

Sunday and Beyond

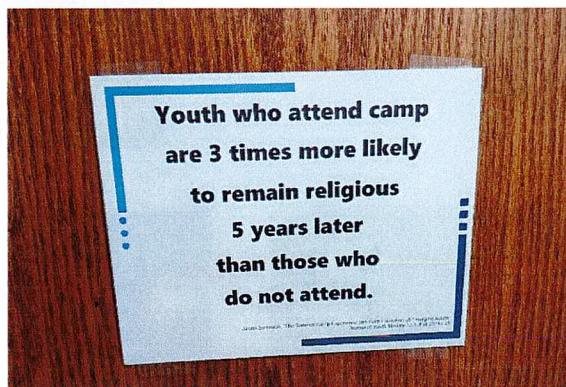


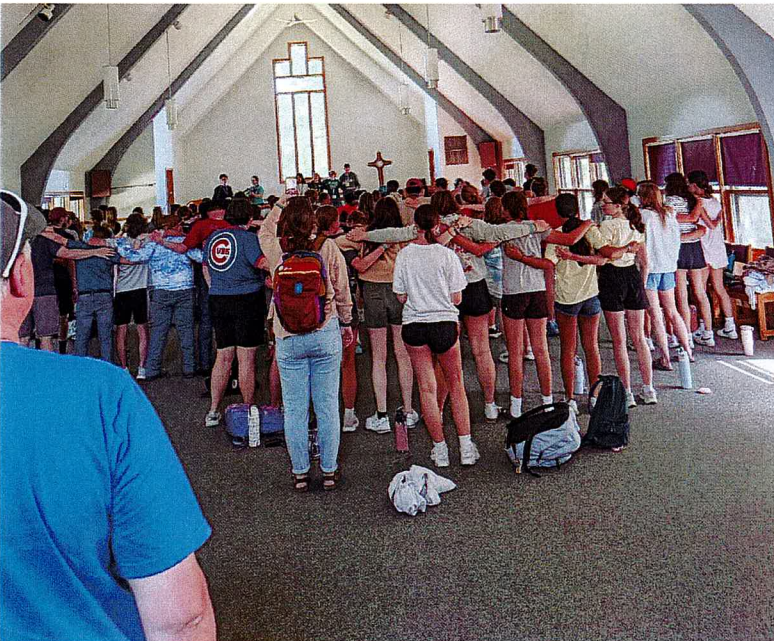
Friends in Christ,

Over the past couple of years, we've brought our Confirmation Classes to Lutherdale's Confirmation Camp. This is a week-long Lutheran Camp Ministry program run by Lutherdale which brings together over 60 kids from different congregations and even from different states! The theme for this year's was "Above All Else, Put on Love", based on Colossians 3:12-14 which was the central scripture for the week. With that the campers explored what it means to put on love and other Godly traits in the worship services, activities, games, Bible studies, and fellowship time that they were a part of at camp. There is a sign in Lutherdale's main office which shares that studies suggest that kids who attend church camp are three times more likely to stay involved in church as adults than those who don't. This important trip to Lutherdale was made possible thanks to a generous camp scholarship program from the congregation, and I hope these pictures I've attached below convey our group's gratitude for supporting this wonderful ministry! See if you can spot our kids in some of the pictures.

Shalom to you in Christ,

Pastor Eric.





EKLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 26, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Kurt Klemp at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Kurt Klemp, Kreg Gruben, Denise Rockney, Anders Amundson, Diane Ash, Amy Hensel, Pastor Eric Hanson, Financial Secretary Judy Lund. Cal Reuterskiold unable to attend.

Devotion: Pastor Eric read the prayer of the day from Pentecost.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL MINUTES:

Financials: Benevolence checks were written out in April; no memorial offerings for the month of April. There was \$1232.16 in the Ukraine Relief Fund. Amy made a motion to disperse the funds to Natasha Amundson to give to her family in Ukraine to use as needed, seconded by Denise, and carried. Judy informed us that a donation in the amount of \$8000 was made for future landscaping needs for the lower church – thank you for the generous donation!! Kreg made a motion to approve financial reports, seconded by Diane, and carried.

April Council Minutes: Approved.

