

Sunday and Beyond



We begin our Lenten observance with the Ash Wednesday service. The service begins at 7pm on February 22nd. We invite you to attend this important service of repentance and new life in Christ.

**LENTEN WORSHIP
WEDNESDAYS
7:00PM**

**LENTEN
SUPPERS 6:00PM**

The first Lenten Supper will be a Congregational Potluck **February 29th**

*Please bring the following according to the first letter in your last name:

- A-I ~ Salads**
- J-N ~ Desserts**
- O-Z ~ Main Dishes**

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church February 2012 Newsletter

From Pastor Margo Martens

Greetings to all the folk at East Koshkonong Lutheran:

My name is Pastor Margo Martens. Many of you I have met at worship and at various encounters at the church. Even more of you, I have not met at all.

I am serving as your pastor (on a 2/3 time basis) until you have a pastor-under-call. Pastor Schwarz completed his interim work with you as 2011 came to a close. So, here I am, leading your worship, preaching, teaching confirmation students and wanting to be available to you when you wish to meet with a pastor. Please note my phone number and e-mail address as it appears in this newsletter or call Julie at the office.

My early words must be words of sincere appreciation for all your friendly kindnesses to me in these first weeks of January. Whenever I have a question, you have given me the direction I needed with a smile. Such ways of hospitality will serve you well when you receive your new pastor.

Having grown up in SD and MN, I am a late-comer to the ministry. Graduating from seminary and receiving my first call (to Volin, SD) in '92, was a total change from being a mom and church musician for most of my adult life. In Wisconsin, I served at Christ Lutheran (Stoughton) and have just recently completed work with the Cooksville Lutheran congregation. My 5 sons and their families (10 grandchildren) are scattered from Portland, OR to Boston, MA.

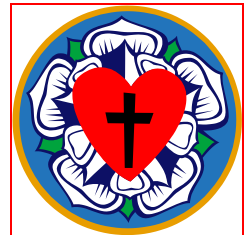
I live near-by: on Church Street, just north of the West Koshkonong churches. I moved to Wisconsin in 1999 to be near my aging parents. After they died, I bought their home. They (Fritz and Evelyn Reuter) both taught in the Deerfield schools in the '60's and '70's.

That's enough about me. I am curious about you and will welcome any and all opportunities to know more about you and your ways of discipling, here at East Koshkonong.

Early in the Gospel of Mark, in fact, in the first chapter, Jesus' first work is the calling of disciples. "Follow me," Jesus says...to them...and to you and me. By the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the grace of God, may we be empowered to answer: "Here am I...send me." Such following and such sending is what it means to be a member of a faith community like East Koshkonong. My prayers are constant for each and all of you.

With you in the ministry of Jesus Christ,

Margo R. Martens





President's Message ~ Bonnie Ehrke

We have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body. Romans 12:4

Thank you, as a congregation, for the ministry each of you has invested in East Koshkonong. Reviewing the annual report for 2011 and all of the committees and events we realize the efforts of many people and how God is working in our lives.

Reluctantly we said good bye to Pastor Jim the end of December 2011, and wished him (and Bev) well in retirement. Beginning January 1st we welcomed Pastor Margo Martens. She has stepped into our lives and become one with us. Pastor Margo has already lead us in worship, invited our young people to come forward for children's sermon, lead our youth in confirmation classes, attended WELCA, attended women's circle group, and met numerous members within the congregation. Welcome Pastor Margo.

Thank you to our church council members. With our individual gifts we have a team.

Jaime, as Vice President has been diligently working on numerous projects, including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and most recently a proposed budget for 2012;

Peggy, as Secretary has provided accurate and essential minutes of our meetings;

Karen, as worship committee member has kept us up to date on worship events;

Kristen, as stewardship member has encouraged and challenged us to use our gifts;

Kurt, as property member has been busy with painting, lighting, and so much more;

Steve, as Treasurer has provided insights and direction from being President in 2010.

Thank you, we have experienced another year of God's love, joy and blessings.

Sadly we say goodbye to Peggy Luther, Kurt Klemp, and Steve Wagner, as they complete three years of dedicated work on EKLC council. Thank you for your enthusiasm and perseverance.

The Call Committee met with the Church Council on Sunday, January 8 and presented a recommendation for candidates as a pastor for EKLC. The council reviewed all information from the Call Committee and voted to proceed in the call process.

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church held their annual meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012. As part of the new business on the agenda, the congregation extended calls to Pastor Kirstin Tannas and Troy Jacobson to share EKLC's single pastor position. Everyone is excited to be moving forward in the process of calling a pastor.

