



Sundays and Beyond

September 2023

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church

ELCA

Friends in Christ,

Wow, I can't believe yet another summer is coming to an end and the fall season will be here soon. Fall is often a time when church programming resumes once again, and that's the case here with Sunday School and Confirmation starting back up soon. I know I'm looking forward to it and I'm sure many of you are too. I have some wonderful memories not only from teaching Sunday School and Confirmation classes, but also from going through them back when I was a child. One of those memories came from a class that was being taught by one of my aunts who shared a story with us from her time working as a speech pathologist with the Rockford Public School District for several decades. This was a story about one student who was bullying another student who had intellectual disabilities. She knew the whole family of the kid who was doing the bully and also knew that they were very devout Roman Catholics, who went to mass every week. So knowing that my aunt confronted this student about what he was doing and asked how he reconciled his faith with demeaning another human being. He then explained that when he was in worship he behaved faithfully and always asked his priest for forgiveness for the ways he behaved unfaithfully outside of worship. With that my aunt discovered that this boy seemed to believe that it was ok to have a dichotomy, completely separating his faith from his daily life. I've seen many other people who have similar views, but that is simply not correct. God calls us to live as the church, in every single part of our lives! In other words, we can never separate our faith lives from any other part of our lives; i.e. our social life, our finances, our jobs, our family, our hobbies, and so on. Our faith should inform our decisions, our finances, how we participate in our democracy, and so on. Who we are in worship is who God calls us to be in every part of our lives. That lesson has always stuck with me since Sunday School and I hope it's one that will stick with all of you as well.

Shalom to you in Christ,

Pastor Eric.

Just wanted to give a big THANK YOU to all of those that helped, spread the word, and attended our Little Fun on the Prairie event on August 12th. It was perfect weather and a great turnout!



EKLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 17, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm

Attendance: Denise Rockney, Hal Schuh, Don Amundson, Linda Hanson, Pastor Eric, Oren Hammes Excused: Nathan Stach
Also attending: Judy Lund

Agenda: The agenda was approved with revisions

Devotions: Pastor Eric..“Work Together, Pull for Love”

Financials: Motion to approve June financials – Oren

2nd – Don

Motion carried

Discussion regarding budgeting for next year

Review of committee reports:

Reports received: Pastors report, Worship committee report

Motion to approve reports – Don

2nd – Linda

Motion carried

Review and approval of minutes from last council meeting:

Motion to approve – Don

2nd – Oren

Motion carried

Old Business

1. Thank you's

Thank you to Johnny, Lane and Nate for replacing ceiling tiles in lower level Sunday School hallway.

2. Camera system update – Oren

We are waiting to see how the new Spectrum service affects internet speed, etc.

3. Development Group

Discussion of RCI visits regarding roofing over addition and windows.

4. Youth Gathering in New Orleans 2024 discussion. E-mails were sent to parents

Of children in grades 7-11. There will be a local interest meeting at Grace Lutheran on July 19th.

5. We are waiting for additional quotes for blacktop sealing. We have one good quote.

New Business

1. Community Fun Day (A Little Fun on the Prairie) will be held on church

grounds on August 12th from 1-4 pm. There are posters available to anyone wanting to distribute them.

2. EKLC will host the Community Café on September 7 in Cambridge.

3. We reviewed the Child Protection Policy and the update to the Memorial Policy.

A motion to accept the policies as written was made by Don, 2nd by Linda.

Motion carried

4. Discussion of a “baptismal reunion” of those baptized within the last five years to be recognized on Rally Sunday in September.

Motion to adjourn – Don

2nd -Oren

Motion carried

8:16 pm

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Next Council meeting: Monday

August 21 6pm

September Council Meeting:
Monday September 18th @ 6:00pm

2023 COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: Denise Rockney

VICE-PRESIDENT: Oren Hammes

SECRETARY: Linda Hanson

TREASURER: Don Amundson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Nathan Stach

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 2023 Income: \$20,915.92

Expense: \$17,013.57

July 2022 Income: \$17,939.37

Expense: \$22,990.97

YTD 2023 Income: \$155,059.58

Expense: \$180,173.02

YTD 2022 Income: \$134,915.87

Expense: \$137,571.64

Congratulations

Bret and Megan Ofsthum

on their wedding

July 22, 2023

at EKLC!