Pastor's Report: Youth-led service on May 3 went great and the community meal on May 7 was a success. Pastor Eric attended Synod Assembly May 15-16 and gave the opening invocation and closing benediction for the Memorial Day ceremony in Cambridge. The confirmation class will be attending Lutherdale's confirmation camp June 15-19 and Rally Sunday is planned for September 13.

Worship Committee Report: Cake reception for the 2026 graduates set for May 31; upper church services will be the first Sunday of June, July, August and September; Rally Day will be the second Sunday of September; pulpit swap with Pastor Carina will be June 17 and June 21; October 4 will be the Rite of Confirmation and will have a red theme. Motion to approve April minutes, Pastor's report, and Worship Committee report made by Diane, seconded by Kreg, and carried.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Landscaping: After the overgrown shrubs and weeds were removed around the church, we are hoping to replace with low-maintenance plants – any landscaping ideas are welcome and we will continue brainstorming! We will get some black dirt to fill in the low areas to help level it out and continue to maintain weeding in the meantime.

Handrails & Lighting: Hopefully now that warmer weather is here to stay, we will be able to finish getting handrails up. While lighting the walkways isn't a pressing issue during the summer months, we would like to make sure there is adequate lighting about the church before the cold, dark winter rolls around again.

Church Sign: The EKLC sign has been primed, we are in the process of getting it painted and put back up in front of the church to welcome our members and guests.

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!

Parsonage Lease/Paperwork: The parsonage lease has been updated and new copies have been signed by the tenants.

Thank You's: We've received thank you notes from Wycliffe Bible Translators, Skaalen Home, Stoughton Area Resource Team, and Lutherdale, each expressing appreciation for our generous benevolence contributions.

Audit Committee: We have one volunteer but need one additional volunteer from the congregation to serve as an auditor 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.

First Lutheran Church in Janesville: First Lutheran in Janesville had significant flooding damage following the April storms. As way to help support them, we would like to collect donations to aid in their repairs. Diane made a motion to donate the July noisy offering contributions to First Lutheran, seconded by Denise, and carried.

Insurance updates: The insurance premiums increased 6% this year, which includes all church properties.

Parsonage: 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.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 23 @ 6:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. made by Kreg, seconded by Denise, and carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Ukraine Update from Natasha Amundson



June 2026

Hello all,

It has been a while since I sent an update. I will try to include everything that has happened since the last letter.

I will start with my family. I don't know if I mentioned earlier but my mom had problems with her knees and hips, however, she was afraid to do surgery to replace her hip. You've probably seen her in the pictures with a cane. We tried to convince her for years, but she was very scared that she would get bad results after the surgery and she would not be able to walk again. Well, we finally convinced her to have a consultation, after which she surprisingly scheduled her surgery. It was kind of fast, but I was glad she changed her mind. Anyway, she had her surgery in March, and it went well. She did her physical therapy and feels a lot better. She is still not fully recovered but she is doing well.

Of course, my mom was out for the garden planting season, so my sister helped my dad to plant the garden, and then do hoeing, etc. My mom was only giving instructions about where and what to plant. Easy job for her and apparently, she was very good at it and enjoyed it (according to my sister). Anyway, the garden is done and thank God the vegetables are growing.

Since my mom was home recovering, she couldn't do much with helping others, so my sister helped a lot with that. For Easter she got nice food packages for some people who are in need and my dad delivered them. The people were very happy with such generous help. Also, the refugees that are living in our village were struggling financially, since the wife got sick, and the husband could not get to work due to transportation issues. They did not tell anyone that they needed help, and they were selling everything they could. So, my mom found out about their situation and gave them enough money that should help for a few months. They were very thankful. The lady said that the night before she was praying before going to bed to God to give her a sign on what to do next, and the next morning my dad visited them. They said it was true miracle. They send a huge "thank you" to all of you as they know who the donations are coming from. They could celebrate Easter worry free. Thank you again.

My sister also sent some food packages to the war zone before Easter and also purchased and donated some food items that were requested by other volunteers that are driving to the east. She does that on a regular basis, because she established contact with some volunteers during all these years who directly go to the front lines to deliver food where it's hard to get. It was mostly dry food, tea, coffee, granola bars, ramen, sugar etc. Of course, everyone greatly appreciates all the help. Everyone hopes

that this war will end soon, but unfortunately it hasn't, and continues to take too many lives. It's just scary to even think how many people have died and are dying every day.