The annual meeting was also a time of electing council members. Joining the church council are Gloria Fruit, Dave Reese, and David Repyak. Welcome to our new members.

As we look forward to more blessings, more changes and new challenges in 2012, keep all in prayer. May we open our hearts to God's guidance and wisdom, His love and care.

Sincerely in Christ,

-Bonnie



CHURCH COUNCIL

February Council Meeting
February 21, 2012
6:30pm

PRESIDENT: Bonnie Ehrke
VICE-PRESIDENT: Kristen Lien
SECRETARY: Jaime Lewellin
TREASURER: David Repyak

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Karen Hayes
David Reese
Gloria Fruit

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

Council Minutes- January 22, 2012

Present: Bonnie Ehrke, Jaime Lewellin, Kristen Lien, Karen Hayes, David Repyak, Dave Reese, Gloria Fruit, Pastor Margo Martens

All 2012 Council members met in the Council Room following the Annual Meeting.

Meeting called to order by President Bonnie Ehrke.

Pastor Margo's salary will be designated to housing as allowed by synod compensation guidelines. This will have no affect on the bottom line budget.

Officers for 2012:

- President: Bonnie Ehrke
- Vice President: Kristen Lien
- Secretary: Jaime Lewellin
- Treasurer: David Repyak

Motion to Accept nominations for officers Gloria Fruit to accept, Jaime Lewellin second. Motion carries

Meetings will be 3rd Tuesday at 6:30. First meeting 2/21

Motion to Adjourn by Kristen Lien, Second by Bonnie Ehrke. Motion carries.

Lords Prayer.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Secretary: Elizabeth Kaashagen

Treasurer: Holly Loomis

Income, December 2011 ~ \$22,482.20
Expenses, December 2011 ~ \$18,249.51
Income, Year to date ~ \$175,553.59
Expenses, Year to date ~ \$187,023.19



Thank you to Call Committee: Ann Nottestad, Carroll Ehrke, Dave Reese, Dave Repyak, Elizabeth Kaashagen, Sabra Jacobson, and Yana Rawinski for their hours of time in reviewing, interviewing, researching, meetings and prayers in the process of nominating a call for a pastor for East Koshkonong Church. We appreciate your dedication to our congregation.

Thank you to Kurt Klemp, Peggy Luther, and Steve Wagner for their ministries as church council members for the past three years. They have given much of their time, talents, and resources. We appreciate your ideas, insights, and unending willingness to serve our congregation.

Thank you.
-Bonnie



December 20, 2011 Council Report

Council President Bonnie Ehrke opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Present: Bonnie, Jaime Lewellin, Financial Secretary Elizabeth Kaashagen, Treasurer Holly Loomis, Karen Hayes, Kurt Klemp, Kristen Lien, Interim Pastor Jim Schwarz, Peggy Luther. Absent: Steve Wagner.

OPENING DEVOTION & PRAYER: For his last council meeting with us, Pastor Jim opened by holding a copy of the New Testament that was recently translated into the Malei language. John & Amy Lindstrom, missionaries to Papua New Guinea who were instrumental in this translation, visited EKLC in early December and gave a beautiful copy of the New Testament to our church. Pastor Jim's devotion for this season of Advent was from 1 John, "In the beginning was God...". He also read excerpts from "Shortcuts: the Easy Way", which reminded us that perfection escapes us, and even the road that Jesus traveled was not easy.

CONSENT AGENDA: Financial Secretary Elizabeth indicated that income, although down from a year ago, exceeded expenses in November. Another principal payment was made on the Building Loan. The check from the insurance company for the damage to the parsonage roof covered all but \$56. The Investment Fund will pay about \$1,400 in outstanding intern expenses. We are on track to do a January audit of financial books. Discussion of the Lindstrom visit and other benevolences: use up the mission funds rather than let them sit. Treasurer Holly presented the December 2011 invoices, both paid and unpaid. Discussion of d2design and what they provide for a \$7.50 monthly fee, and New Expressions, the website management company.

Secretary's Report (council minutes/notes from November) were reviewed and accepted.

Property Committee Lighting: the dusk-to-dawn light in the parking lot needs replacement.

Call Committee References are being checked. Pastor Jim's concern is the probability of pastoral care and confirmation during this interim.

Youth Education The highlight: Jaime shared some photos of an outstanding Sunday School Christmas Pageant!!!! The youth also raised money to provide turkey dinners, donate to Adopt-a-Child, and collected coats, hats, and mittens to those in need.

