



Dear Friends in Christ,

El Paso and Dayton are on my mind because of the mass shootings in these cities, but we can easily recall Sandy Hook, Parkland, Las Vegas, Charleston, Orlando and the list goes on. There are far too many mass shootings in America.

Such shootings are sickening in terms of the loss of life and the untold grief of family members and friends. Some victims aren't killed but injured and left with wounds physical and emotional that can last a lifetime. The shootings are so senseless because they serve no purpose other than to vent the rage within the killer.

Why does the United States far and away have more mass shootings than any other country in the world? Is it because we have so many more people with mental illness? I think not. What is clear is that Americans possess more guns than the people of any other nation on earth. A survey by the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva Switzerland estimates that there are 393 million civilian owned guns in the U.S., or about 120 guns for every 100 people. Canada has the next closest ratio with 35 firearms for every 100 people. What is with our craving for guns? Even more astounding, a 2017 Gallup poll showed only 42% of American households have guns, so those 393 million guns are owned by less than half the population!

Now I respect the second amendment of the Constitution and the right to bear arms. I respect those American who use guns for the sport of hunting. However, even more I respect God's commandment "You shall not murder." I am also mindful of Jesus' comment on this commandment in the Sermon on the Mount where he says "If you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be

liable to judgement (Matt. 5:21-22). Put a gun in the hands of an angry person and you have a tragedy waiting to happen.

Anger is not a mental illness. It is an emotion that all of us experience. As Christians we are called upon to acknowledge, control, and work through our anger. Note St. Paul's words in Ephesians 4:26-27, "Be angry, but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger and do not make room for the devil." Unfortunately, many people in our increasingly secular world do not have the benefit of a spiritual foundation which can help individuals deal with anger in constructive ways so they do not resort to violence. Sadly, the availability of guns makes it so easy to vent anger in destructive, murderous ways.

Christians will disagree on how to resolve the problem of mass shootings and I share the following thoughts as only coming from myself and not from the Lord. I believe we need stricter background checks on people purchasing guns, including laws that remove the loopholes for purchases online or at gun shows. We should restore the ban on all assault weapons as they serve no purpose other than to kill more people in a short period of time. I also think red flag laws which allow law enforcement officials to acquire a court order to confiscate weapons held by a person who appears to be a danger to others or to themselves would be helpful. Even these actions would probably only get at the tip of the iceberg with this urgent issue, but it would be a good beginning.

Ultimately, human hearts need to be changed by the power of God in Jesus Christ. "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" Ezekiel 36:26. All the more reason for Christians to more fervently share the love of Jesus with all people.

*In Christ's peace,
Pastor Len*



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Our homebound:

Bev Bartels, Dorothy Briggs, Jane Jesse

In need of healing:

Brad Lamb (*J. Haan*), Hannah Mae Campbell (*Williams' granddaughter*), Nancy Kapteyn, Jennifer (*J. Haan's niece*), Mikel Willette (*B. Haan's niece*), Dan Knight (*M. Kallio friend—Lou Gehrig's disease*), Renee Turner (*needs liver transplant*), Kathy (*R. Talo's sister*), Justin Pruitt Jr., (*L. Jones' friend grandson*)

For those battling cancer:

Jeanette Pierce (*Burgess' friend*), Nancy Momany (*J. Todd's aunt*), Luke Peterson (*E. Black's friend*), Dale Cotton (*L. Anderson's friend*), Lee Haslick, Pat Bromley (*R. Lewis' friend*), Marna O'Grady (*L. Anderson's friend*), Kristen Ryan (*L. Jones' friend*), Pat Bromley (*R. Lewis' friend*), Dennis Scoville (*L. Jones' dad*)

In need of peace & strength:

Jennifer & Jon Campbell
Aleigh & Justin Pruitt

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

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



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 616-638-65269 (cell)
- Elaine Horner
231-777-2205 or 231-375-9732 (cell)
- Mary Kallio
616-844-1695
- Shari Martz
231-773-5578
- Sarah Williams
616-842-8152 or 616-834-6270 (cell)
- Laura Jones
231-760-0204
- Mark Burgess
616-997-4429
- Sandy Talo
616-846-6518
- Cindy Dahlgren
616-294-1624

Note to prayer team members: Just a reminder: continue to call the next person on the list until you speak to a "real" person.



