



# THE GOOD NEWS

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## Building Friendships

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### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We are planning to welcome new members to the All Saints family on Sun, Feb 19. In preparation for that celebration, we've scheduled several events that need the support and participation of our current membership. Please mark these dates on your calendars and contact Hal or Dot Olson if you can help or have questions.



Wed, Feb 8 7pm – New Member Class on "What it Means to be Lutheran" led by Pr John. Participation is open to any member that desires more information on our Lutheran background.

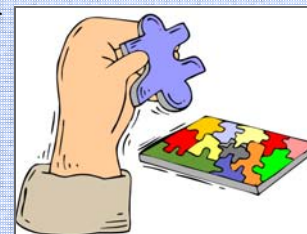
Wed, Feb 15, 7pm – New Member Class on "Exploring the Ministry of All Saints" led by Charlie, Hal & Dot Olson. Council members are invited to attend. This is the time for us to provide information on the many opportunities to serve within the church and answer questions posed by our new members.

Sat, Feb 18, 6pm – Welcome Dinner for our New Members and church leaders. For this occasion, we are also extending our invitation to members that joined our church in 2011. Our focus for the evening is on fellowship and fun.

Sun, Feb 19, - New members will be received at both services, and the full congregation is invited to share in this celebration with a reception and cake between services. It's a Name-Tag Sunday.

### Nominating Committee needed

**Nominating Committee** Each year half of the council is elected for a 2 year term. Council members can serve 2 consecutive terms in the same position. Sometimes council members change responsibilities after they have begin to serve. The Nominating Committee talks with current council members and other members of the congregation to find a slate of willing and able persons to serve on council. These are placed in nomination at the congregational meeting, and others can also be nominated from the floor. If you would like to be on our nominating committee or know someone you think would make a good council leader, contact the office or a current council leader. The positions that will be voted on this year are:

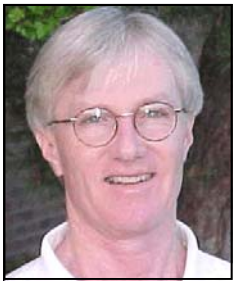


- ◆ Vice President (Rosie Jacobs 2nd term)
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Evangelism (Bill Doe)
- ◆ Secretary (Rebecca Weiner)
- ◆ Youth
- ◆ Public Relations (Tanya Scott)
- ◆ Future Planning
- ◆ Social Ministry (JoAnn Beckman)

If you think you'd enjoy serving on council or would like to recommend someone to serve, call the office or talk with a council member.

#### All Saints is

a Lutheran community  
open and affirming to all  
celebrating the love and  
grace of Christ through  
Worship  
Sacrament  
Fellowship  
and Service



## From the desk of Pr John

"God is; God is as he is in Jesus;  
therefore, we have hope."

This is a statement offered by an Anglican bishop when asked to give a one sentence answer to the question: What is the Christian faith? Personally, I think the use of two semi-colons is cheating, but nonetheless, it's a good statement.

The church has three official creeds. The Nicene and Athanasian Creeds were borne out of the trinitarian debates of the fourth century. As for the Apostles' Creed, it goes back a long ways, at least to the fourth century, but its origins are murky and the issues it was responding to are unclear.

The Nicene Creed is partly a political document. In AD 313, Constantine had declared religious freedom in the Roman Empire. He embraced religion--pretty much all religions, and especially Christianity--and believed religion contributed to harmony in the Empire. Constantine bestowed large benefactions on the church, including new churches, nice houses for bishops, and--*mirabile dictu*--tax breaks for clergy! (Not surprisingly, this policy led to an increase in the number of people who considered themselves Christian clergy.)

Little did Constantine apparently know, but, at the time, the church was in the throes of a vigorous debate on the relationship of Jesus to God the Father. Was Jesus of the "same substance" as God the Father, or was he of "like substance"? Was Jesus' divinity the same as that of God the Father, or was it derivative and "lesser" in some way?

Constantine called a meeting of bishops at Nicea in AD 325. His objective was not necessarily theological precision--or even truth--but rather harmony. He thought that harmony in the church contributed to harmony in the Empire.

The Creed that came out of Nicea--the Nicene Creed--tried to settle the issue by saying that Jesus was "begotten, not made." In other words, Jesus was not a created creature. He was of the "same substance" as God the Father.

Nothing was really settled at Nicea. The "Nicene party" continued to advocate for its position, which was Jesus' full equality with God the Father. The "subordinationists," who argued that Jesus was in some sense "divine," but also less than God the Father, continued to advocate for their position as well. Both groups interpreted the Nicene formula so that it fit with their own theology.

