Our Faith in Focus: 2020 VISION Sundays and Beyond

September 2020 East Koshkonong Lutheran Church ELCA

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Dear Friends and East Koshkonong,

Thank you to all of you for your support to make ministry happen at East Koshkonong. There are so many people to thank:

- Our council and officers for stepping up to the challenge of leading us through this pandemic time.
- Our staff has been adaptable and helpful when we've needed to think outside of the box.
- Our committees that have had to roll with the punches and try to figure out what we can do and can't do.
- Our property volunteers who have been working hard to keep our space clean, disinfected, and safe.
- Our other volunteers who do so much on Sunday morning and throughout the week many do things without anyone else knowing it.
- Our members who have given financially through this time - we are having a rough financial year, but you are helping with every dollar that you give.
- Our members and people beyond our membership who are tuning in at home to watch worship and participate in flexible ways.
- Our members who have attended in person worship and been respectful and compliant with the guidelines we have needed to put in place.

2 Corinthians 4:15 (CEB) says, All these things are for your benefit. As grace increases to benefit more and more people, it will cause gratitude to increase, which results in God's glory.

Thank you, people of God at East Koshkonong, for the grace that you share that causes more benefit and more gratitude and gives glory to God. The best way for us to get through this time is with patience, reverence, encouragement, and continued support. Pray for all of us, everyone listed in the above bullet points, and those who aren't listed. We need each other and we need faith in God and faith in each other. We need to be strengthened by one another's faith so that when one person is wavering, others will lift them up.

We have fall programming starting with Sunday school and confirmation in ways we have never done before. And that's good, but it's also nerve wracking. I would love to have another adult study or opportunity to just be - to relax and enjoy presence and peace. If you have ideas or have heard of something other churches have done that you think might work at East Koshkonong, please let me know! Let's be committed to helping each other out and loving each other through these pandemic times.

In Christ,

Pastor Brenda Lovick

EKLC Council Meeting Minutes

July 20th, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. Those in attendance were Chris Frodel, Pastor Brenda, Tom Locchetta, Sonja Jacobson, Hans Lien and Jason Schlieckau.

Opened with devotions and a prayer by Pastor Brenda.

Financial updates, Memorials, Profit Loss statement, Money Market account reports were presented by Judy Lund. Lois Heise memorial was placed in undesignated funds. Robert Furseth memorial designation changed. Designation is for children's choir or any expenses related to Sunday school. Profit Loss statement indicates expenses and profits are down, likely due to Covid. Year to date gross profit down approximately \$23,000. Judy will include total income and total expenses in newsletter.

The church is not able to receive funds from a PPE loan at this time. Government not accepting applications at the time the application was created and submitted.

Motion to approve financial reports made by Tom, seconded by Hans, approved and passed.

Minutes from June meeting, submitted by Jason Schlieckau, reviewed. The following submitted reports were also reviewed: Education Committee and Pastor's report. Motion to approve reports and minutes made by Tom and seconded by Sonja.

"Prayground" discussed. Funds to come from undesignated memorials. Each member of council inspected the future area of the prayground location in the back of church, and approved of the location.

Old Business

New contract for webmaster discussed and approved by council. The contract was deemed a very good value.

New church logo discussed. The current logo is simple yet very effective. Council decided to keep current logo, and instead, clean up the graphic. Tom to look into this.

COVID Discussion

It was determined that August 2nd will be the first date for return to in-church worship. The service will continue to be recorded for internet streaming for those that wish to view from home. Proper precautions will be followed, including, but not limited to: ushers directing people to their seats, bagged Communion wafer/wine, single church entrance/exit points, and available thermometer in entry of church. Tom and Jason to usher and Sonja to greet for this service. All names of those in attendance will be recorded upon entry into church, for notification and future tracking if needed.

The future of Sunday school was discussed. Survey to go out to Sunday school families to determine comfort level of their children attending. Depending on how many families commit will determine what area of the church basement Sunday school will be held.

New Business

Tax assessment on parsonage. Hans to find out why assessment is higher than all other homes around, and dispute this on the 7/30. He will be going to the board.

Discussed parsonage and rent.

