

Sundays and Beyond

October 2024
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
ELCA



Friends in Christ,

The 31st of this month will mark a day known in the church as *Reformation Day*. On this date in 1517, a young university professor named Martin Luther offered *95 Theses*, which mainly protested some of the practices of the Church of that time. This event is considered by many historians to be a pivotal moment that set into motion many ensuing changes in the church. It was a historical movement that is now known as the Reformation. This is what ultimately birthed the Lutheran denomination of Christianity. Today Lutheranism is a very diverse

global movement; we speak many different languages, we live on different continents and in different climates, and we come from many different cultural backgrounds. Our particular denomination of Lutheranism, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is part of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) which is a global communion that includes 77 million people **from 99 countries**. **The message of God's grace and justice is one that can be shared using any language and cultural customs.** In fact, Martin Luther himself followed this principle. Luther took the original Greek and Hebrew language manuscripts of the bible and translated them into the common German language of his country. Doing such a thing was actually illegal in this context and Luther faced the risk of harsh punishments. Yet he took these actions so that people could finally read and hear the good news of scripture in their own language. Today we continue to live out the good news through our faith in Jesus with all of our siblings throughout time and space, thanks be to God!

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric.



Construction Update!

EKLC SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, August 4 2024

A special meeting was called to act on items postponed due to early adjournment of July's meeting because of severe storm warnings. The meeting was called to order at 10:16 am by President Denise Rockney

Attendance: Denise Rockney, Hal Schuh, Oren Hammes, Amy Hensel, Peggy Luther, Pastor Eric, Linda Hanson, Ron Knapwurst

Prayer: Peggy Luther

1. Oren made a motion that we would not plant a tree to replace the one cut down at this time. 2nd by Peggy. Motion carried.
2. Linda made a motion to purchase an I-Pad for the church to use with the camera for recording services and other office needs, and a new computer for the office. The old one is very slow and needs to be replaced. Money for these will come from undesignated funds. Motion 2nd by Oren. Motion carried. Discussion: Holly will shop for the I-pad and computer.
3. Oren made a motion to donate \$500 to Apple Grove Church in Argyle that had its building destroyed in a tornado this summer. 2nd by Denise. Discussion: Donation to come from undesignated memorials. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Linda to table credit card discussion. 2nd by Ron. Motion carried.
5. The bell tower rope has broken. Bryar has said he will talk to NCI Roberts regarding repair/replacing the louvres in the bell tower and at same time replacing the rope. Denise will contact Bryar regarding this.
6. Oren made a motion to approve July minutes. 2nd by Ron. Motion carried.

Oren made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Ron. Motion carried.
Adjourn 10:52 am.

No additional meeting in August
Next meeting: September 16, 6pm

Women of East are so very thankful to the kids of confirmation and their parents for the help with sealing, labeling, and moving of the quilts and kits that we got ready to ship to Lutheran World Relief, and to Heidi and her helpers for taking the boxes to the railyard this month. We could not do this without you. Thanks also to everyone who donated supplies and money to get this done. Here is the report: We shipped 151 quilts, 136 school kits, and 24 personal care kits. Thank you, thank you.

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.



October Council Meeting:
Monday, October 21, 6:00 p.m.

2024 COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: Denise Rockney

VICE-PRESIDENT: Oren Hammes

SECRETARY: Linda Hanson

TREASURER: Ron Knapwurst

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Amy Hensel, Peggy Luther, 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.

The Church is looking for help on Sundays after worship to help count the offering money. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Joy Graffin.



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

Treasurer's Report

August 2024 Income: \$28,824.11
Expense: \$22,980.46
August 2023 Income: \$19,459.80
Expense: \$19,374.42
YTD 2024 Income: \$283,001.09
Expense: \$310,311.48
YTD 2023 Income: \$174,521.38
Expense: \$202,279.99

*please note, 2024 numbers reflect information related to the Upper Church Restoration Project in addition to normal offerings and expense.

We have sound amplifying devices available in the usher stand in the narthex. Instructions for use are in the basket with the devices, as well as saniwipes for wiping off the ear bud after use. Please turn off the device after use to conserve the batteries. Thank you!



