



Sundays and Beyond

November 2022

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church

ELCA

Pastor's Message

Friends in Christ,

In this season of thanks, for what are you thankful? Gratitude is an important part of faith, in fact, Islam considers a lack of gratitude to be one of the greatest sins that someone can commit. Yet we don't always take the time to thank God for all that God has done for us and for the world. Nor do we always take the time to thank the people that God puts in our lives for all that they do. I am just as guilty of this as anyone. With that in mind I would like to sincerely thank all of you for everything that you do to participate in the ministries of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church! I hope you know that all of your support through the offering of your time, talents, possessions, and prayers helps us to faithfully witness to the gospel. Just think of all the lives that have been shaped and changed through your support. All this is to say from the bottom of my heart, **thank you for your generosity!**

I would also like to offer thanks to God for sustaining us and keeping us rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. God continues to graciously offer so much to the world and for that I'm eternally grateful, and I hope you all are too! One way that we can show and express our gratitude for all that God does is by sharing the resources that God entrusts to us with people in need. As I have expressed, you are a generous congregation, but I believe that God is always guiding us to be more generous in even the smallest of ways with our prayers, time, talents, and possessions. This doesn't mean that we should ever over-extend ourselves, after all God wants us to be healthy people too. However, I have found that there are always minor changes that we can make in our lifestyles and in our habits that enable us to remain healthy and become more generous. So I invite you to consider and discern over the rest of this season of giving thanks and giving what this might look like for your life?

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric.



EKLC Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, 19-Sep – 6:00 PM (Friendship Hall)

Call to Order – 6:03

Attending: Pastor Eric, Don, Nathan, Hal, Kristen, Denise, Lane, and Johnny

Agenda Changes/Additions - Lane and Johnny re: Property concerns

Lawn Mower – Cemetery committee paid this year's cemetery portion of the 3 year lease (\$1000) which is half of the total. Church should pay for other half. Motion by Denise to accept the 3 year lease beginning in 2023. Church to pay \$1000 of the \$2000/year. Second by: Nathan. Motion carries.

Confirmed that we should continue the current process of doing pink slips up to \$200. Else comes to council for approval.

Devotions: Pastor; Just love everyone. I'll sort 'em out later. - God

Review and Approval of Financials as sent by Judy:

Conversations about reminder to put offering in the plate.

Motion to send \$600 to Ukraine money directly to Natasha by Kristen. Followed by another drive this fall to split with ELCA
Seconded by Hal. Motion carried

Offering envelopes. Denise moves to order 110 boxes + some extras. Don Seconded. Motion carries. We should explore new system next year. Targeting the number of envelopes that each giving unit actually gives.

Approval of Financial reports – Denise moves to approve financials. Nathan second Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes from last Council meeting: Don moves to approve minutes. Nathan seconds. Motion carries.

Committee reports; Education Kristen moves to approve Nathan seconded, motion carried

Old Business:

Thank You's

Lane and Judy cleaned the education wing – Pastor sent

Unsung Hero ideas

People who do the things every Sunday. Weekly workers! – Vicki and Hal did this!

Funeral coordinator

Not needed. Will table indefinitely

Camera System Update

Tom will continue working with Jason to try and address – Need to coordinate time.

Need someone to zoom camera during service. Come with ideas.

Education Wing

Survey was sent out on 7/13/22 to committees. Requested response by 9/10/22.

Going to put survey into bulletin and newsletter for individuals – Denise to do

Status Updates:

Review of RMD content for the newsletter

Denise moves to put Kristen's draft with Oren's update in the October Newsletter. Second by Don. Motion carries.

Church Deep clean

Education wing to be cleaned by 9/18. Started during the week and finished downstairs and bathrooms upstairs and confirmation room. Rest of upstairs TBD as they have time. Needs a key. Denise to communicate with her on bonded status and when the next portion will be done.

Accessibility assessment on Upper Church.

