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ATTENTION EKLC COMMITTEES

Please submit your 2020 committee annual reports for the EKLC Annual Report by: January 10, 2021

Sundays and Beyond

January 2020

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church

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YOUTUBE CHANNEL HAS CHANGED! The channel is no longer under Pr Brenda's account. Please search for "East Koshkonong Lutheran Church" or the email <u>eastkoshkononglutheran-</u> <u>church@gmail.com</u>. Remember to like the videos and subscribe to the channel! <u>https://</u> www.youtube.com/channel/UChUv6MDQV54yCWz6oIGWezw

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Christ, Happy New Year! I pray you have a blessed 2021.

Thank you for all of the gifts and sentiments that you gave me in my last here at East Koshkonong. This congregation is a blessing of light and love, and I know it will continue through many generations to come.

As I say goodbye, I need to remind myself and you that we have a different kind of relationship now. I will still be in Deerfield, and my children will still be in school in Cambridge. We no longer have a pastor-church member relationship. We are now friends, but with that comes some careful boundaries that I need to uphold.

I want to share with you a couple of paragraphs from the Call Process Handbook from the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. This handbook is accessible to all via the synod website at www.scsw-elca.org.

First from p. 13, "Congregational Ethics: Members Relating to Former Pastors":

The title of "Pastor" is appropriate for the person who has been called to your congregation. While that person serves you it is appropriate to address him/her by "Pastor." Once that person ceases to hold the congregational office of pastor, all the responsibilities of that office are removed from him/her and the title of pastor is no longer appropriate to use for that person. Technically, they are still "Reverend" and are still a clergy person, but not your pastor.

The members should not turn to a former pastor at emotional and ceremonial times with expectations that the person will perform any pastoral acts, i.e. weddings, funerals, baptisms, home communions, etc. What is important at these times is that we know God is with us and blesses us. We are baptized children of God. We each have a relationship with God. The challenge is to indeed trust God and God's presence in our lives. These times are special opportunities to allow the called pastor to minister to you and, thereby, build relationship with you.

And another excerpt from p. 15, "Pastoral Ethics: Clergy Relating to Previously Served Parishes":

Clergy and their family members often establish and invest in long lasting relationships with congregational members. As a new call is accepted, these relationships should continue on a personal basis; not on a professional one. Do not think that you must sever loving relationships. Rather, you must be diligent to exercise responsibility in controlling the boundaries of what topics are open for discussion. These relationships should focus on personal and family issues, not congregational.

It is your responsibility as a former pastor to set clear, consistent boundaries. With former parishioners, refrain from using the title of the office, "pastor," as a self descriptor. Setting a firm boundary, continue to ask, and remind people to call you by your given name.

Declining invitations by former members to conduct pastoral acts even for their "family" events is a matter of sound clergy expectations. Clergy will increase their spiritual and emotional health by maintaining healthy boundaries and clarifying expectations. When an invitation is offered by a former member, it is important that you do not pass the burden of such a decision back to the pastor who currently holds that call. It is vital that you say a decisive "no" rather than giving an

answer such as, "I will, if the current pastor says it's okay." This sounds innocent, but it can be self serving and diminishes the present pastor's role and ability to build relationships.

We all want the ministry at East Koshkonong to be successful and your next pastor to have a smooth transition that will be fruitful for them and for you. These boundaries are for the health of the church. I will respectfully honor them, and I hope you do too. If I fail to honor them, that will make it hard for ministry to happen here. And there might be challenging times for me to remember this. So, be graceful with yourselves, your next pastor, and with me as we figure this out.

Most of all. God bless you in the new year.

Peace Brenda Lovick

EKLC Council Meeting Minutes November 16th, 2020

Meeting (via Zoom) was called to order at 6:01 PM. Those in attendance were Chris Frodel, Sonja Jacobson, Kristen Lien, Pastor Brenda, Tom Locchetta, Hans Lein, Jaime Lewellin and Jason Schlieckau.

Opened devotions and a prayer by Pastor Brenda - "Holding on to Hope'

Pastor Brenda resignation discussion. Read resignation letter aloud. Letter will be mailed to congregation before Christmas. George Carlson of Stoughton to fill in over the Holidays. For oth-

er pastoral emergencies, Jennifer Jelinek will be available. Zoom meeting with Synod to follow. Financial updates, Profit Loss statement, Money Market account. Discussed Money Market pass-through to come in as "other in-come" category. New memorial received. Money Market ex-penses low. Wedding deposits fund balance higher than usual discussed discussed.

Quick books Oct Profit/Loss negative in 2020 versus 2019 Budget items discussed

General offering (offering/thank offering) higher in November so far than this time last year. A motion made by Kristen to approve financial reports, with sec-

ond by Jaime, accepted and passed.

