



Sundays and Beyond

January 2023

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.

MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

EKLC Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 17-Nov – 6:00 PM (Friendship Hall)

Call to Order: 6:10

Attending: Denise, Don, Tom, Oren, Pastor, Judy, Bonnie, Curt
Missing: Nathan and Hal

Agenda changes/additions

Devotions Highs and Lows

Special guests Curt Hanson and Bonnie Ehrke: Aagot Borge fund: History lesson on two churches, Aagot, and the fund. Aagot Borge Fund is spending money to maintain the building (\$50k over last 5 years). Requesting significant budget allocation for upkeep and maintenance of both churches. Noted some deficiencies that need to be corrected in both buildings: accessibility and restrooms at upper church; roof and making more usable space in education wing. Council will review and bring a capital investment question to the annual meeting if appropriate.

Review and Approval of Financials: Motion to approve Oren, Denise second, Motion carries

Approval of all committee reports received - Motion to approve Kristen, Denise second. Motion carries

Approval of Minutes from last Council meeting – Motion to approve Don, Denise second, Motion carries

Budget Proposal – Don and Judy – A few edits and questions. Tabled for next month. Judy will send along three flavors for us for approval in December.

Old Business:

Thank You's – Kerry of food pantry. Pastor to do. Thank you to Bobbie – for doing funeral opening and closing - Tom
Unsung Hero - NA this month

Camera System Update

Tom will continue working with Jason

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

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

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.

Denise to contact architects about cost, next steps, and info.

Tom to ask Curt about the accessibility review of the upper church

Considering visiting churches who are doing something interesting with their non-sanctuary space.

Status Updates:

Church Deep Clean

Done – Motion to use custodial funds to pay for this, Kristen. Second Tom, Motion carries.

Scope proposal for "Building Needs Committee"

Tabled – will do follow-ups from above.

Looking for a volunteer to lead youth gathering to New Orleans in 2024. Work with multiple churches on logistics and fund raising.

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

Wednesday services are going well. Different folks on Wednesday and Sunday which is great. Everyone who comes likes it

Other Business

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:

New Christmas tree proposal – Motion to spend up to \$500 from undesignated memorials for a new tree. Tom, seconded. Final decision pending approval of council president. Motion carries.

Decorating the churches for Christmas. Let's ask Bobbie to wrangle this. Tom to do.

Bulletins used during services. Motion made to go back to one bulletin that contains both static and dynamic information for each service.

Kristen. Second by Denise. Motion carries. Tom to communicate to Bobbie.

We will need to start planning for the Annual Meeting.

Date set for 2/12/23

Need new Committee and Council members for next year. Nominating committee is Jamie, Jason, Chris, Sonia.

Brainstormed ideas. Volunteers welcome!

Other items

Round Table

Next meeting:

Dec 20th @ 6pm?

Adjourn at 8:50 pm – Motion made by Tom, seconded by Denise. Motion passed.

Close with Lord's Prayer

January Council Meeting:
Tuesday 17th @ 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

November 2022 Contribution: \$23,526.21

November 2021 Contribution: \$22,619.98

November 2022 Expense: \$25,829.73

November 2021 Expense: \$8,022.08

YTD 2022 Contribution: \$217,916.45

YTD 2021 Contribution: \$232,151.45

YTD 2022 Expense: \$214,224.63

YTD 2021 Expense: \$190,351.42



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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:

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



News from the church basement:

Happy New Year to you all. Thanks to Peace Circle for serving duties in December, and again in January. We do not have a meeting scheduled in January, because it is usually too cold in the basement so we'll go with the flow here, and when it warms up a bit, we'll get back to work. Speaking of sewing, Linda Teske won the quilt that we gave away at the Christmas Coffee! We received a wonderful thank you note from her. This makes the fun and done quilt more fun. Thanks to all who bought tickets. That money helps us buy supplies to keep quilting. Sometimes we get a gift of interesting fabrics from unknown or known sources, and for that we thank you. Thank you to everyone who has helped with serving funeral meals (5 in a month). The catering plan seems to be working well, and we are getting to know what various places have to offer.

The altar guild has asked us to get involved with the communion duties again, and the serving circle is asked to set up and clean up communion on the first Sunday, and the first Wednesday of their serving month. I am asking our wonderful folks who are in charge of altar guild to leave us some instructions to follow, since it's been a long time since we last did this work. Thank you to the altar guild for taking care of all of these details for the last 3 years.

We are being called to pick up the Meals on Wheels duties again, and here is the schedule. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

Monday and Tuesday, January 2 and 3 Don and Eileen Hoehn
 Wednesday, January 3 Carolyn Lien
 Thursday and Friday, January 5 and 6 Ken and Marge Stach

Monday and Tuesday, January 9 and 10 Ron and Shawn Anderson
 Wednesday, January 11 Bud and Beverly Lien
 Thursday and Friday, January 12 and 13 Jeff and Sandy Nottestad

It's starting to be a cold and snowy winter, so please take care, everyone. God Bless you. Communicator Carolyn





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.



