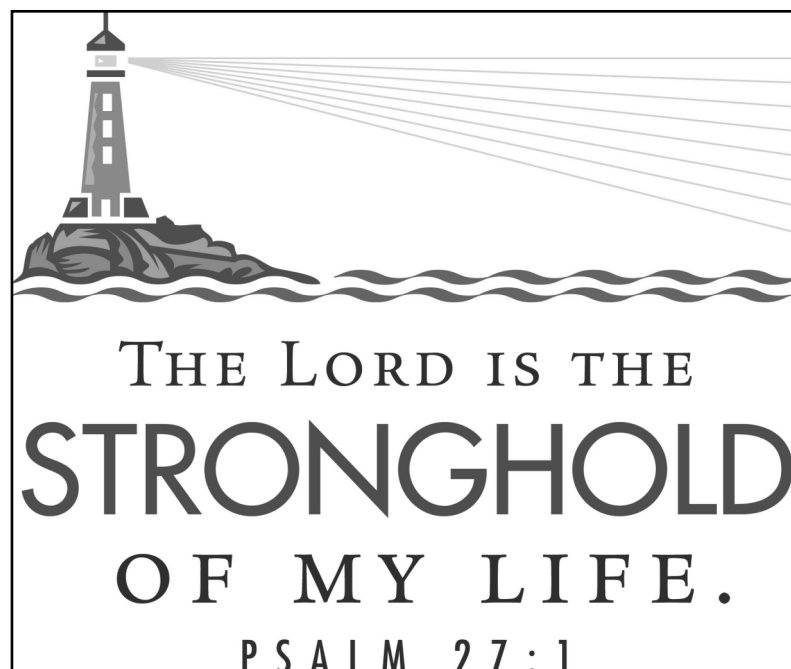
Cost \$10 each\*

Proceeds from cookbook sales will be donated to

- The Burgess family for medical expenses
- The Youth Group's fund for the ELCA Youth Gathering

\*Please note on your check that it is for the women's cookbooks

			Edgewood Lutheran Church				
			Financial Secretary Report				
			Year To Date - December 2016				
						Year To	Date
				December		Totals	Projected
Pledges				6287		82533	83000
Loose				1448.15		5849.27	2500
Special & Holidays				810		2375	
Designated				499.91		5855.57	
Reimbursements				444.5		4198.5	
Miscellaneous				0		176.36	
	Operating Receipts			9489.56		100987.7	
Gifts & Memorials				0		150	
ELCW				10		255.5	
	Other Receipts			10		405.5	
		Totals		9499.56		101393.2	
Prepared by Elaine Horner							



## EDGEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES &amp; FUND BALANCES

For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2016

					EXCESS		
					REVENUES	-----FUND	BALANCE-----
FUND	ACTIVITY	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES		(EXPENDITURES)	1/1/2016	12/31/2016
OPERATING		94,757	87,520		7,237	112,856	120,093
GIFTS & MEMORIAL		150	450		-300	2,970	2,670
ELCW		294	500		-206	1,530	1,324
SCHOLARSHIP					0	3,043	3,043
PROPERTY					0	574,000	574,000
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE		5,004			5,004	10,844	15,848
YOUTH GATHERING FUND		3,316	542		2,774	0	2,774
	Totals	103,521	89,012		14,509	705,243	719,752
	Worship	91,814	6,089			ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
	Pastoral Ministry		26,758		REVENUE	94,757	90,835
	Parish Education	553	1,232				
	Mission Outreach	933	13,466		EXPENSE	87,520	97,650
	Youth & Family	100	316				
	Administration	647	11,526		EXCESS (DEFICIT)	7,237	(6,815)
	Property	710	28,134				
	Totals	94,757	87,520				
NOTES:							
Budgeted y-t-d revenues (\$90,835 annual) based on number of Sunday to-date (52 of 52)							
Budgeted y-t-d expenditures (\$97,650 annual) based on number of months to-date (12 of 12)							
Cash Balance (including investments & imprest cash) \$98,101							Mark Burgess

Sunday School @ 9 am  
Worship Sunday's @ 10 am

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## February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office hours 9:30-2 Pastor Len 9-1	2	3 Office hours 9-11:30	4
5 ~Mission Offering ~Worship Meeting  Heartwood 2:30 pm	6 Office hours 9-11:30	7 Quilting 9-12  Women's Book Club 7 pm	8 Office hours 9:30-2 Pastor Len 9-1	9	10 Office hours 9-11:30	11
12 ~Outreach Meeting	13 Office hours 9-11:30	14 Quilting 9-12  Church Council 7 pm	15 Office hours 9:30-2 Pastor Len 9-1	16	17 Office hours 9-11:30	18
19 ~Acolyte Training  Chestnut Fields 2:20 pm	20 Office hours 9-11:30	21 Quilting 9-12  Women's Bible Study 7 pm	22 Office hours 9:30-2 Pastor Len 9-1  ~Dinner Out	23	24 Office hours 9-11:30	25
26   Blood Pressure	27 Office hours 9:30-2	28 Quilting 9-12				



