

# Sundays and Beyond

February 2024  
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church  
ELCA



Friends in Christ,

I have a bit of a confession for you all this month, my confession is that February is probably my least favorite month of the whole year. I truly apologize to anyone who loves February, but for me I don't enjoy this month much at all. For starters it's devoid of my two biggest hobbies, as this month marks the end of football season, while the start of open water fishing season is also still a few months away. Further, the bad weather often makes going outside for a walk or traveling quite difficult and even dangerous at times. Finally, the lack of daylight and cold weather reduces the amount of vitamin D that our bodies get, so I along

with many others usually end up coming down with a cold or some other kind of infection this month. One positive thing that I can say though, is that February includes the church season of Epiphany. The season of Epiphany is when the whole church remembers how God led the magi to find the newly born Christ child and his family, it's a pretty big deal. In fact, in some parts of the world this season is more celebrated and revered than Christmas. Epiphany reminds us that God is there to guide us, just like how God guided the magi. Epiphany also reminds us that God shows up in unexpected places, just like how the Messiah showed up in a messy manger of all places. So regardless of how we may feel about this month, let us remember that God is here to lead us and will always show up, even in the places we may least expect it.

Shalom to you in Christ,  
Pastor Eric

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

The Annual Meeting will be February 11<sup>th</sup>  
after worship.

# **EKLC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **Monday, December 18, 2023**

### **Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm**

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

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved.

\*Don will speak to the confirmation class on January 10 about service on council. Other committee or group leaders will also speak about their participation as volunteers and serving our church.

**Devotions:** Pastor. What are we waiting for....peace, tolerance, understanding, cooperation, snow (Oren). People were waiting for these same things 2000 years ago. We are waiting for our Savior.

**Financials:** Judy was available to answer any questions

Discussion: Motion by Oren to forward \$1,032 in donated Ukraine funds to Natasha Amundson for best use for Ukraine relief. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denise. Motion carried.

Motion by Don to approve financials, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oren. Motion carried.

### **Review of committee reports:**

Reports received: Pastors report, Worship committee report,  
Motion to approve reports – Oren 2<sup>nd</sup> –Don. Motion carried.

### **Review and approval of minutes from last council meeting:**

Motion to approve –Don 2<sup>nd</sup> –Oren. Motion carried

### **Old Business**

1. Thank you

2. Camera system update – Oren

Spectrum is now hooked up. The internet seems faster.

**Wisconsin Audio Video** gave Oren an estimate to upgrade amplifiers and speakers for both churches.

**Peak Systems** looked at our system and indicates that the audio needs replacing. (It is old) Oren will ask Peak for estimates for audio and video for the lower church. Upper church can be addressed later.

3. Development Group-Hal

1. Mr. Electric completed repairs to electrical issues at the parsonage.

2. No updates from Development Committee. This needs to be readdressed at the annual meeting.

3. Aagot Borge committee will make a presentation to the congregation on January 7.

4. Maintenance

Black top sealing will be addressed next year as it is too late in the year to do now. Oren has a proposal from Picketts paving. Tabled

Hal will contact Ace Construction from Dalton regarding needed repairs and maintenance to the lower church exterior. (Bell towers, windows, etc)

5. New Orleans Mission Trip, 2024. 1 person has confirmed interest.

6. Ron Knapwurst (Trust Fund Committee) to present procedures for moving memorials from general fund to the trust fund.



**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](http://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](mailto:eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com)  
OFFERINGS ARE ALSO ALWAYS APPRECIATED BY MAILING TO: EAST KOSHKONONG LUTHERAN CHURCH, 454 EAST CHURCH ROAD, CAMBRIDGE, WI 53523



Join us for our mid-week Lenten evening services each Wednesday during Lent beginning February 21 at 7 PM. Our theme is a celebration of the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of East Koshkonong. There will also be a soup supper beforehand served in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:15.

