

Announcements

May 2017

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“We are a church called by Jesus Christ to Proclaim, Teach & Serve.”

In Our Prayers. Pat Kreibich, Fred Schroeter and

**Jo Weeda, is in hospice at Beacon Hill
2400 S. Finley Rd., #208
Lombard, IL 60148**

There is a list on the bulletin board in the Nelson-White Room on the “news” bulletin board. It shows the latest parishioners who are in a health center or are hospitalized. If you would like your name added to the board or put on the prayer list, please contact the church office.

**Debbie Paton, Pastor
Diane Slocum, Associate Pastor
Susan McCurdy, Director of Children’s Ministry
Susan Smentek, Director of Music
Karen Bircher, Office Administrator
Jesus Garcia & Eliz Ruiz— Custodians
Cheryl Turek/Carol Ewert Technology Assistant on Sunday morning’s
Find EPC on Facebook: Elmhurst Presbyterian Church &
Find on Facebook: Elmhurst Presbyterian Church & Youth Ministries
Follow us on Twitter: @EPC_tweets**

*God Answers
Prayers*





Every Sunday
2nd Floor
9:30 a.m.

Ages 3 - 5th Grade

Room 202

6th—High School

2nd Sunday'

Room 203

No Sunday school classes on May 28th.



Room 101

Newborns - Age 3

9:00 a.m. - Noon



During the Sermon
Ages 3 - 3rd Grade
Calvin Hall

For pictures and more information about the Children's Ministries program, check out our Facebook page—Elmhurst Presbyterian Church Children and Youth Ministries.

Thank you to Liz Johnson, Karen Fitzgerald, Sarah Lestina & Paula Reckley for helping at Kid's Club!

During the month of May we will have notepaper at church on Sundays in the Nelson-White room. Would you write an encouraging note or short prayer to the Kruse's to let them know we are thinking about them? We will, then, send all the notes directly to them. They would love to hear from you!

Thank you!

Here is a little about them:

Betsy and Luke Kruse and their daughters, Adley and Cora have been in Indonesia for a little over two years now learning the language, building relationships with the people and adapting to their culture.

Luke and Betsy are at a frustrating juncture in studying the language. In the fall, the family will come home for a six-month furlough before they return and move into a remote location with two other families into the Asmat Safan tribe.

Adley is five years old. She just learned how to ride a two-wheel bike and she loves to collect eggs from their chickens.

Cora is three years old. She is very affectionate, likes to dance and tell everyone about herself.

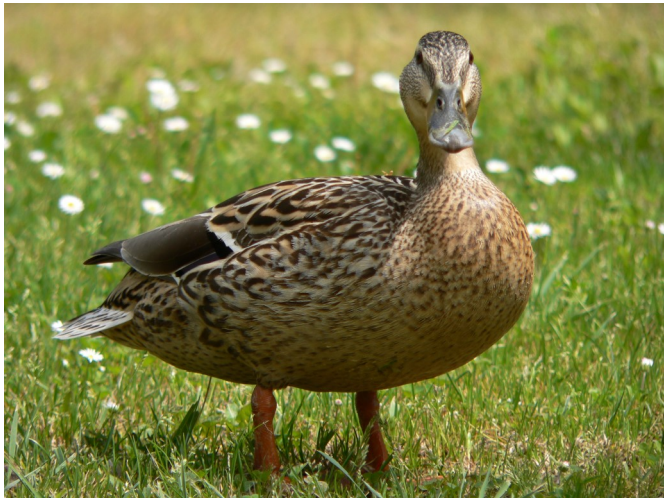
Won't you let them know that we care about them by sending a note?

Remember April the giraffe?

We have May the duck right outside the East Door. Please don't feed her.

We will keep you posted.

Buildings & Grounds



Pictures From Easter

EASTER FLOWERS ‘2017

Rob and Cheryl Kopecky	In memory of our parents
Ted and Rita Steiskal	To the Glory of God
Clare and Brian Collins	In honor of our loving families
Charlotte Johnson	In memory of Don Johnson
Laurie Wilson	Dorothy, George and Rob Wilson
Dan and Joy McGuire	To the Glory of God
Douglas and Muriel Gifford	In honor of our 10 Grandchildren & 4 Great-Grandchildren
Hal and Meg March	In memory of our parents
Mary Ellen Hayes	To the Glory of God
Lori Woosley	In memory of Mary Jayne and John Vertloo And to the Glory of God
Jan Palmer	To the Glory of God
Robin and Barry Benecke	In memory of Andre Gerald Kwiatek
Tom and Mary Grittani	In memory of Joseph and Pauline Grittani
Sandy Skat	In memory of Al Skat and Bob Brown
	In honor of Betsy and Luke Kruse
Ron and Ginny Nelson	To the Glory of God
Marion Young	In memory of Agnes and Frank Young
Dave & Sue McCurdy	To the Glory of God
Cheryl A. Turek	In honor of those who have gone before us
Suzanne Legg	In memory of Nancy and Walter Legg
Paula Reckley	In memory of dear friends Al Skat and Marta Davy
Jim Davidovich	In memory of Dan and Dorothy Davidovich, Peter & Louise Davidovich;
	Harry, Eva & Phil Beitler
Patti Berner	To the Glory of God

Thank you to all who gave flowers this Easter season.
Thank you -
Meg March and Paula Reckley, Easter flower coordinators. Meg March, Paul Reckley and Marj Schuham who decorated the church for Easter.

Joan Strouse for the beautiful outside pots that she decorated for Easter.

Sandy Skat, Hospitality Coordinator on Easter Sunday for coffee hour.