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



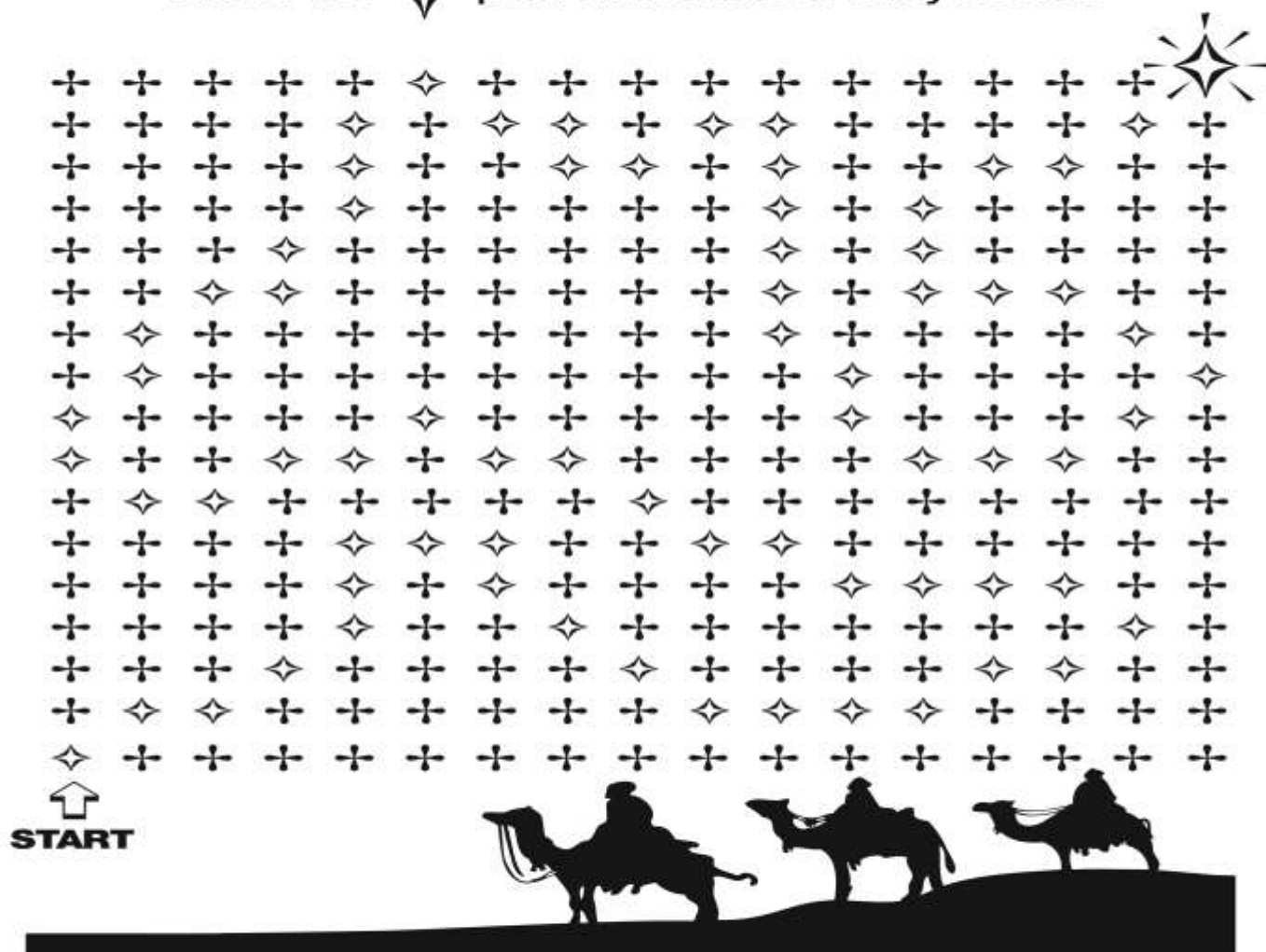


Sunday School



Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the ✨ path that leads to baby Jesus.



Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

L D O G

N C A K N R I E N F S E

R Y H M R

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Answer: gold, frankincense, myrrh



KIDS PAGE

“STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.



What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



Share God's Word

Worship Helpers for January 2023

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)

1/1 ~ Gloria Fruit

1/8 ~ Carolyn Lien

1/15 ~ Vicki Schuh

1/22 ~ Gloria Fruit

1/29 ~ Holly Loomis

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: Bobbie Stach)

1/1 ~ Carolyn Lien

1/8 ~ Ken Rockney

1/15 ~ Peggy Luther

1/22 ~ Bobbie Rawinski

1/29 ~ Joy Graffin

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

1/1 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

1/8 ~ Zack Durkee

1/15 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

1/22 ~ Tara Bettenhausen

1/29 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

1/1 ~ Terland Family

1/8 ~ Ken Rude

1/15 ~ Diane Luginbuhl

1/22 ~ Tom & Trudy Spike

1/29 ~ Kurt & Barb Klemp

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

1/1 ~ Carolyn Lien & Brenda Schroeder

1/8 ~ Zahn Family

1/15 ~ The Schlieckau Family

1/22 ~ Terland Family

1/29 ~ Peggy Luther & Diane Luginbuhl

Communion Set-up/Take-down~

(Contact Person: Marge Stach)

Altar Guild

Offering Counters~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

1/1 ~ Brenda Schroeder and Leila Carl

1/8 ~ Jean Lehr and Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

1/15 ~ Joy Graffin and Gloria Fruit

1/22 ~ Brenda Schroeder and Leila Carl

1/29 ~ Jean Lehr and Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

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

1/1 ~ NO COFFEE HOUR

1/8 ~ Gloria Fruit & Karen Hayes

1/15 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

1/22 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

1/29 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Church Lock up~

(Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

1/1 ~ Carolyn Lien

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Bring in your Piggly Wiggly Receipts!

January 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

1 9:00am Worship	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Worship meeting	4	5	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7
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- 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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