February Council Meeting:  
Sunday, February 11, following  
Annual Meeting

### **2023 COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT:** Denise Rockney

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Oren Hammes

**SECRETARY:** Linda Hanson

**TREASURER:** Don Amundson

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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***

December 2023 Income: \$23,998.72

Expense: \$23,177.79

December 2022 Income: \$19,751.74

Expense: \$17,759.59

YTD 2023 Income: \$239,258.92

Expense: \$266,353.31

YTD 2022 Income: \$211,078.49

Expense: \$218,691.22

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!

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7. Annual meeting – February 11, 2024  
Deadline for reports is January 14.  
Leader – Denise  
Attendance  
Microphone – Hal  
Minutes - Don

### **New Business**

1. Review Office Assistant job description
2. It will be our 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary congregation next year. Ideas?  
Syttende Mai parade?

**Motion to adjourn** –Don 2<sup>nd</sup> Oren. Motion carried. 8:35 pm

**Closed with Lord's Prayer**

**Next Council meeting: Monday**

January 15, 2024 6pm



### **Blue Jay Backpack Time is Coming Soon!**



EKLC will once again be participating in the Blue Jay Backpack program through the Cambridge Food Pantry. We will be collecting foods to provide meals for students during Easter break at the end of March. Please watch for additional details and a list of the items needed in the next couple of weeks!



Parents who wish to have their children take first communion this spring, please message Pastor Eric to let him know by February 21. He will get in touch with everyone participating shortly after that date to set up the first communion class and details for having first communion. There is no minimum age, all are welcome to come and participate.



News from the Church basement:

We are meeting when it's not too cold here in the basement! We had to cancel one, but we added one, too. Thank you to Barb and her grand ones who brought us three quilt tops just when the supply had run out! Anyone else want to help with that? We always need tops (60 by 80 inches) . Then we will sandwich them with a bit of liner, add backing, and tie. We always welcome help with the tying and sewing edges, too. Thank you to Peace circle for serving duties in January, and to Joy for February. Thank you to everyone who provided poinsettias for the sanctuary for Christmas, and to the folks who did the decorating. We celebrated Advent and Christmas in style, and welcomed many to the services in both Upper and Lower sanctuaries. And while I'm thanking, we owe much to our Altar Guild for all of their behind the scenes work with communion and altar duties. Thanks, also, to those who braved the weather and traveled to Skaalen to help with activities there. Diane and her grand one spent a cold morning there, and were loved for their efforts. Having January as our church of the month is a lot- but we were able to help a bit.

Lent begins mid-February, so thanks to those who are taking charge of the soup suppers. Services are at 5:30 and 7, with soup in between. Come and join in.

Meals on Wheels comes around often, thank you to all who do this, and those who step in at the last minute when needed!

We have added another delivery team now, and thank you for that. Here is the schedule for this month:

Monday and Tuesday, February 26 & 27 Don and Eileen  
Wednesday February 28 Duane and Linda  
Thursday and Friday, February 29 and March 1 Jeff

Monday and Tuesday, March 4 & 5 Sheryl  
Wednesday, March 6 Curt and Barb  
Thursday and Friday, March 7 & 8 Ron and Shawn

Thanks to all of you for this help.  
We survived the cold and snow!!! God Bless you all.

Communicator Carolyn

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.

