Our Faith in Focus: 2020 VISION Sundays and Beyond

July 2020 East Koshkonong Lutheran Church ELCA

From the Pastor's Desk - Pastor Brenda Lovick

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Dear Friends at East Koshkonong, I am looking forward to sharing with you what EKLC council has planned for worship in the coming months. I also want to emphasize that you need to do what you are comfortable with - if you are not comfortable being with people yet, please stay home. From here on out, we will be streaming online worship services indefinitely. So you'll always be

able to find our services on either Facebook or YouTube. Here's the schedule for the coming month. Remember depending on public health guidelines, these are subject to change.

- July 5 worship online, no communion Facebook and YouTube only
- July 12 Worship with communion in the lower church with physical distancing and safety protocols in place (see information from council). You will also be able to park at the church and tune in to an FM radio station if you don't want to enter the building. Worship will also be streamed online.
- July 19 and 26 Worship with no communion in the lower church with physical distancing and safety protocols in place. Park at the building and tune in to FM station or watch at home online.
- Starting in August Worship either in the church building, outside of the building on an FM station, or online at home. First Sunday of the month will have communion, other Sundays will not have communion.

For all of the other information about protocols, please see the information from EKLC council. Thank you!

God's peace to you,

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Pastor Brenda

EKLC COVID-19 Worship Guidelines

We are excited to begin worshipping in person. As we welcome you back to church, know that personal responsibility is key - any member who is feeling ill or compromised should not attend services. We caution those in the age group (65+) of higher risk to use your best judgement if you should be attending services.

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- <u>Attendees: Phase 2: 50% occupancy –</u> <u>110 persons (Phase 3: 75% occupancy –</u> <u>170))</u>
 - Enter through Narthex doors only. All others will be locked.
 - Doors will be opened by a greeter or will be propped open.
 - Members must not congregate before or after services.
 - We strongly recommend that members where a mask during worship to help ensure the health and safety of the rest of the congregation.
- <u>Seating:</u>
 - Every other pew will be blocked off to ensure social distance.
 - ◊ Ushers will direct members to an area to sit and will usher out by pews at the end of the service.
 - ♦ Families may sit together
 - ♦ Others must be 6 ft apart from other members.
 - <u>Worship:</u>
 - ♦ There will be no singing during worship in Phase 2 (Phase 3 is TBD).
 - ♦ Bulletins will be distributed with all content in them and pew bibles and hymnals will be removed.
 - During Passing of the Peace you will not leave your seat nor shake hands.

- Offering will be collected in baskets in the Narthex.
- Communion will only be held during the first service of the month and will be distributed upon entrance to the sanctuary.

<u>Common Areas</u>

- Restrooms directly below the Narthex will be open for use.
- The following common areas will be closed to members:
- ♦ Friendship Hall
- ♦ Nursery
- ♦ Kitchen
- ♦ Offices (Staff Only)
- ♦ Education Wing

If there is a confirmed positive COVID case from a member that has attended worship, the church will:

- Notify those in attendance of a member testing positive for COVID via phone call
- Send an email to all members notifying them of the positive result
- That information will include:
 - ♦ Date of service
 - A reminder of next steps (see subsequent bullets)
 - No other identifying information about the member will be shared
- If you are contacted via phone:
 - Monitor your symptoms at home, and decide if you should self-quarantine for the 14 day period
 - ◊ If you feel ill, see your primary care provider for a COVID test or use the <u>public</u> <u>health</u> testing options in your area.
 - Notify the Property Committee and the church will be sanitized using the cleaning protocol.

Presidents Message:

Greeting EKLC Members!

It was great to see some of you from a distance a couple weeks ago at our Drive in Service! It was a beautiful morning to gather together to worship in a new and different way. Our council, along with Pastor Brenda, have been communicating throughout this pandemic to discuss and plan how we will move forward with worship. We all know these are difficult times to navigate, and there is a lot that has changed... and change is sometimes hard to accept. While there are opinions on the topic from both ends of the spectrum, we are trying to stay in the middle and base our plans on facts, common sense, and to err on the side of caution, so that we keep our EKLC family as safe as we can.