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).

Thank You!

A BIG thank you to our Edgewood family for all the condolences, prayers, cards and the beautiful peace lily on the loss of my son, Mike.

Barb & Jim Haan

Pastor Earl has retired, again. He has served Edgewood for many, many years as leader of the bi-monthly nursing home worship services. The residents, as well as those of us from Edgewood, will miss his insightful messages. We are blessed to have some volunteers to fill in (not replace) him. Thanks Pastor Earl!



Food
Truck



The West Michigan Food Truck that we sponsor will be at Edgewood Elementary School on September 7th @ 1 pm. We need 20 volunteers to work on this, including someone to pick up tables at church and deliver to school as well as return them to church, someone to register the guests, several people to pack food and hand it out.

We are also hoping to give away coats, jackets, hoodies (in good, clean order) to anyone that is in need. If you have any of these items, please bring to church before Sept. 6th or bring to work site. There is a sign up sheet on the entryway table if you can help.

Please see Roberta with questions.

The quilts are ready for shipment to Lutheran World Relief/Church World Service. The women did a great job, however, were not able to hit our past records of 200 quilts. We need help with sewing around edges and making tops. If you have that talent, let us know.



Poetry of the Old Testament

In this three-session study we will explore selections of Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms and Lamentations. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God in times of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding and contentment, finding hope and grace along the way.

Session 1: No Hard Feelings—"The angst of anger"

Overview: This session will provide participants with an opportunity to study stewardship of emotions; specifically anger through the Psalms 44, 51, 69 and 137.

Come join us Tues., Sept. 17



The book club will begin again in September. The group meets at noon on the first Tuesday of month here at Edgewood.

The Sept. book is "The Story Tellers Secret" by Sejal Badani.

The Oct. book is "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

ALL women welcome



The September mission offering will be used to purchase food for our local pantries.

The October mission offering will go towards the purchase of sporting equipment for the three elementary schools in Fruitport to be used during recess.

September is the unofficial start (restart) of all the things we have put off all summer: Sunday school, Bible study, book club, Wednesday night dinners, etc. etc.

It's also the time of year we begin to plan for the next calendar year both financially and serving positions. The nominating committee will be checking with you to see if you will fill an open position on the Council.

The Outreach group will be requesting a pledge from you and your service to volunteer time and talents. Too many times I hear people say they don't have time and/or talents—that's so untrue!!! Everyone of you clean and vacuum your homes (unless you have a cleaning lady), you also mow your lawn so you do have the talent to do these things. This service takes approx. 2 hours a week—that's the time request. We also need volunteers to be acolytes, ushers, readers, provide fellowship, set up communion, run the video equipment, count the offering, sew around the quilts we put together, mentor an elementary or middle school student, and the list goes on.

The thing is we are approx. 60 strong—half of that in the winter—so you need to be involved. We need everyone of you! When you receive your time and talent sheet, think carefully before you fill it out. At the same time you will get a pledge card, your input is needed for the council to plan a budget. Let your heart be your guide here, blessed to be a blessing is an old saying. Think about it.



Open Positions for church council

- Education Ministry
- Mission Outreach Ministry
- Youth & Family Ministry
- Treasurer
- President
- Council Secretary
- 2 Nominating Committee Members
- Synod Assembly Representatives

Please see a member of the nominating committee to volunteer or if you have the name of someone you would like to suggest: Rich, Joy, Laura, Heidi or Joan.

Can You Step In?

The church is in need of video operators, cleaners and acolytes (PS—you don't have to be child). Can you help ?!?!? Free training offered. Let Roberta know.

Mentors Needed

Now that school has started three of your fellow members will be volunteering as mentors in the local school system. Last year the Fruitport Schools superintendent came to us during our Sunday service to make a plea for adult mentors. Three of the 60 members answered the call. The need is there, you do not have to be a teacher, a counselor or any kind of child professional—all you need to be is available one hour a week during the school day -listen, hear, love and accept these kids. If you are away for a month or three in the winter, that is okay, you can keep in touch by mail or text or phone. These kids need adult support, they do not have this in their lives. If you can help see Pastor Len , Roberta or Sandy Blackwell.