Church Mutual insurance company walk-thru discussed. Pastor to contact the company regarding a past open claim that should be closed.

Next meeting August 17th, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Adjourn at 7:52

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Jason Schlieckau



September Council Meeting: September 21, 2020 6:00pm

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

2020 July Income - \$14,970.01 July Expense - \$19,613.81

TYD July Income - \$134,191.75 YTD July Expense - \$152,792.52



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

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.

We will continue to live stream services on Facebook and YouTube for those who do not yet feel comfortable attending in person. All members need to be mindful of social distancing, washing hands, and wearing masks to create a safe place to worship.

- Attendees: Phase 2: 50% occupancy 110 persons (Phase 3: 75% occupancy - 170))
 - 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.
 - Members are required to wear 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.

• Worship:

- 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. Ushers handing out bulletins will wear gloves.
- 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 with gloves 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.

Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.



When in public, wear a cloth face covering over your nose and mouth.



Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

cdc.gov/coronavirus



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



and water for at least 20 seconds.



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No news from the church basement

There still is no clarity on meeting at the upper church, but on my own authority, which is not much! I think we should meet for sewing on the regular meeting day of Thursday, September 3, with no lunch, and just a short business meeting at noon. Come as early as 8, wear a mask, and as there usually are not a whole lot of folks there, we can distance as we do our work. We have kits to fill, and quilts to finish for shipping. A few of us have met a couple of times already to work on quilts, and so far are healthy.

Joy Circle is in charge for September.

Thanks to everyone for keeping to the guidelines and helping us stay well. God Bless you all.

Communicator Carolyn

From the Church Cookbook



...another little peek into the church cookbook

APPLE DELIGHT Sue Repyak Recipe from Sue's mother, Adeline Rockney

- 1/2 cup quick oatmeal
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/8 tsp. soda
- 1/8 tsp baking powder
- Pinch of salt

Crumb the above mixture.

Place on a filling made of 2 cups sliced apples, 1tsp flour, 1/2 cup white sugar and a dash of cinnamon. Bake in mod. oven at 350 degrees

Confirmation

Confirmation Schedule

- 9/2/2020 Confirmation Kick-Off with parents; 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
- 9/9/2020 Class 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 9/13/2020 Rally Sunday 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- 9/16/2020 Class 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 9/23/2020 Class 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 9/30/2020 Class 6:00-7:30 p.m.

High School Coffee Hang-Outs

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 8:30-9:30 a.m. CommonHouse

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 8:30-9:30 a.m. Cambridge Market Cafe

Mission Trip Updates

The Denver Mission Trip has been rescheduled for Summer 2021; More info to come!

Education Committee Dates

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, 2020 7:30 p.m.

School Supplies

Please consider donating some leftover school supplies to the Sunday School program! We will take anything from construction paper & glue to markers & crayons. Donations can be dropped off at the church office during office hours, or brought to worship on Sundays! Thanks in advance!

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EKLC Homebound Members

Lois Zerkle ~ Fairhaven Senior Services 435 W. Starin Rd., Whitewater, WI 53190 Melissa Anderson ~ Home 279 Hwy A, Cambridge, WI 53523 Irene Hensel ~ Home Again 308 England St., 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 the Sunday Bulletin mailed to you?

While we have been using Facebook and YouTube to Worship, members have received the weekly bulletin by email. Those who do not have email received the bulletin by mail. Going forward, I will only mail the bulletin to those of you who request it. Maybe you have email, but would prefer that paper copy. I'd be glad to mail it to you weekly also. **Please give me a call in the church office if you'd like a paper copy of the bulletin mailed to you. 608-423-3017.** Saturday, August 1, 2020 we welcomed into Holy Baptism:

> Josephine Mae Rageth Parents ~ Justin & Brittanie Rageth Sponsors ~ Ronald & Kristi Nelson Jacob Rageth **God Bless You Josephine Mae!**

Sunday, August 2, 2020 we welcomed into Holy Baptism:

Landon Royce Olson Parents ~ Molly Olson & Chad Leikness Sponsor ~ Megan Olson **God Bless You Landon Royce!**

Thank You...