Constantine's own view is difficult to discern. He tended to promote the "Nicene party," but not always. He ordered the church to end its excommunication of the subordinationist leader, Arius, for example, and ordered Athanasius, Arius' primary opponent, into exile. When Constantine was finally baptized, the sacrament was performed by Eusebius of Nicomedia, a "subordinationist" bishop.

Later that same century, the Emperor Theodosius affirmed the "Nicene party" by imperial decree (AD 380). Theodosius' decree ended religious freedom in the Roman Empire, established the "Nicene party" in power, and squashed freedom of thought in Christianity.

There were at least two reasons Theodosius did this. First, the Empire was under threat from the Goths who wiped out the Roman Army led by Emperor Valens just two years before at Adrianople (AD 378). (Adrianople was not far from Constantinople, then the capitol of the Empire.) The Goths had been converted to "subordinationist" Christianity. By outlawing "subordinationist" theology, Theodosius was trying to rally the Empire against the Goths on a religious as well as a military level.

Secondly, a Jesus co-equal with God the Father--kicked upstairs, you might say, into the mystery of the trinity--fit with imperial theology. The Emperor might have been skittish about endorsing too-human a Jesus, who, after all, had been assassinated by Imperial Rome, and had a disconcerting tendency to side with the have-nots against the "principalities and powers."

That was the issue then, but, frankly, hardly anybody today cares whether or not Jesus was "begotten, not made." When your health has gone bad, or you've lost your job, or your kid is in jail, you don't spend all that much time contemplating the trinity.

Which is why the Anglican bishop's statement of faith is a good statement for modern times. First, it confronts atheism with the flat assertion that "God is." Atheism is all the rage these days. It used to be that you had to be pretty sharp to debate an atheist because atheism was represented by people like Buckminster Fuller. Nowadays, not so much.

Secondly, "God is as he is in Jesus"--no dispassionate, antiseptic Unmoved Mover! Jesus shows God's heart, which is with the lost, the poor, the bereft--not with the Emperor so much, but with the people the Emperor persecutes. Thirdly, "therefore, we have hope." If God is as he is in Jesus, then God comes to our rescue.

Praised be Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.



Pastor John

### Pastor's Classes

Pr John hosts a discussion class each Sunday between services. It meets in the choir room about 9:40. Share a cup of coffee with new friends, then join us in the choir room.

Pr John's Wednesday Bible Study meets at 6:00 in the choir room. Communion is shared and the discussions are always thought-provoking.

If you are looking for an adult open discussion study, these classes are for you! You are urged to give them a try.

## Love That Last's Forever

May our stories of love inspire you!! Thank you to all who so willingly shared of their lives.

**Myra & Phil Baker** have been married for 44 years! They met through her brother. Myra said that she and Phil have a tradition on their anniversary. They decide to try marriage out for one more year. Why, because they know that at 50 years of marriage they will get presents.

**John & JoAnn Beckman** have also been married for 44 years! They met while they in college. When John was asked what marriage meant to him he said: marriage means everything in the world to him and he doesn't know what he would do without JoAnn. He truly loves her so much!

**Gerry & Anne Cosentino** have been married for 42 1/2 years! They met in England at a party that his mother had. That is where Gerry asked Anne to be his girlfriend. He proposed to Anne the next day even though Anne's father wanted them to wait until after Gerry returned from Vietnam. They married 19 months later. Anne believes that marriage is everything, someone to look up to and hold on to. Gerry has supported her with the raising of their children. She hopes that she has been a supportive wife to him. Communication is top on her list. Ann's parting comment was to never go without a kiss good night. What Great Advice we should all follow!

**Paul & Barb Kemper** have been married for 25 years. They met at a bank when he was a financial officer and Barb was the receptionist. To Paul marriage is everything. He loves Barb so very, very much!. Their marriage brings him security, commitment and faithfulness.

**Jeff & Shawna Smith** have been married for 14 years. They met at a party through a co-worker. Marriage to Shawna means compromise, respect and a joy of one another.

**Sarah & Troy Lave** have been married for 5 years. They met at a Good Year Tire store when Sarah brought in her Grandfather's truck for work. Troy asked if she was single and wanted her phone number. Sarah told him that she gave him her number when she filled out the work order. Troy said that he could get in trouble had he taken the number and called her. For Sarah marriage is about family, a union under God & she says it is the most important thing you can do.