Discussed keeping a line of credit at Hometown Bank at a cost of \$150 to re-establish the line. Item passed with a vote of Yes by

all Executive Committee members. Minutes from October meeting submitted by Jason Schlieckau were reviewed. A motion from Jaime, seconded by Kristen, passed.

Other reports reviewed- Education Committee, Stewardship, Wor-ship and Pastor's report: Addressed error stating nursey will continue to be staffed once Prayground is up and running. It will not be staffed and this will be corrected on the Education Committee report.

A motion made by Jason to approve reports and seconded by Kristen, accepted and passed.

Old Business

Pastor Brenda talked to Holly regarding use of Designated Funds process

Stewardship for November/December Discussion. Videos made by Executive Committee continue to be completed. Five are done, the rest will follow soon.

COVID-19 Discussion:

Virtual worship to continue. Discussed technology with regard to interim pastor. Pastor Brenda will find out how versed in technol-

ogy temp pastor is. Tom and Jason to assist with technology/ recordings as necessary. Discussed getting a higher quality camera for service recordings. Continued discussion on wheth-er members are being engaged. Pastor Brenda contacted Home Again and it seems the best option for members here is still Eaceback and YauTuba

still Facebook and YouTube. Discussed engaging more leaders and volunteers. Time and Talent questionnaire to be included in next newsletter. Jaime to assemble a survey from list of talents Pastor Brenda puts together.

Advent Christmas Season addressed. Kristen and PB recorded Holden evening prayer and other reading and are ready to be sent to Tom. Link to prayer service on website.

Update from Worship Committee – What is planned for Christ-mas Eve? Pastor Brenda and Vicki to form a plan for Christmas service. Some ideas are to offer a driving and walking path with signs along the way and a fire pit at end for s'mores, along with a spot for offering. Fire pit to be installed by treeless space be-tween upper and lower Church. Per Sonja all advent reading are accounted for are accounted for.

Community involvement – how can we help? How can we be essential during this time? Discussed what we can feasibly do. "Pack the Van" at the Piggly Wiggly. Fliers to be made up. Sat-urday mornings for two weekends. DEC 12th/19th. Tom will ask Piggly Wiggly for permission.

Budget review/discussion. 2021 proposed budget within \$2000 of 2020's. Budget will be adjusted for interim pastor now. No increasing wages for personnel in 2021. Postage increase due to COVID and additional mailings. Motion to accept budget made by Tom, seconded by Kristen, approved and passed.

Nominating Committee Discussion. Will need to fill 3 council seats. Will need to fill, 1 seat for Investment committee, 1 seat for Aagot Borge.

New Business

Discussed Annual Meeting – Format for February. Get info out sooner- first week of January. Use emails on file to deliver to members. If on file then they get info electronically, otherwise they get hard copy. Will do all voting by mail and electronically - Return by 2/15/20.

Brief discussion on Pastor's departure. Account ownership discussed: Zoom account, You-tube account, Facebook updates. Credit card cancel? Future wedding and baptism's scheduled. Julie gets calls for Pastor and will disperse to temp Pastor. Next meeting DEC 14th, 2020 at 6pm Motion to adjourn meeting made by Tom and seconded by Kristen

Adjourn at 8:08 pm Closed with Lord's Prayer Submitted by Jason Schlieckau

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2020 COUNCIL

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

November 2020 Income - \$19,349.96 November 2020 Expense - \$25,651.41 November 2019 Income - \$16,890.23 November 2019 Expense - \$19,047.41 YTD 2020 Income - \$202,248.67 YTD 2020 Expense - \$235,471.54 YTD 2019 Income - \$260,003.89 YTD 2019 Expense - \$282,241.72



Thank you to Mark and his son, Bryar, for the snow blowing and shoveling! God bless you guys! East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Help Finish 2020 & Fund Our Mission Our Goal: \$50,000



We are almost to goal – at the time we get this ready to go (12/28/20), we are only .. \$13,500 shy of our goal of \$50,000! Thank you to everyone for helping us finish the year strong – and lets keep it going to start of 2021 with a solid foundation!



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



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, to our members of EKLC and the greater Cambridge community that stopped by Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, December 19th to drop off donations for the Cambridge area Food Pantry! It was a beautiful day to be outside gathering donations, and people were so generous! We managed to pack the van with numerous food and toiletry donations, as well as raise over \$900 for the Food Pantry.

Thank you to Linda Hanson, Tom Locchetta, Sonja Jacobson, Jason & Shana Schlieckau for volunteering there time to help pack the van, and to Scott Frodel for delivering all the goods to the pantry. We are also grateful for the partnership from Mike at Piggly Wiggly to allow us to set up there for the day.