Tom to reach out to Curt on findings – Still pending

Open positions – Youth Director

Not needed at this time. Let's revisit at the year mark for Pastor to see if we need more help. Need someone who can plan a next youth gathering.

Thoughts and ideas to get more people back to services – how to get members engaged in the church

Tabled

Other Business

Quotes on Fans for Lower Church – Bobbie has us on a list to get a quote later this year.

No update

Consider creating an Advisory Committee on Building Needs – Needs a council rep.

Scope Statement to be sent to Council this week for review? Tabled. Need Tom for this

Family and friends of Wendy Ramberg Phillips want to give a memorial to the church. Perhaps a bench or other physical structure for outside of church.

Communicated – waiting for response

New Business:

Worship committee wants to send a survey to members to see why they are not in worship or participating in church activities. Kristen to email Vicki to get the current copy. Will not send out until we approve.

Round Table

Next meeting:

October 18th (Tuesday) at 6:00pm

Adjourn – Don, Denise seconded. Motion carries at 8:10

Close with Lord's Prayer

**November Council Meeting:
Thursday November 17th at 6:00pm**

2022 COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: Tom Locchetta

VICE-PRESIDENT: Nathan Stach

SECRETARY: Kristen Lien

TREASURER: Don Amundson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Oren Hammes

Denise Rockney

Hal Schuh

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

Treasurer's Report

September 2022 Contribution: \$17,383.21

September 2021 Contribution: \$17,897.59

September 2022 Expense: \$17,148.68

September 2021 Expense: \$13,518.97

YTD 2022 Contribution: \$171,634.94

YTD 2021 Contribution: \$194,685.24

YTD 2022 Expense: \$171,986.56

YTD 2021 Expense: \$129,936.81

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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:
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ROAD, CAMBRIDGE, WI 53523**

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ous offering in this way! **Online giving
directions:** With all of these options, you
may set up recurring donations or make a

I want to express my deepest thank you to everyone who spent their time planning ways to recognize me for my years of service to our church. From the special blessing given to me by Pastor Eric and the church, to the choir's special anthems, to the many cards with kind messages, gifts and beautiful flower arrangements-you all made me feel so very special! Thank you also to the Worship Committee for serving us a delicious luncheon. My family and I all enjoyed the wonderful food and fellowship. I truly appreciate my church family and all that you did to make this such a wonderful day. Thank you.

Judy



Heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone for your kind words and prayers, phone calls, cards, memorials and kitchen assistance at the passing of Janette. We sincerely appreciate everything and are reminded by all of this how very blessed we are here at EKLC to have all of you in our lives. Thank you to those who always remembered her with cards throughout the year and a special "thank you" to Pastor Eric and Marge for their visits to Janette. - The Family of Janette Klemp

Greetings from the Church Basement

News from the church basement ladies:

Thanks for all the help this past month, funeral lunch, newsletter work, flowers and plants for the altar, coffee fellowship serving, and other things that are not easily seen.

We meet next on Thursday, November 3 at 8 AM, with a break for coffee and meeting at 9:30.

November 20 will be our Thank offering Sunday. Envelopes are found in this newsletter, and may be returned that day, or in the mail. This offering goes directly to our Churchwide organization for programming and other work that is done from there. Lefse will be sold that day, also. Some of our wonderful women will be baking lefse and other Norwegian goodies at home, and it will be sold on November 20 for your holiday use! Thank you to those bakers. We hope to celebrate Advent by putting the tree up in the sanctuary on December 4, and Peace Circle will be serving an Advent celebration coffee hour after worship on December 11 for all in attendance that day. The quilt will be raffled off that day (tickets will be sold several Sundays before that so you can all purchase chances on the quilt), and maybe another surprise, too.

Meals on Wheels is kind of on hold right now, as the last two recipients have moved away. We are waiting to be needed again. I'll be in touch with my loyal delivery folks as needed. Thanks so much for your willingness to help.