**Elie and Vi Deines** have been married for 68 years in April. They met in Michigan at Vi's sisters house. It was love at first site for the both of them. Elie asked Vi to marry her before they even got to go on a date. She did not even know if he knew how to kiss. Their secrete to a long marriage is to try and enjoy doing some of the same things and when you disagree just keep your mouth shut. Also it is very important to have respect for one another.

**Dave & Ingrid Waggoner** have been married for 46 years They met while ice skating. Dave says that marriage is everything for him. Ingrid said that nothing's better than having a good friend to spend your life with, sharing your dreams & leaving a legacy of children and grandchildren.

**Hal & Dot Olson** have been married for 46 years. They met each other on a blind date. They got married in Germany and Dot said that sharing, togetherness, growing, family, and having fun is what it is all about

**Phil & Jackie Chipouras** have been married for 42 years. They met while attending college. Both of them say that marriage is about being a team, being honest and being able to forgive.

**Eric & Marian Jaeger** have been married for 28 years (their anniversary coming up on Feb 18). They met at St. Matthews Lutheran Church at the youth group. Marian says that marriage is a commitment and companionship. For Eric it is about caring and comfort.

**Mindy & John Richards** have been Married 14 years. They met each other while attending college. John described marriage as a life long commitment. Two people working together and raising a family as God is head of the family

**Vanessa & Justin Mullen** have been married for 8 years. They met on an online chat room. For Vanessa marriage is about being able to go through anything with a partner who is always there. Also important to her was spending your life with the person you love

**Christy & John Landwehr** have been married 12. They met each other at the Stampede Bar. For Christy marriage is about sharing everything. John is her best friend. Her advice is to never keep a secret. She looks at their marriage as a partnership and a team effort.

**Gunar & Charlie Neumann** have been married for 6 1/2 years. They met one another on a blind date. For Gunar marriage means stability and a sense of peace. For Charlie it is about respect and having fun. We work as a team in all aspects of our life.

Your All Saints Love Reporter

Charlie Neumann

## Small Groups

### Lunch Bunch Bible Study Group

The Lunch Bunch Bible Study will meet on Wed, Jan 11, at the church. We hope you can join us for a stimulating study and lunch at a favorite restaurant afterwards.. Questions? call Andee Elvert. All are welcome to join us!!!!



### Quilters

We will continue to work every Thursday during 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The current group consists of Jan Winter, Linda Jackson, Martha Birely, Rosie Jacobs, LeAnna Skogen, Sandy Fox and Mildred Dosen. Jeannie Lantz comes when she can. She also takes pieces of batting home and stitches them together for us to use in a quilt. This group wastes very little! Thanks also to Jan for cutting squares at home. Linda, Martha, and Rosie often sew quilt tops at home and then bring them in. We have produced 88 quilts since last January! The quilts are taken to Urban Servant by Jan and Sam Winter for distribution by ELCA. Come join us in 2012!



### Book Club

meets the 4th Tues of each month from 7:00-8:30 in rm 12. The next gathering will be Feb 28. We're having a great time together. More info? Jeannie Lantz at 303-306-6695.

### Men's Ministry

It's time to crank the Men's Breakfast back up, so we'll see you at the Athenian on Saturday, Feb 25 at 8:30am. If you can, join us for coffee at Carinos on Thursday, Feb 9 at 9:00am (Smoky Hill and Piccadilly)



### Suppers Bunch

Enjoy going out to eat at some of Aurora's fine restaurants? Join us at Café paprika (Mississippi & Uvalda—SE corner) on Feb 7 at 6:15. Please sign up on the list in the entrance so we'll be able to tell them how many to prepare for. Everyone's welcome

The church has a facebook account. It's filled with fun and informative info. Check it out at:

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for all saints lutheran

Check out the church's TWITTER account to find out what events are happening this week at the church. Go to:

[www.twitter.com/allsaitslc](http://www.twitter.com/allsaitslc)

[www.forallthesaints.net](http://www.forallthesaints.net)

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## Just for Fun

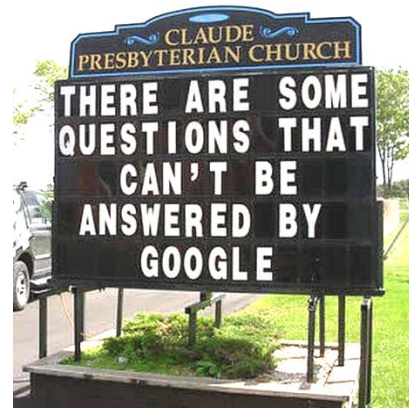
### Yoga Class Starting February 9



Did you make a New Year's Resolution to exercise? Are you stressed out and need to relax? Do you need to improve your flexibility? Then come try yoga.

