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January 2022

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church

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Sunday School Christmas Program 2021 December 19th

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At EKLC on Sunday, January 9th!

On Sunday, Jan. 9th, a representative from Lutherdale will be coming to speak to our congregation during worship and spend time with the Sunday School kids. They will be talking about all the various camp offerings they have for our youth and beyond.

President's Message

Hello 2022! It's nice to see you. I'm hopeful that this year will bring a new pastor, new energy, and new ideas to East Koshkonong.

Looking back:

- What a great Christmas program done by the youth! Thanks to all of the kids, teachers, musicians, and leaders who made this great event happen. It is one of my favorite things during the holidays.
- Thanks to Chris & Mia Frodel, Lori & Lennox Olson and Kim Timler, for making the ornaments sold as a fund raiser. They looked great!
- Thanks to the Stach family who decorated the sanctuary for Christmas. Everything looked beautiful.
- We offered communion in the front of the sanctuary in December. We will continue to present that and an option for folks to remain in their seats should you choose to do so.

Looking ahead:

- Pastor Eric Bakken of West Koshkonong will be leading confirmation this spring. If you see him around, please welcome him to East.
- The Dane County mask mandate is in effect until at least February 1. We'll keep you updated on if there are any changes to worship.
- We plan on starting coffee hour in 2022. We need people to volunteer to host. If you are interested, please sign up in the Narthex.

- Our Annual Meeting will be held on Feb 13. We will be voting on new council and committee nominees, the 2022 budget, and an update to the Trust Fund Bylaws. Look for a copy of the report in the Narthex late January. If you'd like an electronic copy emailed to you, please contact Julie in the office.
- We will host budget and Trust Fund by-laws review sessions in January after worship for those who wish to ask questions. Keep an eye out for dates.

January Congregational Challenge:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Psalm 51:10-11

January is always a time of renewal and self-reflection. A time to think about how we want the next year to be. Are you a person who does New Year Resolution? What do you want to change about how you practice your faith this year? How do you want to change how to live Christ's word in the world? It takes six weeks to make a habit, what will you do for six weeks related to your faith?

Looking forward to hearing about your habits!

Kristen

**"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me."**
Psalm 51:10

**January Council Meeting:
Tuesday, January 18 at 6:15pm**

2021 COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: Kristen Lien

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tom Locchetta

SECRETARY: Jason Schlieckau

TREASURER:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jaime Lewellin

Oren Hammes

Nathan Stach

If you need to speak to a council member please call the church office to leave a message and they will return your call.

Treasurer's Report

November 2021 Income \$22,619.98

November 2020 Income \$21,749.96

November 2021 Expense \$8,022.08

November 2020 Expense \$25,576.89

YTD 2021 Income \$232,151.45

YTD 2020 Income \$228,667.67

YTD 2021 Expense \$150,050.87

YTD 2020 Expense \$234,912.36



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Online giving directions:

With all of these options, you may set up recurring donations or make a one-time donation.

Option 1: Go to www.eastkoshkonong.org and click on Donate. Create a profile through this secure website, if you haven't already, and complete the form on the website.

Option 2: Scan this QR code with your smartphone. Create a profile through this secure website, if you haven't already, and complete the form on the website.

Option 3: Download the GivePlus app on your smartphone for either Android or iOS. If needed, create an account with your email address. Sign into your account and search for "East Koshkonong Lutheran Church." Select the plus "+" sign and complete the form.

If you don't have online access for this giving option, you are welcome to fill out a form from the church office: 608-423-3017 or eastkoshkononglutheran-church@gmail.com OFFERINGS ARE ALSO ALWAYS APPRECIATED BY MAILING TO:

EAST KOSHKONONG LUTHERAN CHURCH

454 EAST CHURCH ROAD

CAMBRIDGE, WI 53523



**2022 Offering Envelopes are in
Church Narthex**

If you have giving envelopes please remember to pick yours up. Thank you.

EKLC Council Meeting Minutes

November 16th, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm. Those in attendance were Kristen Lien, Oren Hammes, Kim Timler, Nathan Stach and Jason Schlieckau.

