

East Koshkonong

Lutheran Church

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Sundays and Beyond

Friends in Christ,

I've always found the times when Jesus shared meals and fellowship time with so many of the different people that he encountered during his Earthly ministry to be some of the most powerful moments in our gospels. Jesus shared meals as well as fellowship time with his followers very often (i.e. Luke 24:30, Matthew 26:20, John 21:15, ect). However, Jesus did this with people who were looked down upon during his ministry as well, such as the Roman tax collectors and group who'd been labeled as "sinners" that he shared a meal with in Luke 5:29. Jesus also dined with someone who was a pharisee in Luke 11:37, which is remarkable because the pharisees were a group of religious leaders that often objected to Jesus's teachings and ministry in very harsh ways. Since Jesus is the incarnation of the Word of God (John 1:14), we can understand through these actions that God is relational, seeking to be in relationship with us and to build bridges between different groups of people that aren't close with one another. Our world still needs this same kind of bridge building today! We as the church live this out every time that we gather together and every time that we serve others, it's a continuation of this important ministry that Jesus participated in so often. This can help this broken, divided, conflicted, and unjust world to heal by bringing people together as opposed to tearing us further apart. In light of that, I thought I'd share some pictures below of examples of how we've participated in this ministry of fellowship over this past month. Thank you all for your participation and support, it's making a difference!

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric.



"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE



**GATHERED
IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I AMONG THEM."**

MATTHEW 18:20, ESV



NOTES/MINUTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

EKLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 20, 2026 Meeting called to order by President Kurt Klemp at 6:01 p.m. Present: Kurt Klemp, Cal Reuterskiold, Denise Rockney, Anders Amundson, Diane Ash, Amy Hensel, Pastor Eric Hanson, Financial Secretary Judy Lund. Kreg Gruben unable to attend. Devotion: Pastor Eric read from 1 Timothy reminding us to pray for each other. Pastor put all of our names in a basket and we picked a council member's name and were encouraged to keep that person in prayer throughout the year.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL MINUTES: Financials: Judy went over general financial reports and explained that March giving was robust – thank you all! We were reminded that Undesignated Memorials not used by the end of the year go into the Trust Fund and historically monies for benevolence obligations (\$12,000) are taken from general checking account as we do not have a separate source of funding for those. Denise made a motion to 'undo' the motion made by the previous council (to move Undesignated Memorials to Trust Fund) and to instead move any leftover Undesignated Memorials at the end of the year to the Mission Offerings in Money Market account in order to be used for benevolence obligations for the next year. Amy seconded the motion and it carried. March Council Minutes: Accepted.

Pastor's Report: Holy week went well. Youth-led service will be May 3rd with inter-generational bingo to follow. Fireside Christian Fish Fry is May 6. EKLC hosting Cambridge Community Meal on May 7. Pastor will be attending the Synod Assembly May 15-16. Graduation Sunday will be May 31st. Services in the upper church are scheduled for May 17, June 7, July 5, August 2, and September 6. Proceeds from the pie auction will go towards our confirmation class attending Lutherdale's Confirmation Camp again this summer. Motion to approve March Minutes and Pastor's report made by Diane, seconded by Denise, and carried.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