God Bless you

Megan & Bret

RALLY SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 10TH

Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor service on the Upper Church Lawn. As always, a team of volunteers is needed to be there on Saturday, September 9th at 3pm to help with putting up the tent and chairs and to disassemble after the service on the 10th.

There will be some ice cream treats available after the service that day.

Look for a sign up sheet in the Narthex letting us know if you can assist on Saturday. Many helpers make the work go quickly.

Vicki Schuh

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.



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 www.eastkoshkonong.org and click on Donate. Create a profile through this secure website, if you haven't already, and complete the form on the 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 the 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

News from the Church basement

My goodness, where has the summer gone? We have been sewing and tying quilts twice a week during the year, and it's almost shipping time again to send quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you so much to all of you who have supplied parts for the backpacks and quilts. You have come through so well that it reminds me of the loaves and fishes. We had no notebooks, and now we have many- no scissors and now many. There are 44 backpacks filled already, and as soon as the new supply gets here we can begin again. There should be a final count for you in the October newsletter, as the confirmation students are again helping us pack and seal boxes in early September in time for shipping. If you are thinking you meant to help with that but didn't get it done, we can always use money to pay for supplies and shipping. Money to pay for backpacks goes to Jane, and money for shipping goes to Sue. Thanks for your help with this mission.

We meet for Pin and Sew on Thursday, September 7 beginning at 8 AM. We'll finish making up the school kits, sewing kits, and personal care kits that morning. Light Circle is in charge of serving duties in September. Thanks to them, and to Joy circle who took charge in August.

Thanks also to our loyal Meals on Wheels delivery folks. Here is the schedule for that work in September.

Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 11&12 Don and Elleen Hoehn

Wednesday, Sept. 13 Ron and Shawn Anderson

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 14 & 15 Sheryl Hensel

Monday Sept 18, Ron and Shawn Anderson

Tuesday and Wednesday Sept 19 & 20 Linda and Duane Dieckoff

Thursday and Friday Sept 21 & 22 Beverly Lien

Kristen and I are representing East at the Women of the ELCA Gathering in Phoenix in September. There are opportunities to participate by sending gift cards for folks in need in the Phoenix area. If anyone would like information on this, please let me know. I could carry the cards with me to the Gathering.

Happy
Fall!!

Communicator Carolyn

EKLC Homebound Members

Melissa Anderson
279 Hwy A, Cambridge, WI 53523

Bea Householder ~ Home Again
308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

Gary Johnson ~ Home Again
308 England St, Cambridge, WI 53523

Arlen Lund~ Home Again
308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523

Wilma Furseth
1000 Ridge St 3B Stoughton, WI 53589

Betsy Calhoun
10702 W Hwy 14 Evansville, WI 53536

Belva Anderson
201 W Madison St Cambridge, WI 53523

Joan Volenberg
2315 Hwy W Cambridge, WI 53523



For parents of 7th and 8th grade students; our first class for the upcoming year will be September 13th at 6:30 PM here. Like last year, this will be partly an orientation, which we're asking both students and parents to attend together.

Ukraine dinner
Held August 5th



JULY visitors at East Koshkonong Church - A large gathering of descendants of Sophia (1876-1930) and Christian Helgestad (1871-1927) met at the East Koshkonong Church on Thursday, July 27th to welcome six of their relatives from Norway. The Norwegian visitors were: Hilde Iversbakken, Mathilde Hanssen, Raimond Strømvall, Kathinka Hanssen, Josefine Hanssen and Kristian Hanssen — from Kapp, a small town about two hours' drive from Oslo. These intrepid travelers are the descendants of Sophia Helgestad's sister, Johanne Syversen (1867-1945), who remained in Norway. Sophia and Christian Helgestad, members of our church in the early part of the 20th century, had 11 children in total. Three of those 11 children had descendants represented at the gathering: Borghild (wife of John Rude), Alma (wife of Russell Wilcox) and Florence (wife of Leonard Horn). Borghild (1904-1975) and John Rude (1900-1997) are buried at East Koshkonong.

