

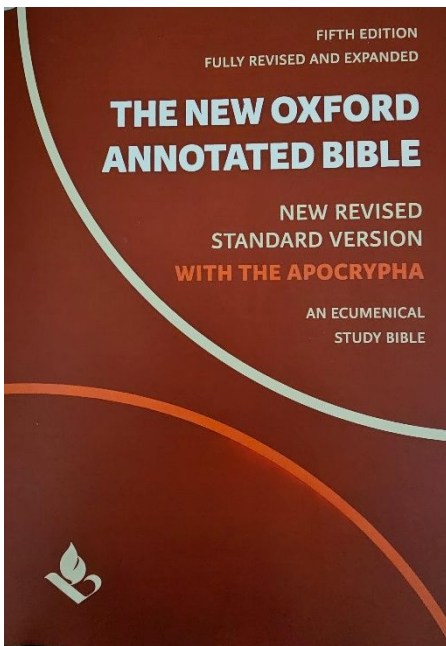
June 2026 NEWSLETTER



New Website Page: www.ericksonlutheranchurch.com
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**Please note that volunteers staff the Administrative Office.
If you require assistance, kindly leave a message and your inquiry will be addressed promptly.**

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER



As we move through the first weeks of the Season after Pentecost in Year A, the Gospel readings invite us to reflect on what it means to live faithfully as disciples in the everyday rhythms of life. Jesus teaches about compassion,

humility, forgiveness, and the call to love our neighbours not only in words, but in action. Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and renew the Church, empowering us to live with courage, wisdom, and hope in a changing world.

This season also calls us to pay attention to God's creation. In the beauty of prairie skies, fields, lakes, and forests, we are reminded that the earth is not simply a resource to use, but a gift entrusted to our care. Scripture teaches that creation itself praises God, and we are invited to become faithful stewards of the land, water, air, and creatures around us. Caring for creation is a spiritual responsibility and an act of gratitude for all that God has made.

At the same time, the Gospel challenges us to seek justice and mercy in our communities. Christ continually stood alongside those who were overlooked, struggling, or excluded. As Christians, we are called to notice the needs around us: poverty, loneliness, hunger, housing insecurity, and the ongoing work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Social justice is not separate from faith; it grows directly from Christ's command to love one another. Small acts of kindness, advocacy, generosity, and listening can become powerful signs of God's kingdom among us. Whose voices are not being heard?

Stewardship during this season is about more than finances. It includes the sharing of our time, abilities,

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compassion, and care for one another. Every member of the church has gifts that help build up the body of Christ. Whether through worship, volunteering, visiting neighbours, supporting outreach, tending gardens, teaching children, or simply offering encouragement, each act of service matters.

As we journey through these Sundays after Pentecost, may we continue growing into a church that reflects Christ's love for the world: caring for creation, seeking justice, practicing generosity, and walking humbly with God. May the Holy Spirit renew our hearts and guide our congregation in faithfulness and hope for the days ahead.

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8

In gratitude for our church family,

Pastor Heather



Summer is near, and as creation grows, so do we in faith and in God's glory.

Council meets June 7, 2026, after Communion Service and the potluck lunch. Please direct items or concerns to Shaun Oakley (ELC Chair), or Dolores Hall (ELC Vice-Chair) if Shaun is unavailable.

The new printer is set up in the board room. If you need help using it, please contact Cathy. The elevator has been serviced and operating smoothly once again.

The July 5, 2026, Hymn Sing Service will be held outdoors, weather permitting, followed by a BBQ potluck lunch. Hot dogs, buns, and condiments will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert, a lawn chair, and, if you wish, your own cutlery and plates. Paper plates and plastic forks will also be available.

Thank you for your faithful volunteer service in every part of our church. Thanks be to God.

Please be reminded that our church ministry is run by volunteers and any concerns or suggestions about the bulletin, the Order of Service, or Ministry is to be directed to Pastor Heather or Church Council Chair Shaun Oakley.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

God's Peace be with you.

In God We Trust, **ELC Church Council**



Summer worship has begun. We are in the church season of Pentecost and the liturgical colour is Green. Signs of 'green' showing new life. It is also showing new life in Sunday worship as we welcome visitors coming to worship with us.

The new hymn for June is #557 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun". This really old poem was written by Thomas Ken. He was an ordained Anglican priest

and he published many poems. After his parents died, he was enrolled into an all-boy's school. He returned to this school later as a Chaplain to motivate the students in their devotions. He wrote hymns —one verse to be sung upon waking and one to be sung before going to bed. It was interesting how he used music to begin and end the day. At this time in history churches were beginning to introduce hymns into congregational singing. Thomas Ken was imprisoned for his forward Protestant thinking. He retired from Priesthood. He died March 11, 1711, and at his burial the Doxology was sung at his sunrise funeral.

ELW #557 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run: shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice.

All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and hast refreshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake, I may of endless light partake.

Lord, I my vows to thee renew, disperse my sins as morning dew: guard my first springs of thought and will; and with thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day, all I design or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with all their might, in thy sole glory may unite.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Sue and Viola
Music and Worship**

Erickson Lutheran Women News

Ministry to Women

ELW June Meeting

The Erickson Lutheran Women (ELW) will gather for their June meeting with fellowship, food, and a devotional.

- **Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Dolores' house
- **Details:** Potluck supper and devotional

Submitted by Dolores Hall



MAY (1-23) OFFERINGS:	
LOOSE	\$ 20.00
BUDGET/RECEIPTED	\$ 3,348.00
ONLINE	\$ 803.86

Erickson Lutheran Church

JUNE 2026

Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM and Sunday School the 1st Sunday of Month at 10:30 AM

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U = Usher/Host R=Reader CA = Communion Assistant	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Healthy Baby Program 10:00 AM to Noon	3	4 Private Event – Kitchen June 4 and 5 Communion PCH Service Erickson PCH at 10:00 AM ELW meets Thursday June 4 at 6:00 PM for potluck supper and Devotional at Dolores' house.		6
Pastor Heather U: Earl R: Marlene CA: Sylvia-Linda	7 Communion Service and Sunday School followed by Potluck Lunch and Church Council Meeting. All Welcome Second Sunday After Pentecost		9 Pastor Heather at Clergy Seminar in Gimli	10 Pastor Heather at Clergy Seminar in Gimli	11 Pastor Heather at Clergy Seminar in Gimli Romp n' Rhyme 10:00 AM	12 Val Soltys' Celebration of Life at the Erickson Legion 2:00 PM	13
Lay Service Cathy U: Earl, Val R: Mary	14 Lay Service followed by Coffee Third Sunday After Pentecost		16	17	18 TENTATIVE Communion Service Sandy Lake PCH at 2:30 PM	19	20 Deadline for ELC Newsletter articles
Pastor Heather U: Reg, Sharon R: Linda	21 Hymn Sing Service and Sunday School followed by Coffee Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Father's Day		23	24	25 Romp n' Rhyme 10:00 AM		27
Lay Service Peter Harvey U: Andrew, Jewel R: Jewel	28 Lay Service followed by Coffee Fifth Sunday After Pentecost		30				