UP next!

The CROP Walk is Sun., Oct 6.
1:15 pm Registration & Soup Luncheon
2 pm Walk Starts
Ferrysburg Community Church,
17785 Mohawk Dr, Spring Lake

Pastor Len and Cindy will spearhead this effort and will have pledge sheets for you by mid-September.

In November we will be volunteering at the warehouse for West Michigan Feed America.

EDGEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH						
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & FUND BALANCES						
For Seven Months Ending July 31, 2019						
FUND	ACTIVITY	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	EXCESS	FUND BALANCE	
				REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	1/1/2019	7/31/2019
OPERATING		49,914	47,897	2,017	123,546	125,563
GIFTS & MEMORIAL		100		100	4,285	4,385
ELCW		51		51	674	725
SCHOLARSHIP				0	3,543	3,543
PROPERTY				0	574,000	574,000
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE				0	20,852	20,852
YOUTH GATHERING FUND		13		13	-133	-120
	Totals	50,078	47,897	2,181	726,767	728,947
	Worship	48,504	2,904		ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
	Pastoral Ministry	0	16,417	REVENUE	49,914	51,110
	Parish Education	0	0			
	Mission Outreach	366	8,158	EXPENSE	47,897	54,294
	Youth & Family	0	0			
	Administration	624	6,620	EXCESS (DEFICIT)	2,017	(3,184)
	Property	420	13,797			
	Totals	49,914	47,897			
NOTES:						
Budgeted y-t-d revenues (\$88,590 annual) based on number of Sunday to-date (30 of 52)						
Budgeted y-t-d expenditures (\$93,075 annual) based on number of months to-date (7 of 12)						
Cash Balance (including investments & imprest cash) \$105,726						Mark Burgess
Mortgage balance \$19,207						

Edgewood Lutheran Church						
Financial Secretary Report						
Year To Date - July 2019						
				July	Year To	Date
					Totals	Projected
	Pledges			\$0.00	\$44,635.00	\$0.00
	Loose			\$205.00	\$2,428.01	\$0.00
	Special & Holidays			\$0.00	\$1,262.00	
	Designated			\$148.69	\$1,893.07	
	Reimbursements			\$0.00	\$46.00	
	Miscellaneous			\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Operating Receipts			\$353.69	\$50,264.08	
	Gifts & Memorials			\$0.00	\$100.00	
	ELCW			\$0.00	\$20.00	
	Other Receipts			\$0.00	\$120.00	
	Totals			\$353.69	\$50,384.08	
Prepared by Elaine Horner						

Edgewood Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2019

Present: Pastor Len, Mary Kallio, Ed Black, Elaine, Roberta, Mark B, Mark H. and Karen Anderson
Absent: Rhonda and Anna

Opening Devotions - Mary at 7:00 pm.

Minutes from June 11, 2019 Motion made by Roberta to receive the report. Seconded by Elaine. Motion passed.

Pastoral Report - Pastor Len Dahlgren - written report

The mailings will cost \$524 to mail. The printer will charge about \$523 to print 3000 sheets that are ½ of 8 X 11 size. The total will be \$1050. The kids are working on a design. The theme is what excites them about our church. Roberta made a motion to spend the money for the mailings. 2nd by Ed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Burgess - written report

We are doing really well. We have \$3500 more revenue over expenses.

Motion made by Roberta to receive the report. Seconded by Ed. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report - Elaine Horner - written report

Elaine thanks Larry for fixing things. Motion made by Ed to receive the report. Seconded by Mark B. Motion passed.

Mutual Ministry - Rhonda Hill

Worship Ministry - Mark Hill - oral report

We will be doing an outdoor church service in August. We will have it in the back of the church. The committee talked about Albert Werner, the pianist. They will not offer him the position but would ask him to fill in.

Mission Outreach Ministry- Roberta Lewis - oral report

They talked about the mailings and the school supplies. Sandy Blackwell will go to buy school supplies with the mission offering. The zoo event was tonight which went really well. Lots of children and adults! Community church service will be on July 28 at Grace.

Property Ministry - Ed Black - oral report

Ed checked out the water system. Everything working well. Air conditioner and furnace checked out - all is good. We still have a roof problem There is a small leak around vent. Mark and Ed will fix it. Indoor picnic service. We should carry over our tithes to the next Sunday. There will be a freewill offering there. The ladies are to provide the desserts. We will have a tent for our outdoor service in August.

