



Sunday and Beyond

September 2026
East Koshkonong
Lutheran Church

September

Friends in Christ,

Rally Sunday is just around the corner on September 13. That morning we'll have outdoor worship, weather permitting, and it's also the unofficial start for our Sunday School and Confirmation Programmatic years with our fun on the prairie activities to follow worship. Additionally, Rally Sunday reminds us how our faith calls us to rally around God with the same level of enthusiasm as people have who rally around their favorite sports teams. So perhaps it's fitting that the Packers, Bears, Vikings, and Lions, hopefully that covers all the rooting interests in the congregation 😊, each kickoff their 2026 seasons on September 13 as well. As a lifelong Packers fan, I've supported them through both their good times as well as through their down times. While I don't know what the season ahead holds, I do know that I'll continue to support and root for them through it all, just as I'm sure that you'll do the same for your favorite teams. Similarly, God is with us through both the good times as well as through the tough times, with even greater dedication than what any of us show toward our favorite teams. Although none of us know exactly what lies ahead of us, just as we don't know how the seasons for our teams will turn out, we can, however, always be confident that God is with us through it all. Through our faithful worship together as a faith community, through the work and service that we do together as a congregation, and through the many ways God inspires us to be a faithful church, God is always near. So friends, regardless of what team you may root for, let us all come together in these divisive times and rally around our mission to share and live out the gospel in faithful community for the sake of the world.

Shalom to you in Christ,

Pastor Eric.

EKLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JULY 20, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Kurt Klemp at 6:04 p.m.

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

Devotion: Pastor Eric reminded us about the prayer of the day shared in worship, that we will be nurtured and rooted in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

Financials: No memorial offerings for the month of June; nothing out of the ordinary for financials this month. Denise made a motion to approve financial reports, seconded by Diane, and carried. June Council Minutes: Approved.

Pastor's Report: Upper church worship services will continue the first Sunday of each month during the summer (Aug 2, Sept 6); Sept 13 will be an outdoor service for Rally Sunday; confirmation Sunday is planned for Oct 4; pulpit swap planned for Sept 6 and no worship Wed, Sept 2. Motion to approve June minutes and Pastor's report made by Kreg, seconded by Denise, and carried.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

1. Landscaping: With the recent donation to help with landscaping, we are brainstorming ideas for low maintenance plants/shrubs to fill in where the previous were removed.
2. Handrails: A local welder has graciously offered to help us with replacing the railing along the east side of the church.
3. Lighting: We would like to work on getting adequate lighting around the outside of the church for various evening programs and events. Denise made a motion to use Ready Electric to verify electrical status for possible future motion lights at the lower church. Diane seconded and motion carried.
4. Parsonage: The insurance premiums increased 6% this year, which covers all church properties, including the 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, especially as insurance and taxes continue to increase. Diane made a motion to hold a special congregational meeting for these discussions. Seconded by Denise and motion carried.
5. Aagot Borge Request: The Aagot Borge Committee has made us aware of painting and repair work needed at both churches, especially on the bell towers. Due to the height of these repairs, a higher lift than what has been used in the past would be required. Aagot Borge Committee has requested permission to get bids for lift rentals and repair work. Denise made a motion to allow the committee to start bids for the lift and repair work and requests that the committee reports back to council for final approval of bids. Diane seconded and motion carried.
6. AED Pads: Tom and Trudy Spike donated AED pads for the upper church AED. This will be enough to last through the life of that AED machine. A HUGE thank you to the Spikes!
7. Tractor Parade: Utica held their annual Tractor Parade in July and 169 tractors participated this year with over \$40,000 being raised for the benefit. The church parking lot was used as a rest area and all guests were very respectful.
8. Maintenance Checklist: The maintenance checklist was discussed and will be posted for review and completion to help keep our properties in the best condition possible.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. made by Diane, seconded by Kreg, and carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Meals on Wheels

"The times, they are a changing", so Sheryl H will be doing the scheduling for this now. If there are any who would like to volunteer for this work, please contact her.

Here is the schedule for September deliveries. Thank you all for your willingness to help the community in this way.