With the guidance we receive from Dane County, we are currently in phase 2. This means we can gather in larger groups (50% capacity), while practicing social distancing. As communicated in this newsletter, we have a date set to begin worship in the lower church again on Sunday, July 12th . Many things will look and feel different about service – please don't focus on the things we "can't" do. Lets' focus on what we can do.... We can pray for each other, we can smile and wave at our neighbors, we can give thanks to God for his love and forgiveness, we can sit in this place that means so much to many of us and hear the teachings of Jesus. We have so much to be grateful for – sometimes we just have to take the time to focus our energy on that, instead of the negativity that can challenge and consume us.

Thank You all for your continued generosity during this time that we have been physically apart from each other. Your support of EKLC during this time has been so appreciated and we are very thankful for each and every offering received.

For those of you that were at the drive in - you probably saw the signs placed throughout the cemetery on the drive out. The one that I believe really defines this time for us is -

"Church, it isn't just a building – It's who we are!"

Continued Blessings to you – Chris Frodel Council President July Council Meeting: July 20, 2020 6:30pm

2020 COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Chris Frodel VICE-PRESIDENT: Kristen Lien SECRETARY: Jason Schlieckau TREASURER: Tom Locchetta COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Janelle Dunlavy Sonja Jacobson Hans Lein

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.

Treasurer's Report Financial Secretary: Judy Lund **Treasurer**: Holly Loomis

May Income \$13,595.32 May Expense \$15,376.23

YTD Income \$100,879.31 YTD Expense \$120,847.68



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 <u>www.eastkoshkonong.org</u> and click on Donate. Create a profile through this secure website, if you haven't already, and complete the form on that 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 that 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

Youth Ministry News & Reflections

In early June, each Sunday School class had one last "class" held by their respective teacher via Zoom. Each class did a little something different, but all were age appropriate and the most important part, FUN! Some classes chose an evening read aloud, another chose a scavenger hunt, and show-and-tell, among several others!

The Sunday School teachers are also excited to try out a new curriculum this fall, called "Bloom." It follows the Narrative Lectionary like our former curriculum did, but it offers some cool features that weren't available with the other.

I came across an article that I wanted to share with you. It offers some practical ways to include your kids in prayer. It's titled "5 Ways to Pray with your Kids." I hope you find it as helpful as I have, enjoy!



Prayer is an anytime and anywhere conversation with God—no fancy words required! The five ways to pray listed below are easy and meaningful to do. Use them with your family to encourage ongoing conversations with God.

KEEP A PRAYER JOURNAL

Write prayer concerns in a notebook, on a calendar, or on paper "leaves" that you hang from a branch in a vase. Then go back and look at the ways God answers those prayers over time.

TRY CIRCLE PRAYERS

Hold hands and take turns praying one sentence at a time for each "round." You may find it helpful to focus your prayer by using this kid-friendly version of the "ACTS" model, replacing Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication with these prompts:

- "God, you are . . . "
- "I'm sorry for . . . "
- "Thank you for . . . "
- "Please . . . "

BUILD YOUR PRAYERS

Have each person create a shape that represents what they'd like to pray about. LEGO[™] bricks, play dough, or pipe cleaners work well! Then pray about those things.

4 TAKE PRAYER WALKS

Name and pray about the things and people you see while walking in your neighborhood. Broaden your child's sense of community by also praying for the people and places you locate together on a map or globe.

JUST BREATHE

Teach your kids a simple prayer verse or phrase to silently repeat while inhaling and exhaling. This is a great way to calm their spirit and/or help them focus as you enter into prayer together. For example, "When I am afraid, / I put my trust in you" (Psalm 56:3) or "Be still, and know / that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).



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News from the church basement???

There seems to be no news again, But thanks to those who worked so hard to have a drive-in service in June. It was good to see people again, even to we did abide by the rules and did not get out to "table-hop" as we do at coffee hour.

