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September 2022

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Message



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Friends in Christ,

Is it just me or does seem like this year is flying by? I can hardly believe that summer is already coming to an end and the fall is upon us. I had a good summer though and I hope all of you did as well. One of the highlights of my summer was getting to participate in a meeting with some of the local staff members of my members of the house and senate. The meeting was organized by myself along with some other members of the Christian charity Bread for the World, which is an organization that seeks to end hunger both locally and abroad through faith-based advocacy. The purpose of our meeting was to advocate for some specific pieces of legislation that will help reduce the alarmingly high rate of childhood malnutrition. In fact, I recently heard that nearly half of all children around the world suffer from some form of malnutrition. In the many years I've done this faith-based advocacy work, I've found it to be some of the most important work that I've done in all my ministry. However, I have sometimes heard concerns that doing such work as a pastor is too "political". My response to such concerns has and always will be to point out that whether we realize it or not, the gospel itself is political. For instance, in the New Testament Jesus is referred to as "king" many times. During the time of Jesus's earthly ministry, kingship was actually the primary political office throughout the world, so calling Jesus "king" was a very political thing to do. Further, throughout the Old Testament, God lifts up Moses, Joshua, the prophets, and others to go before the political leaders of their times and advocate on God's behalf. While God is never politically partisan in the scriptures, meaning favoring one candidate or party or others, God is also not politically neutral in the scriptures either. Throughout the bible God objects whenever political policies or issues harm those who are the most vulnerable among God's creation, i.e. the poor, widows, orphans, refugees or migrants, and so on (see Matthew 25:31-46, Isaiah 1:17, James 1:27, ect). Therefore, as a follower of Jesus, I strive to ensure that the advocacy work in which I participate is also never done in a partisan way and seeks policies that care for the most vulnerable across the world. In whatever ways you may feels called to serve God, I pray that God will continue to lift up and inspire leaders to advocate for the most vulnerable among us today.

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric.

**EKLC Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 21 June – 6:00 PM (Friendship Hall)**

Call to Order at 6:07pm – Attending: Pastor Eric, Nathan, Denise, Hal, Don, Oren, Judy and Tom

Agenda Changes/Additions – N/A

Devotions – Pastor Eric – Share your highs and lows.

Review and Approval of Financials as sent by Judy

\$210 additional collected for Ukraine.

Motion to send directly to Natasha's family by Denise, second by Oren, motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from last Council meeting

Motion to approve by Tom, second by Don, motion approved.

Reports: Review and approve: Worship, Education, Pastor's Report, Personnel, any others?

Worship motion to accept by Denise and second by Oren. Motion approved.

Education verbally reviewed by Denise with motion to accept by Tom and second by Don. Motion approved.

Pastor's report motion to accept by Denise and second by Nathan. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Thank You's

n/a

Unsung Hero ideas

Hal brought up the young people who serve as Acolyte and discussion was had on how it would promote more youth involvement by recognizing their contributions to services. Tom motioned to accept and a second by Don. Motion approved. Hal to coordinate.

Funeral coordinator. Follow-up on First pass at expectations on page 2

Discussion held on this position and Tom will coordinate meeting with Pastor Eric and Personnel Committee to finalize a job description to be presented to Council.

Camera System Update – Fixing the remote control and recalibrating the lens.

Discussion on status of camera and improving the image quality. – Tom to finish image improvements.

Next steps for education wing research:

Denise to talk to Grace about their committee and look for a congregational needs assessment survey online. – Any updates?

Denise is playing phone tag with Pastor at Grace. Update after they talk.

Status Updates:

Review of RMD content for the newsletter – Motion to table verbiage until next month by Don. Seconded by Denise - Oren to stop in at synod office to see if they have anything simple and standard

Oren has a contact with the foundation and will follow-up to check on appropriate verbiage.

Get a quote for the whole church cleaning to go with the education wing cleaning – In Progress by Denise

Denise to meet with Lisa on 28-June to walk through Church(s) and to get a quote that is broken down by areas.

Next steps on building needs

Denise is creating a list of questions for the various committees to define their wants / needs / requirements.

Talk to Grace about their committee for their construction work

Look online for space needs survey

Upper Church carpet – Bonnie to talk to Marilyn and Judy about needs. They will chat about getting an estimate.

Tabled for one month

New Business

Ron Knapwurst Trust Fund Resolutions – Tom

Tom read letters (statements) prepared to update the Trust Fund Committee members that are to be presented to Edward Jones and Hometown Bank.

Letters were motioned for approval by Tom with second by Denise. Motion approved.

Letters are to be signed by Tom (President) and Kristen (Secretary) and returned to Ron.

Vote on Bobbie Stach – For the record

A nomination and vote was held previously via e-mail to confirm Bobbie Stach as Office Manager. This was based on the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to Church Council.

A unanimous confirmation vote was held with a motion to accept made by Don and second by Denise. Vote results approved and entered as record.

Open positions – Youth Director

Chris F had spoken to someone during the interview process that may still be interested. Tom to reach out to Chris for more details.

Tom to discuss position with Pastor Eric after council meeting.

Thoughts and ideas to get more people back to services

Wednesday services in the Fall – "Family Friendly Service"

Decided to explore details of setting this up this fall.

Outdoor services - Block-party style

Maybe Dane County Parks

Dorothy Carnes Park

Nathan and Don to investigate using the parks

July Council Mtg proposal – July 11th (Monday) or 12th (Tuesday) – Tom

Discussion held concerning a change due to travel, but after several e-mail exchanges (post-meeting) decision made to hold Council meeting on 19-July at 6:00pm

Other Business?