1. Road Signs: The family of Harriet Eikland donated and will be putting up 3 roadside signs to help direct people to EKLC. Keep an eye out for the new signs
2. Maintenance:
 - a. Landscaping: Mark was able to grind stumps and has been working on doing some spring cleaning around church grounds. First mow of the season was completed – looks great, thanks Mark.
 - b. Handrails: Hopefully now that warmer weather is here to stay we will be able to finish getting handrails up!
 - c. Church Sign: The EKLC sign from the front of the church was taken down last fall to get refurbished, but was not re-installed due to winter weather. We will make sure that has been primed, painted, and get it back up as soon as possible to welcome our members and guests.
3. Parsonage Lease: Denise made initial revisions to the previous lease and new suggestions were made to change some verbiage. This updated lease with revisions will be sent to our tenants prior to the rent increase beginning June.
4. Audit Committee: We are still in need of two volunteers from the congregation to serve as auditors on the church's audit committee. Audit committee typically meets once in the fall. If anyone is interested, please reach out to a council member.
5. First Lutheran Church in Janesville: First Lutheran in Janesville had significant flooding damage following the rain and storms that went through the week of April 14. We would like to help them. First Lutheran has set up a donation website that can be found at flcj.org/ rebuilding. We are considering using noisy offering or a special offering plate to specifically help support our friends at First Lutheran as they navigate rebuilding and restoring their place of worship. All ideas welcome
6. Parsonage:
 - a. Storm damage: The storms that came through the week of April 14 caused some damage at the parsonage – an apple tree fell into the TV antenna leaving a hole in roof with need for repair and addition of shingles. The roof was repaired and we will get shingles to replace those lost.
 - b. Future repairs: We continue to keep in mind that there are likely many major expenses for the parsonage on the horizon (roof, furnace/ac, water heater) and we are trying to break-even with parsonage income versus expenses. We are looking into having an appraisal done to determine the current value of the parsonage.
7. Spring Clean Up: Saturday, May 2 from 9am-12pm. Volunteers needed (rain date May 9) Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 26 @ 6:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. made by Diane, seconded by Denise, and carried. Closed with the Lord's

Prayer.

Treasure's Report

April 2026 Income \$25,676.97
April 2026 Expense \$37,420.25
April 2025 Income \$38,040.06
April 2025 Expense \$27,248.26
YTD 2026 Income \$111,220.33
YTD 2026 Expense \$130,762.45
YTD 2025 Income \$123,695.38
YTD 2025 Expense \$170,153.78



**May Council
Meeting: Tuesday
June 23 at 600p.m.**

News from the church basement ladies:

I'm not quite sure where the time goes, but here we are again, starting another month, and another summer!

We will meet for Pin and Sew on Thursday, June 4 at 8 AM. Light Circle is in charge this month. Thank you for all you do, and thanks to Joy Circle for May. Thanks to those who worked on the service at the Upper Church recently, it was fun to honor the Norwegian heritage and host some interesting visitors.

Peace circle visited our women at Home Again last month for Bible Study, and as usual, we had a good time with them. Thank you to all of you for doing that and bringing cookies!! All these women have good family visitors, but they also enjoy a visit from their church friends. This goes for all or the folks who are on our shut-in list who would like a visitor once in a while.

Thanks to our loyal Meals on Wheels delivery folks. Here's the reminder for the next schedule. If there is anyone who would be willing to take over the scheduling job, or be added to the deliverer's list, please let me know. You are so appreciated.

Monday and Tuesday, June 15, 16 Hoehns
Wednesday and Thursday, June 17, 18 Hensels
Friday, June 19 and Monday, June 22 Klemps
Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23, 24 Dieckhoffs
Thursday and Friday, June 25, 26 Liens

Happy Summer! God Bless you.
Communicator Carolyn



Join us at the 2026 Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa!

July 16-19, 2026

The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is "I Am Worthy," based on Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." This statement serves as a reminder of God's promise to be with us, even in times of devastation and division. By repeating the phrase "I am worthy," we can recognize the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in our lives. This practice of self-affirmation opens up opportunities for healing and restoration within ourselves, our church, society, and the world. When we declare, "I am worthy," we align ourselves with God's promises. There is great power in our resolve.





EKLC Homebound Members

Melissa Anderson 279 Hwy A, Cambridge, WI 53523

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

Mickey Farrar ~ Home Again 308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

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

Wilma Furseth 305 Heritage Center, 400N Morris St. Stoughton, WI 53589

Betsy Calhoun 10702 W Hwy 14 Evansville, WI 53536

Joan Volenberg 2315 Hwy W Cambridge, WI 53523

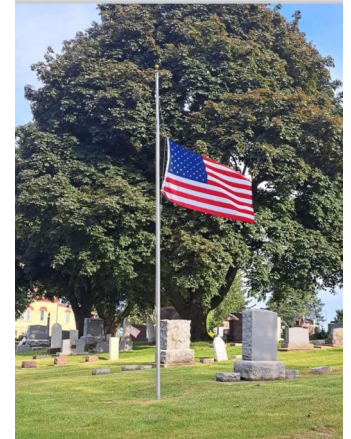
Edward & Linda Melton 400 N Morris St, Stoughton, WI 53589