Thank you to the Church Council and Pastor Brenda for creating the opportunity to worship in person. I have attended the August 2nd, 9th and 16th services. The protocols are all in place. There is hand sanitizer, pews are blocked so social distancing is easy, everyone is wearing a mask and Pastor Brenda uses a mask while greeting people and then switches to a plastic face shield to conduct the service. The musicians is in the balcony. I would guess we have had around 26 members on average each Sunday. The weather has been beautiful so we are able to stand outside and greet each other. This has been a great chance to connect with each other in person, if from a distance. To add a touch of levity, you will see face masks that are plain, printed, plaid, gingham, tractor prints and even an Uff Da one!!! Of course, members can worship online via Facebook or Zoom as always.

Vicki Schuh



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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We will continue to live stream services on Facebook and YouTube for those who do not yet feel comfortable attending in person. All members need to be mindful of social distancing, washing hands, and wearing masks to create a safe place to worship.

If it is decided to not meet in the building for Worship on your scheduled Sunday: Greeters, Ushers & Offering Counters will not be needed. Please check your email and Church Website regularly for Worship updates. Thank you.

Please contact the appropriate contact person if you have questions or concerns about the schedule. Please know that if you are not ready to gather for worship or not ready to come back as a worship helper we understand. <u>We want</u> you to do what is comfortable for you. Thank you.

Sunday Readings ~

9/6 ~ God; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14 9/13 ~ Creation and Fall; Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8, Luke 11:4

9/20 ~ God's Promise to Abraham; Genesis 15:1-6, Luke 3:8 9/27 ~ God Works through Joseph; Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21, Luke 6:35

Musician ~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

9/6 ~ Andrew Severson 9/13 ~ Judy Rusch

- 9/20 ~ Andrew Severson
- 9/27 ~ Judy Rusch

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch) 9/6 ~ Carole Kenseth 9/13 ~ Jeff & Holly Loomis 9/20 ~ Arvid Mathison 9/27 ~ Marge Stach

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Carolyn Lien) 9/6 ~ Hal & Vicki Schuh, Lane & Judy Taylor 9/13 ~ Wilma Furseth, Ruth Bovre, Paul & Lori Olson 9/20 ~ Henry & Ashley Furseth Family 9/27 ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn, Don & Eileen Hoehn

Offering Counters~ (Contact Person: Joy Graffin) 9/6 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl

9/13 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit 9/20 ~ Arvid Mathison 9/27 ~ Fric & Chord Nucetted

9/27 ~ Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

What to expect on Sunday Morning

Please contact the church office if you want to receive a paper copy of our bulletin. Now that we are using the building for worship again, we will stop the weekly bulletin mailings. We will send them to you if you request it. Thank you!

As we gather together for worship in the building since the beginning of March, we want to make sure that you are prepared for what to expect. These are measures that are taken to be as safe as possible during the pandemic.

- Only the front narthex door will be open. The other doors into the building will be locked.
- A greeter will open the door for you.
- Masks are required to wear unless it's not possible in the case of medical necessity, per county public health orders.
- You are not required to take temperatures, but if you would like your temp taken, equipment will be available.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the door.
- Offering plate will be at the front door.
- Ushers will hand out bulletins wearing gloves.
- On Communion Sundays (first Sunday of the month), an usher wearing gloves will hand you a wafer in a ziplock baggie and a salad dressing cup or wine or grape juice.
- An usher will walk you to a pew. The sanctuary will be filled from front to back, so you won't be able to choose the pew you sit in.
- You will sit in your pew for the entire worship service.
- Every other pew will be marked off so you only sit in open pews.
- No singing in worship.
- No shaking hands
- Communion will be taken in the pews with the elements you picked up in the narthex.
- At the end of the service, you'll be ushered out from back to front and leave through the narthex door.
- Bathrooms will be used one family at a time, so please wait spaced out in a line outside of the bathroom door. After using the bathroom, take a Chlorox clean up wipe to wipe down all of the surfaces that you and your family touched.
- There will be no fellowship hour and no coffee.