Monday-Tuesday, Sept 7- 8 Hoehns
Wednesday-Thursday, Sept 9-10 Hensels
Friday, Sept 11 Liens

Monday - Sept 14 Liens
Tuesday - Wednesday, Sept 15 -16 Klemps
Thursday - Friday, Sept 17-18 Dieckhoffs
Carolyn Lien

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST:

Hearty Soups, Manwich/Sloppy Joe, Cereal, Coffee, Crackers, Cookies, Hamburger Helper, Salad Dressing, Ketchup/Mustard, Cleaning Supplies (dish soap, laundry soap), Personal Care Items (Feminine products, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant).
Donation bin is located outside of the lower-level middle school/food pantry entrance and monetary donations are gladly accepted via the Food Pantry website

Donation bin also located at ELKC in Narthex
<https://cambridgecap.net/programs/nutrition/food-pantry/> or by mail to P.O. Box 54, Cambridge WI

Standard hours of operation (staffed times)
(608) 423-8142

- **Monday:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- **Tuesday:** Closed
- **Wednesday:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
(shopping hours) & 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
(appointment-based service)
- **Thursday:** 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Friday–Sunday:** Closed



September 13, 2026

We're preparing for our rally Sunday, on September 13; weather permitting, we'll have outdoor worship that morning. You can bring your own chairs, but we'll also have some chairs available to use as well. Our fun on the prairie event will take place after worship with fun activities and food for people of all ages.

Women of the ELCA

2026 Triennial Gathering Impact Facts:

Participants Registered: 1078

Exhibitors and Vendors: 50

Sponsors: 13

In-Kind Gift in the form of Gift Cards: Over \$16,000 to Iowa Food Bank, DMARC Food Bank, and Dorothy House

Triennial Gathering Offering: over \$42,000

You can still give to the Offering

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/triennial-gathering-offering> until September 1st.

At that time we will distribute the 25% to Lutheran World Relief, 25% to DMARC Food Bank, 50% to Women of the ELCA Where Needed Most.

Silent Auction Proceeds: Women of the ELCA Where Needed Most: over \$7,000

Vintage Store Proceeds: Women of the ELCA Where Needed Most: over \$7,000

Money for Raising up Healthy Women and Girls: Over \$8,000



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Cambridge, WI 53523

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News from the church basement:

Oh, my it's September already, and back to school for the kids and staff. We have packed school kits for Lutheran World Relief (official counts available after packing and shipping) and collected and delivered supplies for Cambridge Schools. Thank you to all who contributed to that effort, whether in kind, or monetary gifts. We even had a coffee offering given to the cause, and it will go to help pay shipping costs. None of this mission work could happen without all of you, your gifts and prayers. Shipping is on September 12, and we will gather to pack after worship on September 6th.

We have had a chance to admire some of the quilts which are ready to be packed and shipped, as they have been displayed on the pews at the Upper Church as we worshipped on the first Sundays this summer.

Our next Pin and Sew meeting will happen on Thursday, September 3, beginning around 8 AM, and ending by noon.

Light Circle is in charge of the servant duties this month, so thanks to them, and to Joy Circle for last month.

Happy Fall, Everyone.

God Bless you.

Communicator Carolyn





***Congratulations to Lennox Olson
on her first Communion!!***

LET US NOT
BECOME WEARY
in doing good.
FOR AT THE
PROPER TIME
WE WILL REAP
A HARVEST IF
WE DO NOT GIVE UP.



Confirmation Resumes

September 16 at 6:30

**This is for the Parents and Kids of
7th & 8th grade students**



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Hello-

I hope you all have had a nice summer. It's hard to believe we are planning for school to start soon.

The Cambridge Food Pantry in partnership with the Cambridge School District will once again be distributing Blue Jay Backpacks in the 2026-27 school year, beginning in October. The goal of this program is to provide students in grades K-5 with healthy snacks and easily prepared meals for weekends and holidays when school is not in session. We had 30 families participating in this program last year and anticipate close to the same number this year.

I am reaching out to you in hopes that we can count on our area churches and organizations to once again support this program by selecting a month or 2, to donate food items, and organize volunteers to assemble the backpacks for the students and bring them to the food pantry for distribution.

Some ideas to be included in the backpacks:

- Individual Fruit Cups
- Ramen Noodles
- Microwavable soups
- Microwavable pasta meals i.e. Ravioli/SpaghettiOs
- Individual Grits or Oatmeal Packets
- Granola Bars
- Small Boxes of Cereal (individual servings)
- Mac-n-Cheese (microwavable, individual servings)
- Individually wrapped snacks (peanut butter crackers, cheez-its, pudding cups, cookies, etc.)