Recipe Books Still Available
We had a very good response to our recipe book sale this year. We still have about 15 books left. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact Marilyn Gunderson (423-3876). The cost is \$15.00. If you write a check for payment, please write it to WELCA.



Turning the World Right Side Up

"My grace is all you need, for my power is the greatest when you are weak." 2 Corinthians 12:9

**Saturday, October 5
2024
Bethany Lutheran
Church – Wisconsin
Dells**

You are invited to the 2024 South-Central Synod of Wisconsin WELCA Women's Retreat. We will gather on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church located at [620 Broadway Ave., Wisconsin Dells, WI.](#)

EKLC Homebound Members

Melissa Anderson
279 Hwy A, Cambridge, WI 53523

Bea Householder ~ 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

Joan Volenberg
2315 Hwy W Cambridge, WI 53523

Edward & Linda Melton
400 N Morris St, Stoughton, WI.
53589.



EKLC will be ordering offering envelopes for 2025 soon. If you no longer wish to receive offering envelopes or if you'd like to start receiving them, please notify the church office by October 15.

Celebration Plans

There will be a combination of the “Ribbon Cutting”, the “Homecoming” and the “180th Anniversary”, coming very soon.

Please plan to join this celebration day, tentatively set for Sunday, November 10, 2024, as we showcase the new ramp, welcome everyone back to the Upper Church and observe our Congregation’s 180th anniversary.

We would like to focus on the outstanding acoustics of this historic building by inviting musicians and vocalists who would like to share their talent with us. If you would be interested, you are encouraged to fill out the form below and drop it off at the church office or mail it to the church. The invitation is intended for young and older alike. The choir will be singing for us and then the hope is that individuals or groups will perform also.



I WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM AT THE CELEBRATION

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Please tell us what musical instrument you’d like to play for us, or if you are a vocalist, what song you would like to sing.



Thank you for being willing to share your talent with us.

Worship Helpers for October 2024

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)

10/6 ~ Gloria Fruit
10/13 ~ Carolyn Lien
10/20 ~ Vicki Schuh
10/27 ~ Kyle Durkee

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

10/6 ~ Carolyn Lien
10/13 ~ Vicki Schuh
10/20 ~ Beverly Lien
10/27 ~ Kristin Lien

Acolytes ~ (Contact: Pastor Eric)

10/6 ~ Josie Lund
10/13 ~ Lena Skjolaas
10/20 ~ Casey Travis
10/27 ~ Sammy Sable

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

10/6 ~ Vicki Schuh
10/13 ~ The Terland Family
10/20 ~ Karen Hayes
10/27 ~ Peggy Luther

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

10/6 ~ Ron & Nancy Knapwurst
10/13 ~ Henry Furseth Family
10/20 ~ Jane Furseth, Carolyn Lien
10/27 ~ Frodel Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down~

(Contact Person: Marge Stach)
Altar Guild

Offering Counters~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)
10/6 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit
10/13 ~ Brenda Schroeder, Leila Carl &
Diane Luginbuhl
10/20 ~ Jean Lehr & Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel
10/27 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit

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

10/6 ~ Sunday School
10/13 ~ Worship Committee
10/20 ~
10/27 ~ Peace Circle



Poll Workers Needed: There is a shortage of poll workers in many poll places. A lack of poll workers can lead to confusion and long lines. As part of our participation in ELCAvotes, the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin is helping to recruit poll workers.

Did you know that you can legally take off work in Wisconsin and be paid for being a poll worker? Did you know if you are 16 and older and in Wisconsin have a 3.0 grade point average you can take off of school and be paid to be a poll worker? Adults, if you are interested in learning more or would like to let us know that you signed up to be a poll worker, please contact cynthia.crane@elca.org or go to <https://elections.wi.gov/node/1012>. Student can go to <https://elections.wi.gov/poll-workers-observers/working-polls/high-school-election-inspectors>.