Choir to be reformed – Motion by Don with second by Tom. Motion approved.

Need to get quotes on Fans for Lower Church – Nathan to talk to Property Committee

Confirm next meeting:

July 19th, 6:00pm - Confirmed

Adjourn – 7:16pm

Close with Lord's Prayer

**September Council Meeting:
Monday, September 19th 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

July 2022 Contribution: \$17,939.37

July 2021 Contribution: \$15,691.63

July 2022 Expense: \$22,735.13

July 2021 Expense: \$16,669.51

YTD 2022 Contribution: \$134,915.87

YTD 2021 Contribution: \$156,153.14

YTD 2022 Expense: \$137,315.80

YTD 2021 Expense: \$106,836.38



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CIATED BY MAILING TO: EAST KOSHKO-**

We extend our sympathy to the family's of:

Andrew Veum

And

Sharon Chapman

Sunday School

Greetings from the Church Basement

This quilt was put together by Barb and her grand daughter Riley. We appreciate all of their help. Well done ladies.



Greetings from the Church basement

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for the school kits, sewing kits, and personal care kits we are preparing for Lutheran World Relief. We have started the packing, and are looking forward to working with the confirmation students for sealing, weighing, and labeling the boxes for shipping. If there is anyone who would like to contribute funds to pay for backpacks, see Jane Furseth. If you would like to contribute to defray shipping costs, see Sue Repyak. Thanks for any help you can give us. Thank you to the family of Irene Hensel who gave school supplies in her memory. Thank you to Peace Circle for duties in August, and to Joy Circle for September.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1 beginning at 8 AM. We'll break for coffee and business meeting at 9:30. Joy Circle is in charge this month.

There is a retreat for Women of the ELCA in the South Central Synod of Wisconsin scheduled for Saturday, September 24. Reservations are due now. Let me know if you want to be included. I'll try to make a late reservation for you. Fee is \$35.

Happy back to school to students and staff who are reporting to duty at school and Sunday School. God Bless you

Communicator Carolyn



EKLC is in need of Sunday School Teachers! As we start planning for fall of 2022 – we need volunteers to work with our Sunday school kids. If you have interest, please reach out to anyone on the Education Committee: Denise Rockney, Erica Lein, Chris Frodel, Hilary Terland, or Heidi Woodstock.

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.

Meals on Wheels Delivery Schedule

Monday, September 26 Bud and Beverly Lien
Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept 27 and 28 Ron and Shawn Anderson
Thursday and Friday, September 29 and 30 Ken and Marge Stach

Monday, and Tuesday, October 3 and 4 Don and Eileen Hoehn
Wednesday and Thursday, October 5 and 6 Jeff and Sandy Notstad
Friday, October 7 Carolyn Lien

Carolyn Lien



Lane Taylor, this month's unsung hero. Its not so much that he is an unsung hero, its more to the point that more people need to know of his efforts on behalf of this church.

Look around, if has been improved, replaced or repaired, you can be sure that Lane either did it, or had a hand in getting it done.

It has been this way for years. The list of his involvement and accomplishments would take more than one newsletter to list. It would be impossible to make that list without forgetting something he did that saved the church money or just made the building and grounds better.

EKLC Homebound Members

Melissa Anderson ~ Home
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 ~ Home
1513 Raveen St., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

Janette Klemp ~ Milestone Senior Living
1870 Market St. (Room 1), Cross Plains, WI 53528

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

Worship Helpers for September 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)

9/4 ~ Holly Loomis

9/11~ Carolyn Lien

9/18~ Vicki Schuh

9/25 ~ Gloria Fruit

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: Office)

9/4~ Joy Graffin

9/11 ~ Elizabeth Kaashagen

9/18 ~ Barb Klemp

9/25 ~ Beverly Lien

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

9/4 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

9/11 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

9/18 ~ Tara Bettenhausen

9/25 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

9/4 ~ Carolyn Lien

9/11 ~ Scott and Chris Frodel

9/18 ~ Brian and Brittany Rosenthal

9/25 ~ Don and Eileen Hoehn

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

9/4 ~ Curt and Linda Hanson

9/11 ~ Scott and Chris Frodel

9/18 ~ The Terland Family

9/25 ~ Ron and Nancy Knapwurst

Communion Set-up/Take-down~

(Contact Person: Marge Stach)

Altar Guild

Offering Counters~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

9/4 ~ Jean Lehr and Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

9/11 ~ Joy Graffin and Jean Lehr

9/18 ~ Brenda Schroeder and Leila Carl

9/25 ~ Jean Lehr and Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

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

9/4 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

9/11 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

9/18 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

9/25 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Church Lock up~

(Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

9/4 ~ Carolyn Lien

9/11 ~ Gloria Fruit

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9/25~ Vicki Schuh

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 8am Pin & Sew	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3
4 9am Worship 9:40am Coffee Fellowship	5 Office closed	6 9am Staff Meeting	7 6pm Worship meeting	8	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10
11 9am outdoor Wor- ship 9:40am Coffee Fellowship 10:am Sunday school	12	13 9am Staff Meeting	14 6:pm Confirmation night with parents	15 8am Pin & Sew	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17
18 9am Worship 9:40am Coffee Fellowship 10am Sunday school	19 5:30 pm Property Committee Meeting 6pm Church Coun- cil Meeting	20 9am Staff Meeting NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 5:30pm worship 6:30pm confirmation class	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 9am Worship 9:40am Coffee Fellowship 10am Sunday School	26	27 9am Staff Meeting	28 5:30pm worship 6:30 confirmation	29 9am Newsletter Assembly	30 OFFICE CLOSED	

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

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