



*Sunday, September 6, 2009  
9am*

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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.*

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

***~Gathering~***

Healing Litany.....

Pastor: In the waters of baptism, Christians make the passage through death to the new life of the resurrection. Each day of our lives is shaped by this baptismal journey. Within our lives, we know the importance of work, employment, and vocation.

On this Labor Day weekend, gathered by the Holy Spirit around Jesus Christ, the Word of salvation, we pray for God's guidance for all, and especially for those who are unemployed and seeking employment, as well as for each of us in our daily vocations.

Assistant: Let us pray. God of justice, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our wealth and resources that all people may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Intern: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ dignified our labor by sharing our toil. Guide us with your justice in the workplace, so that we may never value things above people, or surrender honor to love of gain or lust for power. Prosper all efforts to put an end to work that brings no joy, and teach us how to govern the ways of business to the harm of none and for the sake of the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of anointing and vocational calling in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing approach and, as conditions permit, they may kneel.*

The blessing: In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be guided and strengthened by God's grace, that you may know the dignifying and sustaining power of the Spirit.

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.*

Intern: Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort and strength in our daily vocations. When we are afraid, give us courage. When afflicted, comfort us. When dejected, give us hope. When alone, assure us of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things on heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us, to do God's work with our hands, is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Service continues with the sharing of the peace.*

This is the Feast.....Page 101

The Prayer of the Day.....

**A:** Let us pray,

**C: Gracious God,  
throughout the ages you transform sickness into health  
and death into life.**

**Open us to the power of your presence,  
and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the  
whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.**

*~The Word~*

The First Lesson.....Isaiah 35:4-7a

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**Lector:** Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm.....

**A:** <sup>1</sup>Hal- <sup>1</sup>lelujah!

Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup>O my soul!

**C: <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long <sup>1</sup>as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I <sup>1</sup>have my being.**

**A: <sup>3</sup>Put not your <sup>1</sup>trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there <sup>1</sup>is no help.**

**C: <sup>4</sup>When they breathe their last, they re- <sup>1</sup>turn to earth,**

**and in that day<sup>1</sup> their thoughts perish. R**

**A:** <sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob<sup>1</sup> for their help,  
whose hope is in the<sup>1</sup> LORD their God;

**C:** <sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that<sup>1</sup> is in  
them;**

**who keeps promis-<sup>1</sup>es forever;**

**A:** <sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to<sup>1</sup> those who hunger.

The LORD sets the<sup>1</sup> captive free.

**C:** <sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who<sup>1</sup> are bowed down;  
the LORD<sup>1</sup> loves the righteous. R**

**A:** <sup>9</sup>The LORD cares<sup>1</sup> for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way<sup>1</sup> of the wicked.

**C:** <sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall<sup>1</sup> reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! R**

The Second Lesson.....James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

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**Lector:** Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.**

“Alleluia” .....Page 83

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Seventh chapter.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Gospel.....Mark 7:24-37

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**P:** The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Blessing of the Backpacks.....

Some of us gathered here today find the following wisdom far too true:

Eccl. 12:12 Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

Others of us are excited for another year of studies the way Ezra set his heart to the study of the law:

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach the statutes and ordinances in Israel.

In our weariness and in our excitement, for those of us beyond school age years and those of us just beginning, for all those who prepare for another school year, let us abide by these words especially:

Deut. 6:4-9 Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, [iron them or clip them to your backpacks, write them on the covers of your binder], [or] write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Now raise your hands, palms up, towards the ceiling, and praying with me:

Almighty God, fountain of all wisdom,  
You have blessed us with the joy  
and care of children: give us and teachers  
everywhere calm strength and patient  
wisdom to bring them up, teaching them  
to love whatever is just and true and good.

Now turn your hands down and hold them over your bags or backpacks. Congregation, raise your hands to bestow a blessing on the children gathered here:

Bless now these backpacks and the children  
who carry them: That with hearts enlightened  
by your Holy Spirit they may grow in knowledge  
and piety, to worship and serve you  
from generation to generation  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sermon.....Pastor Clint Schnekloth

Hymn..... *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”* .....#712

The Apostles’ Creed.....Page 105

The Prayers of the Church.....Page 105

**A:** God of mercy,  
**C:** hear our prayer.

Sharing of the peace.....