## *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

Edward & Linda Melton  
1316 Vennevoll Dr Stoughton, WI 53589

## 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.

# Worship Helpers for February 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)

2/4 ~ Gloria Fruit

2/11 ~ Carolyn Lien

2/14 ~ (Ash Wed 7pm) Holly Loomis

2/18 ~ Vicki Schuh

2/25 ~ Gloria Fruit

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

2/4 ~ Barb Klemp

2/11 ~ Joy Graffin

2/14 ~ (Ash Wed 7pm) Holly Loomis

2/18 ~ Peggy Luther

2/25 ~ Vicki Schuh

## **Acolytes ~** (Contact: Pastor Eric)

2/4 ~ Casey Travis

2/11 ~ Zack Durkee

2/14 ~ (Ash Wed 7pm) Payton Mancheski

2/18 ~ Morgan Rockney

2/25 ~ Kyle Durkee

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

2/4 ~ Lindsay Baker

2/11 ~ Lane & Judy Tyler

2/14 ~ (Ash Wed 7pm) Diane Luginbuhl

2/18 ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn

2/25 ~ Scott & Chris Frodel

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

2/4 ~ Trudy & Tom Spike

2/11 ~ Dennis Lund Family

2/14 ~ (Ash Wed 7pm) Brenda Schroeder & Peggy Luther

2/18 ~ Terland Family

2/25 ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn

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

(Contact Person: Marge Stach)

Altar Guild

## **Offering Counters~**

(Contact Person: Joy Graffin)

2/4 ~ Brenda Schroeder, Leila Carl &  
Diane Luginbuhl

2/11 ~ Jean Lehr, Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

2/18 ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit

2/25 ~ Brenda Schroeder, Leila Carl &  
Diane Luginbuhl

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

2/4 ~ Sunday School

2/11 ~ Natasha Amundson

2/18 ~ **Volunteer needed**

2/25 ~ Joy Circle

## **Church Lock up~**

(Contact Person: Holly Loomis)

2/4 ~ Vicki Schuh

2/11 ~ Carolyn Lien

2/14 ~ (Ash Wed 7pm) Holly Loomis

2/18 ~ Gloria Fruit

2/25 ~ Vicki Schuh

# February 2024

Sun

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Sat

				1	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3
4 9:00am Worship  9:40 coffee Fellowship	5	6 6:00pm Worship Committee meeting	7 5:30pm Worship  6:30pm Confirmation	8	9 <i>Office Closed</i>	10
11 9:00am Worship  9:40 coffee Fellowship  Annual Mtg  Council Mtg Following Annual Mtg	12 6:00pm Education meeting	13 10am The Chosen Bible Study	14  Ash Wednesday  5:30pm Worship  7:00pm Worship	15	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17
18 9:00am Worship  9:40 coffee Fellowship	19	20 10am The Chosen Bible Study	21 5:30pm Worship  6:15pm Lenten Supper  7:00pm worship	22	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24
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Greetings in Christ, Pr Eric. I am Amanda White, the ELCA's Director for Congregational Generosity. I am writing today to share my gratitude on behalf of Lutheran Disaster Response and ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for East Koshkonong Lutheran's very generous gifts. I apologize for the delay in offering thanks. I wanted to follow up and let you know that the gifts are valued and appreciated. I give thanks to God for you all.

This generosity is worth celebrating! Lutheran Disaster Response works in partnership with a vast network of partners across the globe. It is because of this sustained trust that the ELCA can accompany those who are suffering when disaster strikes due to conflict, weather disasters, and more.

Your generosity is also getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 64 countries, including the United States. ELCA World Hunger provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts, you are joining the whole church as we work toward a just world where all are fed. Thank you for being part of the body of Christ's work in the world.

May God continue to bless the good people of East Koshkonong Lutheran in 2024.  
Peace, Amanda



The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin is excited to offer a new youth ministry program—"Alive" Youth Night, a series of youth-focused events for middle and high school students and youth leaders from synod congregations. All congregations are invited to join from 5:30 p.m. – ~7:30 p.m. for an evening of dinner, games, icebreakers, fun, worship and music. East's current Confirmation class will be attending the next event and we also hope to have a group of our high school youth attend as well. Parents, please let Pastor Eric know if you have questions or if you have student interested in attending.

The next event will be Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ Evangelical Lutheran (Mt. Horeb)





Fantastic job by all in the presentation of "Escape from Bethlehem"! Thanks to all for the hard work and hours of practicing! We all enjoyed your delicious treats in coffee hour!



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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](mailto:eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com).

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Thursday

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Remember to like the videos and subscribe to the channel! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUv6MDQV54yCWz6oIGWezw>

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