Ron Knapwurst added to agenda

Devotions- Kristen Psalm 23

Financial updates: Profit/Loss statement, Money Market account and Memorials. There were a couple memorials. One was designated to Senior Choir and was applied in Money Market. Holly has applied another to the cemetery. New window expense was taken out of Undesignated Memorials. Income up compared to this time last year. Question brought up by Judy regarding budgeting for next year. Last year we used a financial committee to prepare the budget. Likely will do the same this year, and will have the budget ready for December Council meeting. PPP loan payoff was placed in Misc income.

Motion to approve financials made by Oren, seconded by Jason, passed.

Review of Minutes from October meeting. One correction on wording. Youth Director search put on hold, instead of pastor search.

Motion to approve Minutes made by Oren, seconded by Kim, passed.

Submitted reports reviewed: Education and Worship.

Motion to approve reports made by Oren, seconded by Jason, passed.

Ron Knapwurst led discussion relating to changes in the Trust Committee. Trust Committee will spend the next month updating the set of rules and guidelines with technicalities to be clarified relating to fund usage and bylaws. Council then to vote on taking these modified bylaws to congregation.

Old Business

Thank you cards discussed.

Judy and Heidi anniversary celebration discussion. In 2020 Judy reached 60 years of service to our church. Heidi has reached 37 years of service and, coming out of retirement, has volunteered to help with the Christmas program again. Kim to reach out to Vicki to lead the honoring of Judy and Heidi with regard to their years of service. Targeting March timeframe.

Unsung hero nominee for the month is Erica Lien.

Covid update:

In person worship. Mask mandate is now through 11/27. This is supposed to be the last mandate. If mandate continues however,

then church is still on status quo with regard to masks, coffee hour, Communion, etc. WELCA wants to do a Christmas tea during coffee hour on 12/5 assuming mask mandate is done, this is acceptable.

Communion at the rail discussion. What would this look like?

Some churches have it while others don't. Table this topic until after Holiday and look at giving people options for Communion at the rail starting in January. This all happens if mask mandate goes away. Worship committee to come up with Communion guidelines and figure out logistics. If mask mandate does go away, we will still say masks are recommended but not required.

Call committee status: They've met with Marie from the synod a couple times. They've also done a mock interview with Holly from Liberty. Next steps coming. They have some names and interest from possible pastors.

Supply pastor status: Covered until at least the end of the year.

Confirmation discussion with regard to fill-in pastor:

Motion was made by Oren to offer a contract to Eric Bakken of West Koshkonong to teach Confirmation classes starting the first Wednesday in January through the last Wednesday in May at East Koshkonong lasting an hour and fifteen minutes each Wednesday night from 6 PM to 7:15 PM. We will compensate him \$40 per hour or \$100 per week for time and prep. Pastor Eric to also be responsible for the Confirmation Sacrament in May. Motion seconded by Jason, and passed.

Kristen to contact Eric and work with Holly on contract.

Roof leak update:

Kristen to get update from Tom.

New Business

Putting hymnals and Bibles back in pews discussion. Doing this after worship with the congregation seems like a great idea. Like how they used to "move Libraries" in the olden days. Target 12/12, the Sunday before Christmas program, for this to happen. Kim to ask Vicki to coordinate.

Ribbons/tape on pews. We will be removing this after meeting tonight.

Council is required to find an Audit committee member. We would be replacing Natasha Amundson this year. Council to give thought on who to nominate.

Church Mutual audit. Need by annual meeting. Council to think about and report next meeting.

Ideas for Nominating committee for council term starting next year- discussion.

Newsletter discussion article on coffee hour.

Signup sheet in lower level friendship hall now but this will be moved to narthex.

Confirm next meeting: Dec 21, 6:15 PM (Devotions -Tom)

Motion made by Jason to adjourn, seconded by Kim.

Adjourn at 8:17 PM

Close with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Jason Schlieckau

ATTENTION EKLC COMMITTEES

Please submit your 2020
committee annual reports for the
EKLC Annual Report by:
January 9, 2022



**Annual Meeting of
the congregation is
Sunday,
February 13th
Immediately
following Worship**

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV



Greetings from the Church Basement....