Charlotte & Liz Johnson and Jan Palmer., Easter Sunday Greeters.

May News from



Knitting dates for May will be on the 3rd and 17th at 1:00 pm in the Nelson White Room.

Contact the Sue for more information at 630-834-7750.

We have a number of completed prayer shawls. If you know of someone (or yourself) who is in need of a hug from God and the warmth of a shawl to help you or someone you know face a difficult time, please let Sue or the church office know.

Pocket Prayer Shawls are also available in a basket in the Nelson White Room. Three hundred and seventy seven shawls have been given to members and friends of the congregation.

Session Notes

1. Please SAVE the date of June 4 for our own PADS fundraiser. It will be held at Elmhurst College and will be a fun night of entertainment, food and a silent auction to support the program at our site.
2. We would like to host an informal gathering (pizza and drinks) of men and women who are in the millennial age range to hold a conversation about what they are looking for to fulfill their spiritual needs. If you know of someone that might be interested, please contact Pastor Debbie.
3. The Session is working very hard (thank you Karen Miller!) to revamp our website so that it will be a better representation of who we are as a church and be appealing not only to people who are seeking spiritual fulfillment, but also to any ministers looking for a new church.

Submitted by Sandy Skat, Clerk of Session

THE PER CAPITA AMOUNT FOR 2017 is \$34.00. Per capital contributions cover the shared costs of governing the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Through the per capita rate, the Presbytery of Chicago churches:

Help congregations with pastoral transitions.

Train and support interim ministers.

Care for ministers and Christian Educators and their families.

Help prepare people for service as ordained ministers. Please note "per capita" on the memo line of your check.

MOVIE GROUP will meet on Saturday, May 6th and will be hosted by Dave and Pam Fuesz. Members will be notified of the movie choice, location and time. Dessert and discussion will follow at church. Contact Susan Leslie at kcleslie206@sbcglobal.net to be added to the contact list.

R.O.M.E.O. Group (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Will be meeting on Wednesday, May 24th at Hi-View Restaurant in Villa Park. Time: 1:00 P.M. Contact: Doug Hall at (630) 279-8739.

HUGS HEARTS OF GRACE

HUGS is an open group for women of the church. We meet at South restaurant for appetizers or dinner and share some social time together. The next HUGS group will meet on **Monday, September 18th at 6:00 P.M.**

At the April meeting, an idea was proposed. Anne La Mott published a new book, Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy. The individuals at the April meeting wondered about using this book for a shared reading and discussing it at the next HUGS meeting or perhaps a separate small group. Please let Cami Streuter know in the next few weeks, if you are interested in participating in a discussion about the ideas in this book in either format (part of HUGS or a separate small group). cami.martin@hotmail.com or (630) 833-4048.

PRAYER IS POWERFUL

EPC has a Prayer Team! If you are interested in having members of our congregation pray for you or your loved ones, there are several ways to go about it:

1. Email your prayer request to prayerplease@outlook.com. Requests sent to this email address are only distributed to EPC's Prayer Team.
 2. Attach a prayer request card to the net in the sanctuary or submit a concern during today's Prayers of the People.
 3. Meet with a member of the Prayer Team who will be available for private prayer every Sunday immediately following the service in the front right pew.
- Is there anything you'd like a prayer for?

Sunday Adult Education, 9:15-9:45am. We continue to work through The Gospel Parallel, studying Luke. Led by Pastor Debbie.

Wednesday Night Adult Education 7-8:30pm, will be studying "The Book of Joy" by The Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu starting May 10th. Led by Pastor Debbie.

Email address change per Jen Gordon Jgordon0209@gmail.com.

DEACON'S CORNER

MEAL TRAIN

Calling all chefs! We are looking for anyone willing to prepare a meal for parishioners in need to be added to our Meal Train volunteer list. Meal Train is an online sign-up to coordinate meals to be delivered to parishioners who are in need due to injury or illness. If you are interested in being added to the volunteer list, please contact **Clare Collins** at ijig926@yahoo.com or text/call **847-508-5228**. There will also be a volunteer sign-up posted in the Nelson White Room.



WANTED: PHOTOS OF EPC ACTIVITIES

The EPC Communications team is hard at work developing a new website for the church. Do you have photos from EPC activities that you can share for use on the site? We want to make sure we show the breadth of worship, mission, education and fellowship opportunities we offer. This is especially important as the Pastoral Nominating Committee begins the search for our new pastor.

Send photos to Karen Miller at karen@onelouderinc.com. If you have a lot of photos, email Karen and she will set up a Dropbox where the photos can be uploaded.

IT'S TIME TO GARDEN!

Like to garden or want to learn about gardening? Here are two opportunities: The first is to help keep our church grounds beautiful and the second is to help maintain the vegetable garden.

Opportunity #1: Flower Beds and Borders

The beds and borders have been divided into sections, and somewhat like "Adopt a Highway," each volunteer needs to weed and pick up debris only in his or her chosen area—probably once each week or two.

Opportunity #2: Children's Vegetable Garden

Every summer the children of the church help grow vegetables in the fenced garden on the north end of the grounds. The children harvest the produce on Sunday mornings, all of which is given to local food pantries. Here, adult help is needed one week per month with weeding, watering, and delivering the food.

The requirements for these jobs are a love of the outdoors and a willingness to get your hands dirty. You will also need a weeding tool and a bag or bucket, and those helping with the vegetables must be able to pull a long hose to and from the garden. Don't worry if you are new to gardening, I can teach you what to do! If you have questions, call me (Ruth Schroeter at 708-562-5346 or email SchroeterRuth@yahoo.com). You can also find me before and after worship by the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Nelson-White Room. Thank you!