Wendy Normark will be offering weekly Yahweh Yoga classes incorporating traditional yoga poses, scripture, prayer, and good Lutheran hymns. All levels are welcome, even if you just want to lay back, breathe deep, and enjoy the music.

Classes during February will be on Thursday evenings at 6pm starting the 9th. Please arrive a little bit early so we can start on time and finish in time for choir practice. Class time will change in March so let Wendy know if any particular time is good for you. A few yoga mats are available but if you have your own please bring it. If you have any questions please call or e-mail (720-277-9130, [wendy.normark@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.normark@gmail.com)). Please check with your doctor before beginning this or any exercise program.



## Fundraising

### Car Wash Cards

Buy a car wash card for \$11, and \$5 will go back to the church. They can be used anytime in January-February. Proceeds to benefit our landscape project.

### Recycling Program Benefitting the Youth

All Saints is Going Green-er! We have started recycling not only aluminum cans, but all types of metal. We built a large container behind the dumpster so you can drop off your cans and metals 24/7. Action Recycling Center is paying a great price for aluminum cans and even steel. If you need help getting your cans/metals to the church, call the office. Here is a list of items that they will purchase: Aluminum, Copper, Brass, insulated Wire, Stainless Steel, Precious Metals and Aluminum Cans. Questions? Contact Mrs Charlie Neumann at [neumann-charlie@comcast.net](mailto:neumann-charlie@comcast.net) or 303 766-9649: Thank you for your support!!!

Sun

Mon

Tues

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Sat



# February

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<b>5</b> <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 8:15, 10:45 Setting 3 9:20 Sunday School 9:40 Pastor's Class 12:45 Korean Worship 7:00 Youth Group	<b>6</b> 12:30 ESL 5:30 ESL 6:30 WINGS 7:00 SAA	<b>7</b> 6:15 Suppers Bunch 7:00 Scouts	<b>8</b> 10:00 Women's Lunch Bunch study 5:45 Al Anon 6:00 Pastors Class 7:00 New Mbr Class 7:00 FA 7:00 Korean study 7:15 SM supervision	<b>9</b> 9:00 Mens coffee Carinos 9:00 Quilters 6:00 YOGA 6:30 TOPS 7:00 SAA	<b>10</b> 9:00 TOPS	<b>11</b> 8:00 Exercise Line Dance Group 9:00 CEA 10:00 CODA
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<b>26</b> <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 8:15, 10:45 Contemp 9:20 Sunday School 9:40 Pastor's class 12:45 Korean Worship 7:00 Youth Group	<b>27</b> 12:30 ESL 5:30 ESL 6:30 WINGS 7:00 SAA	<b>28</b> 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Book Club	<b>29</b> 5:45 Al Anon 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 LENT service 7:00 FA 7:00 Korean study 7:15 SM Supervision			



### Coming Up

- Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 Lent Services and Soup Supper
- Apr 1 Palm Sunday
- Apr 5 Seder Meal, 6:00
- Apr 6 Good Friday Service, 7:00
- Apr 7 Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00
- Apr 8 Easter 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30  
pancake breakfast 6:45-11:00

## LENT

### Lent

can be a time for personal reflection. Through the years, many people have given up something for Lent. Some refrain from eating meat on Fridays. Others try to read some of the Psalms each day. The original spirit of Lent was to do some good deed. We used to hear about how sinful we are and how much we need God's forgiveness (which is certainly true), but focusing on that rarely encourages us to do good deeds. It often makes us think less of ourselves. At All Saints we hope you'll hear how God considers you His "beloved" this Lent. We hope you will be motivated to "go about doing good." Here is the schedule during Lent:



- Feb 22 Ash Wed Chili Supper at 6pm, service at 7pm
- Feb 29 Soup supper at 6pm, service at 7pm
- Mar 7 Soup supper at 6pm, service at 7pm
- Mar 14 Soup supper at 6pm, 7pm
- Mar 21 Soup supper at 6pm, service at 7pm
- Mar 28 Soup supper at 6pm, service at 7pm
- Apr 1 Palm Sunday
- Apr 5 Seder Meal at the church, 6pm
- Apr 6 Good Friday Service, 7:00p
- Apr 7 Easter Egg Hunt, 10am at the church
- Apr 8 Easter Pancake Breakfast, 6:45-11am  
Easter Worship, 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30am

We are encouraging members to invite non-member friends to share the Lent Suppers and Services with us. Pick up a few "FREE Lent Supper" coupons in the narthex and give them to your friends to have dinner on us.

## THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was a night to remember? Many of our volunteers came and enjoyed an evening of fun. All Saints is an active congregation that is heavily involved in reaching out to the community in lots of ways. It takes dozens of volunteers to work on Habitat houses, work in the food pantry, give blood, prepare meals for those coming home from surgery, conduct a mission trip, participate in the CROP Walk and many other outreach projects. In addition, dozens of folks volunteer on Sundays for worship, music and Sunday school programs. Then there are those who volunteer to keep our facilities and grounds in shape. Let's not forget those who provide a listening ear and encouragement to those who are going through a difficult time. Many people send cards and pray for others. All in all, we have over 200 folks who volunteer in some capacity around All Saints and we are so blessed! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

## Caring For Our Members

**Shepherding Team:** Our shepherding teams call and visit members who have been unable to attend services or other activities. They offer fellowship, a listening ear, devotions and information on All Saints activities. The leader for this vital ministry is Ingrid Waggoner, 303-690-9080. Call her if you would like to become involved as a member of the team, if you know someone who could use the service, or if you have needs yourself.

**Martha's Table** This ministry provides meals for the short term to members who have been hospitalized, ill, experienced a loss of a loved one, or just struggling with other life issues. We have volunteers who prepare the meals, and volunteers who deliver. We keep meals in our freezer for emergency calls. If you are interested in this ministry or know someone who would benefit from receiving meals, please call the church office or email them. 303-752-4083 or [info@allsaintsnet.org](mailto:info@allsaintsnet.org). This ministry is in need of a coordinator. That's not as big a job as it may sound. All you have to do is keep track of how much food we have and if there is a need and no one has signed up to bring a dish, call someone who's volunteered to prepare a meal. It is something you'd find rewarding, call the church office for more information.

## etc.

### Confirmation

We are coming to the busiest time of the year for our confirmands. We serve as ushers for all the Lent services, we set up, serve and clean up the Seder Meal, we serve the Easter breakfast. In addition, we take notes of the Lent services. And this year, we are going to the Tennyson center on Jan 28. It's always one of the most meaningful things we do. We have a fantastic group of kids, but we'd love to have MORE. If you have any 7<sup>th</sup>



or 8<sup>th</sup> graders in your life please encourage them to attend every other Wednesday. Call Charlie or myself if you are interested. We are working on Pastor John's lessons of the world in which Jesus was born & his ministry. Preparing our children to be active & vibrant adult members of our church & our community is fun and inspiring. Cindy Womeldorff

Donate

Donate button on web site

You can now make a donation to a specific ministry or cause through the church web site ([www.allsaintsnet.org](http://www.allsaintsnet.org)). It's safe, secure and simple. Won't take more than a couple minutes. Look for the Donate button. On the bottom right side of the page.

## Happy Birthday

### Birthdays:

Mallon, Dolores 1	Chipouras, Kosmo 19
Miller, Galen 1	Chullino, Mark 21
McIntosh, Logan 3	Kemper, Paul 21
Novy, Rick 3	McIntosh, Caleb 22
Harpel, Elise 4	Deason, Nicole 23
Richards, Mildred 5	Gower, Jo Ann 23
Connor, Jersey 6	McIntosh, Christopher 23
Schwartz, Charles 6	Freeman, Gary 24
Laikola, Nicole 7	Himes, Gerry 25
Sandhagen, Megan 8	Novy, Riley 25
Altman, Shawn 11	Parrish, Carroll 25
Hooker, Sean 12	Richard, John 25
Joy, Nathan 12	Richard, Jordyn 25
Baker, Phil 13	Shea, Daniel 25
Alison, Taylor 15	Ganje, John 26
Benjamin, Robin 16	Riley, Amanda 26
Hirschboeck, Ashley 16	Beard, Michael 28
Schwartz, Tammi 16	Jacobs, Rosella 28
Wilks, Nicolette 16	LaBonde, Brock 28
Achenbach, Rachel 17	Cartmill, Bradley 29
Amundson, Evelyn 17	Mackay, Zach 29
Trabert, Kathy 17	
LaBonde, Shawn 18	
Atkinson, Chelsea 19	

*If your B-day is not included  
here call the office at  
303-752-4083*

## “Sling Yer Hook”

All Saints Sunday School invites you to the “Sling Yer Hook” Dance for a swashbucklin’ good time.

