



# Sundays and Beyond

December 2022

*East Koshkonong Lutheran Church*

## *Pastor's Message*

Friends in Christ,

One night a number of years ago when my father and I were driving back home from a fishing trip, we ended up encountering a good deal of construction on a very heavily trafficked expressway. Vehicles moved along at a steady yet slow pace and were all next to each other, literally bumper to bumper. But then at one point everyone came to a complete and total stop, and we all stayed that way for over an hour! People eventually shut their engines off and some even got out of their vehicles and started socializing because there was nothing else anyone could do. I still don't know exactly what it was that caused everyone to come to a complete stop, I've never seen anything like it before. Finally, when we began to see the flood of brake lights ahead of us turning and vehicles moving once again, people started cheering with joy because traffic was finally moving again, which goes to show the deep disdain that people have for waiting. To be honest, I don't really like to wait for just about anything and I don't think I've ever met anyone who truly finds joy in waiting. I don't like waiting in lines to buy something or go to the bathroom, I don't like waiting for packages to arrive in the mail, heck I don't even like waiting the dentist or the doctor's office. Yet, whether we enjoy it or not, waiting is a part of life that we just can't avoid. December marks the season of Advent when the Church waits for Christ's coming. That's important because this world needs Christ for salvation, for justice, for healing, and for hope. I think Max Lucado put the meaning of Christ's coming reign well when he said, "if our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. But since our greatest need was forgiveness, God sent us a Savior." So friends as we await so much in this world, even though we not enjoy it much, we can still find hope in our waiting knowing that Christ the Savior is coming to bring what the world truly needs most.

Shalom to you in Christ,

Pastor Eric.



EKLC Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, 18-Oct – 6:00 PM (Friendship Hall)

Call to Order – by Don at 6:14pm

Attending: Don, Denise, Hal, Oren, Nathan, Pastor Eric  
Missing: Tom, Kristen

Agenda changes/additions – request to approve the dartball team to use the church for 7 nights (once a week until February 2023) by Carroll Ehrke.

Devotions – by Pastor, add a blessing to the post-it and put it on the cross.

Review and Approval of Financials as sent by Judy

Motion made by Oren to send a check to Natasha's family, seconded by Nathan. Motion carried.  
Don motioned to accept financials, seconded by Oren. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from last Council meeting

Motion made by Oren, seconded by Nathan. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Thank You's – Mark and Brenda were sent one for the community meal. New ones = none.

Unsung Hero ideas – Hal will look into the girl on Facebook that donated a bunch of food to the food shelter. Her name is Alana Sable.

Need to get parent's consent before adding to the newsletter.

Camera System Update

Tom will continue working with Jason to try and address

Not much has been completed in last month due to travel.

Tom has downloaded an interview that will allow local and remote control and is testing.

Tom will spend some time going through the set-up when he returns

Jason did provide Tom the set-up instructions the IP addresses

This is to fix the zoom-in problem – correct??

Most people are preferring the phone (and are sharing that information), as it is much closer.

Education Wing

Surveys were sent out, completed, and sent back. Amount received are 23 surveys.

Common theme is new roof.

Copies were given to all Council members. Absent members have this information in their mailboxes.

Status Updates:

Church Deep Clean

Yes, they are bonded/insured. Finished with education area, working on the rest this week.

Denise is working on the approval of her work.

As of 10/21/22, there is only the main church left to clean.

Accessibility assessment on Upper Church.

Tom to reach out to Curt on findings – Still pending

Scope proposal for "Building Needs Committee" – Thoughts from the Council?

"We are requesting that a few members of the Church volunteer some time to interview and collect the thoughts of the membership on the long-term building / facilities improvement needs of the Church. The scope of this is to talk with members about building improvements they would like to see and document their suggestions and to provide to the Church Council as we continue to define the long-term improvements that are needed for the Church."

Tabled – will review the surveys and come back to this next month.

Is this proposal in regard to the entire churches, parsonage, and education wing? Or just education wing?