Interim Pastor's Report Pastor Jim's last report to the council included mention of the ecumenical Thanksgiving service with other area churches here at East, the visit from the Lindstroms, the annual December choir concert (and coffee hour in his honor), and the Christmas pageant. He mentioned that he has finished up the last of his pastoral visits. Before his contract ends on Dec. 31, Pastor Jim will preside and preach 3 Christmas services, prepare info for the next person leading the confirmation program, and write an annual report. In his December report to the council, Pastor Jim thanked EKLC "...for the opportunity to serve for more than a year as interim pastor..." and urged us to "...now conclude the call process in a timely way..." The council thanked Pastor Jim Schwarz for his dedication, compassion, keen sense of order, and ministry to EKLC, and told him how much we would miss him.

Motion made by Jaime, seconded by Kristen, to accept all financial and committee reports of the Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS: Gifts of Service: surveys that have been returned will be entered into the Shepherd's Staff computer program. This will be especially helpful information when a new pastor accepts a call to our congregation.

NEW BUSINESS: Annual meeting to be held on January 22, 2012; we will need about 70 people for a quorum. Motion made by Peggy, seconded by Kristen, to not pursue adding a youth council member. Door closers: tabled discussion until January, 2012. Proposed Staff Budgets: Jaime distributed a worksheet for church staff, exclusive of a pastor. Much discussion about how much we value the service of ALL staff and how we feel we cannot propose an increase in their salaries. In appreciation of Julie Kriedeman's service, however, which has been above and beyond all expectations, the council unanimously decided to give her a "spot" bonus of \$500 (to come out of Office Manager line in the budget). **Much** discussion about: Interim Pastor salary, all line items in the proposed 2012 budget, with the end result being what the council considers a very reflective, accurate budget. Continuing discussion about the parsonage. Discussion of Interim Pastor after December 31 and "pulpit supply" for the month of January. Good Samaritan Fund: what's the future for this after Pastor Jim leaves? Council decided to not do anything with this until we have hired a new pastor.

Because of the late hour, we called it a night at approximately 10:15 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Luther



EKLG Homebound Members

- Alvin Hammen** ~ Harbor House ~ 1221 E. Main St., Stoughton, WI 53589
Verna Vethe ~ Willowbrook Nursing Home ~ 901 Mulberry St., Lake Mills, WI 53551
Agnes Goodrich ~ Wellington Meadows ~ 525 N. Memorial Dr. #3, 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 ~ 107 Merchant St. Cambridge, WI 53523
Gloria Salov ~ 2103 Pleasant Dr., Cambridge, WI 53523
Meta Hoel ~ 631 Kensington Square, Stoughton, WI 53589
Agnes Teske ~ Nazareth House, 814 Jackson St. Room # 266, Stoughton, WI 53589
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



Cambridge Community **CAFE FREE** Community Meal

First Thursday of every month
 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Amundson Center, 200 Spring St.
 Cambridge, WI 53523

*fostering friendship, family and fellowship
 within our community*

Cambridge Community Cafe - free community meal CAP and a group of community members started up a free community meal on January 5, 2012. This meal is held the first Thursday of every month at the Amundson Center, located at 200 Spring Street in Cambridge. The next Cambridge Community Cafe will be Thursday, Feb. 2nd from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. All residents of Rockdale, London, Christiana, Cambridge and the town of Oakland, are welcome to join in the fun. The focus of this monthly dinner will be to foster friendship, family and fellowship amongst the five communities, all whilst enjoying delicious food. We are looking for an organization or club, to sponsor one meal, a.k.a. one evening, during the year 2012. An organization could consist of a team, club, church, business, group, school, family or families. We are in need of a sponsor for the month of March 2012. The remaining months of 2012 are on a first come, first serve basis. Volunteers over the age of 11 are also needed to help serve, greet, entertain with music, set up and clean up after the meal finishes. This is the perfect opportunity to earn community service hours for school age children, over the age of 11. If you are interested in volunteering for this exciting project or able to sponsor a Thursday night, please contact Wanda at 423-8142.

Save the Days



By Carolyn Lien

Our Synodical Women are planning a **Retreat** with the Milwaukee Area Synod for this coming spring,
May 18 and 19

This will be held again in Watertown, at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

A block of rooms will be reserved at an area hotel, and information on this will be available soon. Just, please save the days!!!

We will begin on Friday evening, and continue through the day on Saturday. Plan to attend, and bring a group from your unit or neighboring units, or friends, or family.

If you can't make it for overnight, plan for just Saturday. The cost will be kept within a fair range, and we know you will have a great time. Watertown, here we come!!!