East Koshkonong Church volunteer Bonnie Ehrke gave the group a guided tour of the two church buildings and explained some of EKLC's fascinating history. The Norwegian family members were especially interested to read the Norwegian inscriptions in the windows of the upper church and in the kitchen of the lower church. The Norwegians also visited the graves of their ancestor's siblings, Sophia Helgestad and her brother Hans Hanson, who are buried at East Koshkonong (see photo).
Article and photo submitted by Jesse Rude, Grandson of John Rude.



Worship Helpers for September 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)

9/3 ~ Gloria Fruit just for Communion

9/10 ~ Holly Loomis

9/17 ~ Vicki Schuh

9/24 ~ Carolyn Lien

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: Bobbie Stach)

9/3 ~ Anders Amundson

9/10 ~ Peggy Luther

9/17 ~ Ken Rockney

9/24 ~ Holly Loomis

Acolytes ~ (Contact: Bobbie Stach / Pastor Eric)

9/3 ~ Tanner Furseth

9/10 ~ No one needed

9/17 ~ Morgan Rockney

9/24 ~ Kyle Durkee

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

9/3 ~ Gloria Fruit

9/10 ~ Diane Luginbuhl

9/17 ~ Kurt & Barb Klemp

9/24 ~ Lindsay Baker

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

9/3 ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn

9/10 ~ Nathan Stach Family

9/17 ~ Ron & Nancy Knapwurst

9/24 ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien

Communion Set-up/Take-down~

(Contact Person: Marge Stach)

Altar Guild

Offering Counters~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

9/3 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit

9/10 ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl

9/17 ~ Jean Lehr & Cheryl Nuenthel

9/24 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit

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

9/3 ~ Vicki Schuh

9/10 ~ Outdoor Worship

9/17 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

9/24 ~ VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Church Lock up~

(Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

9/3 ~ Gloria Fruit

9/10 ~ Vicki Schuh

9/17 ~ Carolyn Lien

9/24 ~ Holly Loomis

September 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1 Office Closed	2
3 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee fellowship	4 Office Closed	5 9:00am Staff Meeting	6 5:30 Worship	7 Pin & Sew	8 Office Closed	9
10 9:00am Outdoor Worship	11	12 9:00am Staff Meeting	13 5:30 Worship 6:30 Confirmation Orientation	14	15 Office Closed	16
17 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee fellowship	18 6:00 Council meeting	19 9:00am Staff Meeting Newsletter deadline	20 5:30 Worship 6:30 Confirmation	21 Pin & Sew	22 Office Closed	23
24 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee fellowship	25	26 9:00am Staff Meeting	27 5:30 Worship 6:30 Confirmation	28 Newsletter assembly	29 Office Closed	30

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WORSHIP WITH US AT 9:00AM SUNDAY MORNINGS

- ⇒ IN-PERSON
- ⇒ YOUTUBE
- ⇒ FACEBOOK

In person at 5:30pm Wednesdays

TO WATCH WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE or FACEBOOK:

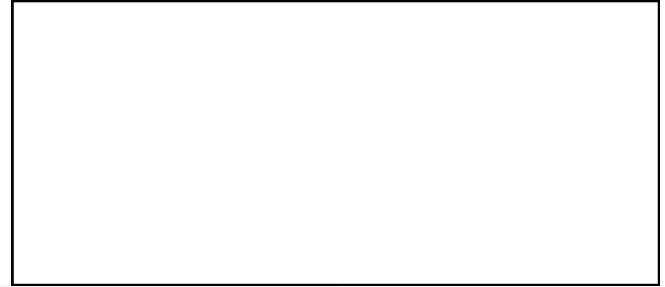
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- church office @ 423-3017 (A message will be left on the office answering system as soon as a cancellation is made)
- web site, www.eastkoshkonong.org