Don made up a new word – religioligy.

Open positions – Youth Director

Tabled – Did we find someone who can oversee the next youth gathering? National Youth Gathering in 2024 in New Orleans.

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

See Worship Committee Survey in the next section.

Other Business

Worship Committee Survey status

Oren made a motion that the worship committee survey that was reviewed and approved by the council be distributed by the worship committee. Nathan seconds the motion. Motion carried.

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 and still waiting on a response.

More details as to the type of bench/structure and where they are looking to put it?

**New Business:**

We will need to start planning for the Annual Meeting at the next Council Meeting

Other Items – Judy and Don will have a budget put together by the next meeting.

Caring for Creation service on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Synod picked us.

New Christmas tree? Hal will get some estimates by next meeting. Might not be for this year, but next year for sure.

Dartball team – there are 7 churches in the Monday night league.

Don made a motion to approve the use of EKLC for the dartball league. Oren seconds. Motion passed.

Requests dates ahead of time to put on the calendar.

Bonnie Ehrke has a key and can let them in the church.

Round Table

**Next meeting:**

November 15<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) at 6:00pm – does not work for everyone.

Next meeting is now Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourn – Oren moved to adjourn meeting, Denise second. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Close with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted – Denise Rockney

November Council Meeting:  
Tuesday December 20, 2022 @ 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***

October 2022 Contribution: \$22,755.30

October 2021 Contribution: \$15,259.93

October 2022 Expense: \$16,409.34

October 2021 Expense: \$12,091.98

YTD 2022 Contribution: \$194,390.27

YTD 2021 Contribution: \$209,531.47

YTD 2022 Expense: \$188,395.90

YTD 2021 Expense: \$142,028.79

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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:***

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OFFERINGS ARE ALSO ALWAYS APPRECIATED BY MAILING TO:  
EAST KOSHKONONG LUTHERAN CHURCH, 454 EAST CHURCH  
ROAD, CAMBRIDGE, WI 53523



*We extend our sympathy to  
the families of:*

*Caleb Wipperfurth,*

*Barbara Rude,*

*Dollie Birkrem*

*and*

*Larry Gunnelson*

News from the church basement.

Women of East will meet for Pin and Sew on December 1 at 8 AM. Peace Circle will be hosting a Christmas coffee after services on Sunday, December 11. Everyone is invited to join us for Christmas treats. We will be drawing a winner of the latest quilt project, so be sure to get a ticket or more for a chance to win. If you have not sent or brought in your Thank offering, please do that now. And thank you for that! As you may have noticed, no one is getting any younger, and in that spirit, we are changing the policy for luncheons after funerals. and asking families to have the food catered. Women of East will provide coffee, cups, sweetener and creamer, set-up including napkins and flatware, serving and clean-up, and desserts. This will be included in the funeral information that families are given, and so that everyone in the congregation knows about this beforehand, there is another article in this newsletter outlining the new policy. Thank you to all who have helped put this together, and to those who have been helping serve the funerals as we adjust to the new plan. Thank you to all who have been working with the projects and plans that we have attempted during 2022, as we readjust after the co-vid pandemic. We seem to be coming out the other side of this but with fewer folks attending worship in person. We always enjoy worshipping and singing and praying together, though we are thankful for the technology which has allowed us to worship at home when needed. Happy Advent as we await the coming of the Christ Child, and a Blessed Christmas to you all.

God Bless  
you.

Communicator Carolyn

We are updating the procedures for luncheons after funerals, as we need to make things a bit easier for the Women of East who take on this responsibility. This policy is outlined in the funeral information provided to families at the time they are doing the planning for a family member, but our members need to know this in advance, also. Beginning now, the Women of East will be able to provide the following: coffee, cups, creamer, and sweetener, set-up including napkins and tableware, serving and clean-up staff. If congregation members are attending a funeral and would like to bring food to share, we would ask that this be desserts. Thank you so much for your help with this new plan. We will still be using our list of willing workers to do this work!!!