My parents found out that there is a boy in our village who has a rare disease, which affects his walking. He is 9 and has already had several surgeries. Honestly, I can't remember the name of that disease but know that he can't really walk normally. Anyway, a gofund me type of a fundraiser was organized for him, so I asked my mom to donate some money to that. It's hard to see anyone suffering, especially kids. I wish I could heal all kids in the world but unfortunately, I can't. The boy's family was very grateful for your kindness.

My brother-in-law was moved to a different division, and his division is very close to the fight zone.

My cousin was also drafted, and he is in a really bad location. Very often they run out of food and water and it's hard to get supplies to them as they hold the position on the defense. Only drones can drop them some food if they are not destroyed during the process. It is just not a good situation. Please keep them both in your prayers if you can.

Now, I will give updates on other plans.

As I mentioned that my mom was not very mobile before Easter and couldn't help much, she had some time thinking and planning on what else can be done for the community during these hard times. So, we decided to help again by giving kids backpacks full of school supplies before the school starts. Since we received such generous donations, we want to buy backpacks for the entire elementary school. I should mention that the school is not very big, and the elementary school probably doesn't have more than 20 kids, so it can be very manageable. I know for sure the parents will greatly appreciate that kind gesture as it will be easy on their pockets especially with the rising prices. Just for the comparison, the gas in Ukraine is around \$8 per gallon and the minimum pension is \$100 per month. Prices on meat are about the same as in the U.S. That's why the garden helps a lot, especially in the village. However, somehow people manage to live and even have small savings.

As you know, my mom coordinates a lot of stuff. When we talk, she always gives me updates about what is needed. We discuss what should be donated and what else can be done, and she makes that happen. She keeps the book of all donations that she receives and what she spends, so she knows how much there's left. All these good things are happening because of people like you. Everyone in my village knows that this community has been helping since day one, and everyone truly appreciates it. I am so thankful to all of you for your support and help.

Thank you again and God bless!

Natasha

P.S. Unfortunately, I don't have pictures of everything that was done, since my mom was a slacking photographer, and my dad is not the best photographer. My dad sent me a few pictures, but the quality wasn't good, so I didn't include them. Next time I hope we will do better.

Things you may have missed.



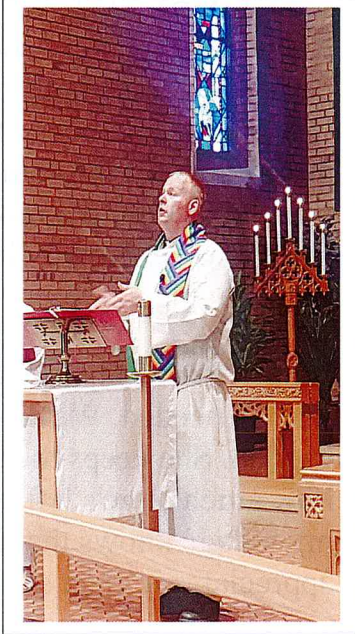
New Decorations for the Upper Church



2026 High School Graduates receiving blessing from Pastor Eric on May 31st



Thank you to Diane and Joe Ash for refurbishing the sign in the front of the church.



Pulpit Switch
Pastor Carina Schlitz (Pastor Eric's Spouse) from First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Watertown and Pastor Eric switched Pulpits on Sunday, June 21, 2026

The Month of July all Noisy Offerings for Sunday School Mission Project will go for First Lutheran Church of Janesville



Our
Homebound
Members

EKLC Homebound Members

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St., Cambridge, WI 53523

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

Betsy Calhoun 10702 W Hwy 14
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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



News from the church basement:

Summer is flying by, so let's enjoy the sun and the rain when we can get it. Each day is a gift, let's be thankful for it. Thank you to Light Circle, who did the servant duties in June, and to Peace Circle for July. We will meet for Pin and Sew on Thursday, July 2nd, but there is no business meeting. Some of us may be working and enjoying the Stoughton Fair!