Worship Helpers for February 2012

Organists ~

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

Assistant Ministers~

2/5 ~ Arvid Mathison
 2/12 ~ Karen Hayes
 2/19 ~ Carolyn Lien
 2/22 ~ Ash Wednesday, Gloria Fruit
 2/26 ~ Arvid Mathison

Acolytes ~

2/5 ~ Steven DeForest and Carson Kaashagen
 2/12 ~ Reese Parker and Eli Rawinski
 2/19 ~ Thomas Stach and Nicholas Woodstock
 2/22 ~ Maggie Loomis & Emily Zahn
 2/26 ~ Noah Furseth and Sydney Currie

Greeters~

2/5 ~ Bonnie Ehrke
 2/12 ~ Ruth Bovre
 2/19 ~ Orin & Joan Kaare
 2/22 ~ Ash Wednesday, Marge Stach
 2/26 ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn

Ushers~ Don Amundson Family

Lay Readers~

2/5 ~ Holly Loomis
 2/12 ~ Arvid Mathison
 2/19 ~ Peggy Luther
 2/26 ~ Joan Kaare

Coffee Hour~

2/5 ~ Sunday School
 2/12 ~ Host Needed
 2/19 ~ Host Needed
 2/26 ~ Peace Circle

Communion Set-up/Take-down~

2/5 ~ Peace Circle
 2/12 ~ Peace Circle
 2/19 ~ Bea Householder & Gloria Fruit
 2/22 ~ Ash Wednesday, Marge Stach
 2/26 ~ Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

Communion Assistants~

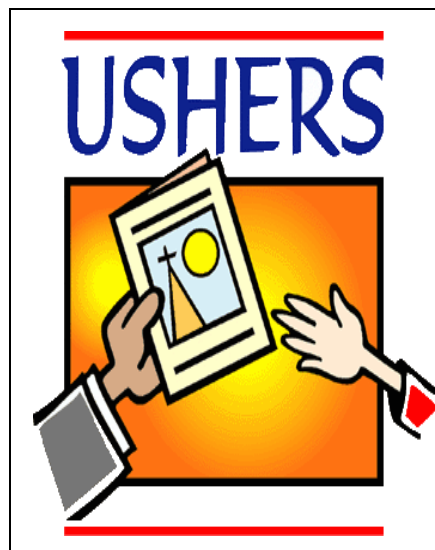
2/5 ~ Carroll Ehrke & Jean Carlson
 2/12 ~ Scott & Ann Nottestad
 2/19 ~ Kathy Bergholz & Joan Kaare
 2/22 ~ Ash Wednesday, Franklin & Beverly Lien
 2/26 ~ Lois Zerkle & Holly Loomis

Nursery Attendants~

2/5 ~ Sabra Jacobson & Brenda Schroeder
 2/12 ~ Sonja Christensen
 2/19 ~ Natasha Amundson
 2/26 ~ Gina Reese

Offering Counters~

2/5 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Andy Christensen
 2/12 ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit
 2/19 ~ Joy Graffin & Lois Zerkle
 2/26 ~ Jean Carlson, Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel



A change we will be experiencing this year is the organizing of USHERS. It will no longer be listed as a duty of the women circle groups. It will be set up on a rotating schedule and published similar to the greeter and lay reader schedules. We will be calling members to serve as an usher for one week during the year. Depending on the number of volunteers you may be ushering once every four months or so. If you are interested in this important ministry to EKLC please indicate that on your gifts of service survey (available in narthex) or contact the church office. Thank you!!



February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm Confirmation Session	2 9am Pin & Sew 12pm Potluck 1pm Meeting 1:30 Bible Study	3	4
5 9am Worship 10:15am Coffee hour hosted by Sunday School	6 7pm Dartball @ EKLC	7	8 6pm Confirmation Session	9	10	11
12 9am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Coffee hour host needed	13	14 9am Peace Circle @ EKLC in Wom- en's Lounge 5:30 Worship Committee Meeting	15 6pm Confirmation Session	16 8am Men's Breakfast	17	18
19 9am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Coffee hour host needed	20 7pm Dartball @ EKLC	21 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	22 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship	23	24	25
26 9am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Coffee hour hosted by Peace Circle	27	28	29 6pm Lenten Supper Congregational Potluck 7pm Lenten Worship			

Gifts of Service Survey

Thank you to everyone who returned your Gifts of Service Survey from last months newsletter! If you have not returned it yet, please do so. If you need extra copies they are available in the church narthex or call the church office and request more be mailed to you. Thank you!!

Bad Weather

In case of severe weather, you may contact the following resources to learn about cancellations at East Koshkonong:

***church office @ 608-423-3017**

A message will be left on the office answering system as soon as a cancellation is made.

***web site:**

www.eastkoshkonong.org



Cambridge Food Pantry Wish List:

- Macaroni and Cheese
 - Beef Soup
- Cream of Mushroom Soup

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