Thank you to Peace Circle for duties in December and to Joy Circle who will take care of January. Thanks to the Stach family for decorating the narthex and sanctuary for the season, and to all who helped put up and decorate the tree in the sanctuary. Everything looks wonderful, and festive. Thanks to our loyal Meals on Wheels deliverers for their work this month. We got a short trip this time, so kind of fun! I do not have official word yet, but our next gig should be sometime in February.

Congratulations to Beverly Lien on winning the quilt, and thanks to all who bought tickets. The money helps us with our Stewardship projects; quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief.

We do not have a regularly scheduled meeting in January, but we may meet to quilt, depending on the weather. We'll try to get the word out to those who regularly join that group. And thanks to them, by the way, quilt work is going well so far this season.

Wishing you all a wonderful New Year, filled with joys, and possibilities for getting together when the latest covid surge dies down.

God bless you,

Communicator Carolyn

Sunday School

Sunday School will be in person all year and will abide by the mask mandates that are in place.



Confirmation

**IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION
MEETING FOR PARENTS AND
STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 5TH**

AT 6:00PM



**Education
Committee
Meeting:**

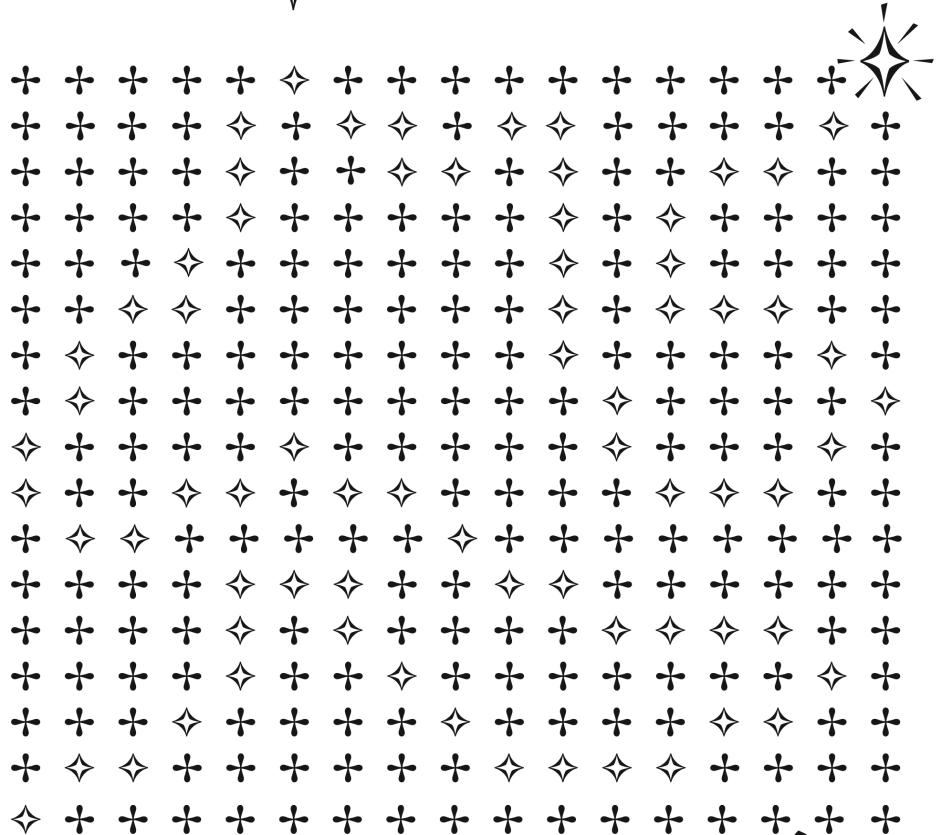
Monday,
January 10,
7:00 p.m.





Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the ✨ path that leads to baby Jesus.



START



Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

L D O G

N C A K N R I E N F S E

R Y H M R

“STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God’s many blessings.



What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God’s continued goodness.