Joan Kaare ~ Home Again 308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

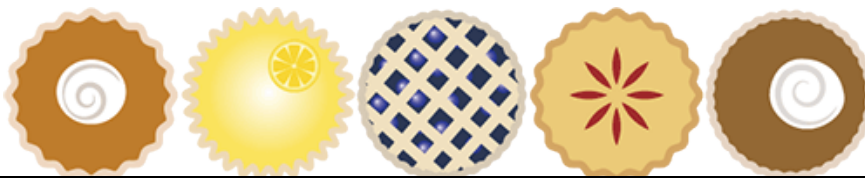


June 21st

Edgerton VFW Cemetery Honor Guard visiting our Cemetery on Memorial Day.



Pastor Eric giving opening prayer and invocation at Memorial Day Celebration



Pie Auction

Thank you to all members that so graciously donated pies and other baked goodies to be auctioned off at our Pie auction this past April. We had a great turn out of bidders - and everyone enjoyed the fabulous job that Tyce Bettenhausen did serving as our auctioneer - Thank You Tyce! So many yummy treats were auctioned off to benefit our youth, going toward Lutherdale camp scholarships.

By the end of the auction, you all raised over \$2,000 for our youth!

WOW! Thank you all for your kindness, generosity, and support!

Thank you - Elyse
 thanks - Jess
 -Caitlin T
 -Sammy
 Thank You - Jayley Wagner
 Thank you
 - Paige
 Thanks - Josie
 - Lena
 Thank you
 - Mia
 Pastor Eric
 Thank you so much to everyone that donated pies + goodies for our pie auction. Also - Thank you for the generous bidders that bought all the goodies! We appreciate your support to help us go to camp!



The Education Committee will meet
 Thursday June, 11 at 6 PM.

The Worship Committee won't meet in June
 or July.

Pastor Eric will be away at Lutherdale's Confirmation camp with our Confirmation class on
 June 15 and 16.

We will have worship in the Upper Sanctuary on
 the first Sunday of each month throughout the summer; June 7, July 5, August 2, and September 6.

We are updating our 2026 Member Directory. Please let us know if you have moved or if you have a different phone number. Even if you have dropped your land line.

Thank you so very much for helping us keep our information updated and correct.



Bunad Request

Do you have a Norwegian Bunad you would share for a short time? Bonnie will be conducting several tours of our churches this summer, so we are updating our History Display area in Friendship Hall. We plan to include some samples of the traditional outfits worn by Norwegians who came over and settled here. If you have something we could display and if you have a story of the region it represents, we would love to hear from you. You may leave a message at the office or contact one of us directly.

Thank you.

History Committee
 Bonnie Ehrke, Marilyn Gunderson,
 Linda Hanson, Judy Taylor



Worship Helpers for June 2026

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

If you are unable to serve on a date you are scheduled please make every effort to find a replacement. If you have any questions or concerns please communicate with the appropriate contact person.

Thank you!

Organist~ Judy Rusch

Assisting Ministers~ (Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

June 7 ~ Trudy Spike * **Upper Church***

June 14 ~ Holly Loomis

June 21 ~ Vicki Schuh

June 28 ~ Carolyn Lien

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

June 7 ~ Carolyn Lien * **Upper Church***

June 14 ~ Elizabeth Kaashagen

June 21 ~ Beverly Lien

June 28 ~ Don Amundson

Acolytes ~ (Contact: Pastor Eric)