## *~The Meal~*

Offering .....	<i>Prelude</i> .....	J.S. Bach
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Holy, Holy, Holy .....		Page 108
Eucharistic Prayer.....		Page 108
The Lord's Prayer.....		Page 112
Communion .....		

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

***“Jesus Loves Me!” (3x) #595***  
***“Light Dawns on a Weary World” #726***

Post Communion Prayer.....

**A:** Gracious God, in this meal  
you have rained down the true bread from heaven,  
the body and blood of your beloved Son.  
So by his promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C:** **Amen.**

Blessing

**P:** Almighty God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**C:** **Amen.**

Hymn..... *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*.....#886

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## ~ *Prayer Requests* ~

### **Thanksgiving to God for...**

-East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry

### **God's guidance and direction for...**

- Please keep the family of Gordon Fruit in your thoughts and prayers as we express sympathy for their loss.
- Those suffering from cancer and other long time illnesses
- Those who are struggling because of the recession or job loss
- For peace in Iran, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

### **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.
- SSGT John Calhoun - Matt Bissen - SSGT Paul Johnson -Alex Oates
- Cpl Jacob Janes

### **Healing and health concerns...**

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|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| -Alan Ehrke          | -Edith Nelson      | -Betty Alder   |
| -Paula Vasby         | -Virginia Carlson  | -Becky Krueger |
| -Dwight Christianson | -Sonja Christensen | -Robert Zerkle |
| -June Chadwick       | -Agnes Goodrich    | -Maxine Porter |
| -Dalton Kramer       | -Dale Volenberg    | -Edith Nelson  |
| -Art Johnson         |                    |                |

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 at [eklc@bminet.com](mailto:eklc@bminet.com) before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. Please continue to pray for those who have been removed.

Prayer requests week of 8-30-2009

\* Denotes new/changed request

## *~Worship Assistants~*

**Assistant Minister** ~ Arvid Mathison

**Reader** ~ Lyle Walheim

**Acolytes** ~ Taylor Hinchley & Yana Rawinski

**Greeter** ~ Lois Zerkle **Ushers** ~ Peace Circle

**Communion Set-up/Take down** ~ Peace Circle

**Communion Assistants** ~ David & Teresa Schickel

**Organist** ~ Audre Kurowski

**Nursery** ~ Brenda Schroeder



*Wednesday worship: Worship with us every Wednesday at 6 p.m. It's a great gathering to invite friends and family to who may not be able to attend Sunday service, or who are looking for a chance to rock and praise Wednesday evenings. This fall, the music will be a mix of some of our favorite praise & worship music from the radio, plus remixes of classic hymns. Led by our house band, this service also includes communion.*

## ~Calendar of Events~

*Sunday, September 6, 2009*

Worship ~ Labor Day Blessing and Blessing of the Backpacks 9:00am  
Jamie Chapman and Bob Gottschalk Wedding 2:00pm

*Monday, September 7, 2009*

LABOR DAY ~ OFFICE CLOSED

*Tuesday, September 8, 2009*

Worship Committee Meeting 5:30pm  
Congregational Care Team 6:30pm

*Wednesday, September 9, 2009*

Christianity, Capitalism, and Crash Meeting @ Synod 8:30am  
Peace Circle @ Eileen Hoehn Home 9:00am  
Wednesday Evening Band Practice 5:15pm  
Worship 6:00pm  
Confirmation 6:00pm - 8:00pm

*Sunday, September 13, 2009*

Worship 9:00am  
Sunday School Rally Day 10:15am  
Coffee Hour 10:15am



**Sunday, September 13th**  
**Sunday School Rally Day!!**

## *~Generosity and Simplicity Program~*

This year our congregation will be participating in a generosity and simplicity program entitled “Make It Simple.” This will be the focus of our worship and congregational activities kicking off September 20<sup>th</sup> and culminating on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Make It Simple will involve activities focusing on study, reflection and discussion about our generosity and living simply during complicated times. In addition to our weekly worship, we invite you to participate in the following highlights:

- 9/27 Testimonial temple talk on giving by a fellow church member
- 10/4 Sharing of memories from our senior church members on what it was like to live through the depression era.
- 10/7 Learn how the East Koshkonong World Famous pork chops, lefse and apple sauce are made—and enjoy the end products! We’ll begin cooking at 4:30 p.m., have a worship service at 6:00 p.m. and enjoy our end products together at 6:30 p.m.
- 10/11 Commitment Sunday with annual Pie Auction to follow

We are looking forward to seeing you at these events and worship opportunities!