## SERVING THE LORD IN FEBRUARY & MARCH



Duty	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
Assistant Minister	Mark B	Laura	Mark H	Dan
Reader	Roberta	Anna	Dan	Mark H
Ushers	Hill's	Haan's	Ashley, Brady & Roberta	Roberta & Laura
Video	Larry	Dan	Matt	Laura
Fellowship	Ashley	Heidi	Barb H	Elaine
Children's Sermon	Pastor	Laura	Jennie	Elizabeth
Cleaner(s)	Jessica	Joan & Larry	Elaine & Shari	Ashley & Brady
Altar Flowers	Roberta & Elaine		Brunner's	Elaine
Nursery				
Teller	Larry & Karen	Ed & Roberta	Elaine & Roberta	Mark B & Roberta
Acolyte	Elizabeth	Anna	Kaitlyn	Christine
Altar Guild	Elaine	Elaine	Elaine	Elaine

Duty	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Assistant Minister	Karen	Mary	Ed	Laura
Reader	Andrew	Ed	Larry	Laura
Ushers	Ed & Larry	Haan's	Williams'	Hill's
Video	Laura	Mark H	Matt	Dan
Fellowship	Barb H	Heidi	Mary	Shari
Children's Sermon	Pastor	Laura	Rhonda	Jennie
Cleaner(s)	Jessica	Williams' & Merz'	Shari & Elaine	Joan & Larry
Altar Flowers				Roberta
Nursery				
Teller	Karen & Larry	Mary & Elaine	Mark B & Roberta	Mark H & Ed
Acolyte	Anna	Elizabeth	Andrew	Ethan
Altar Guild	Shari & Sarah	Shari & Sarah	Shari & Sarah	Shari & Sarah

*\*If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let Laura know.  
If you would like to be on the schedule, please let Roberta Lewis know.*

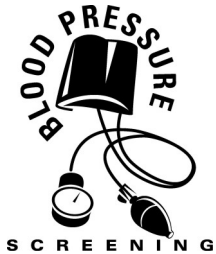


### Birthdays

Ava Smith	2
Collin Smith	5
Sandy Merritt	7
Ben Burgess	13

### Anniversaries

Roger & Barbara Kalmbach 2-6-81



Roberta will be available to check anyone's blood pressure on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. This event is sponsored by *Thrivent for Lutherans*.

- Wednesday's at noon for the bulletin and Prayers of Intercession
- 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the Scroll



### Weekly Scripture Readings

#### Feb. 5

Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 112:1-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16  
Matthew 5:13-20

#### Feb. 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

#### Feb. 19

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9--18  
Psalm 119:33-40  
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48

#### Feb. 26

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 99  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

#### March 5

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

#### March 12

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

#### March 19

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

#### March 26

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41



- ♦ The youth are making homemade cards to sell for a donation.
- ♦ If you want a custom card, please talk to Christine Findorff or Anna Burgess two weeks in advance.



Bring in your empty pop cans or bottle return receipts to support the Youth in fundraising for the 2018 National Gathering.



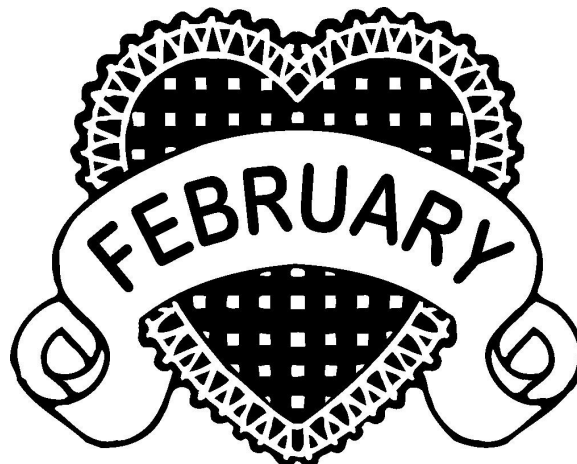
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

*As beloved children of God,  
we are called to love and nurture  
ourselves, our congregation,  
and our community.*

**THE  
SCROLL**



**VOLUME  
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**2017**

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Sunday school - (Sept.-May) 9 am  
Ages 4 yrs. old – 99 yrs. old  
Sunday Worship - 10 am  
Communion every week