



*Sunday, January 22, 2012
9:00am*

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Welcome visitors! Thank you for taking the time to fill out the communion card provided by the ushers. We believe that the host of the meal provided during worship today is Christ. Christ invites everyone to this meal, saying, "This is for you for the forgiveness of sin." Echoing Christ, we invite everyone to this banquet. If you would like to receive deeper instruction in the Christian faith; if you desire to be baptized; or if you simply seek someone to pray with or for you, inquire of the pastor or indicate the need on the communion card. Grape juice is in the center ring of the communion tray.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

*Thank you for observing a time of reflection & silence
in the sanctuary prior to worship.*

Hymn..... "We Are Called"#720

Confession and Forgiveness.....Page 94

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Kyrie.....Page 203

Canticle of Praise.....Page 204

The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Choir.....

Time for Children.....Pastor Margo Martens

First LessonJonah 3:1–5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh

shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 62:5-12

Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:

A: ⁵For God alone I^l wait in silence;
truly, my hope^l is in God.

C: ⁶**God alone is my rock and^l my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev-^ler be shaken.**

A: ⁷In God is my deliverance^l and my honor;
God is my strong rock^l and my refuge.

C: ⁸**Put your trust in God al-^lways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who^l is our refuge.**

A: ⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate can-^lnot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less^l than a breath.

C: ¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no^l empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your^l heart upon it.**

A: ¹¹God has spoken once, twice^l have I heard it,
that power be-^llongs to God.

C: ¹²**Steadfast love belongs to^l you, O Lord,
for you repay all according^l to their deeds.**

Second Lesson.....1 Corinthians 7:29–31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God’s future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel:.....Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon.....Pastor Margo Martens

Hymn..... “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”.....#696

Apostles’ Creed.....Page 105

The Prayers of the Church.....

Assistant Minister: Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the peace.....

The Offering/Prayer.....

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The Eucharistic Prayer.....Page 207

Pastor:...we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Congregation: Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

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Pastor: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

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Communion

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You are invited to sing the following hymn during the distribution of Communion:

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” #494

Prayer after Communion.....

Assistant Minister : Everlasting God, we bless you
that you have brought us to the mountaintop
and fed us with the life and light of your Son.
Send us in his name from this place
to bring light into dark corners,
healing where lives are torn,
and nourishment to every hungry heart,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Benediction.....

Hymn“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing ”.....#547

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

~ Worship Assistants~

Pastor ~ Pastor Margo Martens

Assisting Minister ~ Gloria Fruit **Lector** ~ Sabra Jacobson

Acolytes ~ Emily Zahn & Maggie Loomis

Greeter ~ Lane & Judy Taylor **Ushers** ~ Carroll Ehrke Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn

Communion Assistants ~ Judy Taylor & Don Hoehn

Organist ~ Judy Rusch

~ *Prayer Requests* ~

Thanksgiving to God for...

-East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry.
-Prayers for the ministries of Arden and Jana Haug, John and Amy Lindstrom, Lindsay Stolen, and Jens Notstad.

God's guidance and direction for...

-East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Call Committee
-For peace in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and among all the nations of the world.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

- Please remember all our veterans. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and service to their country.

Healing and health concerns...

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| -Duane Dieckhoff | -Alma Houfe | -Anbjorg Kaashagen |
| -Agnes Teske | -Gloria Anderson | -Sam Mackin |
| -Tony Hartwick | -Kayla Buchholz* | -Dennis Zahn* |

Please note: If you have a prayer request and want it put in the bulletin, please write it down on the back of the communion/welcome card or notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. Prayer requests week January 15, 2012.

~ *Calendar of Events* ~

Sunday, January 22, 2012

9:00am **Worship**

Annual Meeting immediately following worship

Coffee hosted by WELCA

10:15am **Sunday School**

Monday, January 23, 2012

7:00pm **Dartball League @ Faith**

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

9:30am **Justice Circle @ Wilma Furseth's**

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

6:00pm **Confirmation Session**

Sunday, January 29, 2012

9:00am **Worship**

10:15am **Sunday School**

Gifts of Service Survey.