**The Simplicity and Generosity Committee**

## ~ *Announcements* ~

- **165th Anniversary Shirts:** T-shirts celebrating our 165th anniversary are available, in all sizes, from the church office for \$16.50.
- **Fish Boil at West Koshkonong Lutheran Church September 11, 2009.** Please join West Koshkonong Lutheran Church on 9/11/09 for a fish boil. Menu: Fish, red potatoes, carrots, onions, cole slaw, rolls, lefse, coffee, milk and Norwegian goodies!! Tickets available for 4:30pm, 5:30pm and 6:30pm. Advance \$11 or at the door \$12. Children 6-12 \$5.00 and under 5 years are free. Tickets available at WKLC 873-9456, Old Deerfield 764-5743, and Nordic Nook, 877-0848. Hope to see you there!!
- **Cooksville Lutheran church,** located 6 miles south of Stoughton and 6miles Northeast of Evansville will have its annual fall festival on Sunday, Sep. 13 from 11am to 4pm on the church grounds. Please join us for fun in the rural setting including: Narrated hay wagon tours of the historic village, lunch, bake sale, fall flowers, tent sale, farmers' market, and special music in an air-conditioned sanctuary. There will be a raffle with many desirable prizes including a homemade butterfly quilt. We will have a freezer stocked with homemade pies.
- **September 13<sup>th</sup>, is Sunday School Rally Day,** and will officially kick off the new year! Please plan to attend this important orientation to meet all of the Sunday School teachers, learn more about the program, and answer any questions that you may have. Also, please bring a canned-goods donation for the local food pantry. We will give the children the opportunity to build a pyramid using the donated items as well as help out the local charity.
- **Skaalen Fall Festival is Tuesday, October 13th 10am-4pm.** The Resident Bazaar (and Pie Sale), in the Friendship Room, and the Craft Fair, in the Chapel, both get underway at 10am. Cinnamon rolls will be on sale beginning at 10am in the lobby until 11:15am. Area crafters fill the Chapel with a variety of wonderful items. Handcrafted items, all prepared during the past year, will be offered for sale. Pie & Sweet Bread Sale featuring fresh baked apple, pecan, & pumpkin and all kinds of breads & snack mixes. The Festival also includes a great raffle with the drawing at 4pm (tickets available Sept. 21 until the drawing), and a lunch with the famous nine bean soup will be served with a roll and butter for just \$2.50 in the Kaffe Stue Kitchen.

## 23rd Annual Lutherdale Fest/Quilt Auction

### Come and Enjoy a Lutherdale Weekend—Beautiful Quilts & Family Fun

Free Admission

Free Parking

#### *Pre-Fest*

**Friday, September 11, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Make silent bids on quilts (winning bidders will be notified after the auction). Bakery, crafts, silent-auction theme baskets, odds 'n ends booth, pontoon rides on the lake, and light lunch are available.

#### *Fest/Quilt Auction*

**Saturday, September 12, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Preview quilts starting at 8:00 a.m. The auction begins at 10:00 a.m. and continues until all the quilts are sold. More than 200 quilts, table runners, and wall hangings will be auctioned. See the quilts on the Web at [www.lutherdale.org](http://www.lutherdale.org).

#### *Fun Activities for Everyone*

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| + Crafts                 | + Kids mini day camp (a.m. & p.m. sessions) |
| + Mum plants             | + Silent-auction theme baskets              |
| + Baked goods            | + Pontoon rides on the lake                 |
| + Fresh-pressed cider    | + Baby-sitting services                     |
| + Quilters' Odds 'n Ends | + Lunch concessions                         |

#### *Donations for the Fest*

If you're a quilter, baker, home canner, or crafter, there's still time to donate something for this event. For more information, call Casey at Lutherdale at 262-742-2352.

Lutherdale Bible Camp is at N7891 U.S. Hwy 12, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Funds for this event supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans