

SUNDAY AND BEYOND

E a s t K o s h k o n o n g L u t h e r a n C h u r c h



EKLC sends Godspeed to Intern Pastor Miranda Hinrichs as her Internship at East Koshkonong Lutheran comes to a close.



Ordination Service For Lindsay Stolen

Lindsay Stolen, a daughter of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church, has been called to serve as pastor at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church in rural Austin, MN. EKLC hosted a service of Holy Communion as Lindsay was ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Presiding Minister: Bishop Harold Usgaard, Southeastern Minnesota; Preaching Minister: Pastor Kendall Stelter, Grace Lutheran Church, Dawson, MN; Assistant Minister: Pastor Cassie Sauter, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sparta, WI; Organist: Heidi Woodstock; Reception prepared by the women of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church.

"We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."

1st Thessalonians 2:8



Pastor's Message Interim Pastor Jim Schwarz



Pastor Jim Schwarz

This past Sunday marked significant moments in the lives of two seminary students associated with this congregation.

At an afternoon service, **Lindsay Stolen**, a member of East, was ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA by Bishop Harold Usgaard of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. Lindsay has accepted the call to serve Red Oak Lutheran Church in rural Austin, MN. Her internship supervising pastor from Grace Lutheran in Dawson, MN, preached the sermon, and a number of other friends participated in the service. The entire staff of Grace Lutheran traveled here for the occasion. Members of Red Oak were also in attendance. Heidi Woodstock was the organist, and the women of EKLC prepared the reception and presented Lindsay with a quilt and prayer shawl. Members of East who attended were part of a joyful service celebrated only a few times in the life of most congregations. Our prayers go with Lindsay as she begins parish ministry.

Included in the service folder were these words of thanks from Lindsay.

Thank you to all those involved in the planning of this day and the service—to the staff at East, readers, special musicians, communion servers. Thank you!

It's difficult to craft into words how appreciative, loved, and supported I feel on this day and in my journey to ministry. My heart is filled to overflowing because of the relationships that begin, continue, and are strengthened along this road—because of you.

From the support that a rural parish showed to a high school student who played the flute with the senior choir to the staff of a large church in Stillwater who named the gifts seen for ministry in their children's ministry coordinator;

From a college experience of faith-based activities and friends to a family who supported me, even if they thought leaving my teaching license behind was a bit on the crazy side;

From an internship experience that equipped me to grow in confidence to mentors at every turn who have encouraged me to embrace the introvert, the gifts, and the growing edges inside of myself;

From a seminary education of collegiality with professors and peers to a God who created and loves me as I am;

Thanks be to God. Thank you for your prayers, your support, and your hugs. Thank you for coming alongside me and for every gesture of encouragement.

God's blessings,

Lindsay

The other significant moment—a "Farewell and Godspeed" for Miranda Hinrichs-- took place at Sunday morning worship and at a reception following. I add here my words of thanks to those that you have expressed to her in appreciation for her year of ministry as intern at EKLC. I also want to pass along some thoughts I shared with those in attendance.

Not only is Miranda's internship ending, the internship program at EKLC begun two years ago will not continue into next year. So it is important to include others as well in our thanksgiving at this point in the life of the congregation.

You surely remember all the planning, preparation, and effort that went into making internship a reality here. The pastor and congregational leaders received support necessary from members to make it happen. Housing needed to be found, compensation promised, pastoral supervision assured, an internship committee organized, office space arranged, and a hospitable attitude nurtured. Many members of EKLC have participated in the internship program in these and other ways. Thanks are due to all! Included elsewhere in this newsletter is a letter which accompanied a certificate of appreciation from Luther Seminary for the congregation's support of Miranda's internship. *(Continued on Page 7)*

Words of Thankfulness Intern Pastor Miranda Hinrichs

It is with joy and with sadness that I finish up internship here at EKLC. I am excited for what is ahead, but I will truly miss this place and community. The last week has been filled with goodbyes, which has made it hard. I have had many teary moments as I have read through your heartfelt words of love and sending and as I have reflected on our shared memories together this past year. Your loving words have deeply touched me. Thank you for your encouragement and support throughout this internship year, which has been the final and most formative part of my seminary education. On July 15th, I had my final approval interview for candidacy for ordained ministry within the ELCA. I was approved (Yay!), and now I await assignment to a synod within the ELCA at the end of September. I will then work with that Synod's Bishop and staff in the first call process. During this initial time of waiting, I will first travel to Hawaii to visit a college friend; and then I will be living in Saint Paul, MN, substitute teaching while living close to my sisters. I have packed boxes, but I do not yet know where I will unpack them. That is exciting, and yet unknowns can still be hard; one of our hymns from last Sunday rings in my ears, "Here I am, Lord... I will go, Lord, if you lead me."



Intern Pastor Miranda
Hinrichs

First Thessalonians has been one of my favorite books of the Bible relating to ministry.

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

I thank God for all of you, East Koshkonong church family. It has been a wonderful year. Thank you for being a grace-filled place in which to learn and grow. This community has helped form the type of pastor that I will be in the years ahead. Thank you for your feedback and support, helping to equip me for the call ahead. Thank you for being the wise brothers and sisters in Christ who have come alongside me. Thank you for welcoming me and sending me out with such loving words and generous gifts.

We have grieved and celebrated together, we have sung and played together, and we have studied and been challenged together. Thank you for sharing your lives with me. It has been precious to come alongside you on the journey of faith.

"We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."

1st Thessalonians 2:8

It has been an honor and a joy to not only share the gospel of God with you, but to engage in the delight of sharing my life with you as well this year, for you have become so dear to me.

Your friend and sister in Christ,

Miranda

Church Council



August Council
Meeting
August 16, 2011
6:30pm

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June Council Minutes are available in the Church Narthex. If you would like a copy mailed to you please call the church office (608-423-3017)

Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary ~ Elizabeth Kaashagen

Treasurer ~ Holly Loomis

Income, June 2011 ~ \$12,484.50

Expenses, June 2011 ~ \$12,262.58

Income, Year to date ~ \$87,488.91

Expenses, Year to date ~ \$108,330.26

Update from the Call Committee

1) The Synod has received the Ministry Site Profile as prepared by our EKLC Call Committee. The Call Committee met with Rev. Sara Yotter from the Synod office in early July to discuss next steps in the Call process.

2) The Synod will be going to work immediately to determine the first set of 3 to 5 candidates that they feel are the strongest and best matches. The selection process considers both pastor-to-ministry match, and ministry-to-pastor match. The interviewing process is EKLC Call Committee's interviewing and choosing a pastor, and equally as the pastor interviewing and choosing a ministry.

3) The Call Committee has its next meeting with Rev. Yotter in early August. It is expected that the first candidates and their information will be provided at that time. The Synod assures us there are many good candidates that will be excited about and interested in us.

4) If anyone knows of available pastors that might be interested in us, now is the time those names are to be provided to the Call Committee. We will forward these candidates to the Synod to have them go through the same review and consideration process as all others.

We ask for your prayers as we continue in the Call process. May God grant wisdom and discernment in the selection of a pastor at East Koshkonong Church.

Lastly, we welcome any questions from the congregation. Call Committee members are available to help with the answers.

Submitted by EKLC Call Committee

President's Message

We are in the hot humid days of summer and yet it is refreshing to have so many activities going on in our church family.

Sunday, July 24 was a full day with a sending service for Miranda at morning worship followed by a pot-luck luncheon. What a blessing we have enjoyed this past year with Intern Miranda. We are truly going to miss her quiet presence and tremendous leadership. She has given us so much more than we could have ever anticipated. She has touched every area in our congregation with her concern and love; from the Sunday School children, to the young people, to the families and the senior members. We thank you Miranda, for being with us and sharing the gospel of our Lord Jesus in so many settings. May God bless you and keep you always in His loving care.

At 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 24 we were welcomed to a service of Holy Communion as Lindsay Stolen was ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Lindsay, a daughter of East Koshkonong, has been called to serve as pastor at Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church in rural Austin, Minnesota.

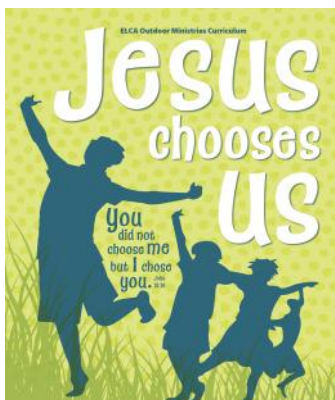
August 2nd a group of EKLC members will be attending the Christian Concert featuring the "Triumphant Quartet" at the Fireside Theatre.

August 8th our Sunday School teachers will be providing a Vacation Bible School experience for our young people at Lutherdale Bible Camp. They will have a day of worship, study, crafts, and great fellowship.

Enjoy your days of summer with family and friends. Thanks be to God for his many blessings.
Sincerely in Christ,
Bonnie

Lutherdale Day Camp!

August 8th



Who: Kindergarten-5th grade

When: 8am-5pm Mon., Aug. 8th

What: Games, Worship, Bible Study, Swimming & More!!

Where: Lutherdale Bible Camp (Bus will depart EKLC at 8am & return @ 6pm)

Cost: \$25 per Camper (\$65 family max), includes transportation & lunch

This day of camp gives you the opportunity to hear the good news of God's love, to grow in Christian community, and to get to know committed Christian role models in the life of faith, while participating in healthy activities. We hope that this would be a positive introduction to the camp experience and create a strong desire to spend a week at camp!

For more information, please contact:

Jaime Lewellin (608-206-4323 or jaimelwellin@yahoo.com) or

Ann Nottestad (608-575-4569 or sajen_14@yahoo.com)

Register TODAY!!

Family Focus Group featured in Synod Newsletter:

The Family Focus Group - Doing What Matters!

Written by: Vicki Hanrahan, Synod Communicator *As appeared in August 2011 Issue of the Synod Newsletter, "God's Work. Our Hands."*

Just last week, Lisa Sperle of The Family Focus Group committee dropped off a check for \$344.84 to be forwarded to ELCA World Hunger for a water filtration system for an area in the world that has bad drinking water. Lisa was excited to share their story and even brought in photos to help tell it . . . we share her story with you here as we think it's another great example of what Lutherans are doing together in Jesus' name that matters!

The Family Focus Group is comprised of several area churches in our synod, Grace Lutheran (Cambridge), West Koshkonong Lutheran (Stoughton), East Koshkonong Lutheran (Cambridge), and Rockdale Lutheran (Cambridge). The Family Focus Group was started by members of these congregations to bring families of faith together for fun, learning, community building and pooling of resources. Providing an outlet of learning and fun in a healthy and safe Christian environment is their main goal. All religious backgrounds are invited and welcome to attend their events and Lisa reported that they do!

The event that raised the money for the well was a Supper Club Gathering held in June at the Sperle home where invitees were asked to bring a chair, a dish to share, and dry clothes for the kids! In keeping with the water theme and raising money for the water filtration system, water games were played followed by a movie shown at dusk and a bonfire. Sounds pretty creative and fun, right?



Included in the evening was generosity, as an offering was collected for the water project. Coming up are three more events including a camping weekend at Yellowstone Lake State Park in Blanchardville. September's event is a Family Fall Harvest Fun Day at Schuster's Playtime Farm and a Halloween Party is planned for October where everyone will be invited to help resupply the food pantry by bringing food pantry items. For more information, feel free to chat with Lisa Sperle at 608-512-8543 or lsperlernc@gmail.com.

The check has been forwarded to the ELCA to accomplish great work, caring for and serving the poor and the hungry. This is a wonderfully rich story of ministry and mission--bearing witness to God's creative work done through our hands.

Family Focus

Family Camping Weekend!!

Join other families from the Cambridge Lutheran churches for a weekend of family camping at Yellowstone Lake State Park in Blanchardville, WI **August 12th-14th**. The park is 1.5 hours southwest from Cambridge and offers a multitude of activities. Three tent-only, group sites have been reserved to accommodate a total of 75 people.

Space is limited.

Signup your family today!

For more information or to reserve your spot call Lisa Sperle @ 608-512-8543.



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I encourage you to give thanks also for the ELCA and its predecessor churches for requiring a year of internship for seminarians as an essential part of preparation for ministry in our congregations. All congregations—even those who do not sponsor interns—benefit from this program as represented in current and future pastors of the church.

We ask God's blessing upon Miranda and upon East Koshkonong during this time of transition. Let God direct us day by day as we seek to live out our vocation—our calling as followers of the Lord of the church.

The church council has again extended the agreement for interim ministry so that I will continue to be your pastor for now while the call process continues.

Do not hesitate to contact me by phone at home (608-873-5518) or at the church office when pastoral ministry is needed or when you would like to visit about our life together in the church.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim Schwarz

Letter from Rick Foss Director; Contextual Learning, Luther Seminary

July 8, 2011

Dear Pastor Schwarz and members of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church.

Thank you!

Thank you for your faithfulness, energy and wisdom as you encouraged and supervised an intern during the 2010-2011 year.

Please accept this Certificate of Appreciation as a token of our gratitude. As you may know, our seminary graduates regularly tell us that their internship year was among the most significant aspects of their preparation for ministry. You have had a shaping influence on one who will serve in this church for many years.

We thank God for you and for the important contribution you have made in the formation of Miranda Hinrichs as a servant leader in the church. I trust it has been a rewarding and enjoyable year for you, as well.

God be with you.

Sincerely,

Rick Foss, Director

Contextual Learning, Luther Seminary

August Birthdays!!

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| 8/1 ~ Susan Kaare | 8/21 ~ Ethan Lauer & Thianna Wegner |
| 8/2 ~ Kody Lewellin & Bette Wileman | 8/22 ~ Glee Ellickson, Kevin Knuteson, Travis Lauer, & Shelley Schroedl |
| 8/3 ~ Donald Amundson, Carol Barfknecht, Richard Gunderson, & Orin Kaare | 8/23 ~ Justine Gunderson, Elias Reese, Kimberly Timler, & Seth Wagner |
| 8/4 ~ Danielle Dahl & Shirley Johnson | 8/24 ~ Linda Melton |
| 8/5 ~ Hayden Bergholz, Bridget Johnson, & Delbert Swain | 8/25 ~ Betty Scheel |
| 8/6 ~ Steven DeForest & Alicia Reott | 8/26 ~ Ellen Lien & Lois Zerkle |
| 8/7 ~ Bailey Furseth & Steven Lehr | 8/27 ~ Shanna Schlieckau |
| 8/10 ~ Sabra Jacobson | 8/29 ~ Miranda Hinrichs & Ronald Nottestad |
| 8/11 ~ Travis Christensen | 8/30 ~ Melanie Haugen & Linda Hommen |
| 8/12 ~ Rachel Bronson & Chris Omit | 8/31 ~ Nicholas Woodstock |
| 8/13 ~ Brenda Birkrem & Michaela Messina | |
| 8/15 ~ Lars Johnson & Larry McWilliam | |
| 8/16 ~ Lawrence Gunnelson, Brian Gunnelson, & Gilbert Haugen | |
| 8/19 ~ James Reuterskiold | |
| 8/20 ~ Aiden McAloon, Lucille Nottestad, Steven Wagner, & Oceana Wolf | |



EKLC Homebound Members

- Alvin Hammen** ~ Carrington House ~ 1221 E. Main St., Stoughton, WI 53589
- Gloria Salov** ~ Skaalen Home ~ 400 North Morris St., Stoughton, WI 53589
- Verna Vethe** ~ Willowbrook Nursing Home ~ 901 Mulberry St., Lake Mills, WI 53551
- Agnes Goodrich** ~ Wellington Meadows ~ N2550 Memorial Dr., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
- Earl Ellickson** ~ 415 Jarlsberg Lane, Cambridge, WI 53523
- LeRoy Egge** ~ Our House ~ 201 W. Madison St., Cambridge, WI 53523
- Roxanne Wildes** ~ 120 E. Adams St.– Rockdale, Cambridge, WI 53523
- Meta Hoel** ~ 631 Kensington Square, Stoughton, WI 53589
- Agnes Teske** ~ 981 Park St., Oregon, WI 53575
- Hazel Tellefson** ~ Fairhaven ~ 435 W. Starin, Whitewater, WI 53190
- Carol Barfknecht** ~ 741 CTH A, Edgerton, WI 53534
- Art Johnson** ~ Extend A Care ~ 313 Stoughton Rd., Edgerton, WI 53534
- Roger Olstad** ~ 1040 Bliven Rd., Edgerton, WI 53534
- Erna Rude** ~ N2081 Rockdale Road, Edgerton, WI 53534
- George Staff** ~ 1379 Hwy 73, Edgerton, WI 53534

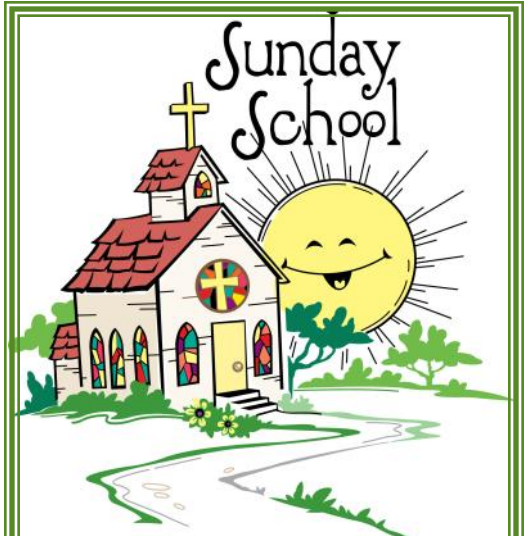


- Thank you! Thank you, all you dear people who sent us cards and came to our birthday celebration! It was such a beautiful day! Thank you, God.
~As ever, with love, Pastor and Mary Ellen



World's Greatest Lay Internship Committee!!! Featuring (from Left to Right) Hal Schuh, Hilary Terland, Gary Durst, Bonnie Ehrke, Andy Christensen, Bobbie Rawinski, and Yana Rawinski. Dale Splinter (not pictured) also did a great job serving for part of the year. Thank you all for your encouragement, feedback, and support. Thank you for welcoming me into your homes and families! You have been amazing! And I thank God for the gift of your friendship throughout this internship year!

