

Sundays and Beyond

September 2024
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
ELCA



Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe but summer is almost over, and the season of fall is upon us. Fall brings with it many changes; students and teachers transition from summer vacation back into another school year, the leaves on the trees begin to change color, the weather changes, and football season starts again, go Packers! Just as the season of fall brings with it many changes, so too God calls us to be agents of **positive change in the world. And I'm thankful to share that I've seen how this congregation is fulfilling that call! Through our noisy offering we're donating to those in need through ELCA World Hunger. Through our collaborations with and support of the food pantry, we're helping families struggling in this community.**

Through our church benevolence, we are supporting so many charities and social services that provide vital services around the world. Our quilters and circles provide essential supplies for countless individuals. As we constantly hear and see so many negative stories, I want to take this opportunity to remind you all of something positive, and that you all are a part of making this world a better and **more just place for everyone through the many ministries of this congregation. Let's keep it church!**

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric

Progression of the project
at the Upper Church.



EKLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 15, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm by President, Denise Rockney

Attendance: Denise Rockney, Hal Schuh, Oren Hammes, Amy Hensel, Peggy Luther, Pastor Eric, Linda Hanson, Ron Knapwurst. Also in attendance: Judy Lund-Financial Secretary, and Bryar Veley

Agenda: Add to new business: A/C for office, donation for Apple Grove Church, propane contract, audit

Devotions: Film: ELC World Hunger 50th anniversary

Financials: Judy answered questions regarding financials. The Ukraine fund has \$818.75. Peggy made a motion to write a check to Natasha for her to forward to her family in the Ukraine for use as needed for refugees and other needs in the area. Motion 2nd by Linda. Motion carried. A donation was made to EKLC from the estate of Rodell Lee in the amount of \$25,000. Oren made a motion to approve the financials as presented. 2nd by Linda. Motion carried.

Review of committee reports:

Reports received: Pastors report. Ron moved to approve the report. 2nd by Oren. Discussion. Motion carried

Review and approval of minutes from last council meeting: Peggy moved to approve minutes from last meeting. 2nd by Amy. Motion carried

Presentation by Bryar Veley regarding church and grounds maintenance. A1 removed the dying tree on the west side of the church building. Brian Luther will grind the stump and Bryar will clean up chips and add topsoil. A1 will return to trim other tree branches hanging over addition roof. Also, ask them to trim up pines hanging over drive/parking area.

Furnace filters are scheduled for 3 month delivery. They will be replaced on a consistent basis.

The sink in the sacristy has been repaired.

Bryar reached out to people for quote on window repair.

Getting a quote from Al Beyers for electronic thermostat controls.

Lights on front of church have been fixed. Will address lighting on east side parking area.

Rope for bell tower needs to be replaced.

Someone will be contacting NCI regarding repairs to the bell towers.

Council members walked outside to review sidewalk and drainage issues that Bryar proposes to repair.

Due to severe storm warning/tornado watches, council moved to adjourn early. Any additional items will be addressed via e-mail or at the August meeting. Adjourned 7:28 pm

Closed with Lord's prayer.

Next meeting Monday August 19, 2024 6pm

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.



September Council Meeting:
 Monday, September 16, 6:00 p.m.

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.

2024 COUNCIL

- PRESIDENT:** Denise Rockney
VICE-PRESIDENT: Oren Hammes
SECRETARY: Linda Hanson
TREASURER: Ron Knapwurst
COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 Amy Hensel, Peggy Luther, Hal Schuh

Thank you!
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Carole Kenseth thanks Pastor Eric for his visits and prayers with Ron as well as the congregation for the many cards and prayers.

If you need to speak to a council member please call the church office to leave a message and they will return your call.



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

July 2024 Income:	\$48,255.12
Expense:	\$86,305.91
July 2023 Income:	\$20,915.92
Expense:	\$18,826.47
YTD 2024 Income:	\$254,176.98
Expense:	\$287,331.02
YTD 2023 Income:	\$155,059.58
Expense:	\$182,905.57

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!



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.](#)

**Early bird registration \$30
before September 10**
<https://scsw-elca.org/welca2024>

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.

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

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.

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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.

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



Confirmation classes for new and returning students who aren’t being confirmed this fall will begin on September 11. Both parents and students are asked to attend this first opening class in the EKLC sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

Worship Helpers for September 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)

9/1 ~ Vicki Schuh
9/8 ~ Holly Loomis
9/15 ~ Kyle Durkee
9/22 ~ Carolyn Lien
9/29 ~ Trudy Spike

Lay Readers~ (Contact Person:)

9/1 ~ Peggy Luther
9/8 ~ Bobbie Rawinski
9/15 ~ Jane Furseth
9/22 ~ Anders Amundson
9/29 ~ Elizabeth Kaashagen

Greeters~ (Contact Person: Judy Rusch)

9/1 ~ Tom & Trudy Spike
9/8 ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn
9/15 ~ Carolyn Lien
9/22 ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn
9/29 ~ Kurt & Barb Klemp