Answer: gold, frankincense, myrrh

•WANTED•

VOLUNTEER



ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR

'Grow and learn how to be a disciple of Jesus and share Christ's love' is part of our mission statement. Our adult education coordinator would work with the pastors to create opportunities for adult members to learn more about their faith and the church. From bible studies and book clubs to video watching during coffee hour anything is really possible. We are looking for a person to be a caretaker of our growth as a congregation in this area.

If you are interested, contact Julie in the office.

YOU'RE AN EKLC HERO, MARGE STACH!

Sending a hero shout-out to Marge Stach!



If something is done, and you aren't quite sure how it's happening, Marge is likely involved!

Her amazing decorating skills paired with her overall organization keep our church looking stunning.

From banners to communion prep, Marge is a key member of many of our committees. Altar Guild and Worship Committee would not be the same without her dedication.

Next time you see Marge, please give her the superhero thank you she deserves!



Serve on the Cemetery Board

EKLC Cemetery board is currently seeking to fill a position on the board. Please prayerfully consider serving your church in this important ministry. You may contact the church office or a current cemetery board member if you are interested or have question. Thank you.

2021 Cemetery board

Ken Rockney, Lane Taylor, Bonnie Ehrke, Don Hoehn & Cheryl Nuenthel



Remember
Our Homebound Members

Thank You...

- ♥ Dear members of East Koshkonong Lutheran, I want to thank you for your continued support of the Maseya's schooling– Hazel, Hayley and Hadyley are thriving at school and we cannot begin to thank you for your financial support. Have a blessed Christmas. ~ Anne Staniforth, Norway Grove Memorial Lutheran
- ♥ Dear Confirmation Class - Thank you for the thoughtful gift. It was put to good use during many of the late nights studying for finals. Packing boxes for college students was one of my favorite parts of confirmation so it was neat to get one myself. Enjoy the rest of your confirmation time! ~Kody Lewellin

EKLC Homebound Members

Melissa Anderson ~ Home
279 Hwy A, Cambridge, WI 53523

Harriet Eikland ~ Home Again
308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

Irene Hensel ~ Home Again
308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

Bea Householder ~ Home Again
308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

Betty Scheel ~ Home Again
308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

Phyllis Vergenz ~ Our House
201 W. Madison, Cambridge, WI 53523

Gary Johnson ~ Home
1513 Raveen St. , Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Janette Klemp ~ Sage Meadow
5330 Century Ave. Room 200, Middleton, WI 53562

Lila Spike ~ Swift Haven
124 N. Henry St. Apt. #103, Edgerton, WI 53534

Joanne Gyland ~ Skaalen –Magnolia Gardens
400 North Morris St. Stoughton, WI 53589



Coffee hour: Council approved making this available beginning in 2022. Dane County guidelines should be followed regarding mask use while eating and/or drinking. Please sign up in narthex if you would like to host!

We extend our sympathy to the family of:

LOWELL "BUTCH" DENNIS NELSON who died on December 9, 2021. A funeral service was held at EKLC on Monday, December 13, 2021 Officiated by Pastor Eric Bakken of West Koshkonong Lutheran, Stoughton

Worship Helpers for January 2022

In-Person and Virtual Worship Every Sunday at
9:00am with communion

Sunday Readings ~

1/2 ~ Jer 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-20; Eph 1:3-12;
Matt 2:1-12
1/9 ~ Isa 43:1-7; Ps 29; Acts 8:14-17;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
1/16 ~ Isa 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11;
John 2:1-11
1/23 ~ Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11
Luke 4:14-21
1/30 ~ Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; 1 Cor 13:1-13;
Luke 4:21-30

Musician ~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

Judy Rusch

Assisting Ministers ~ (Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

1/2 ~ Carolyn Lien
1/9 ~ Vicki Schuh
1/16 ~ Gloria Fruit
1/23 ~ Holly Loomis
1/30 ~ Carolyn Lien

Lay Readers ~

(Contact Person: Julie Kriedeman)

1/2 ~ Carolyn Lien
1/9 ~ Kristen Lien
1/16 ~ Holly Loomis
1/23 ~ Peggy Luther
1/30 ~ Ken Rockney