We are starting to collect and pack things for the kits for Lutheran World Relief, and, thanks to a very generous family, have 43 personal care kits packed and ready to go. The quilts are stacking up, and we are thinking about getting school kits packed. There are some places in this world where the children cannot attend school unless they provide their own supplies, and that is where we come in. There are lists of needs for those in our yearly schedule booklet, and in the narthex of each building. There will soon be a bin for collecting donations in the Lower building. Facebook page lists things needed most, and please always be on the alert for spiral notebooks. We found them for 35 cents last year, and they need to be as cheap as possible, as each kit needs 4 of them. Thanks for any help you can give, as well as money for backpacks and shipping.

Thank you to those who have been providing treats for us following services in the Upper Church this summer. It's extra work to do this outside. Thanks to those who do coffee fellowship regularly at the Lower Church, as well. Please get involved if you can. It does take a village to keep us going and working happily together.

Thank you to our loyal Meals on Wheels delivery folks. Your help is so important to us and to the community. Our next schedule will be weekdays, September 7 through 18. I'm still looking for more delivery help, as well as a new scheduler. Please give this some thought, as a way to be of service to your church family and the community.

Enjoy your summer. And don't forget to stop in to visit our shut-ins or send them a card when you can!

God Bless you.

Communicator Carolyn

Other Church Information

As you can see the newsletter is in a little different format. The program that we have used for 25+ years has decided to no longer be available to us, or anyone else. The information is still the same, just put together a little bit different.



Keeping the family of Scott Taylor in our
thoughts and prayers.

Worship Helpers for July

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

Assistant Minister -Contact Person - Joy Graffin

July 5 Trudy Spike *Upper Church*

July 12 Holly Loomis

July 19 Vicki Schuh

July 26 Carolyn Lien

Lay Reader Contact Person - Holly Loomis

July 5 Kristen Lien * Upper Church*

July 12 Peggy Luther

July 19 Vicki Schuh

July 26 Trudy Spike

Acolytes Contact Person – Pastor Eric

July 5 Paige Reinstad * Upper Church*

July 12 Jayley Wagner

July 19 Sammy Sable

July 26 Hank Wierzba

Greeters Contact Person – Judy Rusch

July 5 Marilyn Gunderson *Upper Church*

July 12 Janalee Wagner

July 19 Ken & Marge Stach

July 26 Don & Eileen Hoehn

Ushers Contact Person - Vicki Schuh

July 5 Diane & Kory Luginbuhl *Upper Church*

July 12 Jane Furseth & Carolyn Lien

July 19 Hal Schuh

July 26 Hal & Vicki Schuh

Offering Counters Contact Person – Joy Graffin

July 5 Joy Graffin, Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel

July 12 Brenda Schroeder, Leila Carl & Diane Ash

July 19 Jean Lehr & Andy Christensen

July 26 Jean Lehr, Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel

Coffee Hour – Sign-up in Kitchen

July 5 *Upper Church*

July 12

July 19

July 26

(At the time of printing this newsletter, there isn't anyone signed up for Coffee hour)

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.

Next Council Meeting

Monday

July 20, 2026 @ 6:00p.m

Treasurer's Report

May 2026 Income \$29,822.95

May 2026 Expense \$27,739.90

May 2025 Income \$95,770.32

May 2025 Expense \$23,791.63

YTD 2026 Income \$141,043.28

YTD 2026 Expense \$158,502.35

YTD 2025 Income \$219,465.70

YTD 2025 Expense \$193,945.4



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 5:30 Worship Service	2 Pin & Sew 8:00 a.m.	3	4 
5 Upper Church 9:00am Worship	6	7	8 5:30 Worship Service	9	10	11
12 9:00am Worship Service 9:40 Fellowship	13	14	15 Sons of Norway Tour @ 10:00am 5:30 Worship Service	16	17 Newsletter Information Due	18
19 9:00am Worship Service 9:40 Fellowship	20 Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.	21	22 5:30 Worship Service	23	24	25
26 9:00am Worship Service 9:40 Fellowship	27	28	29 5:30 Worship Service	30	31	

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.

Remember to like the videos and subscribe to
the channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChUv6MDQV54yCWz60IGWezw>

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

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Remember to like the videos and subscribe to the channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChUv6MDQV54yCWz60IGWezw>

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
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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.

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 eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com

OFFERINGS ARE ALSO ALWAYS APPRECIATED BY MAILING TO: EAST KOSHKONONG LUTHERAN CHURCH,
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