Ushers~ (Contact Person: Vicki Schuh)

9/1 ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn
9/8 ~ Judy Taylor & Brenda Schroeder
9/15 ~ Ron & Nancy Knapwurst
9/22 ~ Buddy & Beverly Lien
9/29 ~ Kurt & Barb Klemp

Communion Set-up/Take-down~

(Contact Person: Marge Stach)
Altar Guild

Offering Counters~

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

9/1 ~ Brenda Schroeder, Leila Carl &
Diane Luginbuhl
9/8 ~ Jean Lehr & Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel
9/15 ~ Joy Graffin and Gloria Fruit
9/22 ~ Brenda Schroeder, Leila Carl &
Diane Luginbuhl
9/29 ~ Jean Lehr & Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

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

9/1 ~
9/8 ~ Education Committee
9/15 ~
9/22 ~ Deb Brown
9/29 ~

September 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1 9:00am Worship</p> <p>9:40 coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 5:30 p.m. Worship</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Education Committee</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:00am Outdoor Worship</p> <p>9:40 coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 5:30 p.m. Worship</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:00am Worship</p> <p>9:40 coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>16 6:00 p.m. Council meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 5:30 p.m. Worship</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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<p>29 9:00am Worship</p> <p>9:40 coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>30</p>					



Greetings from the church basement

We are working from a different basement these days, but still getting something done. We can't work on the quilts, but we did do that every week for a while when we could get into the Upper Church basement where we live! We have been packing kits, however, and we'll have a count later. Thank you to all who brought supplies for the kits. It's amazing how we ask and you deliver. Thank you to those who brought the supplies and the already packed boxes down to the Lower Church basement. These are all living in the corner there until shipping, which is September 14th. This just makes us so much more grateful that we have a space for our work that doesn't have to be moved every time we need to work. We will not have a regular meeting until we get moved back into our home in the Upper church basement. The work seems to be on schedule there, so hopefully it will soon be ready for occupancy! There will be a meeting of the Synodical Women on Saturday, October 5 at the ELCA Church in Wisconsin Dells. I will have information on that soon, for anyone who would like to attend.

Thank you to our loyal Meals on Wheels delivery folks. Our next delivery time is scheduled for weekdays from November 4 to 15. Thank you to those who helped with the recent funeral, and to those who have served coffee fellowship following church services this summer. Please check the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall and sign up to help this fall and forward. The serving circle for the month is responsible for the fourth Sunday in the month, and previously the Sunday School has served the first Sunday. We'll see if they would like to continue that. Thanks again for all the help this summer and fall.

Happy back to school to the young ones, and Happy Fall to the rest.

God Bless you.
Communicator Carolyn

Join Us For A Little Fun On The Prairie!

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church is Celebrating Our 180th Anniversary

September 8, 2024
9:00 - Outdoor Service
10:00 - Fun on the Prairie

All Are Welcome
To Celebrate With Us!

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Grounds
454 E Church Road, Cambridge, WI

- Inflatables
- Outdoor Games
- Craft Tent
- Face Painting
- Kona Ice Truck
- Snacks & Refreshments



September 11 and 15 we will have question and answer time during worship. There will be a box out in the narthex **until September 9** where you can submit any faith related questions you have. Pastor Eric will then select a few of them answer during worship on September 11 and 15.

Worship September 8 will be outside, weather permitting at 9 a.m. **Please bring your own chairs.**



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)



Raffle
Prizes

Bags
Tournament

Food &
Drinks

50/50 raffle

Fishing
Contest

Corn Roast

Celebrating 15 Years
Serving the Cambridge Community

**LIVE MUSIC FEATURING
THE WILD HEATHENS!**

**Saturday, Sept. 7, 12:00pm-7:00pm
Cambridge Lions Clubhouse**

To sign up for the Bags Tournament, Fishing Contest or for more information, please go to
<https://cambridgecap.net/programs/special-events/> or contact the food pantry at
foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us

Generously sponsored by Enbridge
& Cambridge Area Lions Club





**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**

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church

454 East Church Road
Cambridge, WI 53523

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Tel: 608-423-3017

E-mail: eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com

Website: www.eastkoshkonong.org

WORSHIP WITH US

AT 9:00AM

SUNDAY MORNINGS

⇒ IN-PERSON

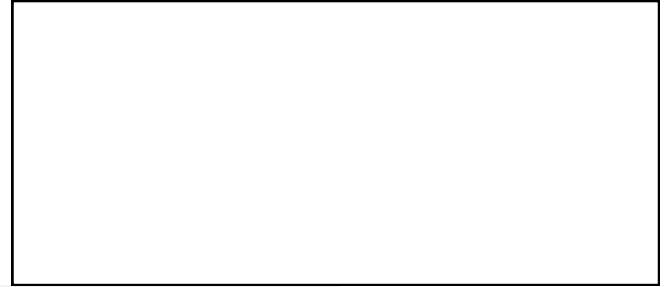
⇒ YOUTUBE

⇒ 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