**Thank you to
everyone who
returned your *Gifts
of Service* survey.
If you have not
returned it yet,
please do so. There
are extra copies
available in the
narthex.**

Thank you!

In case of severe weather, you may contact the following resources to learn about cancellations at East Koshkonong

***church office @ 423-3017 (A message will be left on the office answering system as soon as a cancellation is made)**

***web site, www.eastkoshkonong.org**

~ Announcements ~

- **Pastor Margo Martens** serves as our pastor at EKLC until we have called a new pastor. Please note her contact information on the front of this bulletin and know that you can call her at any time.
- **The annual meeting of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church** will be held today at the conclusion of the 9 a.m. worship service. All voting/confirmed members are encouraged to attend. At this annual meeting of the congregation, we will review the budget for 2012, and elect council members. The Call Committee met with the Church Council on Sunday, January 8 and presented a recommendation for a candidate(s) as a pastor for EKLC.
- **Pastor Recommendation at Annual Meeting:** The Call Committee met with the Church Council on Sunday, January 8 and presented a recommendation for a candidate(s) as a pastor for EKLC. On January 17th the council voted to proceed in the call process to bring a recommendation to the congregation for a new pastor for East Koshkonong Lutheran Church. This recommendation will be New Business on the Annual Meeting Agenda.
- **Cemetery Board Secretary/Treasurer Needed:** After serving faithfully 33 years as the EKLC Cemetery Secretary and Treasurer Robert Veum has announced he is retiring from the position today at the annual meeting. Robert said he will be glad to help instruct whoever is elected to take his position. If you are interested in one (or both) of these positions, would like to assist in finding someone to fill the positions, or if you have any questions or concerns please contact Robert (423-3706) or another cemetery board member.
- **Cambridge Community Cafe - free community meal** CAP and a group of community members started up a free community meal on January 5, 2012. This meal is held the first Thursday of every month at the Amundson Center, located at 200 Spring Street in Cambridge. The next Cambridge Community Cafe will be Thursday, Feb. 2nd from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. All residents of Rockdale, London, Christiana, Cambridge and the town of Oakland, are welcome to join in the fun. The focus of this monthly dinner will be to foster friendship, family and fellowship amongst the five communities, all whilst enjoying delicious food. We are looking for an organization or club, to sponsor one meal, a.k.a. one evening, during the year 2012. An organization could consist of a team, club, church, business, group, school, family or families. We are in need of a sponsor for the month of March 2012. The remaining months of 2012 are on a first come, first serve basis. Volunteers over the age of 11 are also needed to help serve, greet, entertain with music, set up and clean up after the meal finishes. This is the perfect opportunity to earn community service hours for school age children, over the age of 11. If you are interested in volunteering for this exciting project or able to sponsor a Thursday night, please contact Wanda at 423-8142.
- **Cambridge Food Pantry Wish List:** macaroni and cheese, beef soup and cream of mushroom soup.

ANNUAL MEETING 2012

This greeting comes to you with gratitude for the Gospel partnership we share in this Church, for your ministry in the name of Jesus (ministries within and beyond your own congregation) and with gratitude for the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. I begin by saying "Thank you!"

Now then, perhaps one of the Pentecost stories would be a good Annual Meeting story. You can read a couple of them – one is in the 20th chapter of John's Gospel (John 20:19-31) and another in the 2nd chapter of the Book of Acts (Acts 2:1-8, 11b-17).

Jesus was nowhere to be found – or so it seemed. The believers (what were they believing or not believing on that strange day?) were nowhere to be found either. They were burrowed into what they hoped would be a safe shelter... hidden away. All we can do is guess what any of them might have been contemplating. It would be interesting to imagine their conversation. Can you even speculate what plans they may have been considering?

The Pentecost story races past the fine points and details of what was going on in that room. We don't get to know if they were having a business meeting, developing a plan or if they were assessing their resources. Were there voices of encouragement to be heard or was it a cranky, crab-fest? Whatever was happening in that shelter changed radically, dramatically, spectacularly the moment the Holy Spirit took over.

I hope for that sweeping spirit among you as you gather in your room for your congregation's annual meeting. I will be praying for that!

For Christ's Sake,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Zimmiside". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Your Bishop