June 7 ~ Paige Reinstad * **Upper Church***

June 14 ~ Jameson Wagner

June 21 ~ Josie Lund

June 28 ~ Paige Reinstad

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

June 7 ~ Hal & Vicki Schuh * **Upper Church***

June 14 ~ Carolyn Lien

June 21 ~ Tom & Trudy Spike

June 28 ~ Ken Rude

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

June 7 ~ Amundson Family * **Upper Church***

June 14 ~ Judy Lund & Holly Loomis

June 21 ~ Terland Family

June 28 ~ Tom & Trudy Spike

Offering Counters~

June 7 ~ Joy Graffin & Andy Christensen * **Upper Church***

June 14 ~ Jean Lehr, Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel

June 21 ~ Brenda Schroeder, Leila Carl & Diane Ash

June 28 ~ Joy Graffin & Andy Christensen

Coffee Hour~ (Contact: Sign-up in Kitchen)

June 7 ~ * **Upper Church***

June 14 ~ Cemetery

June 21 ~ Light Circle

June 28 ~ Olson Family, in honor of Ruth Bovre's 90th Birthday

Church Council

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Kurt Klemp

VICE-PRESIDENT: Denise Rockney

SECRETARY: Amy Hensel

TREASURER: Anders Amundson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Kreg Gruben,
Diane Ash, Cal Reuterskiold

If you need to speak to a council member please call the church office to leave a message and they will return your call. 608-423-3017





June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Father's Day on June 21st	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <u>Upper Church</u> 9:00 Worship Service	8	9	10 5:30p.m. Worship Service	11 Pin & Sew 8:00a.m. Education Meeting 6:00pm	12	13
14 9:00 Worship Service 9:40 Coffee & Fellowship	15 Lutherdale Confirmation Camp 15-19th Meals on Wheels Hoehns	16 Lutherdale Confirmation Camp Meals on Wheels Hoehns	17 <u>Pulpit Swap</u> <u>Pastor Carina Schiltz</u> 5:30p.m. Worship Service Meals on Wheels Hensels	18 Meals on Wheels Hensels	19 Information due for Newsletter Meals on Wheels Klems	20
21 <u>Pulpit Swap</u> <u>Pastor Carina Schiltz</u> 9:00 Worship Service 9:40 Coffee & Fellowship	22 Meals on Wheels Klems	23 Council Meeting @ 6:00pm Meals on Wheels Dieckhoffs	24 5:30p.m. Worship Service Meals on Wheels Dieckhoffs	25 Meals on Wheels Liens	26 Meals on Wheels Liens	27
28 9:00 Worship Service 9:40 Coffee & Fellowship	29	30	<u>July 1</u> 5:30p.m. Worship Service	<u>July 2</u>	<u>July 3</u>	<u>July 4</u> 
<u>July 5</u> <u>Upper Church</u> 9:00 Worship Service						

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WORSHIP WITH US

AT 9:00AM

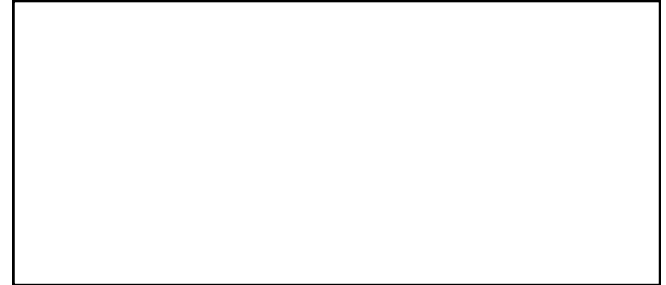
SUNDAY MORNINGS

- ⇒ IN-PERSON
- ⇒ YOUTUBE
- ⇒ FACEBOOK

In person at 5:30pm Wednesdays

TO WATCH WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE or FACEBOOK:

YOUTUBE: Go to East Koshkonong Lutheran Church" or the email eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com.



OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Wednesday
608-423-3017

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Remember to like the videos and subscribe to the channel! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChUv6MDQV54yCWz6oIGWezw>

FACEBOOK PAGE – Please "Like" us on East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Facebook!

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

GIVE PLUS
A VANCO COMPANY

You may make a secure offering/donation to EKLC by following the directions below. All donations are secured through Vanco. Thank you for your generous offering in this way! **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.