These all might seem like drastic measures, but we want to be sure to do all we can to be safe and follow guidelines given by the CDC and county public health. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Prayers for our people September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug. 30	Aug. 31	1	2	3	4	5
Phyllis Vergenz Dale, Cindy, Kade & Karn Vethe Sidsel Vik Joan Volenberg	Andy Waag George & Jackie Waag Steve & Janalee Wagner	Josh, Jennifer, Jayley, Jameson, Josephine & Jonah Wagner Nancy Walheim	Mallory Wallace Robert Wagner Thianna Wagner Kolt Wagner	Justine West- brooks Steve, Debra, Laura, Jack & Grant Wethal Carol Wibralski	Michael Wiersma Shelby Wildes James & Bette Wileman	Debbie, Stewart & Caleb Wipperfurth Veronica Wipperfurth Jerry & Connie Wolf
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Steve & Heidi Woodstock Zachary Woodstock Nicholas Woodstock	Emily Zahn Lena Zahn Scott & Jackie Zahn	Lois Zerkle Cheryl & Curt Abel Don, Nataliaya, Anders & Anna Amundson Belva Anderson	Jason, Ashly, Olivia & Kayla Anderson Ron, Shawn & Melissa Anderson Kirk Anderson	Lindsay, Meta (Wescott) & Colt Baker Steven Bakken Richard Barfknecht	Steven Barfknecht Aryel Beck Joe & Alanna Beck	Tammy Beilke Nick, Erin, Taylor & Blake Berge Kathy Bergholz
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Chris Biermeier Jim Berkrem Kris Blaesing	Ruth Bovre Rachel & Emery Bronson Rick Bronson	Lynn & Jim Budinetz Betsy Calhoun David Scott Calhoun	Jeff, Shelley & Connor Calhoun Tom & Leila Carl Brian, Tracey, Braxden & Amilya Carlson	Paul, Danelle, Tyler & Parker Carlson Terry, Karen & Paul Chadwick	David & Sharon Chapman Andy Christensen Jenna Christensen	Sean & Susan Currie Sydney Currie Bobby & Lisa Dahl
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Raymond Dalby Spencer DeForest Steven DeForest	Sara Depies Duane & Linda Dieckhoff Katie Dieckhoff	Rebekah, Jim, Kyle, Zachary, Lukas & Kerstin Durkee Shelly Eagen Carroll & Bonnie Ehrke	Leif & Erin Ehrke Torleif Ehrke Elisa Eikland	Harriet Eikland Jeff & Michelle Eikland Jim Eikland	Roy & MaryBeth Ellickson Ruby Ellickson Kitty Epperson	Eric, Brittany, Kelby & Elise Evenson Roger, Coral & Autumn Evenson Taylor Evenson
27	28	29	30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3
Mickey Farrar Jill Fitzpatrick Scott, Chris & Mia Frodel	Erika Froeming Gary & Gloria Fruit Bailey Furseth	Noah Furseth Henry, Ashley, Isaiah (Long) & Tanner Furseth	Robert & Jane Furseth Todd & Leah Furseth Wilma Furseth	Dennis & Joy Graffin Jennifer & Eden Graffin Kayla, Chris & Corrine Griffin	Philip & Linda Gullickson Marilyn Gunderson Trevor Gunderson	Richard & Irene Gunderson Adam Gunnelson Amelia Gunnelson

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30am Prayers for our People Face- book Live-Stream 1:00pm Zoom Staff Meeting	2 11am Cambridge Clergy 1:30pm Zoom Local Pastor Meeting 6pm Confirmation Parent Meeting 7pm Worship Committee Meeting	3 10am Zoom Conference Meeting	4 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	5
6 9 am Worship with Communion inside Lower Church	7 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY LABOR DAY	8:30am Zoom Staff Meeting 9:30am Prayers for our People Face- book Live-Stream	9 11am Cambridge Clergy 1:30pm Zoom Local Pastor Meeting	10am Zoom Conference Meeting	11 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	12
13 9am Worship outside RALLY SUNDAY!	14 2:30pm Pastor/ Youth Director Meeting	6:30pm CART board Meeting 15 8:30am Zoom Staff Meeting 9:30am Prayers for our People Face- book Live-Stream	6pm Confirmation Class 16 11am Cambridge Clergy 1:30pm Zoom Local Pastor Meeting 6pm Confirmation	17 10am Zoom Conference Meeting	18 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
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