Don't forget the donations for Thanksgiving meals at the Food Pantry. Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Communicator Carolyn Lein



November always reminds us of Thanksgiving, and all the blessings that we have received in our lives. Women of the ELCA call this our Thank offering. The monetary gifts that we give in thankfulness go directly to our Churchwide organization, and are used for the communication channels that they use for our information, for justice and advocacy work, for training and development for leaders. and for administration of grants and scholarship programs. We are asking for your help. You will find an envelope in this newsletter which is addressed to East Koshkonong. Your gift can be mailed in this envelope, or brought to church and offered there. You might want to add the word Thank offering on that envelope, so that it quickly gets to the right place. Checks may be made out to Women of the ELCA, with Thank offering on the memo line. And thank you for your thankfulness. Blessings to you all.

Women of East



Remember ...set your clocks back on Saturday November 5th when Daylight Savings ends .



EKLC is very proud of one of our own Alana Sable! She collected almost 300 pounds of food and other groceries for her birthday donation to the Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center! Nicely done!!!



EKLC Homebound Members

Melissa Anderson

279 Hwy A, Cambridge, WI 53523

Harriet Eikland ~ Home Again

308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

Bea Householder ~ Home Again

308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

Gary Johnson

1513 Raveen St., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Arlen Lund~ 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

Wilma Furseth

1000 Ridge St 3B Stoughton, WI 53589

Anbjorg Kaashagen

W9242 Red Feather Dr.
Cambridge, WI 53523

ATTENTION EKLC COMMITTEES

Any budget requests/changes for the EKLC 2023 Budget need to be submitted to the church office by **NOVEMBER 14, 2021** Thank you,
-EKLC Church Council



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at a glance **QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD)**



What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution?

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a way to support the ministries of our church, meet your required minimum distribution, and reduce taxable income.

Here's how it works:

If you are 70 ½ and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you are required by law to withdraw a certain amount of money from the account each year, this is known as your required minimum distribution (RMD). Many people find that they don't need the extra income, but they're required by law to take it. With the recent tax code changes, not everyone can itemize deductions, which means the RMD is taxed as income. Making a gift to charities directly from your retirement account in the form of a QCD may allow you to meet your RMD requirement without increasing your taxable income.

Why should I use a QCD?

- Distributions redirected to a charity are not considered income.
- Because these distributions aren't added to your income, you may qualify for lower Medicare premiums, lower Social Security tax rates, and avoid higher tax rates and phaseouts.
- They may count toward your RMDs.
- You don't have to change your will or trust.
- It's simple to report on your 1040 form.
- Your gifts immediately support our church.

Rules to keep in mind:

- Maximum gift: \$100,00/person/year
- Gifts must come from an IRA and be paid directly from your IRA custodian.
- Gifts must be received by the charity prior to Dec 31 of the calendar year.

As with any financial decision, talk to your financial and/or tax planner whether this is a good option for you. You will need to work with your IRA custodian to designate EKLC as this charity. Note that you can designate all or a portion of your RMD as QCD.

Sunday School

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Sunday School Calendar 2022

9/11 Rally Sunday

9/18 Sunday school

9/25 Sunday school

10/2 Kids sing during worship - host coffee hour & service project

10/9 Sunday school

10/16 Sunday school

10/23 Sunday school

10/30 Sunday school

11/6 Kids sing during worship - host coffee hour & service project

11/13 Sunday school

11/20 Sunday school

11/27 *No Class - Happy Thanksgiving*

12/4 Christmas Program Rehearsal

12/11 Christmas Program Rehearsal

12/18 Christmas Program

12/25 *No Class - Merry Christmas*

1/1/2023 *No Class - Happy New Year*

Upcoming Events:

- o Weekly – Noisy offering during church and Sunday School to benefit ELCA World Hunger – we’re going to buy some animals! Bring some loose change to get those buckets noisy!
- o Weekly – Confirmation has started on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm for grades 6-8.
- o 10/22/22 – 9-11am – multi-generational cookie baking and cookie decorating in Fellowship Hall for 10/23 bake sale after church service.
- o 11/6/22 – Kids Christmas craft during Sunday School – will sell during Advent.
- 12/17/22 – 9am to 2pm – Practice for Christmas Program, lunch provided, then outdoor Christmas caroling

ATTENTION EKLC PARENTS WITH YOUTH :
TAKE 5 HOURS TO GET YOUR LAST MINUTE
CHRISTMAS TASKS CHECKED OFF YOUR LIST!