President's Message

Hello members of EKLC:

Happy New Year Everyone! 2021 is FINALLY here – and I know we are all hopeful for this year to look and feel much different!

As the New Year unfolds, we have started a new chapter here at EKLC as well. Prior to the holidays we said our goodbyes to Pastor Brenda. The work of the call committee will begin, as we start the process of finding a new Pastor for our congregation. Thank you to those that showed interest in being on call committee, we are grateful for your dedication and time involved in this process of calling a new Pastor.

Our capital campaign continues into the New Year. We are still behind in our giving due to the pandemic (as I write this on 12/21/20) Thank you to everyone that has given monetary donations to the church this past year. It has been very difficult trying to navigate and write budgets, so we appreciate all of your support. Your financial gifts are used to keep the church operating without having to request to take a loan from such places as the Investment Fund. We have very generous members here at EKLC and we are very blessed.

The Annual Report will be coming out very soon. With current precautions predicted to still be in place, the annual meeting will not take place in person. As I write this, we are still planning the best ways to allow membership to review the annual reports, submit any questions, and then finally vote. Due to the pandemic, we will be utilizing 2019 data to establish a quorum. Please continue to watch for details and instructions on how to participate.

Lastly, I would like to thank so many members that made the Holiday time at EKLC so wonderful. Even if we could not be in person to celebrate the glorious season with everyone - we had the opportunity online to see many people. Thank you to Debbie, Breah, Brenda, and Heidi for putting together a delightful kids Christmas program great job kiddos (and parents)! Thank You to Hal and Vicki Schuh for helping organize the Christmas Eve drive through event. Thank You to Sonja Jacobson for organizing all of the readers for the daily advent reading, it was a joy to see all of you that participated and recorded your readings! Thank you to the property committee of volunteers that had the grounds looking beautiful for the Christmas season. I am sure I am missing someone-but please know how grateful we are to you all for your gifts and talents you share with all of us.

Wishing you all a blessed New Year!

Chris Frodel



News from the church basement ladies:

We will not be meeting in January. Perhaps sometime in the coming months we will be able to get together again. If you are sewing at home, quilt tops can be put together, (size about 60 by 80 or 90 inches) We can then get them put into guilts when we can get together again. Thanks to all who are keeping our church going during this strange year. Especially we thank Pastor Brenda, who worked hard to bring us services online weekly on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. (Thanks to the dynamic duo who sang Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesday nights, too. Well done!) We miss you, Pastor, and we will carry on with help from the South Central Synod, who will send us an interim pastor. Thanks to the Council, and Tom, especially, who set up the videos for each day of Advent, and the stewardship messages. Not only is it good to see each other this way, but the messages are important and interesting.

MOW !! (*Meals on Wheels*) That is to get your attention for the next paragraph.

Now on to some business! Marlene Hussey has been delivering Meals on Wheels for lo these many months, and she can no longer keep up the pace, so we are being asked to step up. We are scheduled for February 15-26, weekdays. I would like to hear from my regular delivery folks to know if you feel comfortable with the deliveries (we would wear masks, and not enter homes). And if there are any others who have not been on the schedule but would be interested in doing this, please let me know, and we'll get the schedule set in time for next month's newsletter. Thank you so much for your help! Contact me at speedystoutknitter@gmail.com or lienfarm2@netwurx.net or 608-669-4249. God Bless you all. **Communicator Carolyn**



What Have the Youth Been Up To?

Our Sunday School and Confirmation students completed EKLC's first ever Christmas program "movie!" If you haven't seen it yet, I highly recommend it!! I am so proud of all the hard work by our young people. They were troopers with the different restrictions in place, but they took it in stride.

A special thank you to Heidi Woodstock for providing the music for the video, as well as stage set-up. As always, but never expressed enough, we are so very grateful to have her here!

Another shout out to Breah Klemp for bringing my vision to life. In these crazy Covid circumstances, I wanted to do something "normal," especially in the Christmas season. This would not have been possible without you!

Last, but not least, thank you to the Sunday School and Confirmation families for being flexible as filming arrangements changed, some at the last minute. I feel that overall, things went very smoothly, especially considering the circumstances.

Confirmation Schedule

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 Class 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 Class 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 Class 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 27, 2021 Class 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 Class 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 17, 2021 Class 6:00-6:45; Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 Class 6:00-6:45; Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.

Education Committee Dates

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2021 7:30 p.m.



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 Bea Householder ~ 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 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 Lila Spike ~ Swift Haven 124 N. Henry St. Apt. #103, Edgerton, WI 53534

Thank You...