Our schedule says we have Pin and Sew on July 16th, and I guess that was because we thought the Stoughton Fair would be on the first Thursday, but that's not happening, either. When we get word that the buildings are open, we'll schedule a time to get together. You might want to start thinking about getting things for the school kits when you start going to the stores again. They do not want soap or fleece blankets now, so don't look for those.

I do not have any word about Meals on Wheels yet, but if we are needed for our regularly scheduled time, it is August 3-14. I'll get on that.

Thanks for all you do, and thanks to those who are making extra phone calls and sending notes to keep us connected.

God Bless you.

Communicator Carolyn

From Cambridge Food Pantry Facebook Page...

"Special shout out and Happy Birthday to Sammy Sable. For her birthday this year, in lieu of presents, Sammy asked for donations to the Cambridge Food Pantry. Yesterday, Sammy, her mother Jessica and her sister Alana dropped off almost 200 pounds of groceries to the Cambridge Food Pantry. Thanks so much for your wonderful, selfless gift Sammy!"

God Bless you Sammy!



EKLC Homebound Members

Lois Zerkle ~ Fairhaven Senior Services 435 W. Starin Rd., Whitewater, WI 53190 Irene Hensel ~ Fairhaven Senior Services 435 W. Starin Rd., Room 441C; Whitewater, WI 53190 Melissa Anderson ~ Home 279 Hwy A, Cambridge, WI 53523 Joanne Gyland ~ Home Again 308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523 Shirley Johnson ~ Home Again 308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523 June Ramberg ~ Home Again 308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523 Betty Scheel ~ Home Again 308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523 Phyllis Vergenz ~ Our House 201 W. Madison, Cambridge, WI 53523 Janette Klemp ~ Home 400 Mildred Ave, Edgerton, WI 53534 Roger Olstad ~ Home 1040 Bliven Rd., Edgerton, WI 53534 Lila Spike ~ Swift Haven 124 N. Henry St. Apt. #103, Edgerton, WI 53534



Would you like a daily devotional mailed to you? The Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home that have been

in Our Home that have been available in the Church Narthex can now be mailed to you! Just call or email the church office and leave a message letting me know which devotional (or both) you'd like me to mail to you. Phone:608-423-3017 or email: eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com

Education Committee Meeting Dates

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7: 00 p.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Please contact the appropriate contact person if you have questions or concerns .

Sunday Readings ~

7/5 ~ Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a 7/12 ~ Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; Romans 8:11 7/19 ~ Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25 7/26 ~ Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39

Musician ~ (*Contact Person: Judy Rusch*) 7/5 ~ Andrew Severson

- 7/12 ~ Judy Rusch
- 7/19 ~ Andrew Severson
- 7/26 ~ Judy Rusch

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

- $7/5 \sim Facebook$ —Live Stream $7/12 \sim Don \& Eileen Hoehn$
- $7/19 \sim$ Brian & Brittany Rosenthal
- $\frac{1}{7}$ $\frac{1}{26}$ ~ Ruth Bovre

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Carolyn Lien)

7/5 ~ Facebook—Live Stream
7/12 ~ Ryan & Hilary Terland
7/19 ~ Scott & Chris Frodel, Curt & Linda Hanson
7/26 ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn, Lane & Judy Taylor

Offering Counters~ (Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

7/5 ~ Jean Lehr & Eric or Cheryl Nuenthel
7/12 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl
7/19 ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit
7/26 ~ Joy Graffin

Thank You...

 Thank you for the cards and phone calls I received during my recent surgery. I am anxious to worship with all of you in the near future. God's blessings to you! ~ Judy Rusch