Youth and Family Ministry - Anna Burgess - no report

Old Business

New Business

2020 we will need a new president, secretary, treasurer, and youth and family.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer - 7:29.

Meeting schedule: August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10

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

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September 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Mission Offering Heartwood Lodge 2:30 pm	2 Office Closed	3 Quilting 9-12 Book Club noon	4 Office hours 9:30-2 Pastor Len 9-1	5	6 Office hours 9-11:30	7 Food Truck 1 pm
8 Adult Sunday school resumes	9 Office hours 9-11:30	10 Quilting 9-12 Church Council 7 pm	11 Office hours 9:30-2 Pastor Len 9-1 Prayer Circle 10 am	12	13 Office hours 9-11:30	14
15 Chestnut Fields 2:20 pm	16 Office hours 9-11:30	17 Quilting 9-12 Bible Study 7 pm	18 Office hours 9:30-2 Pastor Len 9-1	19	20 Office hours 9-11:30	21
22 Healing Prayer Service	23 Office hours 9-11:30	24 Quilting 9-12	25 Office hours 9:30-2 Pastor Len 9-1 Prayer Circle 10 am	26	27 Office hours 9-11:30	28
29 Blood Pressure Checks	30 Office hours 9-11:30					



SERVING THE LORD IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



Duty	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
Assistant Minister	Ed	Mary	Mark B	Karen	Mark H
Reader	Sandy B	Sandy T	Rich	Karen	Larry
Ushers	Elaine & Vern	Hill's	Tracey's	Talo's	Elaine & Linda
Video	Cindy	Mark H	Dan	Larry	Cindy
Fellowship	Sandy T	Cindy	Sandy B	Heidi	Linda
Cleaners	Talo's	Shari & Elaine	Norm & Dave	Larry & Joan	Larry & Roberta
Altar Flowers		Elaine & Roberta	Elaine	Norm & Sarah	Dahlgren's
Teller	Larry & Rhonda	Dan & Mark H	Karen & Elaine	Ed & Mark B	Mark H & Ed
Acolyte	Elaine	Rhonda	Natalie	Rich	Elaine
Altar Guild	Elaine	Elaine	Elaine	Elaine	Elaine

Duty	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27
Assistant Minister	Ed	Mark B	Karen	Mark H
Reader	Natalie	Karen	Roberta	Larry
Ushers	Larry & Dave	Ed & Jamie	Hill's	Elaine & Donna
Video	Mark H	Dan	Larry	Cindy
Fellowship	Joan	Heidi	Sandy T	Linda
Cleaners	Talo's	Shari & Elaine	Joan & Larry	Norm & Dave
Altar Flowers	Laura	Roberta & Elaine	Talo's	Elaine & Roberta
Teller	Ed & Dan	Larry & Mark B	Rhonda & Elaine	Karen & Mark H
Acolyte	Larry	Ed	Rhonda	Elaine
Altar Guild	Mary & Sandy	Mary & Sandy	Mary & Sandy	Mary & Sandy

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.

HELP NEEDED !!! With Video, Acolyte, & Cleaners

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Zachary Goosen	5
Donna Clarkston	8
Scott Smith	15
Andrew Hill	16
Becky Goosen	17
Ed Black	20
Ken Babcock	21
Lilyanna Todd	22
Sandy Blackwell	23
Brian Jones	29

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Joan Kingston	9/8
Kris & Sue Norwick	9/23/71
Jalaine & Daryl Johnson	9/28/13



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

Weekly Scripture Readings

Sept. 1

Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sept. 22

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Sept. 8

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 29

Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3
Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22
Revelation 12:7-12
Luke 10:17-20

Sept. 15

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10



Cost \$10 each*
Proceeds from cookbook sales will be donated to

- The Burgess family

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

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



The 2019 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.



Prayer Circle
10 am on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday's
ALL are welcome

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Edgewood Lutheran Church ELCA



Breakfast every Thursday am at Russ's in Grand Haven at 8:30 am. Talk to Rich Talo and/or Larry Kallio by Wednesday am if you would like to join.



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*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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2019

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