- Thank you so much for the gift cards. I've been extremely stressed so it meant a lot! -Katie Dieckhoff
- Dear EKLC, I appreciate your many cards, and thoughts & prayers. You really made my day! God bless you, Lois Zerkle
- EKLC Family: I sincerely Thank each and everyone of you for the prayers, thoughts, notes, cards and food during my 29 day stay at Meriter Hospital and recovery here at home from Covid complications. Thank you also for the support and prayers to my wife, Linda, and son,Todd, during their Covid experience. I have turned a lot of corners to better health in 2020 and am working hard to get 100% back to being Arivd in 2021! I can't say enough about my EKLC Family - you are the best. Thank you from the bottom of my heart - Arvid Mathison

Praying for Our People

1/1 ~ Bailey, Henry, Ashley, Noah, Isaiah & Tanner 1/2 ~ Robert, Jane, Todd, Leah, Wilma 1/3 ~ Chad, Cindy, Cody, Jocie, Dennis, Joy, Jennifer, Eden 1/4 ~ Kayla, Chris, Corrine, Philip, Linda, Marilyn 1/5 ~ Richard, Irene, Trevor, Adam, Amelia, Brian, Carol 1/6 ~ Larry, Betty, Joanne, Oren, Patty 1/7 ~ Curt, Linda, Karen, Daniel, Sheryl, Amy, Molly 1/8 ~ Irene, Tom, Don, Eileen, Vicki, Bette 1/9 ~ Donna, Duane, Linda, Beatrice, LeRon, Raegan 1/10 ~ Keaton, Carley, Kirsten, Lori, Mallory, Kane 1/11 ~ Eric, Sabra, Kellan, Riley, Johnnie, Sharon 1/12 ~ Sonja, Crystal, Joshua, Oden, Reid 1/13 ~ Doug, Sara, Hailey, Hannah, Gary, Howard 1/14 ~ Jesse, Bridget, Teagan, Kinsley, Shirley, Dennis 1/15 ~ Sally, Timothy, Joan, Anbjorg, Bjorn, Elizabeth 1/16 ~ Carson, Will, Dag, Inger, Kjell, Cody, Carole, Janette 1/17 ~ Kurt, Barb, Luke, Breah, Cael, Corbin, Cullen, Chesney 1/18 ~ Ron, Nancy, Harlan, Jeffery, Harvey, Joyce 1/19 ~ Jennifer, Travis, Ethan, Audrey, Rodell 1/20 ~ Rodney, Cheryl, Kristin, Jean, Steve, Hans 1/21 ~ Kody, Ryan, Jaime, Karly, Sheen, Lillian 1/22 ~ Carolyn, Christina, John, Benjamin, Tess 1/23 ~ Franklin, Beverly, Kristen, Mark, Maureen, Erica 1/24 ~ Peter, Stanley, Vione, Eric, Linda, Richard 1/25 ~ Tom, Stephanie, Alex, Jeff, Holly, Maggie 1/26 ~ Kory, Diane, Allison, Arlen, Henny, Calvin, Dean, Pamela, 1/27 ~ Dennis, Judy, Ryan, Brayden, Kaylee, Emily, Erika, Ilsa 1/28 ~ James, Janelle, Alyssa, Josephine, August, Jeremy 1/29 ~ Mary Lou, Randi, Peggy, Brian, Gerald, Lori, Neil 1/30 ~ Laren, Matthew, Payton, Rylie, Chase, Duane, Robin

1/31 ~ Arvid, Linda, Lynn, Cynthia, Eileen, Kimberly, Aiden

December 6, 2020 we welcomed into Holy Baptism:

Samara Lilliana McCrimmon Mother ~ Tamechia LaShae McCrimmon Sponsor ~ Yolanda Schultz **God Bless You Samara !**

we extend our sympathy to the family of:

JUNE RAMBERG who died on November 26, 2020. A private graveside service was held at EKLC January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Until an Interim Pas contact the followin Pr. Jennifer Jelinek,	ig area clergy fo	r Pastor al Eme	rgencies:		1 Office Closed	2
Pr. Eric Bakken, We	st Koshkonong:	715-896-0878				
Pr. Holly Slater, St.	Paul's Liberty: 6	508-609-0548				
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship will be virtual until further notice

Praying for your health and happiness. God bless you.

Sunday Readings ~

1/3 ~ Luke 2:41-52 1/10 ~ Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11 1/17 ~ 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51 1/24 ~ Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 1/31 ~ Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Annual Meeting

We are planning on conducting the voting of the annual meeting differently this year, in anticipation that the pandemic will still be of great concern in our area. We will ask that all reports be submitted timely, and we will attempt to have the annual report printed by mid-January. Our hope is to then mail out the report to membership, along with a postcard, that will allow members to vote for approval of the budget, council members and committee members, and anything else that may need to be brought forward to the congregation. We hope to have things in place to allow voting via a postcard, as stated, or via the web. Please continue to watch for details about the annual meeting!

Chris Frodel

Council President