Carolyn Lien





History Display News

Our History Display, located in Friendship Hall, has been updated with some pictures of past lefse making events and a spinning wheel (which is a family heirloom) on loan from Linda Hanson. If you have an item that reflects the history of your family and/or our church that you'd like to loan for display, please contact the church office.



Currently 1 in 13 people in Dane County need some sort of Food Pantry assistance. Our local Cambridge Food Pantry has 46 "unique" households including 21 children, 39 adults and 40 seniors. EKLC has been given a Thrivent Action Team grant to collect/purchase products for "Food Pantry: Project Clean". Through December 11, there will be a collection box in the Narthex where those wishing to donate can put liquid laundry soap, liquid dish soap, shampoo and conditioner and body wash/bar soap. These items cannot be purchased through the Food Pantry, Second Harvest or Community Action Coalition. The Pantry must rely on donation of these items from the public support only. At this time, the Pantry is entering the holiday/winter season with empty shelves for these products. Question may be directed to Barb Klemp.

## ***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

The Cemetery Board would like to thank all the people that attended and donated at coffee hour for generously.





# 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*



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**



**East Koshkonong Lutheran Church**



Confirmation class helped put together 32 Thanksgiving baskets at the Cambridge Food Pantry



# Worship Helpers for December 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)

12/4 ~ Vicki Schuh

12/11~ Carolyn Lien

12/18~ Gloria Fruit

12/24 ~ Holly Loomis 3pm

Vicki Schuh 6pm

12/25 ~ Carolyn Lien

## **Lay Readers~** (Contact Person: Bobbie Stach)

12/4 ~ Joy Graffin

12/11 ~ Elizabeth Kaashagen

12/18 ~ Barb Klemp

12/25 ~ Beverly Lien

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

12/4 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

12/11 ~ Payton and Rylie Mancheski

12/18 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

12/24~ Zack and Kyle Durkee 3pm

12/25 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

## **Greeters~** (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

12/4 ~ Don and Eileen Hoehn

12/11 ~ Peggy Luther

12/18 ~ Gloria Fruit

12/24 ~ 1pm Vicki Schuh

3pm Nathan and Bobbie Stach

6pm Tom and Stephanie Locchetta

12/25 ~ Marilyn Gunderson

## **Ushers~** (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

12/4 ~ Curt and Linda Hanson

12/11 ~ Scott and Chris Frodel

12/18 ~ The Terland Family

12/24 ~ 1pm Hal and Vicki Schuh

3pm Bjorn and Elizabeth Kaashagen

6pm Lane and Judy Taylor

12/25 ~ Hal and Vicki Schuh

## **Communion Set-up/Take-down~**

(Contact Person: Marge Stach)

Altar Guild

## **Offering Counters~**

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

12/4 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit

12/11~ Brenda Schroeder and Leila Carl

12/18 ~ Jean Lehr and Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

12/24 ~ 3pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED

6pm Nathan and Bobbie Stach lock up offering

12/25 ~ Joy Graffin and Gloria Fruit

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

12/4 ~ Holly Loomis

12/11 ~ Women of the ELCA Christmas Event

12/18 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

12/25 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

## **Church Lock up~**

(Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

12/4 ~ Carolyn Lien

12/11 ~ Gloria Fruit

12/18 ~ Holly Loomis

12/24 ~ 1pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED

3pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED

6pm Nathan & Bobbie Stach

12/25 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

# December 2022

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee fellowship 10:15 Sunday School	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Worship meeting	<b>7</b> 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Confirmation	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>10</b>
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<b>18</b> Christmas Program 9:40 coffee fellowship	<b>19</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>20</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Property Meeting 6:00pm Council Meeting	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve 1:00pm service 3:00pm service 6:00pm Service
<b>25</b> 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee fellowship	<b>26</b> Pastor on Vacation all week	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> No Service	<b>29</b> 9am Newsletter Assembly	<b>30</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>31</b>

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

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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](http://www.eastkoshkonong.org)



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