Acolytes ~ (Contact Persons: Students & Parents via google doc)

1/2 ~ Christian Terland
1/9 ~ Volunteer needed
1/16 ~ Tanner Furseth
1/23 ~ Tara Bettenhausen
1/30 ~ Cally Travis & Morgan Rockney

Greeters ~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

1/2 ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien
1/9 ~ Gloria Fruit
1/16 ~ Bonnie Ehrke
1/23 ~ Diane Luginbuhl
1/30 ~ Holly Loomis

Ushers ~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

1/2 ~ Jason Schlieckau Family
1/9 ~ Zahn Family
1/16 ~ Amundson Family
1/23 ~ Ron & Nancy Knapwurst, Diane Luginbuhl
& Holly Loomis
1/30 ~ Kurt & Barb Klemp, Peggy Luther
& Brenda Schroeder

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~

(Contact Person: Marge Stach)
Altar Guild

Offering Counters ~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)
1/2 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit
1/9 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl
1/16 ~ Jean Lehr, Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel
1/23 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit
1/30 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl

Church Lock up ~

(Contact Person: Holly Loomis)
1/2 ~ Carolyn Lien
1/9 ~ Vicki Schuh
1/16 ~ Gloria Fruit
1/23 ~ Judy Rusch
1/30 ~ Carolyn Lien

Thank you!
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January 2022

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| <p>Until an Interim Pastor or Called Pastor is assigned to EKLC by the Synod, EKLC members may contact the following area clergy for Pastoral Emergencies: Pr. Eric Bakken, West Koshkonong: 715-896-0878 Pr. Holly Slater, St. Paul's Liberty: 608-609-0548 Pr. Jennifer Jelinek, Grace Lutheran: 608-295-7120</p> | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 9:00am Worship, Pastor David Berggren | 3 Office Closed | 4 9:00am Staff Meeting | 5 6:00pm Parent/ Student Confirmation Meeting w/ Pastor Eric Bakken 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting | 6 | 7 Office Closed | 8 |
| 9 9:00am Worship, Pastor David Berggren Guest speaker from Lutherdale 9:40am Sunday School | 10 7:00pm Education Committee Meeting | 11 9:00am Staff Meeting | 12 6:00pm Confirmation Class, Pastor Eric Bakken | 13 | 14 Office Closed | 15 |
| 16 9:00am Worship, Pastor David Berggren Tucker Hubred Baptism 9:40am Sunday School | 17 | 18 9:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Property Committee Meeting 6:15pm Church Council Meeting | 19 Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Confirmation Class, Pastor Eric Bakken | 20 | 21 Office Closed | 22 |
| 23 9:00am Worship, Pastor David Berggren 9:40am Sunday School | 24 | 25 9:00am Staff Meeting | 26 6:00pm Confirmation Class, Pastor Eric Bakken | 27 9am Newsletter Assembly | 28 Office Closed | 29 |
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EKLC In-Person Worship Guidelines Updated 12/15/2021

The Public Health Madison & Dane County will continue to require all individuals aged two and older to wear a mask while in any indoor space open to the public. East Koshkonong will continue to follow and base our guidelines from Dane County directives as well as best practices from the CDC.

EKLC will continue to require individuals to be masked while inside our buildings. We recommend that any member or guest follow CDC guidelines related to mask wearing while on church property, but not outside our buildings.

Worship:

- We will continue to live stream services on Facebook and YouTube
- Offering will be collected in baskets in the Narthex.
- Communion will continue to be held weekly and will be distributed upon entrance to the sanctuary.

Council approved having the worship committee provide an option for attendees to worship at the front of the church beginning 12/24/21. We would like an option for folks who are not comfortable doing so and wish to remain in their seats.

- The gathering and sending hymns will continue to be sung during worship.

Common Areas:

The following common areas are open to members

- Restrooms directly below the Narthex
- **Coffee hour:** Council approved making this available beginning on 1/2/22. Dane County guidelines should be followed regarding mask use while eating and/or drinking.

The following common areas are currently closed:

- Nursery

These policies will be reviewed monthly and will be updated as needed

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