~ Intern Pastor Miranda Hinrichs



September 11, 2011
Sunday School Registration

September 18, 2011
First Day of Sunday School

**The Lord's Prayer
Challenge!!**

Were you able to learn The Lord's Prayer over the summer?
Come prepared show your teacher!

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

Worship Helpers for August 2011

Organists ~

Shelly Frank ~ 1st and 3rd Sundays
Judy Rusch ~ 2nd and 4th Sundays

Assistant Ministers~

8/7 ~ Karen Hayes
8/14 ~ Gloria Fruit
8/21 ~ Lyle Walheim
8/28 ~ Carolyn Lien

Acolytes ~

8/7 ~ Emily Zahn & Matthew Kaare
8/14 ~ Katie Dieckhoff & Veronica Wipperfurth
8/21 ~ Sydney Currie & Seth Wagner
8/28 ~ Taylor Evenson & Eli Rawinski

Greeters~

8/7 ~ Arvid & Linda Mathison
8/14 ~ Mary Ellen Christensen
8/21 ~ Don and Eileen Hoehn
8/28 ~ Joy Graffin

Ushers~

Sunday Ushers for August ~ Obedience Circle

Lay Readers~

8/7 ~ Holly Loomis
8/14 ~ Carroll Ehrke
8/21 ~ Joy Graffin
8/28 ~ Karen Hayes

Communion Set-up/Take-down~

8/7 ~ Obedience Circle
8/14 ~ Obedience Circle
8/21 ~ Jean Carlson & Gloria Fruit
8/28 ~ Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

Communion Assistants~

8/7 ~ Lyle Walheim & Holly Loomis
8/14 ~ Karen Hayes & Judy Taylor
8/21 ~ Kathy Bergholz & Bill Hitchcock
8/28 ~ Joy Graffin & Don Hoehn

Nursery Attendants~

8/7 ~ Sabra Jacobson & Brenda Schroeder
8/14 ~ Sonja Christensen
8/21 ~ Natasha Amundson
8/28 ~ Gina Reese

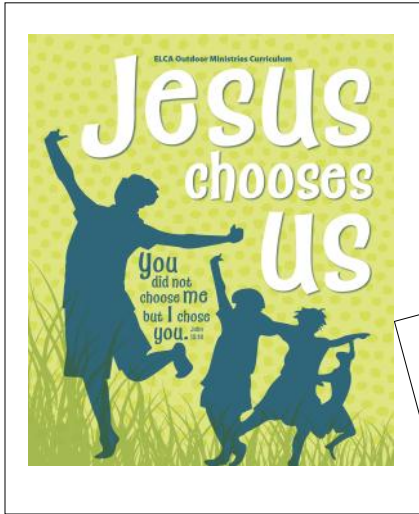
Offering Counters~

8/7 ~ Carroll Ehrke & Andy Christensen
8/14 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl
8/21 ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit
8/28 ~ Joy Graffin & Lois Zerkle

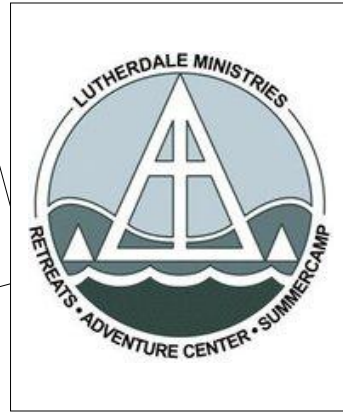
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(608-423-3017) if you would like to
serve East Koshkonong Lutheran
Church in ministry as a Greeter,
Communion Assistant or Reader.**



There will be no Wednesday Worship Services at EKLC during August. In addition no Wednesday services are being scheduled from September on. The Worship Committee and Church Council will continue to review needs and preferences for weekday services at EKLC. Suggestions from members of the congregation are welcome and can be made through council and committee members.



August 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 10:30am Christian Concert @ The Fireside	3	4	5	6
7 9:00AM Worship	8 8am-5pm VBS Lutherdale Day camp	9 5:30pm Worship Committee Meeting	10	11	12 13 Family Focus Camping Weekend August 12-14	12pm-4pm Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction
14 9:00AM Worship	15	16 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	17	18 6:30pm Men's Breakfast @ Lake Ripley Family Restaurant	19	20
21 9:00AM Worship 2pm-3:30pm Skaalen Ice Cream Social	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00AM Worship	29	30	31			

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⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7

Summer Office Hours

The Church Office Summer hours are 8:00am - 2:00pm Monday - Thursday.



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