SAT. DEC 17TH

**9AM-11AM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
PRACTICE**

**LUNCH – HEAD OUT IN GROUPS
FOR CAROLING**

12-1:30, PICK UP AT 2:00PM



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Confirmation class helping out at the Cambridge food pantry



Worship Helpers for November 2022

In-Person and Virtual Worship Every Sunday at 9:00am with communion

If you are unable to serve on a date you are scheduled please make every effort to find a replacement. If you have any questions or concerns please communicate with the appropriate contact person.

Thank you!

Organist~

Judy Rusch

Assisting Ministers~ (Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

11/6 ~ Vicki Schuh

11/13~ Carolyn Lien

11/20~ Gloria Fruit

11/27 ~ Holly Loomis

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: Bobbie Stach)

11/6 ~ Vicki Schuh

11/13 ~ Kristen Lien

11/20 ~ Don Amundson

11/27 ~ Jane Furseth

Acolytes ~ (Contact: Students/Parents via google doc)

11/6 ~ Kyle Durkee

11/13 ~ Tara Bettenhausen

11/20 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

11/27 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

11/6 ~ Carolyn Lien

11/13 ~ Tom & Trudy Spike

11/20 ~ Brian & Brittany Rosenthal

11/27~ Scott & Jackie Zahn

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

11/6 ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn

11/13 ~ Lane and Judy Taylor

11/20 ~ The Amundson Family

11/27 ~ Dennis Lund Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down~

(Contact Person: Marge Stach)

Altar Guild

Offering Counters~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

11/6 ~ Jean Lehr and Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

11/13 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit

11/20 ~ Brenda Schroeder and Leila Carl

11/27 ~ Jean Lehr and Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

Coffee Hour~ (Contact: Sign-up in Kitchen)

11/6 ~ Sunday School

11/13 ~ Worship Committee

11/20 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

11/27 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Church Lock up~

(Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

11/6 ~ Gloria Fruit

11/13 ~ Holly Loomis

11/20 ~ Vicki Schuh

11/27 ~ Holly Loomis

Bring in your Piggly Wiggly Receipts!

The CAMBRIDGE Piggly Wiggly donates a percentage of Piggly Wiggly dollars to EKLC from your receipts collected in the Church Narthex.

November 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 9:00am Staff Meeting Worship Committee meeting 6:00	2 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Confirmation	3 <i>Pin and sew</i>	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee fellowship 10:15 Sunday School	7	8 9:00am Staff Meeting Peace Circle at Carolyn's house	9 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Confirmation	10	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12
13 8:00am Choir practice 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee fellowship 10:15 Sunday School	14	15 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Education meeting	16 5:30 pm Worship 6:30pm Confirmation Food pantry	17 6:00pm Council meeting <i>Pin and Sew</i>	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>
20 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee fellowship 10:15 Sunday School	21 <i>Pastor vacation All week</i>	22	23 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Confirmation	24 <i>Office closed Thanksgiving</i>	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 8:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee fellowship	28	29 9:00am Staff Meeting	30 5:30 pm Worship 6 pm Confirmation			

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WORSHIP WITH US 9:00AM SUNDAY MORNINGS

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Remember to like the videos and subscribe to the channel! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChUv6MDQV54yCWz6oIGWezw>

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

- church office @ 423-3017 (A message will be left on the office answering system as soon as a cancellation is made)
- web site, www.eastkoshkonong.org



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