**When:** February 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 to 7:00pm

**Where:** All Saints Lutheran Church

**Cost:** \$3.00 per person  
(no more than \$10.00 per family)

There will be dancing led by a D.J., pizza, snow-cones, facepainting and a raffle.

Our ship is underway and needs your help bunkering down for our next port o’ call. To help us keep our program running we will sell snow-cones, raffle tickets and t-shirts. Come join us for a fun filled evening for the whole family!



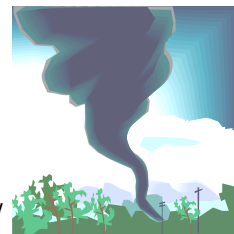
## Just for Youth!



### High School

#### Looking to Joplin

June 10-16



It's really not that far away! We've started our fund-raising and we're trying to reach \$14,000. You can buy stock in the trip. It's \$10 a share and 100% of the money raised goes to the trip. Joplin experienced devastating tornadoes that destroyed many houses, displacing families. The rebuilding process, especially for the poor and elderly, is going slow. Once the media's attention is turned elsewhere, volunteers become more scarce. We'll be helping families re-establish their lives.

### Middle School

We like to provide monthly fun activities for our middle schoolers and we're looking for people who will plan and sponsor one fun activity per month. No, you do not have to sponsor all the activities but as many as you like. Get someone to help you. If this sounds fun, contact Bruce Alison (303-356-0198) or Charlie (303-752-4083).

### Van

We are still looking for a van for the church. Almost \$7800 has been collected so far, so if you'd like to give to this great cause, make your check to all saints and mark it for van.

## I have the Love of Jesus, Down in my Heart!

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and Sunday School has some excitement to share with everyone.

February 12th at 9:20 am we will be celebrating the Love of Jesus Down in our Hearts by creating valentines and candy baskets which will be taken to Children's Hospital in time for Valentine's Day. There will be all the makings to create valentines along with colorful paper for weaving baskets to fill with candy hearts.



After our creation time we will celebrate with snacks and a parade through the church. Come and join us in the Fellowship Hall on February 12th as we show the Love of Jesus Down in our Hearts.



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## Hymn Notes by James Sucha

### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

*O Lord, now let your servant depart in heavenly peace,  
For I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,  
The glory of your people, your chosen Israel.*



This sending hymn in Lutheran churches was written in 1924 by Lutheran pastor Ernest Edwin Ryden (pictured) for the Augustana "Hymnal" of 1925. It's based on the Song of Simeon - Nunc Dimittis, known as "Lord, let your servant go in peace etc. Ryden, born in 1886 in Kansas City, MO of Swedish ancestry, grew up to be a pastor and a huge *servant* of God in the Lutheran church. He is responsible for many hymns still in use today in the ELCA.

Ryden was educated at Augustana College and Seminary, Rock Island, IL, and ordained in 1914 and served in many capacities. Besides being a pastor at churches in the Midwest and East, he became president of the Board of Christian Service in Minneapolis that built three orphanages, and one hospital. He also hosted his own Lutheran radio hymn program on the air at KSTP in St. Paul. Ryden had great writing skills, edited several articles, hymnody book and Lutheran magazines as well as editing many pre-ELCA hymnals. He married an organist, and had three daughters and one son. His biggest accomplishment was his hymns, which were included in most pre-ELCA hymnals, and today in ELW. They also appeared in the Covenant and Methodist hymnals too. Ryden died in 1981, after helping with the LBW project.

We have Finnish Lutherans in the ELCA! They are still known as the Suomi Synod in the ELCA since earliest times in the upper peninsula of Michigan. They brought with them their music and hymns when they arrived here. They used their own liturgy in Finnish, and the Swedish Augustana hymnal for their hymns. An ELCA college of theirs is called "Finlandia University" in Houghton, Michigan on the shores of Lake Superior. And the folk melody that goes with this hymn is from Finland. It is called KOURTANE, after the church it originated from in southern Finland. An Anglican organist, David Evans, heard it while visiting there, and brought it to England, using it in a hymn he was writing in London. The text was paired with the Finnish tune harmonized by Evans in LBW in 1978, as it had appeared in the 1925 Augustana hymnal with a different tune. As ELW 313, it has been given a simpler harmonization by the folks at Augsburg Fortress. (The melody is actually used in four different hymns in ELW.) The hymn is perfect for a post-communion canticle after communion! In fact, many claim to hum the hymn after leaving church sometimes. Kokeile sitä! = Try it! (Finnish)