"We understand that Christians are called to be stewards of our common life through serving as faithful and active citizens." –Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (ELCA Civic Engagement Guide)

October 2024

Sun

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Tue

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Sat

		1 6 p.m. Worship Committee meeting	2 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	3	4	5
6 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee Fellowship	7 6:30 p.m. Education Committee meeting	8	9 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	10	11	12
13 Confirmation Sunday 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee Fellowship	14	15	16 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	17	18	19
20 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee Fellowship 10:00 a.m.	21 6:00 p.m. Council meeting	22	23 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	24	25	26
27 9:00am Worship 9:40 coffee Fellowship	28	29	30 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	31		



**Join our team!
We are hiring**

Church Office Administrator

We are looking for a dedicated individual to join our church community and help make a difference.

Overview: Perform Administrative duties and act as a point of contact for EKLC

Hours: While there could be flexibility - generally would be looking for Mon - Thurs 9am -2pm

Requirements: Proficient in Microsoft office, publisher, comfortable using a computer. Must be outgoing and willing to work independently.

**Interested in learning more? Email all inquiries to
eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com**



EKLC will be hosting the community meal at Cambridge High School on October 3. Sign up sheets are in the narthex for volunteers.

We'll be celebrating Confirmation Sunday this year on October 13. We'll also be recognizing the class of 1974's 50 anniversary during worship that Sunday. Come join us!

News from the church basement

How can it be fall when it still feels like summer? We work with what we get, and this must be good for the finishing of the ramp project.

Thank you to Light Circle for serving duties in September, and to Peace Circle for October. It doesn't seem as though we can have Pin and Sew on October 3, but if it becomes possible, we'll get the word out.

Some of us are going to the Synodical Women's Retreat on October 5 in Wisconsin Dells, and we should take an offering. Can someone help with getting that done? We usually send at least \$25, and we'll need a check from the Women of the ELCA treasury for that.

Thanks to those who organized and helped with the serving of the Community Cafe on October 3. It's good to gather with the community and work together for this.

We are on the schedule for delivery of Meals on Wheels weekdays from November 4 to 15. I already have 4 days filled, so I'll hope to hear from some of the rest soon. Your help is so appreciated.

God Bless you.
Communicator Carolyn

Our noisy offering from September 2023-2024 raised \$3400.21! With that we'll be donating a Water Well, Family Farm, and Community Vegetable Garden through ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts. **Thank you all for your generosity! There's information below about each item.**

Family farm

Help a family break the cycle of hunger and poverty — for good. A cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training can create a world of opportunity for a family living in poverty. With eggs, milk and meat to eat and sell, and tools and training to increase the harvest, this gift can make all the difference.

Safe water access

Lack of access to safe water is one of the biggest challenges to overcoming poverty. It's also one of the most powerful opportunities to create change. With a simple water well, spring box or other water point, as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water. Communities are healthier. People spend less money on medical expenses and more on food and education. And instead of spending hours each day gathering water for the family, women and children have time for work and school. Talk about a future filled with hope!

Community vegetable garden

Start with a shared plot of land and soil, add drought-resistant seeds, and top it off with tools and training. The result? Plenty of tomatoes, potatoes, cabbage, beans, cassava and other vegetables to go around. Extra produce can be sold for income, with the profits shared by the members of the cooperative to reinvest in and expand the garden.

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WORSHIP WITH US

AT 9:00AM

SUNDAY MORNINGS

⇒ IN-PERSON

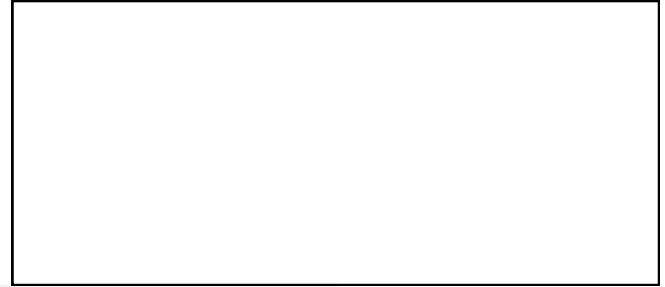
⇒ YOUTUBE

⇒ FACEBOOK

In person at 5:30pm Wednesdays

TO WATCH WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE or FACEBOOK:

YOUTUBE: Go to East Koshkonong Lutheran Church" or the email eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com.



OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday

YOUTUBE: Go to East Koshkonong Lutheran Church" or the email eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com.

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

FACEBOOK PAGE – Please "Like" us on East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Facebook!

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