Prayers For Our People

July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Adam Gunnelson Amelia Gunnelson Brian & Carol Gunnelson	Larry & Betty Gunnelson Joanne Gyland Oren & Patty Hammes	Curt & Linda Hanson Karen Hayes Dan & Sheryl Hensel	Amy Hensel Molly Hensel Irene Hensel
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Tom Hensel Don & Eileen Hoehn Vickie Hoehn	Bette Hoesly Donna Hommen Duane & Linda Hommen	Bea Householder LeRon & Raegan Hromatko Keaton & Carley Hubred	Kirsten Hubred Mallory Wallace Eric, Sabra, Kellan & Riley Jacobson	Johnnie Jacobson Sharon Jacobson Sonja Jacobson	Crystal, Joshua, Oden & Reid Jaskolski	Doug, Sara, Hailey & Hannah Johnson Gary Johnson Howard Johnson
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Jesse, Bridget, Teagan (Welscher) & Kinsley Johnson Shirley Johnson Dennis Jones	Sally & Timothy Juno Joan Kaare Anbjorg Kaashagen	Bjorn & Elizabeth Kaashagen Carson Kaashagen Will Kaashagen	Dag Kaashagen Cody Kaashagen Inger Kaashagen	Kjell Kaashagen Carole Kenseth Janette Klemp	Kurt & Barb Klemp Luke, Breah, Cael, Corbin, Cullen & Chesney Klemp	Ron & Nancy Knapwurst Harlan Krull
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Jeff Krull Joyce Krull Harvey Krull Jr.	Travis, Jennifer, Ethan & Audrey Lauer Rodell Lea	Rod & Cheryl Lee Steve & Jean Lehr Hans Lein	Ryan, Jaime, Kaden, Kody & Karly Lewellin Carolyn Lien	Christina (Lien), John, Benjamin & Tess Marchant Franklin & Beverly Lien	Kristen Lien Mark Lien Maureen Lien	Erica Lien Peter Lien Stanley Lien
26	27	28	29	30	31	August 1
Eric & Linda Linnerud Richard Lintvedt Tom & Stephanie Locchetta	Alex Loomis Jeff & Holly Loomis Maggie Loomis	Pr. Brenda Lovick, Steve Gill, Cally & Haven Lovick-Gill Kory & Diane Luginbuhl	Arlen & Henny Lund Calvin Lund Dean & Pamela Lund	Dennis, Judy, Alli- son, Ryan, Bray- den & Kaylee Lund Emily, Erika & Ilsa Lund	James, Janelle (Dunlavy, Allison (Woodley), Jose- phine & August Lund	Jeremy Lund Mary Lou Lund Randi Lund

July 2020

From Pastor Brenda, regarding her schedule: I am available during office hours and by appointment. I am always available for pastoral emergencies - you may call me at 608-616-5085. Please remember that family and personal responsibilities are needed times also. Thank you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			1:30pm Zoom Local Pastor Meeting	10am Zoom Conference Meeting	Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	Happy Independence Day!
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 am Online Worship	Office Closed 4:30pm Worship Committee Con- ference Call	8:30am Zoom Staff Meeting 9:30am Prayers for our People Facebook Live- Stream	1:30pm Zoom Local Pastor Meeting 7pm Education Meeting	10am Zoom Conference Meeting	Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	
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19 9 am Worship no communion NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 4:30pm Worship Committee Conference Call 5:30pm Property Committee Meeting	21 8:30am Zoom Staff Meeting 9:30am Prayers for our People Facebook Live- Stream	22 1:30pm Zoom Local Pastor Meeting	23 10am Zoom Conference Meeting	24 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	25
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454 East Church Road Cambridge, WI 53523 OFFICE HOURS Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. hours. God Bless you.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Tel: 608-423-3017 E-mail: eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com

Norship with us Live on Facebook And YouTube 9:00am Sunday Mornings





CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

BEGINNING THIS MONTH, THE CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY AND RESOURCE CENTER CAN OFFER SUPPORT TO MORE CAMBRIDGE HOUSEHOLDS.

THE FOOD PANTRY IS NOW AUTHORIZED TO OFFER NO-COST GROCERIES TO HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE INCOME UP TO 300% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

THE CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY AND RESOURCE CENTER IS LOCATED AT 211 SOUTH ST. IN THE NIKOLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THE PANTRY IS OPEN FOR CLIENTS ON MONDAY EVENINGS FROM 5:30-7:00 P.M. (SUBJECT TO CHANGE). THE FOOD PANTRY IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING DRIVE-UP, NO-CONTACT GROCERY PICK UP FOR CLIENTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT KERRY MARREN AT FOODPANTRY@CAMBRIDGE.K12.WI.US OR CALL 608.423.8142.