Ideally each backpack should include **6 meal items, 6 breakfast items, and 6 snack items.**

I am attaching a link for the sign up form for your convenience. If you are interested in helping this program, please add your name to the sign up sheet.

Stay tuned for sign ups for our Thanksgiving baskets which will go out early next month.

Thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards,

Kerry

Please Sign Up

Here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jVLBcyOayaJ1Eh2dJM1Gh_4x3YqeBoB9akHCVciiJVs/edit?usp=sharing



The Council of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church has called a special congregational meeting for the purpose of evaluating the parsonage. The meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 20, 2026**, immediately following worship.

At this meeting, members of the Council will share detailed information regarding the status, maintenance needs, and ongoing costs of the parsonage.





Sons of Norway

42 members of the Son's of Norway stopped by for a tour of both upper and lower church on August 3rd. While here they also toured the cemetery to see all the unique headstones and hear about the history of the original log church that was built in 1845. After the tour they were invited down to the fellowship hall where they were impressed by the beautiful display and history of the Bunads. They were then served a luncheon, along with a bit more history of the two churches. Lunch wouldn't be complete without the variety of desserts. It was a wonderful event and a lot of work went into putting this together.



Worship Helpers for September

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

September 6 – Trudy Spike *upper church*

September 13 – Kyle Durkee

September 20 -Holly Loomis

September 27 – Carolyn Lien

Lay Reader Contact Person - Holly Loomis

September 6 – Carolyn Lien *upper church*

September 13 – Barb Klemp

September 20 – Elizabeth Kaashagen

September 27 – Beverly Lien

Acolytes Contact Person – Pastor Eric

September 6 – Jameson Wagner *upper church*

September 13 – No acolyte needed

September 20 -Mia Frodel

September 27 -TBD

Greeters Contact Person – Judy Rusch

September 6 – Karen Hayes *upper church*

September 13 – Tom & Trudy Spike

September 20 – Hal & Vicki Schuh

September 27 – Ken Rude

Ushers Contact Person - Vicki Schuh

**September 6 – Peggy Luther & Brenda Schroeder
upper church**

September 13 – Bjorn & Elizabeth Kaashagen

September 20 -Frodel Family

September 27 – Tom & Trudy Spike

Offering Counters Contact Person – Joy Graffin

September 6 – Jean Lehr, Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel

September 13 – Brenda Schroeder, Leila Carl & Diane Ash

September 20 -Joy Graffin & Andy Christensen

September 27 -Jean Lehr, Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel

Coffee Hour – Sign-up in Kitchen

September 6- Upper Church

September 13- Open

September 20- Open

September 27 Light Circle

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

Tuesday September 15th

6:00p.m

Treasurer's Report

July 2026 Income \$26,412.61

July 2026 Expense \$23,543.67

July 2025 Income \$22,821.55

July 2025 Expense \$55,987.48

YTD 2026 Income \$189,646.47

YTD 2026 Expense \$214,134.63

YTD 2025 Income \$269,460.83

YTD 2025 Expense \$282,983.35

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 1 st day Cambridge School 	2 No Worship Services	3 Pin & Sew 8:00 a.m.	4	5
6 Upper Church Pastor Berggen 9:00am Worship Service Pack LWR Kits after service	7 <i>Office Closed- Holiday</i> Meals on Wheels Hoehn	8 Meals on Wheels Hoehn	9 Meals on Wheels Hensel 5:30 Worship Service	10 Meals on Wheels Hensel	11	12
13 Rally Sunday 9:00 Outdoor Worship Service 9:40 Fellowship Worship Committee Meeting Outdoors	14 Meals on Wheels Lien	15 Meals on Wheels Klempe Council Meeting 6:00p.m.	16 Meals on Wheels Klempe 5:30 Worship Service 6:30 7 th & 8 th grade Confirmation Kids & Parents	17 Meals on Wheels Dieckoff 4:30 WELCA Board Meeting	18 Meals on Wheels Dieckoff	19 <i>Wedding</i>
20 9:00am Worship Service Congregational Meeting after service Fellowship to follow	21 Newsletter Information Due	22	23 5:30 Worship Service 6:30 Confirmation	24	25	26
27 9:00am Worship Service 9:40 Fellowship	28	29	30 5:30 Worship Service 6:30 Confirmation			



Christmas Eve Worship Services
10:00a.m. Upper Church 4:00p.m. Lower Church



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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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

You may make a secure offering/donation to EKLCC 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,
454 EAST CHURCH ROAD, CAMBRIDGE, WI 53523**